

Have a safe Fourth of July

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Calendar

Fireworks display set Sat., July 5

A fireworks display, 'Honor America,' will be held Sat., July 5 beginning at 10 p.m. east of the high school baseball field in Haskell. Parking will be available west of the rodeo grounds with entry available from the north gate.

Reception to honor Emerson

Wallace H. Emerson will be honored during a reception Tues., July 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First National Bank of Haskell Community Room.

Singing school set July 6-11

Haskell Singing School is scheduled July 6-11 for ages 10 through adult. Classes begin Mon., July 7 at 8:45 a.m. in the main auditorium of the Haskell Church of Christ. Register by calling the church office at 864-3101 or drop by for an application form.

Fiddling contest to be held

The Texas Cowboy Reunion Old Timers Association will host their annual fiddling contest July 5 at 10 a.m. To enter, call 325-773-3495. Limited to 15 entries.

Summer lunches served at Elementary

The Haskell CISD will sponsor the Summer Food Service program at the Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 306 S. Ave G, Monday through Friday, through July 18. Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. No meals will be served July 4. Anyone ages 1 through 18 years of age may eat free. Adults may eat for the price of \$2.50 per plate.

Support group meets on Tuesdays

A cancer support group will meet on Tuesdays through July 22 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 1502 N. Ave. E. in Haskell. For information call 325-672-0040 or email acolley@cancer services network.org.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

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BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT—Haskell City workers are making forms to prepare for the pouring of concrete to repair the weir below the bridge along Avenue H. The weir holds the water allowing for ponding of the creek water making the creek's appearance more pleasing. Preparing the forms are, from top, Alfred Ozuna, John Wheat and Cory Green.

Local businessman marks fifty years as automobile dealer

In June 2008, Bailey Toliver marked fifty years as an automobile dealer in Haskell.

Toliver, the son of Luther and Ardonia Toliver, was born and raised on a farm just north of Haskell. He attended school in Weinert where he excelled in athletics. After graduating from high school in 1945, he considered accepting a college scholarship to play football, but instead went to work in the oil fields of West Texas. He spent several years in the panhandle area before returning to Haskell in 1949. There he met Nancy Burton, whom he later married.

The Korean Conflict was in progress by this time, and he was soon drafted to serve in the U.S. war effort. He was assigned to train troops and did so while obtaining the rank of Sergeant. In 1952, he was discharged from the Army, married Burton, and



BAILEY TOLIVER

enrolled in Texas Tech University. Toliver graduated from college in 1956 and joined with a group of men in Lubbock to form a ballbearing company. In June 1957, he had an opportunity to buy an interest in an automobile dealership in Haskell with W.O. Smith. He moved his wife and daughter, Lee Ann, back to Haskell. He became a partner in the Smith-Toliver Chevrolet Co. and has remained an automobile dealer for the past fifty years.

During the years that followed, changes were made to the company name. When Smith sold his interest, the business

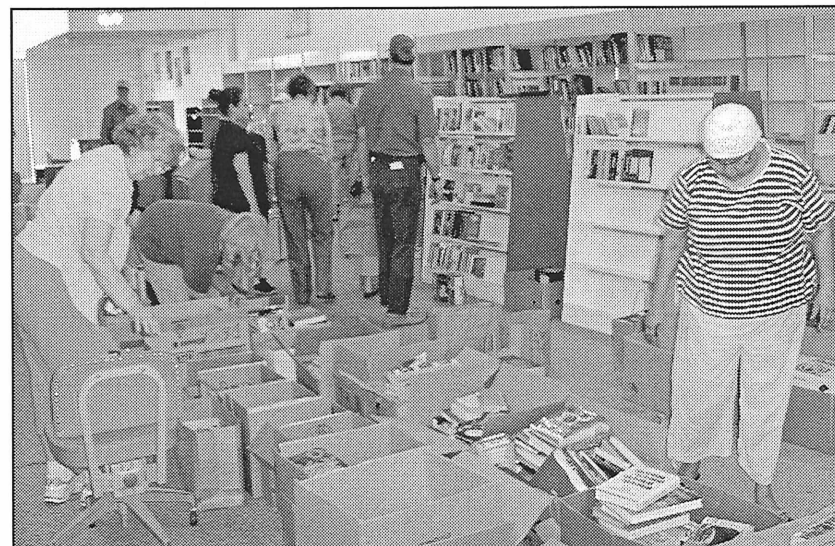
became Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Oldsmobile. Today it is known as Bailey Toliver Chevrolet-Cadillac.

The Tolivers have been active members of the community throughout the years. He and his family, which grew to include a daughter and three sons have been involved in the Baptist church membership.

Through the years, Toliver has held several community positions including president of the Chamber of Commerce, charter member and first president of the Kiwanis Club, Little League coach, Boy Scout leader,

automobile director and a bank director. Since 1980 he has enjoyed farming the land on which he grew up.

An important goal for Toliver was to see his four children receive their diplomas from Texas Tech University. Daughter, Lee Ann, is married to Robin Colbert and they live in Dallas. She is a sales consultant for Novartis Pharmaceutical Corp. Following their father's lead, all three sons are in the automobile business. Brian is in business in Sulphur Springs, Joseph in Ballinger, and Sam in Haskell and Abilene.



BOOK SALE—Many readers were looking for a bargain at the book sale held by the Friends of the Library last weekend. Books were sold for \$1 per bag. Proceeds will benefit library projects.

DPS to increase holiday patrols

The Texas Highway Patrol warns drivers and passengers to have a safe July 4 holiday weekend, so they are increasing patrols to reduce traffic fatalities and crashes. Troopers will be looking for people who are driving drunk, speeding or not wearing safety belts.

"If the thought of killing or injuring others on the road, while you're driving drunk is not enough to make you drive sober, just remember that our troopers will be looking to arrest you," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. director of the DPS. "Many drunk drivers think that they are sober enough to drive and discover that they are wrong when they're arrested and taken to jail."

Texans can avoid jail by driving sober. They should designate a sober driver before the drinking starts and make sure the driver stays sober. Instead of risking drinking too much, the sober driver should stick to all nonalcoholic drinks before getting behind the wheel.

Last year during the extended holiday weekend (July 3-8), DPS troopers made 689 driving while intoxicated arrests and issued 10,445 speeding citations. During that same weekend, they issued 2,167 tickets for safety belt violations and 577 for child safety seat and booster seat violations.

This year, beginning at midnight on Fri., July 4 and running through midnight Sun., July 6, the Texas Highway patrol will have all available troopers patrolling highways throughout the state. Troopers are participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)—a nationwide campaign by state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. They are also participating in Operation Holiday—statewide effort by law enforcement to reduce fatalities during holiday weekends.

Here are some driving tips the DPS recommends for travelers:

- Slow down, especially if weather and road conditions do not allow for the designated speed.
- Secure everyone in the vehicle properly, either with a safety belt or in the appropriate car seat or booster.
- Save phone calls for home or find a safe place to pull over to make your calls.
- Make sure you have enough gas in the fuel tank to make it to your destination.
- Drive with courtesy—do not participate in road rage behavior.

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Seymour rodeo to be held July 10-12

The Baylor County Seymour Rodeo will be held Thurs., July 10 through Sat., July 12, starting nightly at 7 p.m. at the Seymour Rodeo Grounds.

The entire weekend offers an assortment of events for the whole family. Along with the rodeo, the festivities include the annual Old Settlers Reunion on Saturday morning, a parade on Saturday afternoon around 5 p.m. offering riding clubs, floats and bikes. The legendary Bull Poker will be held at the Saturday night rodeo. A dance featuring Texas Standard Time will be Friday from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight and Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Cowboy Church will be offered on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. at the rodeo grounds. The rodeo will also feature a sanctioned R.C.H.A. Ranch Cutting at 9 a.m. on Friday morning at the Seymour Rodeo Grounds. For more information, contact Cindy Burkett at 940-586-1839.

