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Calendar

Bible festival

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st in Haskell, will host a family Bible festival July 31-Aug. 2 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. All ages are invited, but children under 4 must bring an adult. For more information, call 864-5557.

VBS

East Side Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School Aug. 3-7 from 6 to 8:15 p.m. each evening. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m. Children age 4 through those entering the sixth grade are invited to attend. The theme is "God's Big Backyard." For a ride, call the church office in advance at 864-2738.

Food drive

Haskell and Rule Girl Scouts are conducting a food drive through August 10. Donation boxes are located at local churches and businesses. The drive will benefit the Haskell Food Bank. For more information, call 940-200-1413.

VBS

First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host Waterworks! Park Vacation Bible School Sat., Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ages Kindergarten through fifth grade may attend. Students should wear clothing that can get wet or a swimsuit with top and bottom cover-up, slip on shoes and bring a towel. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

School schedules

Haskell High School students may pick up their schedules Fri., Aug. 8 in the auditorium as follows: 9 a.m. ninth graders; 10 a.m. tenth graders; 11 a.m. eleventh graders; 1 p.m. twelfth graders; and 2 to 3 p.m. new students to the district. New students may come prior to Aug. 8 and pick up forms to be filled out. The counselor's office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Storm sirens

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

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Stonewall Co. joins area Crime Stoppers

The Board of Directors of Clear Fork Crime Stoppers (CFCS) is announcing the addition of Stonewall County to the areas served by the organization. The addition of Stonewall County brings the number of member counties to five. Counties who formed the original CFCS group are Fisher, Jones, Haskell and Shackelford.

The Commissioners' Court of Stonewall County officially approved a cooperative agreement with CFCS. On



BETTER ACCESS—Dewayne Meier, left, and David Dodson construct concrete forms for the new sidewalk and approach in front of the Haskell County Extension Building

on South 1st and Avenue D. The new approach will allow easier access to those visiting and offer designated handicapped parking.

Dr. Gober continues Haskell vet practice

by Caron Yates

When Dr. Tom Hairgrove decided to make a career change and sell his veterinary practice after more than thirty years, he contacted a young man named James Gober. Dr. Gober is a veterinarian, having graduated from Texas A&M School of

Veterinary Medicine in May 2004.

Dr. Gober, along with his wife Renee and year old twin sons, Colton and Matthew, also felt the time was right for a change. So in April 2008, the Gober family bought the Haskell Veterinary Clinic and moved to town.

In a sense, it was like moving back home, because both Gober and his wife were raised down the road in Throckmorton. In fact, their families still live there. Dr. Gober said, "We always planned to raise our children in a small town. Since we both came from a small place, we knew the advantages of small town life."

Don't be fooled by his youthful appearance, as he is quite experienced in veterinary medicine. After graduating from vet school, Dr. Gober spent four years in a busy ten doctor practice in Alvarado. However, much of his experience has come from "growing up in the business." Gober's father has a veterinary practice in Throckmorton.

The new Haskell Vet Clinic offers a mixed animal practice. Continuing the same services as in the past, Gober said he sees a good variety, with about half large animal and half small animal cases. The clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is closed for

lunch from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Although it is better to treat animals at the clinic, due to availability of equipment, Dr. Gober does make farm calls when necessary.

Perhaps the biggest adjustment for Gober, besides dealing with the business end of the practice, is the added responsibility of working alone. "When you are in a practice with other doctors, you can bounce ideas and problems off of each other," said Dr. Gober. Of course, he has a network, including his father, to tap into for assistance if needed.

While most of her time and effort goes into raising twin boys, Renee also works part-time as a pharmacist. She received her pharmacy degree from the University of Texas School of Pharmacy.

Haskell County is indeed fortunate to be able to continue veterinary services with such a capable vet.

No action taken at City Council meeting

The Haskell City Council met July 28 in a regular meeting with Mayor Bob Smith and Councilmen Randy Bowers and Jason Hall in attendance. A quorum was not present.

In the City Administrator's Report, Brandon Anderson reported:

•The sale of the prison is close to being concluded. The city is ready to sign the sales agreement as soon as it is received from Inland. County officials will also have to sign the agreement.

•Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield has sent his precinct's excavator to the landfill. Mayfield was there last week and again this week to help dig the city's new construction pit. Commissioner Kenny Thompson's precinct

helped last week also.

•A budget meeting was set for Tues., July 29.

•The assisted living project is at a stand still. Approval for paperwork from Washington D.C. is needed. An individual with the authority to approve the paperwork is on vacation.

•The city is assisting the Chamber of Commerce in receiving a part time assistant to help around the office. The position will not be funded by the city.

•Weeds, junk cars and condemnable houses were discussed. Lot and property owners are being notified of weed problems, junk vehicle violations and condemnable properties.

CPR haying to be allowed

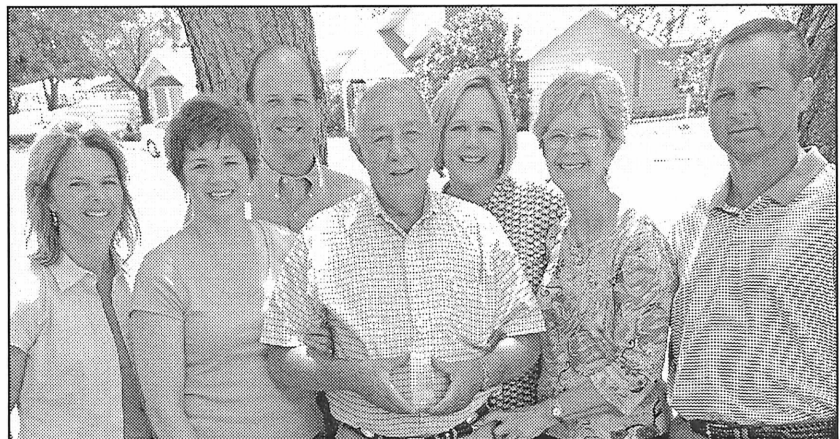
Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is pleased with the decision by a federal judge to conditionally allow haying and grazing on Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage under the Critical Feed Use (CFU) Program. The CFU program is designed to alleviate livestock feed needs resulting from drought and escalating feed costs.

"This is great news for Texas producers who work hard to feed the world and support their families," Commissioner Staples said. "The judge made a sound decision, understanding that opening the land will assist producers who are struggling from the one-two punch of drought and high feed costs."

Earlier this month Commissioner Staples filed an affidavit on behalf of Texas producers who would have suffered severe economic hardships had the National Wildlife Federation succeeded in convincing the court to suspend the use of CRP land for critical haying and grazing.

Today's federal order will allow producers with approved CRP contracts to continue operations. Producers whose applications were being processed at the time of the temporary restraining order will have their applications processed, and producers who can prove they had already invested at least \$4,500 in preparations for the CFU program before the date of legal action may apply.

The CFU program was designed to give farmers and ranchers permission for "special, one-time" hay and forage use of certain CRP acreage after the primary nesting season ends for grass-nesting birds. According to USDA estimates, the initiative would generate around 18 million tons of hay worth approximately \$1.2 billion.



