#### Football games

HASKELL 7th-8th-JV vs Stamford Thurs., Sept. 1, 4 p.m. at Stamford Indians vs Stamford Fri., Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. at Haskell

**PAINT CREEK Pirates vs Crowell** Fri., Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. at Crowell Paint Creek Jr. High OPEN Thurs., Sept. 1 RULE JV Blue vs Throckmorton Thurs., Sept. 1, TBA at Throckmorton JV White/JH vs Grady Thurs., Sept. 1, TBA at Grady Bobcats vs Grady

Fri., Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. at Grady

#### **Cross Country**

Paint Creek Sat., Sept. 3, 9 a.m. ACU Invitational, Abilene

### Calendar

#### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Sept. 8 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 5 for Labor Day.

#### Hamburger supper

A hamburger supper will be held Fri., Sept. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the Haskell-Stamford football game, in the Haskell High School cafeteria hosted by the Haskell Memorial Civic Center. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at Haskell National Bank and Sport-About. Proceeds will be used for repairs and updates to the Civic Center.

### Football tickets

Season tickets for Haskell Indian football are now on sale in the front office of Haskell High School.

#### Pep rally

A kickoff pep rally for the Haskell Indians will be held Fri., Aug. 26 at 26 on the northside of the Courthouse by the gazebo at 3:45 p.m.

#### Volunteers needed

Workers are desperately needed to help with the clean up operation at the lake for flood victims. If you are able to donate time, please call East Side Baptist Church 864-2738 or First Baptist Church in Haskell 864-2581 for details.

#### Mens' breakfast

A Christian mens' fellowship breakfast will be held Sat., Sept. 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Rooster

### Meet the athletes

The Indian Booster Club will host 'Meet the Athletes' Tues., Sept. 6 at 4 p.m. on the courthouse square.

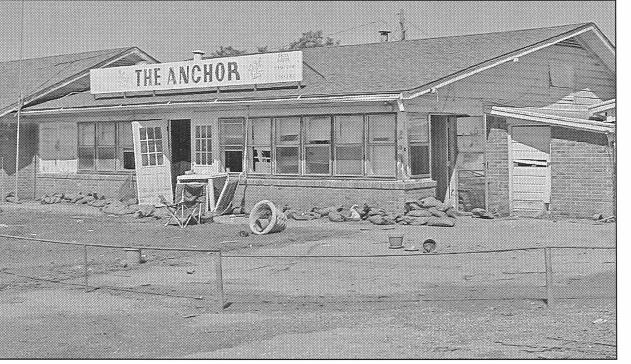
# Volunteers needed at Lake Stamford

Lake flood victims still need manpower Stamford, aid continued to be rendered to the victims by a number of agencies and volunteers.

However, much remains to be done, and volunteers are sought to help.

"The People's Choice'

County Judge David Davis said Monday that clean up efforts by volunteers for the residents is needed.



AFTERMATH AT THE ANCHOR–Left in a devastated condition by the recent floods, the future disposition of the The Anchor, operated for Haskell County by Benny Gibbs, will be determined later, after adjusters make their assessment of the situation.

#### **SBA** asks to ec lare $\mathbf{O}$

Gov. Rick Perry has asked the Small Business Administration (SBA) to declare Haskell County a disaster as a result of severe rainstorms and flash flooding that occurred Aug. 9-15. The governor said the storms have created an economic emergency for residents. If the SBA declaration request is

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As a second week went by since

the heavy rains and subsequent

flooding of all areas around Lake

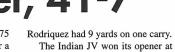
granted, individuals and businesses

to apply for low-interest SBA disaster loans. Homeowners would be able to borrow up to \$200,000 and businesses up to \$1.5 million to repair or replace property damaged in the storms. The loans are offered at interest rates as low as 2.9 percent for terms of up to 30 years. The Governor's Division of

in Haskell County would be eligible

Emergency Management has been working with local officials in conducting joint damage assessments in Haskell County. Preliminary damage surveys meet SBA criteria because they show that more than 25 homes and/or businesses have suffered more than 40 percent damage and that damage is not insured. Damage assessments in other counties affected by the same storms are continuing.

If Haskell is declared a disaster area by the SBA, homeowners and businesses in the contiguous counties of Stonewall, King, Knox, Baylor, Throckmorton, Shackelford and Jones counties also would be able to seek SBA assistance.



Hawley with a score of 20 to 0. The Varsity Indians take on the Stamford Bulldogs Friday night at Indian Field. Kick off time is 7:30.

The JV, 7th and 8th grades will play at Stamford Thursday, with the games beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Coach Brad Brunson said, "I was very proud of the way our kids played Friday night. We executed very well on both sides of the ball. We still have many things we need to improve on. We will continue to work hard to try and get better every day."

Volunteers should go to the Paint Creek Baptist Church for direction. The District Mens' Ministries is in charge of the operation. On Monday, prisoners from the French Robertson Unit started working with the clean up and will continue until it is finished, he said.

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For those wanting to help out in other ways, a list of suggestions of immediate needs for flood victims include new or good blankets, sheets, pillowcases, towels, wash cloths, etc.: new pillows; fire ant killer; shampoo, hair spray, etc; comb, brush, toothpaste, toothbrush; ice chests; fans; soap of all kinds; cotton balls, antibiotic cream, alcohol, WD-40: wood oil; insect spray; disinfectant spray; rubber gloves; band aids; first aid kits. These items can be brought to the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Davis thanked everyone for their consideration in response to the disaster, especially all of the churches who had been more than gracious in feeding the workers and victims. Churches have rotated in preparing and serving meals. Meals were also provided by restaurants.

A bank account has been set up at the First National Bank in Haskell to help with the victim's and clean up efforts

Judge Davis said that owners of any structures that received 50% or more damage during the flood should contact his office before any rebuilding is done. A meeting on Tues., Sept. 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Paint Creek School Cafeteria will be led by Mike Howard, Coordinator for the Federal Flood Insurance Program, who will answer questions of home owners as to future insurance requirements, etc.

He reported that ten people from a Christian response organization for disasters were coming here Wednesday for training from the Air and Land Emergency Response Team from the Tyler area

### Local lodge collecting items for flood victims

The Sons of Hermann Lodge #241 is asking for donations for the flood victims at Lake Stamford. Items needed are used linens, kitchen items and small appliances. These items need to be good, clean, usable items.

Donations may be left at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st Street; T.J. Brueggeman home, 604 S. Ave. G; Harry Koehler home, 1100 N. Ave. J; or Bobby Jenkins home, 1100 N. Ave. J by to Sept. 14.

#### ndians win season opener,

To the tune of 41 to 7, the Indians started the 2005 season where they left off in 2004, with a ground attack which gained some 415 yards when the smoke had cleared.

Although it looked bleak for a moment, as the Bearcats from Hawley moved the pigskin 67 yards in just 8 plays on the opening possession, Haskell returned the favor on their opening possession, moving the ball 78 yards in only 6 plays. Mr. Inside, Cameron Short, got the 7 yard TD carry. Josh Barbee kicked the PAT and knotted the score at 7 to 7.

On the Indians next possession of

one of these times, and Greg Guzman stopped the other by a pass interception.

