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Cattle Market report

### Football games

#### HASKELL

Indians vs Roscoe  
Sat., Aug. 14, 11 a.m.  
at Haskell (Scrimmage)

Indians vs Baird  
Thurs., Aug. 19, 5 p.m.  
at Baird (Scrimmage)

### Calendar

#### Paint Creek School to register

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration Mon., Aug. 16. School begins Wed., Aug. 18 at 8 a.m. All classroom supplies for elementary students will be provided for the upcoming school year free of charge to students.

#### Paint Creek cookout

Paint Creek ISD will host a 'Meet the Teachers' cookout Mon., Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

#### Meet the teachers

Rule ISD will host 'Meet the Teachers night' for all students Early Childhood age through twelfth grades and their parents Mon., Aug. 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teachers and staff members will meet and greet parents, register students and answer questions regarding the new school year. Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies. Supply lists are available at the Rule ISD Superintendent's office and Wal-Mart in Stamford.

#### Old Glory fun day

A fun day will be held Sat., Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center to benefit the fund to repair the roof of the Old Glory High School that was damaged by a recent storm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Old Glory School Committee, the afternoon will include entertainment, an auction, cake walk and concession stand. For information call 940-989-3101 or 989-3153.

#### Grief group to meet

For those suffering from a loss due to death or divorce, a grief group will meet the third Monday of each month beginning Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m. For more information and location, call Helen Wilson 940-256-0537.

#### Food distribution

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

#### Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the Pit & Grill restaurant in Haskell Fri., Aug. 13 at noon. All members are asked to attend. New officers will be elected.

#### Sr. citizen dance

The Old Glory Senior Citizen's dance will be held Thurs., Aug. 12 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center in Old Glory. Call 940-989-2925 or 866-997-9505 for information.

#### ECC fund-raiser

The Experienced Citizens Center will hold a fund-raiser Sat., Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. The variety show will feature a fun night of entertainment. Admission is \$4 for senior citizens, \$5 for all others and children under 13 will be admitted free. Sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be available from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

#### Brisket dinner

A brisket dinner will benefit the Jamaica queens of St. George Catholic Church Fri., Aug. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A garage sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 864-3171 for delivery.

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## Watch for children in school zones

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**CHEERLEADERS AT CAMP**—Instructed by Paint Creek Junior High and High School Cheerleaders, the girls attending Cheerleading Camp held at Paint Creek School the week of Aug. 2-6 worked on basic motions, jumps, cheers, chants and dance, and presented a program for their parents on Friday morning. Front row, l-r, are

cheerleading students Kadie McCord, Katie Fowler, Victoria Reid, Addie Exum, Katrina Buerger and Katie Bosnjak. Standing back row, are the Pirate cheerleaders, instructors, LaShell Walker, Hali Wolsch, Ariel Blair, Tammy Daniel, Alice Blair and Melanie Bishop. Not pictured is Kailey McCord. Their sponsor is Susan Brooks.

## FSA announces general CRP sign-up to begin

In full support of President George W. Bush's recent directive to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to sustain the environmental benefits of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced a General CRP Sign-up 29 to begin Aug. 30.

Glenn R Brzozowski, County Executive Director for Haskell County FSA explains that CRP Sign-up 29 is offered for those acres currently enrolled in CRP and set to expire Sept. 30, 2004 or Sept. 30, 2005. According to Brzozowski, eligible cropland never before enrolled in CRP will also be considered for enrollment under General CRP Sign-up 29.

"As further expansion to the CRP program, President Bush has announced a couple of new initiatives including a Bobwhite quail initiative and an expanded wetland program designed to enhance wetlands and playa lake areas," said Brzozowski. "Provisions and eligibility guidelines for these and other new CRP components will be forthcoming as USDA works through the development process."

In light of the projected 16 million acres of CRP set to expire in 2007 and an additional six million acres to expire in 2008, President Bush addressed his vision for the future of the CRP program—the nation's largest, voluntary conservation program offered for private lands. In a continued effort to "restore, enhance and protect" environmentally sensitive land, build

on producer stewardship and enhance wetland and wildlife acres, the President expressed his commitment to re-enrolling as many CRP acres as possible up to a maximum of 39.2 million acres nationwide.

"Producers and landowners need to understand that CRP Sign-up 29 is completely separate from potential

're-enrollment' of acres expiring in 2007 and 2008," said Brzozowski. "No provisions for these acres will be made until the 120-day public comment period has ended."

Individuals interested in making public comment pertaining to managing the large number of acres set to expire in 3-4 years, managing future CRP sign-ups, evaluating the

program's environmental effectiveness or other related topics of concern can weigh-in on FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Comments on the issues must be received within 120 days after the date published in the Federal Register. Written comments should be mailed to Director, Conservation and Environmental Programs

Division (CEPD), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Room 4714-S, Stop 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20250-0513.

For more information regarding CRP Sign-up 29 or public comment on the future of CRP, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.

## Library acquires new homeschool materials

The Haskell County Library has announced the acquisition of a new homeschooling information kit from the Home School Legal Defense Association, designed to help and encourage parents who are homeschooling or interested in finding our how to get started. Free to all library patrons is an information brochure directed toward families considering homeschooling.

Also in the kit and available for check-out from the library are the following titles:

"Homeschool X-ing," an informational 60-minute audio CD that gives practical tips on how to begin homeschooling. Comprised of 35 helpful sessions from HSLDA's Home School Heartbeat radio program, along with real-life examples and dramatic readings, this CD leads the listener through various hurdles sometimes associated with homeschooling. Major topics include the biblical philosophy of education, socialization, the legality of homeschooling, and more.

*Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling, 2004-2005*, by

Brian D. Ray, is for parents and others who are looking for discussion and information about the facts of statistics on homeschooling.

*Home Schooling: The Right Choice*, by Christopher Klicka, is a comprehensive handbook covering the biblical basis for homeschooling and the constitutional right to home school, as well as homeschooling's history and benefits, academic success through college, how-to tips, teaching children with special needs, handling social workers, rights in the military and more.

*A Mom Just Like You*, by Vickie and Jayme Farris, gives encouragement to homeschooling moms in a warm, practical style, with insights gleaned from years of experience.

*The Heart of Home Schooling*, by Christopher Klicka, speaks to homeschooling parents and contains many practical tips for homeschool teenagers on how to prepare for a life of service.

*The Homeschooling Father*, by Michael P. Farris, shares his own

experiences and vividly paints a picture of the treasure in store for those who faithfully father their children.

A copy of the bimonthly magazine, *Home School Court Report*, is also being donated to the library by a Haskell homeschool family. Updating families on what

is going on in Texas and around the nation, it reports on legislation, trends, issues and items of general interest to home educators.

The Haskell County Library also provides many other books about homeschooling, including volumes on curriculum, law, and the different styles of teaching at home.

## Proposed consolidation to be topic at Aug. 16 meeting

Haskell CISD will hold a public meeting Mon., Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed local consolidation agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD. The meeting will be in the high school auditorium.

The terms and conditions of the local consolidation agreement are the same as the original agreement put before the voters last February. Both school districts will seek voter approval of the local consolidation

agreement in elections held Nov. 2. The two key terms of the agreement are: (1) Haskell CISD will operate a 7th and 8th grade campus in Rochester, and (2) the newly consolidated district will commit to hire a number of the current Rochester employees.

The Haskell Board of Trustees and administration would like input from all citizens. Citizens are strongly encouraged to attend and participate.

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# Cattle Market report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 237 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Aug. 2, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 44 sellers and 26 buyers were present.

Short run due to rains. We are changing our sale day to Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

Cows: fat, .55-.65; cutters, .50-.62; canners, .29-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .72-.79; feeders, .85-1.10; utility, .68-.76.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.85; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.50; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.39; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.32; 600-700 lbs., 1.10-1.20; 700-800 lbs., 1.05-1.17; 800-up lbs., .85-1.09.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.28; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.19; 600-up lbs., .82-1.10.

Bred heifers medium frame, 750-925.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 800-980; aged or small, 650-775.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1000-1300; aged or small, 775-925.

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 317 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 7, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 26 sellers and 25 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, .52-.60; cutters, .54-.63; canners, .32-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .65-.70; feeders, .85-1.09; utility, .62-.66.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.70; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.40; 400-500 lbs., 1.18-1.34; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.28; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.19; 700-800 lbs., .98-1.14; 800-up lbs., .85-1.08.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 400-500 lbs., 1.08-1.25; 500-600 lbs., .98-1.15; 600-up lbs., .80-1.07.

Bred heifers medium frame, 700-900.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 875-1050; aged or small, 650-775.