RECEIVES AWARD—The Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas presented its Community Builder Award to Ken Lane of Haskell in Knox City on July 5 during the annual installation ceremony of the Knox City Lodge. Two past Grand Masters of the State were on hand for the ceremony, Jimmy Wilson, a retired businessman of Floydada, and Pete Laney, former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, of Hale Center. The award is presented to non-Masons to recognize their contribution to the well-being and growth of their communities and the areas in which they live. Also on hand for the occasion were Nelda Lane and all of the couple's children. Pictured from left are, Shannon Williams of Wylie, Kim Cram of San Antonio, Matt Lane of Frisco, Ken Lane, Kiersta Garcia of Mansfield, Nelda Lane, and Shawn Lane of League City.

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Know your risk factors for breast cancer

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women, representing 31 percent of all cancer cases. The ACS also reports that women have a 1-in-8 chance of developing breast cancer in their lifetime.

However, breast cancer is only responsible for 15 percent of cancer-related deaths. That means the disease is being caught earlier and more often, leading to better prognosis for women. The five-year survival rate is as high as 90 percent, a dramatic improvement in the past 30 years.

"The five major contributing factors for breast cancer are genetics, diet, environment, hormones and lifestyle," said William Rayburn, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and medical director of the Scott & White Clinic in College Station.

"Knowing your risk factors for breast cancer is definitely important," Dr. Rayburn continues, "but 70 percent of new breast cancer cases occur in women with minimal or no risk factors. That's why screening is so important."

The ACS recommends several screening guidelines to detect breast cancer early. Yearly mammograms are recommended starting at age 40. A clinical breast exam should be part of a periodic health exam—about every three years for women in their 20s and 30s, annually for women 40 and older.

Also, women should know how their breasts normally feel and report any changes promptly to their health care providers. Women at increased risk (e.g., family history, genetic tendency, past breast cancer) should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of starting mammography screening earlier, having additional tests like a breast ultrasound and MRI, or having more frequent exams.

"Survival rates, especially when the cancer is caught early, are fairly good and are getting better all the time," Dr. Rayburn said. "Currently, the survival rate for breast cancer patients is 77 percent after 10 years, 63 percent after 15 years and 52 percent after 20 years."

Obituaries

Billie Sue Mays Ray



BILLIE SUE RAY

Funeral services for Billie Sue Mays Ray, 65, of Haskell were held Sat., July 26 at Greater Independent Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Hooper officiating. Burial was in Willow

Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Ray died Mon., July 21 in Abilene.

Born April 15, 1934 in Stamford, she was the daughter of Earnest and Zemma Mays. She attended Booker T. Washington School. She united with Sims Chapel A.M.E. Church at an early age. She married Gennie Ray April 15, 1973. She was a resident of Haskell for the past 43 years. She worked for Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Herren, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thigpen, Bill Cox, Bob Holden and others.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gennie Ray; mother and father, Earnest and Zemma Mays; one sister, Fannie Lou Mays; and her grandparents.

Survivors include her brother, Earnest P. Mays and wife, Connie of Stamford; one sister, Mattie Sue Ford and husband, Billy of Stamford; four sons and one step son, Eddie Mays and wife, Toni of Fort Worth, Don Mays and wife, Era and Larry Mays, all of Stamford, Kenneth Mays of Haskell, and Joey Hawkins and wife, Martha of Stamford; nineteen grandchildren; a host of great and great great grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Wayne and Hershel Thompson; three sisters-in-law, Gladys Whitaker, Ruthie Randall and Zepharine Reed; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A special thanks to Dana and Sonny West and Johnny and Debbie Johnson. PD. NOTICE

Rickey Hall



RICKEY HALL

Memorial services for Rickey Hall, 64, of Abilene were held Sun., July 27 at Hawley Church of Christ in Hawley.

Mr. Hall died Sun., July 20 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

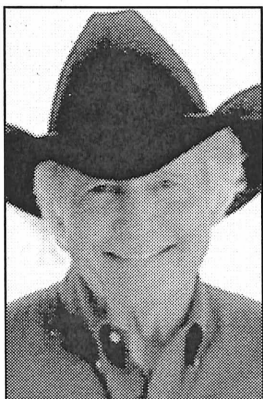
Born Jan. 17, 1944 in Abilene, he had two daughters, Angela and Tonya Hall from a previous marriage. Tonya preceded him in death. He married Judy Ivy Davis of Abilene, formerly of Haskell, Sept. 16, 1993 in Abilene. He retired from Dyess Air Force Base Civil Service after 15 years of service.

He was preceded in death by both parents a brother and a sister.

Survivors left to cherish his memory include his wife, Judy Hall of Abilene; daughter, Angela Hall and husband, Cory Gage of Cedar Park; two grandchildren, Brittany and Justin; step daughter, Renee Browning of Abilene; step grandson, Steven Houck; two brothers, Mike Hall and wife, Kay of Clyde and Joe Hall Jr. and wife, Holly of Abilene; and several nieces and nephews.

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Charles Richard Long



CHARLES LONG

Cemetery in Stamford under the direction of Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home of Anson.

Mr. Long died Wed., July 23 at Anson General Hospital.

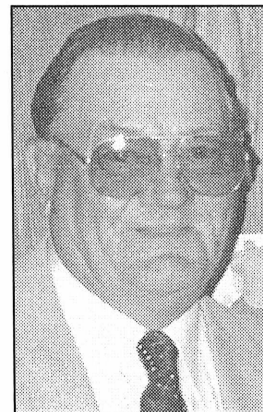
Born March 9, 1931 in Stamford, he was a son of Lora Stroud Long and the late Aubrey Dewey Long. He graduated from Stamford High School. He met Carole Stone at the Texas Cowboy Reunion and they later married Sept. 21, 1957. He owned and operated Charles Long Ford from 1968-85. He later worked in the real estate business for many years and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Charles was a past member of the Anson Independent School District Board of Trustees where he served as president. He loved horses and roping and was a member of the National Old

Timers Roping Association. Charles adored his wife, family and friends. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Survivors include his wife, Carole Long of Anson; three daughters, Caron Walker of Abilene, Cindy Cochran and husband, David of Sweetwater and Chris Cooley of Anson; his mother, Lora Long of Stamford; two sisters, Pat Crenshaw and husband, James and Peg Lindsey, all of Stamford; grandchildren, Jory Walker, Shane Tubbs, Ryder Cochran, Chase Cochran, Chazman Cooley and Cannon Cooley; three great grandchildren, Whitney Tubbs, Tanner Tubbs and Camden Cochran; two nephews, Wayne Crenshaw and wife, Karen and Shawn Lindsey; and a niece, Melody Norton and husband, Scott. PD. NOTICE

Frank Ashley



FRANK ASHLEY

Funeral services for Frank Ashley, 85, of Rochester were held Sat., July 26 at Faith Chapel in Rochester. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Ashley died Thurs., July 24 in Haskell.