For event information, contact Randye McKee for special events such as kids steer riding, wild wool riding, ranch wild cow milking, and bull poker at 806-687-9748. Booking is open from 4 to 8 p.m. till books are full on Sun., July 6.

Contact Linda for rodeo events at 806-276-5672, books are open Monday July 7, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

For general information, contact Mark Daniel at 940-256-0190.

Electrical outlets

Hot, neutral and grounded: These terms describe the electrical outlets throughout your home.

Each outlet has three holes, each of which is a different size. The small opening is the hot connection and the larger one is the neutral. The round hole is the ground, there in case of an electrical fault in the system.

An electrical fault can result from worn insulation on the wires, loose or wet connections, or broken connections.

If you think you have a problem with any of your outlets, call a professional immediately and have your outlets checked.

Obituaries

Wanda Lees



WANDA LEES
Funeral services for Wanda Lees, 76, of Rule were held Fri.,

June 27 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Pastor Russell Stanley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

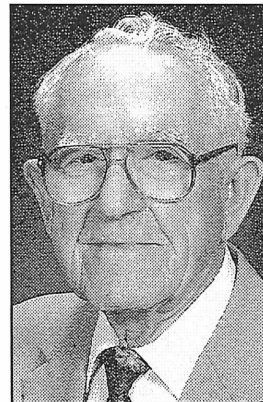
Mrs. Lees died Tues., June 24 in Abilene.

Born Dec. 30, 1932 in Avoca, she was the daughter of Leo Holden and Geneva Robison Holden. She married Roy Nolan Lees 'Spew' in November of 1947. She worked at Rice Springs Care Home as a kitchen assistant supervisor for many years. She will be greatly missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her father; one sister, Alice Inell Henson; and one great granddaughter, Mylee

Scheets. Survivors include her mother; daughters, Sandra Lefevre of Rule and Kathy Nell Britt of Abilene; sisters, Menza Fleming and husband Elvis of Roswell, New Mexico and Ivah Louetta Carlock of Crowley; five grandchildren, Brooke Andhor, Brandy Britt, Melissa Lefevre Herrera, Jennifer Lefevre and Jackie Lefevre; three great grandchildren, Christina Herrera, Jillian Herrera and Jayden Carver; nieces, Anna Lynn Chatman, Deborah Carlock and Fran Gustafson; nephews, Joseph Carlock, Daniel Carlock, Eddie Fleming, Jack Hensen and Gene Henson. PD. NOTICE

Horace V. 'Woodie' Woodard



H.V. WOODARD

Funeral services for Horace V. 'Woodie' Woodard, 90, of Haskell were held Sun., June 29 at the Haskell Church of Christ. Graveside services were held at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell. Dale Huff read the message, Phil Sims gave the closing prayer and Jim Franks read the eulogy.

Mr. Woodard went to be with God Sat., June 26.

Born July 7, 1917 at Cedar Grove, Tennessee, a small farming community near Jackson, he was better known to his friends as H.V. or Woodie. The family had a successful farm and wonderful parents who taught their ten children good morals, the importance of education, and Christianity by living it each day. Woodard hunted and trapped to help make money for the family during his years at home. He

graduated from high school and joined the government Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) building different projects during the depression years; then worked for Ford Motor Co. in Chattanooga, Tennessee as a trainer and demonstrator to farmers for the new and first Ford tractor that was being introduced in Tennessee by Henry Ford.

The day after Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, he volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Corps and served the four years as navigator and pilot trainer ending his military time in Midland in 1945. He was extremely patriotic all his years and was proud to serve his country.

He married Dorothy Pinkerton, daughter of Mollie Pinkerton of Snyder, in 1945; lived in Midland, Snyder and Dallas and moved to Haskell in 1953. They had two daughters, Rita Franks of Abilene and Rhonda Haynes of Round Rock. He bought the Ford Tractor Co. in Haskell and sold Ford tractors until his retirement in 1980.

Dorothy preceded him in death in 1973. He later married Mae Custis Watson in 1978, after the death of her husband, Fred Custis. Fred was the Haskell Church of Christ preacher during the 60's and both Mae and Dorothy taught elementary school together and became close friends. After Mae and Fred Custis left Haskell, he continued to preach in New Mexico and she taught school in Hobbs until she and Woodard

married in 1978. Both Woodie and Mae loved working with their church and helping others.

Woodard enjoyed hunting and fishing with friends in Haskell, camping in Colorado, being a Boy Scout leader. He later served as Mayor of Haskell for several years and was involved in community work, church and was an elder for the Haskell Church of Christ for many years. He had a gift of story telling and would share his experiences of growing up in a family of ten children on their farm in Tennessee and of hunting and fishing with his daughters and grandchildren and was a favorite story teller at Woodard family reunions. We have wonderful memories of visiting the farm and hearing about their life.

In 2008, Woodie and Mae moved from Haskell to University Place Retirement Center in Abilene to be close to family. He loved God, his family and his country. He was a wonderful father and friend and will be missed.

Survivors include his wife, Mae; daughters, Rita and husband Jim Franks, and Rhonda and husband Jerry Haynes of Round Rock; three grandchildren, Lauren Franks and Jeremy and Michelle Haynes; sister, Sue Kornegay of Charlotte, North Carolina; brothers, Gordon Woodard of Clarksville, Georgia and Harold Wood of Fort Myers, Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

Jessie Ruth Jones Nesbitt



JESSIE NESBITT

Graveside services for Jessie Ruth Jones Nesbitt, 72, of Denison, Iowa, formerly of Haskell, were held Wed., July 2 in Willow Cemetery in Haskell with Chester Jones officiating. Services were under the direction of Pfannebecker Funeral Home of Denison, Iowa and Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Nesbitt died Thurs., June 26 at Eventide Lutheran Home in Denison, Iowa.

Born Oct. 26, 1935 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Jesse and Annie Curry Jones. She was raised in Haskell and graduated from high school in 1954. She married James Sorensen in Texas and they made their home in South Sioux City, Nebraska, and were blessed with three children, Valeta, Jeff and John. She was employed for twenty-five years as a bookkeeper for Wilson Trailer in Sioux City.

In 1981, she moved to Dallas where she was employed at Texas Oil and Gas until retiring in 1996. She married Morgan Nesbitt in November of 1984 in Dallas. He preceded her in death June 11, 1989.

Following her retirement, she moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, and received her B.A. degree from the University of Nebraska in 2001.

She then moved to Denison, Iowa, where she had since resided.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Morgan; and one sister, Mary Jo Price.

Survivors include one daughter, Valeta and husband Brian Pautsch of Charter Oak, Iowa; two sons, Jeff Sorensen of Lincoln, Nebraska and John Sorensen and wife Maureen of Anthem, Arizona; eight grandchildren, Josh and Katie Sorensen, both of Lincoln, Nebraska, Emily, Ben and Travis Pautsch, all of Charter Oak, Iowa, and Maddie, Joey and Lily Sorensen, all of Anthem, Arizona; two brothers and their wives, David and Marsha Jones of San Antonio and Chester and Charlotte Jones of Houston; one sister, Lelia Jones Hix of Wichita Falls; and many relatives and friends. PD. NOTICE

Identifying stroke symptoms vital to early intervention

Time is brain," goes a saying by stroke doctors.

A stroke—bleeding or blood clots in the brain—kills brain cells by cutting off oxygen. Treatment must begin within three hours to be effective.

Unfortunately, unlike a heart

attack, a stroke often doesn't hurt, says Dr. Mark Johnson, a neurologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"It's critical to be able to recognize the symptoms," Dr. Johnson says.

Symptoms include numbness, dizziness, mental confusion, vision problems, trouble with coordination or severe headache, all of which come on suddenly.

If you suspect that someone is having a stroke, try this simple three-question test:

- Ask the person to smile.
- Ask the person to raise both arms.
- Ask the person to say a simple sentence, such as "My name is..."

If the individual is unable to do any of these, call 911 immediately.

Several factors can increase the risk of stroke, including: smoking, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and high cholesterol. Controlling those can decrease your risk of stroke.

