

Calendar

Clay shoot, Cook-off

The first annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot and Cook-off will be held Aug. 28-29 in Haskell. The Clay Shoot will be held Sat. and Sun. on FM 600. The cook-off will be held Sat. at the Haskell RV park. To enter the clay shoot contact www.clearfork.crimestoppersweb.com or contact any CFCS board member. To enter the cook-off, contact donnasuea@noahproject.org. To make a donation or to volunteer contact Steve Alsabrook at 325-280-2100, Billie McKeever at 940-864-4814, Donna Sue Anders at 940-864-2551 or by mail at CFCS, P.O. Box 426, Stamford, Texas 79553.

Orientation

Freshman students and parent orientation at Haskell High School will be held Tuesday, August 10th, at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium.

Physicals

All Haskell High School and Junior High girl athletes are reminded that they must have a physical turned into the athletic office by the time school starts, Aug. 23. If physical forms are needed, they may be picked up at the athletic office.

New deadlines

New deadlines for the Haskell Free Press are effective immediately. All advertising and story deadlines will be at noon on Mondays.

Special fund

A fund has been established at First National Bank in Haskell to benefit the family of Jeff Monroe, son of Dorothea Rueffer Monroe of Haskell, victims of a violent crime.

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Rule Boosters

The Rule Booster Club will meet Tues., Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library.

Warpath 5K

The Haskell Lions Club is sponsoring the Warpath 5K, a fun run and walk Sat., Sept. 18, starting at 8 a.m. All funds raised will be used to benefit Lions Club International and local organizations. More information will be available at a later time or contact Donnie Rieger, vice president of the Haskell Lions Club for details.

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School construction project to be finished in the fall

Phase One of the building project at Haskell High School will be completed by the time the bell rings to begin the 2010-11 school year. Included in this part of the project is the construction of

new up to date science labs with classrooms. The north wing which includes the office complex, front hall and three classrooms are also scheduled to be completed in August.

Phase Two involves work on the south wing which will be done in sections, in order to cause the least amount of disturbance to the school day routine. The renovation of the High School consists of new windows, lighting, heat and air conditioning, floor and interior walls.

High School principal Larry Howe said, "Things are progressing nicely, possibly even ahead of schedule. The expected finish date is late Oct. or early Nov."

An open house, to showcase the improvements will be held when the project is completed.



CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES—The remodel of Haskell High School continues with plans for the project to be completed in late October or early November.

Haskell Co. schools receive accountability ratings

by Caron Yates

The initial accountability ratings are out, and once again Haskell County schools have proven they are among the best.

Haskell CISD, Rule ISD and Paint Creek ISD all earned a rating of Recognized. This is just another, in the consistently high ratings Haskell County schools have received throughout the years.

Compared to the 2009 TAKS results using the 2010 indicator definition, the 2010 statewide performance on the TAKS improved for all students and all student groups in each subject area tested.

According to the Texas Education Agency's website, of the 1,237 Texas school districts, 239 are rated Exemplary, 597 are rated Recognized, 346 achieved the Academically Acceptable rating and 45 were rated Academically Unacceptable. These statistics include charter schools.

Districts earn their rating by meeting the absolute

standards or by using the Texas Projection Measure or TPM. The TPM, which was instituted for the 2009 ratings, has met with some controversy. However, Commissioner of Education, Robert Scott said, "Many schools and districts earned one of the top ratings by meeting the absolute rating criteria and did not use a progress measure or an exception. That is because the TAKS passing rates and completion rates went up across the state in 2010, while dropout rates for 7-12 declined compared to the previous year. We saw real progress in our schools this year."

TEA says more rigorous standards were implemented this year to determine the state's Recognized rating. The new standards require 80 percent of all students and each student group to pass the TAKS, compared to 75 percent in previous years. Also the district must achieve an 85 percent completion rate and an annual seventh and eighth grade dropout rate

of less than 1.8 percent.

Although standards and requirements have changed from year to year, available statistics from 1995 through 2010 show that Haskell County schools continue to not only accomplish what is expected, but usually achieve above the expected.

