Calendar

Water testing

Four Winds RC&D, Haskell SWCD and NRCS is sponsoring a water testing program to check for nitrates, bacteria and total salts. To participate, pick up a water test bag at the USDA Service Center, 607 N. First St. East in Haskell Mon., Aug. 14. Return the water sample before noon to the Service Center Tues., Aug. 15 A short water quality educational meeting will be held Wed., Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. with the sample results made available. Cost is \$5 per sample. For information, call the NRCS office at 940-864-8516

Paint Creek ISD pre-enrollment

Paint Creek ISD will pre-enroll students Wed., Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students unable to attend during these hours should contact the school. For more information, call 940-864-2471. Family night

Paint Creek ISD will host their annual family night picnic Mon., Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. Hamburgers will be served. A discussion of the 2006-07 school year will cover Title I items and other school programs. All parents/ guardians are encouraged to

Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfrvrochester@vahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could results in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., Aug 7 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Team Impact

Team Impact, an international ministry whose members are body builders, weigh lifters, former pro-football players or prowrestlers who do mind-boggling feats of strength and share their stories of faith in Jesus Christ, will be in Aspermont Aug. 2-6 at the Aspermont High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the action starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Stonewall County Ministerial Alliance. Call Brian Burgess at 864-3250 for more information.

Benefit dinner

A benefit dinner is set Sat., Aug. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Paint Creek Baptist Church. Plates of barbecue sandwiches, chips, drink and dessert are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Proceeds will benefit Brinda Walker and her family, who recently lost all their belongings in a house fire at Jeffcoat's at Lake Stamford. Donations will be accepted. Carry outs will be available. For more information call Bonney at 864-2091 or Beverley at 864-3318.

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school to

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Elementary

Haskell Elementary School will

hold registration for new students to

the district Thurs., Aug. 3 from 10:00

a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the elementary

library. This registration is also for

any students that did not pre-register

in the spring for Prekindergarten or

Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in

the past, but did not finish the 2005-

06 school year at Haskell Elementary. Parents should bring their drivers

license and their child's birth

certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report

School starts

August 14

Night for all Haskell Elementary

students will be held Tues., Aug. 8

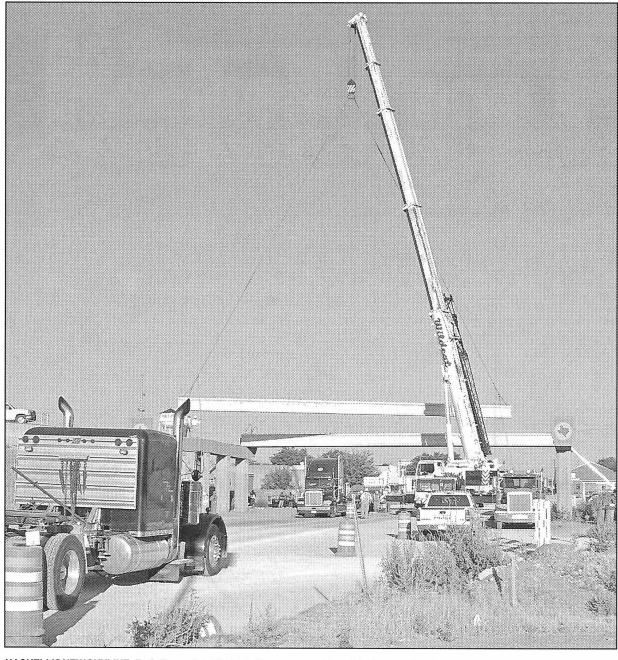
and Thurs., Aug. 10. On Tues., Aug.

8 students in 3rd and 4th grades will register at 5:30 and students in 5th

and 6th grades will register at 6:30 On Thurs., Aug. 10, students in Head

Start, Early Childhood and

Registration and Back to School



HASKELL'S NEW SKYLINE-Early Tues., July 25, Haskell's eastern skyline took on a new look. Construction crews placed 90' concrete beams across the roadway supports to join the two

placed on the bridge supports, taking about 7 minutes for each placement. Officials cite the project as 'on schedule.'

sides of the bypass. The large beams were lifted from trucks and

Kindergarten will register at 5:30, Prekindergarten students will register from 5:30-7:30 and students in 1st and 2nd grades will register at 6:30. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children

out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

so they can meet the teachers and fill

School begins Mon., Aug. 14. Classes will begin at 8:00. Kindergarten through 6th grades will dismiss at 3:15. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 the first three weeks of school (Aug. 14-Sept. 1).

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has said the state received \$1.49 billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 15.6 percent compared to June 2005.

Strayhorn delivered \$412.4 million in July sales tax allocations to cities, counties and other local taxing entities, up 19.7 percent compared to last July.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent July sales tax allocations of \$277.6 million to Texas cities, up 19.3 percent compared to July 2005. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 15.1 percent compared to the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$25.5 million, up 23.3 percent compared to last July. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 17.2 percent higher than last year.

June state sales tax collections and July sales tax allocations to local governments mostly represent sales that occurred in May.

Haskell County had a 15.21 percent increase for July 2006 of \$29,309.452 in comparison to \$25,438.38 for July 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$217,602.75 reflect a 4.35 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$227,512,74.

The City of Haskell had a 14.09 percent increase for July 2006 of \$27,366.19 in comparison to \$23,986.28 for July 2005. 2006

payments to date of \$200,140.69 reflect a 5.88 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date of \$212,652.33.

The City of O'Brien had a 13.00 percent decrease for July 2006 of \$19.86 in comparison to \$22.83 for July 2005. 2006 payments to date of

\$492.48 reflect a 41.67 percent decrease over 2005 payments to date increase over 2005 payments to date

The City of Rochester had a 31.64 percent increase for July 2006 of \$419.21 in comparison to \$318.45 for July 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$3,908.08 reflect a 2.12 percent increase over 2005 payments to date

of \$3,992.91.

The City of Rule had a 28.93 percent increase for July 2006 of \$1,284.66 in comparison to \$996.37 for July 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$10,960.96 reflect a 17.93 percent

of \$9,294.11.

The City of Weinert had a 91.81 percent increase for July 2006 of \$219.53 in comparison to \$114.45 for July 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$2,100.54 reflect a 71.36 percent increase over 2005 payments to date

Shop smart during tax tree weekend

holiday is scheduled for Aug. 4-6.

Each year this event-which is the first weekend of August, shortly before the start of the school yearallows shoppers to purchase some clothing and shoes, and save money by not paying sales tax.

State officials predict Texas consumers are expected to save millions of dollars in state and local sales taxes by shopping on this weekend. But consumers shouldn't assume

every purchase that weekend will be tax-free, said Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist.

In fact, school supplies and other back-to-school necessities such as backpacks are not on the tax-free list, she said, so don't expect to stock up on tax-free notebooks, pens, folders and lunch boxes.

Included on the tax-free list are most items of clothing and footwear

baby clothes, dresses, hosiery, biking, bowling, golf or baseball. jackets, jeans, pajamas, shirts and many different kinds of shoes. Not included on the tax-free list are such items as purses, jewelry and accessories

And neither are items used mostly for athletics, such as football pads and helmets, baseball shoes and pants, inline or regular roller skates,

The state's eighth annual sales tax priced below \$100. That includes ice skates, and cleated shoes for off if they wait for some items to go For more information on the tax-

> free list, visit the Web at http:// www.window.state.tx.us/ and click on the link to "Sales Tax Holiday." Although shoppers can save

money during this weekend, they shouldn't expect every tax-free item to be a bargain, Cavanagh said.

"Sometimes consumers are better

on sale, rather than purchasing them at full price during the tax-free

With that in mind, consumers can still save money by shopping during tax-free weekend, she said.

"Just keep a little common sense in mind when you're at the mall,"

Commissioners hold meetings

The Commissioner's Court of Haskell County met for a called meeting, Mon., July 24, to have a budget workshop with several supervisors to discuss their budgets.

Also meeting with the commissioners was Ann Giddens of YMCA Breast Cancer Awareness, who requested assistance from the County in funding this program.

In their regular meeting, July 25,

they heard a report from Randy Hise, President of the Board and Acting Director of the Development Corporation, on the Regional County Jail and Detention Center.

Approval was given for the Personnel Policy in a vote of 4-0.

In a vote of 4-0, approval was given for a motion to adopt Plan Change No. 40 concerning Haskell County Title IV-E Non-Financial Child Welfare Board Contract CID:

Discussion of the Texas County and District Retirement System optional group term life program was

A motion to leave the County Road and Bridge Fees the same was approved in a vote of 5-0.