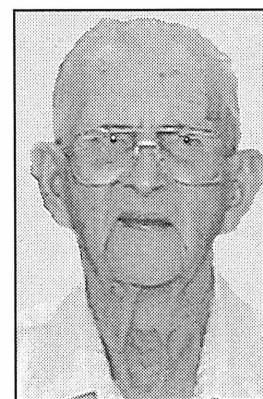
Born Jan. 1, 1923 in Joliet, Illinois, he was the son of the late Howard Ashley and Ellen Larson. He worked as a railroad conductor for many years. In World War II, he served his country in the U.S. Army. He was also a life time member of the VFW. He married Vivian

Hollingsworth Nov. 11, 1944 in Weatherford.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Harriett Dent; and one grandson, Bruce Ashley.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian 'Sister' Ashley of Rule; sons, Dennis Ashley and wife, Kris of Rule and Danny Ashley and wife, Cindy of Haskell; grandchildren, Jennifer Ashley, Ryan Ashley and Miranda Ashley; great grandchildren, Kasie and Hagen Isbell; and brother, Gordon Ashley of Merrillville, Indiana. PD. NOTICE

Clarence E. 'Chunky' Tidwell



CHUNKY TIDWELL

Funeral services for Clarence E. 'Chunky' Tidwell, 96, of Haskell were held Sun., July 27 at East Side Baptist Church of Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper

officiating. Music was provided by Brian Burgess and Teresa New. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Tidwell died Fri., July 25 at Haskell Healthcare Center in Haskell.

Born April 27, 1912 in Farmersville, he was the son of the late Jim and Mary Glasslock Tidwell. He was the surviving youngest of thirteen children. He moved with his family as a youngster to Haskell County. He married Viola Harrell Nov. 8, 1933 in Haskell. They were married for 68 years. She preceded him in death in December of 2001.

He was a farmer in the Foster Community before serving as

Haskell County Commissioner for twelve years. He was a member of the Pinkerton Baptist Church before it disbanded and joined East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. He served as a greeter and an usher at East Side for many years and was active in all aspects of the church. Chunky and Viola were very active in the Experienced Citizens Center since its formation.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Frank Jenkins, Hollis Callaway, Ronnie Webb, Max McMeans, Mike New, Roy Glover and Mike Harrell.

Memorials may be made to East Side Baptist Church or the Experienced Citizens Center of Haskell. PD. NOTICE

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SPECIAL EVENT - BLOOD DRIVE

Meek Blood Center of Abilene and Community Care Center of Stamford are sponsoring a blood drive at the facility August 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All donors will receive a T-shirt. The staff of Community Care Center urges you to go and donate the much needed blood at the drive. While there, enjoy refreshments inside the facility's chapel provided by Community Care Center.

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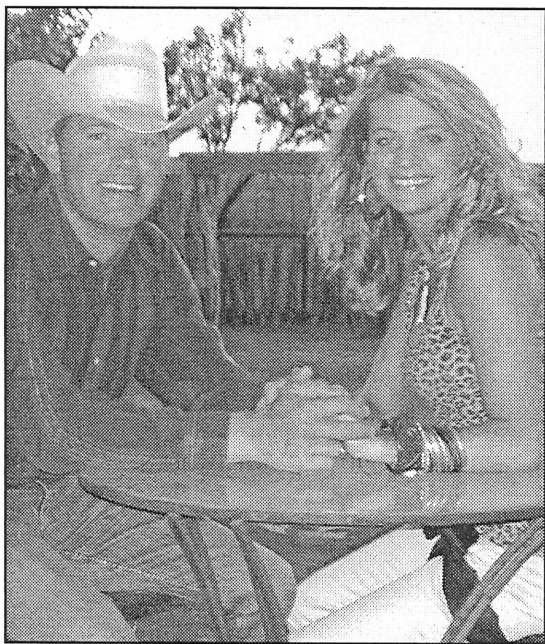
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CODY AARON - CASSANDRA LAMB

Lamb, Aaron to marry Sept. 13

Billy and Tina Lamb of Haskell, and Craig and Kara Grant of Longview are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Cassandra RayeDelle Lamb, to Cody Lewain Aaron, son of Dianna Aaron of Anson.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Paint Creek High School and

Weatherford Jr. College. She is employed by American State Bank in Abilene while working towards her real estate license.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Anson High School and is employed by NT Ranches.

The couple plans to marry Sept. 13 at Lytle Bend in Abilene.

Harrell family meets for reunion

The annual Harrell family reunion was held Friday night, July 25 and Sat., July 26.

Thirty-eight attended on Friday and fifty-six were in attendance on Saturday.

The oldest person attending was Jeralene Harrell Thompson, 82, of Las Vegas.

Traveling the farthest was Trina Martin Jerome of Fort Bragg, North Carolina via Las Vegas, granddaughter of Jeralene Thompson. Accompanying Jerome was her 8 year old son, Joshua. Linda Smith Howard, daughter of Daisy Harrell Smith, attended from Raleigh, North Carolina. These are from Will Harrell-Jerry Harrell descendants.

The youngest in attendance was Jimmie Bowen's grandson, Crowley Belew of Winters. Belew is a descendant of the Ike Harrell-Hoie Harrell families.

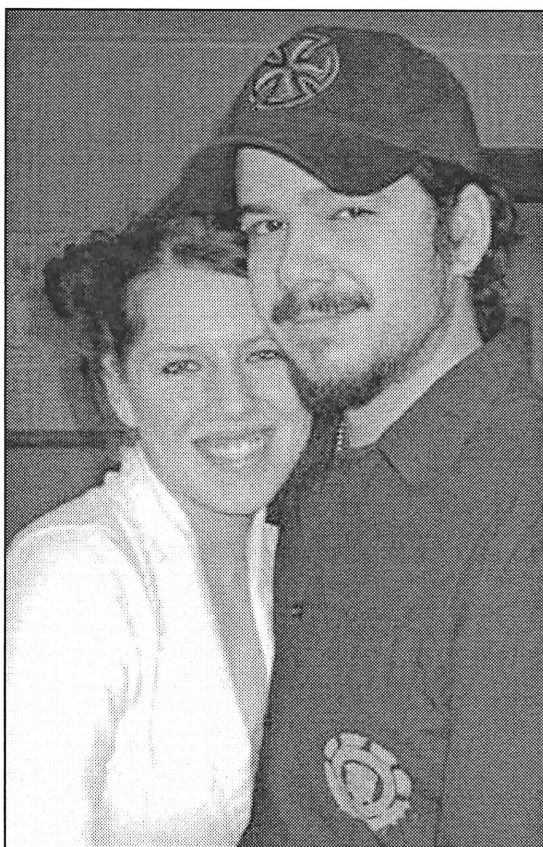
Special guests were friends

of the family, Flossie and Charles Bates, J.D. and Joyce Harrell, Geneva Robertson, Marie Culbreth, all of Haskell; Sharon Mullino of Rochester; Smantha Gallion and Ernest Strain, both of Abilene. Others attended from Sandia Park, New Mexico, Morencia, Arizona, Rogers, Arkansas, Richardson, Lewisville and Cold Springs.

A moment of honor and tribute was paid to C.E. (Chunky) Tidwell who passed from this group on the eve of the reunion at the age of 96. He was married to Viola Harrell Tidwell for 68 years. She was a direct descendant of Will and Martha Ann Roberson Harrell.

An auction was held for the adults and children. The children participated in a 'dig for the toys' in a pool of styrofoam chips.

The 2009 reunion is set for July 24 and 25.



CASSIDY COOPER - ERIC ELKIN

Cooper, Elkin plan Aug. 16 wedding

Shelly and D.L. Cooper of Haskell are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Cassidy Cooper, to Eric Elkin, son of Tammy and Elmer Elkin of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Paint Creek High School.