Districtwide Haskell CISD's earned ratings include

7 Academically Acceptable or AA, 7 Recognized and 1 Exemplary. Haskell High School can boast 7 AA, 6 Recognized and 2 Exemplary ratings. Rochester Junior High, since the consolidation, has had 2 AA and 3 Recognized ratings. Haskell Elementary's record includes 4 AA, 6 Recognized and 5 Exemplary.

Paint Creek ISD has earned ratings of AA 5 times, Recognized 9 times and Exemplary once.

Ratings for Rule ISD are just as consistent with 5 AA and 10 Recognized.

It is always easier to begin a new school year with the knowledge that efforts of the past school year were successful.

Crime Stoppers helps citizens 'do the right thing'

by Caron Yates

Are you a responsible and effective member of your community? The majority of citizens would answer yes, or at least that they try to do what is right.

Fear, however, can sometimes keep people from "doing the right thing." Crime Stoppers provides a way for those with information concerning crimes to assist law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime, without fear of retribution.

In 1976, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, a young college student was shot to death during a robbery while working at a gas station. It appeared to law enforcement that the crime would go unsolved, since no witnesses came forward. According to the Crime Stoppers web site, Detective Greg MacAleese knew something really innovative would be necessary to encourage the public to get involved and help solve the murder.

He staged a re-enactment of the homicide and broadcast it on television, guaranteed anonymity for anyone who was willing to call him with information and put up a reward from his own pocket to encourage tips. Tips did come in and within seventy-two hours two men had been arrested for the murder and a string of other robberies.

MacAleese convinced the Albuquerque Police

Department to allow a group of citizens to establish the first Crime Stoppers program. The idea caught on and Crime Stoppers programs were begun all over the nation. As of July 2010, Crime Stoppers worldwide statistics include 838,556 arrests made, 1,288,921 cases cleared and \$94,685,708 rewards paid out.

The Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, which received their state certification in Nov. 2007, serves Fisher, Jones, Haskell, Kent, Stonewall and Shackelford counties. Working from an office in the Haskell County Courthouse, Clear Fork Crime Stoppers has paid out over \$8000 in rewards for tips that have led to numerous arrests across these six counties. Over \$40,000 in stolen goods has also been recovered.

The CFCS is overseen by a coordinator and a volunteer board of directors representing each county. It has developed by-laws and operating procedures, has signed cooperative memorandums with area law enforcement, activated a toll free 24 hour tip line and received official certification and training from Texas Crime Stoppers.

The Crime Stoppers approach to solving the crime problem is three-fold. They rely on cooperation between the police, the media and the general community to

provide information about crime and criminals. The key to its success is very likely the anonymity guaranteed to anyone providing tips, either through a phone call or on the web site. By offering cash rewards for information leading to an arrest, even the more reluctant callers are encouraged to provide information. Calls are accepted regarding any publicized request for information, such as "Crime of the Week."

While it is true, not everyone has important knowledge or information concerning a crime, we all can still be a part of the Clear Fork Crime Stoppers effort. Crime Stoppers is funded by private donations and fundraising. Since no tax dollars are involved, it is essential to the success of the program that citizens, businesses or other organizations answer the call for help with funding.

On Aug. 28-29, CFCS will hold its first annual Clear Fork Clay Shoot and Cook-off. Both events will benefit CFCS and Noah Project North. Entries are being sought for both events.

Even if you don't shoot or cook, come on out and enjoy the activities, eat a brisket sandwich and drop off a donation. It's through these donations, we can help make our community a safer place to live and work.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
August 3, 2000
Wayne and Tricia Hester announce the arrival of their son Micah Joseph on June 29. Grandparents are Billy Wayne and Sheila Hester of Rochester.

Haskell County FCE council met and named new officers. They are Lennie Blankenship, council chairman; Dolores Medford, vice chairman; Joetta Burnett, secretary; Jeri Burke, treasurer; and Jane Smith, TAFCE chairman.