Haskell took the second half kickoff and moved 59 yards in 9 plays to score on its first series of downs. Quarterback Matt Brown scored on a 4 yard run and then passed for a 2 point conversion, hitting running back, Josh Rodriquez, in the north end zone. The Indian defensive unit came back from the intermission and limited the Bearcats to 3 and out on Hawley's 3 possessions during this 3rd quarter of play.

Matt Brown would score again during this quarter on a beautiful 30 vard run. Barbee tacked on the extra point via the kick.

start. Brown had 10 carries for 175 yards. He successfully passed for a 2 point conversion and completed one pass from scrimmage for 10 yards. Greg Guzman, a sophomore, had 23 yards on 7 carries. Josh Barbee, a senior, got 150 yards on 10 carries with TD runs of 30 and 54 yards. He also added 3 extra points with his kicking. Barbee had punts of 52 and

54 yards during the second half. Cameron Short, a senior, had 10 carries for 33 yards and a 7 yard TD run. Josh Rodriquez, a junior, got 25 yards on 3 carries, which included one TD run of 15 yards. Junior Justin

### PIP sign-up

#### Haskell PIPS will hold registration Wed., Sept. 7 at City Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for children in Kindergarten to sixth grade. Cost is \$60 per child. Blood drive

Haskell Rotary Club will sponsor a blood drive Tues., Sept. 6 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile parked on the square. 115 pints of blood has been donated by the community this year. Kids Company

Kids Company for 3 year olds through sixth graders is underway at Haskell First Baptist Church Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

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the football, using 3 plays and covering 38 yards of real estate, Haskell went ahead in this opening game for both teams. Mr. Outside, Josh Barbee, ran for the 30 yard TD, but missed the try for the point after. Barbee, on a 54 yard scamper, put the Indians ahead by the tune of 19 to 7. The PAT was blocked.

That's the way the first half ended. Hawley only threatened twice, after scoring their initial TD. The Tribe's defense held on the 10 yard line on

Haskell would complete the scoring for the evening on a 15 yard TD run by Josh Rodriquez, and again, Barbee made good the extra point.

The offensive line for the Indians did an outstanding job of opening the way for the Indians to have a 415 yard ground attack. On this 41 to 7 win, Haskell is 1 for 0 for the season.

Quarterback Matt Brown, a junior, had an outstanding game for his first

### Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed to help with the flood clean up at Lake Stamford. If you can help, please call First Baptist Church at 864-2581 or East Side Baptist Church at 864-2738 for more information.

FIRST TOUCHDOWN-Haskell's #6, Cameron Short, takes the ball in for the Indians' first score in the opening game with Hawley, which the Indians' won 41 to 7 Fri., Aug. 26. Photo by Bill Blankenship

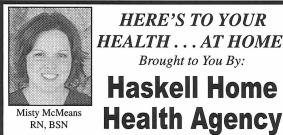
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My medicine for high blood pressure is so expensive. Is it okay for me to cut back on how often I take it to make the pills last longer? No. You must take your medications exactly as prescribed by your physician. If you are having difficulty in obtaining your medications, ask you physician if he/she had any sample medications. You can also consult with your home care nurse about assistance in obtaining medications.

I am an insulin dependent diabetic. I have Medicare coverage for hospital care and home care. But my insulin syringes and supplies for checking my blood sugar are expensive. Is there any help available?

Yes. Medicare will cover 80% of the cost of insulin syringes and certain diabetic supplies for an insulin dependent diabetic. Your home care nurse can assist you in obtaining these supplies.

#### Will Medicare pay for someone to clean my house?

Medicare does not cover housekeeping services. However, you may qualify for other funded personal assistance programs. Ask your home care nurse to assist you in finding out if you qualify.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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### **Obituaries**

#### Joyce Fay Dodson

Funeral services for Joyce Fay Dodson, 74, of Mesquite were held Sat., Aug. 20 at Laurel Oaks Funeral Home Chapel in Mesquite. Burial was in Laurel Oaks Memorial Park under the direction of Laurel Oaks Funeral Home of Mesquite. Mrs. Dodson died Wed., Aug. 17 in Mesquite.

Born Jan. 12, 1931 in Van Zandt County, she was the daughter of John

Clifton and Rose Lee Moore. She spent 19 years with United Bankers Insurance of Austin and 14 years with Kaiser Permenate.

#### **Guadalupe Puebla**

the golf course.

Funeral mass for Guadalupe Puebla, 73, of Breckenridge was read Wed., Aug. 31 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Breckenridge. A rosary service was held Tues., Aug. 30 at Morehart Mortuary in Breckenridge. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Mr. Puebla died Sat., Aug. 27 at Hendrick Medical Center.

Born July 28, 1932 in Tierra Blanca, Zacatecas, Mexico, he was the son of Fidel Puebla and Maria de Jesus Palacios Puebla. He married Petra Baiza April 28, 1959 in Rule. They moved from Rule to Breckenridge in 1978. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He worked for The Cliffs Resort for seven years maintaining

#### Johnnie Mae Brown

Funeral services for Johnnie Mae Brown, 76, of Haskell were held Wed., Aug. 31 at Faith Chapel with Rev. Katherine Byrd officiating. Burial was in Weinert Cemetery in Weinert under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brown died Sun., Aug. 28 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born April 30, 1928 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Hent and Bonnie Flanary Mason. She married J.C. Brown. He preceded her in death. She was employed

#### Survivors include her daughter, Sherry Norwood and husband, Tommy of Hamlin; and a son, Thurman (Pete) Brown and wife, Johnnie of Breckenridge. PD. NOTICE

## Producers reminded of Sept. 9 deadline

husband.

Glenn R. Brzozowski, Haskell County Farm Service Agency Executive Director, is reminding Haskell County producers that Fri., Sept. 9 is the final day to file a disaster applications for the 2003-04 Crop Disaster Program and the 2003-04 Livestock Assistance Program.

The County Office has been

notified that there will not be any extensions since the 2005 fiscal year ends Sept. 30. The 2003 data will be

at Morehart Mortuary.

Silverhaired Trio.

removed from the system to make room for recording 2006 data. Producers that have not completed or have not filed the application for the Crop Disaster Program or the Livestock Assistance Program are requested to call the County Office at 940-864-2617 and make an

appointment

The County Office will be closed Mon., Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day.

She was preceded in death by a

Survivors include her husband of

49 vears, James E. Dodson; sons,

Eddie Lee Trussell and wife, Paula

and Stephen Wayne Trussell and

wife, Daneon; grandchildren,

Jamison Andrew Trussell, Cori Dawn

Leshowitz, Amy Croom and Cliff

Bevil; great grandchildren. Skvler

Trussell, Lanie Trussell, Townie

Leshowitz, Cooper Leshowitz, Halie

Croom, Tyler Croom, Hunter Croom

and J.T. Trussell: sisters-in-law,

Vilma Rhodes and Fanna Lou Moore.

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son, Jerry Don Dodson.

Come by the County Office at 607 N 1st East in Haskell or email glenn.brzozowski@tx.usda.gov if there are specific questions regarding the disaster programs that end on Fri., Sept. 9.

## Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

"Applications for emergency farm loans caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, and lightning that occurred May 31, 2005, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell," FLM Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

"Haskell County is 1 of 8 in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, and lightning that occurred May 31, 2005."