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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. August 23, 2004 in the Paint Creek ISD Library.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$5,605	\$5,819
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5043	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5043	\$5,190	\$6,235
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$4,780	\$5,376

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$21,420	\$21,937
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$6,420	\$6,937
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$96.30	\$104.06
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$7.76

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.8680. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.8680.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$327,070
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00

# Obituaries

## Lennie Ruth Sloan Blankenship



LENNIE RUTH BLANKENSHIP

Funeral services for Lennie Ruth Sloan Blankenship, 71, of Haskell were held Wed., Aug. 11 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Allen Brooks officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Blankenship died Mon., Aug. 9 at a local hospital.

Born Dec. 22, 1932 in Weinert, she was the daughter of Steve and Carrie Nell Scruggs Sloan. She married Bill Blankenship July 31, 1952 at First Baptist Church in Haskell. She was a homemaker, a member of TEEA and

a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Blankenship of Haskell; daughters, Ruth Phillips of Abilene, Jeleta Xedis of Altus, Oklahoma and Susan Moore of Grand Prairie; brother, Dan Sloan of Munday; seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 525, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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## Ray Address

Funeral services for Ray (Tex) Delois Address, 72, of Claypool, Arizona were held Thurs., July 8 at Claypool United Methodist Church. Burial was in Globe Cemetery.

Mr. Address died Sun., July 4 at the Cobre Valley Community Hospital following a four-year battle with cancer.

Born Jan. 15, 1932 in Haskell, he was the son of Beno and Opal Address. He had lived in Arizona for over fifty years. He was Korean War Army veteran and had retired as a foreman for Inspiration Consolidated Copper Co. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Miami, the Elks and the Miami VFW where he once served as

commander. An avid fisherman and hunter, he enjoyed the camping trips with family members and his best friend, Monroe Foster.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Beno and Opal Address; and one brother, Melvin.

Survivors include his wife, Susie of Claypool; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Tommy Breshers of Morenci, Ariz. and Valerie and Robert Thorne of Duncan, Ariz.; the daughter's mother, Laquita; two sisters, Bennie Shelton of Ranger and Wanda Cheek of Stamford; three brothers, David Address and Vernay Address, both of Haskell and Boyd Address of Everman. PD. NOTICE

# Three dove symposiums set

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

With dove season just around the corner, Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled three "Dove Symposiums" during August to bring hunters up-to-date on the state's most popular game bird.

Registration for all three symposiums starts at 8 a.m. Dates and locations are: Aug. 12-13, MPEC Center in Wichita Falls; Aug. 19-20, First United Methodist Church in Coleman; and Aug. 26-27 Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

"These symposia are designed to summarize the science and art of dove management," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo and a coordinator for the events. "They'll be of interest to

anyone wanting to learn more about managing and marketing dove-related recreational opportunities.

"Mourning doves are the most populous species of dove in Texas, but we'll also address whitewing doves, as their populations are increasing in both size and range in recent years," he said. "Historically, whitewings were a product of the Rio Grande Valley, but over the past decade, they've flown northward at an astounding rate. Some have even made it all the way to Amarillo."

Dove experts from state agencies, organizations and universities, as well as several landowners will discuss how to capitalize on dove hunting opportunities.

"The first day of the symposiums

is all indoors, but the second day we'll be outside touring local dove fields," said Rollins. "We'll see firsthand how to best design and implement habitat management strategies."

The program topics are similar at all three locations, though speakers and landowner panelists will differ to customize the program to that particular site.

Topics on the first day will be: "Dove Biology In Texas," "Dove Research Findings," "How Hunting Regulations Are Set," "Economic Impacts Of Dove," "Field Management For Doves," "Related Laws And Regulations," "Liability Considerations," "Future Of Dove Hunting" and "Managing And Marketing Dove Hunting" (landowner panel).

That evening's dinner will be followed by a presentation by a Texas Brigades youth camp member and an auction to raise money for the that organization.

The second day will begin with coffee and doughnuts at 7:30 a.m. Talks starting at 8 a.m. will be on: "Shooting Field Management," "Farm Pond Management," "Plants Important To Doves," and "Rangeland Habitat Management."

A noon lunch will conclude each of the symposium programs.

Extension's co-sponsors for the seminars are the Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Dove Sportsman's Society. Co-sponsors are the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society and Texas Farm Bureau.

"The printed proceedings stemming from these programs will feature the most current information on dove management in Texas," said Rollins. "It's a must for any serious student of Texas dove management."

For more information and program updates, visit: <http://teamquail.tamu.edu> or contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576, drollins@tamu.edu or Extension agents Lance Rasch, Coleman County (325) 625-4519; Joe Raff, Wichita County (940) 716-5580; or Kenneth White, Uvalde County (830) 278-6661.

# Antibiotics are not always the answer


When children are sniffing, sneezing or coughing, good-intentioned parents want them to get well-fast. They frequently ask doctors for prescriptions for antibiotics. Antibiotics are incredible drugs, even lifesaving in certain circumstances. But misuse of these drugs can cause harm. The truth is that taking a pill is not always the answer. Sometimes, rest, fluids and times are still the best medicines.

Antibiotics can help kill bacterial infections, and bacteria are the culprit in several common childhood illnesses, including ear and some sinus infections, strep throat and urinary tract infections. These illnesses need to be diagnosed by a

family physician or pediatrician, so bring your child in if symptoms appear. But in flu and colds, and in many cases coughs and sore throats, a virus is causing the harm rather than a bacterium. In such cases, antibiotics are powerless.

Some over-the-counter remedies can keep your child more comfortable, but there are safety issues to keep in mind. Avoid baby or children's aspirin. Aspirin use in children who have certain viruses, such as flu and chicken pox, has been linked to Reye Syndrome (a serious condition that can cause brain damage and even death). Instead of aspirin, use children's formulas of acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

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**FIVE GENERATIONS**—Together recently for a family photo with the newest member were: l-r, great great grandmother, Crystella Raynes; great grandmother, Roberta Jenkins; grandmother, Teresa New; and proud father, Josh New, holding his son, Zachary New.

## Now is the time to make fall garden preparations

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Soil Preparation and Fertilization

If you made a mistake by not properly preparing your garden soil last spring, now is the time to correct it. This should be done before establishing the fall garden, because soil problems encountered during the spring growing season can be expected in the fall also.

Adding liberal amounts of organic matter to all types of garden soils is a highly recommended practice. Hay, compost, rotten grass clippings or leaves, applied to the garden surface 2 to 3 inches deep and tilled or worked into the soil, greatly improve sands or clays.

Heavy clay soils, which are sticky when wet and hard as a brick when dry, are much easier to cultivate if a washed, coarse sand is added. Washing sand removes calcium carbonate, which makes alkaline soils even more alkaline. Add 3 inches of sand to the garden surface if the soil is to be tilled to a 10-inch depth.

Gypsum (calcium sulfate) added to a 'sticky' soil makes it more workable.

Gypsum is a neutral product which does not increase or decrease the soil's alkalinity. Not only is it a good soil conditioner, but it also furnishes certain amounts of calcium, which may prevent such minor element disorders as blossom-end rot of tomatoes and cabbage leaf-tip burn.

Never add lime or wood ashes to alkaline soils. Use iron sulfate or a chelated iron product in the soil to prevent plant yellowing (iron chlorosis) caused by lack of iron. Adding fertilizer to the fall crop is necessary because spring fertilizer has washed out of the soil or been used for plant growth. Use a slow-release fertilizer at a rate of 3 pounds per 100 square feet. If manures are used, 20 to 50 pounds per 100 square feet should be adequate. Incorporate

fresh manure into the soil several weeks before planting.

Thoroughly pulverize soils at least 10 inches deep. Mix the above ingredients into the garden, and add nematicide if necessary. A properly prepared soil insures a successful fall flower and vegetable garden rather than a disappointing failure.

Additional amounts of fertilizer are needed later in the season to insure optimum plant growth and production. Add 1-1/2 ounces (3 tablespoons) of ammonium sulfate per 10 feet of row to cucumbers, cantaloupes, eggplants, okra, peas and beans, peppers, squash and tomatoes after the first fruits are set, after the first harvest, and every 3 to 4 weeks thereafter.

Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, lettuce, mustard, spinach and turnip greens require 1-1/2 to 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) of ammonium sulfate per 10 feet of row 2 weeks after transplanting or 4 weeks after sowing seed.

Flowering annuals require 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) of ammonium sulfate every 4 to 8 weeks for the life of the plants. Sandy soils need more frequent fertilization than heavy clay soils. Crops such as beets, carrots, potatoes, radishes, turnips and watermelons usually do not need additional fertilization. Excessive amounts of nitrogen reduce yields, or lower quality, or both.

### Use Drip Irrigation

One of the best ways to water a garden is by using a drip irrigation system.

Drip irrigation is the controlled application of water at a very low flow over a prolonged period. It differs from conventional watering systems in that the soil is not supersaturated with water. When the rate of drip irrigation is adjusted correctly, there are no puddles of water, and no run-off. If puddling occurs, decrease the irrigation rate.