20 Years Ago
August 2, 1990
The Haskell Rotary Club held their 5th annual Gun, Coin and Knife Show at the Civic Center over the weekend.

Scouts Casey Thompson and Marcus Overton of Troop 148 and Brady Smith of Troop 76 were inducted into the Order of the Arrow during ceremonies at Camp Tonkawa.

Jerry and Wanda Hester of Weinert were surprised with a 25th anniversary party hosted by their children.

Sport About's co-ed softball team won the Rule tournament. Playing on the team are Julie Roewe, Linda Torres, Melfoa Hernandez, Denise Young, Missy Davis, Ruth Enriquez, Randy Roewe, Roger Roewe, Conrad Roewe, Richard Holloway, Chan Guess, Paul Harvey and R. Romero

30 Years Ago
July 31, 1980

Haskell County Sheriff Garth Garrett announced the employment of Jack Whorton as Chief Deputy.

Allen Moeller pulled a very large, 30 pound squash from a vine he planted in May.

James Cloud, a graduate of Rule High School, has been awarded a Clark Foundation Scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation. He earned eligibility by competing in Slide Rule contests the past three years.

40 Years Ago
July 30, 1970

The Haskell Free Press will have new owners as of Aug. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Comedy and son, Don will be taking over duties as owner and publisher.

Jay Gipson, who recently returned from an 18 month tour of duty in Vietnam and Cambodia, was the guest

speaker at the Rotary Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Gipson.

50 Years Ago
August 4, 1960

Cofield's Department Store which has been located in the Hancock Building on the north side for the past five years, moved this week to the building next door, formerly occupied by Perkins-Timberlake.

Charles Hugh Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith is an Air Force cadet at Texas Technological College.

100 Years Ago
July 30, 1910

J.T. Cooke of Clarksville, Tenn. is in the city. He lived here in 1892 and helped build the Baptist Church.

A two day barbecue picnic and Old Settlers Reunion will be held at Hemphill Lake three miles northeast of town.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Attorney general files appeal to keep Texas' clean air program in place

AUSTIN — Texas is challenging the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision on July 15 to disapprove the state's flexible permits program.

Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 26 filed the state's petition for reconsideration with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans.

Texas' flexible permits program was created in 1994 "to incentivize grandfathered operations to voluntarily enter into the State's air permitting and environmental regulation program," according to the attorney general's office.

The Clean Air Act required the EPA to act on Texas' flexible permit program rules within one year, which would have been in 1995, Abbott said.

Facilities exempted because of their "grandfathered" status agreed to submit to state regulation because the program offered them operational flexibility.

In exchange for emissions regulations, participants were authorized to allocate emissions on a facilitywide basis rather than at each release point. Grandfathered facilities were operating before the state's permitting program began in 1971.

Abbott said Section 101 of the Clean Air Act provides that air pollution prevention "is the primary responsibility of the States and local governments." And, Section 110 of the Act provides a similar admonishment to respect the states' authority, stipulating that "each State shall have the primary responsibility for assuring air quality within the entire geographic area comprising such State."

On July 29, Gov. Rick Perry said the EPA's action would lead to further mandates and regulations on Texas businesses and place Texas jobs at risk.

Officials sign letter to delegation

Congress' contemplation of new laws to tighten oversight of drilling in the Gulf of Mexico—in light of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill—prompted a letter urging the Texas congressional delegation to fight against attempts at more federal regulation.

Dated July 29, the letter was signed by 10 high-ranking state officials, including Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Speaker Joe Straus, Attorney General Abbott and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

Also signing were Railroad Commissioners Victor Carrillo, Elizabeth Ames Jones and Michael Williams, state Sen. Troy Fraser,

chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and state Rep. Jim Keffer, chairman of the House Committee on Energy Resources.

State employees to pitch in more

Texas Facilities Commission, the agency charged with the upkeep of state buildings, wants state employees to help cut janitorial costs by dealing personally with their own wastewater and other discards.

What is prompting this: the projected state budget deficit of \$18 billion.

The commission is asking state employees to put their own trash in small cans, dump it themselves, and to recycle recyclables.

