

Football games

HASKELL

Indians vs Roscoe
(Scrimmage)
Sat., Aug. 19, 12 noon
at Shotwell, Abilene

PAINT CREEK
Pirates vs Chillicothe
(Scrimmage)
Thurs., Aug. 17, 6 p.m.
at Chillicothe

RULE

Bobcats vs Newcastle
(Scrimmage)
Sat., Aug. 19, 10 a.m.
at Rule

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

ECC lunch

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st, will host a dinner Sun., Aug. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center. The meal will consist of roast beef and natural gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, green beans, green salad, hot rolls and apricot cobbler. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for teens, and children 12 and under will eat for free.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tues., Aug. 22 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank. Call 325-670-2798 for more information.

Soccer meeting

Haskell County Youth Soccer Association will hold an information meeting Tues., Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Registration will be held Thurs., Aug. 24 at 5:30 across from the girls' softball field for ages 4-12.

Join 4-H

Haskell County 4-H'ers will hold a program on kayaking Sun., Aug. 20 from 2 to 5 p.m. at The Anchor at Lake Stamford for those interested in joining 4-H. Bring their life jacket (personal flotation device) if you have one. Parents need to attend and stay with their child. Students, at least 9 years old, living or attending school in Haskell County may join 4-H.

Bible study

First Baptist Church will hold a six weeks Beth Moore Bible study on Daniel: Lives of Integrity beginning Tues., Sept. 5 from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. Register by calling 864-2581. A nursery will be provided by making arrangements with the office.

Meet the Bobcats

The Rule Booster Club will sponsor the annual 'Meet the Bobcats' ice cream social following the football scrimmage against Newcastle Sat., Aug. 19. Admission to the 10 a.m. scrimmage will be a new box or jug of laundry detergents. Donations of old or new towels for the athletic department use will also be accepted. A concession stand will be open. The social will begin at approximately 1:30 p.m. with junior and high school football players and cheerleaders being introduced. Rule parents and Booster Club members should bring ice cream or cookies. A Booster Club meeting will follow the event. Booster Club dues are \$3 for individuals and \$5 for families.

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4-H GROUP TOURS LUBBOCK—Touring the International Textile Center at Lubbock were 4-H members, l-r, Candace Brister, Jenny Dudensing, Kate Rowan, Brooke Bullinger, Molly Dudensing and kneeling, Allison Petty.

4-H members tour Lubbock businesses

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Haskell County 4-H sponsored a day of tours in Lubbock for their senior age level members on July 25. Tours were organized by 4-H volunteer leaders to expand and enhance 4-H project activities in Clothing & Textiles, Food & Nutrition, Culinary Arts and Community Service.

The day began early with a tour of the International Textile Center

which provides a study of natural fibers and textiles. Among the natural fibers, cotton is a primary focus. The participants saw first hand the many studies going on to improve cotton fiber and fabric.

Breedlove Dehydrated Foods was the next stop where the 4-H members learned about Breedlove's efforts to provide world hunger relief through dehydrated food and nutritional supplements. This non-profit dehydration plant and packaging

operation processed almost 12 million pounds of surplus potatoes and mixed and packaged more than 145 million servings of nutritious food in 2005 to feed hungry people in the United States and around the world.

Lunch at O'hana Japanese Steak House introduced many new foods to the group. The O'hana chefs prepared the meal at the table sharing many of their culinary skills.

Texas Tech's Leather Research Institute hosted the group and shared their efforts in the field of leather research. The many steps and obstacles in processing leather were discussed as well as the demand for non-bovine hide processing. 4-H members saw many different types

of leather and evaluated the quality and characteristics of each.

Winding up the day was a visit to the Pheasant Ridge Winery at New Deal. Pheasant Ridge is one of the early pioneers of commercial wine making in Texas. The winery and vineyards are family owned and is a completely self-contained operation. The vineyard, planted in 1979 is one of the oldest in Texas and contains sixty acres of grapes.

Enjoying the day were Molly Dudensing, Candace Brister, Kate Rowan, Jenny Dudensing, Allison Petty, Brooke Bullinger, Renee Dudensing, Valiene Bullinger and County Extension Agent-Jane Rowan.

Assessment notices to arrive soon

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due Sept. 15, but a 2 percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by Aug. 31.

To aid RPC growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at 866-672-2800.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Eddie Bland is new Bridgeport superintendent

Eddie Bland, superintendent of Haskell CISD, has accepted a position as superintendent for 3-A Bridgeport ISD, where he will begin work Aug. 21.

Bland served Haskell CISD for seven years as administrator.

Haskell CISD has begun the process of hiring a new superintendent by voting to have Education Service Center, Region 14 assist in the search. A timeline is being developed by the board to find the best qualified person to fill the

position.

Ted Bedwell of Lake Coleman has been hired by the board as interim superintendent. He began his duties on Aug. 10. Bedwell served Ira and Eula school districts as superintendent before his retirement.

The public is invited to attend a farewell reception, hosted by the Haskell Board of Trustees, to honor Bland Thurs., Aug. 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the administration office board room.

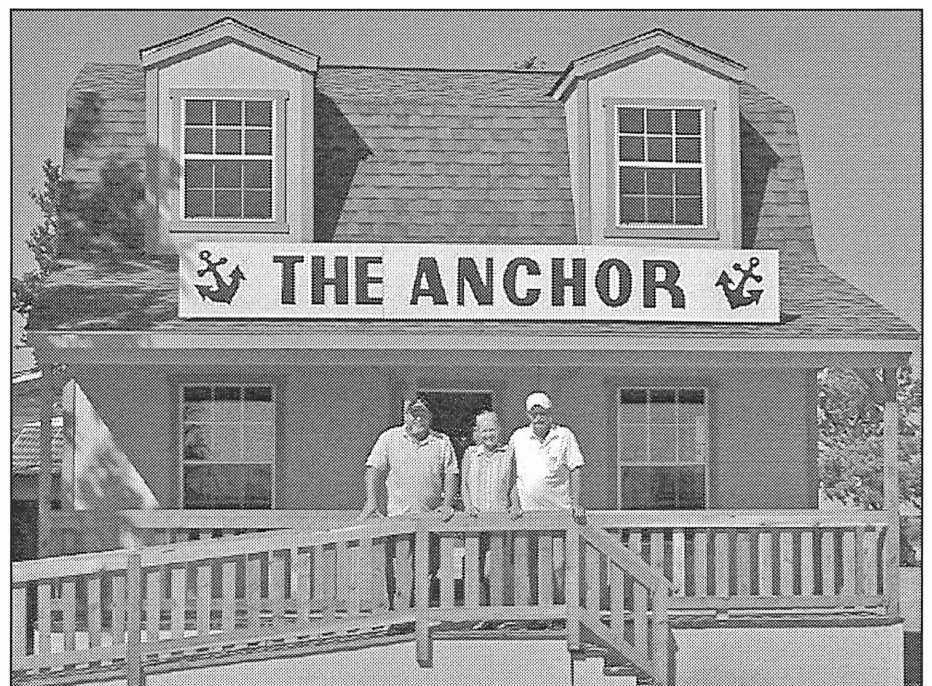
Identity theft seminar offered

An identity theft seminar will be held Thurs., Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. at Citibank, 518 S. Second in Haskell.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. These seminars are designed to educate consumers and small business

owners about the financial risks involved with identity theft, signs of identity theft, ways to protect yourself and what to do if you suspect you are a victim of identity theft.

The free seminar is sponsored by Citibank Texas.



RIBBON CUTTING—The new office and store at The Anchor, Lake Stamford, opens after a ribbon cutting ceremony Mon., July 31. Standing at the building's entrance is l-r, Kenny Thompson, Haskell County Commissioner; Debi Graves and Keith McGrew, both of Lake Stamford Marina Management Group, Inc.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2006 on August 24, 2006 at 12:00 noon at the Water Authority offices at 135 North Munday Ave., Munday, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Joe Clonts, Leon Burkham, Ray Lynn Hardin, Lyndell Lambeth, Bob Presnall, M.M. Booe, Joey Thomas

AGAINST the proposal: Joey Kimbrough

PRESENT and not voting: none

ABSENT: none

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.1850/\$100	0.1800/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.0050/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-2.70%
Average appraised value	\$29,565	\$30,012
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$29,565	\$30,012
Tax on average residence homestead	\$54.70	\$54.02
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$-0.67
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-1.23%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Weather Whys

Weather and pollution
Q: Can pollution affect the weather?

