

Haley To Speak At Nesbitt Library

On Tuesday, September 12, beginning at 7 p. m., the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus will host a dinner with Texas historian James L. Haley.

Haley will deliver an address and answer questions from the audience.

Copies of his most recent book, *Passionate Nation: The Epic History of Texas*, will be offered for sale.

Admission and dinner will cost \$15 to the general public, \$10 to Friends of the Library.

Because of limited space, no more than 36 persons will be admitted. Tickets can be purchased at the library, or reserved by telephone, until noon on Monday, September 11.

Haley's new book, a history of Texas aimed at the general reader, was favorably compared to similar books by T. R. Fehrenbach (*Lone Star: A History of Texas and Texans*) and Randolph B. Campbell (*Gone to Texas: A History of the Lone Star State*) in the July 2006 issue of *Texas Monthly*. Other reviews have been even more glowing.

He is routinely praised for the grace and accessibility of his writing style.

Haley's previous book, a biography of Sam Houston, won nine awards, including the top awards given by the Texas State Historical Association, the Texas Historical Commission, and the Western Writers of America.

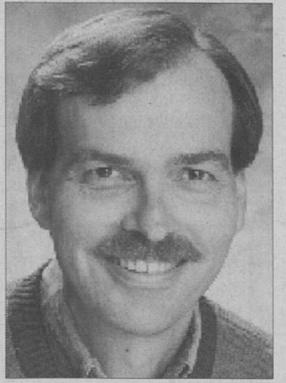
Haley worked on the book for fifteen years. He appeared at the Nesbitt Memorial Library to discuss that book in the summer of 2002.

A resident of Austin, Haley broke into print when he was nineteen, with a biography of the circus elephant, Jumbo, that was published in *American Heritage* magazine.

Since then, he has published six books on Texas history and three novels.

In addition, as part of the official celebration of the sesquicentennial of Texas statehood in 1995, he was engaged by the Visitors Center of the Texas State Capitol as the guest curator of an exhibition of artifacts and memorabilia from the 1845 annexation of Texas to the United States.

The following year, he co-curated a second exhibition about Texas Governors and the Executive Mansion.



James L. Haley, author of a new general history of Texas, will appear at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus on Tuesday, September 12.



The WCJC Surgical Technology graduates and instructors include (pictured left-to-right) front row: Heather Velasco, Clinical Lab Instructor of Rosenberg, Laura Samora of Wharton, Alexis Gardner of Egypt, Veronica Picon of Blessing, Tera Baklik of El Campo, Kristy Baron of Columbus, and Melissa Wade, Department Head of East Bernard. Graduates pictured back row, left to right: Clinton Johnson and Darla Cassle of Van Vleck, Cammy Garcia of Katy, Lisa Medina and Christopher Carr of Bay City. Not pictured: Jennifer Roberts of Brenham and Andrea Hernandez of Rosenberg.

12 Graduate WCJC Surgical Program

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) is pleased to announce the recent graduation of 12 students from the Surgical Technology Program.

As part of the graduation ceremony, four students received special awards. The Clinical Excellence Award was presented to Tera Baklik of El Campo, the Academic Excellence Award

was presented to Darla Cassle of Van Vleck and Cammy Garcia of Katy, and the Perfect Attendance Award was presented to Alexis Gardner of Egypt.

Prior to graduation, students successfully completed one year of intensive study to prepare and enable them to pass the National Certification Exam for Surgical Technologist. Upon receiving

their certification, they will practice the science and technology of Surgical Technology in many areas of their local communities.

Applications for the 2007 fall class will be accepted through May 31, 2007.

For information and application contact WCJC's Surgical Technology Program at 979-532-6491.

2006 Colorado County Fair Queen Contest Sept. 9

The 2006 edition of the Colorado County Fair will get underway with the 28th annual Fair Queens' Pageant to be held Saturday, September 9, at the Columbus High School Auditorium.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with the Junior Queen Contest, followed by the Queen's Pageant immediately after. The new fair queens will be chosen from a field of 29 young ladies who have entered from across the county.

The contestant selected Fair Queen by an out-of-county panel of judges will receive the \$1000 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship. The contestant who sells the most advance Season Passes to the Fair will be named Membership Queen. She will receive a \$2000 scholarship and a life membership in the fair association. The first runner-up in sales will receive a \$750 scholarship and the second runner-up in sales will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Carl Geisler, station manager of KULM-FM and KNRG-FM radio in Columbus, will serve as master of ceremonies. Music at the keyboard and piano will be provided by Katelyn Hobaugh of Columbus. Pamela Potter of Columbus will serve as pageant director.

Members of the pageant committee include Doreen Alexander, Melissa Kilpatrick, Evelyn Orange, Henry Potter and Lora Weishuhn of Columbus; Diana Brunner and Steven Meinecke of Eagle Lake and Deborah Hayward of Weimar.

A Mardi Gras theme will be carried out in decorations for this year's event.