The prospective groom is a

graduate of Rochester High School.

Both are employed by Pit & Grill in Haskell.

The couple plans to marry Aug. 16 at the Civic Center in Haskell with Lynn Dodson officiating.

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Births

Randall and Amy Martin of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Spencer Ryan Martin, born Thurs., July 10 at 11:46 a.m. at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. He was 19 inches long.

He was welcomed home by big brother, Nathan.

Grandparents are Donald and Denia Cunningham and Buck and Becky Walton, all of Haskell. Great grandmother is Ruby Martin of Haskell.

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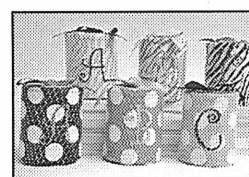
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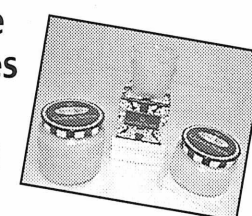
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OPINION

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Hurricane Dolly pounds south Texas, heads west

AUSTIN—Hurricane Dolly hit the Texas coast at South Padre Island on July 22, causing wind damage, power outages and flooding that affected an estimated 1.5 million people.

Levees along the Rio Grande withstood rains of up to 12 inches that pelted the region.

Gov. Rick Perry “pre-deployed” a wide range of state agencies and other aid-providing groups to South Texas communities before the hurricane made landfall.

On July 23 the governor requested a disaster declaration from President George W. Bush. U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn backed Perry up by asking the president to expedite assistance from FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

On July 24, Bush signed a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration covering Aransas, Bexar, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria and Willacy counties.

Dolly weakened to a tropical depression on July 24, but dumped heavy rains on Laredo and Eagle Pass on its way west.

An early estimate of property and infrastructure damages was \$750 million.

Grand jury indicts ranch suspects

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 22 announced the Schleicher County grand jury had that day issued indictments containing nine counts of sexual assault, bigamy and related charges against six suspects associated with the Yearning For Zion ranch compound near Eldorado.

Warren Jeffs, leader of the polygamist sect that occupies the ranch, was charged with sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony. Jeffs is incarcerated in Arizona and awaiting trial on separate charges.

Also indicted were four other suspects charged with felony sexual assault of girls under age 17. One of the four suspects was charged with bigamy. Yet another suspect was charged with three counts of failure to report child abuse.

The indictments are part of a criminal investigation combining the efforts of the Texas Attorney General’s Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers, 51st Judicial District Attorney Steve Lupton, and Richard B. Roper, the U.S. attorney for the Northern District

of Texas.

The state has not made public the names of the suspects other than Jeffs.

In early April, after hearing allegations of child abuse at the ranch, a San Angelo state district judge ordered law enforcement and state agency personnel to take custody of more than 400 children who resided on the 1,700-acre property.

Nearly two months later, Judge Barbara Walther rescinded her order after an Austin state appellate court and the Texas Supreme Court found insufficient evidence to merit state intervention at the level implemented.

The children soon after were returned to their parents.

New secretary of state is named

Gov. Perry on July 23 named Esperanza “Hope” Andrade of San Antonio as Texas’ 107th secretary of state.

The secretary serves as the state’s chief elections officer, the governor’s liaison on border and Mexican affairs and Texas’ chief protocol officer for state and international matters.

In 2003, Perry appointed Andrade to the Texas Transportation Commission, the body that oversees the Texas Department of Transportation.

Andrade succeeds Phil Wilson, who served from July 1, 2007, to July 6, 2008. Wilson resigned to accept a position with Luminant, a Dallas-based energy company.

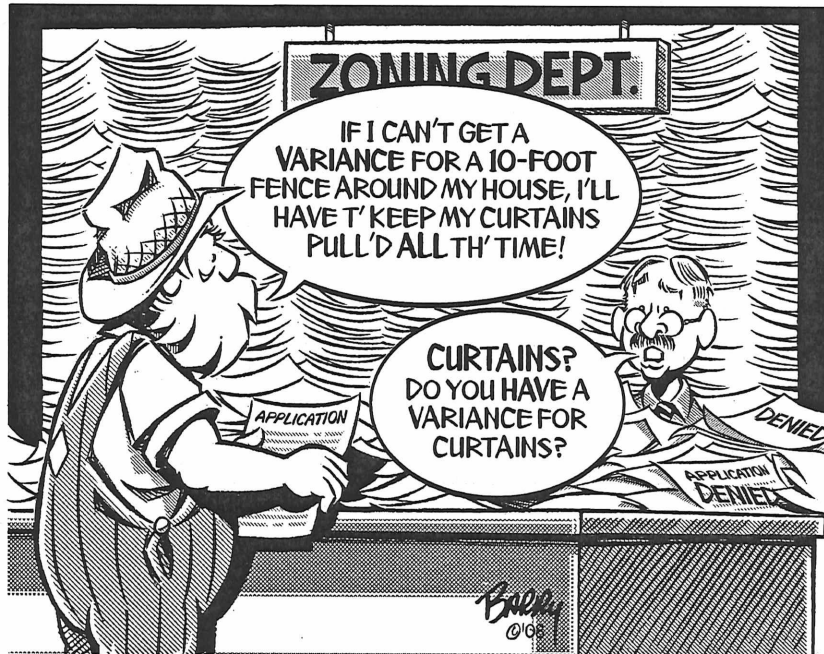
Clothing tax holiday coming up

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they will get a break from state and local sales taxes Aug. 15-17 in the annual sales tax holiday.

A law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2007 exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students also are exempt. Not included are luggage, briefcases, athletic, duffle or gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

State executes third prisoner

Derrick Sonnier, 40, was executed by lethal injection on July 23 for the 1991 murder of a woman and her 2-year-old son. Sonnier was the third Texas death row inmate to be executed in the current year. The state of Texas also executed convicted murderers Carlton Turner, 29, on July 10 and Karl Chamberlain, 37, on June 11.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 30, 1998

Shayne McKenzie, Brittany Bartley, Justin Teague and Lee Christian, all of Haskell, attended the annual Kroked River Range Camp for 4-H and FFA students.

Burkett’s Restaurant expands to better accommodate the flow of business.

The Lackey family gathered at the Civic Center for their reunion. Approximately 125 attended.

Mindy Howard was elected president of the Texas Club Calf Association.

Amy Aycocck, Angela Aycocck, Mindy Howard, Conrad Palacios and Evan Everett attended the State FFA Convention at Fort Worth.

20 Years Ago August 4, 1988

Ronald Chapman is named the Haskell School band director.

Winners in American Cancer Society bike-a-thon at the Haskell Elementary School were Nole Hadaway, Cody Josselet and Lee Decker.

Ten years ago this week, Haskell suffered the worst disaster in its history. Rainfall fell at 15.65 inches and up to 18 inches. Property damage ran into the millions.

Matt Blanks, Jessica Bridwell, Aaron Earles, Lyle Fouts, Misty McMeans and James Mickler

attended the Threshold Program at Hardin-Simmons University.

30 Years Ago August 3, 1978

Jimmy Browning has been selected to play in the 29th Annual Greenbelt Bowl All-Star Football Classic in Childress.