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Keeping track of your checking account is even more important

If you have a checking account at a bank or other financial institution, you may have noticed some changes in recent years. According to a report issued by the Federal Reserve, of the 93 billion non-cash payments made in 2006, 63 billion were electronic compared to 30 billion using checks.

Checking accounts have changed. Up until a few years ago, you automatically received copies of your cancelled checks in your monthly bank statement. Today, some banks will charge you a fee to provide copies of cancelled checks. Therefore, it is important that you review your bank statement thoroughly each month to make sure the transactions listed on your statement match your receipts and entries in your check register.

Banks now exchange information electronically rather than waiting for a paper check. This is called Check 21. If you write a check to pay for a purchase or pay a bill, your check may not be processed as a check, but rather as an "electronic check conversion," and the payment will be debited from your account as an electronic fund transfer.

Overdrafts and Bounced Checks

It is very important that you know how much money you have in your account to avoid fees and penalties for insufficient funds and returned checks. In the "good old days," if you wrote a check without sufficient funds to cover it, the bank would likely honor the check and then call and tell you that you need to put some money in your account. Today's world is quite different.

If you write a check, make an ATM withdrawal or use your debit card to make a purchase or other electronic payment without sufficient funds in your account (an "NSF item"), it can prove costly. If your bank accepts the payment, you will probably be charged an overdraft fee. If your bank rejects the payment, you will be charged a "bounced check" or "non-sufficient funds" fee. Add that fee to the "returned check fee" from the merchant and that adds up to some hefty

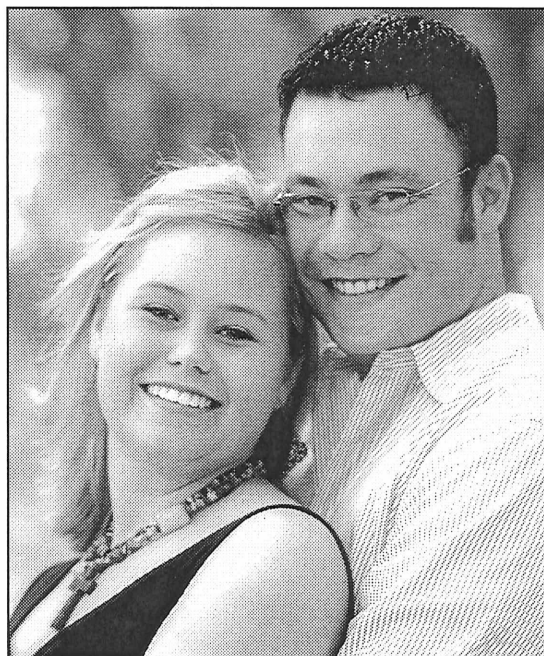
penalties. Processing NSF items is costly to banks and requires special handling, whether paid into overdraft or returned.

Most banks offer "courtesy overdraft protection" plans to their customers. While these plans are not free, they will protect you from the returned check fee from the merchant, credit report "dings" and possible criminal prosecution. You might also consider linking your checking account to your savings account, granting the bank permission to transfer funds between accounts. Or you might set up a line of credit with your bank. This would be considered more of a personal loan and you would be charged interest. If you have a credit card through your bank, you could link your checking account to the credit card. Remember, with each of these options, you will still have to pay a fee. However, it will be much cheaper than having a check returned to a merchant.

But, let's say that you are very diligent about managing your checking account. You still need to be aware of a few things. Never, never, never give your bank account information to anyone who calls you on the phone! If anyone requests this information, an internal alarm should immediately go off. The only time you would provide that information is when you have initiated the call. Scam artists can trick you into providing your account number and routing information and send a "demand draft" through your bank which is processed like a check. You may not know that the bank has paid the draft until you see the charge on your bank statement.

The world of check processing is changing, but to minimize your worries, just remember:

- Do not give out your bank account information to anyone you do not know.
- A checking account is a convenient and efficient way to manage your money.
- Keep track of your transactions and know how much money you have in the bank before writing that check or using that debit card.



MORGAN OVERMAN – JONATHAN HISEY

Overman, Hisey to marry Aug. 1

Rick and Sandra Overman of Lubbock, and Danny and Melinda Hisey of Rule, are announcing the engagement of their children, Morgan Elizabeth Overman and Jonathan Dean Hisey.

Overman is a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed by San Angelo School

District as an elementary school teacher.

Hisey is a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed by Wall High School as an Agriculture teacher.

The couple plans to marry August 1 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, in Lubbock.

Manual garage doors

Manual garage doors can be heavy and are set on a track with rollers and springs allowing them to open and close.

Watch children whenever they use garage doors and don't allow anyone near a moving garage door. Always be sure that nothing is in the door's path when

operating.

The springs on garage doors require periodic lubrication. The springs are under considerable tension and require special tools and knowledge for accurate and safe servicing. If your garage door requires major adjustment or repair, contact a professional for help.

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The children of Dorothy Baitz Clark

invite all her friends and relatives to her 80th birthday celebration July 12, 2008

at the Sons of Hermann Hall at Old Glory.

Supper will be served at 7 p.m.

A dance will follow from 8 to 11 p.m.

No invitations will be mailed locally. NO GIFTS PLEASE.

Have a safe Fourth of July

OPINION

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

High court rulings draw comments from top state officeholders

AUSTIN—Texas' top officeholders spoke out in response to two hot-button cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the high court on June 26 struck down a law that banned private ownership of handguns in the District of Columbia.

"Texans have long held that it is a fundamental right of every law-abiding citizen to keep and bear arms," Gov. Rick Perry said. "Affirmation from our country's highest court should unquestionably cement this right for future generations of Texans and Americans."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said: "I applaud the Supreme Court for affirming our fundamental Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. This decision is a victory for law-abiding Americans who own guns for self defense, or for hunting and recreation and preserves an important thread in America's history."

In another case, *Kennedy v. Louisiana*, the state of Louisiana charged a man with the aggravated rape of his then-8-year-old stepdaughter. He was convicted and sentenced to death under a state law authorizing capital punishment for the rape of a child under 12. The Supreme Court ruled on June 25 that the law violates the Eighth Amendment prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment, because the crime did not result, and was not intended to result, in the victim's death.

Gov. Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst commented in opposition to the ruling.

"In my opinion," Perry said, "laws should be strong enough to deter these unspeakable offenses or, in the least, prevent these lowest of criminals from harming any child again."

Dewhurst said he was disappointed with the decision. "I believe, and the vast majority of Texans agree, that the death penalty is an appropriate form of punishment for repeat child molesters. Our top priority remains protecting our most precious resource: our children. Fortunately, our law here in Texas was carefully crafted to give prosecutors the option of seeking life in prison without parole in the event a court invalidated the death penalty provision."

Commission picks I-69 developer

The Texas Transportation

Commission on June 26 picked San Antonio-based Zachry American and ACS Infrastructure to develop the Texas portion of Interstate 69 stretching from Brownsville to Texarkana.

Also competing for the bid was Bluebonnet Infrastructure Investors, composed of the Spanish firm Cintra, Citigroup, Earth Tech, Blanton & Associates, Maunsell, Othon and W.W. Webber.

The Texas Department of Transportation will negotiate a contract with the developer.

TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz said the highway department would use existing highway facilities wherever possible.

The project includes the development of local toll road projects in south Texas and work on a number of connecting highways in the I-69 corridor.

Commission Chair Deirdre Delisi said the project would have "limited" and "innovative" tolling. The proposal can be seen at www.keeptexasmoving.com.

Comptroller gives revenue report

The revised state franchise tax produced about \$4.2 billion in revenue May 1 through June 24, the office of the Texas comptroller reported June 25. That is \$1.7 billion short of the projected intake of \$5.9 billion.

Late filers have until Aug. 15 or Nov. 15 to pay, based on the amount of tax owed. Of the 133,000 businesses in Texas that were required to file, 46,000 were granted extensions after the original April 15 deadline.

The Legislature created the revised franchise tax in May 2006. The expected increase in revenue was intended to help offset a reduction in property taxes collected by local school districts.