Many types of drip systems are available. Some use small water-releasing mechanisms called

emitters, which drip a certain volume of water when a specific water pressure is supplied. Many of these systems are prepackaged, and allow little versatility or adaptation to the various sizes and shapes of gardens.

Other systems currently available in garden centers can be adapted easily to almost any garden size and situation.

The most common has small holes pre-punched in plastic tubing at 12-inch intervals which allow the water to come out in small amounts. The tubes are placed along the plant rows so that root zones are moistened by the dripping water. To insure adequate moisture when the garden is planted, apply at least 2 inches of water to the planting zone before seeding or transplanting. This is referred to by farmers as pre-irrigation. Be sure rows are well firmed at the time of pre-irrigation so the water moves laterally in the soil as well as downward.

Sprinkling the entire garden may be necessary to settle the soil enough for the drip irrigation water to move horizontally, and not go straight down the rows.

This is needed especially in sandy gardens.

Once the drip irrigation system is in place and operating, how long it should be used for optimum plant growth varies with the plants grown and the season of the year, but a general recommendation is to operate the system 3 hours a day on alternating days, such as Monday, Wednesday and Friday. When rainfall is adequate, it is not necessary to water for several days.

## Weathers Whys

### Topic: Cloud Colors

Q: Why do some clouds appear to look white in color, while others are gray, black or other colors?

A: The color of a cloud depends on the size of water droplets that make up the cloud, says Michael Hammer of Texas A&M University. "As light enters a cloud, it reflects off these tiny water droplets. As the droplets get larger, less light is reflected back out. Clouds will appear white if they reflect a lot of light and darker if less light is reflected. Also, where you are when you're looking at it also affects what color the cloud will appear to you. If you're standing underneath a tall cloud, it will appear gray because little light can get through the cloud. If you stand far

away, however, the same cloud will appear white because the light is not passing through the cloud before it reaches your eye. Some experts say if a cloud is 3,000 feet or so thick, very little sunlight will pass through it, so it appears to be a dark-looking cloud."

Q: Then why do some clouds look almost black?

A: Very dark looking or black clouds are probably those that contain a lot of rain in them and part of a thunderstorm, Hammer says. "But not all gray clouds contain rain or snow. If you are under a cloud that appears to be very dark, wait until it passes by you and then look at it again. The side of the cloud will often appear very white, meaning the brightness of the cloud will change colors too, from gray to very white. As sunlight is scattered over and

through clouds, their colors will change as the light is reflected differently before it reaches our eyes. So where you are standing from the cloud usually determines what color it appears to be."

## Lydia Ivy to celebrate 90th birthday

Lydia Ivy of Haskell will be honored on her 90th birthday, Sun., Aug. 15, with a celebration at the Haskell Presbyterian Church basement.

All friends and relatives are invited to drop by from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and wish her a happy 90th birthday.

## Guess family meets again in reunion

Due to many descendents of Belle (Ma) and Rebus Guess being unable to attend the July 24 reunion, some of the family recently met at the old Mattson School house and again traveled east one-half mile to the location of the country store and Vontres Post Office.

During the meeting, Rebus Guess, Lindo Guess, Lavern Mayfield and LaVera Hummel were able to relate names, places and times of family history to the younger Guess family members.

The group visited the old Guess farm, which is still in the family, and then traveled to the Roberts Cemetery.

Returning to Haskell, they met for lunch in the home of Jennifer and Brian Burgess.

After lunch they enjoyed visiting and the presentation of family talent by family members, both young and old. A birthday cake was served in celebration of Lavern Mayfield's birthday.

Attending this session of the Guess family reunion were: Lavern Mayfield; Arch and Eddy Lou Mayfield; Evelyn Mayfield; Alexia Rimmer and daughters Elise, Adrienne and Meredith; LaVera Hummel of Sterling, Illinois; Rebus and Leora Guess, Brian and Jennifer Burgess, Casey, Bree and Ryan Burgess, Kim and Tom Bassett, Aubrey, Crissy and Cash Bassett, Sue and Pat Henry, Mike and Steve Guess, Lindo and Sarah Guess, all of Haskell.

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# OPINION

MEANWHILE, THE SQUEEZE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TIGHTENS...



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

**Who is this Mystery Reader?**  
I was born in Hamlin.  
I attended college at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.  
I have been married 15 years and have one child.  
No one knows that I once was a shy, skinny child.  
My favorite TV show is "America's Funniest Videos."  
My favorite type of music is classical Spanish guitar. My favorite song is "Don't Worry, Be Happy."  
I like to cook, collect cookbooks, go to museums, study arrowheads and native artifacts, talk to people (whether I know them or not), fish, dance, ski, and read, read, read. I have no favorite kind of reading material; I like all kinds of books.  
My favorite food is anything spicy, Mexican or Creole.  
My favorite place in Texas is the Hill Country.  
My favorite vacation spot in the world is any place with mountains.  
My best quality is persistence and my ability to look for the best in people.  
My worst quality is that I'm stubborn and opinionated.  
I hate it when people don't do what they say they're going to do.  
The person in history I'd most like to talk with is Quannah Parker.  
For me, the best thing about Haskell is its friendly people.  
Who am I? Watch next week for the answer.

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**Update**

Last week's Mystery Reader was former Haskell resident, Sandy Forehand of Floydada.  
Growing up in Lubbock, she attended school there and was in the first graduating class at Lubbock's Monterrey High School. She attended East Texas State and Texas Tech University.  
During her junior and senior years in high school, she was employed by the Sweetbriar Dress shop, and was sponsored in the Miss Lubbock Contest, by the store's manager.  
Although she wore eyeglasses, she was not allowed to wear them during the pageant, and without them, she spent the whole evening just hoping that she would not fall off the stage.  
After she married, she lived in California until 1974, when her husband lost his job opportunity there. Not knowing what they would do, she turned to her faith for help in coping with the situation. Her favorite verse of scripture is "...your faith and hope are in God," I Peter 1:21, and she says it's something she

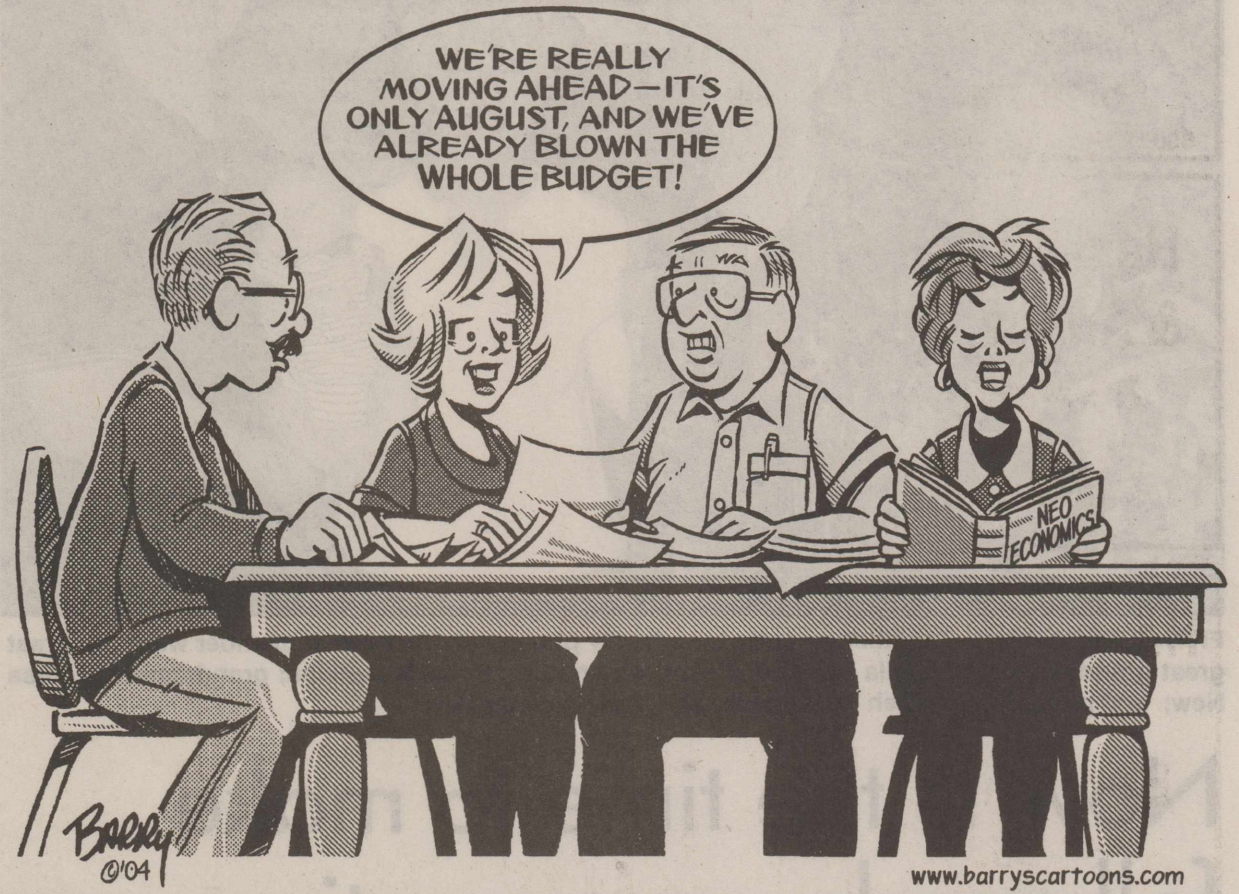
has always tried to live by, in both difficult and successful times.  
Her seeing an advertisement for a Sears Catalogue store to be opened in Haskell, was meant to be, she said. In 1976 they moved to Haskell, opened the store, and she kept it open until 1993, when Sears, Roebuck and Co., decided to close their catalogue stores. After the store closed, she continued operating the Merle Norman franchise and the gift shop, which she had incorporated into the building along with the Sears mail order operation.  
In 1989 Sandy married Roy Forehand of Weinert. An adept carpenter, Roy remodeled a Haskell restaurant building into an attractive, unusual home for them.  
Encouraged by the manager of Farm Bureau in Haskell to learn the insurance business, Sandy began to study up. Taking the Texas Life and Property and Casualty tests, she got her license and worked for the local Farm Bureau until ten years ago, when it seemed the best thing for her to do was take a position with Farm Bureau in Floydada, where she still works.  
The move was another of those unplanned, unforeseen things she sees as being supposed to have happened. It has enabled her to be closer to her mother in Lubbock the last few years. Her mother now suffers from Alzheimer's and lives with them in Floydada.

