

## Calendar

### Concert

Kristi Brown will be in concert Sun., July 15 at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken.

### Plant sale

A plant sale will be held Fri., July 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of The Drug Store benefiting the Noah Project-North.

### VBS set

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host Vacation Bible School for all ages July 26-28 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 1600 N. First in Haskell. The family Bible festival "Galilee by the Sea" will offer adventures in the Holy Land. Call 864-3775 for details.

### Special service

The Hopewell Baptist Church will host a Friends and Family service Sun., July 22 at 3 p.m. Vernon Sessions will bring the message.

### 50th reunion

The 1958 class of Haskell High School will celebrate their fifty year reunion at Haskell's homecoming Sept. 21-22. The planning committee is seeking names and addresses of persons who attended at anytime during this class's school career. If you would like to be included, contact Janice Browning at 940-864-2755.

### Summer meals

Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program with meals served at Haskell Elementary School cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, through July 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those ages 1 through 18 years of age are invited to eat free. Adults are invited to eat for a price of \$2.50 per plate.

### Class '96 reunion

The Haskell High School Class of 1996 will hold a class reunion Aug. 18. Contact Tonya Weatherman, 824 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Brady, Texas 76825 or tonyaweatherman@hotmail.com with current contact information.

### HHS Ex-students

The Haskell Homecoming Association is seeking email addresses of ex-students. To register your email address, email Dorothy Hartsfield, secretary, at hssharts@cs.com. Homecoming information will be distributed by email, due to the rising expense of postage.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 21 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., July 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

### Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.

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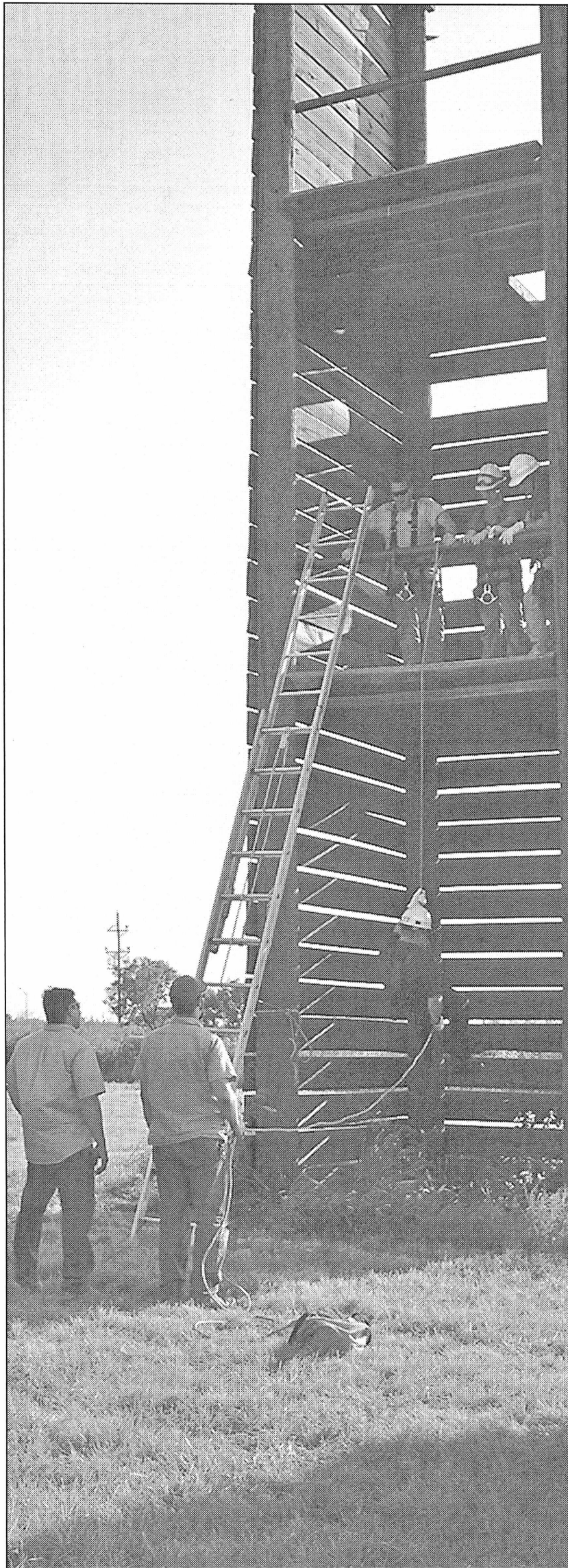
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**RAPPELING DRILL**—Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department practice rappelling skills during their Monday night drill. Dropping on the rope is Jeff Caparoon. On the ground is, l-r, Felix Rodriguez and A.J. Shaw. On the first level is, l-r, Mathew Cunningham, Brian Scifres and Michael Alsbrook.

## UM ARMY to help with repairs in Haskell

The United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission By Youth, the UM ARMY, is a growing youth ministry associated with the United Methodist Church. It will be in Haskell beginning the week of July 22, to provide home repairs and odd jobs for those unable to do the tasks themselves. All done in the name of Christian faith and love, the youth and adult volunteers will experience work, fellowship, worship and fun.

The group will use the local United Methodist Church for their housing and various activities for the entire week. On Sunday evening, the church will provide a meal for the group. A meal for all of those receiving help will be served at the church on Thursday night, July 26, and local church volunteers are needed to help with the meal. Also, the church will provide snacks throughout the week.

Donations to cover the cost of food will be taken at church services in July, or may be sent or brought to the church office. They should be earmarked "UM ARMY."

A group representing the UM ARMY has been in Haskell finding the jobs to be done and homes to be repaired.

A proclamation issued Mon., July 9 by Haskell Mayor Ken Lane proclaimed the week of July 22 to July 28 as United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth Week (UM ARMY) urging "every citizen of our City to acknowledge and support this mission to provide Christ centered, quality youth work camps that serve people in need and promote spiritual growth and leadership development in youth."

For more information about helping the group effort, contact Wanda Ham or the church office.

## Commissioners' Court meets

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a meeting Tues., June 26 at the courthouse with all members present with the exception of Judge David Davis. Commissioner Kenny Thompson, county Judge Pro-Tem presided.

A discussion was held concerning the water drainage on County Road 424 with Jason Hall, James Dunlap and Don Perry.

Sheriff David Halliburton reported that the Sheriff's Department had received their new vehicle. The replaced 2002 GMC pickup was given to the fire department.

Will Kitley was hired part time in Precinct 4. Nora Hernandez was hired to work at the Experienced Citizens Center.

Judge Davis was appointed as the NIMS Communication Unity

Leader.