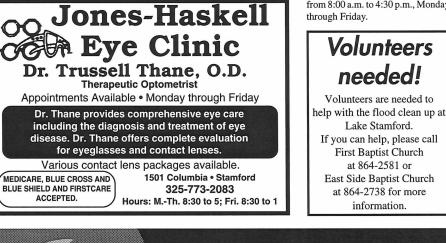
McDaniel said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," McDaniel said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until March 29, 2006 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.





### **Notice of Public Hearing** on Tax Increase

Last year, the Haskell County General Fund property tax rate was \$0.5049. That rate raised \$1,007,108.10, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

#### **General Operation of County Courthouse** and Other Offices

This year, Haskell County Commissioners' Court is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.5171. That rate would raise \$1,054,441.30, which is \$47,333.20 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on Sept. 8, 2005 at 12 noon. The second hearing will be held on Sept. 12, 2005 at 12 noon. The hearings will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Haskell County Courthouse.



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Mendoza of Georgetown, Irma Puebla of Breckenridge, Hilda Marentes of Mexico City and Elizabeth Puebla of Tierra Blanca; three sisters; one aunt, Bernabe Marentes of Breckenridge; 43 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Eastland, Arturo Puebla of Sagerton, Hector Puebla,

Guadalupe Puebla, Jose Luis Puebla, Fidel Puebla and

Fidel B. Puebla, all of Breckenridge; four daughters, Anna

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels and left

by Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City for 20 years

before retiring. She played the piano at Faith Chapel and

country and gospel songs at nursing homes with the

She was preceded in death by her parents and her

Survivors include seven sons, Jorge Puebla of

#### Criminal Justice Mandate:

The Haskell County Treasurer certifies that Haskell County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Haskell County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

#### **Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_ spent \$\_ \_\_ to on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \_

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

## Rebuilding after flood is stressful

Most families affected by the recent floods in Haskell. Jones and Fisher counties continue to take care of their emergency needs, such as finding a new place to stay and planning for repairs and clean-up. As individuals in the affected community begin to rebuild, many will experience stress related to their recovery efforts.

Stress due to loss and disruption is common for those affected by disaster. Most disaster victims undergo a grieving process that may appear immediately or even months later. Disaster mental health workers with the American Red Cross urge families to pay special attention to the stress they may be experiencing.

Initial responses to a disaster may include fear, disbelief, reluctance to abandon property, a need for information and the seeking of assistance. Later responses may be more noticeable and can include difficulty sleeping, change in appetite, anger, depression, frustration, hopelessness, irritability and crying for no apparent reason.

Other physical and psychological responses include increased effects of allergies, colds and flu, feelings of being overwhelmed, isolating oneself from family, friends or social activities and increased substance abuse or domestic violence. It is important to remember that these are normal responses to a stressful situation, but action needs to be taken if they are harmful to you or your family members.

Children also experience increased stress while dealing with disaster recovery. Parents and teachers should watch children closely for the above adult symptoms plus the following symptoms: acting younger than their age, bedwetting, thumb sucking, fear of being separated from parents, nightmares, withdrawal or immobility. Children may also repeatedly re-enact the disaster. Again, these are normal responses that children feel after a disaster.

The American Red Cross offers these tips for stress management: Don't be embarrassed about feelings of sadness, fear or

depression. Talk to others about these feelings. This will help relieve your own stress

and help you realize you are not alone. Remember to do things you enjoy.

Continue to get enough rest. Often, physical activity helps with feelings of sadness and depression.

To help children cope: Encourage your child to talk about and draw pictures of the disaster. This will help you understand how they

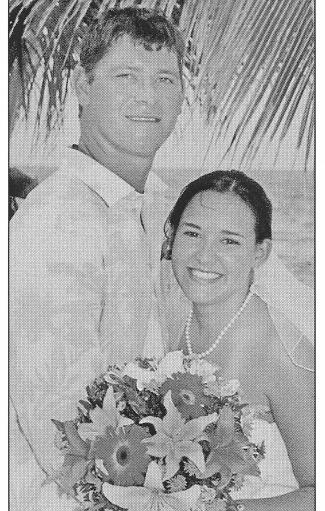
feel. Reviewing safety procedures can help a child feel more in control.

Spend extra time with your child, especially at bedtime.

Children and adults experiencing stress of symptoms that persist for an extended period of time should seek help from a mental health professional. To get more information on recovering from a disaster, call toll free 877-915-HELP.

All American Red Cross Disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. To help the victims of this and other disasters, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by calling 1-800-HELP-NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Internet users can make a secure online credit card contribution by visiting www.redcross.org.

Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to the Big Country Region, 1610 North 2nd Street, Abilene, Texas 79601 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.



#### MR. AND MRS. JASON BRILES

# Chestnut, Briles wed in Cozumel

Jennifer Lou Chestnut and Jason Edward Briles, both of Amarillo, were married June 25, in a double ring, beach side ceremony in Cozumel, Mexico, officiated by Fernando Feran.

The daughter of Larry and Amanda Chestnut of Graham, the bride was given in marriage by her father. She is the granddaughter of B. and Dorothy Chestnut, and Lou Hodges and the late Jerry Hodges, all of Graham.

The groom is the son of Eddie and

grandson of Eugene and Shirley Rhoads of Rule and the late Dennis and Wanda Briles.

Following the ceremony, a dinner reception was held for the 20 guests at Cafe Paraiso.

The bride is a graduate of Graham High School and West Texas A&M University. The groom graduated from Haskell High School and Texas Tech University.

The couple will reside in Amarillo, where they are both employed by



### The HASKELL FREE PRESS-Thursday, September 1, 2005-Page 3 Bible study set at FBC

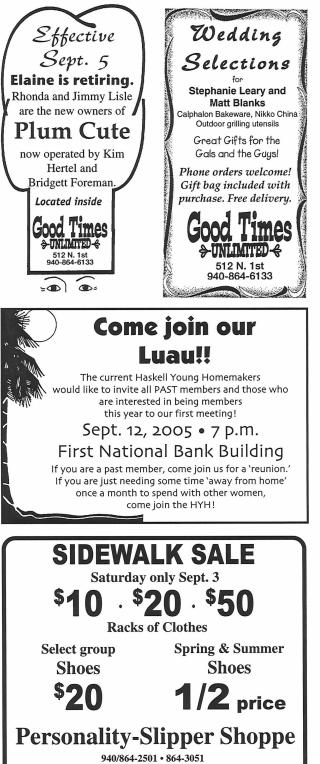
The eleven week Beth Moore Bible study of "The Patriarchs, Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," will begin Tues., Sept. 6 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

The lessons which will run from 6:30 to 8:00 each Tuesday, are to help individuals and families see how such concepts as blessing, covenant and promise affect their lives as New Testament believers. The series will

be led by Pastor Gregg Casaway with Earlene Griffith as facilitator. It will feature workbooks, videos and class discussions.

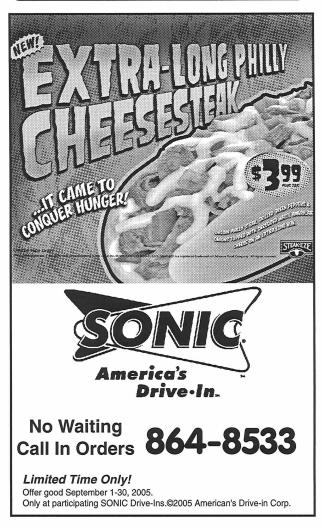
Child care will be provided during the study. Parents will need to call to give the age of the child.