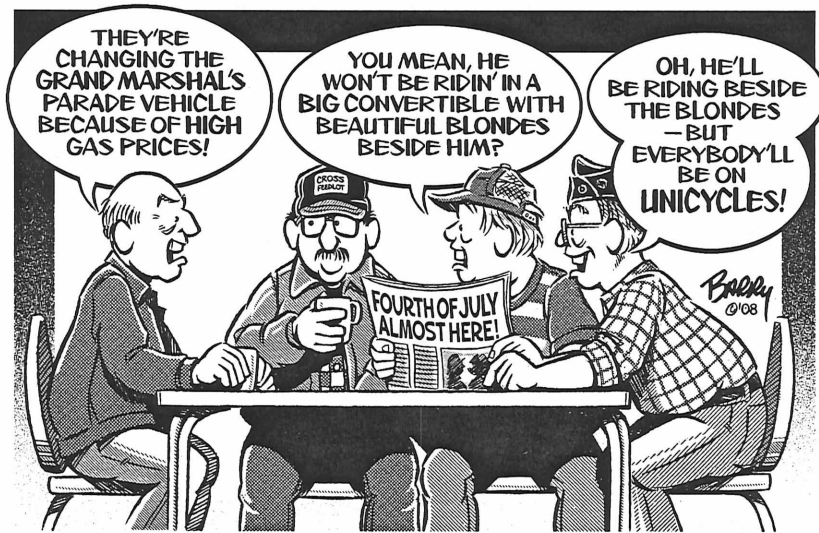
State Representative West dies

State Rep. G.E. "Buddy" West, R-Odessa, died June 25. He was 71. West was elected to the House in 1992 to represent Ector, Rankin and Winkler counties. He served eight terms. Texas flags were lowered in the Capitol Complex and at all state buildings, installations and institutions in West's District 81.

Ex-Supreme Court justice dies

James A. Baker of Dallas, a former Texas Supreme Court justice, died June 22. He was 77.

Then-Gov. George W. Bush appointed Baker to the Texas Supreme Court in 1995. Baker was elected to a full six-year term in 1996.



RISING COST OF OIL SEEPS INTO LOCAL CELEBRATIONS...

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 2, 1998

Amber Futch has been selected by UCA, as the All-Star Mascot. The Haskell High School junior has been invited to participate in the pregame performances at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida.

Abe Turner has been named as the new general manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, succeeding David Middleton, who has resigned after serving several years as manager, to return to Haskell C.I.S.D.

Haskell native Corrina Elizabeth Jimenez received the Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from Howard Payne University in May.

Derrick Tribbey, son of Robert and Lynette Tribbey of Haskell, took fourth place in the 4-H photography contest held in Vernon.

20 Years Ago July 7, 1988

Christi Bartley and Gena Decker of the Chieftain yearbook staff received a plaque as runner-up in Theme Development at the workshop held at Midwestern State University.

Andy Anderson celebrated his 68th birthday by scoring a hole-in-one at the Haskell Country Club.

The Bluebonnet Cafe in Rule is under the management of Jimmy and Verla Price. They purchased the business from Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Casey.

Shanna Murphy, daughter of Mary and Ed Murphy, won first

place in the Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion Show.

30 Years Ago July 6, 1978

A small bull snake caused a power failure for about two and half hours when the snake shorted out two 12,500 volt lines at the WTU substation at the Haskell Fair Grounds.

Charles Thornhill, Laura Andress and Diana Owens, collected donations for the Christmas lighting fund. A total of \$1,771.00 had been received to date.

A rationing program will begin and local residents will be allowed to water lawns and gardens every fourth day, according to the county precinct they reside in.

Kris Kupatt of Sagerton was the Haskell County delegate to the National 4-H Citizenship Short Course and Heritage Tour in Washington D.C.

40 Years Ago July 4, 1968

The Haskell County Sheriff's Posse will be traveling to Santa Fe, New Mexico to compete for parade honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones attended the Adams family reunion in the old Truby school house at Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Winter, of Glendale, California visited Haskell to attend the HemisFair with Mr. and Mrs. Myron Biard. Winter, a nephew of Myron Biard.

Haskell Speedway had one racing fan to attend on horseback. Alvin Sherman was out riding,

saw the lights, and came out.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Thompson and Ronnie and Mrs. Tom Whitley and Sam of Spur, visited in the home of Mrs. Thompson's father, George Moeller.

50 Years Ago July 3, 1958

Dr. Robert A. Middleton, has joined the staff of the Haskell Clinic for the practice of medicine and surgery.

The Western Winds Motel in Rule, owned by Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Davis, is opened.

Sallie Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, is visiting her great-grandfather, A.C. Orr.

Free polio shots were given at the Haskell Hospital.

100 Years Ago July 4, 1908

W.C. Eastland hitched his horse and buggy to the court house fence, and when he went to get his rig, it had disappeared. Deputy Sheriff Dan Falkner traced the missing animal and buggy to Thurber. They went to Thurber, where they learned identity of the man taking the horse. Deputy Falkner arrived back with the prisoner and Mr. Eastland drove his horse and buggy back to Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. English returned the latter part of last week from their ranch in El Paso County.

Jack Simmons and sisters, Tishie and Mamie left on a trip to Dallas.

Jim Killingsworth returned from Rule, where he has been engaged for several days

Oil price spike puts farmers in grim situation

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

Most anyone who has paid a visit to the grocery store or gas pump lately can attest that prices are high and getting higher.

There's no relief in sight, and things could get a lot worse before they get better, the leader of Texas' largest farm organization said, particularly for the men and women who grow the crops and livestock that have become the backbone to food supplies the world over.

"I've been farming since the 1960s," said Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke, a San Angelo-area cotton and grain farmer. "In the years since, we've all seen dozens of grim situations in agriculture. They pale in comparison to the major problem that is shaping up in our industry at this very moment."

Indeed, food prices for the consumer have increased in recent months, Dierschke said, but they are still a bargain. As a percentage of disposable income, Americans still enjoy the lowest food prices of any country on the planet.

Some groups have incorrectly pointed to increased commodity prices as a culprit in these price increases. But that is simply not true, Dierschke said.

"We want Texas consumers to understand several factors are involved, but the main reason food prices are higher is the price of oil," the Texas Farm Bureau President said, adding that if unchecked, escalating oil prices could spell ruin for many of his fellow farmers, even during times of record crop prices.

Dierschke explained consumers and agriculture

producers face similar problems with high energy costs. Both must manage their budgets to make ends meet. Farmers in particular are finding it difficult to pay for spiraling fuel and fertilizer costs.

"I know that many Americans are being told that farmers are becoming wealthy in this run-up of commodity prices," Dierschke said. "It's simply not true. Prices of petroleum-driven crop inputs have blown through the roof. I cannot imagine farmers putting seeds in the ground next year if the prices for row crops fall and if we are paying the current price for diesel-or more."

The situation has created what Dierschke describes as a "slow train wreck" for the farmers of Texas.

"The situation we are in now will not change unless the price of oil is reduced significantly," he said. "Even with commodity prices at record levels, some farmers are being forced into making major modifications in the way they farm, including reducing the amount they produce. And if that happens, consumers and farmers alike could share in a farm crisis the likes of which we've never seen."

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton pulled higher Thursday as futures prices on the New York Board of Trade drifted upward in concert with strong gains in outside commodities. Analysts pointed to continued weather concerns in West Texas and the anticipation of Monday's acreage report from USDA as influencing factors in recent market gains even though the survey will not reflect recent abandonment.

Adverse weather in West Texas over the past month added support to the market, as observers watch with interest to see what will happen next. One-third of the projected 9.38-million-acre crop is expected to be grown in West Texas, and continued concern over cotton development in the state hinges on the need for additional precipitation and no further damage from heavy storms, hail or sand and high winds.

Given the varied interpretations of how beneficial the hit-and-miss West Texas thunderstorms have been, it is difficult to assess the condition of the crop there. After many days of temperatures over the 100-degree mark, the rain had to bring much needed relief to the crop despite all the hail and high winds that accompanied it, an observer explained.