Rates for the out of county beds were increased \$2 to the rate of \$40.58 to compensate for fuel and utility costs. The jail contract with Baylor and Throckmorton counties was renewed.

The Appraisal District budget item was tabled.

The discussion concerning the hiring of a coordinator for emergency management and homeland security activities for the counties of Haskell, Kent, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton was tabled.

Molly Dudensing made a 4-H presentation on leather.

The following line item transfers to the budget were made: County Treasurer, \$115.25 out of Salary Step Increase and into School Expense; County Clerk, \$32.96 out of Travel Expense and into School Expense.

## Eastland seeks aid with supplies

As the waters recede in Eastland, disaster crews and volunteers are having to deal with another problem besides the continuous heavy rains and flood waters. Pesky mosquitoes are causing problems with those who are cleaning up homes and businesses that were submerged in water. To top it off, mosquito repellent is in scarce supply.

"We are going through it (repellent) hand over fist," said Meg Kennedy, a Salvation Army volunteer. "As soon as we get a supply in, it's gone within a matter of minutes."

The Salvation Army is asking for donations of mosquito repellent to supply disaster clean-

up crews. Two hundred additional workers will be arriving to help, and the repellent will be needed for them as well. The Army is also asking for large quantities of bleach and trash bags. Those clean-up supplies are also regularly running out at the local stores. An estimated 261 homes in Eastland County were affected by heavy flooding—most of them in the Lake Leon area.

To donate either mosquito repellent, bleach, or trash bags, call Meg Kennedy in advance at 254-631-3757. Supplies can be delivered to the local Flood Relief Distribution Center on 201 S. Green St., Eastland, Texas 76448.

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# Tick 'quarantine zone' expanded

The fever tick quarantine zone in Starr County, has been expanded temporarily, due to the threat of fever ticks beyond the permanent "quarantine zone" that runs along the Rio Grande. Effective July 3 livestock can not be moved from the expanded preventive quarantine area until the animals are manually inspected for fever ticks, dipped and permitted for movement by personnel from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fever Tick Force or the Texas

Animal Health Commission (TAHC). Fever ticks are capable of carrying and transmitting a protozoa—or tiny animal parasite—that causes the deadly livestock disease, "Texas Fever."

The temporary preventive quarantined area is bounded on the east by Ebanos Road (Ebony Road) from its junction with U.S. Highway 83, then north on San Julian Road to its junction with Sanchez Ranch Road (San Julian Road). The northern boundary is comprised of Sanchez Ranch

Road (San Julian Road), south on Loma Blanca Road, then west on Hinojosa Ranch Road (Falcon Loop) to its junction with U.S. Highway 83. The western edge is Highway 83 south to the Ebony Road junction.

"At this time, we do not know the extent of the infestation in this preventive fever tick quarantined area. However, tick infestation is possible, and therefore, we must take extraordinary precautions to prevent the spread of these very dangerous pests," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the TAHC, the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. He explained that the fever tick, if not contained, could become re-established, even through the winter, throughout much of the south, southeast and parts of California. In addition to cattle, horses, white-tailed deer, Nilgai and elk can act as a host of the tick, perpetuating its population.

"It took more than 50 years to eradicate fever ticks from the U.S.," he said. He noted that a permanent fever tick zone runs through eight South Texas counties along the Rio Grande and is staffed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fever Tick Force. Livestock moved from this permanent quarantine zone also must be inspected, dipped and permitted prior to movement. Tick inspections also are conducted at a number of South Texas livestock markets.

When tick-infested livestock are detected, the ranch and animals are quarantined. Owners can choose to have their cattle inspected and dipped every seven to 14 days for nine months, or the livestock can be dipped repeatedly, until declared tick-free and moved to a new site, leaving the infested pasture "vacated" for nine months, causing the ticks to starve. Regardless of the option selected, wildlife, deer and other hoof stock are provided treated feed, to kill fever ticks on these animals.

The Fever Tick Force also maintains vigilance along the permanent quarantine zone to apprehend, inspect and dip stray livestock from Mexico, where the fever tick still exists. Owners may reclaim their animals by paying a nominal feed bill. Among the stringent health requirements for livestock shipments from Mexico are fever tick inspection and dipping. If an animal in a shipment is found to have fever ticks, the entire shipment is rejected until it can be re-dipped and inspected.

"Keeping the fever tick out of the U.S. is essential," said Dr. Hillman. "Infected ticks can kill thousands of cattle, and our ability to move animals without restriction could be severely limited. The implementation of this preventive fever tick quarantine is expected to be temporary and will be released as soon as possible."



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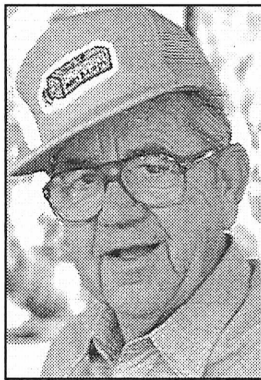
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# Obituaries

## Clarence Odell Chapman



**CLARENCE CHAPMAN**

Funeral services for Clarence Odell Chapman, 83, of Abilene were held Thurs., July 5 at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith in Abilene with Rev. Paul R. Matta officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park. Chapman died Mon., July 2 at an Abilene medical center.

Born May 9, 1924 in Haskell,

he was the son of Carrie Bell (Cornelius) and Oscar 'O.B.' Chapman. He was reared in Haskell and attended Paint Creek Rural High School near Lake Stamford. There he met and fell in love with Dorothy Hise, whom he married Aug. 14, 1942. He began work at Mrs. Baird's on Jan. 31, 1949, the year the Abilene plant opened. During the 32 years, he was a salesman for Mrs. Baird's, he saw many changes in the baking industry, including the variety of products offered and packaging. He was later transferred from the Sales Department to the Processing Department where his new job was for about 32 hours a week and consisted of delivering to Mrs. Baird's Thrift Stores in Abilene and the Abilene State School. He retired in 1989 after a 40-year career with Mrs. Baird's. The Chapman's special interests included playing 42 and

84 and wheat farming. In 1977, they built a house on their 230 acre farm at Hodges, where they farmed. They were members of Southwest Park Baptist Church.

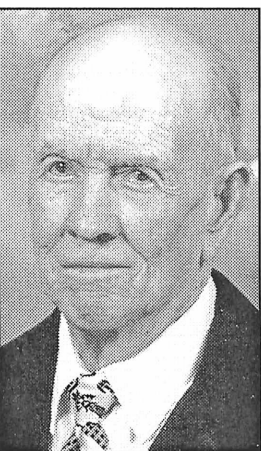
He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Curtis Chapman.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Dorothy Chapman; their son, Roger Chapman and wife, Karen of Abilene; sister, Lena Tidwell of Haskell; two grandchildren, Sarah Elaine Chapman of Dallas and Darion Blakely and wife, Eva of Abilene; and a great granddaughter, Gabriella Briana.