Rosemary Kimbrough, Miss Haskell, represented Haskell in the Miss Texas Universe Pageant.

Joe Wilfong and Kay Campbell advanced to the state contest with their record books for 4-H.

40 Years Ago August 1, 1968

Two high school students from Haskell County, Caron Cloud of Rule and Larry Wadzeck of Rochester, attended the Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in Waco.

W.R. Howard’s Gulf Service Station is staging a big 23 years’ celebration jubilee.

Maye Bell Taylor received her 30 year service pin in recognition of her years as a missionary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Bailey Toliver of Bailey Toliver Chevrolet has been reappointed to the key post of Area Director of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association.

50 Years Ago July 31, 1958

Postage rates will be higher.

First class mail is raised to 4 cents and air mail to 7 cents an ounce.

The Haskell County School of Vocational Nursing held their formal capping ceremony. Students receiving their caps were Faye Fowler, Virginia Lampe, Florence Larned, Jean Lawson, Dera Myers, Mrs. Bill Norton, Bertha Pelsue, Lucille Roberts, Alma Solomon and Matilda Sotelo.

Mrs. Frank Porter announces another remedial course for students with reading difficulties.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hisey entertained former Paint Creek School classmates.

Three men took \$360 in a daring robbery of the “M” System Supermarket.

100 Years Ago August 1, 1908

Steve Neathery made a business trip to Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Scott entertained with a camping and fishing party on the ranch.

Allee Irby returned from a visit with relatives in Munday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright left for their home in Walnut Springs, after a visit with Mr. Wright’s mother, Mrs. Theo Wright.

Joe Kucera of west Texas, was here this week and sold to Joe Novak 200 acres out of the old Post Ranch.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

U.S. cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade rose to four-session highs on Thursday, lifted by speculative buying related to firm crude oil futures and a technical price bounce from the week’s lows.

Hurricane Dolly was the talk of the week in the cotton industry as observers watched to see where the storm would make landfall. With heavy rain and winds up to 100 miles per hour, the storm made landfall in southern Texas on Wednesday, marking the first time the coast has been hit directly by a hurricane in nearly a decade.

“A hurricane aiming at cotton in the Rio Grande Valley used to be a very big deal indeed, and it’s not a common occurrence,” an analyst explained. “When Hurricane Emily crossed the coastline about 150 miles south of Brownsville on July 20, 2005, that was the first time a storm had threatened that part of the coast at this time of the year,” he concluded.

Rainfall in southern Texas from Hurricane Dolly could reach eight to 12 inches and might potentially damage open-boll cotton, but the fields of West Texas, where the bulk of the state’s cotton is grown, are expected to remain mostly dry with only isolated showers. In addition to a hurricane making landfall in a cotton-growing area, the lack of rain in West Texas from the storm also ignited some market support for cotton this week.

Overall, the Texas crop was in fairly good condition before Hurricane Dolly hit the state this week. USDA’s crop conditions report released July 20 showed Texas crop conditions improved one percent from the previous week as 33 percent of the crop was rated good to excellent while the poor to very poor category was left unchanged at 21 percent. Squaring stands at 80 percent in the state compared to 71 percent the previous week and 85 percent at the same time last season.

USDA’s national crop conditions report was mostly unchanged as the department considered 45 percent of the U.S. cotton crop to be in good to excellent condition. The 10-year average for this time of year is 53 percent.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton were 54,900 bales in the week ended July 17, down three percent from the previous week but up 28 percent from the four-week average. Major buyers were Indonesia, Turkey, China and Thailand. Net sales of 95,900 bales for delivery in 2008-09 were for Turkey, Indonesia, Thailand and China.

Exports of 258,000 bales were unchanged from the previous week but 14 percent lower than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico, Turkey and Indonesia.

Spot cotton sales were healthier in the week ended July 24 as online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 7,708 bales compared to just 2 bales the previous week. Average prices ranged from 63.19 to 67.10 cents per pound.

In other news, U.S. cotton consumption on an annual basis declined slightly to 4.42 million bales in June from a downwardly revised 4.43 million in May, the National Cotton Council reported Thursday. Consumption was also down from the June 2007 figure of 4.92 million bales.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Beware of International Driver’s License Scams

Manufacturing false identifications has become an increasingly profitable criminal enterprise. Though many fake ID manufacturers are small-time operators who work in the shadows, the boldest among them are advertising fake international driver’s licenses and claiming their products are entirely legal. These scams often leave their victims on the wrong side of the law.

International driver’s license manufacturers generally market their unlawful products to persons who lack official citizenship documentation. They also target residents who lack the ability to drive legally in the U.S., including citizens whose state-issued driver’s licenses have been suspended or revoked.

Anyone who presents a fake international driver’s license to law enforcement authorities as a legal form of identification could face real legal trouble. These documents are not worth the paper on which they are printed.

The Office of the Attorney General recently charged a Houston company with manufacturing and selling fake international driver’s licenses. In that case, the defendants were selling their illegal products for as much as \$225 per document.

Advertising campaigns in several states, which targeted the

Hispanic community, claimed the licenses were “100% LEGAL IDs” and promised that purchasers need not be state residents. In addition, the defendants inaccurately promised that possessing an international driver’s license would expedite the buyer’s ability to purchase and insure motor vehicles. The sellers also falsely claimed their licenses were authorized by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Our investigation indicates the defendants have never been authorized to issue international driver’s licenses by any legitimate government entity, including the State of Texas, the U.S. government or the United Nations.

The Houston case is not our first encounter with this type of fraudulent enterprise. In 2003, the Office of the Attorney General shut down two companies that operated similar schemes. One defendant sold the fraudulent licenses from Dallas and Houston retail outlets.

While international driver’s licenses do not legally exist, a legitimate government-issued document called an International Driving Permit allows non-citizens to drive in foreign countries. This document translates a valid government-issued driver’s license into several different languages. Foreign drivers can therefore

present it to local authorities who are unable to read or understand the driver’s home-state license. International Driving Permits are often incorrectly referred to as international driver’s licenses—a confusion that is easily exploited by enterprising criminals.

The U.S. recognizes International Driving Permits under the 1949 International Convention on Road Traffic (ICRT) treaty. Only countries that have joined the treaty officially recognize these permits.

The U.S. State Department has authorized only two American organizations to issue the ICRT permits: the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA). These organizations are only allowed to sell permits to drivers over the age of 18 who possess valid driver’s licenses issued by a U.S. state or territory.

While the AAA and the AATA charge \$10-\$15 for each International Driving Permit, the Federal Trade Commission reports that scam artists charge between \$65 and \$350 for fraudulent international driver’s licenses.

For more information on international driver’s license scams, visit the FTC’s Web site at www.ftc.gov or the Office of the Attorney General’s Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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Tips to improve your credit score

Many Americans are feeling trapped in the current economic climate, facing foreclosure on their homes and living on credit cards to make it from month to month. Now, more than ever, it is important to maintain a high credit score and know what is in your personal credit report.

You first need to understand that, under federal law, you are entitled to a free credit report from each of the three national credit reporting companies each year. To get started, select a date on the calendar. Let's start today. Go to your computer and log on to www.annualcreditreport.com. Be sure to order your report from this website. Other sites will charge you a fee. Using the date you select, you will be able to receive another free report each year by logging on and requesting your credit report. You may also call 877-322-8228 to request the form.