Meanwhile, net export sales of U.S. cotton fell to a marketing year low in the week ended June 19 as only 19,100 bales were sold. The figure was down 54 percent from the previous week and 93 percent from the four-week average. Indonesia purchased 9,200 bales, with Vietnam and Thailand rounding out the list of top three buyers for the week.

Export shipments of 282,200 bales were down three percent from the previous week but up four percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 2,821 bales in the week ended June 26 compared to 15,861 bales the previous week. Prices received by producers ranged from 61.59 to 68.10 cents per pound versus 63.59 to 68.45 cents per pound one week ago.

In other news, the National Cotton Council reported domestic cotton consumption in May was pegged by the National Agricultural Statistics Service at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 4.52 million bales. The figure was down from the previous month's 4.59 million and last year's 4.92 million bales.

"While those that remain standing seem relatively healthy, collectively, the American Spinning Mill industry continues to find the path to world expansion elusive, even with a lower U.S. dollar," one analyst said. "Given the opposing views for future U.S. import/export trade regulations expressed by the two presidential candidates, one can only wonder if the business barometer is rising or falling for the American textile industry."

A world-wide container shortage still is making it difficult to ship U.S. cotton from any port in the nation. As the value of the dollar falls overseas, making U.S. products cheaper, the export industry in the U.S. is surging. The growing demand for containers, coupled with rising fuel costs, mean exporters are paying more to ship overseas. The situation is biting into the profit margins of exporters across the country, when they can secure containers, of course. Due to the size and weight of bales, cotton exporters have difficulties other industries do not encounter.

"Merchants continue to battle the hellish logistics of trying to ship cotton when a weak U.S. dollar is keeping all outgoing containers stuffed with anything that has a higher per-pound or per-cubic foot value than cotton; that offers a lot of choices," a trader said. "Cancellations and forward-shifted delivery dates are becoming increasingly common."

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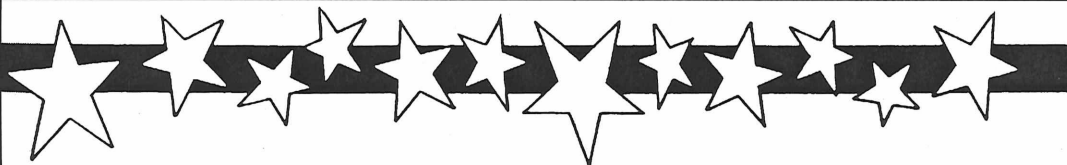


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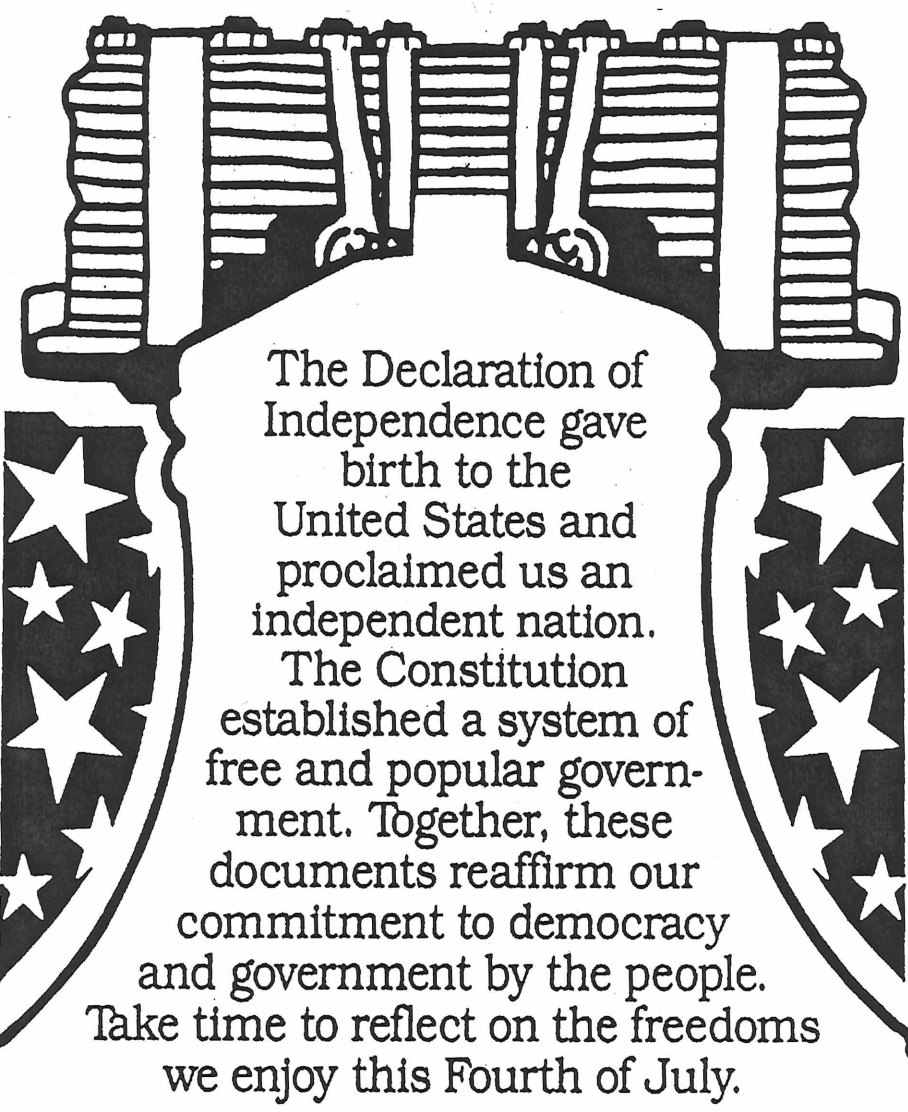
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Proposed wild hog rules aim to aid producers, trappers and hunters

Described as being as prolific as cockroaches, destructive as rats, and as surly as badgers, wild (feral) hogs are the bane of ranchers and farmers, but they're a boon for hunters. Nearly three million of these dirt slinging critters roam free in Texas, rooting up pastures, wallowing in creek beds, and gorging themselves on crops and gardens.

Trappers and hunters often are called in to help reduce hog numbers when feral swine run amuck.

For nearly a year, a team of commercial swine and show pig producers, slaughter plant operators, veterinarians, hunters, hog trappers and wildlife biologists have wrestled with rule ideas that would prevent captured

wild hogs from creating more chaos, while still giving hunters an opportunity to bag a boar trophy worth bragging rites. In mid-May, draft regulations were presented to commissioners for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. Public comment on the proposed rules, to be published in the Texas Register June 6, will be accepted by the TAHC through July 6. TAHC commissioners will consider the rules for adoption at their next meeting on July 29 in Austin.

"The 80th legislature, in the TAHC's Sunset Bill, provided for the TAHC to regulate feral swine, which are regarded as free-ranging livestock. The TAHC regulations are to be limited to disease control purposes, including holding facilities, sale, exhibition, hunting or movement," said Dr. Dee Ellis, Texas' assistant state veterinarian and TAHC advisor to the feral swine working group. "If these proposed rules are adopted, they will supersede TAHC's current feral swine regulations that aren't comprehensive. We know we can't get rid of feral swine, but we can find ways to deal with the animals so that it benefits all sectors of the industry."

Dr. Ellis said the proposed regulations give trappers greater latitude for holding and moving trapped swine. Approved holding facilities and authorized hunting preserves would be sanctioned and inspected by the TAHC, and operators or owners would be required to keep records on the animals for at least five years. Applications for operating the holding facilities or hunting preserves will be available from the TAHC, if the regulations are adopted.

Because there is some limited interest in changing captured feral swine to "domestic" swine by testing the animals, the proposed regulations would allow for wild hogs to be reclassified as "domesticated" pigs after a series of at least three negative blood tests for swine Brucellosis and pseudorabies during a minimum 150-day quarantine period. (This practice is not recommended, however.) Additionally, sows and other sexually intact female swine would be required to undergo a fourth negative test for the diseases, at least 30 days after their initial farrowing in quarantine.