Pallbearers were Brian McMillin, Randall Castleberry, West Robinson, Darion Blakely and Rick Blakely.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter, 302 N. Willis, Abilene, Texas 79603. PD. NOTICE

## Bobbie Joe Mays



**BOBBIE JOE MAYS**

Graveside services for Bobbie Joe Mays, 85, of Haskell, formerly of Tulia, were held Mon., July 9 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia under the direction of Kormerstone Funeral Directors of Tulia.

Born Oct. 12, 1921 in Hainesville, he was the son of Joseph Henry and Mabel Lucinda Potter Mays. They lived in Jones County and Lubbock where he started school. They moved to Kress in 1936 and later to Tulia. He joined the U.S. Army during World War II. After his discharge, he moved back to Tulia. He was a carpenter by trade. He married Billie Jewel Johnson March 27, 1947 in Muleshoe. He was a

member of Central Church of Christ. They moved to Haskell in 2003.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Jewel Mays of Haskell; two daughters and their husbands, Frankie and Steve Cothron of Haskell and Jolene and James Arnold of Haskell; four grandchildren, Bobbie Ray and Shelia Cothron of Haskell, Allen James Arnold of New Boston, Sarah Rose and Lyle Mullican of Rochester, Minnesota, and Daisy Renee Cothron of Dallas; three great grandchildren, Hunter James Arnold of Canyon, Shelby Morrow and Preston Morrow, both of Haskell. PD. NOTICE

## Paul Weldon Leek

Funeral services for Paul Weldon Leek, 81, of Haskell were held Mon., July 9 at Weinert Foursquare Church in Weinert under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Leek went to be with the Lord Fri., July 6.

Born Aug. 23, 1925, he was the son of John Sidney and Flora Mae Huckabee Leek. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He married Juanell Roberts Dec. 8, 1951. He retired from the Odessa Fire Department after 25 years as a Captain. He moved to Haskell and went to work for Haskell County Precinct 3 and retired after ten years. He then worked at J&R Radiator Shop.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Juanell on Dec. 20, 1996; three sisters, Lorene, Virginia and Ilene; and brother, Donald Wayne.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, John Paul and Edith Leek of Tye; one brother, John Leek of Haskell; one sister, June Sellers of Lubbock; two grandsons, Justin Leek and Sam Leek, both of Haskell; one great grandson; several nieces, nephews and a special friend, Doris.

Memorials may be made to Weinert Foursquare Church, Weinert, Texas 76388 or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

## James L. 'Jim' Harper

Funeral services for James L. 'Jim' Harper, 70, of Lake Stamford, were held Sat., July 7 at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Wingrove and Chico Underwood officiating. Interment with military honors followed in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mr. Harper died Wed., July 4 at an Abilene hospital.

Born May 4, 1937 in Carson, North Dakota, he was the son of George Chester and Dorothy Christensen Harper. He married Ramona Zempel June 12, 1956 at Carswell Air Force Base Chapel in Fort Worth. He was a retired veteran of the United States Air Force and a Master Mason. He loved his family and God's beautiful outdoors. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and had a passion for playing music with family and friends. He was well known in his

neighborhood for the annual Harper Hootnanny.

He was preceded in death by his father; and brother, Dale Harper.

Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Harper Moser of Bismarck, North Dakota; two daughters, Lori Bilski of Abilene and Anita Johnson and husband, David of Springfield, Tennessee; son, Marty Harper of Mandan, North Dakota; eight grandchildren, James, Amanda, Angela, Marty, Jr., and Talia Harper, Melissa and Marinda Bilski, and Jessami Jacobson; five great grandchildren; sister, Laurel Moser of North Dakota; three brothers, Gene Harper of North Dakota, Lee Harper of Florida and Sydney Harper of North Dakota; numerous nieces and nephews; and the Underwood family.

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## Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Ken and Claudette Wolsch of Rochester celebrated 50 years of marriage June 23 with a brisket dinner and reception hosted by their four children, nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Ken was born Nov. 17, 1934 in Sagerton and after their marriage was drafted into the Army and served two years in

Germany. He retired from Quality Implement in Munday after twenty years. He worked for John Deere a total of twenty-eight years.

Claudette was born June 8, 1940 in Rochester. She worked for Rochester ISD, Rice Springs Care Home and retired from Caprock Home Health.

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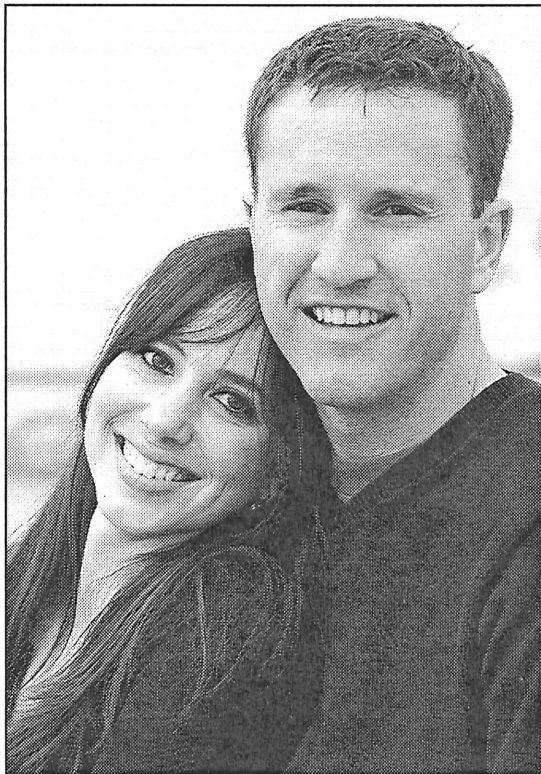
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MARY KAY WATSON - RYAN BARNHART

## Watson, Barnhart wed in Pilot Point

Mary Kay Watson and Ryan Patrick Barnhart were married June 24 at Lantana Lodge in Pilot Point.

The bride is daughter of Kenny and Doris May Watson of

Haskell. The groom is the son of James and Becky Barnhart of Ottawa, Kansas.

The newlyweds will reside in Denton where both teach.

## Births

Jeff and Sarah Wright of Cypress announce the birth of their son, Garrett Lee Wright, born June 8 at 9:21 a.m. at Methodist Willowbrook Hospital in Houston, weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 19 1/4 inches.

Grandparents are Frank and

Beverly SoRelle of Lubbock and Jay and Janet Wright of Houston.

Great grandmothers are Helen Owens Yearwood of Snyder and Maxine Haines of Rotan.