The couple enjoys their family and having them come to visit. Sandy has one son, who lives in Bend, Oregon. Losing her other son in death was the hardest thing a parent could ever have to face, she said.  
Sandy has three young grandchildren, and Roy has three children and two grandchildren. They enjoyed having all of them visit with them during this past summer.  
Of their fifteen years together, Sandy says she and Roy have had a great life. In his retirement, Roy has been remodeling their kitchen, despite some health problems.  
They love to travel together and have made two trips to London, a Baltic cruise and have visited New York, Florida and just recently, Bend, Oregon.

During a trip to London, Sandy said one of the most moving experiences she has ever had was going down into the underground bunker where Winston Churchill lived with his wife and war cabinet during the devastating bombings of London during WWII.  
If she could talk with him, Sandy

would like to hear how it felt to know that everything you knew was being destroyed, and to have to come out each morning to survey the destruction. She said hearing the replays of his daily phone calls to President Roosevelt was a thrill, and gave her chills to be "witnessing" the historical conversations.  
Still owning rental properties in Haskell, the Forehands come back often to see after them, and to visit friends and insurance customers she still works with.  
"But, I still miss all my friends from those years spent in Haskell," she said.

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**It's a Thought**  
"The history of the world is but the biography of great men."  
—Thomas Payne, 1830



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago**  
**August 11, 1994**

Tosca Kniese, a German exchange student, lived with Cindy and Hal Guess during the school year as she attended Haskell High School as a senior. Kniese was escorted around town by her friend, Katy Martin.

Rhonda and Jimmy Lisle were among Booster Club members making teepees which were hung throughout town to promote spirit and community pride in Haskell athletic teams.

Cherry Pitcock of Paint Creek and Wanda Thompson of Haskell were among some 2,500 teachers at the State Professional Development Conference for Home Economics Teachers.

Estalynn Liles was elected president; Alta McGuire, vice president; Alice Yates, secretary and reporter; Myrtle Phemister, treasurer; Jimmie Weinert, council delegate; Agnes Wincheter, alternate and Faye Jetton as Sunshine chair of the Weinert FCE Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Teichelman, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bredthauer and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Teichelman, all of Sagerton, went to Abilene to bowl with the senior league.

**20 Years Ago**  
**August 9, 1984**

New officers of the Haskell VFD Auxiliary were installed by Wanda Dulaney. They were Lisa Shaw, reporter; JoAnn Watson, Historian; Margaret Tatum, secretary-treasurer; Nancy Trussell, 2nd vice president; Linda St. John, 1st vice president; Floradean Cockerell, president; Nene Comedy, racing captain and Betty Stocks, chaplain.

Darin Lavon Beakley, Jay Curry Beakley, Leon Greeson, Rod Gilbert Petty of Rule and Becky Jo Medford, Lynda D'Anne Burris MeHon, John Eric Wilson of Haskell were listed to the Dean's Honor Roll at Abilene Christian University.

Matt Frierson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. (Pete) Frierson of Haskell, qualified for the finals in the Caldwell Youth Rodeo by placing in the top ten in all five events.

Phillip Carpenter, grandson of Felix and Lydia Klose of Haskell, was one of the All Stars of the Abilene Senior Little League that

played in the Southern Regional tournament in Florida.

Marvin H. Post, born in Haskell, was honored with a 90th birthday Post family reunion in Kerrville by his four children.

**30 Years Ago**  
**August 8, 1974**

Sam Cole Turner and Larry F. Barbee of Rule were among many Texas and Oklahoma high school players chosen to compete in the 25th Annual Greenbelt Bowl Football Classic. Turner escorted Susan Mullino as his queen candidate and Barbee escorted Fran Wilson.

Lugene Lane and Bonnie Adkins of Haskell were among the 11 twirlers chosen to join Texas Tech University's Red Raider Band.

Becky Stubblefield of Haskell was notified that she is to be featured in the Eighth Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

James Powell, co-owner of the Haskell Livestock Auction, was named chairman for the Haskell County area for the fifteenth annual Cattlemen's Round-up for Crippled Children.

Larry Suttle of Haskell was named football season ticket representative for Abilene Christian College.

**40 Years Ago**  
**August 13, 1964**

Suzu Redwine, Haskell High School senior, was chosen out of 69 candidates as Hey Day Queen. Ladies-in-waiting were Virginia Westbrook of Rule and Wanda Nixon of Haskell.

Mrs. Jack Pippin of Haskell, her mother, Carrie Williams, and the three Pippin children, Lee 12, Karen 10, and Jim 7, appeared on NBC's "Truth or Consequences" television show live in Burbank, California.

First Lieutenant Anthony K. Dunnam of Rule completed the rigorous U. S. Air Force survival and special training school at Stead AFB, Reno, Nevada.

The Haskell Warriors took the District 6 title and advanced to the state Texas Junior Teenage League Tourney. Ray Herren and Johnny Josselet were the pitchers.

Paulette Allen, a senior at Hardin-Simmons University and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allen of Haskell,

was winner of the registered barrel race in Stephenville.

**50 Years Ago**  
**August 12, 1954**

New elected officers of the Weinert W. M. S. were Mrs. Eddie Sanders, president; Mrs. Geo Hudgens, first vice president; Mrs. C. T. Jones, second vice president; Mrs. E. F. Rainey, recording secretary and Mrs. O. W. Vaughn, treasurer.

Among local supporters of Yarborough for Governor who attended a rally in Abilene were Thos. B. Roberson, Chas. M. Conner and J. M. Crawford. The Haskell group was joined in Abilene by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cunningham of this city.

Donnie J. Solomon, seaman, USN, of Haskell, took part in the

annual Seattle "Seafair" in the Pacific Northwest.

**100 Years Ago**  
**August 13, 1904**

M. E. Park is out at Pinkerton putting W. T. McDaniel's ginning outfit in shape for the coming season.

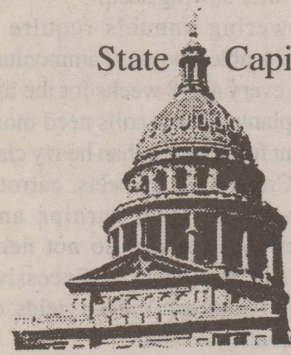
Mrs. E. J. Hunt left for the Eastern markets where she will purchase her fall stock of millinery and dress goods.

The biggest watermelon seen in town was a 78 pounder. We did not learn the name of the grower, as it had been sold to W. H. Wyman.

A. C. Foster and daughter Una returned from St. Louis, where she saw the exposition. Una meet her father in St. Louis on her return from Boston, where she had been studying art for the past two years.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

**New state agency oversees residential construction**

AUSTIN—The last session of the Legislature changed the state agency landscape, doing away with some, merging others and creating new agencies.

One of those new agencies that has not received much public notice is the Texas Residential Construction Commission.

Created by House Bill 730, the TRCC is charged with developing and enforcing a limited warranty program and building and performance standards for new homes and major improvements.

In addition, the TRCC registers Texas home builders. Since the first of the year, all Texas home builders have been required to register new homes, major improvements to certain new houses and interior improvements costing more than \$20,000. Builders pay a \$30 fee for each registration.

The new commission has begun a series of nine public hearings across the state to collect public opinion on proposed TRCC regulations and standards.