All are welcome and asked to call the church office at 940-864-2581 for more information, to sign up for the study or to order their work book.



South Side of Square

Haskell, Texas



## Births

Chris and Beth Hennington of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Cait born as 12:48 a.m. Aug. 7 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. She was 18 3/4" tall.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Geneva Alvis of Lubbock. Maternal great grandparents are Ethel Tidwell and the late Rice Alvis of Haskell and the late Herman and Emma Franklin of Haskell.

She is the great great niece of Alice Larned and Ruby Alvis, both of Haskell.

Paternal grandparents are Gary and Janice Hennington of Lubbock. Paternal great grandparents are Peggy Hennington and the late Bill Hennington of Lubbock and Elizabeth Harrison and the late Roy Jones of Lubbock.



Josh and Angie Roysdon of Haskell announce the birth of their daughter, Heylee Lynn Roysdon, born Aug. 8 at 3:37 p.m. at Hendrick

Medical Center in Abilene weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. She was 19 1/2 inches tall. Grandparents are Howard and Jennifer Savage of Enoch, Utah and

Lynn and Yovnne Roysdon of Haskell.

Howard of Haskell.

Saphron Roysdon. Doug Savage is her uncle.

Great grandmother is Mary

Aunts are Kelsey Savage and

Shop Haskell First



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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Governor chooses to exercise budget authority

AUSTIN-Gov. Rick Perry sidestepped a steaming heap of inaction left by the Legislature after two special sessions he called to reform the state's property tax and school finance systems.

On Aug. 25, a week after the second special session ended, Perry announced his intention to use executive budget authority to provide \$295 million for public school textbooks and to pay for a number of other projects and obligations awaiting state funding.

A few of those are:

• \$200 million to nursing homes;

• \$76 million to trauma centers;

 \$38.5 million to the Texas Tech medical school in El Paso; and

• \$10 million to the Irma Rangel School of Pharmacy at Texas A&M - Kingsville.

These and Perry's other proposed expenditures must be approved by the 10-member Legislative Budget Board.

Chief among critics of Perry's maneuver was state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who plans to run against Perry in the March 2006 Republican primary.

Meanwhile, the governor ordered the Texas Education Agency to require school districts to spend a minimum of 65 percent of their budget on classroom instruction.

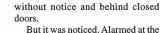
TEA chief Shirley Neeley appointed a task force of educators to decipher what items are included under the heading of "classroom instruction." The task force is scheduled to meet Sept. 7.

#### Big Bend land deal

falls through Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week moved toward the sale of 46,200 acres of 300,000acre Big Bend Ranch State Park to Houston developer John Pointdexter.

On Aug. 25, the commission rejected Pointdexter's offer, citing the lack of guarantees of improved public access and a suitable conservation plan.

A day earlier, it appeared the sale would go uninhibited by public scrutiny when the commission met



news, hikers, ranchers, Audubon Society members and the Sierra Club bombarded the agency with phone calls and e-mails in opposition to the sale.

Situated in eastern Presidio County, the land is home to an array of Chihuahuan desert plants and wildlife, natural springs, trails and archeological sites.

#### Lite Up Texas snuffed out

The Low Income Telephone and Electric Utilities Program, also known as Lite Up Texas, will be defunct on Sept. 1.

The program provided a 10 percent discount on electric rates to low-income customers who qualified.

"The Texas Legislature diverted the money to the general fund," explained Terry Hadley of the Public Utilities Commission. Language that killed the program

was embedded in House Bill 1, the general appropriations bill, which passed in July during the Legislature's first special session.

Perry names new justice Gov. Perry on Aug. 24 named Don

R. Willett to fill a vacancy on the Texas Supreme Court.

The position opened when President George W. Bush appointed Justice Priscilla Owen to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Willett, a 39-year-old Kaufman County native, had been serving as chief counsel to Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott. He earlier served as assistant deputy attorney general of the United States.

Democrat joins governors race Former congressman and broadcaster Chris Bell of Houston has announced his candidacy for governor

Bell said he looks forward to taking on Perry or Strayhorn, whoever wins the March 2006 GOP primary.

Of course, Hill Country dark horse Kinky Friedman, a free-spirited independent, could surprise the bigparty standard-bearers with his

### Letters to the Editor

Dear taxpayers, Haskell County Commissioners Court would like to thank each of you

for your support. We have worked hard to find ways to cut the expenses of our county so we would not have to raise taxes. We have not been able to find a way.

Our State Legislature continues to pass unfunded mandates, funding upcoming trails and added fuel cost. One example is the indigent defense court appointed attorneys, increase in jury pay, (some of which may be refunded).

We are expecting fuel cost to double from last year for the county equipment

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and have an increase in utility expense for all of our county offices. We are required to purchase voting

machines to comply with the HAVA law passed in 2002, which were funded, maintenance although and programming were not and will be an ongoing additional cost to the county.

Public notices are printed in the newspaper this week telling times for public hearings. You are encouraged to attend if you wish.

David Davis, County Judge Johnny Scoggins, Comm. Prect. 1 Tiffen Mayfield, Comm. Prect. 2 Kenny Thompson, Comm. Prect. 3 Bobby Don Smith, Comm. Prect. 4



### From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler Nelda taught both piano and organ

lessons in Haskell for a long time,

and began as the organist for First

Methodist Church in 1962 when Mrs.

Patterson quit playing. She says she

does not have much opportunity now

to play the classics she learned and

Ken began working with radio,

and they went on the air in 1981 with

station KRVP. Ken had obtained the

licence from the FCC, and tried to

interest others in doing it with him,

but they ended up doing it by

themselves. He later bought the AM

station in Stamford and combined the

two stations in 1986. He eventually

had broadcast interests in stations in

Amarillo, Plano, Plainview and

Denver City. He and a partner put

together the All Sports Radio

Network in Lubbock, bringing the

Red Raider games. He also helped

put together the Ag Producer's Radio

Network. They kept the station for

23 years until selling it in Aug. 2004.

the station. But they both loved it,

she said, and always felt that it was

an upbeat profession, one that was

also doing a service to the listener and

the community. She added that they

had many good employees helping

them through the years. While

missing it greatly for a while, she says

she has now adjusted to not being

quilts together, and has been a

member of the Prairie Star Ouilters

in Abilene for 20 years. She said she

likes working all newspaper puzzles.

is proud to be a member of the Rotary

Club, loves the Methodist Church,

and being in Haskell with lots of good

friends who "love and care about

Staying busy, she enjoys putting

Nelda says she "only worked" at

once played.

Once again we come to the end of the summer, and with these final Updates, we come to the end of our summer series of Mystery Free Press Readers.

Our special thanks go to those who responded to our invitation to participate by sharing with us a bit of their life story, which is, as all of our stories are, a part of the collective story and character of this place we call Haskell.

#### UPDATE

Our Mystery reader of two weeks ago is Twyla Pace who moved to Haskell with her parents in 1954 when he was transferred here with the Lone Star Gas Co. At that time the family found there was only one house for rent in the whole town.

It was during the drouth, and on her first day of school here, in the 5th grade, she said the chickens went to roost at noon due to a heavy dust storm.

In high school, Twyla played in the band, which had about 120 members and marched about 80 to 100 members. She played a clarinet until she got tired of hearing the 'squeak,' and changed to a bassoon.