In a special called meeting, July 27, the Court met for a workshop and discussion of the 2006-07 budget.

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Dog Days of Summer Q: What are the "dog days of

A: It's a slang term for the hottest time of the year, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In general terms, it's the time between early July and early September when the highest temperatures occur in the Northern Hemisphere," he says.

"The ancient Egyptians named the brightest star in the sky Sirius, which they labeled the 'dog star' after one of their mythic gods. Sirius could be seen in the sky at the same time as the sun and they believed it was responsible for the intense summer heat.'

Q: Are the 'dog days' really the hottest time of the year?

A: Almost always, adds McRoberts.

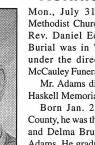
"Today, we usually mark the dog days as occurring from July 3 to the middle of August, but other countries mark them differently," he adds.

"It is usually the hottest and most uncomfortable time of the year. That's why 'dog days' also refer to period of any inactivity or a slow time of the year. For decades, the term has been used on Wall Street to refer to very slow times of economic activity in the stock market, and brokers call non-moving stocks 'dogs' in reference to the dog days of summer."

BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Obituaries

Ronnie Adams



Mon., July 31 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Daniel Echols officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Adams died Sat., July 29 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born Jan. 28, 1948 in Knox County, he was the son of R.L. (Bub) and Delma Bruce (Chat) Sargent Adams. He graduated from Weinert High School in 1966 and went one semester of college at McMurry University. He returned home to do what he loved, farming. He married Sherry Newton Oct. 27, 1966 in Mexico. He had farmed around the Haskell area for 35 years. He always greeted everyone with a smile and

was known to many to have a kind and gentle spirit and soul. He attended First United Methodist Church. He will be missed by all who

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Rhonda Adams in 1984; and sister, Anna Decker.

Those left to remember him are his wife, Sherry Adams of Haskell; son, David Adams and wife, Tina, of Haskell; Kay Graham, Nean Newton and Teresa McNea; nieces, Cozi Wilson and Jerri Freeman; nephews, Gary Decker, Roy Graham, Keith Graham, Cody Ivy, Josh Tidwell, Brad Tidwell, Scott McNea and Shane McNea; and a host of friends.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Adams, 58, of Haskell were held Wanda Ruth Cook Stocks

Graveside services for Wanda Ruth Cook Stocks, 72, lifelong resident of Haskell were held Tues., Aug. 1 at Willow Cemetery with Gene Long officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Stocks died Sat., July 29 in Haskell.

RONNIE ADAMS

Funeral services for Ronnie

Born March 14, 1934 in Carlton, she was the daughter of R.C. 'Charlie' Cook and Ruby Howerton. She graduated as valedictorian of Haskell High School in 1951. She married Audie M. Stocks in Stamford on June 23, 1956. She was a housewife and member of East Side Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Audie M. Stocks of Haskell; one daughter, Lisa Shaw and husband, Randy of Haskell; two sons, Danny Stocks and wife, Tamara of Haskell and Phillip Stocks and wife, Joyce of

Robinson; two brothers, Ray Cook and wife, Aiko of Abilene and Harrell Cook and wife, Mary Jane of Hale, Michigan; two sisters, Juanita Anderson and husband, Danny, and Amy Sorrells and husband, Derrell, all of Rule; eight grandchildren, Stephanie Boatman and husband, David of Vernon, Joshua Stocks and wife, Ashley, serving in Iraq, Jason Shaw of Abilene, A. J. Shaw of Haskell. Justin Stocks and Brandon Butts, both of Robinson, Aaron Loftin, Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Lane Loftin of Munday; and three great grandchildren, Natyleigh Boatman and Brooklynn Boatman, both of Vernon and Kyle Stocks of El Paso.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity or Haskell Fire Dept., 301 N. First St., Haskell, Texas 79521

L.B. 'Tubby' Jones

Graveside services for L.B. 'Tubby' Jones, 90, of Haskell were held Wed., July 26 at Howard Cemetery with rev. Greg Gasaway officiating. Arrangements were by Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Jones died Tues., July 25 at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell.

Born March 18, 1916 in Duncanville, he was the son of Otis Jones and Early Cobb Jones. He farmed in the Paint Creek area most of his life. He married Omah Fay Watson. She preceded him in death in 1976.

Survivors include four daughters, Roberta Gayle Hawkins of Fort Worth, Belva Jean Fleming of Bronte, Frances Annalene Heathcoat of Kansas and Nancy Kay Jones of San Angelo; one son, Jerry Don Jones of Amarillo; one brother, W.H. Jones of Dallas; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

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NOTICE OF 2006 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of O'Brien, City of Rochester, and City of Rule and Haskell Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property

		City of O'Brien		City of Rochester		City of Rule	Haskell Memorial Hospital Dist.
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE: Last year's operating taxes	\$	11,298.37	\$	28,119.80	\$	47,889.19	\$762,806.13
Last year's debt taxes	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$	0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$	11,298.37	\$	28,119.80	\$	47,889.19	\$ 762,806.13
Last year's tax base	\$	2,257,886	\$	3,434,818	\$	9,522,377	\$ 205,504,899
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.5004/\$100	\$	0.8166/\$100	\$	0.5025/\$100	\$ 0.3709/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE: Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost propert	\$ y)	11,283.45	\$	28,048.72	\$	47,842.21	\$ 761,581.21
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new propert	\$ y)	2,130,025	\$	3,326,150	\$	10,085,253	\$ 212,817,199
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.5297/\$100	\$	0.8432/\$100	\$	0.4743/\$100	\$ 0.3578/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE: Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health							
care expenditures)	\$	11,283.45	\$	28,048.72	\$	47,842.21	\$ 761,581.21
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	2,130,025	\$	3,326,150	\$	10,085,253	\$ 212,817,199
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.5297/\$100	\$	0.8432/\$100	\$	0.4743/\$100	\$ 0.3578/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.5720/\$100	\$	0.9106/\$100	\$	0.5122/\$100	\$ 0.3864/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	0.0000/\$100	\$	0.0000/\$100	\$	0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$	0.5720/\$100	\$	0.9106/\$100	\$	0.5122/\$100	\$ 0.3864/\$100
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STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of O'Brien adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.5297 per \$100 of value taxes would DECREASE compared to 2005 taxes by \$14.92.

If the City of Rochester adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.8432 per \$100 of value.

taxes would DECREASE compared to 2005 taxes by \$70.08.

If the City of Rule adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4743 per \$100 of value,

taxes would DECREASE compared to 2005 taxes by \$46.98.

If the Haskell Memorial Hospital District adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.3578 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2005 taxes by \$1,224.92.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year.

These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund City of Rochester - General City of Rule - General Haskell. Memorial Hosp. Dist

\$0.00 \$0.00

\$0.00

Balances as Listed

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NOT APPLICABLE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at HASKELL CO. APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 604 North First St., Haskell, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 07/28/06

2006 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HASKELL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for Haskell County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 property value.

		General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
ı	LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
L	Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,063,329.31	\$ 300,456.76	\$ 247,190.27
ı	Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
ı	Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,063,329.31	\$ 300,456.76	\$ 247,190.27
١	Last year's tax base	\$ 205,466,544	\$ 202,981,484	\$ 214,221,575
ı	Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5171/\$100	\$ 0.1479/\$100	\$ 0.1153/\$100
l	THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
ı	Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 1,059,493.90	\$ 299,266.05	\$ 246,799.08
ı	(after subtracting taxes on lost property)			
ı	 This year's adjusted tax base 	\$ 213,380,033	\$ 210,998,113	\$ 221,993,854
ı	(after subtracting value of new property)			
ı	 This year's effective tax rate 	\$ 0.4965/\$100	\$ 0.1418/\$100	\$ 0.1111/\$100
ı	for each fund			
	Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.7494/\$100		
	THIS YEAR'S ROLL BACK TAX RATE:			
١	Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after		\$ 299,266.05	\$ 246,799.08
ı	subtracting taxes on lost property and ac			
١	for any transferred function, tax incremen			
ı	state criminal justice mandate, and/or en	hanced		
	indigent health care)			A 004 000 054
	This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 213,380,033	\$ 210,998,113	\$ 221,993,854
	= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.4965/\$100	\$ 0.1418/\$100	\$ 0.1111/\$100
ı	x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating ra		\$ 0.1531/\$100	\$ 0.1199/\$100
	+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100 \$ 0.1111/\$100
ı	= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.5362/\$100	\$ 0.1531/\$100	φ υ. ι ι ι ι/φ100
1	This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.8092/\$100		
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STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Haskell County adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7494 for \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2005 taxes by \$5,417.31.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

> Type of Property Tax Fund \$ 145,000.00 Road & Bridge 380,153.00 Farm & Market Lateral Road \$ 197,217.00

> > SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE

SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NONE

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Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 07/28/06

Each side of the heart is made up of two chambers: the atrium and the ventricle. The atrium takes blood into the heart and the ventricle pumps it where it needs to go. CHF occurs when any of these chambers lose their ability to keep up with the amount of blood flow.