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# OPINION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

### Governor issues state disaster for 44 counties

AUSTIN—Rainy weather hasn't let up here in central Texas. Lakes and dams are full and river systems saturated.

Central Texas hasn't been alone, weatherwise, with severe storms and flooding continuing to hit just about every zone from the Rio Grande Valley to the Oklahoma border.

Gov. Rick Perry, has dispatched relief agencies to many scenes. In the process, he said, "Rather than celebrating Independence Day at backyard barbecues with families and friends, many Texans spent the Fourth of July holiday battling the dangerous weather events that continue to impact their communities.

"We will continue to help local communities respond to emergencies and recover from the heavy storms and rains that have saturated a large part of our state and we will make sure the necessary resources are in place if the situation worsens."

Perry also urged Texans "to heed the warnings of their local leaders and take all possible precautions to stay out of dangerous situations as this severe weather continues."

Since mid-June, Perry has issued a state disaster declaration for 44 counties, namely:

Archer, Baylor, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Brown, Burnet, Callahan, Coleman, Collin, Comanche, Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Eastland, Ellis, Fannin, Gillespie, Grayson, Hamilton, Hood and Hunt.

Also, Jones, Lamar, Lampasas, Lipscomb, Llano, Mason, McLennan, Menard, Mills, Ochiltree, Parker, Runnels, San Saba, Starr, Stephens, Tarrant, Travis, Webb, Wichita, Williamson, Wise and Young.

President George W. Bush approved federal disaster declarations for Cooke, Coryell, Denton, Grayson, Lampasas and Tarrant Counties. U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, who toured stricken areas, co-announced President Bush's disaster approval.

Among things the disaster approval does is allow uninsured individuals and families in eligible counties to apply for

assistance in the form of financial aid, temporary housing, tax relief, legal services, crisis counseling and disaster unemployment assistance.

### Tax penalty waivers available

There is still time left for certain folks to take advantage of Texas Comptroller Susan Combs' offer of a limited-time waiver of penalties and interest on unpaid taxes.

The waiver, which expires Aug. 15, is available for all state taxes administered by the comptroller, except unclaimed property and the Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessment.

Eligible liabilities can relate to sales or purchases of taxable items.

Reports originally due before April 1 are eligible. But the waiver does not apply to assessments already identified by the comptroller, to taxpayers under audit or review, or to taxpayers the comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible deficiency, the Office of the Comptroller said.

### New tax law takes effect

Legislation redefining "occasional sale" took effect July 1, and it has an impact on people who sell their personal property. HB 373 by Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, amends the tax code to allow non-business sellers to sell up to \$3,000 in a calendar year in certain merchandise without paying state tax if their items are purchased by Texas buyers.

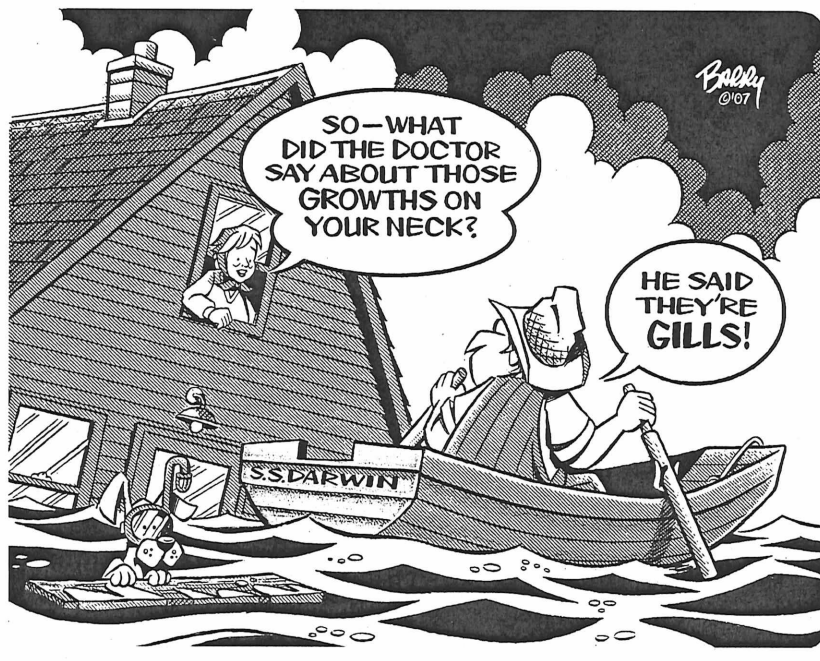
### DPS addresses new law hoax

The Texas Department of Public Safety responded to false information about "new traffic laws" spreading quickly on the Internet and other media.

"There are no new traffic laws going into effect in July," the DPS said. "More specifically, there are no new laws going into effect in July related to cell phones, seat belts or carpooling. No cell phone bills were passed this Legislative session."

### Parks & wildlife chief is named

Gov. Perry named Peter Holt, CEO of the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs, as chair of the nine-member Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago July 10, 1997

Lonnie Meredith, a Haskell Kiwanis Club member, was recently named Layman of the Year.

Karen Kaigler Walker held a book signing at Lane-Felker.

Thelma Dunlap was able to hold her new granddaughter, Shady Blue Destiny. Shady Blue is the first baby in the Dunlap family in over 30 years.

Thomas Tidrow caught a 25 lb. turtle in the Rice Springs Creek near his grandparent's home.

Rebecca Unger served in the Christian Ministry during the summer.

### 20 Years Ago July 9, 1987

Winners of the season championship in the Little League minor division were the Owls. Team members were Ethan Brown (bat boy), Greg Rodriguez, Caleb Brown, Matthew McCord, Brett Proctor, Adrian Palacios, Bo Klose, Aaron Earles, Matt Blanks and IV Burson.

Champions of the little league major division were the Hawks. Team members were Marcello Rodriguez, Mart Guess, Corey Green, Chris Silva, Joseph Rodriguez, Jonathan Tatum, Mark Jones, Casey Coleman, Terry Hawkins, Traci Burson, Brian Brzozowski and Hugh Peiser, Jr.

A reunion of the Bessie May Swinney family was held at the Haskell Memorial Center with 68 family members attending.

Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren honored

Alma Allen with a surprise luncheon and party on her 88th birthday.

### 30 Years Ago July 7, 1977

Mrs. Gaines Post, Connie Frierson and Kim Campbell will have charge of the story time program at the county library.

The Haskell Trap Club held its monthly Handicap event. The number one spot went to W.E. Woote. Second and third place was shared by Garry Bill Womack and Charles Thornhill.

Riva Hitt graduated from Texas Tech University.