In high school she was a member of the Nine Teens singing group, led by Margie and Hubert Bell. Through the years the group included about 50 girls who have kept in touch with each other, and who plan to dedicate a bench in the Bell's honor at the upcoming Homecoming. It will be placed somewhere on the high school grounds.

Twyla stared dating Sam Pace, son of Lynn and the late Marjorie Pace, in high school in 1958, and they married in '62. Their first son, Will, was born in Austin while Sam attended the University of Texas.

now called First Ag Credit, and has stayed for 23 years.

Sam has also ranched and farmed in the south east part of the county for the last 13 years. In 2001 he retired from the Texas Parks and Wildlife. He also operates an Anipro Liquid Supplement business.

Twlya had a hard time with the idea of moving to a farm, and she told him that the only way she'd live on one was if he found one that had cable TV, city water and garbage service. It took him only a week to find it. They have made a number of changes to it to suit their needs. She says she has been surprised at how much she likes working with the cattle. She loves the quiet, peaceful setting of their country home.

The couple has five grandchildren and three step grandchildren. Their son Will has just graduated from the DPS academy. He and wife, Sylvia, have recently moved to Littlefield. Sam and Twyla helped them with the move

Seth finished with a double master at ACU and married Kelly Faubus from Tyler. They have four children. He is in the army and was with the 3rd Division going into Iraq. A staff sergeant, he is now stationed in Monterey, California, and hoping to be back in Texas within a year. The Paces were leaving last week to visit with them there.

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UPDATE

Last week's Mystery Reader is Nelda Lane, who despite having a swimming pool just outside her back patio, has never learned to swim. She also says no one knows that she got (then) Texas Governor George Bush's autograph at a meeting she

Kiersta, Shannon, Shawn and Matt.

All five of their children are married.

and they have nine grandchildren.

All of their children have college

degrees, and career wise they are, in

order, a pharmacist, a teacher, a CPA,

an engineer and a sports franchise

manager. Three are Longhorns, one

is an Aggie and one an Angelo State

Ram.

### From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago

September 7, 1995 Hegan Lamb of Haskell County, and his horse, Neil, were Reserve Champions in the Steer Team Roping Competition at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene.

Paint Creek Varsity cheerleaders are Leigh Ann Reel, Halee Walton, Capella Tsoodle, Amanda Crawford, Crystal Hill and Amy Barbour.

Elvin Kinney of Rule raised a 9 1/2 pound cantalope by irrigation well in his home garden.

Rule High School cheerleaders are Brigida Macias, Jennifer LeFevre, Lezli Jenkins, Laura Tibbets and Megan Jones.

#### 20 Years Ago

September 5, 1985 Bobby Parrott of Haskell was appointed as one of the chairmen in the Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Lyles celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of their jewelry store in Haskell on the east side of the square.

Martin and Lena Rueffer were honored with a double birthday celebration on Sept. 4.

Leiza Morales, daughter of Nancy Morales of Haskell, was crowned Miss West Texas Fair and Rodeo Teen Queen.

#### 30 Years Ago September 4, 1975

W. E. Wooten of Haskell won the handicap event at the Haskell Trap Club big country championship.

Glenda Gayle Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman of Haskell, won the title of Miss Rodeo Texas 1976 during the Miss Rodeo Texas and Teen Pageant.

Roberta High, Mary Kennedy, Becky Richardson and Nelda Lane, the Yankee Doodle Girls, performed in the West Texas Fair in Abilene.

Incoming President of the Haskell Young Homemakers was Mrs. Larry Cunningham.

#### 40 Years Ago September 2, 1965

Jack Daniels, an employee of the Tom Roberson Mobil Oil Company,

was chosen as Jaycee of the Month. Joe L. Fletcher of Rochester received the Lions and Fort Worth Press Outstanding Conservation Award.

Bill Perry and Bobby Watson were elected co-captains of the Haskell High School Indians.

The first bale of 1965 cotton for Haskell was ginned at the Duncan Gin Co. The bale was produced by E. W. (Dick) Andrews, on his farm about three miles southwest of Haskell from 2,170 pounds of seed cotton. The bale weighed 575 lbs.

#### 50 Years Ago September 1, 1955

Frank W. Martin, Haskell County agricultural agent since May 1, 1944, received the National County Agricultural Agents Association's Distinguished Service Award.

John C. Montgomery of Haskell is supply sergeant in the Headquarters Fourth Battalion, Second Regiment of the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M College.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Lewis, Sr. were honored in their home on the

# growing appeal.

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was attending in Austin. Afterward, they moved to Abilene After finishing Birdville High and Sam attended Abilene Christian School, she attended Midwestern University. Following that, they State University on an organ scholarship. She studied under two moved to Archer City where son Seth

was born, and Sam worked for the famous concert artists, Dr. Joyce U. S. Conservation Service. Then Jones in high school and Dr. Nita Akin in college. She earned her back in Abilene, Sam earned his master's degree, and she worked for masters in music with concentration an oil company and several of its in organ. She played organ at church related businesses. When Sam went during her jr. high and college, and to work for the Parks and Wildlife at Sheppard Air Base. In 1961 she married Ken Lane, Dept. in the Plant Materials Center in Knox City, as a plants and grass after dating him in college, and they specialist, they opted to live in came to Haskell. Ken started Haskell. He worked as a restoration farming, and they started their family, specialist, turning land into parks, having five children over seven putting in native plants and working years, from '62 until '70; Kim,

with archeologists. When the couple came back to Haskell, Twyla worked for Royce Adkins, Charles and Ben Charlie Chapman and Johnny Fouts for several years. Going to school at night, she graduated from ACU and planned to teach school. However, in '82 she was asked to come to work for Production Credit Association,

you.

involved.

She enjoys watching sports, especially basketball, both professional and college, and has seen the Spurs games and several college games "live."

She loves animals of all kinds and is known for her affinity for lesser creatures. Right now, they have a cat named "Tamalie," which they changed from calling "Mollie" after the veterinarian told them 'she' was a 'he.'

Nelda and Ken, who has served as Haskell Mayor for several years. enjoy working together in the yard. She has her own greenhouse to save their plants during the winter.

She said one thing they would like is to have all their children living closer to them. Matt lives in Colorado, all the others are in Texas, but all live full and busy lives of their own. Throughout the year all of them enjoy getting together.

"We are blessed and we are thankful," she said.

occasion of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Wallace M. Kimbrough, county agricultural agent in Brazos County since January 1945, received the National County Agricultural Agents Association's Distinguished Service Award.