The disposition of feral swine that are not "domesticated" through the quarantine and testing process is limited to slaughter only, except for boars and barrows, which may be moved to TAHC-authorized hunting preserves.

The proposed rules also would allow for the wild pigs to be held after trapping in an escape-proof pen or enclosure on a trailer for up to seven days before moving the animals directly to a federally or state-inspected slaughter plant, to a TAHC-authorized hunting preserve, or to an approved holding facility, awaiting final disposition.

The proposed rules would allow only boars and barrows to be moved to TAHC-authorized hunting facilities, which would have to be equipped with swine-proof fencing at least five feet high. Boars and barrows also would have to be individually identified prior to being placed into the preserve.

Hunting preserve operators would need a "Hunting Lease License" and hog hunters would need a hunting license, both from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, but there is no season on these animals so often regarded as a pest and a threat to livestock health.

"It is extremely important that proposed holding facilities and hunting preserves be 'escape proof.' Identification on the boars and barrows in hunting preserves would help us identify pigs that 'get loose,'" said Dr. Ellis. Required record-keeping would include the number of swine placed in or removed from the facilities, the animals' weight, size, color, sex and any identification applied to the animal, and the locations from which they were trapped and to which they were moved.

"Strict requirements are necessary to prevent moving an animal that has a potential livestock disease from one site to another," said Dr. Ellis. "From tests on feral swine over a four-year period, we know that around 20 percent of wild hogs in Texas carry pseudorabies, a regulatory flu-like swine disease not related to rabies. About 10 percent of the feral pigs have swine Brucellosis, the swine form of "Bangs," or cattle Brucellosis."

Since January 2006, the swine form of Brucellosis has been detected in 26 cattle in 19 herds. Although the swine infection in cattle does not affect Texas' hard-

won 'free' status for cattle Brucellosis, it does cause positive test results when cattle are tested prior to sale. The bacteria must be "grown out" in the laboratory to differentiate between swine Brucellosis and cattle Brucellosis infection. In the meantime, cattle in the consignment or herd must be held up, and additional tests may be needed to ensure there is no cattle Brucellosis infection in the herd.

Feral swine also can have a health impact on noncommercial swine, which may be housed in facilities that are more likely to have feral swine contact than commercial swine facilities. Of the 41 noncommercial swine herds quarantined for swine Brucellosis infection since January 2003, 29 either had definite or possible contact with wild hogs.

"Contact with feral swine' can be as simple as a wild sow or boar either being allowed in, breaking into swine pens, or making contact through a fence," noted Dr. Ellis. "Related contacts" can include an activity such as purchasing piglets from a producer who allows feral swine into his or her pens. In this case, a buyer could be purchasing piglets that have been exposed to disease carried by feral swine.

Dr. Ellis advised domestic swine owners to keep feral swine out of their pens. When purchasing replacement swine by private treaty, ask if the pigs have been exposed to feral swine. If possible, keep the animals isolated until tested for swine Brucellosis and pseudorabies. At livestock markets selling sexually intact swine six months of age or

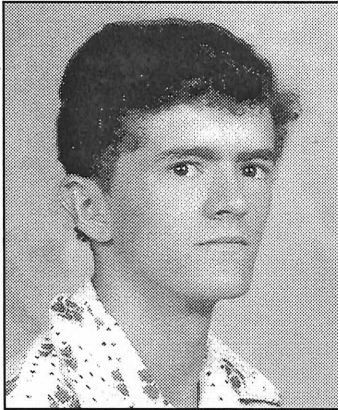
older, these tests are required, and blood samples are collected from the animals by TAHC personnel.

"Commercial swine herds are operated with great attention to biosecurity, and in Texas, these herds currently are swine Brucellosis and pseudorabies-free," said Dr. Ellis. But each time we detect infection in a noncommercial herd, it puts a hardship on producers, because we must trace animal movement, test herds in a widespread area, and handle infected herds appropriately. Swine brucellosis also poses a significant public health threat to those handling or inadvertently producing infected animals. By adopting regulations that make it easier for trappers to remove feral swine from an area, and place boars and barrows only in a hunting facility, we encourage legal regulated movements of the animals and have less chance of disease transmission from these wild hogs. These proposed regulations can benefit swine producers, cattlemen, trappers and hunters, too."

On June 6, a link to the text of the proposed regulations will appear on the TAHC website at <<http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/>><http://www.tahc.state.tx.us>. The proposed regulations also are available by calling the TAHC at 800-550-8242, ext 710. Comments on the proposed rules may be emailed to: <comments@tahc.state.tx.us> or mailed to TAHC Comments, Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966. Comments are due no later than July 6.

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TAX PLANNING

Written By
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IRS TAX UPDATE - JUNE 2008
 Here's a quick review of some recent IRS rulings and news releases.

I. Business vehicle depreciation limits. For business cars first placed in service in 2008, the first-year depreciation limit is \$10,960 if the car is new and \$2,960 if the car is used. The \$8,000 difference is due to bonus first-year depreciation on new vehicles provided in the 2008 economic stimulus legislation. For both new and used business cars, the limit for year two is \$4,800, for year three \$2,850, and for each succeeding year \$1,775. For trucks and vans, the first-year limit is \$11,160 for new vehicles and \$3,160 for used vehicles. Year two depreciation for both new and used trucks and vans purchased in 2008 is \$5,100. For year three the limit is \$3,050, and for each succeeding year the limit is \$1,875.

II. The 2008 "Dirty Dozen." The IRS has published its annual list of the most flagrant tax scams being promoted by con artists. Topping the list is "phishing," schemes on the Internet used to trick unsuspecting victims into providing personal and financial information which is then used to access accounts, run up credit card charges, and apply for loans or credit in the victims' names.

Scams related to the economic stimulus payments were also high on the list. In these scams, criminals pose as IRS representatives asking victims for personal financial information, saying this information is needed in order for the individuals to receive their rebate checks. (The IRS reminds taxpayers that it does not contact taxpayers by phone or e-mail about their stimulus payments.)

III. Reminder on political activity. The IRS is reminding tax-exempt organizations, such as charities and churches, that it is against the law for them to engage in certain activities "on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office." As the presidential election nears, the IRS wants 501(c)(3) organizations to be aware that they could lose their tax-exempt status if they engage in prohibited activities. More information on this topic can be found on the IRS Web site (www.irs.gov).

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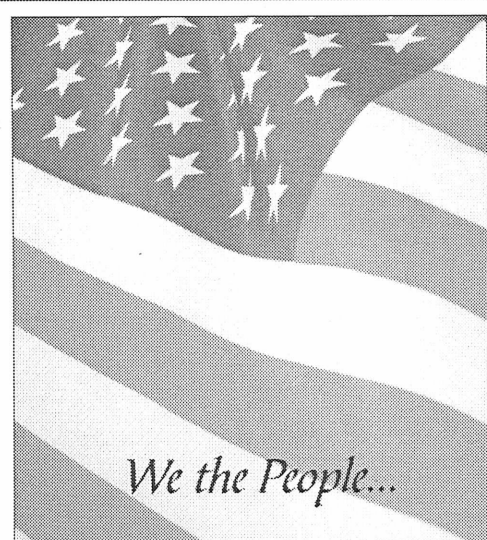
Medical studies have suggested that people trying to find relief from migraines often make numerous attempts using various techniques. Recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that about 15 percent of the U.S. population suffers from migraines or severe headaches, including nearly 20 percent of all women.

A UT Southwestern Medical Center plastic surgeon is helping to pioneer the use of wrinkle-fighting Botox, which temporarily weakens muscles, to identify which nerves or trigger points are causing pain. He then performs surgery to

decompress the involved nerves, which in turn lead to migraine headache relief in more than 90 percent of patients.