Janitors will work during daytime hours instead of at night to save on air conditioning and lighting costs.

State Bar to help military veterans

Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans is a new State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono legal clinics for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to legal services they need.

State Bar of Texas President Terry Tottenham, a former U.S. Marine, on July 20 said, "Our military servicemen and women have made great sacrifices in duty to their country. As lawyers, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a great many veterans—and in the families of those who did not return."

For more information, visit www.texasbar.com/veterans.

District, campus ratings released

The Texas Education Agency on July 30 announced 239 school districts and 2,624 schools received Texas' highest accountability rating of Exemplary.

The second-highest rating of Recognized was received by 597 districts and 3,153 schools.

Forty-five districts and 125 schools received the lowest rating, Academically Unacceptable.

Annual tax holiday coming up

State Comptroller Susan Combs on July 28 said that during the state sales tax holiday, which runs Aug. 20-22, retail shoppers will pay no state or local sales tax on many school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced at less than \$100.

Combs predicted shoppers will save \$59.3 million in state and local sales taxes during the upcoming holiday.

The first annual state sales tax holiday was in 1999.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I continue to get feedback and your positive comments about this weekly column. If nothing else, I believe it has stirred conversation in the community.

There were no specific questions this week so maybe I'll just make some comments. Regarding the questionnaire about boards and committees: I did get two results this week; one from a man who lives in Fort Worth and has property here in Haskell and is eager to help. The other was from a lady who has recently moved to this community. We're going to try to find a place for them to serve.

As my wife and I were doing our "cholesterol" walk on Friday, we noticed 10 dogs running loose in the northern end of Avenue G and H. Four did not have tags and the others were merely barking and bothering

us. It is a city ordinance that all dogs have tags as proof of their rabies vaccination AND it is also an ordinance that your dogs be inside a fence. If your pet should bite someone, it would have to be quarantined (which is more expensive than the tag/vaccination), you would have to pay for the medical expenses of the person bitten and/or have your family pet put-down. If that pet should be picked up by the dog-catcher, that would be your expense as well. Nobody loves their pets more than I and I'd hate for anyone to lose their pet. You're the animal with the brain so act responsibly and take care of your furry ones. Walking is the best exercise for the elderly and they should be able to do so without fear of being attacked.

I had hoped to announce a date for all who want to volunteer to wash those windows on the square, but the excessive heat has prompted me to hold off for cooler weather. However, many people have said that it is a good idea and I hope that translates into their willingness to help with the project. So building owners on the square, you have a bit longer to decide if you're going to take care of that obligation, or do the citizens take care of it.

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Rule Independent School District Letter to Households 2010-2011 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Rule ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Lunch costs Pre-K-5 \$1.75 and grades 6-12 \$2.00. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduce price is .40 for lunch.

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete one application to apply for free or reduce-price meals. Use one Free and Reduce-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Norma Rios, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547.

2. Who can get free meals? Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (Formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals, you may take your HHSC benefit letter to your child nutrition office to be certified for free meals. Call the school at 940-997-2521 if you have questions.

3. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals? In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 940-997-2521 if you have questions. If your household does not receive SNAP or TANF, your children may still be eligible to receive free meals if your household income is less than the amounts listed on the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Please complete the application and submit it to your child nutrition office. Head Start students and most foster children may also qualify for free meals.

4. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call Rule ISD, David Parr, Homeless Liaison to see if your child(ren) qualify.

5. Who can get reduced-price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.

6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

7. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting SNAP, TANF or other benefits.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: David Parr, 1100 Union Avenue, Rule, Texas 79547, 940-997-2521.

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduce-price meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.

13. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income? If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call 940-997-2521. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al teléfono: 940-997-2521. Si vous voudriez d'aide, contactez nous au numero: 940-997-2521.