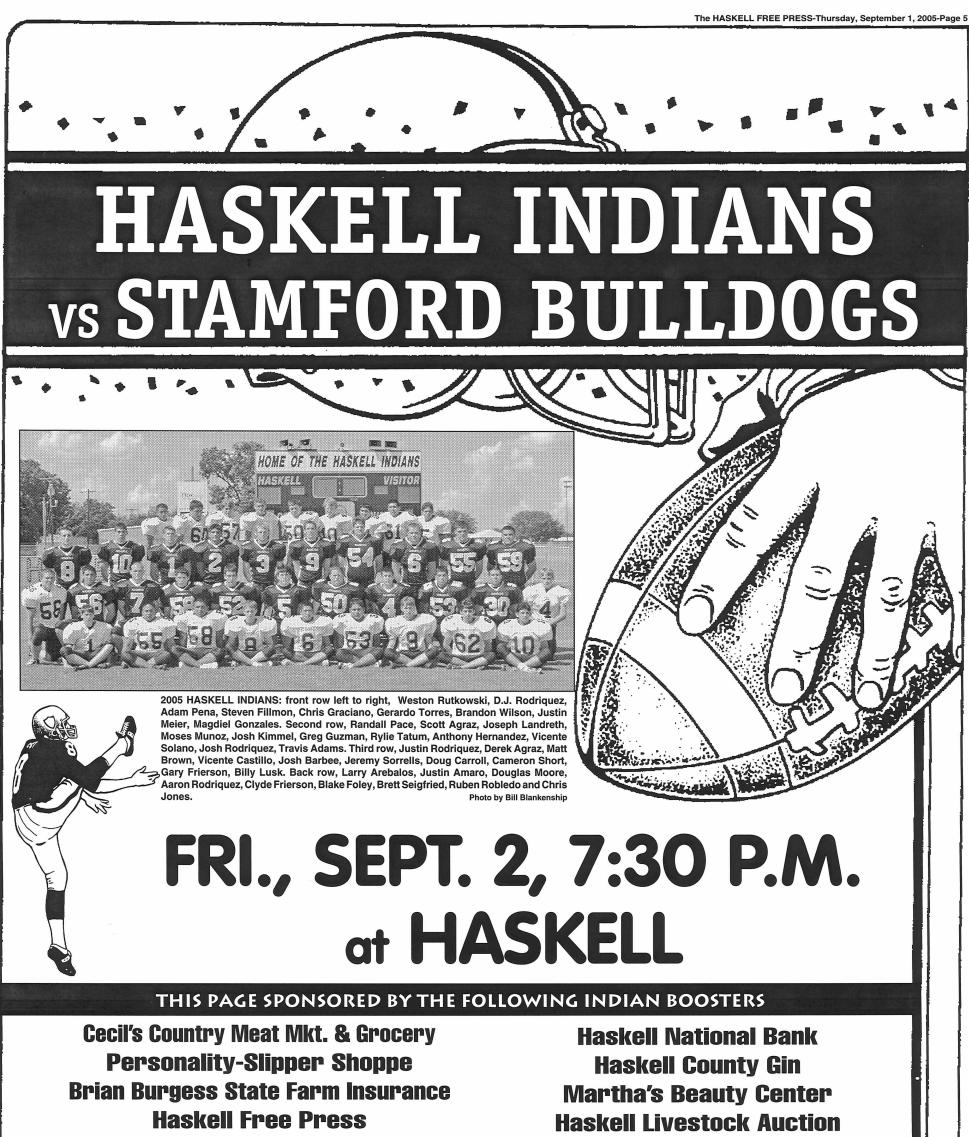
#### 100 Years Ago September 2, 1905

A.J. Brown, who lives about five miles south of town, brought in the first bale of cotton weighing 661 lbs. He was closely followed by John Lamkin with a bale weighing 545 pounds.

County Commissioner H.C. Cousins grew a more than six feet bunch of millet that was displayed at the Farmers National Bank.

Lydia Stuart, who has a position with the telephone company at Stamford, visited her parents this week.

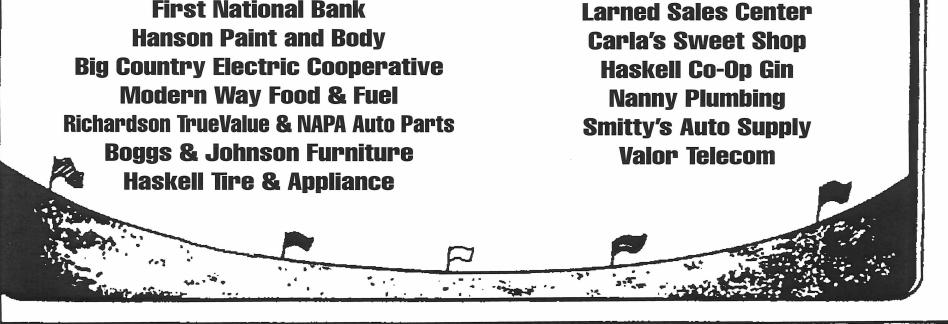
H.C. Wyche, who moved here from McLennan County, contracted to build a residence for John R. Robertson.



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GETTING READY TO FEED—Abel Tamez, Disaster Coordinator for the Salvation Army, and volunteer Ruben Garza, inside, prepare the mobile kitchen for serving snacks and lunch to those working at The Anchor during the cleanup at Lake Stamford after the flood.



REMOVING FLOOD DAMAGE-Tommy Self, left, and Bill Free, both of Sylvester, remove cabinets from a Veda's Camp cabin where walls will be stripped to the studs for sanitizing and mold removal. The men are part of a crew from Amarillo working under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention's Victim Relief Fund Ministries.

### **Notice of Public Hearing** on Tax Increase

Last year, the Special Road/Bridge property tax rate was \$0.1145. That rate raised \$238,378.76, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

#### **County Precinct Road and Bridge Maintenance**

This year, Haskell County Commissioners' Court is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.1153. That rate would raise \$245,111.79, which is \$6,733.03 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on Sept. 8, 2005 at 12 noon. The second hearing will be held on Sept. 12, 2005 at 12 noon. The hearings will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Haskell County Courthouse.

#### **Criminal Justice Mandate:**

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 698 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 27, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 56 sellers and 31 buyers vere present.

No sale Sept. 3.

Cows: fat, .48-.55; cutters, .52-58; canners, .38-.47.

Bulls: bologna, .64-.69; feeders, .83-98; utility, .60-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.90; 300-400 lbs., 1.35-1.60; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.40; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.28; 600-700 lbs., 1.10-1.20; 700-800 lbs., 1.03-1.15; 800-up lbs., .78-1.06.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.42; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.18; 600-up lbs., .75-1.10. 1 load 890# 94.50. 2 loads 695# 105.75. Bred heifers medium frame, 800-

925

Bred cows young to middle aged 900-1080; aged or small, 650-875. Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1000-1500; aged or small, 825-1075.

### Wildlife mix proven reliable

by Wesley Utley CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co. East Texas feed plots have a new seed mix for white-tailed deer. The mix has been proven practical after two years of testing. The mix is 40 pounds of cowpeas, 40 pounds of oat, and 10 pounds of arrowleaf clover per acre. This triple mix promises more success than any single small grain or forage variety alone.

While mixtures are available commercially, none provide early fall and full-season forage production like the new mix. It is not available premixed. But with only three ingredients, it is easy to mix yourself.

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Last year, the Haskell County Farm to Market/Flood Control property tax rate was \$0.1474. That rate raised \$290,267.47, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

### **County Precinct Road** and Bridge Maintenance

This year, Haskell County Commissioners' Court is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.1479. That rate would raise \$297,945.03, which is \$7,677.56 more than taxes imposed last year.

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The Haskell County Treasurer certifies that Haskell County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_ for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Haskell County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

#### **Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:**

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You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

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## USDA seeks input on upcoming farm bill

U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking for your help in identifying ways to address agricultural issues in the next Farm Bill. The 2002 Farm Bill (officially entitled the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002) authorizes many USDA programs, including farm price and income support programs. New legislation will need to be enacted prior to the bill's expiration in 2007.