"If patients get a benefit from the Botox, they likely will get a benefit from the surgery," says Dr. Jeffrey Janis, one of only about a dozen surgeons in the world who perform the technique. "This novel treatment is still in its infancy, but it can be effective and more lasting for some people who have not found traditional treatments that work."

Dr. Janis performs the technique only on patients who have been diagnosed with migraines by a neurologist.




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Working with your healthcare provider

by Jane Rowan

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In the past, the health provider typically took the lead regarding your health and you, the patient, followed his or her directions. Today, a good patient-provider relationship is more of a partnership. You and your health provider should work as a team, along with other health professionals, to solve your medical problems and keep you healthy. This may mean asking questions if your health provider's explanations or instructions are unclear, bringing up problems even if he or she does not ask and letting your provider know if you have concerns about a particular treatment or change in your daily life. Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist—Gerontology Health, shares the following tips for working with your health provider.

Taking an active role in your health care puts the responsibility for good communication on both you and your health provider. Your health provider may ask you how your life is going. This is not being impolite or nosy—information about what is happening in your life may be useful medically. Let your health provider know about any major changes or stresses in your life, such as the death of a loved one, but do not feel pressured to go into great detail. Remember the line from the television show: "Just the facts, ma'am."

It is tempting to say what you think your provider wants to hear, for example, that you smoke less or eat a more balanced diet. While this is natural, it is not in your best interest. He or she can suggest the best treatment only if you say what is really going on. Too, asking questions is paramount to good communication with your provider. If you do not ask questions, he or she may assume you already know the answer or that you do not want more information. Be proactive and ask questions when you do not know the meaning of a word or when instructions are not clear.

Share your point of view about the visit and speak up if you feel rushed, worried or uncomfortable. If necessary, you can offer to return for a second visit to discuss your concerns. Try to voice your feelings in a positive way and remember that your health provider may not be able to answer all your questions. However, most providers will tell you when they do not have answers and may help you find the information you need or refer you to a specialist. If a health provider regularly brushes off your questions or symptoms as simply a part of aging, think about looking for another provider.

When a diagnosis is made, ask your health provider to tell you the name of the condition and why he or she thinks you have it. Ask how it may affect you and how long it might last. Some medical problems never go away completely; however, they may be treated or managed. You should also make it a point to ask what else your condition might be. Or, perhaps ask the worst thing that your condition might be.

Giving and getting information are two important steps in talking with your doctor. The third big step is making decisions about your care.

Ask about different treatments—you will benefit most from a treatment when you know what is happening and are involved in making decisions.

Make sure you understand what your treatment involves and what it will or will not do. Have your health provider give you directions in writing and feel free to ask questions. If your provider suggests a treatment that makes you uncomfortable, ask if there are other treatments that might work. If cost is a concern, ask him or her if less expensive choices are available. In many cases, your provider may be able to work with you to develop a treatment

plan that meets your needs.

Also, remember to consider your own values and circumstances. When thinking about the pros and cons of a treatment, do not forget to consider its impact on your overall life. Providers need to know about these practical matters and can work with you to develop a treatment plan that meets your needs.

Getting a second opinion may be important but use with caution as this often leads to conflicting advice. Your second provider may contradict the first. If this happens, you can talk more with your first provider about the differences or go to a third. However, before you seek additional opinions, you may want to check with your insurance to make sure that the visits will be covered. Some things you might look for in a different health provider for a second or subsequent opinion might be

- A provider affiliated with a hospital other than your original one

- A staff member at a research and teaching hospital

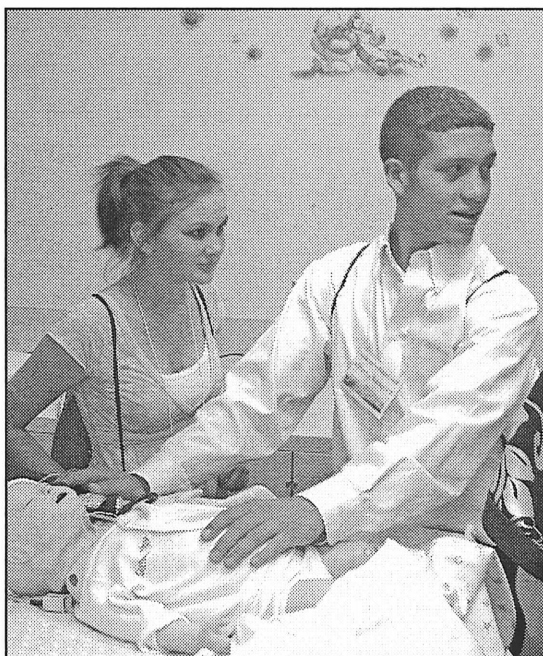
- A specialist who may be more experienced with your problem

Telling your health provider you want to see someone else for a second opinion can be awkward, particularly if you have known him or her for years. But a good provider should not be insulted and many will recommend it to you yourselves. A couple of suggestions for what you should and should not say to your health provider include:

- Say: "Something to the effect of 'This is a difficult decision for me and I'd like to learn about other treatments than the one we discussed. Can you recommend someone I could talk to?'"

- Do not say: "Any version of 'You do not know what you are talking about. I do not like you. I am not sure if you are a good doctor.'" Comments like these would put anyone on the defensive.

For more information, contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS for Haskell County at 940-864-2546. You may also find more information through Medline Plus, part of the National Institutes of Health: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/talkingwithyourdoctor.html>.



ATTENDS CAMP—Morgan Lisle, left, and Adam Vasquez, both of Rule, attended the Health Matters Summer Camp held June 10-13 at Abilene Christian University. The camp provides area high school students with information, activities and hands-on learning experiences in the world of health careers. This photo was taken at the Clinical Simulation Lab at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. Other Haskell County campers included Allison Petty of Rule and Eric Casillas of O'Brien.

Watch out for buildup of acetaminophen

When seeking quick pain relief, people should not overindulge in acetaminophen as a cure-all, UT Southwestern Medical Center liver experts warn.

From holiday headaches to Super Bowl parties to flu-season aches, many people reach for acetaminophen in its many forms—headache relief, sleep aids, cold and flu remedies, even some prescription painkillers—not realizing how quickly the medication can add up.

"It is easy to lose track of how much combined acetaminophen you're consuming when taking combinations of medicines, particularly for different ailments such as arthritis and perhaps a cold," says Dr. William Lee, director of the Clinical Center for Liver Diseases at UT Southwestern.

Too much acetaminophen in the system at one time or over an extended period can cause serious liver damage or can lead to liver failure and even death. About 100 people die annually of accidental acetaminophen poisoning and

another 15,000 end up in the emergency rooms from unknowingly taking too much.

The average adult should avoid more than 4,000 milligrams total acetaminophen per day, the equivalent of eight extra strength tablets, and no more than 2,000 mg to 3,000 mg for those with liver problems like hepatitis or those who drink regularly. Also remember, Dr. Lee says, that alcohol makes acetaminophen more toxic while depleting other substances that protect against liver damage.