While you're checking on your credit report, you will also have an opportunity to check your credit score. This report will cost you a nominal fee, but it is important to know your score.

Each year on your selected date, you will be able to order your free credit report and purchase a copy of your credit score.

What is a credit score? The three national credit reporting bureaus -Experian, Equifax and TransUnion-keep reports based on information they receive from companies who have extended credit to you. These reports include information such as your payment history, the length of your credit history, and the types of credit you have and the amounts you owe. From that information, they derive your credit score, which can range anywhere from 300 to a perfect 850.

Keep in mind that the higher your score, the better interest rates you'll receive. For example, consumers with a credit score above 700 generally receive lower interest rates and those with a credit score of 760 or higher will receive the lowest interest rates. The median credit score is 723. Consumers with the highest credit scores usually pose a lower risk as a potential borrower. If you're thinking about buying a new car

or purchasing a new home, your 3-digit credit score will in large part determine your interest rate.

How is your credit score calculated? According to one financial planning expert, your credit score is calculated using this formula:

- 10% is based on the types of credit in use, including the number of accounts and the mix of those accounts.

- 35% is based on your payment history. Do you pay your bills on time? Do you have any bankruptcies, judgment liens or foreclosures on your record?

- 30% is based on the amounts owed on available credit cards and installment loans.

- 15% is based on the length of your credit history.

- 10% is based on the number of new credit accounts opened recently.

How can you improve your credit score?

- Pay your bills on time. If you find it difficult to make time to sit down and pay your bills on a regular basis, consider setting up an automatic payment system

through your bank, so you're never late. Of course, be sure you have enough money in your account to avoid overdrafts.

- Be sure you don't have too much credit. Too many credit cards and installment accounts can negatively affect your credit score.

- Don't max out your credit cards and keep balances on your credit cards low. Experts suggest you keep your debt ratio on your credit cards under 50%. If you have a \$5000 limit, don't carry a balance more than \$2500.

- Don't open a lot of credit cards you don't need.

- Pay down those credit cards with the highest interest rates first.

- Carefully review your credit report and correct any errors immediately.

Credit is a good thing, but we all know what they say about too much of a good thing. Use credit responsibly and you'll find your lender will offer you the lowest interest rate when you go to purchase that new home or automobile.

Home inspections point out problems

Approximately five million Americans are expected to buy an existing home this year. Volatile prices, a record number of foreclosures and an uncertain economy make this an uneasy time to enter the homeowner market, which is why it is all the more important that homebuyers are aware and informed before signing on the dotted line.

Although licensed home inspectors can provide a detailed analysis of many aspects of a house, experts agree the buyer should not let the inspector go it alone, either figuratively or literally. Accompany your home inspector to see problems first hand, take notes and ask questions about mechanical operations and emergency shut offs so you can familiarize yourself before you have a problem.

Several of the most common issues to watch for include:

Maintenance: Observing an overall pattern of poor maintenance is often a signal of trouble. Crumbling masonry, makeshift wiring, peeling paint,

cracked cement surfaces, broken fixtures and appliances may indicate that other, even more important items have been neglected. Ask for life expectancies on major appliances, HVAC, and the roof.

Electrical: Electrical service that is inadequate to meet the demand of the household can cause wires to overload and start a fire. Older homes in particular tend to have electrical service patched together and added on as the demand grew. Today's lifestyles place additional demands on the home electric not anticipated when first built, including computers, microwave ovens, larger refrigerators, air conditioners, more lighting and television/video centers.

Roof: Old or damaged shingles, improper flashing and broken gutter and drainage systems can all contribute to roof leaks and water damage.

Heating System: Old and inefficient heating systems, old ductwork, malfunctioning thermostats and controls can pose costly problems throughout the

heating season. Blocked chimneys and poorly vented heating systems can pose a health threat to occupants.

Plumbing: Faulty and inefficient fixtures, lead water pipes, non-compliant gas lines, inadequate or old waste pipes, and a mix of incompatible piping materials can present problems. Water heaters should meet the needs of the occupants.

Structure: Foundation walls, floor joists, rafters, windows and doors and skylights should all be examined for cracks and air/water leakage. An improperly graded property that slopes toward the house can result in water penetration in basements and crawl spaces, and damage to foundation walls.

Insulation: Inadequate or cracked caulking around windows and doors, and insufficient wall and attic insulation drive up heating and cooling costs. However, over-sealing a house can cause excessive interior moisture.

Additional tests: Separate inspections for termite

infestation, asbestos, radon, well-water contamination, and other potential hazards are often advisable.

Show animal entries due for fairs by August 8

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

The fall show season is fast approaching. If you are a 4-H member and have an animal project, entries for the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene and the State Fair of Texas are due in the Haskell County Extension Office Fri., Aug. 8 by 4:30 p.m.

Entry forms are available at the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell. For answers to questions on animal projects, or the upcoming fairs and shows, call Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

Time to return to bedtime routine

Many kids' summer sleep routines-staying up later and sleeping later-must quickly change as school begins. Studies tend to show that many children don't get enough sleep and report being tired at school.

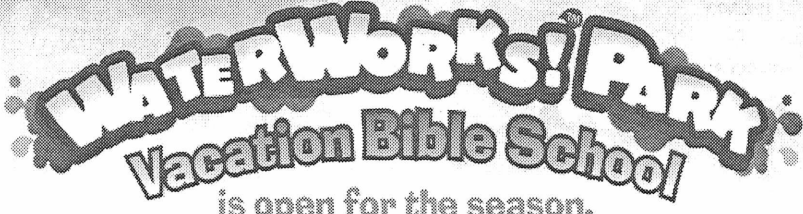
Sleep experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center say instead of trying to adjust bedtimes, adjust wake-up times to help your children get used to the school-year schedule. Dr. John Herman, a pediatric psychiatrist and sleep specialist, says that if you send kids to bed

early, they're likely to just lie awake for a while instead of dropping off to sleep earlier. But if you wake them up earlier, they'll be tired enough to go to sleep earlier the next night.

Children of different ages also have different sleep requirements. The average 5- to 12-year-old needs 10 hours sleep, according to the National Sleep Foundation. Teens should get between 8 and 9 hours. In the teen years, a child's internal clock resets itself, creating a

biological desire to stay up later and sleep later.

A slightly earlier bedtime may help the child feel better and perform better in school. To get kids ready for bed, UT Southwestern experts also suggest that they avoid caffeine, and limit TV and video game time in the evening because they can stimulate the brain. Instead, encourage reading and other quiet activities as part of the bedtime routine. Also, maintain the same bedtimes on weekends as weekdays.



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ECC Calendar and Menu

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 Lunch-Philly steak and gravy, cream potatoes, ranch beans, garlic toast, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 8 spaghetti, English peas, garlic toast, onions, pickles, coconut cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 6 Lunch-Ham slice, sweet potatoes, mixed veggies, cranberries, yeast rolls, brownies, Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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Effects of wildfires on wildlife studied

Dr. Jim Gallagher, Texas AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist, has seen the effects of many fires in his career. "I've seen the aftermath of dozens of wildfires of all sizes during both my academic and professional career," said Gallagher, who is stationed at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Uvalde. "And for about 20 years I've studied the effects wildfires have on wildlife."