USDA intends to develop recommendations for the new farm bill and believes that public input is essential to this process. Written comments may be submitted to

USDA online at www.usda.gov/ farmbill. Select "Comment on the 2007 Farm Bill," which is the last item located in the middle section, to send your message. You can also send your written comments by mail to the following address:

USDA Farm Bill, Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116-A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3355.

In order for your input to be considered, please send your responses no later than Dec. 30, 2005.

outstanding job in combating illegal

drug activity in our county. We

resolve to seek their continued

on Aug. 23, the commissioners

agreed to approve the contract with

the Garza County Detention Service.

A copy is kept with the minutes of

The Sheriff and Constable Fees

were set as follows: Subpoenas and

Summons, \$75.00; Writs and Orders,

\$100.00; Forcible Detainer, \$50.00; Small Claims Citation, Justice Court

Citation, and all other Courts' Citations, \$50.00; Temporary

Restraining Orders, \$60.00; Posting

from Nanny Plumbing for a 3-ton 12

SEER Goodman heating and cooling

Manager, met with the Court to

discuss widening the spillway at the

dam at Lake Stamford. No action was

The Court was unanimous in not

purchasing the Medford Buick

Pontiac building for county storage,

in that it would not be economically

feasible at this time due to the recent

taken by the Court at this time.

Jack Harper, Stamford City

unit for the Extension Office.

A bid of \$2,098.60 was accepted

At a special meeting of the court

## **Commissioners** meet

support.'

the meeting.

Citations, \$40.00.

flood disaster.

The Haskell County Commissioner's Court met in a special called meeting, Aug. 11, to pass a resolution in support of the West Texas Central Interlocal Crime Task Force.

Haskell County Judge, David Davis, said the Texas Legislature put the Task Force under the umbrella of the Department of Public Safety.

The resolution points out that the geographic area of this part of West Texas, with the bisection of the area of Hwy. 20 and the existence of rural roads, with relative isolation and agriculture industry, mark this a prime target for drug manufacture and trafficking. Many times the investigation of the task force uncovers other crimes, making the assistance of the local governments with law enforcement support and information important to our local rural communities and governmental entities.

"This resolution is asking the legislature to let the Abilene Task Force be independent of the DPS, so that it can conduct its operations in the local area as we have had them do in the past," Judge Davis explained. "It is our belief that this professional and dedicated group of law enforcement officers has done an

Comments should address one or

more of these six questions: 1. How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and

ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture? 2. How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S.

competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?

3. How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers? 4. How can farm policy best achieve conservation and

environmental goals? 5. How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance

in rural areas? 6. How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Senior USDA officials will host issue-specific forums throughout the nation focusing on these six

questions. In addition additional forums will address conservation, rural development and nutrition issues

During these specialty forums, the public will be asked to respond to questions that are tailored to those subject areas. These questions will be announced prior to the specialty forums and published on the USDA website.

The dates, locations and times of the forums will be announced as they are scheduled and posted on the USDA website. Information on the forums can also be obtained by calling any USDA office.

All comments, including names and addresses, provided by respondents are a matter of public record. Comments may be viewed at the Department of Agriculture. To make arrangements to view comments, contact the Office of the Executive Secretariat, Room 116A. Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-3355.

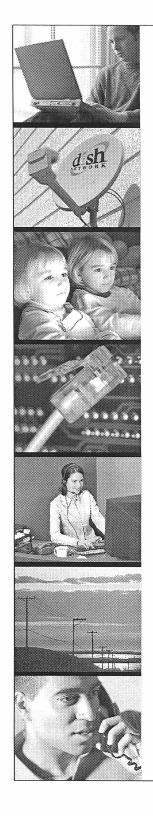


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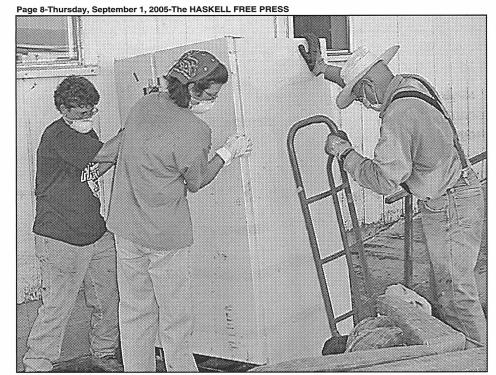
THANK YOU for allowing us to consider you our valued Customer.

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Jack J. Mueller President and Chief Executive Officer **VALOR** Telecom





VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION-Jim Turner, right, guides the appliance mover while Susan Addy, left, and Linda Hensley, center, steady the refrigerator they are removing from the Billy Hansford residence at Veda's Camp at Lake Stamford. The three are volunteers working with the Victim's Relief Fund Ministries.

## Haskell

### School Menu

Sept. 5-9 Breakfast Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: No school Tuesday: Breakfast pizza Wednesday: Cereal, toast

Thursday: Bean and cheese burrito

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 cheese

Tuesday: Chili dogs, cheese, pickles,

gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans,

baby carrots, ranch dressing, garden

Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce,

tomato, pickles; Secondary: french

fries; Elementary: assorted chips;

strawberry and raspberry Gogurt

baby carrots, tater tots, fresh fruit Wednesday: Popcorn chicken,

Friday: Breakfast on a stick Lunch

and ham.

salad, pears

Monday: No school

hot roll, rosy applesauce. Thursday: Pepperoni pizza, corn,

Breakfast Juice and milk are served daily. Tuesday: Cereal or toast Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy Thursday: Pancakes Friday: Cereal or toast Lunch

Sept. 6-9

Milk is served daily. Tuesday: Hot dogs, chips, onions,

pickle relish, baked beans, jello Wednesday: Mac and cheese with ham, green beans, salad, chocolate cake

Thursday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, rolls, apple crisp

Friday: Turkey or ham sandwiches, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, lettuce, chips, cookies

Fri., Sept. 9

turnip greens, English peas, yeast

rolls, apple cobbler, milk, tea,, or

Lunch-Ham slice, Texas potatoes,

### ECC Calendar and Menu

Paint Creek School Menu

Mon., September 5 Closed

Wed., Sept. 7 Lunch-Sausage, kraut, new potatoes, black eyed peas, onions, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee

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

#### Around Town By Joyce Hawkins

Darlene Conn came to Haskell on Tuesday and took her mom, Joyce Hawkins to Stamford for an eye doctor's appointment.

J.J. New of Abilene came through Haskell on her way to Wichita Falls and picked up her grandmother, Lyla Mary Isbell. They spent the night in Wichita Falls with Mr. and Mrs. Don Comedy.

Darlene Conn and Julie Cochran were in Haskell Friday evening and took Joyce Hawkins to Aspermont to spend the weekend.