### 40 Years Ago July 6, 1967

Mrs. C.V. Hunter and daughter, Margaret, of New Orleans, Louisiana, arrived in Haskell for a week visit in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Persons.

Larry Hinds visited in Haskell during the Fourth of July with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hinds.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Breedlove and three daughters visited here with friends. Dave is the son of C.V. Breedlove.

Mrs. J.J. Drinnon had four of her children and their families as her guest.

A house warming was held for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kupatt.

The Beauty Bar announced a new operator, Bobbie Lindsey.

Bob Greenroy officially took over his duties as president of the Rotary Club.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ab Henderson over the weekend were her daughter, Mrs.

Alvin Mahan, Odessa; granddaughters, Mrs. James W. Jordon and Pamela Craig and Lewis, of Hamlin.

### 50 Years Ago July 11, 1957

Mrs. Larry Wascom and Suzanne Lane went on a vacation trip to Shreveport, Baton Rouge and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Wanda Greenhill visited friends in Plainview over the weekend.

James W. Kennedy of Rankin, was in town looking after his property and visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bressler, Vicki, Kathi and Sherri of Mesquite, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Otis Wright.

Mrs. Norma Saunders of Cross Plains visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Thompson.

Eight boy scouts went to the National Scout Jamboree in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. They were Tom Bill Holden, Larry Horton, Tom Horton, Jackie Whorton, William Overton, Wallar Overton, Mike Overton and Dan Griffin.

### 100 Years Ago July 13, 1907

Postmaster Baker returned from Fort Worth.

J.C. Reed and family of Fayetteville, Arkansas visited with the brother of Mrs. Reed, B. Cox and family.

Emma Steadman of Taylor, is visiting the family of her father, Jacob Hemphill.

J.A. Creaser, of the X Ranch southeast of town, was in town and said all the farmers in that section had fine crops.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

I am writing this for my 7 year old daughter, Angelle. She was featured in the paper about two weeks ago needing help by getting donations to put in care packages for our troops. She has worked very hard on this project, but came up short. She wanted to thank Rhonda Lisle for sending out the flyers; Mr. and Mrs. Davis; the couple that gave her \$2 at our garage sale; and our next door neighbor, for their help.

We are taking her basket down at the grocery store on Friday and shutting down her website [www.myspace.com/carepkg](http://www.myspace.com/carepkg) heroes due to not getting enough help.

Thank you so much for doing a story on her and thank you to the ones that did help.

Sincerely,

Mandy and Angelle Maynard

## Weather Whys

### Tropical Waves

Q: You often hear about tropical waves. What are they?

A: Tropical waves are low pressure areas that often develop off the coast of Africa and head west toward the United States, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"Sometimes they are called easterly waves because they form in the eastern Atlantic Ocean. In the 1930s it was noticed that many of these waves formed near Africa, and in the 1940s it was confirmed that tropical waves form off Africa and head to the Caribbean and United States. These are the ones that can develop into hurricanes."

Q: How often do tropical waves become hurricanes?

A: It's been documented that there are about 60 to 100 or so tropical waves every year that form off Africa, but they are important because about 60 percent of the Atlantic tropical storms and 85 percent of the intense hurricanes started out as tropical waves, McRoberts adds.

"That's why tropical waves get a lot of attention this time of year. Very often, a small one forms and within a few days it has become a tropical storm and from there, it can easily become a hurricane. The ocean currents and winds often blow them right toward the east coast of the U.S. or into the Gulf of Mexico."

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## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### Texas Attorney General's Cyber Crimes Unit Helps Parents Keep Kids Safe

Texas' greatest resource is its children. From toddlers to teenagers, young Texans are truly the future of our great state. As concerned citizens, we must do everything in our power to protect children from sex predators. While law enforcement agencies across the state work together to arrest and prosecute criminals who prey on kids, parents and guardians must teach their children not to trust individuals they meet online.

Since 2003, the Office of the Attorney General's Cyber Crimes Unit has aggressively cracked down on sex predators who use the Internet to sexually solicit children. Cyber Crimes Unit investigators work undercover, posing as underage teenagers in Internet chat rooms and social networking Web sites. These highly skilled officers have one goal: to catch would-be sex predators before they harm a child. Within minutes of going

online, undercover officers are sexually solicited by prowling adults seeking young children.

In less than four years, the Cyber Crimes Unit has arrested more than 90 predators that used the Internet to arrange a meeting where they planned to sexually assault a child. Another 63 offenders have been convicted for posting or trading online child pornography.

Many of these sex predators lurk on Web sites that are prominently used by children and teenagers. During a two-week operation in June, our law enforcement officers investigated and arrested several previously convicted sex offenders who had activated online profiles on the wildly popular social networking site, MySpace.com.

While our Cyber Crimes Unit will continue cracking down on online sex offenders, parents and guardians must help us keep their children safe.

The most important safety tip is simple: parents must be

involved with their child's Internet habits. Parents should educate themselves about cyber safety and speak openly with family members about online activities. Children and teens are more likely to come to an adult that they feel is calm and comfortable discussing the subject matter. Parents can contact the Office of the Attorney General for a copy of our Cyber Safety Brochure, which offers valuable information on chat room "lingo" and provides online security tips for both children and adults.

Parents with teens who visit social networking sites should be especially cautious. Our investigators encourage parents to have the passwords necessary to regularly monitor their child's account. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, teenagers are more likely than younger children to get into trouble online. Teens are more likely to explore and reach out to strangers. Sadly, sex

predators often exploit the anxiety and confusion that comes with adolescence.

Parents should keep the computer in a common room and limit the use of Web cameras. Digital images are easily captured online and are difficult, if not impossible, to retrieve once they are circulated on the Internet.

Teens and children who are approached by a stranger online should immediately inform a parent, guardian or any other trusted adult. They must not reveal personal information, including photos, video, last names or telephone numbers to strangers. Teens should never, under any circumstance, arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet online.

We must speak openly with our children about making good decisions in life, including safely using the Internet to interact with others. We thank all parents and guardians for their commitment to the safety of their children and the future of Texas.

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# Federal PLUS loans offer more options for paying for college

Despite favorable terms, few parents use PLUS loans to finance children's education

Many people associate the start of college with the excitement of opening acceptance letters, moving into the dormitory, and meeting new friends. But before students attend their first lectures, families must perform a less exciting but necessary ritual: figuring out how to pay for it.

While some students qualify for scholarships or grants, many more need student loans to finance their college educations. In 2004, 35 percent of all postsecondary students borrowed money through the Federal Stafford Loan Program.

But Stafford loans are not always enough: first-year students, for example, are limited to \$3,500 for their first two semesters. This amount falls far short of a year's worth of expenses at many educational institutions. Loans amounts, however, increase to \$4,500 the second year and to \$5,500 for the third year and beyond.