Left-sided heart failure involves the heart's left ventricle. If the left ventricle loses its ability to pump normally, the heart cannot pump with enough force to push enough blood into circulation. If the ventricle loses its ability to relax normally because the muscle has become stiff, the heart cannot properly fill with blood during the resting period between each beat. In either case, blood coming into the left chamber from the lungs may "back up," causing fluid to leak into the lungs, a condition called pulmonary edema.

The right atrium receives the "used" blood that returns to the heart through the veins. When the right side loses pumping power, blood backs up in the body's veins. This usually causes swelling in the legs and ankles.

Heart failure typically does not occur suddenly—it develops slowly, over time. The term "congestive" comes from the fact that as either or both of the heart's chambers fail, blood backs up into the liver, abdomen, lower limbs and lungs.

Common signs and symptoms of congestive heart failure may include:
•Fatigue and weakness

•Shortness of breath when you exert yourself or when you lie down •Persistent cough or wheezing

•Swelling in your legs, ankles and feet

•Swelling of your abdomen
•Sudden weight gain from fluid retention

Lack of appetite and nauseaIrregular or rapid heartbeat

A single risk factor may be enough to cause heart failure, but a combination of factors dramatically increases the risk. Risk factors may include high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, diabetes, alcohol abuse and kidney failure, to name a few.

Using a stethoscope, your health provider can listen to your lungs for sounds of congestion. The stethoscope also picks up abnormal heart sounds that may suggest heart failure. Your health provider may recommend one or more tests to diagnose heart failure, including a chest x-ray, electrocardiogram (EKG), echocardiogram and cardiac

catheterization, among others. Your health provider may also refer you to a cardiologist, a doctor who specializes in the heart and its

Congestive heart failure is treatable in most cases. Your health provider will initially try to treat the underlying diseases or conditions, such as high blood pressure or diabetes, which are causing your heart failure. The treatment for heart failure may include:

•Lifestyle changes: Follow a diet low in salt. Limit the amount of fluids that you drink. Weigh yourself every day and let your doctor know right away if you have a sudden weight gain. Exercise as directed to help build up your fitness level and ability •Medications: Your health provider may prescribe medicines to help improve your heart function and

symptoms. The main medicines are:
*Diuretics to help reduce fluid
buildup in your lungs and swelling
in your feet and ankles.

*ACE inhibitors to lower blood pressure and reduce the strain on your heart.

*Beta blockers to slow your heart rate and lower your blood pressure to decrease the workload on your heart.

*Digoxin to make the heart beat stronger and pump more blood.

•Surgery: If you have very severe heart failure, you may be considered for a mechanical heart pump or heart ransplant.

Although many cases of heart failure cannot be reversed, treatment can usually improve symptoms and help you live longer. You and your health provider can work together to help make your life more comfortable. Pay attention to your body and how you feel and tell your health provider when you are feeling better or feeling worse.

For more information, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS in Haskell County at 940-864-2546. You may also visit the CHF information page offered by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute: http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/dci/Diseases/Hf/HF_WhatIs.html.

Rodeo queens sought for West Texas Fair

The Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen Pageant will be held in Abilene Fri., Sept. 8-10, for young ladies age 15 to 24, who live within one hundred miles of Abilene.

The competition will be in Horsemanship, Speeches, Modeling, Questions and Interviews.

Prizes include a crown, banner, roses, handmade spurs, hand tooled spur straps, buckle and more. The winner will also be eligible to receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship. The winner of Horsemanship will receive a saddle blanket with hand tooled

corner

Contestants should wear Wranglers for all areas of competition except for Modeling, when a dress or skirt and jacket or vest should be worn. Leather will not be judged above non-leather. Fit, color coordination and presentation will be the criteria for modeling.

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo, and must be received in the West Texas Fair Office by 5:00 p.m., Aug. 18. Orientation will be held on Aug. 25.

The winner will reign over the 2006 West Texas Fair & PRCA Rodeo, Sept. 12-16. The winner will also represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and activities in the West Texas area during the year, and will also be eligible to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio, in June of 2007.

For entry forms call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at 325-677-4376, or they may be picked up at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene.

Remind college students about dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning

As college students and their parents prepare for the upcoming school year, it's important that they consider the safety of the dormitories or apartments that will serve as the students' homes away from home. One often overlooked aspect of home safety is protection from accidental carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

CO is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. In mid-July, one person tragically died and more than 100 others were sent to the hospital following a CO incident stemming from a water heater malfunction in a residence hall at Roanoke College in Virginia. The dormitory had no CO alarms installed, but the college has since taken steps to install alarms.

The American College of Emergency Physicians and First Alert would like to remind students and their parents to be aware of CO safety practices and recognize the

As college students and their symptoms of CO poisoning. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

•Ask dorm officials or landlords in advance if residences are equipped with working CO alarms. If they aren't, supply your own alarm, as having a CO alarm is virtually the only way to detect this invisible, odorless and tasteless gas.

•Install at least one CO alarm, preferably near the sleeping area. Make sure the alarm is battery operated or has battery backup to ensure it functions during power outages. Test the alarm weekly and change the batteries with each daylight saving time change.

•Never burn charcoal or other outdoor cooking appliances indoors or in partially enclosed porches or garages. CO comes from common, fossil fuel burning appliances, such as grills, hot water heaters, gas ranges/ovens, fireplaces and gaspowered generators.

•Don't ignore the alarm if it sounds, even if you feel fine. CO

alarms are designed to go off before you feel the effects of CO. Immediately move everyone outside to a source of fresh air and dial 911. Do not re-enter until emergency responders find the source of CO and provide further instruction.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning can mimic common symptoms associated with the flu, so it is important that people know its signs and symptoms," said Dr. Frederick Blum, president of ACEP. "At mild to moderate exposure levels, these symptoms can include headache, nausea, vomiting, confusion and fatigue. And at extreme levels, a person can suffer convulsions, unconsciousness and even death in as little as 15 minutes."

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Do I need a doctor's examination if everything looks fine to me?

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends a total body skin examination by a qualified skin specialist, particularly for those at risk. The doctor will suggest the correct interval for follow-up visits, depending on your specific risk factors, such as skin type and history of sun exposure.

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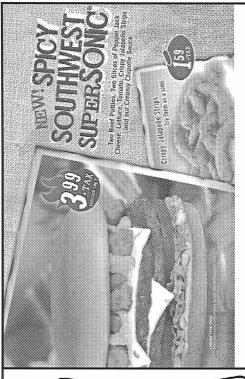
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Strayhorn stops trying to be Grandma; polls reveals order in guv's race

AUSTIN-Carole Strayhorn ended legal efforts to have "Grandma" included as part of her name on the Nov. 7 election ballot.

Strayhorn, who is running for governor as an independent candidate, appealed Secretary of State Roger Williams' decision not to allow the nickname.

A state district court rejected the appeal, and soon after, Strayhorn told her lawyers she would not continue to pursue the matter.

Candidates to debate in October

Three of the five candidates running for governor plan to participate in a broadcast debate Oct.

So far, Democratic candidate Chris Bell of Houston and independent candidates Richard "Kinky" Friedman of Medina and Carole Keeton Strayhorn of Austin have agreed to take part in the event at the KERA television studios in

Incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry has not committed to join in. Debate sponsors have not decided whether to invite Libertarian candidate James Werner of Austin. Poll shows where candidates are

The Zogby/Wall Street Journal tracking poll for July showed Perry in first place with 38.3 percent; Bell with 20.8 percent; Friedman in a statistical dead heat with Bell at 20.7: and Strayhorn trailing at 11 percent.

Perry's polling data is up 0.6 percent since June; while Bell's is up 1.1 percent: Friedman's is up 3.2 percent; and Strayhorn's is down 3.1 percent.

List of coal plant sites narrows

The U.S. Department of Energy narrowed its search to include four possible sites for FutureGen, the world's first "near-zero emissions" coal-fired power plant.