Sincerely,
David Parr

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART For School Year 2010-11			
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386
2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$519
3	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$785
5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$918
6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$1,051
7	\$61,550	\$5,130	\$1,184
8	\$68,469	\$5,706	\$1,317
Each additional person:	\$6,919	\$577	\$134

Connect to Customer Choice

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for more than 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. That's why we would like to share some low or no-cost tips with you on how to keep cool during these hot summer months.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. Many REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

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TxDOT to hold public hearings

The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host its second open-house style public meeting to give citizens yet another opportunity to offer feedback on a long-range plan that provides the agency with a blueprint for the state's future transportation needs. TxDOT held the first series of meetings in May.

The agency's 25 districts will each host a meeting the first two weeks of August. The Abilene District's meeting is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 12 at 1350 N. Arnold Blvd., Abilene.

Meeting dates and locations for the agency's http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/public_involvement.htm Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 are available on the TxDOT website.

The plan addresses future multi-modal transportation needs for Texas, including transit, rail, highways, bicycles and pedestrians. This statewide plan is also the basis for a number of other TxDOT planning efforts such as the Texas Rail Plan, the 2011-2015 Strategic Plan and corridor-related initiatives. In addition, the plan provides direction to make it easier for all of these different efforts to work in coordination. It also assures the state's goals are consistent with federal priorities and guidelines.

TxDOT spent the last six months analyzing system changes that have taken place in the last 20 years and, based on this information, the agency has forecast

anticipated changes for the next 25 years. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment on this analysis at the August meetings.

The meetings are designed to give Texans an informal venue for viewing an informational video and exhibits about the analysis findings, including the results of the transportation questionnaires completed by participants at the first round of meetings in May. Participants may ask questions and provide written comments on the plan which is scheduled to be completed and ready for adoption by the Texas Transportation Commission this fall.

A final public hearing is tentatively scheduled for October 2010 in Austin. Public comments will be accepted for 30 days after the hearing date.

Citizens who cannot attend the meeting may send written comments to Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, #224, Houston, Texas, 77027. Comments may also be made http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm online or by calling the toll-free number 1-888-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may contact Mary Beth Kilgore at 325-676-6806. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the open-house style public meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the needs.



RECEIVES AWARDS—Cody McLemore, left, and Miranda Johnson received Built Ford Tough FFA academic awards sponsored by West Texas Ford and Ford Motor Company.

McLemore, Johnson receive awards

Cody McLemore and Miranda Johnson, 2010 graduates of Haskell High School and members of FFA, have been selected to receive academic awards by West Texas Ford and Ford Motor Company.

McLemore is the son of Morgan Kreger and Tammy Kreger of Haskell. He plans to study Pre-Vet/Sciences at West Texas A&M University.

Johnson is the daughter of Phil Johnson and Michelle Johnson of Haskell. She plans to study Agricultural Communications at Texas Tech University.

The Built Ford Tough Trucks FFA Award Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements.

The award is one of 457 awards made by Ford Division, Ford Motor Company Fund and the Ford Dealers to FFA members who are high school seniors planning to attend college in

the fall of 2010, as well as current collegiate students. This program is a part of Ford's overall commitment to the National FFA Foundation.

Additionally, five national awards are being made on behalf of Ford Motor Company. Ford Truck sponsors these five scholarships as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Ford has supported the National FFA Foundation since the first F-Series truck was introduced in 1948, and has sponsored the Built Ford Tough collegiate award program since 1997. To date, the program has awarded more than \$6,056,000 in awards to more than 6,056 FFA members throughout the country.

Ford knows the value of hard work, and believes that hard work should be rewarded. Educating aspiring young people to become the leaders of tomorrow is just another way of ensuring a successful future.

Alzheimer's Assn. seminar to be held Aug. 13 in Abilene

Balancing the role of caregiver, spouse, parent, and professional can be quite challenging.

Most caregivers understand they are stressed but don't know what to do about it. To help individuals cope with the role of caregiving, the Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas is pleased to present a special education event, Prescription for Healthy Caregiving, featuring a speaker Howard Gruetzner, M.Ed, LPC, Alzheimer's Association Education and Family Care Specialist.