One way to fill the gap is through the Federal PLUS Loan Program, which allows parents to borrow the full amount needed to make up the difference. When compared to private loans, PLUS

loans offer favorable terms, including a lower interest rate (currently fixed at 8.5 percent), flexible repayment options, no need for collateral, and a 10-year repayment period. Parents also are eligible for periodic repayment deferment under certain conditions.

About 225,000 PLUS loans were made a decade ago, and that figure has now more than doubled to 665,000. The size of the average PLUS loan has also increased dramatically, from a little more \$6,000 in 1996-1997 to nearly \$12,000 in 2006-2007.

Amy Carcanagues, Director of Financial Assistance at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, has observed this surge in PLUS loan borrowing firsthand. "We've noticed a definite increase over the last few years," she says. "For a while, private loans were very popular, but as their interest rates have started to bounce around, we've seen more parents coming back to the PLUS. The fixed interest rate and the deferment and repayment options make a big difference."

The reason for the increase in parent borrowing can also be found in the changing demands of today's job market. As manufacturing jobs have

disappeared from the American employment landscape, a larger percentage of jobs have required a higher level of education. More and more people are going to college in order to obtain the skills they need to be employable in their preferred fields.

At the same time, college costs have soared, leading to a situation where more parents find themselves unable to finance their children's educations. While many used to dip into savings and even retirement plans to help pay for college, this is becoming increasingly impossible for many families.

Despite these factors, however, this loan program is still relatively unknown to a majority of families. Only 3 percent of parents with college-going children borrowed PLUS loans in 2004.

Anne Walker, Financial Aid Director at Rice University, suggests one reason that more parents are not borrowing through the PLUS program is a lack of knowledge about all their options.

"Unless the financial aid office is telling parents about PLUS loans, they often don't know they are available. Many schools leave it up to the parent to initiate," Walker says.

Other reasons for the small percentage of PLUS loans may include the availability in some areas of state loan programs with lower interest rates. Many families also have trouble with the required credit check—while relatively lax by the standards of private lenders, it remains a barrier to borrowing for many parents.

For complete information about PLUS loans and how to apply, visit <http://www.tgsic.org/borrowers/plus/index.cfm>.

# Medication management tips

by Jane Rowan  
CEA/FCS, Haskell County  
(Part 2 of 2)

We know that taking our medications as directed is an important part of staying healthy. This involves understanding a little bit about drugs, in general, and how to talk to your doctor, pharmacist and other health providers who might prescribe medications. However, it also involves safely organizing and storing medications in addition to keeping good records about them. Andrew Crocker, Extension Program Specialist for Gerontology Health, shares the following organization and safety tips for your medications.

Your doctor has prescribed a medication, the pharmacist has filled the prescription and now it is up to you to take it safely. Here are some tips that can help:

- Take your medication in the exact amount and at the time your doctor prescribes

- Call your doctor if you have problems with your medication. Your doctor may be able to change it to a different one that will work better for you.

- Avoid mixing alcohol and medication. Some medications may not work correctly or may make you sick if taken with alcohol.

- Take your medication until it is finished or until your doctor says it is okay to stop taking it. For some medications, like antibiotics, it may be important to take all of the pills, even after you start feeling better. Remember not to share medications—your medication was prescribed for you to treat your condition. Also, check the expiration dates on your medication bottles and throw away outdated medications.

Because of changes in vision, hearing, loss of strength in the hands and many other ailments that may accompany aging, older adults may have a hard time

managing their medications once they get them home. For these reasons and others, you may want to purchase a pill sorter to help better manage your medications.

Some pill sorters allow for a 7-day supply of medication, and some hold a 7-day supply of medication with different slots for taking pills up to 4 times per day. Some pill sorters hold a month's supply of medication. No matter what type you choose, look for a few things before buying:

- Is the print large enough for me to read?

- Are the lids easy enough for me to open?

- Does the pill sorter have enough slots for all the medication I take?

- Does it come in different colors so I don't get my pills and my spouse's pills confused?

If you take your medication out of the childproof container, remember not to leave your medication on a kitchen table or counter where a young child may get into it.

You should always keep a list of medications you are taking, why you are taking each medication, and the dose for that medication. It is a good reminder for you and your doctor, especially if you have more than one doctor. In addition, this list can be invaluable in an emergency. Keep this list somewhere that is easily accessible in case of an accident, perhaps in the glove box of your car or on the front of your refrigerator.

Many different agencies and organizations can give you a medication record. No matter where you get your record, or if you make it up yourself, it should have a few basic parts:

- It should clearly be identified as YOUR medication record. Be sure it contains your name and phone number

- It needs to have the date it was last updated. It is important to

keep your list of medications up-to-date, always making changes when a new dose is given, when you stop or start a medication, etc.

- List your allergies to food and drugs. This information may make a difference in what your doctor wants to prescribe for you

- Make a complete list of everything you take, both prescription and non-prescription, including the dose you take, how often you take it, what the pill looks like, why you take it, the doctor who prescribed it and any special instructions

You play a big part in making sure that you and your medications are safe. You can do this by keeping a list of your prescription and non-prescription medications, keeping that list up-to-date and making sure to take that list with you to any doctor's visits. Also, remember to take your medications as prescribed and not to share them. And last, talk with your doctor or pharmacist about any problems you have with your medications.

Remember, medications that are strong enough to help you can also be strong enough to hurt you if they are not used the right way.

For more information or to obtain a free medication record form, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at 940-864-2546 or stop by the Haskell County Extension office located at 101 S. Avenue D in Haskell. You may also obtain additional information by visiting the National Institutes of Health Senior Health site: <http://nih.seniorhealth.gov>.

# State inspection program available to homeowners

You thought the remodel project was complete when you moved back in, but now you've discovered something wrong. Worse, the remodeler won't even return your phone calls or simply refuses to fix the problem. So now what?

Traditionally, a homeowner would have to retain a lawyer, hire experts, and go to court or arbitration. Sometimes a homeowner would just give up because it wasn't worth the hassle. Texas has a new program that may help.

The Texas Residential Construction Commission administers the state's inspection process. This process allows a homeowner to obtain a professional, technical review of alleged post-construction defects.

At the end of the process, the engineer or code inspector provides a written report of the findings. If a defect is confirmed, hopefully the matter can be resolved quickly.

If further legal action is still

necessary, the inspection report can be very valuable because it holds a legal presumption of whether a construction defect exists. This means the scales tip in your favor, since this report is available to the judge, arbitrator or mediator reviewing the matter and the costs required for expert witness fees should be reduced.