Gov. Perry said a site near the East Texas town of Jewett and a West Texas site near Odessa are being considered. So are two sites in Illinois.

Final selection will be in the fall of 2007 with groundbreaking in 2008. The billion-dollar facility may be up and running as early as 2012.

Protection Agency records, coalburning power plants in Texas are among the nation's worst in toxic mercury emissions.

towns and cities may adopt anti-

How are such ordinances worded? It's easy to find out, using the online

The database, developed by the smoke.

Sales tax holiday coming up Texas' annual sales tax holiday will be observed by merchants Aug.

State tax law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes over the three days, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Merchants who sell items that do not qualify for the exemption may not advertise or promise they will pay customers' sales tax. However. merchants may advertise that tax is included in the sales price of the taxable items sold.

Judge hears open meetings case

In Pecos on July 26, U.S. District Judge Robert Junell heard arguments in a lawsuit with statewide implications.

Brought by Alpine city council member Avinash Rangra and former council member Anna Monclova, the suit questions the constitutionality of

Rangra and Monclova said the act compromised their freedom of speech by making it illegal for them to discuss, including via e-mail, city business anywhere but in an open

meeting. Defendants are the State of Texas. Attorney General Greg Abbott and Brewster County District Attorney

Junell gave the parties two months

According to Environmental Smoking ordinances put on line

Now that the U.S. Surgeon General has confirmed the health dangers of secondhand smoke, more smoking ordinances.

database http://txshsord.coe.uh.edu.

University of Houston and funded by the Texas Department of State Health Services, contains "all known Texas municipal ordinances designed to restrict exposure to secondhand

the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Frank Brown.

to file papers relevant to the case before he rules.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 1, 1996

Haskell County native, Sam Adams, was inducted into the Six Man Football Hall of Fame during halftime activities at the first ever All American Bowl Six Man All Star Game at Ranger College in Ranger.

Dr. William Kemp has just returned from Alto, New Mexico, where he and his grandson, Trey Kemp of Amarillo, won first place in the "Snowcapper" tournament at the Alto Lake Golf and Country Club.

Ebone Williams of Arlington is visiting with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yeldell, uncle and aunt, Birdie Goudeau and children and Frank Jordan.

Rebecca Unger, a 1996 graduate of Haskell High School, has verbally agreed to play basketball at Howard Payne University next year.

20 Years Ago July 31, 1986

Klavs Nielsen leaves Haskell for his home in Sorring, Denmark. He's been visiting the past month with Mr. and Mrs. Duward Campbell, in whose home he lived as a foreign exchange student during the 1983-84 school term.

Larry McMillin was elected to the Board of Directors of Haskell National Bank at a board meeting.

Paint Creek's Jamie Braly played in the 1986 High School Six Man All Star basketball game in Stephenville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Braly. His high school coach was

30 Years Ago August 5, 1976

The Haskell Indians played five games during the District Four tournament, of the Texas Teen Age Basketball League, in a double elimination playoff. Haskell came home with the second place trophy in the District Four Championship, Manager James Davis praised the boys for their outstanding effort.

Grace McKelvain spent the week in Minden, Louisiana visiting her daughter, Ruby Speer.

40 Years Ago August 4, 1966

The Haskell Little League All Stars advanced to the district finals by downing Knox City at Olney. They lost to Iowa Park in the finals.

Three high school students from Haskell County will attend the fourth annual Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar on the Baylor University campus in Waco. Attending the four day Farm Bureau sponsored school will be Penny Patton of Weinert High School; Cheryl Counts of Rule High School and David Ellis of Carney High School, O'Brien.

Tommy Hester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hester, entered a drug store minutes before the sniper's bullet struck down a boy riding his bicycle in front of the store. Hester took cover in the store for an hour and a half before police officers shot and killed the sniper in the University Tower on the campus of Texas University.

50 Years Ago August 2, 1956

Martin Rueffer, whose farm adjoins the east city limits of Haskell, brought in the county's first bale of cotton from the 1956 crop. Last

year's first bale was brought in from the farm of Mrs. Lura Mayfield near Weinert. Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Burson Sr.,

Nancy Brite and Shirley Norman have returned home from a vacation trip to several western states and Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Geroge Wyatt and

children of Wichita Falls were recent visitors in the home of her mother. Mrs. Ione Menefee.

Fred E. Ownes, who taught the Midway school the past term has been named agent for Haskell County by the Southland Life Insurance Co. of Dallas.

100 Years Ago July 28, 1906

W.P. Caudle of Sagerton was in town and reported A.F. Smith and Emmett Caudle was sick with a low

Martin Arend was in town on business. He purchased the Whitaker Ranch northeast of town a few months ago and is well pleased with this country.

Alex, Henry and Theodore Jones of the northeast part of the country were in town. Theodore Jones said some of the oats in his section would thresh out 50 bushels per acre and that all crops are fine.

Judge L.M. Buie of Stamford came up on his way to Wichita Falls, taking the train on the W.V. Road at the end of the track, three and a half miles north of Haskell. He said that Haskell should have a "blowout' when the railroad gets in and that if we would let him know, he would come and help us celebrate.

Prepare your pet for safe trips

America's vacation season is in full swing and many dogs and cats are joining their owners for family vacations and weekend getaways. Although summer heat and driving can be a dangerous combination for household pets, they don't have to be if drivers take some simple precautions.

These few pieces of advice are offered to help prepare your pet for a safe driving experience.

•If the pet is not used to car trips, try a few test runs to help acclimate them for the ride. Spending time in the car while parked and short drives to nearby destinations are an easy start.

 Cats should be kept in a carrier and dogs should be held in a restraining harness. This will help stabilize your pet if there is a sudden movement or accident.

•Feed your pet a little less than you would normally. Since too much water can upset their stomachs on the road, limit water by providing ice to chew on. And, don't forget to pack some toys and any other favorite items or bedding.

•When traveling to places your pet is not familiar with it's particularly important to have a collar with ID tag that includes both your permanent and vacation addresses and phone numbers. Bring a photo of your pet in the event you need to put up 'lost pet' posters. Many veterinarians and animal welfare organizations also offer micro-chip identification implants.

•Dogs like to stick their heads out of the car window, but this is very unsafe. Small stones and debris become dangerous projectiles at highway speeds.

•Never leave your pet in a car in warm or hot weather. Even with windows open, or parked in the shade, interior temperatures can quickly rise to lethal levels.

·Pack a first aid kit with tweezers and alcohol for tick removal, cloth bandages and topical antiseptic.

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Texas. When Texas families are strong, Texas is strong. I am committed to making sure Texas children have the support and resources they need to lead happy and healthy lives. To do this, my staff and I are always searching for ways to ort Texas families

My office is responsible for the child support program in Texas and I am proud of our record-breaking collections that ensure Texas children and families get the financial support they need and deserve. Building on this strong foundation, I created the Office of Family Initiatives (OFI) and the Office of Medical Support Initiatives (OMSI) to work alongside the Child Support Division (CSD) to better serve Texas children, families and communities.

Child Support Division In 2005, the CSD collected a record \$1.86 billion in child support and obtained court orders obligating

more than 56,000 parents to pay. We strive to provide families with the best services possible, but we can always do more. My office has implemented several programs to enhance child support enforcement,

The Integrated Child Support System (ICSS) is a way my office works with local counties to monitor child support cases as soon as the court order is established. Under current law, most parents must apply for child support services in order to receive them. By the time they apply, large arrears often have accrued. However, counties with ICSS programs pass local rules to allow my office's involvement as soon as a payment is missed. This, in turn, enables us to prevent arrears from accumulating in the first place

The Evader Program targets parents who have gone underground to avoid paying court-ordered child support. At least once a year, I announce a Top Ten List of Child Support Evaders and meet with parents who are owed the money. My public appeals generate tips that have led to arresting or locating 68 evaders.

The Child Support Review Process (CSRP) is a non-adversarial way parents can resolve legal issues on their child support without going to court, thereby supporting positive family relationships. Last fiscal year, more than 50,000 legal actions were resolved through CSRP.

The Paternity Opportunity Program (POP) is an extremely successful undertaking by my office that gives unmarried fathers the opportunity to acknowledge their children's paternity at the time of birth. We train hospital staff and midwives to educate parents on signing an Acknowledgement of Paternity so that the child will have a legal father. Last year, POP gave more than 108,000 Texas children a good start in life by helping their fathers establish legal paternity.