Gallagher said the most recent wildfires he has investigated to determine their effect on wildlife were the ones from March 14-20, which burned more than 100,000 acres in South Texas. Individual fires burned from 2,500 acres to 70,000 acres, scorching both private and state-owned property in Dimmit, La Salle, Brooks, Hidalgo and Jim Hogg counties.

Fires such as those which have occurred in the past months in South Texas and other parts of the state have the potential to severely impact wildlife, he said, but currently there is little scientific documentation of their effects, he said.

"While some dead animals are found in the aftermath of a fire, many more are seen wandering the landscape in search of food

and shelter," he said. "And with smaller-scale fires, mobile species populations like those of birds and white-tailed deer don't normally suffer too greatly due to their ability to move quickly to escape fires and travel to new locations to find food and water."

Even under harsh burning conditions, less mobile species like small mammals, Texas horned lizards and snakes, fare reasonably well during a fire itself, he added.

But while some wildlife is killed during wildfires, more serious losses can come days and even weeks later, Gallagher said.

"Even though the majority of animals may escape a fire, many will suddenly find themselves in the middle of thousands of acres of burned-over country side, with a lot less shelter and food than before," he said. "Those living near the edges of the burned areas can usually travel to find what they need, as can those living in or near unburned patches. But unburned areas tend to be few and far between. Competition for resources in the unburned pockets can be intense, and those resources won't last very long."

By example, Gallagher noted, only about 750 acres or about 5 percent of the Chaparral Wildlife

Management Area, a 15,000-acre state-owned site in Dimmit and La Salle counties, was unaffected by the recent fire.

Prior to coming to Uvalde, Gallagher spent 10 years with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department studying the effects of wildfires on wildlife at the Chaparral site.

"I'm carrying over that research and building from it now," he said. "Among other areas, these most recent wildfires have affected the Chaparral WMA in South Texas, and this has provided additional information we can use to help determine how wildfires may affect wildlife throughout South Texas and other parts of the state."

According to Gallagher's research, even rapidly moving wildfires seldom result in large wildlife losses through direct mortality. And ironically, many properties with a smaller amount of forage before a fire, either as a result of grazing or other practices, may have more forage after the fire because less of it is burned.

Gallagher also noted that normal firebreaks and roads did not do much to stop the recent fires, but areas with less fine fuel, such as grass, were less likely to burn.

"The majority of wildlife exposed to wildfire will see a drastic reduction in their amount of cover and a drastic increase in their exposure to starvation and predation," he said. "Many animals forced to move to more suitable areas will often have to do so at unusual times and in unusual locations. As a result, many of them find themselves coming in contact with humans and, more specifically, their vehicles."

Gallagher said wildlife's need for shelter is often under-appreciated. Not only does shelter provide a place to avoid predators, it is also essential to help wildlife conserve energy and water.

"Without adequate shelter, wildlife is exposed to the elements, requiring them to use up more energy to stay cool or warm," he said.

It may take several months before an area has adequately recovered to once again support wildlife, and unless growing conditions are adequate, most of the burned areas will provide marginal wildlife habitat at best, he added.

"With good growing conditions, the smaller burns will provide good foraging areas for wildlife later this year," Gallagher said. "But even with good growing conditions, the largest burns are going to be a big challenge for wildlife. Without adequate food and shelter, survival and reproduction will be reduced. And for ranchers dependent on income from livestock and wildlife, this could be a tough situation."

Gallagher also cautioned landowners about supplemental feeding of wildlife during the forage recovery period.

"Supplemental feeding efforts can be a two-edged sword as feeding programs benefit only a small number of species," he said. "The additional deer and raccoons that survive will only make life tougher for other species later. They will put pressure on plants trying to recover, as well as on smaller species that make up the prey base for other wildlife."

Even though the shorter-term results of wildlife on wildfire are negative, Gallagher said, sometimes the long-term effects may be positive.

"This is especially true when what was once an unsuitable habitat for a species like quail is opened up by a fire and, as a result, it becomes more suitable for them," he said.

Ultimately, the recent "hard times" experienced by wildlife in South Texas and other areas of the state are a direct result of the "good times" of last year, Gallagher said.

"Without the good growing conditions early last year there would not have been enough grass to fuel the types of wildfires we have been seeing this year," he said. "Plants and animals will recover, but there is little we can do to dictate the pace of this recovery."

This Week's Devotional Message:



GOD IS WHEREVER YOU MAY GO

Even though your faith and your church have their regular place in your daily walk of life, do you remember to include them in your vacation plans? Whatever highway you travel, God is there to provide you and your loved ones with His unfailing guidance and protection, if you will only reach out and avail

yourself of it. He is everywhere, in the beauty of all the mountains, lakes and valleys of this world which He created, and so are His churches. You can easily find them anywhere throughout the land. Remember that God never takes a vacation from you; don't take a vacation from Him!

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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.m., 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.m., 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

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 Larry White, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
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Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

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 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
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Mission Revival Center
 Rev. William Hodge
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 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

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

Church in the Wind
 C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
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Sagerton Methodist Church
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First Baptist Church
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First United Methodist Church
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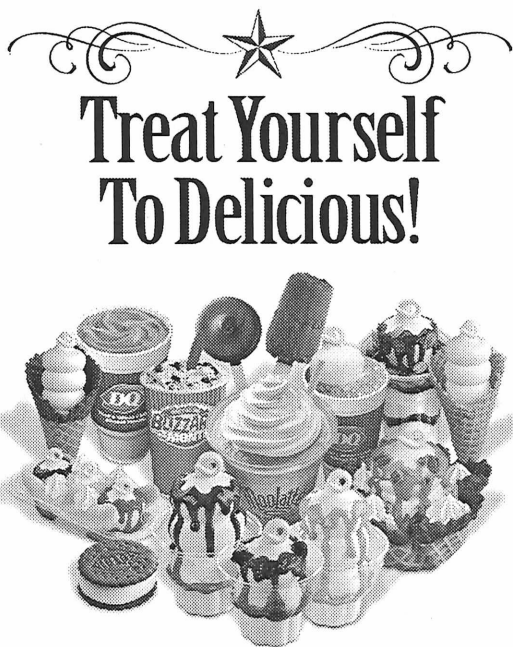
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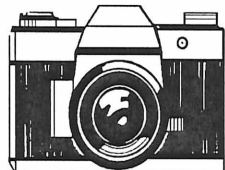
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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that on July 15, 2008, Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc., (Big Country) and Golden Spread Electric Cooperative (Golden Spread) filed a joint application (Application) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) under Section 37.154 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act. The case has been assigned Docket No. 35884.

In the Application, Big Country and Golden Spread request that the Commission approve their proposal to transfer the CCN rights concerning certain transmission facilities from Big Country to Golden Spread. No new facilities are being sought and the boundaries of Big Country's service area are not affected by the Application.

Both Big Country and Golden Spread are engaged in the transmission of electricity under certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN). Big Country owns and operates approximately 69 miles of high voltage transmission facilities, equipment and related substation facilities and



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SCADA equipment. Those facilities are located in Garza County, Jones County, Scurry County, Fisher County, Shackelford County and Haskell County, Texas. Big Country proposes to sell all of these facilities to Golden Spread. The estimated sales price is approximately \$4,395,603. Under the proposed transaction, Big Country will continue to operate and maintain the facilities.