A: It can and often does in several ways, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. One of the most obvious ways is in the form of smog, which occurs when a layer of cold air traps a layer of warmer air underneath.

"If there is any pollution in the area, it will get trapped too," McRoberts explains. "When heavy smog develops, many people can suffer breathing problems. There is also growing evidence that pollution affects the monsoon rains in Southeast Asia. Many scientists believe heavy pollution in the area has weakened the intense rains that occur in monsoon-prone regions, such as India and Indonesia."

Q: What other ways does pollution affect the weather?

A: We know beyond question that pollution can cause acid rain, which happens when pollutants in the air mix with rainfall, McRoberts adds.

"Acid rain can be caused by the burning coal or other industrial products, vehicle exhaust or power generating plants. Some types of acid rain occur naturally, such as dust emitted from volcanic eruptions, while most is man-made. Acid rain can affect vegetation, especially trees, and can cause large fish kills in lakes. In general, the most polluted cities in the world are Beijing, Shanghai, Calcutta and Mexico City, while in the United States, Los Angeles, Houston, Atlanta and the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore areas are heavy regions of pollution."

Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfryrochester@yahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.

Obituaries

Ellen 'Tommie' O. Hilliard



ELLEN HILLIARD
Funeral services for Ellen 'Tommie' O. Hilliard, 73, of Abilene were held Tues., Aug. 3 at Hamby Baptist Church with Dr. Jack

Riddlehoover and Bro. Harold Barnes officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Hilliard died Mon., Aug. 7 at an Abilene medical center after a short battle with cancer.

Born June 21, 1933 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Villa Evelyn (Nash) and Horace Bell Hilliard. She attended Paint Creek schools. She had been a resident of the Abilene area over 50 years, having moved away from Haskell at the age of eighteen. She was employed by Timex for many years as a watchmaker. She was a member of Hamby Baptist Church. She loved fishing and spending time at Lake Stamford. Her other interests included Gospel and Blue Grass music, playing the guitar and

drawing. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Elmer Hilliard; two sisters, Vergie Scheets and Evelyn Cusick; and an adopted sister, Jeanette Ballard.

Survivors include two brothers, Jesse Hilliard of Arlington and Len Hilliard and wife, Marie, of Plano; sister, Dusty Emery of Littleton, Colorado; sister-in-law, Bernice Hilliard of Haskell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ronald Hilliard, Larry Short, Keith Baron, Steven Little, John Sam Rike, Larry Hilliard and Kenneth Hilliard.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 209 S. Danville, B-107, Abilene, Texas 79605 or Hamby Baptist Church, 156 CR 503, Abilene, Texas 79601.

PD. NOTICE

Faye Hallmark

Graveside services for Faye Hallmark, 97, of Anson, formally of Haskell, were held Tues., Aug. 1 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Greg Gasaway officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Hallmark died Sun., July 30 at Valley View Care Center in Anson.

Born Oct. 19, 1908 in Stone County, Arkansas, she was the daughter of Samuel T. Moody and Sara Jane

Nollner Moody. She moved to Texas in 1916. She married J.F. Hallmark in 1928 in Haskell. They farmed in the Munday area until 1963 when they moved to Haskell. She was a farmer, a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Survivors include her sisters, Edith Beavers of Columbus, Ohio and Dorothy White of Abilene; sisters-in-law, Martha Moody of Anson and Colleen Moody of Haskell.

PD. NOTICE

Dale Isbell

Funeral services for Dale Isbell, 54, of Loving, N.M. were held Tues., Aug. 15 at Denton-Wood Funeral Home Chapel in Carlsbad, N.M. with Pastor Jimmy Ryan and Pastor Jimmy Tarvin officiating. Burial was in Loving Cemetery in Loving, N.M. under the direction of Denton-Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Isbell died Sat., Aug. 12 at his Loving, N.M. residence.

Born Oct. 9, 1951 in Haskell, he was the son of Jack and Letha McGee Isbell. He attended school in Haskell and after high school, he went to work in the oil patch. He married Linda Tarvin Sept. 26, 1974 in Carlsbad, N.M. They lived in Haskell until 1979 when they moved to Sundown. He worked in the oilfields in Haskell, Sundown and Loving, N.M. until he was forced to retire in 2005 due to illness. His hobbies included hunting,

fishing and investing time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Tarvin Isbell; son, Brian Cook and wife Diana of Loving, N.M.; daughter, Angela Campos and husband Richard of Carlsbad, N.M.; parents, Jack and Letha Isbell of Haskell; brothers, Tony Isbell and wife Crete of Midland, Alvin Isbell and wife Valerie and Johnny Isbell and wife Penny, all of Loving, N.M.; sister, Dorothy Chesnut and husband Doug of Midland; seven grandchildren, Corey, Waylon, Chase, Alexis, Arianna, Ayanna and Austin, all of Carlsbad, N.M.; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

Pallbearers were Sterling Williams, Harvey Rodriguez, Jimmy Simpson, Phillip Pippin, Felix Calderon and Shawn Brown. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Morman and Mario Martinez.

PD. NOTICE

Storm sirens

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

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials

specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor,

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Thomas descendants hold annual reunion

The annual Thomas family reunion of descendants of the late Clifford Adell Thomas, Sr., was held at the Haskell Civic Center, Sat., Aug. 5. All five of his surviving children were present: John Thomas, Berta Mae Thomas Carroll, Helen Thomas Mills, Marie Thomas Cole and Lewis Thomas.

Forty-three family members were present, plus guests, Manuel Gonzales, Mary Kammenga and Blake Little.

A catered BBQ dinner, fried chicken and a variety of desserts, furnished by family members, were enjoyed.

John Thomas came with Clois and Donna Thomas, Gary and Reda Thomas, Jillian, Eden and Micah, all of Haskell. Christene and Don DuBois of Magnolia attended with Delin and Mike Konicki, Austin and Taylor of Spring.

The late Adell Thomas was represented by Bill and Grace Thomas of Haskell, Aaron and Keaton Thomas of Morton, and Mackenzie, Payton and Tanner Thomas, also of Haskell. Mary Ann

and Jerry Wheatley came from Cleburne.

All four of Berta Mae Carroll's children were present. Jean Taylor, with granddaughter Taylor Sikes, and Sandra Blair, all of Forney, along with Jerry and Lana Bass of Weatherford, and Wayne Watts and son Jacob of Boerne.

Helen Mills of Levelland came with son, Bob Mills of Amherst. The late Clifford Thomas, Jr., was represented by C. A. Thomas, III, and wife, Kay, of Wichita Falls. Marie Cole of Plano was accompanied by daughter, Gaylen Chanslor of Farmers Branch.

Lewis and Joyce Thomas had both daughters present; Suzanne Wollard of Bryan, and Debbie and Ricky Scheffel, Todd and Kaylee of Lubbock.

Assisted by granddaughter, Kaylee, Lewis Thomas auctioned off Thomas memorabilia, along with handmade arts and crafts.

The afternoon was spent in a time of reminiscing the past, sharing the present and looking toward Reunion 2007.



MR. AND MRS. BUD TURNBOW

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Bud and Wanda Turnbow of Haskell celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Aug. 11 with a dinner hosted by their family and friends in Abilene. The couple was married Aug. 11, 1956.

They have four daughters, Sharon

and Ricky Bird, Gina and Tyke Meinzer, all of Haskell, Tamala and Lanny Ivy of Anson and Leann and Andy Little of San Antonio; eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Immunizations help seniors stay healthy

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), pneumonia and influenza are among the five leading causes of death in the U.S. for those aged 65 and older. "The primary method to prevent or reduce the effect of influenza is through annual vaccination," said William G. Gamel, MD, CEO, TMF Health Quality Institute.