Office of Family Initiatives There is no better child support

From the AG

than healthy, married families. By building partnerships with federal, and community-based state organizations, OFI helps strengthen families and reduce the need for child support. OFI encourages healthy iage family formation an responsible parenthood through initiatives including:

Access and Visitation programs help parents without custody develop maintain meaningful and relationships with their children. This year, my office awarded federally funded grants to 12 organizations that will help unmarried parents work together to parent their children.

The toll-free Access and Visitation Hotline is staffed by attorneys who provide legal information and assistance about child custody and visitation matters. Call 1-866-292-4636 or visit www.txaccess.org to obtain downloadable legal forms, samples of parent letters to request compliance with orders, visitation logs, and other tools for resolving custody issues. The statewide, toll free number is answered in English and Spanish, Monday-Friday from 1 to 5

The Parenting and Paternity Awareness (p.a.p.a.) program is a collaborative effort between my office and Texas schools to teach middle and high school students about the

realities of parenting and the importance of both parents in raising healthy children. Students are encouraged to postpone having children until they are older and in a stable relationship such as marriage.

Office of Medical Support Initiatives

By Greg Abbott

My office works hard to ensure that Texas children receive the financial support they deserve. A key component of that support is health care coverage. That is why I created the new OMSI. Health care coverage is important not only because it encourages parental responsibility, but also because it protects the health of Texas children.

The OMSI focuses attention on issues and policies that improve medical and dental support for children. Initiatives emphasize working with partners including the court system to ensure appropriate court orders for access to medical care; the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission as the federal and state providers of medical insurance for children; and state and federal legislators to obtain necessary tools to further these objectives.

Thanks to the efforts of devoted employees, my office has made enormous strides, but there is more work to do. As your Attorney General, I will not be satisfied until all Texas families are solid and strong.

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"This is one in a series of technical improvements in the design of knee implants that is long overdue," said Dr. Robert Bucholz, chairman of orthopaedic surgery at UT Southwestern.

During total knee replacement surgery, or arthroplasty, surfaces of the thighbone (femur), the shinbone (tibia) and the kneecap (patella) are replaced with a metal-and-plastic implant.

Traditionally, the implants have been designed based on men's knees. For women, smaller implants were used, but size did not resolve the sometimes accounted for pain and discomfort and an "awkward" feeling.

Researchers have found numerous shape differences between the average male and female knee. The new replacement, created by Zimmer, Inc., of Warsaw, Ind., and approved in May by the Food and Drug Administration, addresses three gender-specific issues:

Narrower shape: Knee implants are typically sized by measuring the end of the femur from front to back and from side to side. Most women's knees are shaped like a trapezoid and narrower from side to side; men's knees are more rectangular. Implant size is typically based on the frontto-back measurement to allow the knee to move and flex properly. In women, however, an implant that fits from front to back can be too wide from side to side, sometimes causing it to overhang the bone.

Thinner density: Typically, the bone in the front of a woman's knee is less prominent than in a man's. After traditional implantations, some

the joint despite better function. The front of the new implant is thinner so the replacement more closely matches the female anatomy.

Tracking: A woman's femur attaches to the tibia at a slightly different angle than a man's because most women have wider hips. The angle difference between the pelvis and the knee joint-taken into account with the new implant-affects how the kneecap tracks over the end of the femur as the knee moves through a range of motion.

Dr. Bucholz said about 80 percent of knees are replaced because patients suffer from osteoarthritis. The condition causes the cartilage that cushions the bones of the knee to soften and wear away. The bones then rub against one another, causing knee pain.

The number of joint and knee replacement procedures performed by orthopaedic surgeons is increasing due, in part, to aging baby boomers and an increasingly overweight population. In the 1950s, the first artificial knees were little more than crude hinges; now there are a variety

into account age, weight, activity level and overall health.

According to the National Institutes of Health's consensus statement on total knee replacement released in February 2004, the surgery is highly successful and is supported by more than two decades of follow-up data.

"It is one of the most successful elective procedures that we perform," said Dr. Bucholz.

Each year, more than 400,000 patients undergo total knee replacement surgery in the United States and nearly two-thirds are women, according to the latest National Hospital Discharge Survey, which is compiled by the U.S. Department of Health and Human

At UT Southwestern University Hospitals, orthopaedic surgeons annually perform about 450 knee replacements. Surgeons use timetested protocols for surgical technique, pain management and rehabilitation. They also provide an array of other reconstructive procedures for the hip and knee.

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SAVE ENERGY AND GET A TAX BREAK, TOO

New IRS rules have created a way for homeowners to trim their energy bill and save taxes to boot. Energy tax credits, which offset your federal taxes dollar-for-dollar, can be claimed for making improvements to your home's energy efficiency. While the rules are a bit tricky, a little planning now may fatten your wallet come tax

The energy tax credit is a two-part, two-year program (2006 and 2007) with a \$500 lifetime cap. The first credit is equal to 10% of the cost to improve the insulating qualities of your home, through such things as new exterior windows, doors, insulation, and certain metal roofs. But before you buy those designer windows you've been dreaming of, be aware that the credit for windows is limited to

The second energy credit is equal to 100% of the cost of newly purchased cooling or heating equipment. This would include qualifying heat pumps, air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters, and fan components. But like the limit on windows, there are credit limitations on this equipment, too. Purchases of water heaters are limited to \$150 of tax credit. Furnaces and air conditioners receive a maximum credit of \$300.

There are a few more rules to consider. The materials and equipment mentioned above must be placed in service in 2006 or 2007, meet rigid technical requirements, and be expected to last at least five years. The good news is that you can safely rely on the manufacturer's assertion of tax credit eligibility.

If you're really into saving energy, you might try solar technology. Solar and fuel cell investments can net up to \$2,000 in tax credits. Again, special rules apply.

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McDaniel to speak at Society meeting Mon., Aug. 7

Pat McDaniel, director of the regional and local Texas histories. Haley Memorial Library and History Center of Midland, will be the featured speaker for the Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. Aug. 7 in the Haskell City Hall.

Founded to preserve our western heritage, the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and J. Evetts Haley History Center celebrates its thirtieth anniversary this year. More than 25,000 books and manuscripts are housed in the facility, which focuses on preserving the common threads between the cowboy, the range cattle industry, railroads, western exploration, frontier military history, early railroads, development of ranching and farming, mining, politics, frontier social history, and month, and welcomes all visitors

Fine western art and western artifacts have always held a prominent role. Permanent collections of Tom Ryan, Wayne Baize, Charlie Dye and other artists, as well as Erwin Smith photos and Harold Bugbee drawings, are housed in the center.

The center's mission is to provide a first-class, actively used research facility for aspiring and professional historians and writers. Material found exclusively in the Haley collection has found its way into books, screen plays and articles produced by eminent historians and writers.

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Monday of each

Spider bite or lookalike infection?

A drug-resistant bug may be emerging among pregnant women, but with vigilance on the part of the care providers it can be treated easily, researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center have found.

The bacterium is Staphylococcus aureus-a strain of it is resistant to the antibiotic methicillin, so is called MRSA for methicillin-resistant S. aureus. MRSA has been seen before in hospitalized patients, but is now appearing in the general population, the researchers say.

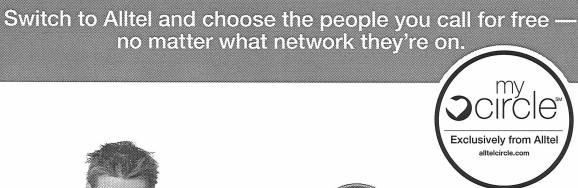
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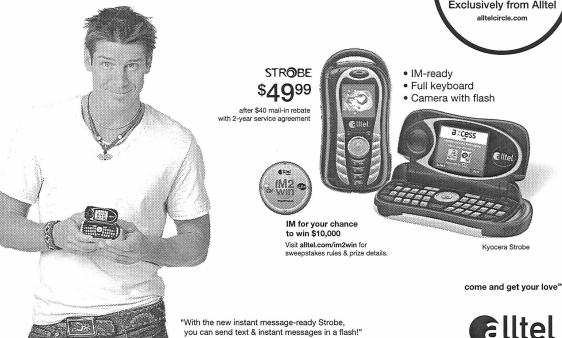
The researchers studied 57 pregnant women with MRSA. The symptoms were inflammations and abscesses of the skin and soft tissues; some women reported "spider bites." Sixty-three percent of them had to be hospitalized. The infections were cleared up using antibiotics to which MRSA is not resistant.

The researchers recommended that pregnant women showing red, hot areas of skin or abscesses should have tissue cultures performed to test for MRSA.