You can submit an inspection request in a variety of ways. You may either submit it on the Web at [www.texasrcc.com](http://www.texasrcc.com), through email to [info@trcc.state.tx.us](mailto:info@trcc.state.tx.us), or by mail to P.O. Box 13144, Austin, Texas 78711.

For more information about the commission or a builder or remodeler in Texas, visit the Web at [www.texasrcc.com](http://www.texasrcc.com) or call 877-651-TRCC.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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# Beef Cattle Short Course set

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The 53rd annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course will be held Aug. 6-8 at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"Planning committee members from around the state have met with us and helped us put together another outstanding program," said Dr. Jason Cleere, Texas Cooperative Extension beef cattle specialist and conference coordinator.

This year's short course will address cost increases in fertilizer, fuel, equipment and grain and how they affect a rancher's profits, Cleere said.

"Increasing feed and fertilizer costs continue to put a lot of pressure on beef cattle producers to look for new ways to produce a pound of beef more economically," he said. "In the near future, economics may override traditional ranch practices."

The short course, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, will address these issues as well as other topics during the three-day event, providing information for the novice rancher as well as for the most seasoned one, Cleere said.

"The 2007 short course will be one of the most important programs of the year for today's beef producers looking to the future," said Dr. Larry Boleman, assistant deputy vice chancellor and conference director.

"Previous participants always comment on the variety of topics that are offered during the Beef Cattle Short Course," he said. "One of the most popular features of the short course is the Cattleman's College where participants can choose workshops and topics from a field of approximately 17 different subjects on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The 2007 Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course Set for Aug. 6-8 concurrent workshops will feature information on ranch management, nutrition, reproduction, genetics, pastures, carcass evaluation, record keeping, organic and natural beef production."

In addition to the Cattleman's College sessions, a key general session will be offered on Monday afternoon.

The Wednesday "Cattleman's College" sessions are designed to offer a more hands-on approach to calf working, cattle handling,

cattle selection, carcass evaluation and record keeping, Cleere said. Participants will also have an opportunity to obtain a Private Applicators License that day.

"The goal of the Beef Cattle Short Course each year is to provide the most cutting-edge information that is vital to beef cattle producers," said Cleere.

"Changing Dynamics of the U.S. Beef Industry" will be the theme of the general session this year, and we have already lined up some of the nation's top speakers," he said.

Participants can earn numerous pesticide continuing education units (CEUs) if already licensed. The trade show will feature more than 100 agricultural businesses and service exhibits.

Registration includes educational materials, a copy of the 300-page Beef Cattle Short Course proceedings, trade show admittance, tickets to the prime rib dinner, five additional meals and daily refreshments.

Registration information and tentative schedules can be found on the short course web site. Producers may register online at <http://beef.tamu.edu> or contact Cleere's office at 979-845-6931.

# Summer's colorful produce gives kids healthy choices

The abundance of summer's fresh produce—from farmer's markets to roadside stands—offers families the perfect opportunity to introduce the healthy habit of eating more fruits and vegetables, say UT Southwestern Medical Center clinical nutritionists.

"Offering children fruit or vegetable choices empowers them to make healthy decisions regarding their diet," said Cindy Cunningham, assistant professor of clinical nutrition. "Summer is the perfect time for a family to start increasing its intake of these foods because they are inexpensive and readily available."

Young children should consume at least five servings of fruits or vegetables per day, as should teenagers and adults, said Cunningham, who is a registered dietitian.

Dr. Abhimanyu Garg, professor of internal medicine in the Center for Human Nutrition, said it's essential to teach children about good nutrition so they can carry the healthy habits with them for life. Adults have generally

already formed their food preferences, but if a variety of fruits and vegetables are introduced to young children, a lifelong impression might be made, he said. Children who learn to make good food choices are more likely to grow up to be healthy adults.

"There are simple steps people can take to work fruits and vegetables into their diet," Cunningham said. "Berries can be added to breakfast cereal, or a fruit salad can be served for lunch. Vegetables can be grilled alongside meat, and fruit makes a delicious and simple dessert. The great thing about fruit is that there's very little cooking involved—just wash, peel and slice. A proper diet needs to include variety to ensure a person is getting all the nutrients needed for good health."

Color is the key when choosing fruits and vegetables, she said. Studies have shown that red, orange or green vegetables are the most nutrient dense. All fruits and vegetables contain phytochemicals, which give them their color. Phytochemicals are the disease-fighting substances found only in plant-based foods. Studies have shown that eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables may help lower the risk for certain cancers, high blood pressure and eye diseases. UT Southwestern researchers have found that eating at least 50 grams of soluble fiber, which is found

in fruits and vegetables, each day can help lower insulin levels for diabetics.

Tips for helping children eat more fruits and vegetables include:

- Start increasing children's intake by adding fruits and vegetables to meals. Make it a game for youngsters to eat as many colors from the rainbow as they can in a day.
- Use sliced fruits and vegetables for snacks and desserts. Make these snacks easy to select by having them ready in the refrigerator. Cut offerings down to bite-size for small children.
- Have youngsters start each day with a glass of 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice. Frozen juices from concentrate are as nutritious as fresh fruits, as long as the label says "100 percent juice."
- Keep introducing new fruits and vegetables to children. It's common for youngsters to love a food one day and hate it the next. Continue offering healthy, diverse choices, and they'll eventually eat a wider variety. Don't force children to eat food they don't like.
- Have children look in cookbooks and magazines for new recipes to try. Take them on the next trip to the grocery store or the farmer's market so they can assist in finding the healthy ingredients. Ask them to choose a new fruit or vegetable to try.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### THOSE SILVER-LINED CLOUDS ARE A GIFT FROM GOD

From early childhood we have all gazed at the clouds and formed mental pictures from their ever-changing patterns that traverse the sky in an endless array of moods; from the dark, ominous thunderheads to the white billowy cumulus, the graceful wind-swept cirrus and the fiery streaks of a magnificent sunset. Clouds can provide coolness on a hot day, a drought-ending rainstorm or a

layer of snow for the skiers; and at times they can portend some possible hazards for the airborne or the earthbound. In any case, clouds are a vital part of the atmosphere of our earthly home, spun for us by the good Lord. Let no clouds of doubt keep you from attending your house of worship, to thank God for His gift of those vapor forms that bring beauty and life-giving moisture to our skies.

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C.C. Curran, pastor  
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**  
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- Church of Christ**  
Steve Willis, minister  
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West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**  
Fred Garvin, pastor  
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500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Clovis Dever  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

- First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester

#### SAGERTON

- Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
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- Faith Lutheran Church**  
Curtis Baker, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
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- First Baptist Church**  
Russell Stanley, pastor  
Sun. 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.  
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- Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**  
Tom Long, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule
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Manuel Marin, pastor  
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Larry Neal, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**  
Jim Reid, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.  
O'Brien

# Prepare for retirement

Most Americans today are ill-prepared for retirement tomorrow. While we dream of and look forward to an active, independent and carefree retirement, the reality is that far too many Americans have saved little or nothing for their "golden years."