A working draft of new home construction standards was prepared by the Texas A&M University's construction science department. It can be viewed at the commission's Web site, www.trcc.state.tx.us.

The schedule for the hearings, which continue through Aug. 31, also can be found on the commission Web site.

**Back to school healthy diet...**

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are about over for most Texas school children, and so is the daytime consumption of much of

their junk food.

As of Aug. 1, all public schools in the state participating in federal child nutrition programs must have adopted the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Public School Nutrition Policy.

The new rules ban foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNVs) such as gum, most types of candy and soft drinks anywhere on campuses until the end of the school day. Middle schools can't allow access to FMNVs until after the last lunch period. High schools can't let their students get their hands on FMNVs in the lunchroom.

Not only does the policy make it hard for a pupil to indulge in a chocolate bar washed down by a popular carbonated drink, it enforces portion control for some foods and mandates that fruits and vegetables be offered daily. Next year, fried food must be dropped from school menus.

**Old lighthouse gets bargain Presidential paint job...**

The 151-year-old Port Isabel Lighthouse, operated as a historic site by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, got a new coating of paint earlier this month.

The 50-foot tower, which survived a Confederate attempt to blow off its top during the Civil War, received a layer of German-made paint designed to last up to two decades.

According to TPWD, the same paint is used by the federal government to keep the White House white.

The department said the maintenance project will cost about \$25,000, including labor. That's a little more than \$1 for each visitor the lighthouse has each year.



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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
The Experienced Citizens Center would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the generosity of Judge Davis and the Haskell County Commissioners in the donation of our "brand new 15 passenger van." We feel so honored to have received this wonderful gift for the center. We appreciate all you do for us, to keep this center open and operating for our seniors.

The center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for home cooked meals. We take extra pride in our meals, so that you will enjoy the center. Everyone is welcome to come and eat.

Among the activities are: "Gospel Singing" with Betty Berry on 1st

Wednesday; Bingo on 3rd Wednesday, movie and popcorn on 4th Wednesday, and other programs in between.

We also deliver meals to the homebound. If you know of someone who needs this service, please call me, so that we might get meals to those who need them.

We invite everyone to join us for a meal. For ages 60 plus, we ask for a donation of \$2.00. Ages under 60 can eat for \$4.50.

Join us for a home cooked meal and fellowship. This center is for everyone, and we welcome you to come.

Sincerely,  
Jennabeth Kimbrough, Director  
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School's back in session and in the excitement of the new school year, many school-age children, especially the young ones, may forget to look both ways when crossing the street or exiting the school bus.

That leaves it up to you as a driver, to be extra careful around school yards, neighborhood play areas and departing school buses.

Remember, let's all slow down and give our children the chance they deserve.



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# Sharing the road with slow-moving farm equipment demands attention

Crop season is in full swing. That means motorists traveling Texas highways and rural roads may find themselves sharing the road with the large, slow-moving farm equipment. As a result, motorists should keep

both eyes on road and traffic conditions, learn how to identify slow-moving equipment and give it a wide berth whenever possible, said David Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension farm safety specialist.

Not recognizing slow moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions between motorists and farm equipment.

Farmers are very busy at this time of year, and they often have to move their equipment along the road. Motorists who encounter this situation should remember they have a limited time to slow down or pass. A car traveling 55 miles per hour

can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 miles per hour in about five seconds. At 65 miles per hour, that time drops to about four seconds, Smith noted.

"Texas motorists should be especially cautious when traveling on hilly roads, in bad weather and during the dim hours around dawn and sunset," Smith said.

They should also be aware that the

most common farm vehicle accident occurs when a slow-moving vehicle makes a left turn after the motorist behind begins to pass. Texas motorists can avoid that and other potentially dangerous encounters with slow-moving vehicles by following these driving tips:

- Recognize and respect the slow-moving vehicle emblem—the triangular fluorescent orange emblem bordered in red. When you see one, slow down as if you are approaching a stoplight.

- Watch for hand signals. Don't assume that a slow-moving vehicle pulling to the right side of the road is going to turn right or is going to let you pass. Make sure the driver sees you before you try to pass.

- Slow down when you see a slow-moving vehicle's flashing turn signal.

- Keep your distance. Most farm equipment travels less than 25 miles per hour in road gear.

- Be patient. Driving a tractor at high speed is dangerous. It's not easy for the operator to move aside to let you pass, especially when road shoulders are questionable.

- Always make sure the road ahead and behind is clear before you pass. Don't depend on the driver to wave you around.

- If you spot something up ahead that isn't another car or truck, slow down immediately and proceed cautiously. That's the safest way to share the road with slow-moving equipment," Smith said. "Don't pull out in front of a slow-moving farm vehicle—such as a tractor pulling a grain cart—and then stop or slow down rapidly. Farm equipment cannot stop or slow down as quickly as an automobile."

At the same time, farmers and farm workers should make sure their equipment is safe for road travel by checking the steering and brakes frequently. They should drive

defensively when moving slow-moving equipment from site to site and make every effort possible to increase their visibility on the road, Smith said.

They should install clean slow-moving vehicle emblems on all their equipment and replace those that are faded or worn. New, self-adhesive emblems are now available to ease this chore.

Marking slow-moving equipment with reflective tape is another good idea. Use yellow reflective tape on the front and sides, and apply red or fluorescent orange tape to the back of equipment. Always turn on your amber flashing lights when traveling on the road, and allow extra time and distance when you cross or pull onto highways and roads, Smith said.

"Be courteous. Let oncoming traffic pass before you move your equipment onto the road. After you get moving, stay alert for curves, dips and intersections, and keep an eye on the traffic around you," he said. "Drive slowly and allow more braking or stopping distance when pulling equipment that isn't equipped with independent brakes."

"Lock your tractor's brake pedals together before you pull onto a public road. This helps prevent unintentional hard right or left turns if you have to stop quickly."

Try to avoid driving equipment on uneven road surfaces, where the left wheels are on the pavement and the right wheels are on a loose-surface shoulder. Driving in this manner increases the risk of an over-turn, he said.

Use turn signals or hand signals, and be extremely cautious when you have to make a wide left turn from the road. And if possible, don't drive slow-moving equipment on the road when visibility is restricted by bad weather such as rain or fog, or in the dim hours near dusk or dawn, Smith said.

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## Haskell School Menu

Aug. 16-20  
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

Secondary no breakfast first day.

Monday: Cereal, poppart

Tuesday: Sausage, biscuit

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Breakfast pizza

Friday: Pig in a blanket

Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice

of entree or baked potato with ham and cheese.

Monday: Chalupas/cheese, garden salad, corn, salsa, apple crisp

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, watermelon

Wednesday: Corndogs, macaroni and cheese, pork and beans, baby carrots/dressing, pineapple tidbits

Thursday: Taco salad/cheese, pinto beans, chips/salsa, fruit cups

Friday: Hamburger, lettuce/tomato/pickle, french fries, ice cream

## ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 16

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check

Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, vegetables, garden salad, sliced onions, garlic bread, pudding cups and cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 18

10:30 a.m. Bingo

Lunch—Swiss steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced onions, green

beans, hominy, yeast rolls, Mississippi mud cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 20

Lunch—Beef a roni, Spanish cabbage, garden salad, pinto beans, buttermilk biscuits, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee

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

## Paint Creek School Menu

Aug. 18-20

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Pancakes

Friday: Cereal, toast

Lunch

Milk and tea are served daily.

Wednesday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, Spanish rice, salad, tortilla chips, cookies

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, salad, garlic bread, fruit cup

Friday: Turkey or ham sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, chocolate cake

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

### Is a Credit Counseling Service Right for You?

Good credit is an essential aspect of life in today's world. Your credit history shows how responsible you have been in paying your bills. It helps determine the amount of credit available to you as well as the interest rate you will pay.

Unfortunately, we are not always able to maintain a good credit rating due to hardship, such as unemployment. As a result, an increasing number of consumers are turning to credit counseling agencies for assistance. What is credit counseling? Credit counseling is advice offered by a non-profit or for-profit organization that is designed to get you out of debt, often with the aid of a debt repayment plan.

Typical debt repayment plans require you to make a monthly deposit to the credit counseling agency, which will then pay off your creditors according to a payment schedule set by your credit counselor. Bear in mind that as part of the repayment plan, you may have to agree not to apply for or use new credit while you are participating in the program.

When considering whether to use a credit counseling service, ask for an estimate of how long the repayment plan will take. The majority of successful plans require you to make regular payments for at least 48 months. Be sure to find out exactly how much money each service will cost you. Payment costs and requirements vary widely from agency to agency.