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Children need to be aware of skin protection

States are increasing at epidemic levels. In fact, one blistering sunburn in childhood more than doubles a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life. The majority of skin cancers are almost always preventable with good sun protection habits. Children should be taught from an early age to be aware of the problems associated with sun exposure and the need to use sun protection.

"By 2010, melanoma rates are projected to rise to 1 in 50 Americans," said Perry Robins, M.D., President of The Skin Cancer

factors contributing to the rise in melanoma rates are exposure to ultraviolet rays (UVR) in early childhood, sunburns, and intermittent increased exposure to the sun."

Parents can teach their children early sun protection techniques that will help prevent skin cancer later in life. The Foundation recommends the following methods of protection for different age groups.

Babies' skin is extremely sensitive and can burn easily. In fact, babies under 6 months of age should be kept out of the sun. Follow these tips for babies older than 6 months:

•Take walks early in the morning

with a sun-protective cover

•Dress babies in loose-fitting outfits that cover arms and legs. Clothing made with a UPF of 30 or higher offers the best protection.

•Choose a hat that protects the baby's face, neck, and ears. A baby that wears a hat during the first few months will get used to having it on.

•Sunglasses are not very practical for a young baby. To protect your baby's eyes, seek the shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

•Apply a broad-spectrum, SPF 15+ sunscreen to areas left uncovered such as baby's hands.

•While in the car, shield the baby from direct sunlight coming in

and use a HEPA air cleaner. Steps

against cockroaches, responsible for

the greatest increase in asthma

morbidity, include blocking areas

where they can enter the home; repair

leaky faucets; use a professional

exterminator; put away pet food

bowls; and wash dishes immediately

humidity; improve ventilation

through vent fans; and clean with a

solution containing 5 percent bleach

Your doctor also can help you

"Avoidance of allergens that are

known to trigger asthma in an

individual may result in decreased

frequency and severity of asthma,

decreased dependency on rescue

medicines, decreased work and

school absence, and decreased long-

term complication of chronic

asthma," said Dr. McMahan, a

physician at Scott & White Hospital

figure out what specific asthma

triggers may affect your family and

For mold, decrease moisture and

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through the side window with UV-blocking window film.

Protecting toddlers from the sun requires a little more thought and effort. It is important to not only educate your child, but the caregiver

•Make sure your child seeks the shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Check the outdoor area where your child plays to make sure there is adequate shade protection.

•A broad-spectrum, SPF 15+ sunscreen should be applied every morning, 20 minutes before leaving the house. Keep sunscreen in the bathroom where children brush their teeth, and eventually it will become

•Two tablespoons of sunscreen must be applied every 2 hours and more often if your child is swimming or sweating.

•Children should wear sun protective clothing-including shirts, hats and sunglasses-as their primary line of defense against UVR. Make sure your child wears a widebrimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt and pants during prolonged periods in the

Most of the sun protection methods used for toddlers and young children should be applied to elementary school children:

•Wear sun protective clothing every day, especially if you live in a

warm climate.

•Apply broad-spectrum, SPF 15+
sunscreen to exposed skin.

•Reapply sunscreen after 2 hours of UVR exposure and continue to reapply.

•Be sure your child wears a hat during recess.

•Teach your child to look for shaded areas in which to play.

•Teach your child to wear sunglasses while outside.

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"Allergens in the home can trigger allergy and asthma symptoms throughout the year and be the cause of chronic asthma symptoms," said Sandra McMahan, M.D., assistant professor of internal medicine with the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine. "Some

asthmatics have seasonal flares of asthma due to pollen or outdoor molds, which may be intensified by a priming effect from year-round indoor allergy."

Dr. McMahan suggests removing trigger sources as best as possible. For dust mites, keep humidity low; remove wall-to-wall carpeting; encase mattresses, box springs and pillows in airtight, zippered plastic or allergen-proof fabric covers; wash all bedding weekly in hot (at least 130-degree Fahrenheit) water and dry in a hot dryer; and vacuum weekly with a HEPA-filter vacuum.

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Small pest is destructive to coffee industry

Keeping the Java Flowing

There's a conspiracy to keep you from enjoying that oh-so-necessary first cup of coffee in the morningand it's being carried out by a pest so tiny, you'd probably never notice it.

This nasty little culprit is called coffee berry borer-Hypothenemus hampei-and while it's not the only pest of the coffee plant, it's the most destructive, to the tune of \$500 million in damages annually.

The coffee berry borer is the classic introvert; it spends its entire larval life inside the coffee berry, which is wrapped around the seed (what we'd call the "coffee bean"). The male coffee berry borers mate with the females inside that berry, but the males never emerge. The females only come out after they've mated, and then only to fly to a new berry, where they dig in and lay eggs to start the cycle all over again. The only chance we really have to stop this merry-go-round is when the female

borers are outside the berry, looking

As if all that boring into the berry wasn't bad enough, the real damage occurs when the larvae hatch inside the berry and begin feasting on the coffee bean, destroying it in the

Missing out on your morning cup of joe may seem like a major disaster to you, but the damage caused by these little bugs is even more serious for the more than 20 million coffeefarming families who grow the bean in more than 50 countries. This particular pest can cause coffee farmers to lose as much as one-fifth of their total crop, and can reduce the coffee bean price by as much as 40

Overall, the price of coffee beans is only about 60 cents per pound, which is sometimes not even enough to cover the farmer's production costs. This low price is caused by overproduction-so in one sense, the damage wreaked by the coffee berry

borer could be a good thing, right?

No way, says an Agricultural Research Service scientist who's trying to find a way to stop the elusive coffee berry borer. That's because this borer is harming the economic viability of growing the crop, and millions of people throughout the world depend on coffee production for their subsistence.

Also, all coffee is not created equal. In the United States, coffee prices can range from about \$2 per pound to more than \$30 per pound for the more "exclusive" beans, such as Hawaiian Kona coffee. That's definitely worth trying to protect!

Fortunately, the ARS scientist, based at Beltsville, Md., is well on his way to throwing a few roadblocks in the path of the coffee berry borer. For starters, there's a particular fungus, Beauveria bassiana, that attacks the coffee berry borer (and a lot of other pests, for that matter). The trick is getting the fungus into contact

coffee berry borers. This doesn't necessarily kill the borers, but it does make a dent in their reproductive capabilities. Worm-free borers lay an average of 10 eggs, but that number drops to just two eggs from females harboring the worms.

One other question: Since caffeine is toxic to many insects and these borers are constantly munching away on coffee beans, why don't they keel over from a major caffeine buzz? Scientists aim to find out why, as that may open up another path to controlling them.

Another possible control method

is a tiny worm called a nematode,

from the genus Metaparasitylenchus

(don't worry, we're only going to say

that once). In a collaborative study

in 2002 with Mexican scientists, the

ARS scientist and his colleagues

found that these tiny female worms

invade the bodies of living female

So... help yourself to another cup of your favorite java, and stay tuned!

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Youth at highest risk for watercraft injuries

family vacations and leisure activities. This includes the use of watercrafts, which can be quite enjoyable provided they are used appropriately. Risky behavior on these crafts, such as jet skis and waverunners, can be quite dangerous with potentially serious results. United Spinal Association offers safety measures and ways to avoid injuries when using personal

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 25% of all boating accidents involve such devices and the majority of accidents occur in youths and teens. "In 2002, 17 and 18 year olds accounted for most injuries," said Victor Calise, United Spinal Association's Director of Sports

The University of Florida reported that injuries unique to personal watercraft include: closed head trauma, spinal cord injuries and trauma to chest and abdomen

"Injuries are usually caused by roll-overs, side-swipe collisions, or head-on collisions," said Calise. "With approximately quarter of a million people in the United States with a spinal cord injury, our goal is to help educate the public so that some of these types of injuries can be avoided."

United Spinal Association, an agency dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with spinal cord disabilities, offers tips on personal watercraft safety:

•Wear safety equipment, can easily correct the problem.

Summertime for many means including a life jacket, eye protection, a wet suit, gloves, proper shoes, and a helmet. Make sure everything fits properly and always operate your personal watercraft with the safety lanyard attached to you.

> •"Be alert of other watercrafts and be cautious of the terrain around you," said Calise. "And, never operate your personal watercraft while intoxicated or taking medication."

> •Don't operate your personal watercraft at night.

Never stand up on your personal watercraft or maneuver it through another watercraft's wake. Also, avoid sudden sharp turns and excessively high rates of speed.

·If you are a passenger, always hold on tight and alert the driver if you are in danger.

 Never operate your personal watercraft in water that is less than 2 feet deep.