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July 7-11

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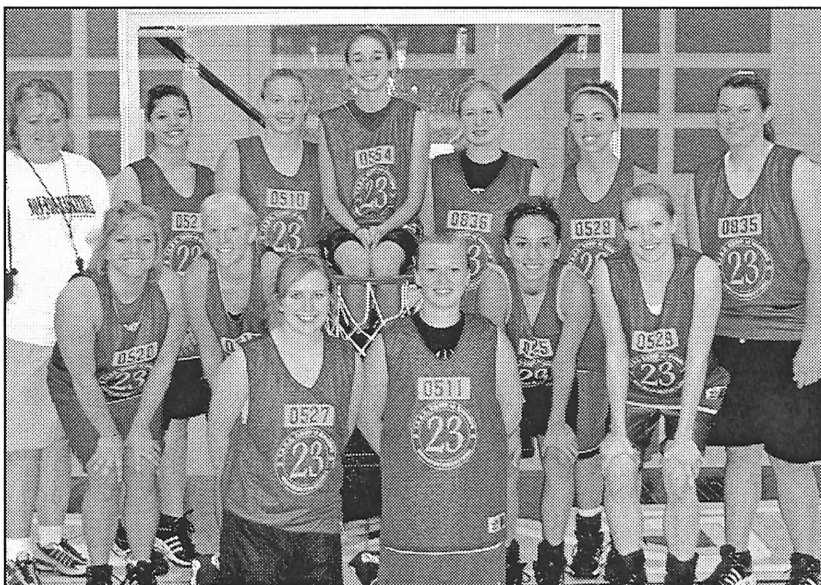
Monday: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, fried okra, hot rolls, strawberries

Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, garden salad, tortilla chips, salsa, cantaloupe

Wednesday: Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, vanilla ice cream with toppings

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadsticks, fresh frozen peaches

Friday: Pizza, cheese sticks, salad, peach cobbler



BARRACUDAS—Winning second place in the camp tournament held during the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches camp June 16-18 were the Haskell Barracudas. Team members are, front row, l-r, Lauren Newton, Aerial Thane, Paige Adams, Kayce Wilcox, Briè Torres and Hope Reid; back row, Molly Agraz, Lisa Rodgers, Aubrey Bassett, Miranda Johnson, Hanna Wallace and Ashlee Short.

Barracudas attend camp

Haskell athletes attending the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches girl's high school team specialty camp June 16-18 included Molly Agraz, Lisa Rodgers, Aubrey Bassett, Miranda Johnson, Hanna

Wallace, Ashlee Short, Lauren Newton, Aerial Thane, Paige Adams, Kayce Wilcox, Briè Torres and Hope Reid. Their camp coach was Coach Kendall. Approximately 230 girls from all over Texas attended the camp held at Southwestern University in Georgetown.

During camp, the girls practiced fundamentals, shooting and various drills. Campers were divided into 20 teams which competed in various shooting and ball-handling competitions as well as a tournament. Coaches from various Texas schools work at the camp and one is assigned to each team for competition during the tournament games.

The Haskell girls, all members of the Haskell Maidens team, called themselves the Barracudas. They played well winning eight games and losing one game. They were in the championship game at the end of the camp facing the Burnet team. The Barracudas had a slow start, putting them at a disadvantage. They lost the game by three points, earning the team the second place honor.

The Barracudas were successful during one of the shooting competition drills, winning first place. Bassett, Wallace and Reid received the hustle awards. Bassett won second place in the ball-handling competition.

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH TELLS US TO PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE OF FREEDOM

We're living in a land that's free,
Because throughout our history
Our founding fathers' legacy
Established the machinery
By which our nation came to be
A system of democracy,
Where we're allowed to disagree
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And thus our ingenuity
And enterprise provide the key
To progress and prosperity;
A model for the world to see.
Our house of worship makes this plea:
To pray for all humanity,
While we preserve eternally
Our precious land of liberty.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Dr. Jim Heflin, interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 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. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 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**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 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**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 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. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.

Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, 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

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

ROCHESTER

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/
Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
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Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

RULE

First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

Tom Long, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Ornegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Larry Neal, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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.

Congressmen request fertilizer price probe

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

One of the primary authors of the 2008 farm bill is turning his attention to trying to find out why fertilizer prices have gone into the stratosphere in recent months.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and chairman of the Budget Committee, says fertilizer prices currently are nearly three times what they were in 2000.

Conrad, fellow North Dakota Sen. Byron Dorgan and North Dakota Rep. Earl Pomeroy have written a letter to Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer asking him to find out why prices for fertilizer products such as DAP have risen from \$400 to \$1,000 per ton.

"This unprecedented volatility in fertilizer prices is responsible for growing uncertainty and frustration among our nation's farmers and ranchers," the three said. "Even with currently strong commodity prices, income from farming is barely keeping up with increased farm input costs and, in particular, skyrocketing fertilizer prices."

Conrad, who is credited with writing many of the changes in the Food, Conservation and Energy Act along with Georgia Sen. Saxby Chambliss, says fertilizer prices have risen to record levels.

According to USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service, fertilizer prices in May 2008 were 69 percent higher than they were in May 2007. And the 2007 prices represented an increase in costs of 158 percent compared to May 2000.

"While some of the increase may be a result of rising petroleum costs, those factors alone do not fully explain the current escalation in fertilizer prices," said Conrad. "The Congressional delegation wants an immediate investigation into the rapid increase in fertilizer prices to assure that farmers and ranchers are not being overcharged."

The North Dakota members are asking USDA to examine energy and transportation costs, availability of raw material, processing capacity, domestic and global demand factors, and industry consolidation. The delegation asked Secretary Schafer to report the USDA's findings to Congress once the investigation is complete.

"We hope this investigation will provide answers for our family farmers and ranchers who are extremely concerned and trying to understand the inexplicable run up in fertilizer prices," the letter to Schafer said.

Although grain prices have risen to extraordinarily high levels—primarily due to flooding in the Midwest and rising demand from around the world—many farmers report high input costs are cutting into margins and putting their operations at financial risk.

Farmers report that diammonium phosphate, or DAP, that cost them \$400 per ton last year now costs \$1,000 per ton. Prices for nitrogen fertilizer and phosphates have registered similar increases and growers are paying nearly double what they were last year for glyphosate.

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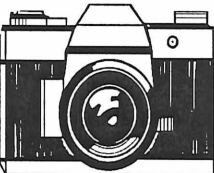
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Gussie Billington's Family
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Words fail me when I try to tell you how much I love and appreciate all of you who came to my birthday party and all who couldn't come but sent a card or made a phone call. I have always said Rochester was and is the best place in all the world to live. I love all of you and expect to be around for many more years. Thanks for every kind word, every hug and expression of love.
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Thanks to Sandra Fry and Sandra Chambers for promoting the party.
Love, Modelle Ballard Barton

The family of Lottie Cook would like to thank everyone involved in her Celebration of Life Service. Reverend Tom, for the lovely service, Delight Jones and Carolyn Everett for singing the songs Mother picked, the pallbearers and the First United Methodist members, who are too numerous to mention here, for the wonderful food served our extended family. Special thanks are for wonderful neighbors Vicki Dean, and the Villas, Delia, Toby, Gloria and Austin, who have looked after Mother for many years. Also, Linda and Iris with home health care. Without all of you, she would not have been able to stay in her home nearly as long as she did. Thanks to Doug, also, for helping keep Mother's yard. We appreciate each and every one of you for the love and care you have shown.
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Texas Chiefs Club hosts open house



EDGE 240—Marcus Simpler of Abilene watches Mike Wilson, right, as he explains his blue and yellow Edge 240 during the open house held Saturday at the Haskell Model Airplane Airport.



EDGE 540—Allen Plumlee, left, looks on as Jason Calloway readies his red, yellow, white and blue Edge 540 airplane for flight during the open house held Sat., June 28 by the Texas Chiefs.

The Texas Chiefs Model Airplane Club open house was held Saturday. Local modelers were joined by pilots from Stamford, Anson, Abilene and Amarillo.

The smallest model was about 18" with electric motor, but still radio controlled. The largest was a gas engine powered giant scale aerobatic design. Other models ranged from trainers to speedy

sport models, non-powered sailplanes to an electric flying wing. Planes were flown through out the day and the modelers showed adept at flying.

The local club was one of the first to be able to utilize a closed landfill for flying and they thank the city for helping. Now the EPA is working with the Academy of Model Aeronautics to make all such sites available to clubs.



CARDEN EXTRA—Joe Buie of Abilene positions his yellow and white Carden Extra for a demonstration during the Texas Chiefs open house held Sat., June 28 at the Haskell Model Airplane airport.



EDGE 240—M.L. Young of Abilene puts the final adjustments on his red and yellow Edge 240 aircraft during the open house held Sat., June 28 at the Haskell Model Airport. The event was hosted by the Texas Chiefs.

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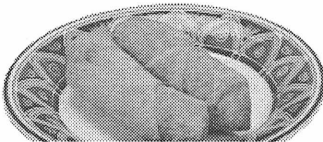
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