Some credit counseling agencies are free or charge a small amount for credit management, while others charge a monthly fee that can add up over time. Be aware that some credit counseling agencies are funded partly by creditors. While a debt repayment plan can reduce the stress associated with dealing with your creditors, you must remain an active participant in your repayment plan. You are responsible for reviewing your monthly statements from your creditors to verify that they have been

paid and that other provisions of your plan have been satisfied. You are also responsible for paying debts not included in the repayment plan.

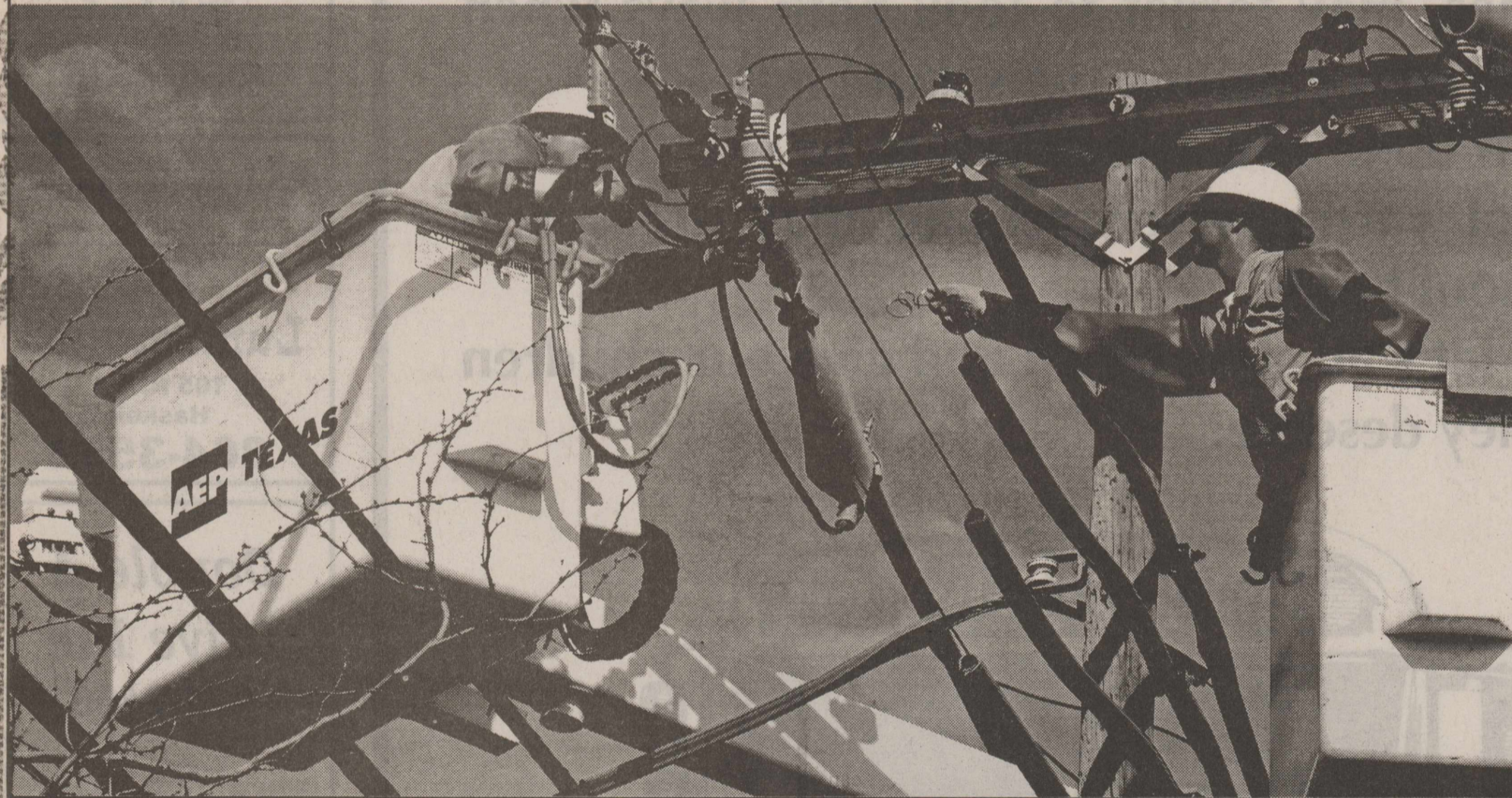
Participating in a repayment plan will not erase your bad credit. Accurate negative information about your credit history can stay in your credit file for up to seven years. In addition, your creditors will report information on accounts that are in the credit management process, which may lower your credit score in the short run.

Debt repayment plans usually only cover unsecured debt. Your car loan and home mortgage are considered secured debts and might not be included. You will have to continue to make payments directly to these creditors. The reason these kinds of loans are considered secured is that a vehicle can be repossessed or your home foreclosed on if payments are not made. If you are experiencing difficulty in making your car or house payment, contact the creditor immediately.

Consumers should also be careful when considering loan consolidation as a way to pay off creditors. Some companies claim they can guarantee a loan for a fee paid in advance. The fee may be as much as several hundred dollars. If someone guarantees or strongly suggests that they can get a loan or credit for you, remember that it's against the law for them to request or accept payment until you actually get the loan or credit. Legitimate lenders never guarantee or imply that you are likely to get a loan or credit card before you apply, especially if you have bad credit, no credit or a bankruptcy on your record.

Credit counseling services can provide a means for consumers to get out of debt, but they are not for everyone. You should understand that a debt repayment plan is a methodical, long-term solution to debt management. The only way to ensure having good credit in the future is to be diligent in paying bills and debts today.

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## Class bullies can overcome harmful behavior

Remember in the elementary school years, when every class had at least one bully and at least one victim of that bully? Remember how painful and frightening that was, even for students who were not directly involved? Remember how hard—or impossible—it was to tell adults about it?

Bullies and their victims are still out there, but the good news is: Parents and other caring adults can help both kinds of children overcome this harmful behavior. That's the message from Dr. Rick Peterson, Texas Cooperative Extension parenting specialist.

"Bullying is the willful, conscious desire to hurt another person and put him or her under stress," Peterson said.

Bullying takes place over a period of time—not in just one act—and can include hitting or punching, name-calling, making faces or deliberately excluding someone from a group activity. Teasing can also be a form of bullying, when it involves ridiculing, calling someone names and/or putting someone down, he added.

"Hostile teasing may include tormenting or harassing another person. Both girls and boys can be bullies," he said. "According to researchers, boys are more likely to be bullied by other boys, while girls tend to be victimized by both boys and girls."

"Girls (who bully) tend to use ridicule and the spreading of rumors to victimize, while boys typically use physical forms of attack to bully."

Who are the bullies' victims? "Researchers have discovered that

victims of (hurtful) teasing and bullying share some common characteristics," Peterson said. "Some of these characteristics may include physical weakness, poor social skills, willingness to submit to the bully's demands, outward signs of distress (such as anxiousness or depression) and possession of few friends."

Victims of bullying tend to "suffer from anxiety, fear and low self-esteem," he said. "They may avoid peers, school and social activities where they may be exposed to teasing or bullying. Victims may become depressed and, in some cases, suicidal. Some victims may try to bully other children as a response to being teased and bullied themselves."

Researchers have also studied what might turn children into bullies, he said. These studies have shown that bullies "tend to have higher levels of anger, depression and (impulsive behavior). They also tend to lack confidence in the use of nonviolent strategies for dealing with problems, lack a sense of belonging in school, and have more problems at home."

Some styles of parenting have also been linked to bullying. Authoritarian parenting in a home atmosphere of harshness and aggressiveness, and/or parents who yell, call children names and threaten punishment can lead to bullying behavior in children, Peterson said.

Bullying is serious, for both bullies and victims, and stopping the behavior can be critical, Peterson said. "One study found that males who were bullied were more likely by age 20 to be depressed, and they

had lower self-esteem than a comparison group who had not been bullied."

Bullies themselves can suffer long-term consequences. "There is some evidence that shows that childhood bullies are more likely to perform poorly in school, become aggressive later in life and become involved in criminal activities," Peterson said.

Parents, teachers and other care givers and adults can help children overcome bullying—either as a bully or as a victim—but first they must be aware of the problem.

"Since teasing and bullying often occur away from the presence of adults, and thus goes undetected, adults must recognize the problem and investigate when they suspect teasing and bullying is going on."

In order to guide children past this hurtful, damaging behavior, Peterson suggests, adults should consider: helping both the bully and the victim develop healthy self-esteem for themselves; establishing a no-tolerance policy toward hurtful teasing and bullying; establishing and enforcing rules about respect and responsibility; teaching children how to react to bullying and what the consequences of bullying are; helping other adults—including parents, teachers and other care givers, as well as the entire community—learn about the nature of bullying and ways to intervene.

"Successful anti-teasing and anti-bullying programs send clear messages that this type of behavior is not appropriate and that all children will be safe," Peterson said.