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### TAX PLANNING

Written By Gerald Rodgers, CPA

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR DEPENDENTS ARE? You are allowed a deduction of \$3,200 for each dependent this year (unless subject to the phase-out for high-incomers). Therefore, knowing who qualified as your dependent could cut your tax bill. To be claimed as your dependent, an individual must meet five tests:

•Gross income test. The dependent cannot earn more than the personal exemption amount (\$3,200). However, if the dependent is your child, there is no income limit as long as the child is under age 19. If the child is a full-time student for at least five months out of the year, there is no income limit until age 24. Tax-exempt income, such as nontaxable social security benefits, is not included as gross income for purposes of this test.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



#### FAITH COMMANDS US TO WORK WITH **OUR HANDS AND OUR BRAINS**

Now the Lord had a reason for giving us hands, Since we use them in earning our bread; And an honest day's work our religion demands As our method of getting ahead. There was also a reason for giving us brains:

To absorb what the Lord had to say;

For we see in each lesson the Bible contains The instruction to work and to pray. So whatever yo do in your chosen career, Just be sure that you give it your best; Then when Labor Day's big celebration is here, You'll enjoy every moment of rest. -Gloria Nowak

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

-HASKELL-East Side Baptist Church Danny Manross, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church Dusty Garison, 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 864-3465 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. East Hwy 380, Haskell **Trinity Lutheran Church** Ron Rennegarbe, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell First United Methodist Church Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 201 N. Ave. F, Hask 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 Jim Yates, minister Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Trinity Baptist Church** Tony Grand, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haske Hopewell Baptist Church Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell Greater Independent Baptist Church

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. 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell First Baptist Church Greg Gasaway, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell Church in the Park Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Gazebo or Pavillion Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Dr. Larry Nail, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell Cross of Christ Fellowship Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors 864-5404 Sun. 10:30 a.m. 455 CR 410, Haskell First Baptist Church J. C. Baker, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Weiner Weinert Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert -ROCHESTER-Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester First Baptist Church Fred Garvin, interim pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church **Clovis Dever** Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rochester Faith Chapel of Rochester

First United Methodist Church Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Sagerton Methodist Church Terry O'Rear, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagertor Faith Lutheran Church Deborah Nissen, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Sagerton -RULE-First Baptist Church Josh Stowe, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule **Primitive Baptist Church** Dale Turner Jr., pastor

First & Third Sundays 10 a.m Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule Church of Christ John Greeson, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule First United Methodist Church Terry O'Rear, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegs Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule Sweet Home Baptist Church Bill Trice, pastor Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. Robert Sweet Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule Paint Creek Baptist Church O'Brien Baptist Church



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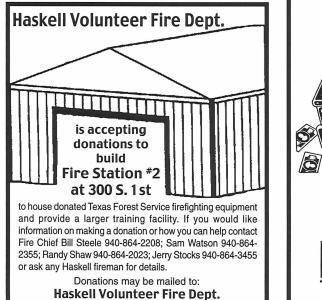
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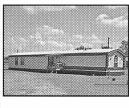


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## **Council addresses** lengthy agenda

The Haskell City Council held its regular meeting Mon., Aug. 22. Those attending were Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, Councilmen W. L. Wolf, Jimmy Roberts and Dan Hoover.

Others attending were City Secretary, Louetta Wallace, City Attorney Shane Hadaway, Thomas Rodriguez, Police Chief Tom Bassett, Linda St. John, Bob Smith, Robbie Harris, Robert Baker, Lowell Baker, Sammy Larned, Jesse Billington, David Wolsch, Jerry Stanford, Wallace Emerson, Nelda Lane, Eunice Larned and Lance Hanson.

Mayor Ken Lane called the meeting to order, and the invocation was given by W. L. Wolf.

On a motion by Dan Hoover, the council honored the zoning board's recommendation, and denied the request of Jesse Medford for change from a single family residential zone to mobile home zone at 1100 North 9th Street.

On a motion by Sue Medford, the council approved the zoning change request of Ken Lane from a single family residential to commercial for purpose of selling property at 1405 North 2nd Street.

On a motion by Sue Medford, approval was given to a resolution from the National Incident Management System-Incident Command System.

A bid of \$15,945.84 from Bob Baker for Dell brand computer hardware was accepted. His bid was the lower of two bids received by the city.

In the matter of airport farmland, Joe Cothron turned the land back, and the only bid received on it was from Claude Payne Mayor Lane will look into a trade out with Payne for mowing at the airport. Lance Hanson, representing the Haskell Country Club, spoke on behalf of the club. The Country Club board will meet with Council representatives, W. L. Wolf and Jimmy Roberts for further discussion.

City Attorney Shane Hadaway handed out copies of a rough draft on animal registration.

In an administrative report, acting city administrator, Ken Lane, reported that an estimate on the WHPD shade had been received from Eddie Klose, and faxed to insurance adjuster, Brandi Morris.

TxDOT has been contacted and the city will receive grant forms soon for work on the airport pilots' lounge. Two parties have indicated wanting to bid on the job.

Because of flooding at the dump, there are issues with water in the pit. Lane said the city is working with TCEQ to resolve this and find a way to fix it.

With three people wanting to repair the weirs in the creek, he expressed hopes that the city can get something going on it.

A search committee for a new city administrator met Aug. 18, and has one person that stands out among the group of applicants, Lane said. The person was to be interviewed later on Monday.

A report on the Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center showed a total inmate population of 498, with 146 employees, 10 employee vacancies, one promotion, two pay increases and five resignations.

A called meeting of the council was set for Aug. 24 for a second budget workshop

### Calendar

#### Cowboy camp

The Cowboy Heritage Church of Clyde will host a 'Cowboy Camp' meeting Sept. 28 through Oct. 2. The church is located on the north side of Interstate 20, take exit 299 and watch for the signs. For more information call Greg Clemmer, pastor at 325-893-2620. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders to meet

All fifth and sixth graders are invited to a "Stewardship of our bodies" class at the Haskell Church of Christ each Wednesday through May from 7 to 8 p.m. Call the Fosters at 864-8011 for more information or a ride. Bible study

Haskell First Baptist Church will sponsor a Bible study of the book of Genesis Tuesday nights beginning Sept. 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Educational Building. The book studied is authored by Beth Moore is titled 'The Patriarchs, Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.' To register call 864-2581. Classes are by workbook, video and class or by video and class. Earlene Griffith is the facilitator.

#### Christmas musical

Those interested in participating in the second annual county-wide Christmas musical will meet Sun., Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church in Haskell. The cantata, 'Jesus, our Treasure,' will need singers, actors, sound crew, lighting crew and wardrobe crew.

#### Hunter course

A hunter safety course will be held Sat., Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Haskell High School Ag Building. Cost is \$10 per student. Hunters should bring their Social Security card or drivers license. For more information, call Wes Utley, Co. Extension Agent at 864-2658 or Justin Cox, Ag Scienge teacher, 864-3310.

#### Storm sirens

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

### Homecomina 2005

The next Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 7-8. Contact Dorothy Hartsfield, 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell or by email hhesshharts@cs.com.

### PC homecomina

Paint Creek will hold their homecoming Sat., Nov. 12. To update your mailing/email address, contact Max Calk, 3200 Golden Oaks Circle, Granbury, Texas 76049 or maxcalk@earthlink.net. Plainview, McConnell,

#### Bunker Hill homecoming

The Plainview, McConnell and Bunker Hill communities will hold their homecoming Sat., Oct. 1 at the Sagerton Community Center beginning with registration at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Alvin Ulmer, Rt. 2 Box 1C1, Sagerton, Texas 79548 or call 940-997-2577. Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Sept. 8 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 5 for Labor Day. Tournament postponed

The 4th annual kids fishing tournament set Sat., Sept. 3 at The Anchor has been postponed due to the flooding at Lake Stamford. Sponsors, M & M Auto Plus and friends, are hoping to reschedule the event as soon as conditions

permit.

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