•Be sure to read your personal watercraft owner's manual, and know your state laws regarding personal watercraft usage

Space maintainers keep teeth in place

One of the most important roles of baby teeth is to serve as natural space maintainers for the permanent teeth.

Children who lose their baby teeth too early can develop problems with spaces between their teeth. When a primary tooth is lost early, other teeth may drift out of position and begin to fill the vacant space. Then, when the child's permanent teeth come in, there is not enough room for them.

As a result, the child may develop crowded and crooked teeth that are out of alignment. This frequently occurs if the prematurely lost tooth is a molar.

Fortunately, a trip to the dentist

If a child has lost his or her teeth too soon, dentists at Baylor College of Dentistry-Texas A&M Health Science Center recommend a space maintainer. Space maintainers are temporary metal or plastic devices that hold the space vacated by the baby teeth until the permanent teeth

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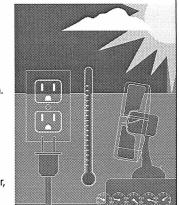
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- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
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Fred Rike is new ASU basketball coach

next year for the Angelo State University men's team there will be a familiar face leading the program. Haskell native Fred Rike has been named as the new head basketball

Rike becomes only the fourth men's head basketball coach in Angelo State history. He replaces Joe Esposito who resigned near the end of last season.

After receiving more than 90 applications for the position, Angelo State interviewed seven head coach

Athletic Director Kathleen Brasfield, "We feel like Fred is really going to take our program to the level we would like it to be at. We feel he can build a program that ASU and the San Angelo community will be proud of."

"One of the things that caught my eye when this job came open, just from talking to coaches in the league and around the state of Texas, is that you can win here" Rike said.

ASU is coming off of an 8-19 season, 0-12 in the Lone Star Conference. However, the team is losing only one senior, and their leading scorer from last year will be a returning junior.

Coach Rike has extensive experience at the college level. He began his coaching career at Tyler Junior College as an assistant in 1990 and stayed through 1993. He left for one year to serve as an assistant at Louisiana Tech before returning as the head coach for Tyler JC.

After three successful seasons in Tyler, Coach Rike served three years as an assistant at the University of Memphis, one year at Georgia State, and five years at the University of North Texas. He was the Associate Head Coach for the University of North Texas.

Fred is the son of John Sam and Mary Rike of Haskell. His brother James coaches basketball at Abilene Cooper High School. Fred along with his wife, Kimberly, and daughters, Allie Katherine and Jessie Kaye, have completed their move from Denton to San Angelo.

surgeons at UT Southwestern

technology that helps the spine retain its natural form of movement.

movement of the spine and takes less time to heal," says Dr. Kevin Gill, professor of orthopaedic surgery.

The artificial disc consists of one

disc of medical grade plastic

sandwiched between two medical

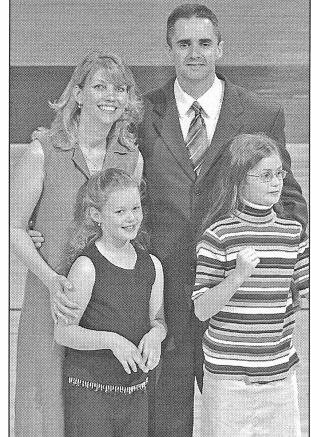
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The plates each contain teeth that

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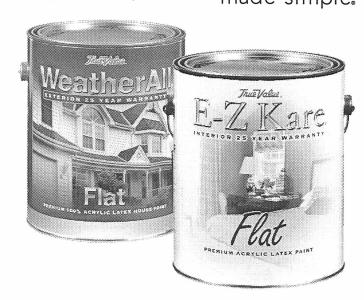
"Fusion limits motion of the spine, takes a long time to heal and causes strain on the other parts of the spine. Non-fusion helps retain the natural



NEW ASU COACH-Haskell native Fred Rike has been named the new head basketball coach for the Angelo State University men's basketball team. His wife, top left, and daughters I-r, Jessie and Allie have joined him in San Angelo.

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used in Europe for almost 20 years. Medical Center are using innovative

New device helps back patients

"This has been slow to catch on in the United States because

sure how to handle it. They had never had to pay for non-fusion technology," Dr. Gill says. "But, now we're doing one or two surgeries a month. We expect that to increase

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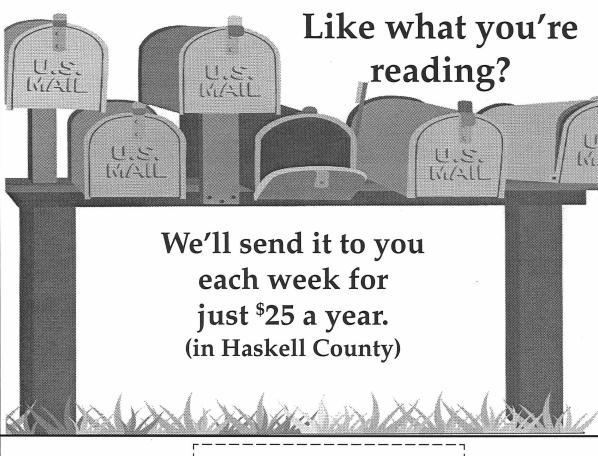
The Calvary Baptist Church, 600 held Sun., Aug. at 6 p.m. Classes will

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'Clamshells' may be made of wheat

What's New with Wheat

Gooey cinnamon rolls, colorful birthday cakes, freshly baked bread, pizza-it's definitely fun to daydream a little about all the nice things you can make with wheat. Here's something new to add to the list: "clamshells."

We're not talking here about the "portable housing" used by actual clams, but those lightweight, hinged containers that some restaurants use to pack up your take-home goodies. They're commonly called "clamshells" because that's what they look like—the natural architecture of clams—and they're typically made of polystyrene.

That could change in the future, though, thanks to an Agricultural Research Service scientist who's figured out how to make these food containers out of an important component of food itself: wheat.

Why worry about these clamshells? Think about how many billions of burgers and other food items get packed into these containers, which ultimately wind up in landfills that are already overloaded. And we've all observed that polystyrene doesn't break down quickly, so making the containers out of biodegradable ingredients would certainly be good news for the environment.

The ARS scientist, based in Albany, Calif., has been working with a California company to make these types of containers out of the world's most widely planted grain: wheat. His wheat-starch-based prototypes are sturdy, look nice, work well and are just as leakproof as the polystyrene versions.

So how do you turn wheat starch into a burger box? It's simple, says the scientist. First, you pour the wheat-starch batter into big presses or molds that work like a giant waffle iron. The mold is closed and locked, and the moisture from the batter creates steam that causes the batter to foam, expand and fill the mold. The steam is vented and the molded wheat-starch mixture is

Proper fluid intake important

The proper number of bathroom breaks seems to be one of the great mysteries of life. Not a day passes without a patient asking Dr. Philippe Zimmern, professor of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center, "How much should I drink per day?"

Patients worry about excessive breaks or fear they might damage their kidneys by not drinking enough water. Dr. Zimmern tries to help his patients distinguish myth from reality in regard to the connection between fluid consumption and urination.

"Your kidneys filter your blood and produce urine," Dr. Zimmern says. "The more you drink, the more urine your kidneys eliminate because there is no room in your body to store all this fluid. Fluid retention can occur with kidney or heart failure, but generally not otherwise."

Urine produced is stored temporarily in the bladder. The bladder of the average healthy adult holds around 10 to 15 ounces of fluid. So, how often should a person go to the bathroom?

"The answer is on average six times, depending on fluid intake and bladder capacity," Dr. Zimmern says. A person with a smaller bladder volume may have to go up to eight times per day.

To stay within these limits, the average adult should drink no more than six to eight glasses—approximately 64 ounces—of fluids a day, Dr Zimmern says. To avoid having to get up at night to head to the bathroom, simply don't drink after dinner or before bedtime. If you take medications such as a diuretic, do it in the morning or after lunch, Dr. Zimmern advises.

"baked"-all in less than a minute from start to finish.

The waterproofing comes from a coating that's added later, to help the container keep its strength and form if it's holding something moist. But when that container hits the landfill, it breaks down in just a few weeks.

This particular ARS scientist is an old pro at coming up with innovative uses for wheat starch. One of his past successes has been turning the starch into a light-weight concrete that could be used for decorative garden items, roofing tiles, insulation, flooring, benches, fountains, or even exterior panels for high-rise office buildings.

The wheat starch forms what the scientist calls an "aquagel" that acts as a durable aggregate for mixing with cement. He says the wheatbased aquagel would probably require less energy and labor to produce than other aggregates.