The CDC recommends that the best time to get the flu shot is between October and November. For older Texans and individuals with special health problems, they also might need a pneumococcal vaccine. Pneumonia is the primary complication of influenza. According to the CDC, it kills more people in the United States each year than all other vaccine preventable diseases combined. "If you do develop influenza, a pneumococcal vaccination may give you protection against one of its most frequent complications," said Gamel.

Unlike the influenza vaccination, most seniors age 65 and older need only one pneumococcal vaccination in their lifetime, although a booster shot may be required for those who received the vaccine before the age of 65.

TMF Health Quality Institute, the

non-profit Medicare quality improvement organization for Texas, provides quality improvement assistance and resources related to improving Medicare vaccination rates to health care providers and immunization coalitions across the state. "Our goal is to help keep Texans healthy this flu season," said Gamel.

The CDC recommends the following people receive the annual influenza vaccination:

- Children aged 6 months to five years
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season
- Adults 50 years of age and older
- Individuals of any age with certain chronic medical conditions (check with your doctor)
- Children and adolescents aged 6 months-18 years on long-term aspirin therapy
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities

- Individuals who live with or care for adults at high risk or who care for children from birth to five years of age
- Health care workers

Any questions should be directed to the individual's physician.

Knox City Museum closer to completion

The Friends of Knox County Historical Commission is one step closer to reaching the goal of completing the construction of the Wichita-Brazos Museum and Cultural Center. The organization has met the requirements of a \$30,000 challenge grant from The Priddy Foundation.

The interest and help of Knox County residents contributed to the organization qualifying for the matching grant. The interest and work of so many residents with various fund-raisers and events helped the group meet this challenge. Continued interest and help will be needed to meet the goal of having a museum that will be inspiring and educational with the great history of Knox county and the surrounding area.

Even though this money has been received and the organization's part of the agreement has been raised, fund-raisers will be needed to meet the completion cost of the museum. The insulation of the building is complete and the loft area is completed but there is still much work ahead.

The inside framing is the next

work being planned followed by more plumbing and electrical work. Furnishings for the inside will be needed for office and exhibit areas. Other work to be done includes landscaping, laying of the rock on the outside of the building, and gravel for the parking areas.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Wait for debate a bit late: gubernatorial slugfest well under way

AUSTIN—Candidates for governor agreed to meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 in Dallas for an hour-long, televised debate.

As if they were the only ones in the race, incumbent Gov. Rick Perry and outgoing Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn continued their almost-daily Punch and Judy show.

But other high-profile contenders skipped waiting for the cruelest month to roll around before laying into Strayhorn in particular about matters such as ethics and campaign finance.

Kinky Friedman's campaign drew a bead on state comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's campaign in particular.

Friedman's campaign asked Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle to investigate Strayhorn after the Rick Perry and Strayhorn camps accused each other of using state government employees to do campaign-related work.

Friedman campaign director Dean Barkley said, "We urge the district attorney's office to investigate her actions and determine whether the Comptroller violated Texas law."

The Chris Bell campaign also took aim at Strayhorn, using campaign finance records filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

According to her campaign literature, Strayhorn has vowed to end "secret, foreign toll roads," although Zachry Construction is a partner with the Spanish firm CINTRA in the multi-billion dollar Trans-Texas Corridor toll road project.

The Bell campaign cited Strayhorn's stand and suggested she return \$29,500 donated to her campaign by members of the Zachry family of San Antonio.

Quest for ballot change rebuffed
U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia put a stop to further appeal by the Republican Party of Texas to remove Tom DeLay's name from the November ballot.

The Texas Democratic Party sued to keep DeLay on the ballot and won in an Austin federal district court and at the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of

Appeals in New Orleans.

DeLay, former representative of Congressional District 22, said he plans to keep trying to get his name taken off the ballot.

Meanwhile, the mayor of Sugar Land, a Republican, has declared himself a write-in candidate for DeLay's old seat.

The Democratic party's choice for the seat vacated by DeLay June 9 is former U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson.

Why should voters outside of CD-22 give a hoot about who wins? To some, the result might be interpreted as an affirmation or and erosion of the GOP because of DeLay's national profile and the district's status as a Republican stronghold.

DeLay's daughter Dani Ferro sent out a statement from her father, saying he would "take the actions necessary to remove [his] name from the Texas ballot."

Signaling more to come, DeLay encouraged Texas Republicans "to take any and all actions necessary to give Texas voters an up or down choice this fall between two major-party candidates."

Utility rate discount on horizon
Gov. Perry told the Public Utilities Commission to put the restoration of a program that helps low-income Texans pay utility bills in the agency's legislative budget request.

The electric rate discount program was not funded by the Legislature during the current biennium.

If passed by the 2007 Legislature, qualifying Texans will receive a 10 percent discount on their electric bills in the 2008-2009 biennium.

Speaker to reimburse for fix-up
Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland will repay the state for costs in renovating his luxury flat in the state Capitol, according to his aides.

Private donations will make up the more than \$50,000 in state money that went into the project.

Find out who is paying whom
Political watchdogs Texans for Public Justice has posted a telling report titled "Austin's Oldest Profession: Texas' Top Lobby Clients and Those Who Service Them." It's on the Internet for all to see by clicking tpj.org/austinsoldes06/facts.html.



Trucking restrictions lifted for hay effort

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

Gov. Rick Perry has directed the Texas Department of Transportation to temporarily waive certain trucking restrictions to allow the emergency delivery of hay to Texas farmers and ranchers harmed by on-going drought conditions.

In a letter to Ric Williamson, chairman of the Texas Transportation Commission, Perry said the U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated a 77 percent loss in hay production in Texas, and Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and the Texas Farm Bureau have asked for help in expediting delivery of hay to Texas.

"Hay importation from neighboring states less affected by drought will help Texas producers survive the final hot months of the year," Perry wrote. His letter directs TxDOT to suspend the permitting requirements and legal height restriction for round hay bales, and associated permit fees, for carriers transporting round bales of hay. The suspension of those requirements will expire Oct. 31.

To ensure the safety of the traveling public, Perry said TxDOT must require loads exceeding 14 feet in height to contact TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division to receive expedited routing. All other legal requirements, including licensing, registration, insurance, and safety, remain in place.

Perry earlier this year issued a similar directive for emergency hay deliveries, but that expired on April 30.

Students in the News

Vernon College Department of Vocational Nursing Program on the Vernon and Seymour campuses held a pinning ceremony Thurs., Aug. 10, in the Calvary Baptist Church in Vernon. The Academic Excellence Award was presented Beverly Decker from the Seymour class.

The Vocational Nursing Program is a one-year program that prepares students to take the Licensing Exam for Vocational Nurses. After passing the exam, a vocational nurse provides direct patient care under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician.

Local graduates for 2005-06 include Lauran Brown of Rule, Beverly Decker of Haskell and Angela Hager of Weinert.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 15, 1996

Floyd and Cloa Parsons and children, Heather and Cody, visited Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins and Tamera of Irving over the weekend.

Mike and Perline Mapes and daughters, Michelle and Sherry Ann of Haskell, Oklahoma, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Mapes and aunt Frieda Piland several days last week.

James Lee Burnett visited over the weekend with his mother Peggy Burnett in Haskell and his sister and family, Addie and Liz Willis in Rule.

20 Years Ago August 14, 1986

The yard of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bland was named the winner of the "Yard of the Month" contest.

A drawing by a 7 year old Haskell boy is appearing in the nationally circulated "Disney Channel Magazine." Benjamin Crain's drawing of "Winnie the Pooh and Eeyore" is featured in the kid's pull out section of the magazine.

Six members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department have been certified as intermediate firemen. Chief Tom Watson, Don Comedy, Phillip Cockerell, Kenny Watson, Sam Watson and Roy Trussell become the first members of the department to attain this plateau.

30 Years Ago August 19, 1976

Kim Hager, Weinert, has been accepted into junior membership in the American Hereford Association. The local CowBelle organization

held a special meeting to elect "The CowBelle of the Year." Joyce Thomas was elected for all the dedicated work she has done for CowBelles. She has served as secretary since 1973 when the local chapter was organized.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dumas, Gina and Sharee returned from a trip to the Grand Canyon, Flagstaff, Santa Fe and Ruidoso.