The Internet is filled with retirement calculators that will provide worksheets to help you know how much money you are going to need after you retire. Take some time to determine how you are going to pay for your retirement lifestyle.

Before you set a retirement date:

- Decide what you want your annual income to be after you retire.
- Determine the average rate of return on your investments before and after you retire.
- Determine the market value of all your investments.
- Obtain an estimate of your company's pension plan.
- Obtain an estimate of your Social Security benefits.

You should already receive an annual "Personal Earnings and Benefit Statement" from the Social Security Administration. Be sure to review this statement for errors that might prevent you from receiving your full share of benefits.

One easy way to make sure that you will have some money to enjoy retirement is to participate in your employer's 401k program. Employers are now allowed to enroll their workers in a 401k program and workers need to specifically opt-out of the retirement plan. But why would you? This is your future! The 401k is another tool to help you diversify your investments so that you can lessen the financial burden when

you do retire.

Try to contribute all you can to your workplace 401k program. Earnings are tax-deferred and many employers will add money to the plan as an extra incentive. Be sure to monitor your account and "rebalance" at least once a year due to market fluctuations.

Be sure to read your employer's 401k Summary Plan and review:

- When are you eligible for the program?
- What are the types of available investment options?
- How often you can switch between options?
- Are early withdrawals permitted for hardship or personal loans?
- What are the available distribution options when you leave the company or retire?
- How much will your employer contribute to your 401k?

A few months before you retire, it might be a good idea to sit down with a reputable financial advisor in retirement plan distributions and tax implications.

An expert may suggest you transfer your retirement funds to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). By taking this route, you will maintain your tax-deferred status of that sum and reduce your current tax burden. Keep in mind that IRAs are governed by a different set of rules than a 401k. If you're older than 59-1/2, you can withdraw as much money as you want at any time and still be subject to ordinary taxes on that income. But if you retire before that time, you may be facing penalties for early withdrawal of those funds. This is why it is advisable to consult a professional.

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You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to

correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months including in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a

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## Estate planning saves taxes, frustration

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

"A properly drawn estate plan may save some farm and ranch families up to \$400,000 in estate taxes, income taxes, and administrative fees." This statement made by Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension Economist and Attorney, assumes a lot of information: a married couple who "like each other" and want to care for each other, who have property worth \$2 million or more, and want to pass it on to their children and grandchildren.

This is an eye opening fact for many people. In fact, many people only worry about estate planning if they hear of a friend's "problem" in settling an estate or paying estate taxes. "But," Hayenga continued, "for many families the estate tax savings are

not as large if they have smaller operations. In fact, for many families, the income tax savings of a properly prepared estate plan can be greater than the estate tax savings."

Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Cooperative Extension, will conduct a seminar discussing these complicated tax topics at the College Station Conference Center on Aug. 8-9. For more information contact Sharon at 979-845-2226 for registration information or email s-wehring@tamu.edu

The program is structured to help people learn how to lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estates to their loved ones. In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax

savings possibilities will be discussed from corporations, partnerships and trusts when family members are involved in the business.

Making gifts to avoid estate taxes will be discussed, also. "There are two problems with making excessive gifts: the first is dying poor; the second is the adverse income tax consequences the gift can cause the recipient. A properly planned estate can save many dollars in income taxes for the heirs."

Two problems that affect family operations are planning for inflation and growth of the business. Another topic, how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the family business and others are not, will be addressed.

## TV signals to change

Television stations across the country will begin broadcasting exclusively in a digital format after Feb. 17, 2009. But according to Nielsen Media Research, for 1,715,980 households in Texas, the switch to digital could mean the loss of free TV reception in their homes unless they take easy steps to upgrade.

By law, television stations nationwide must turn off their analog signals on Feb. 17, 2009 and broadcast exclusively in a digital format. To continue receiving free TV reception, the 1,715,980 Texas households that rely on over-the-air broadcast programming on analog TV sets must either purchase new television sets with integrated digital tuners, purchase converter boxes that translate the digital signal into the analog format for older television sets, or subscribe to a pay TV service like cable or satellite.

"Consumers need to learn about the steps they can take to

upgrade to digital before it's too late," said Jonathan Collegio, vice president of the DTV transition unit at the NAB. "Upgrading is not an option—it is required for those who wish to continue receiving free television after the transition. As broadcasters, our goal is to ensure that no American loses television reception in February 2009 due to a lack of information about the transition to digital."

Currently, 92% of full power television stations nationwide are already broadcasting programming in digital. But while broadcasters have successfully upgraded their infrastructure to prepare for the transition, according to a recent survey by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), nearly 60 percent of consumers remain completely unaware of the transition.

To help educate consumers about the transition, NAB has hired a full-time DTV transition

unit to spearhead a national DTV consumer awareness campaign. The campaign has launched a comprehensive Web site—www.dtvanswers.com—to help consumers learn about options they have to navigate the transition to digital television. The site provides in-depth information about the transition, and offers a wide variety of resources, including an informational video, to help answer consumers' questions.

"The broadcasting industry is doing everything possible to make sure Americans know about the transition to DTV, and the many benefits of digital television that are available to consumers right now," said Collegio. "These benefits include crystal clear pictures, better sound, more channels and other new services that will greatly improve the television experience for viewers."

For more information visit www.DTVanswers.com.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 521 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., July 7, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

167 steers and bulls, 176 heifers, 178 cows and bulls were sold. 47 sellers and 26 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, 48-53; cutters, 53-60.25; canners, 40-45.

Bulls: bologna, 63-70, feeders, 85-93.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 135-153; 300-400 lbs., 138-141; 400-500 lbs., 120-138; 500-600 lbs., 109-120; 600-700 lbs., 105-109; 700-800 lbs., 103-105; 800-up lbs., 94-103.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 120-135; 300-400 lbs., 117-120; 400-500 lbs., 107-117; 500-600 lbs., 104-107; 600-up lbs., 90-104.

Bred heifers: medium frame 585-780.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 600-830; aged or small, 500-600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 900-1050; aged or small, 780-900.

## ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., July 16

Lunch—Salmon patties, creamy potatoes, black-eyed peas, yeast rolls, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., July 18

Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, buttered corn, green beans, sliced onions, garlic toast, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., July 20

Lunch—Chili wieners, pinto beans, onions, pickles, cornbread, jello, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee  
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