The public is invited out Saturday evening to see which of the following contestants will take home the titles for 2006 from the Columbus area for Queen:

Kayla Kane, daughter of Raymie and Mike Kane, sponsor A Creative Touch;

Whitney Mayo, daughter of Rebecca and Rick Mayo, sponsor Colorado Feed Company;

Ashlie Nawara, daughter of Kim and Weldon Nawara, sponsor

Four Oaks Puppy Club;

Kylee Nitschke, daughter of Libby and Randy Nirschke, sponsor Brides House;

Simone Petrosky, daughter of Deborah and Greg Petrosky, sponsor Columbus Animal Clinic;

Brandy Rossignol, daughter of Geneva and Terry Rossignol, sponsor Classic Cuts;

Cortney Urban, daughter of Rose and Larry Urban, sponsor Urban Electric.

For Junior Queen: Cortny Alvarez daughter of Carol and Canoe Alvarez, sponsor The Front Yard;

Bethany Chance, daughter of Mary and Dave Cameron and Tim Chance, sponsor Guardian Emergency Medical Services;

Victoria Coons, daughter of Marcy and Wade Coons, sponsor Professional Pilot Training;

Madelyn Courtney, daughter of Michelle and Kevin Courtney, sponsor The Baumgart Agencies;

Adriana Espitia, daughter of Angie and Daniel Espitia, sponsor Pizza Hut; Lauren Guthmann, daughter of Susan and Tommy Guthmann, sponsor D&G Cattle Company;

Taylor Beget, daughter of Janis and Fred Beget, sponsor Schobels Restaurant;

Shelby Hoelcher, daughter of Judy and Allen Hoelscher, sponsor Hoelscher Car Care Center;

Taylor Hollmann, daughter of Pam and Michael Hollmann, sponsor Wood Group ODL;

Savannah Konvicka, daughter of Christy Kotrla and Matthew Konvicka, sponsor Bouncin' Buddies;

Marissa Linkhart, daughter of Ruthie and Dean Linkhart, sponsor Home Design Studio;

Laura Moeller, daughter of Robin and Patrick Moeller, sponsor Moeller Dental;

Danielle Parkhurst, daughter of Cindy and Bryan Parkhurst, sponsor The Colorado County Citizen;

Kari Weaver, daughter of Judy and Walter Weaver, sponsor Brides House;

Olivia Wheatley, daughter of Tammy and Wade Wheatley, sponsor Columbus Cycle Shop;

Lauren Zajicek, daughter of Tawanna and David Zajicek, sponsor D-Zee's Automotive;

From the Bernardo/ Cat Spring area for Queen:

Marinna Balderas, daughter of Debbie and Tim Luedecke, sponsor The Sno-Cone Stand;

Kylee Werland, daughter of Kamla and Larry Hillmer, sponsor Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply;

From the Frelsburg/New Ulm area for Queen:

Megan Smith, daughter of Patti and Mike Smith, sponsor Columbus Barber College;

Lauren Trojacek, daughter of Joan and Gerald Trojacek, sponsor Heinsohn's Store;

From the Eagle Lake area for Queen:

Stefani Gertson, daughter of Gail and Darrell Gertson, sponsor Tan-UR-Hide;

From the Weimar area for queen:

Terri Prihoda, daughter of Sherry and Raymond Prihoda, sponsor 1st Texas Home Health.

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Cowgirl Calf Dressing Slated For County Fair

Colorado County Fair and Rodeo would like to invite you to come watch or participate in the Cowgirl calf dressing in conjunction with the Ranch Rodeo on Sunday, September 17 at 1 p.m.

This will consist of a three-cowgirl team. You must be 18 or older to participate in the event. There will be a limit of six teams. The entry fee will be \$30 per team.

The calves will be in the chute with halter or rope on.

When the judge/announcer symbols or says go, the chute will open.

The team must put a shirt over

the calves head and two front legs. The team will put socks on the calf's two front feet. The team will also put on shorts; these will go through the back two legs and over the hindquarters.

After the calf is dressed the team will take the calf across the line. The first team across the line with a dressed calf is the winner.

You don't want to leave your cameras or video cameras at home for this event.

If you would like to get in this event or for more details about this event or any other events going on at the arena, contact Kaylee Brune at 979-732-0616 or 979-357-2531.

\$ WHO IS FEEDING ROBBY COOK? \$

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES - State Representative Robby Cook's farming joint venture gets millions of dollars from the federal government in subsidies. ALMOST \$5 MILLION!! (1995-2004) according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

REGULATED UTILITY - After years of calling himself one of the few farmers in the Legislature, Robby Cook has now gone on the payroll of a utility, while he is still a member of the Regulated Utilities Committee in the Texas House. He says his job is "community relations". Sounds like a sweet deal, but it doesn't pass the smell test.

SPECIAL INTERESTS - Robby Cook has been given more than \$300,000 in contributions from outside his district in just the past two elections. He has used this money for more than just politics. His "campaign expenses" have included an apartment in Austin, meals, and various living expenses.

TEXAS TAXPAYERS - If Robby Cook wins one more term in the Texas House, he will reap a retirement windfall of \$300,000 or more. He will be eligible to retire at the age of 50 and start getting a "retirement" check of more than \$30,000 per year. If he loses this November, Robby will have to wait until he is 60.



Tear off and return to Tim Kleinschmidt Campaign - 3596 CR 405 - Lexington, TX 78947

Tim, I agree it's time to retire Robby Cook. Let me know how I can help.

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