The seminar will be held in Abilene Fri., Aug. 13, at First Central Presbyterian Church, 400 Orange St. in Abilene from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will provide practical ways caregivers can cope and maintain personal mental and physical health.

There is no charge for the event, but donations will be gladly accepted to help the chapter continue providing quality education offerings throughout our region. Reservations are requested.

Gruetzner has worked in the field of mental health with an emphasis in dementia and geriatric mental health for more than 25 years, and is the author of Alzheimer's: A Caregiver's Guide and Sourcebook. He is actively involved in Alzheimer's grief research, and currently counsels individuals who have been diagnosed with dementia, as well as their caregivers.

For reservations or more information, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Letter to the Editor

I would like to take this space to thank everyone who helped make our summer reading program at the Haskell County Library a great success.

We had 50 children sign up for the program. We also had lots of drops in attend also. Our attendance varied from week to week depending on who was on vacation, at camp etc.

Our programs were presented by a County Judge, preacher, teachers, retired teachers, a clown and a Justice of the Peace. The children were read stories, did crafts and had refreshments.

I would like to thank Sam and Sammy Bitner for the delicious cookies provided twice a week for the months of June and July for our reading program, and Sonic Drive Inn for gift certificates. Also, I would like to thank Shirley Sloan for organizing our readers for this year. This was such a great, great help to the librarians.

The readers for June were: County Judge David Davis, Shirley Sloan, April Colley, Susan LeFevre, Marijane Cunningham, Christi Gannaway, Martha Jarred, Sherry Adams and Tom Long.

The readers for July were: Tom Long, Mary Murphy, Melody Christian, Shirley Sloan, Judy Washburn, Lynn Dodson, Kathryn Medford, Susan Cox and Sandra Fry.

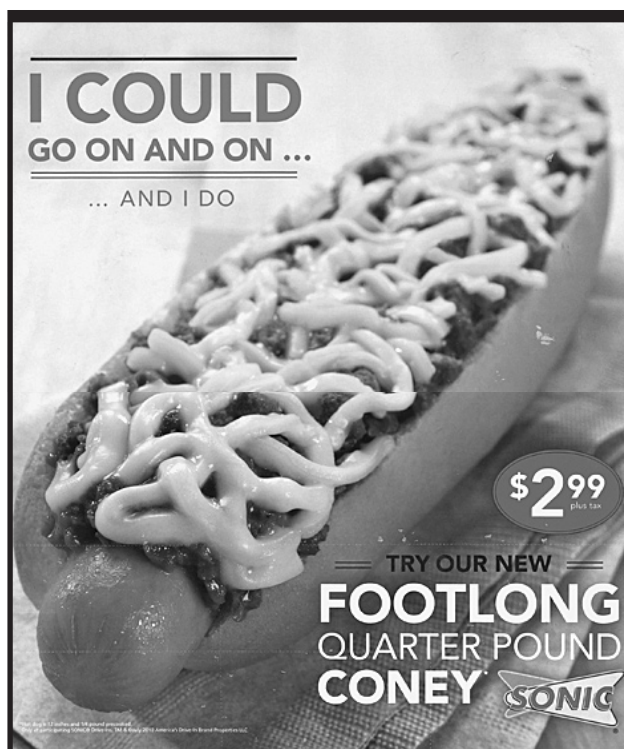
At the end of our program the children received certificates and during the program they kept a reading log. This program helps children keep up their reading skills during the summer. And since reading is the basis of every thing you learn, be it math, science, or history, this is an important part of a child's success.

If you would like to be a part of our reading program next year, please call 940-864-2747 and leave your name and phone number and we will give you a call next year. Again thank everyone who participated, be it readers or children who attended. If you did not get your certificate, stop by the library and pick it up during regular business hours.