The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is August 29, 2008, and persons who wish to intervene in this proceeding must submit 10 copies of a letter requesting intervention to the Commission by that date. Persons with questions about this project should contact Fredda Buckner of Big Country at (325) 776-2244 or Mike Wise of Golden Spread at (806) 379-7766. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. The telephone number of the Public Utility Commission's Customer Protection Division is (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or (800) 735-2989.

Copies of the Application and the map illustrating the facilities are available in Big Country's offices at 1010 W. South 1st Street, Roby, Texas 79543. Arrangements to view or obtain a copy of the Application or map may be made by contacting Fredda Buckner of Big Country at (325) 776-2244 or Mike Wise of Golden Spread at (806) 379-7766. 30-31c

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Alvis 'Buddy' Drinnon, Deceased, were issued on June 17, 2008, in Cause No. 4,375, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Ricky Drinnon.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Kristen L. Fouts
Attorney at Law
1 Avenue D
Post Office Box 206
Haskell, Texas 79521
Dated the 17th day of June, 2008.

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We would like to express our appreciation for the prayers, food, phone calls, cards, flowers, memorials, home and funeral home visits and to those attending the funeral services. Thanks to Bro. Morris Johnson and Bro. Troy Culpepper for the messages and Pam Gibson and Brian Burgess for the beautiful music.

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Pets may suffer during hard times

Pet owners may tend to cut back in several areas during an economic slowdown, and this may even include the healthcare of pets. But even during times of economic strain, the cost of medical maintenance is much less expensive than being faced with an expensive health crisis, experts say.

"As of now we have not seen a drastic change in pet healthcare," said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, professor and animal behavior expert at the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University.

"But there is no doubt we will see the effects in time, especially if economic hard times continue for another six to twelve months."

One of the most immediate impacts of pet care costs has been in the food aisle. The cost of pet food has increased and is forcing some Americans to make tough decisions. When penny pinching occurs, priorities must be established and that sometimes means pets have less nutritious meals or smaller portions.

Stories of people forced to choose between paying for their own living expenses and their pet's living expenses are not uncommon, animal experts note. But there is a "buyer beware" clause-cutting corners in nutrition can lead to other, more dangerous and expensive health problems, Beaver says.

By providing a less nutritious diet, pets can be more susceptible to stress (such as heat stress and many other variables) and this can lead to bigger health problems. Such cutbacks can lead to a harmful cycle.

"We will see increases in health problems because of this lack of nutrition," Beaver explains.

Other routine pet care costs are

also getting more expensive. Vaccines and immunizations, which are imperative healthcare constants, may not seem as enticing as prices go up.

In addition, the cost of transportation of goods has increased, the cost of petroleum-based products such as plastics has gone up and the cost of simply driving to the vet has increased—but that does not lessen the importance of preventative maintenance, Beaver adds, noting that the concern for an increase in preventative diseases is on the minds of many veterinarians.

Beyond general care and preventative medical maintenance, pet owners facing major medical issues will be considering the cost of care as they choose treatment plans. While this does not differ from times of economic prosperity, it can make the decision making process a bit more strained.

Beaver suggests setting up a savings account anytime a new pet is brought home. A pet savings account can help by allowing you to have a greater amount of funding for treatment, should the need arise.

"Setting up an account can come in extremely helpful when it comes time to make difficult decisions," Beaver said. "It can allow you to effectively treat your pet through a designated budget."

She says another concern is that pet owners will abandon pets as the economic recession wears on. Animal abandonment is always an issue with animal welfare, but economic strains can exacerbate the problem.

Having a pet is a financial responsibility and that responsibility does not dissipate during difficult economic times," Beaver adds. "Proper care and maintenance remains the least costly approach to healthcare."

Weather Whys

Strongest Hurricanes

Q: What are the strongest hurricanes to hit the United States?

A: Category 5 hurricanes—the strongest category, those hurricanes that have winds of 155 miles per hour or higher—are rare. Only two have ever hit the U.S., says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Experts agree that Hurricane Camille in 1969 was probably the strongest ever to hit the U.S.," McRoberts explains.

"It destroyed much of southern Mississippi and although the strongest wind gust was measured at 172 miles per hour, some estimates place the highest winds of Camille in the 215 to 225 miles per hour range. So it remains the strongest storm ever to hit the U.S. The second strongest, also a Category 5, occurred in 1935 and hit the Florida Keys. That storm, which

formed before names were assigned to hurricanes, had winds of at least 160 miles per hour and did extensive damage to Key West."

Q: What about Hurricane Andrew in 1992?

A: When Andrew formed, it was a Category 5 hurricane, but when it struck the south Florida coast, it had weakened somewhat to a Category 4, McRoberts adds.

"Still, it's one of the strongest ever to hit the U.S. mainland. One estimate shows that in the 20th century, hurricanes destroyed more than \$73 billion in property, not adjusted for inflation. A study in 1998 shows that if the storms were adjusted to today's dollars, hurricanes have caused more than \$340 billion in damage in the past 100 years. Although major hurricanes account for only about 20 percent of all hurricanes that form, they are responsible for 80 percent of property damage."

Kretschmer reunion set this weekend

The annual Kretschmer reunion will be held Sat., Aug. 2 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room, 600 S. 1st in Haskell, with registration beginning at 2 p.m. Games and visiting will begin at 2:30 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 3 p.m.

An auction will be held to help raise money for next year's

reunion. Those attending should bring something for the auction such as canned goods, homemade items or baked goods.

The evening meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. Each family should bring a basket of food to share. Family are asked to bring pictures.

Friends are also welcome to attend.

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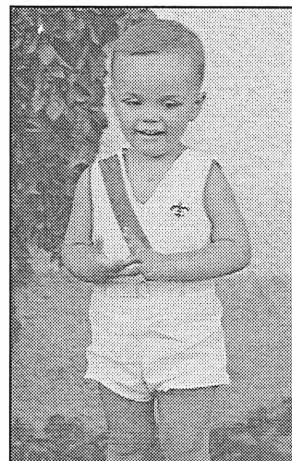
PUBLIC NOTICE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Haskell County is giving notice of intent to submit a Disaster Relief Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant request is \$53,922 for reconstruction of roads and water crossings damaged as a result of recent flooding. The application will be available for review at the County Courthouse during regular business hours and will be submitted to the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs a minimum of five days following publication of this notice.

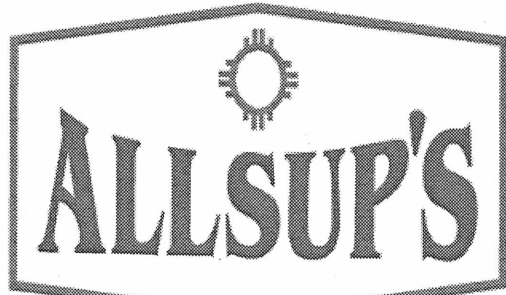
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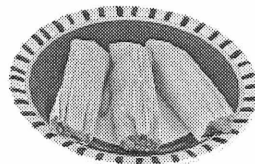
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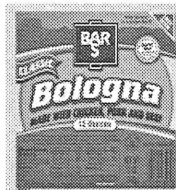
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