40 Years Ago August 18, 1966

Under the lights in the cool of the night, at Rice Springs swimming pool, Emily Thigpen, 8-year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Thigpen, was crowned 1966 Little Miss Hey-Day.

Peggy Thigpen was named runner up as 1966 Greenbelt Bowl Queen at halftime of the Grid Classic at Childress.

Bobby Herren visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Herren.

Michael Felker visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Viars Felker

50 Years Ago August 16, 1956

Lt. General Charles E. Hart, Commanding General of the Second Army, in Fort Meade, Maryland, accompanied by Mrs. Hart and their daughter, Sally, came by the way of Haskell for a visit with Wallace H. Cox, Jr., who formerly served with General Hart at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Courtney Hunt, Haskell businessman, is in Chicago attending

the Democratic National Convention. Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Coody and children of Breckenridge were visitors in Haskell. They had just returned from a 10 day vacation in Colorado.

Mrs. Bob Sego and daughters, Jane Ann and Judy Kay, are spending the week in Denver City, guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bednarz.

100 Years Ago August 11, 1906

J.H. Meadors and family and Eugene Meadors, who left Haskell about three years ago, and have since resided in Fayetteville, Arkansas, have returned to Haskell.

Col. Morgan Jones purchased five acres of land at the southeastern edge of town, where the Wichita Valley Railroad will build stockyards and shipping pens.

W.T. McDaniel fired up his new gin several hours to get everything smoothed up and in running order. He will run it again to gin four bales of cotton which he has on hand.

The first trainload of lumber, consigned to Haskell Lumber Company, has arrived.

Henry Free sold a load of cantaloupes and watermelons on the streets.

Ellis and English have sold their meat market to C.K. Jones and W.A. Marsh.

J.L. Baldwin of the Iron Livery Stable, says the travel over this country is immense. His hacks carried 40 passengers, he reported.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

How to Protect Sensitive Data After a Security Breach

Since April, several breaches of security involving theft of electronic data and loss of property, including missing laptops and stolen memory drives, at public and private institutions have been announced. This recent string of security lapses may have compromised the sensitive financial and health information of millions of consumers and employees.

As you know, identifying information including names, Social Security numbers, and Driver's License numbers can lead to ruined credit and huge, undeserved debts when it falls into the wrong hands. An identity thief may use your information to obtain new credit cards, open checking accounts, get a bogus driver's license or Social Security card, make long distance calls, apply for a job, or make purchases using your bank account or credit card.

If you believe a security breach of personal information may have affected you, access the Attorney General's new Identity Theft Victim's Kit on our website at www.oag.state.tx.us. The kit is designed to help begin the process of

recovering, both financially and legally. It includes relevant forms and agency contact information to help restore credit and prevent further victimization.

Carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any other statements relating to recent financial transactions. Request a copy of your credit reports and examine them carefully for signs of fraud, such as credit accounts that are not yours. Check if there are numerous inquiries on your credit report. If a thief is attempting to open up several accounts, an inquiry will be listed on your credit report for each of those attempts. Also, check that your Social Security Number, address(es), phone number(s), and employment information are correct.

If you notice unusual activity on the statements, contact the fraud department of one of the three credit reporting agencies—Experian, Equifax, or TransUnion—and request a fraud alert. When you request a fraud alert from one bureau, it will notify the other two for you. Your credit file will be flagged with a statement that says you may be a victim of fraud and that creditors should phone you before extending credit. Under the Fair Credit

Reporting Act (FCRA), you can place an initial fraud alert for only 90 days. You may cancel the fraud alerts at any time.

When you establish the fraud alert, you will receive a follow-up letter from each credit bureau. Each letter explains how you can order a free copy of your credit report from that credit bureau. We suggest that you take advantage of this offer and order your credit reports soon. If you are a victim of identity theft, you will see evidence of it on your credit report.

You may also consider a security freeze. Texas law enables individuals to place a security freeze on their credit reports if they have filed an identity theft criminal complaint with law enforcement. A security freeze is stronger than a fraud alert because it prevents anyone from accessing your credit file until and unless you authorize the credit bureaus to release your report. (Please note that it does not affect existing accounts and includes other exceptions). Be aware that this might be inconvenient if you will be applying for new credit, an apartment, or employment involving a background check, since you will have to lift the freeze on your credit file. You can write to request that it

be lifted for a certain period of time, or for a specific creditor.

If your credit report indicates you are a victim of identity theft, you will want to immediately file a police report. It is very important to do as you will use the report as proof that you are a victim of identity theft.

Report fraudulent accounts and erroneous information in writing to the credit bureaus and the credit issuers following the instructions provided with the credit reports. You will more than likely be asked for a copy of your police report.

In all communications with the credit bureaus, you will want to refer to the unique identification number assigned to your credit report and mail items certified, with return receipt requested. Be sure to save all credit reports as part of your fraud documentation.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has the authority to prosecute identity theft at the federal level. You can report ID theft to federal authorities and receive additional assistance with identity theft-related issues through the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or visit their website at www.ftc.gov.

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Choose a bank that fits your needs

With banks competing for your business, you now have several choices and opportunities to "shop around" for the bank that offers you the products and services that best suit your lifestyle and financial circumstances.

In today's fast-paced environment, some people are looking toward financial institutions that exist solely over the Internet and have no presence in your local community. It would be advisable to make sure that you know the web-based financial institution is legitimate and not a scammer. If you decide to bank solely via the Internet, you will have the advantage of added

Queen entries sought for rodeo

The Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen Pageant will be held in Abilene Fri., Sept. 8-10, for young ladies age 15 to 24, who live within one hundred miles of Abilene.

The competition will be in Horsemanship, Speeches, Modeling, Questions and Interviews.

Prizes include a crown, banner, roses, handmade spurs, hand tooled spur straps, buckle and more. The winner will also be eligible to receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship. The winner of Horsemanship will receive a saddle blanket with hand tooled corners.

Contestants should wear Wranglers for all areas of competition except for Modeling, when a dress or skirt and jacket or vest should be worn. Leather will not be judged above non-leather. Fit, color coordination and presentation will be the criteria for modeling.

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo, and must be received in the West Texas Fair Office by 5:00 p.m., Aug. 18. Orientation will be held on Aug. 25.

The winner will reign over the 2006 West Texas Fair & PRCA Rodeo, Sept. 12-16. The winner will also represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and activities in the West Texas area during the year, and will also be eligible to compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio, in June of 2007.

For entry forms call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at 325-677-4376, or they may be picked up at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene.

Gutters and downspouts

Gutters, downspouts and splash blocks carry water away from your home's foundation. Proper drainage protects your home's foundation from serious water-related damage.

For gutters and downspouts to work properly, you must keep them free of leaves and debris. If you don't, water could get into your home.

Periodically inspect gutters and downspouts for any blockage. Gutters and downspouts should not leak, but may overflow during heavy rain. If a gutter drips, fails to drain properly, or overflows, promptly contact a professional for further evaluation and repair.

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convenience, but will lose:

- Face-to-face contact with a personal banker who can best explain the services and products that meet your needs.

- A personal banker who knows you and would better understand your loan needs. You also may need to rely on the mail to sign important documents, make deposits or conduct other business.

With a competitive financial market, you probably receive offers every week inviting you to open a new account. For example, XYZ Bank will "give" you a "free" computer or other incentive if you open an account. Before rushing down to take advantage of this "offer," consider the following:

- Do you really need the "free"

Hats provide sun protection

Wearing a hat can be not only trendy and stylish, but also provides a means for effective sun protection. Statistics show that more than 90% of all skin cancers are caused by sun exposure, yet less than 33% of Americans routinely use sun protection. The Headwear Association, in partnership with The Skin Cancer Foundation, has created a special hat hangtag program that ensures you are purchasing a hat that protects your face, ears and neck from the risk of sun damage and skin cancer.