## Everybody's Science

by Sandy Miller Hays, Agricultural Research Service

### Make Like an Egyptian—in Cotton

by Sandy Miller Hays  
Agricultural Research Service

I came across a strangely disappointing historical tidbit the other day: Elegant Queen Cleopatra VII, the darling of Marc Antony, wasn't really lounging around Egypt in soft, cool cotton back in 30 B.C., as I'd always thought (in my childhood, we wore a lot of cotton during steamy Southern summers, and it was fun to imagine that I was literally "dressing like a queen"). In fact, the ancient Egyptians wore linen (made from flax), not cotton—so, in today's cotton, we have a luxury that not even the pharaohs enjoyed.

But Cleopatra didn't miss the cotton craze by much; by the Christian era, the residents of southern Egypt had started finding uses for the strange fiber they pulled off the half-wild cotton trees around the area. And we've been tinkering with cotton ever since!

The Agricultural Research Service has a long history of making the most of cotton. A real "star" in ARS cotton research is the agency's Southern Regional Research Center in New Orleans, La., where scientists in the 1950s came up with the processes to produce the first-ever "wash-and-wear" cotton garments—an achievement that in May of this year resulted in the New Orleans lab being named a "National Historic Chemical Landmark" by the American Chemical Society.

Here was the problem: Cotton is a cellulose fiber with long molecular chains that have no natural bonds between them. Prior to 1958, cotton fabrics had only weak chemical bonds that tended to break down when laundered, although you could "restore" those bonds by applying heat under pressure (a fancy way to say "ironing"). Synthetic fibers, on the other hand, had chemical crosslinks built in, which meant that you didn't get wrinkles from laundering.

To solve that problem, the ARS scientists came up with chemical treatments that gave cotton fabric the crosslinks it needed to stay wrinkle-free after washing. As a result, the first wash-and-wear cotton shirts went on the market in 1958. The scientists' next development was a blend of 35 percent cotton, 65 percent synthetic; by 1965, they had perfected the process, and consumers were able to enjoy all-cotton clothing that looked newly pressed even after many washings.

Another cotton milestone of the 1950s: Again at the New Orleans lab, a chemist discovered a compound he called THPC for short. Incredibly, cotton fabrics treated with THPC did not flare up when you held them against a flame; they did turn black, but held their fiber structure and strength. And unlike other chemicals developed in hopes of retarding

flame, THPC survived laundering and drycleaning. The THPC treatment was first put used in military combat clothing, firemen's uniforms, and hospital linens, but eventually wound up in pajamas and other common items of clothing.

So, what's new in cotton today? Would you believe a mixture of cotton and clay? (Talk about a "new wrinkle"!)

Right now, the cotton-clay mixture isn't much to look at; in fact, it's rather dingy. Who would ever think of mixing cotton with clay? Leslie White and Christopher Delhom, that's who; they're scientists at the Southern Regional Research Center, and their goal is to create a new heat-tolerant fabric that they say could be used not only in protective apparel, but even as insulation to provide fire protection for homes.

Why clay? Its naturally occurring minerals enhance the flame-retardant properties of textile, as well as enhancing durability. This isn't exactly news to scientists, but White and Delhom are the first to try pairing clay with a plant-based cellulosic material such as cotton.

First, White and Delhom use a solvent to actually dissolve cotton fibers. Then they mix in montmorillonite clay particles, which

you find in some cat litters, in particles just one-billionth of a meter in size. The result—on a microscopic scale—is called a nanocomposite. When the mixture is dried and the solvent is removed, these tiny clay particles have spread out and embedded in the cotton matrix. The result is a material that's up to 10 percent clay, 90 percent cotton.

This new clay-and-cotton product can tolerate up to 86 degrees (F) more heat than unbleached cotton.

Now White and Delhom are busy testing the product for strength, toughness and wear resistance. They're also investigating a whole range of other cellulosic fibers, such as those from wood, grass, leaves and even recycled newspapers, to see if adding clay can boost their flame resistance.

This project is part of a "green" initiative for environmentally-friendly chemistry—using naturally occurring ingredients (clay and cotton fiber) plus a recyclable solvent.

As Kermit used to say, it's not always easy being "green"—but it sure can be interesting!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## Home safety is as important as national safety

National safety may be a hot topic during this election year, but keeping the home safe is an on-going goal every year.

Janie Harris, Texas Cooperative Extension housing and environment specialist, offers a home safety checklist as a way of helping parents reach that goal.

This checklist offers simple steps that will make the home safer for all residents, especially children, she said.

Take the checklist through every area in and around the home where children might go, Harris said, including the yard, garage and storage buildings. For each of these areas, look for potential dangers to children or anyone else living in or visiting the home.

Start with the medicine cabinet and go from there:

- Check that all medicines, prescription or over-the-counter, are in their original containers and are tightly closed with child-proof caps.
- Discard out-of-date medications.
- Keep household cleaners and other chemicals away from food areas and store them where children can't reach them.
- If any yard or potted plants are kept at child level, make sure they are non-poisonous.
- Open all drawers and cabinets

that are within a child's reach and make sure they do not contain any potentially harmful objects, such as sharp items, matches or lighters, small objects that might be swallowed, and anything containing alcohol.

- Inspect children's toys for sharp edges or small parts that a child might swallow. Throw away broken toys. Toy boxes should have no lids or safe-closing ones and should be ventilated to prevent suffocation if a child crawls inside.

- Keep plastic safety plugs in unused electrical outlets.

- Make sure every level of the house has at least one smoke detector; install one in or near the bedrooms. Inspect each smoke detector monthly, and replace batteries twice a year. Many experts suggest battery changes be made when clocks are changed from standard time to daylight savings time and back again.

- Keep a fully-operational and inspected fire extinguisher in the kitchen.

- Clean every chimney every year.

- Keep drapes, curtains and other flowing fabrics away from fireplaces, heaters, candles or any other source

of open flame.

- Keep screens in front of fireplaces, wood-burning stoves and heaters.

- To prevent falls, install non-skid decals or mats in bathtubs, and keep the edges of carpets and rugs tacked down.

- The use of extension cords is not recommended, especially with appliances that heat, such as irons, hair dryers, heaters, etc. If extension cords are used, never run them under rugs; discard cords that are frayed or worn.

- Fix loose or broken stairs, broken walkways and wobbly stair or porch railings.

- Keep emergency telephone numbers—including the phone number of a poison control center—posted by each telephone in the house.

- Have a fully-stocked first aid kit on hand at all times.

For a more detailed home safety checklist, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Housing and Environment, then click on Safety.

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## Student in the News

Kyle Michaels of Haskell has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring 2004 semester at South Plains College in Levelland.

Students named to the list must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point

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Michaels has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.



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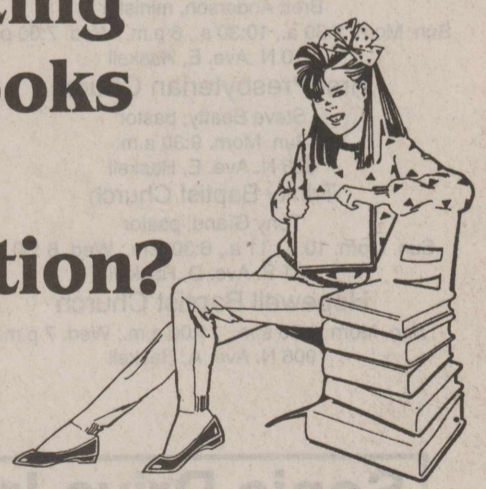
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Do I need a doctor's examination if everything looks fine to me?  
The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends a total body skin examination by a qualified skin specialist, particularly for those at risk. The doctor will suggest the correct interval for follow-up visits, depending on your specific risk factors, such as skin type and history of sun exposure.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse?  
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## Help Wanted

**Headquarter Location:** 607 N. 1st St. East, Suite B, Haskell, Texas 79521.  
**Job description:** Haskell Soil & Water Conservation District  
**Title:** District Technician  
**Introduction:** The primary purpose of the Full-Time Position is to provide technical services, on-site assistance, and related tasks necessary to complete the work as described in the Cooperative Agreement between the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District (District) and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB). This position is governed by the policies established by the District and by the fiscal operations guidelines of the TSSWCB.  
**Length of project** is approximately 3 years.

- Duties and Accomplishments:**
1. Provide technical assistance to producers in conservation planning, application, and implementation.
  2. Receives applications for financial assistance contracts under the 319 project.
  3. Prepares plans for financial assistance contracts.
  4. Presents plans to the District Board for approval.
  5. Submits approved plans to TSSWCB for certification.
  6. Maintains contact with producers having certified plans.
  7. Submits documentation of completed practices for approval by District Board and forwards to TSSWCB for payment to producer for completed work.
  8. Provide technical assistance to producers in development of conservation plans that do not result in financial assistance contracts.
  9. Maintain files on all plans.