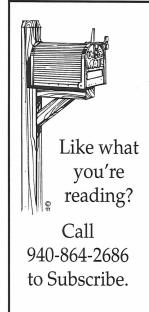
His recipe is simple: Heat a mixture of wheat starch and water, then pour it into a mold and let it cool to form a gel. Air-dry the gel until it's hard, transparent and brittle. Then it's milled or ground into white particles similar to coarse sand.

Next, the particles are soaked in water for several hours, then rinsed and drained, leaving a tough, rubbery aquagel aggregate that's 25 percent starch, 75 percent water. Add it to cement, and voila! you wind up with wheat-based concrete.

The scientists at that ARS lab at Albany are real wizards at turning agriculture's leftovers into useful,

environmentally friendly products. For example, another scientist there has worked on turning wheat straw and rice straw into packing materials, such as the molds that hold delicate computers and electronic equipment snug in their shipping boxes—again replacing the current polystyrene with a biodegradable alternative. The idea is to turn a slurry of straw, water and additives, such as clays and starches, into dried and molded rigid forms.

This technology could give farmers a whole new market for straw that is now plowed under the soil or sold for animal feed or bedding. And it could be a big market, too; in California alone, the



rice crop each year generates more than 300,000 tons of straw, and California's wheat crop produces an estimated 400,000 tons of straw.

Sounds like Rumplestiltskin isn't the only one who knows how to turn straw into gold!

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Births

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She was welcomed home by her aunt, Julie Hutchinson of Haskell.

Maternal grandparents are Dieter and Leisa Hutchinson of Haskell. Maternal great grandparents are Sonny and Carolyn Reynolds of Haskell. Maternal great grandfather is Lester Hutchinson of Weinert. Maternal step great grandmother is Valeta Hutchinson of Weinert.

Paternal grandparents are Richard and Linda Stanley of Abilene. Paternal great grandparents are J.L. and Joy Smith of San Augustine and Frances Stanley of Abilene.

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pudding, milk, tea, or coffee Fri., Aug. 11

Lunch-Hamburger steak, onion, brown gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, bread slice, orange cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Students in the News

ECC Calendar and Menu

Melody Kennedy of Haskell and Tara Lisle of Rule were named to the Distinguished Student List for the Spring 2006 semester at Tarleton University in Stephenville.

The Haskell County students

were among 1,216 students receiving the designation.

To be named to the list, students must have a minimum GPR of 3.25. with no grade lower than C.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1309 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., July 29, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

Cows \$3-6 lower. Stockers steady to \$2 lower. Feeders steady. Bred

Cows and Pairs \$25-50 lower. Cows: fat, .42-.47; cutters, .41-

.46; canners, .28-.36. Bulls: bologna, .52-.60; feeders,

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.65-1.90; 300-400 lbs., 1.37-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.18-1.32; 500-600 lbs., 1.08-1.22; 600-700 lbs., 1.03-1.12; 700-800 lbs., .98-1.07; 800-up lbs., .90-.98.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.18-1.45; 400-500 lbs., 1.08-1.24; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.11; 600-up lbs., .92-1.04.

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This Week's Devotional Message:



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Vacation time can mean many things to many people, depending on their interests as well as what the budget will allow. They may travel a great distance in style, go camping in the nearby woods, or just languish in the back yard. All of these places can provide enjoyment and relaxation, being a departure from the normal routine. Moreover, even a low

budget vacation can be a learning experience, because it is not necessary to go far in order to observe the wonders of God's creation. They are on display everywhere, in different forms, just waiting for you to discover them. Take your Bible along as a sort of guide book, and remember that wherever you to on your vacation, God will be there to watch over you and protect you.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

-HASKELL-

East Side Baptist Church Danny Manross, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church

Dusty Garison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell Trinity Lutheran Church Ron Rennegarbe, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskel First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church Father George Roney Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ Jim Yates, minister Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell Trinity Baptist Church

Tony Grand, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Independent Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center Rev. William Hodge

Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m. 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m. Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m. 203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Dr. Larry Nail, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell

-WEINERT-First Baptist Church

J. C. Paker, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison

Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church Clovis Dever

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Hwy 6, Rochester First United Methodist Church Rev. Daniel Echols Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Rochester

-SAGERTON-Sagerton Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sagerton

-RULE-

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ John Greeson, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Terry O'Rear, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegs Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule Sweet Home Baptist Church Bill Trice, pastor

Sun. Morn.11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a.., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

-PAINT CREEK---Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek

300 Sunny Ave., Rule

-O'BRIEN-O'Brien Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.

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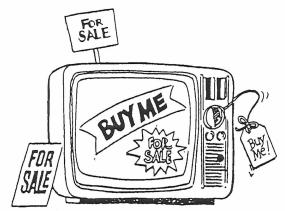


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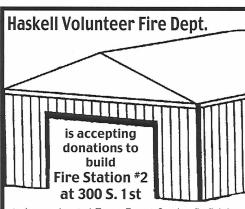
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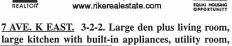
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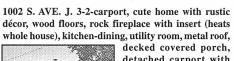
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CHRISTOPHER FITZHARRIS

Christopher Fitzharris, son of Kevin and Cindy (Ivey) Fitzharris of Fort Worth, and grandson of L. B. and Marie Ivey of Haskell, recently graduated from the Fort Worth Police

After completing a rigourous 7month training curriculum, he gained entry into the Academy's highly competitive program. He is now serving the community as a patrol officer in one of the city's Neighborhood Policing Districts.

Fitzharris graduated in 2004 from Texas Tech University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the College of Arts and

Clearing up health care confusion for women

turn, there's news about ways to prevent breast cancer or a new miracle drug for osteoporosis. Sometimes, the latest health craze even goes against common sense.

After being constantly barraged with information, it's no wonder women get confused about how to ensure optimum health.

According to gynecologist William Rayburn, M.D., associate professor at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, women need to trust their instincts.

"The older I've gotten, the more I've realized how little I know, and how much women truly know about themselves," Dr. Rayburn said. "Women have too much information coming at them from

It seems that everywhere women too many directions. Diet and exercise are still two of the most important factors in women's health. Calcium and vitamin D are important in preventing osteoporosis, and a balanced diet is the best source.'

> And, although there is no current cure for breast cancer, Dr. Rayburn tells his patients they can take heart in knowing the new treatments are better than ever.

"There are no clear-cut risk factors or methods to prevent breast cancer," Dr. Rayburn said. "However, the diagnosis of breast cancer is not a death sentence any more. The survival rate after five years is up to 87 percent, and breast cancer survivors are able to live longer, more fulfilling lives.'

Student in the News

Kelly Fitzharris, daughter of Kevin and Cindy (Ivey) Fitzharris of Fort Worth, and granddaughter of L. B. and Marie Ivey of Haskell, graduated in May from the University of Texas, Austin after successfully completing her studies in the College of Communication and earning a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations.

Fitzharris is employed in an administration position with a real estate firm in Austin, and will make her home there.



Eating fish is healthy, but there's a catch

When it comes to eating healthy, fish is a top choice. It's packed with vitamins and minerals, and several studies have shown its benefits in lowering the chance of a heart attack, fighting off dementia and stroke in the elderly, and more.

But, there's a catch-mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other potentially harmful environmental chemicals. Women who are pregnant or about to become pregnant are especially at risk.

"PCBs and methyl mercury may cause low birth weight and developmental problems in babies of women who eat polluted fish while pregnant," said Anne Sweeney, Ph.D., associate professor in the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health. "These chemicals don't make you feel sick but will build up in the body over time. They may also affect the child's neurological development and learning ability."

Choose fish that do not consume reproduction," Dr. Sweeney said.

other fish. Instead, eat smaller, younger fish, Dr. Sweeney said. Remove skin and fat to eliminate PCBs, and broil, grill or bake. Do not use any dripping fat for sauces or

Dr. Sweeney also is one of the principal investigators for the Longitudinal Investigation of Fertility and the Environment (LIFE). This federally-sponsored study among licensed anglers along the southeast Texas coast and in Michigan is looking at the effect of environmental chemicals on infertility and time required for conception, along with preterm delivery, birth weight and other

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We will be having a program on Monday, August 14 at noon at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1401 South 1st St., Haskell, Texas to discuss the Assisted Living Project. Our consultant and architect will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the project at this time. Please RSVP to Margaret Evans at 1-888-883-6663 or Wallace Emerson, Brandon Anderson or Nelda Lane locally. You can also make your reservation deposits with one of these folks. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th.



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