"Wearing protective clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat, is an essential part of a complete sun protection regimen," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "That's why we are delighted to be partnering with the Headwear Association on this

gift?"

- According to a 2005 report from the FDIC, banks are required by law to report the fair market value of the gift as income. If you receive items in one year with a total value of more than \$10, that value will also be reported as income and taxed accordingly.

- Be sure to read the fine print to determine what you could lose if you fail to meet all of the terms of the account offer.

Here are some things to consider when choosing a checking account that is best for you:

- Will you be writing a lot of checks each month? If so, you need to choose an account that doesn't impose fees on the number of checks you write.

- Do you prefer paying bills online instead of writing and mailing checks each month? If so, make sure your bank provides online banking services.

- Is there a minimum balance requirement and what is the penalty if your account drops below that amount?

- Will your account earn interest?
- What are the bank fees for overdrafts?

- Does the bank have branch locations near to where you live or work?

And always remember the importance of a long term relationship with your community banker to make sure you receive the best fees, rates and services to meet your financial needs!

awareness program," said Dr. Robins.

"There are several million Skin Cancer Foundation hat hang tags in circulation in the U.S.," said Art Gardner, past President of The Headwear Association. To be sure you are purchasing a sun-protective hat follow these tips:

- Size: A hat with a minimum 2 inch brim can provide adequate sun protection for the neck, face and ears.

- Shape: Hat shapes that protect better against ultraviolet radiation (UVR) are ones that curve down to follow the contours of the head and neck.

- Color: Hats should have dark under brims. The dark color absorbs more of the reflected UVR and adds better protection.

- Material: The material of a hat should be cool and durable. Fabrics

should be tightly woven or lined with fabric that has been tested for sun protection.

Although hats block up to 97% of direct UVR, they cannot provide full protection against indirect or reflected UVR. So in addition to wearing a hat, it is important to shield the rest of your skin from sun exposure. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends the following:

- Seek the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

- Apply a broad-spectrum SPF 15 or higher sunscreen every day.

- Apply 2 tablespoons of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside, and reapply every 2 hours.

- Cover up with clothing and UV-blocking sunglasses.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,158 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 12, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

Stockers \$2-5 higher. Feeders \$2 higher. Packers steady. Stocker Cows steady to weak.

Cows: fat, .42-.48; cutters, .43-.51; canners, .28-.38.

Bulls: bologna, .55-.64; feeders, .60-.75.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.50-1.80; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.55; 400-500 lbs.,

1.15-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.15; 700-800 lbs., 1.00-1.08; 800-up lbs., .95-1.04.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.35-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.30; 400-500 lbs., 1.08-1.15; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.12; 600-up lbs., .98-1.04.

Bred Heifers medium frame 650-725.

Bred cows young to middle aged 700-910; aged or small, 350-600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 800-1010; aged or small, 500-700.

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NOTICE

The City of Haskell will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 24, 2006 at the Haskell City Hall Council Chambers to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2006. The proposed tax rate is **\$0.4458** per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Haskell by **07.99%**.

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Stocking rate and grazing management during drought

by Wes Utley
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Stocking rate and grazing management decisions during drought may be the most important decisions made. The effects of these decisions go far beyond survival during the drought and greatly influence recovery following drought. No two ranches are completely identical and as such, need to make stocking rate and grazing management decisions during drought that are compatible with the goals of the operation.

Ranch forage supplies must be constantly evaluated to match supply with demand. There's an old saying that goes: "Your income has to exceed your outgo lest your upkeep be your downfall." While primarily talking about financial situations, this can be applied to forage situations.

Forage supply must meet or exceed forage demand or the forage base may eventually contribute to the demise of the operation. Reduction in stocking rates during drought pays big dividends in terms of less damage to desirable forage plants, rapid recovery of the range following drought, reduced supplemental feeding costs, and reduced losses to toxic plants, just to name a few.

When talking about reduction in stocking rate, herd mix may be the most important factor. Flexibility must be built into the herd. In general, breeding herds should constitute no more than 60% of the total carrying capacity of the ranch during normal years, with the remainder of the herd composed of held-over yearlings or stocker type animals.

When drought conditions occur and forage supplies are limiting,

livestock numbers can be reduced by selling the stockers or yearlings first without destroying the integrity of the breeding herd.

When drought becomes even more severe and breeding animals must be reduced, accurate herd performance records become extremely important. These should be maintained such that when reducing the breeding herd becomes necessary, the least productive animals can be identified and culled first.

Another alternative is to find alternative feed sources such as wheat pasture, crop aftermath, or perhaps in the near future, expired CRP acreage.

Rotational grazing systems may provide alternative options during drought situations. Most grazing systems are designed to give plants rest from grazing. Because plants are under stress during drought, they need a longer period of rest to recover from grazing.

Rotational grazing or adjustments in rotational grazing plans may give adequate rest to plants. In a rotation system, pasture numbers may be increased within the system or the length of stay in a single pasture increased to facilitate longer periods of rest. Even with the most sophisticated system, reductions in the number of grazing animals may be necessary to prevent over grazing during severe drought.

In a continuous grazing system, extra attention should be given to livestock distribution. Uniform use of the entire pasture may aid in increased rest of desired forage plants. Strategic placement of salt, supplement and mineral, and

temporary watering facilities or fencing help "pull" animals into areas that are typically not grazed, thus allowing rest for heavy use areas.

It is important to remember that during drought, plants may go dormant before the end of the growing season. Thus, plants enter a longer than normal dormant period and become dependent on food stored in the roots earlier in the year. This makes it even more important for green leaf material to remain long

enough to produce and store adequate food reserves. This becomes more pronounced as the length of drought is extended.

Stocking rate and grazing management decisions made during drought not only affect current conditions, but also the rate of recovery of rangeland plants following drought and, perhaps, whether or not you will remain in business in years to come.

PDG group to meet

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in a Program Development Group (PDG) meeting to be held at Pit and Grill Restaurant, 1308 N. Ave. E in Haskell. This meeting will be on Aug. 23 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, partnerships, organizations, businesses, farmers and ranchers that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs within their area.

The discussion in the PDG will help the Local Work Group (LWG), which is led by USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service to address county-based funding for the FY2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost-share rates and ranking for county-based funding.

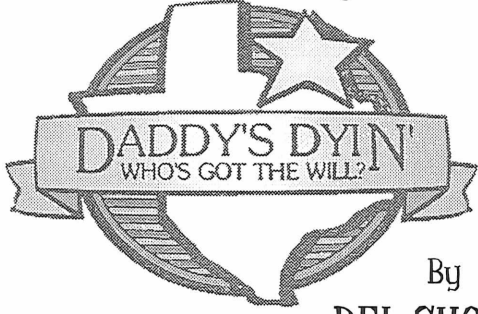
One of the guiding principles of the USDA Farm Bill 2002 is that

conservation programs are locally led. Through stakeholder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

The EQIP was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. EQIP is administered by the NRCS, and was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill. EQIP awards cost-share assistance to agricultural producers, who will apply cost share and incentive practices that provide significant environmental benefits. In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority resource concerns.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS Service Center office in Haskell at 940-864-8516. USDA-NRCS Service Center locations and program information can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 28, 2006, in the Paint Creek School Library, Paint Creek School. 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.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.37000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.00000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	6.00000% increase or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000% increase or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.00000% increase or _____% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$64,772,873.00	\$65,835,382.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 317,360.00	\$ 507,787.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$34,206,123.00	\$35,735,468.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 248,280.00	\$ 447,457.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0.00

* Outstanding principal.

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	\$1.50000	\$	\$1.50000	\$5,445.00	\$6,170.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.33010	\$	\$1.33010	\$4,658.00	\$4,272.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.37000	\$	\$1.37000	\$4,798.00	\$4,203.00

*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	\$23,187.00	\$24,406.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 10,696.00	\$ 11,430.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.37
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 160.44	\$ 156.60
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (3.84)

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 proposed value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.3700.