10. Reports status of conservation plans developed on a monthly basis to Districts.
  11. Cooperate fully with any guidance, assistance, and activity that may be provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
  12. Conduct status reviews on all Water Quality Management Plans within the SWCD.
  13. Carry out duties within the work plan.
  14. Performs any other duties as may be determined by the District Board.
- Minimum qualifications:** A High School diploma and experience in Agriculture and Conservation Practices.  
**Preferred qualifications:** A bachelor's degree in agriculture or related field such as agricultural engineering, natural resource management, or environmental science (copy of official transcript attached to application required).

One year of full-time experience developing water quality management plans may be substituted for each year (30 semester hours) of the required education. Experience using geographic information systems (Arcview); experience developing water quality management plans (nutrient management plans).  
**Supervision:** This position reports directly to the Board of Directors of the Soil and Water Conservation District.  
Applications are available at the Haskell SWCD office at 607 N. 1st St. East, Haskell, Texas.  
Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. 33c

HASKELL CISD is now accepting applications for the position of daycare worker. Applications can be picked up at the Haskell CISD central administration office at 605 North Avenue E, Haskell, TX

79521 or by calling 940-864-2602. Haskell CISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants for all positions are considered without regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status. 33-34c

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## Public Notices

**HASKELL CISD** will hold a public meeting Monday August 16, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Haskell High School auditorium.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Proposed Local Consolidation Agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD.

**ATENCION PÚBLICA**  
El Haskell CISD sostendrá un público que se encuentra el lunes, 16 de Agosto de 2004 en 7:30 de la tarde en el auditorio de Escuela Secundaria Haskell.

El objetivo de la reunión es hablar del Acuerdo de Consolidación Propuesto Local entre Haskell CISD y Rochester CLISD. 33c

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Proposed local consolidation agreement between Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD is available for public review during regular business hours at the Haskell CISD central administration office, 605 N. Avenue E, Haskell, TX.

**ATENCION PÚBLICA**  
El acuerdo de consolidación Propuesto local entre Haskell CISD y Rochester CLISD está disponible para la revisión pública durante horas de oficina regulares en el Haskell CISD la oficina de administración central, 605 N. Avenida E, Haskell, TX. 33-35c

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Cause No. 9903. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Mike Enriquez. Legal description: 3. Lot 1, North Half of Lot 2, Block 15, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

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**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 33c

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



### FAITH LEADS US OUT OF THE MAZE OF SUPERSTITION

Whenever we are scheduled for a Friday the 13th, the thought of it recalls all the traditional fears, bugaboos and omens of bad luck such as black cats, broken mirrors, etc., as well as their good-luck antidotes in the form of horseshoes, four leaf clovers, etc., many of little-known origin, that have persisted throughout the ages. However, as people turned away from superstition

and toward faith in God, the truth about their destiny began to emerge: that their good fortune did not depend on any charms or circumstances, but on God's love and guidance. You too can learn the truth about superstitions such as Friday the 13th at the church of your choice, and Sunday the 15th would be a very good time to start.

## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**  
Danny Manross, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
  - Christian Church**  
Dusty Garrison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
  - New Vision Family Worship Center**  
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864-3465  
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East Hwy 380, Haskell
  - Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Ron Rennegre, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
  - Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Art Flores, Interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell
  - First United Methodist Church**  
Allen Brooks, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - St. George Catholic Church**  
Father George Roney  
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell
  - Church of Christ**  
Brett Anderson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - First Presbyterian Church**  
Steve Beatty, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
  - Trinity Baptist Church**  
Tony Grand, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
  - Hopewell Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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- Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**  
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
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- First Baptist Church**  
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Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor  
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Jackie Brem, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
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Rev. Clarence Walker  
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- Church of Christ**  
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- First United Methodist Church**  
Wendall Ferguson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.  
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Alfa y Omegas  
Manuel Marin, pastor  
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Bill Trice, pastor  
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- West Bethal Baptist Church**  
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- Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
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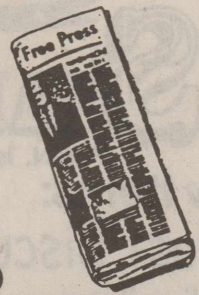
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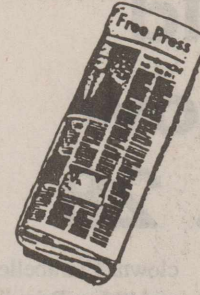




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**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**  
Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 0908-00-056 for PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on September 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.  
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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**CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**  
Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6117-37-001 for "ON DEMAND" MBGF in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on August 31, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$134,450.00.  
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
NPO: 13831  
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.  
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The Frank Moeller family

I want to thank each one of you for the many prayers said for me. Without your prayers I would not be as well as I am. I want to also say thanks for each card and phone call. Each visit and the food that was brought was greatly appreciated. You don't know how many friends you have until you are sick. Thanks to all.  
Sincerely, Joann Carroll

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## ECC to hold variety show Sat., Aug. 28

The third annual variety show fund-raiser for the Experienced Citizens Center will be held Sat., Aug. 28 at the Haskell Civic Center, with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

This year the variety show will feature appearances by the "likeness" of Jeff Foxworthy, Dolly Parton, Ray Stevens and friends. Sider Bill, "The Wonder Dog" will also be performing his tricks. Special acts will include a "Magical Show" featuring a famous magician, "The Bird Woman and Her Friend, Vern (short for Miss Verna Bird), and appearances of 'world famous'

clowns Clarabelle, Chuckles, Smiley, and "Miss Priss."

Admission to the show will be \$4.00 for senior citizens and \$5.00 for all others. Children under 13 will be admitted free.

Sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be available from 6:00 until 7:15 p.m. before the show. Food prices will be posted.

ECC Director, Jennabeth Kimbrough, is asking anyone who has a talent to share to please call her at 864-3875 or 864 3703. She needs funny people, actors, or just someone who likes to have fun entertaining.



**BOUNTIFUL HARVEST**—Lee Roy and Jimmie Schaake of Haskell stand in their garden among prolific tomato plants reaching seven feet tall, along with okra plants. Jimmie cans all the vegetables they can't use or give away to friends and neighbors.

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Chicken Pizza Quesadilla	<b>\$1.29</b>

## Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office has released the following list of offenses and arrests made by law enforcement offices during the month of July.

- Criminal Mischief—1
- Sexual Assault, Child—1
- Agg. Sexual Assault, Child—1
- Driving While Intoxicated—6
- Poss. Marijuana—3
- Public Intoxication—2

- Consume Alcohol on Premises—1
- Poss. Controlled Substance—3
- Jailtime—2
- Violation of Parole—2
- Striking Hwy. Fixture—1
- Surety Withdrawals—1
- Agg. Assault on Child/Elderly—2
- Poss./Transport Chemical with Intent to Manufacture—1
- Theft by Check—1
- Criminal Trespass—1

## State Fair entries for animal projects due

by Brandon Anderson  
**Haskell Co. Extension Agent**  
The fall show season is fast approaching. If you are a 4-H member and have an animal project, entries for the State Fair of Texas are due in the Haskell County Extension Office Fri., Aug. 20. Entry forms are

available at the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 South Ave. D., in Haskell.

If you have questions concerning animal projects or upcoming fairs and show, call Brandon Anderson, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at (940) 864-2658.

## Texas validation tags needed for sheep/goat projects for 4-H or FFA

by Brandon Anderson  
**Haskell Co. Extension Agent**  
It is time to order lamb/goat validation ear tags. Those wishing to join FFA or 4-H and planning to show a lamb or goat as an animal project, that lamb or goat must have a Texas validation ear tag.

validation ear tags until Aug. 20. The Texas tags will be received in October and a date will be set in October for validating.

To order tags, come by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell. For more information, call Brandon Anderson, County Extension Agent-Ag at (940) 864-2658.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Lewis and Joyce Thomas of Haskell enjoyed having their grandchildren, Todd and Kaylee Scheffel of Lubbock visit a few days last week.

Kristy Waltman and children Rachel and Austin of San Antonio visited her grandmother Fannie Mae Barton last week. They also visited with Erma Liles of Weinert on Thursday. Friday they all left for

Lawton, Oklahoma to meet Kristy's and husband, Brian, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waltman of Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Kip Derrick of Fort Worth. They attended church at Boulevard Christian Church on Sunday where Austin was christened.

Darlene and Daniel Conn of Graham visited with her mom, Joyce Hawkins on Monday afternoon.

## Calendar

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

### Parenting classes

Free parenting classes are offered by the STAR program on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. To registration, call Helen Wilson at 940-256-0537.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Haskell CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 24, 2004, in the Central Administration Office at 605 N. Ave. E in Haskell, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,341	\$5,963
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5440	\$2.5900 *	\$4.1340	\$6,090	\$6,060
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,238	\$6,061

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$35,350	\$35,893
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$20,350	\$20,893
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$305.25	\$313.40
Increase in Taxes		\$8.15

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.5970. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5970.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,851,281
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00

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