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)	\$550,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 28, 2006, in Haskell CISD Board of Directors Room, 605 N. Ave. E, City of Haskell. 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.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.37000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.00000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	10.10000% increase or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	% increase or 1.86000% (decrease)
Total expenditures	9.94000% increase or _____% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$193,013,142.00	\$200,077,045.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 570,420.00	\$ 1,407,320.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$108,491,557.00	\$115,914,422.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 487,310.00	\$ 1,387,590.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$936,515.00

* Outstanding principal.

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	\$1.50000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.50000	\$1,349.00	\$5,482.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.33001	\$ 0.00410*	\$1.33410	\$2,362.00	\$5,860.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.37000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.37000	\$2,429.00	\$6,137.00

*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	\$34,647.00	\$35,413.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$25,043.00	\$22,252.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.37
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 375.65	\$ 304.85
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (70.80)

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 proposed value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.3700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.3700.

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)	\$1,794,086.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 124,714.00

Range Camp dedicated to memory of James Bevel

This year's seventeenth annual Clear Fork Range Camp was dedicated to the memory of James Bevel, one of the original organizers of the camp. Bevel had served as an Ag. Science teacher for forty years—twenty of those years in La Pryor and the last twenty years at Haskell. He was the Area 2 FFA Coordinator at the time of his death in October 2005. Bevel had a positive impact on the lives of the many people he met.

The Clear Fork Range Camp was held at the rustic, but comfortable Krooked River Hunting Lodge near Lueders with Roy and Becky Wilson providing the excellent facilities for the camp. Thirty-two students from five counties gathered at the famous lodge for registration Tues., July 18. Camp rules were explained and the students were divided into color groups and assigned cabins.

For the first session, the campers were loaded in the back of pickups to cross the shallows of the Clear Fork River. They were unloaded under the shade of a huge pecan tree, where they learned the importance of range plants, with the lesson that each plant has a purpose in the world, just

as each student has a purpose. Next, the campers studied over thirty species of plants, which were gathered for their plant collections.

Another highlight for the campers was to hear Glenn Harding of Anson, who exhibited wildlife skulls and furs. Harding also demonstrated the techniques for aging deer jaws and scoring deer antlers.

Later, students were given instruction on the use of compasses and global positioning systems. After supper and cleanup, campers were educated on the history of the Albany area. "Did you know that many notorious outlaws once lived near Fort Griffin in the Flats?" As dark approached, the students loaded into the back of pickups armed with Q beams to begin a nighttime deer survey. They shined their lights on 'tacky eyes' that were earlier placed to simulate a deer count.

Early the next morning, the group left the lodge and traveled to the historic Pitchfork Ranch where they were met by Bob Moorehouse, manager of the famous 173,000 acre ranch. The cowboys had just finished branding the ranch foals and the

group watched as the mares and colts were driven back to the horse pasture. Back at ranch headquarters, Moorehouse gave a brief history of the ranch and answered questions from the group. After a tour of the Pitchfork Ranch Museum and lunch at the Guthrie Community Center, the group had their picture taken in front of the King County Courthouse.

They traveled back to camp where they participated in a G.P.S. and wildlife compass contest, skeet shooting and hunter safety. After supper, the teams were challenged with a trivia game to see what they had learned, with such questions as, "Do you know what makes a big buck?" Those that answered, "Genetics, nutrition and time," earned points for their team.

The last day they crossed the river again and were given another chance to review and be ready for the upcoming plant identification contest. The students proved they had worked hard as twelve identified all twenty plants correctly. Campers were honored to have Lela (Mrs. James) Bevel as a guest to present the first ever James Bevel Memorial Awards. Slade King of Anson earned the Rookie plaque and Ashley Foster of Haskell earned the Veteran plaque. Their names will be engraved on the memorial wall plaque to be added to each year.

Students attending were: Wesley Wyatt, Kajsja Pearson, Chandler Caddell and Brittany Lammert of Stamford; Michael Collingwood, K.C. 'Kenneth' Jones and Cody Alexander of Albany; Lance Robertson, Adam Garcia and Blaze Box of Breckenridge; Teddy Harris, Diana Mauricio, Ashley Foster and Amy Hamilton of Haskell; Shelby Seymore, Caleb Harrison, Morgan Gillespie, Bailey Chisum, Trayven Nixon, Garrett Watson, Joshua Watson and Dylan Rankin of Jayton; and Thomas Moreno, J.D. Emerson, Chad Collins, Derek Collins, Christofer King, Slade King, Laurin Spraberry and J. Kally Ashworth of Anson.

Nutritive value important for forage

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

Forage producers who want the best silage, hay or grazing should remember that quality and nutritive value are related, but not necessarily the same thing, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"Nutritive value is what we read in the lab analysis," said Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension forage program leader, at recent workshop in Plainview. "Forage quality encompasses nutritive value, but goes a step further to include the livestock component.

"Do they prefer it over other feed? Is their intake good? Do they gain well on this feed? These three things are the livestock component of forage quality."

The "official" nutritive value from a lab analysis can affect market value and livestock performance, he said. As managers, forage producers have more control over nutritive value than overall quality.

"There are three ways we can affect nutritive value," Redmon said. "We can choose a different forage. We can change our soil nutrient status. Or we can harvest our chosen forage at a different growth stage.

Annual forages are more nutritious than perennial forages. Cool-season forages rate higher than warm-season forages, and legumes rate higher than grasses.

"If we rate them for digestibility, from top to bottom, legumes are No. 1, cool-season annuals are second, cool-season perennials are third, warm-season annuals are fourth, and warm-season perennials come in fifth," Redmon said.

Nitrogen is the No. 1 soil nutrient in the forage nutrition equation, he said. It enables plant growth and production of amino acids that help determine crude protein.

When deciding when to harvest, producers should remember that "maturity is the eternal enemy of forage nutritive value," Redmon said.

"Harvesting when the forage is young yields the highest nutritive value. Wait until a later growth stage and it has less nutritive value. As a forage matures, the good 'tasty' components in the plant cells shrink

because the cell walls thicken to support the plant as it grows."

If the weather looks "iffy" at harvest time, it's best to postpone cutting until better curing weather is forecast, Redmon advised. Rain will leach carbohydrates out of cut forage lying on the ground, reducing its total energy content.

"The most important thing we can do to preserve quality and nutritive value after cutting and curing is put it in the barn," he said. "A good hay barn will pay for itself in three to five years by protecting your forage from the elements."

A laboratory analysis that confirms nutritive value is also a good marketing tool, he said. Labs typically analyze forages for crude protein, net energy, fiber digestibility and vitamin/mineral content.

Net energy is often expressed as total digestible nutrients or in vitro true digestibility. Fiber digestibility, which affects total digestibility and energy, is expressed as acid detergent fiber and neutral detergent fiber.

"Neutral detergent fiber is associated with dry matter intake—how much they eat," Redmon said. "Acid detergent fiber is associated with dry matter digestibility. Both are valuable ratings, but in-vitro true digestibility is probably the best value/rating for comparing total nutritive value.

"It is a better measure of both digestibility and energy," he said.

More information on forage selection, production, harvesting and quality is available online at <http://forages.tamu.edu>. Redmon is at 979-845-2846 or redmon@tamu.edu.

New risk management tools available for USDA 2007 crop year

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has announced the availability of two new risk management tools for pasture, rangeland and forage, beginning with the 2007 crop year.

"These new insurances tools will help farmers and ranchers, especially with operations located in drought impacted areas, to improve their risk management capabilities," said Johanns. "Designed to operate in a variety of range and pasture environments, these products utilize innovative technology to determine when a producer has suffered a loss."

The new insurance products, the Rainfall index insurance program and the Vegetation index insurance program, are offered by the Risk Management Agency (RMA) and are available through approved insurance providers. These programs will provide livestock producers the ability to purchase insurance protection for losses of forage produced for grazing or harvested for hay.

The Rainfall index insurance program will be pilot tested in 220 counties in Colorado, Idaho, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, North Dakota and Texas and is based on rainfall indices as a means to measure expected production losses. The Vegetation index insurance program will be pilot tested in 110 counties in Colorado, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and South Dakota and is based on satellite imagery that determines the productivity of the acreage as a means to measure expected production losses. Together, these pilot programs will be available to provide coverage on approximately

160 million of the 640 million acres of grazing land and hay land in the United States.

Development of the two programs was provided through provisions of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, which established the development of a pasture, rangeland and forage program as one of RMA's highest research and development priorities.

Both insurance products are designed to allow maximum flexibility for the producer. For instance, producers are not required to insure all their acres, but rather may elect to insure only those acres that are important to their grazing program or hay operation. Further, producers are not required to insure the acreage for the entire crop year. The crop year is divided into intervals and producers may elect to insure their acreage for only those intervals where the risk is the greatest.

Farmers and ranchers attending the Beef Cattle Short Course, hosted by Texas A&M University Aug. 7-8 in College Station had the first opportunity to view these new products. In addition to product demonstrations, RMA, along with the contractor, Grazingland Management Systems, Inc., held an on-site workshop as part of the Cattleman's College.

Both of these products will be available for sale from crop insurance agents beginning in late August 2006. The sales closing date is Nov. 30, 2006. More detailed information about these two new pilot programs is available on the RMA Web site at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/policies/pasturerangeforage/>.

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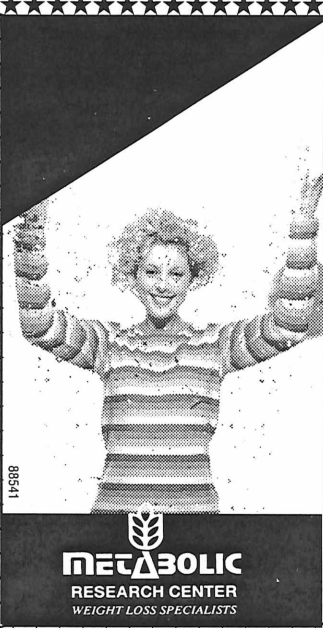
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Lunch
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.
Monday: Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, mandarin orange salad
Tuesday: Chalupas, cheese, salsa, garden salad, corn, cantaloupe
Wednesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, assorted chips, apple wedges
Thursday: Taco salad, cheese, pinto beans, salsa, watermelon
Friday: Chicken on a bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, ice cream

Aug. 21-25 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits, gravy
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal or toast
Thursday: Breakfast burritos
Friday: Cereal or toast
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Turkey, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, rolls, applesauce cake
Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, cobbler
Wednesday: Enchilada casserole, corn on cob, salad, chips, fruit
Thursday: Chicken strips, rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, salad, cake
Friday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, fries, fruit

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 21 coffee
 Lunch—Ham and beans, garden salad, buttered corn, cornbread, onions, Coke cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Aug. 23
 Lunch—Beef and mac, English peas, club spinach, cornbread, strawberry shortcake, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., Aug. 25
 Lunch—Chili dog with trimmings, chips, pinto beans, jello, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE WHETHER TO IMPLEMENT NEW FEDERAL STANDARDS

On June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Tri-County Electric") adopted a resolution initiating a proceeding to consider and determine whether to implement the new federal standards in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), 16 U.S.C. §2621(d), as amended by the Electricity Modernization Act of 2005, enacted by Congress in the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The Board will convene a public evidentiary hearing at a time and place to be determined to consider the evidence and positions presented by the admitted parties participation in the proceeding regarding whether the Board should adopt the federal Smart Metering, Interconnection, Net Metering, Fuel Sources, or Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency Standards, briefly described below.

Smart Metering: Time based rate schedule to allow the customer to manage energy use and cost through advanced metering and communications technology.

Interconnection: Standards to physically connect qualified on-site generation facilities to the electric grid.

Net Metering: Standard for customers to sell electricity from a qualified on-site generation facility to the electric grid. Qualified on-site facilities can include wind and solar powered devices. Tri-County Electric has a Distributed Generation Tariff and Manual for providing Net Metering.

Fuel Sources: Develop a plan to minimize dependence on one fuel source for the generation of power. (Tri-County Electric does not generate power. Its power supplier is Brazos Electric.)

Fossil Fuel Generation Efficiency: Develop a 10-year plan to increase efficiency of fossil fuel generation. (Tri-County Electric does not generate power. Its power supplier is Brazos Electric.)

Intervention Deadline: Persons who wish to present evidence and participate in the evidentiary hearing should notify Tri-County Electric by sending a written request to be admitted as a party to the proceeding. Requests to participate should be sent to the Board of Directors, c/o John Westhoff, 600 N.W. Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020 and must be received no later than October 15, 2006.

Public Comments: Persons who wish to comment on this proceeding, but not present evidence and participate in the hearing, may send their comments in writing to the Board of Directors, c/o John Westhoff, 600 N.W. Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020.

Requests for further information about the proceeding should be sent to the Board of Directors, c/o John Westhoff, 600 N.W. Parkway, Azle, Texas 76020. 32-35c

This Week's Devotional Message:



YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE EYES OF GOD

In this age of computers, in every regard We have all been reduced to a hole in a card. Oh, how simple it was in our house by the road, Till they added the zip and area code! In your place of employment, or out in your car, You're a serial number wherever you are;

And you find your identity harder to claim When you're known by a number instead of a name. So, there's one thing to do: let your faith lead the way To the place where you still can be someone today. If you go to your church, you'll be happy to find In the eyes of the Lord you are one of a kind!

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 Garison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
 Bruce Ray, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
 Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. 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, 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
 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, Haskell
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
 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.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
 Greg Gasaway, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Wind
 C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
 203 S. 1st East, Haskell
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

—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
 J. C. Baker, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—ROCHESTER—
Church of Christ
 Steve Willis, 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, 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.
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Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester
First United Methodist Church
 Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester

—SAGERTON—
Sagerton Methodist Church
 Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
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 Omegas
 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
 Larry Neal, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 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—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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—O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
 Jim Reid, pastor
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DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING? FILE AN AMENDED RETURN

How do you correct an income tax return you've already filed? If you forgot to report income or if you failed to take a deduction that would have reduced your taxes, you can file an amended tax return to correct the oversight. For example, over one million taxpayers overpaid their taxes in 2004 because they forgot to deduct state and local sales taxes on their tax returns. This was a new deduction that year based on a new law that let taxpayers choose to deduct either their state and local income taxes or their state and local sales taxes.

To correct a tax return that's already been filed, you need to complete and file Form 1040X. The IRS generally allows three years from the original due date of the tax return, including extensions, to submit an amended tax return.

There is no need to fear the IRS just because you file a corrected tax return. It is a very routine matter. The more complicated the tax law becomes, the greater the chance that a previously filed tax return may need to be corrected. Oversights and missing information are quite common, so don't feel you are alone if you discover that you need to amend a return.

An amended tax return may result in either a refund or a balance due. In deciding whether or not to file an amended return, you should take into account the amount of money involved. Unless your amended return is requesting a sizable refund, it should not make you any greater an audit target than your original tax return. And filing a return for a \$50 refund would probably waste more of your time than it's worth.

If you've discovered an error or missing information on one of your tax returns, give us a call. We can review your prior tax returns to help you determine the need for filing an amended return.

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HASKELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: Lab Tech Supervisor needed immediately. Salary negotiable. Please call 940-864-2621. Contact Bill Nemir, Administrator or Betty Martin, Asst. Administrator. 32fc

DRIVERS NEEDED: Must have CDL. Apply in person. Strickland Bridge, Haskell. 32-34c

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PAINT CREEK ISD is accepting applications for a custodian and bus driver through August 25, 2006. Applicants must have good work ethics, CDL driver's license and be able to pass Texas School Bus Driving Certification. Send application and resume to: Kendell Medford, Maintenance and Custodial Supervisor, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521. Paint Creek ISD is an equal opportunity employer and is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disabilities. 32-33c

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Public Notices

FOR SALE North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will accept bids until 5:00 p.m. on September 11, 2006 for the following vehicle: 1997 Ford F-150. Vehicle may be inspected at P&M Supply, Hwy. 277, Munday, Texas 76371. Bids shall be delivered to 135 N. Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas 76371; or mailed to P.O. Box 36, Munday, Texas 76371 and will be opened and read aloud at the Board of Directors meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on September 12, 2006. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 33-34c

INVITATION TO BID The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is accepting bids for motor vehicle fuel. Proposals should be addressed

or delivered to Karen Ratliff, Business Manager, Haskell CISD, 605 North Avenue E, Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521. Proposals are due by 12:00 noon on August 18, 2006. All proposals will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the first board meeting after the deadline.

The district reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the district and to waive any informality in the proposals. Specifications or additional information may be obtained by contacting Karen Ratliff at the administration office at 940-864-2602 ext. 101. 32-33c

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

D.A.B. Oil Service, Inc., P.O. Box 5905, Abilene, Texas 79608 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Gunsight, Swenson Land and Cattle Co., Well Number 6. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles SE of Sagerton in the Sagerton SE (Gunsight) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2,798 to 2,816 feet.

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 Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 33c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration of the Estate of Peggy Brown were issued on August 2, 2006 in Cause No. 4,314, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Sheila Watts, Administratrix of the Estate of Peggy Brown.

The mailing address of the Administratrix is in Taylor County, Texas, as follows: Covenant Outreach, LLC, c/o S. Clinton Nix, P.O. Box 59, Abilene, Texas 79604.

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated August 2, 2006.

Bradbury, Nix & Fowlkes, LLP
P.O. Box 59
Abilene, Texas 79604
325-673-7317 phone
325-673-3833 fax
By: S. Clinton Nix
State Bar No. 15043300 32c

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The deadline for Classified Advertising is 5 p.m. on Mondays.
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Ronnie was truly a friend to many, and we all will miss him. We appreciate the acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time. Your cards, visits, flowers and food have helped to sustain us, and your prayers have brought strength from a much higher source.
Thanks to First United Methodist Church members for a wonderful lunch and to Rev. Daniel Echols for a beautiful memorial service where the Fruit of the Spirit certainly described Ronnie's life so well. The lovely music by Brian, Delight, Carolyn and Nelda was also a blessing and comfort.
Thank you to all friends who served as pallbearers. Each of you holds a special place in our hearts. Your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. May God bless you.
Sincerely,
Sherry Adams
David, Tina, Ashley and Kylie

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0982-02-017 for WIDENING, OVERLAY, PAVEMENT MARKINGS in HASKELL County, etc. will be opened on September 7, 2006 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.
NPO: 20986
State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
Dist/Div Office(s): Abilene District, District Engineer, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150. Phone 325-676-6800.
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS—Victoria Hertel, daughter of Kevin and Kim Hertel of Haskell, qualified for the national Pedal Pullers competition Sat., Aug. 12 in Henrietta by placing third in the state competition. The national competition is to be held Sept. 23 in Mitchell, S.D.

Rochester to hold centennial celebration

The City of Rochester will celebrate its centennial anniversary and school homecoming with an agenda of weekend events planned as something of fun for everyone.

The activities will begin on Friday, Oct. 13, with a supper at the Fire Hall at 5:30 p.m. This will be followed by a patriotic fireworks display at the football stadium, beginning at dark, and a musical and time for visiting in downtown Rochester.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Sat., Oct. 14, in the cafeteria, where complimentary coffee and donuts will be served.

At 10:00 a.m., the ex-cheerleaders, twirlers and drum majors will meet for a coffee in the

homemaking room.

Guided tours of updated school facilities will be offered during the morning.

At 11:00 sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be served in the cafeteria.

A business meeting and time for reminiscing will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Simmons Auditorium.

At 3:30, a parade will kick off in downtown Rochester, followed by placing of a time capsule at the museum at 4:30.

The evening meal will be served downtown at 5:30. Class reunions will be held during the evening.

To close the festivities, a dance will begin downtown at 9:00.

In the Service

Sgt. Jeffery Williams of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Lebanon, is on standby, should the need arrive, to assist American citizens who are trying to leave the country because of the heightened conflict between Israel and Hezbollah.

The husband of Tenille Williams, granddaughter of Wilbert and Dwanna Klose of Haskell, Sgt. Williams, former football wide-receiver, is a 1993 graduate of Stephenville High School. He has been a Marine for 3 1/2 years, having felt the need to join after 9/11.

Of the rescue mission to ensure the safe departure of American citizens, Williams said the unit has spent much time in training and making sure they are in condition in case they are needed. "It's always good to help out fellow Americans. That's the bottom line," he said.



SGT. JEFFERY WILLIAMS

His wife, Tenille, who lives in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, said, "I am very proud of my husband for the contribution he is making."

Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of July.

Driving while intoxicated: 5 cases.

Possession of drug paraphernalia: 5 cases.

Minor in possession of tobacco: 1 case.

Minor in possession of alcohol: 3 cases.

Surety withdrawal or bond forfeitures: 2 cases.

Possession of marijuana: 6 cases.

Possession of a controlled substance pg3, less than 28 grams: 1 case.

Possession of controlled substance pg1: 3 cases.

Violation of parole/probation: 2 cases.

Theft by check: 2 cases.

Driving while license invalid: 2 cases.

Driving while intoxicated 3rd or more: 1 case.

Public intoxication: 2 cases.

Traffic: 1 case.

Disorderly conduct: 1 case.

Burglary of vehicle: 1 case.

Theft of firearm: 2 cases.

Sexual assault: 1 case.

Theft: 3 cases.

Criminal trespass: 1 case.

Driving while intoxicated 2nd: 1 case.

Burglary of building: 1 case.

Burglary of habitation: 1 case.

380 calls were made to 911 during the month July.

Births

Jeremy and Cassie Hickman of Abilene are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Addison Hickman, born July 13 at Hendrick Medical Center weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz.

Grandmothers are Delia Lampe of Haskell and Carolyn Hickman of Stamford.

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A farewell reception for Haskell Superintendent

Eddie Bland

will be held

Thurs., Aug. 17

from 3 to 5 p.m.

at the administration office board room.

Bland has served the district as an administrator for seven years and has accepted the superintendent job at 3-A Bridgeport ISD where he will begin work on Aug. 21.

The Haskell Board of Trustees and the administration office staff will host the reception.

The public is invited.

Haskell, Texas Basic Residential Line Rates

Rates as of 7-01-06

	Single Line	Per Line Multi-Line
Residential Service	\$6.39	\$1.30
Tone Dial	1.21	0.50
Extended Local Calling	3.15	3.15
Expanded Area Service	1.00	1.00
Municipal Franchise Tax	1.69	1.69
911 service fee	0.50	0.50
FCC subscriber line charge	6.50	7.00
	20.44	15.14
FED USF support (10.5% of FCC SLC)	0.68	0.74
TX USF support (5.65%)	1.13	0.83
TIFF Reimbursement (1.25%)	0.26	0.19
Federal Tax (3.00%)	0.61	0.45
State Tax (6.25%)	1.28	0.95
Local Tax (2.00%)	0.41	0.30

Total (Monthly) \$24.81 \$18.60

Total 2-line Service (Monthly) \$43.41

Enhanced & Custom Feature Discounts	
3 feature discount	(\$1.00)
5 feature discount	(\$3.00)
7 feature discount	(\$4.00)

Local Calling: Abilene, Aspermont, Benjamin, Hamlin, Knox City, Munday/Goree, Rochester, Rule, Seymour, Stamford, Throckmorton, Weinert

Haskell, Texas Basic Business Line Rates

Rates as of 7-01-06

	Single Line	Per Line Multi-Line
Business Line	\$16.52	\$11.45
Tone Dial	1.68	1.00
Extended Local Calling (ELC)	6.30	6.30
Expanded Area Service (EAS)	2.65	2.65
Municipal Franchise Tax	3.35	3.35
911 service fee	0.50	0.50
FCC subscriber line charge	6.50	9.20
	37.50	34.45
FED USF support (10.5% of FCC SLC)	0.68	0.97
TX USF support (5.65%)	2.09	1.92
TIFF Reimbursement (1.25%)	0.47	0.43
Federal Tax (3.00%)	1.13	1.03
State Tax (6.25%)	2.34	2.15
Local Tax (2.00%)	0.75	0.69

Total (Monthly) \$44.96 \$41.64

Total 2-line Service (Monthly) \$86.60

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