The summer reading is sponsored by the Haskell County Library, Friends of the Haskell County Library and The Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Joan Frazier
Haskell librarian

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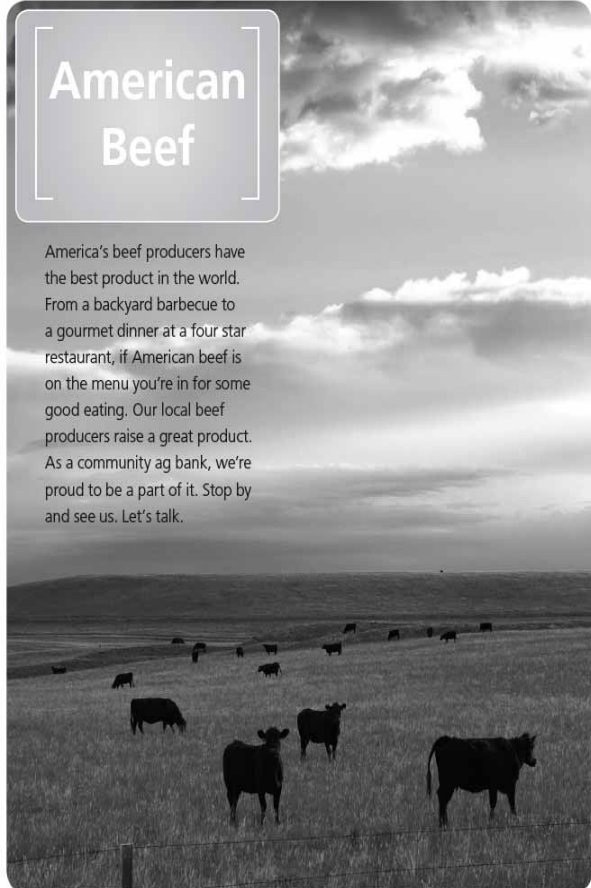
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Haskell will hold a public hearing on the 16th day of August, 2010, at City Hall, 301 S. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521 at 7:30 o'clock a.m. It is the intention of the City Council to call a special election to be held on November 2, 2010, to present to the voters propositions to determine whether the Development Corporation of Haskell should be authorized to undertake projects or categories of projects which are authorized by Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code for Type B Corporations. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the public and to provide information regarding the potential cost and impact of the following projects

or categories of projects.

1. Projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports, including children's sports, including stadiums, ball parks and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

2. Projects related to entertainment including, auditoriums convention, tourist, exhibition facilities, amphitheatres and concert halls and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

3. Projects for the construction of public parks, park facilities and events and open space improvements and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

4. Projects for the establishment of museums and exhibition facilities and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

Projects related to the development and expansion of affordable housing as described by 42 U.S.C. 12745 and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements.

(Publish at least 30 days prior to the hearing date. Should be published in each issue of the paper until the hearing.)28-32c

relacionadas, restaurante, concesión, y las instalaciones de estacionamiento de automóviles y los caminos relacionados, calles, agua y alcantarillado y otras mejoras relacionadas y también incluido el mantenimiento futuro y costo de operación.

5. Proyectos relacionados con el desarrollo y la expansión de la vivienda asequible como se describe en un 42 USC 12745 y caminos relacionados, calles, agua y alcantarillado y otras mejoras relacionadas.

(Publicar al menos 30 días antes de la fecha de la audiencia. En caso de ser publicados en cada número del periódico hasta la audiencia.) 28-32c

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Rochester, Texas, will receive bids for construction of the Community Development Block Grant project (TXCDBG #729689) until 2:30 pm on August 20, 2010 at the Rochester City Hall at P.O. Box 186 (214 Carothers Street), Rochester, Texas 79544, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the construction of the following:

Renovations of existing sanitary sewer lift station.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of Carthel Engineering Solutions, 4409 71st Street #6, Lubbock, Texas 79424, phone 806-687-8322, fax 806-687-8323. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Mr. Gregg Hearn at the Rochester City Hall (phone 940-742-3411, fax 940-742-3711).

This is a lump sum contract. Method of payment to Contractor will be via check by the municipality after approved requests for payment.

A Bid Bond (issued by an acceptable security), in the amount of 5 percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Rochester, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, a Payment Bond will not be required.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (i.e., Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The City of Rochester reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Rochester for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

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Whether you travel or stay home, God is there



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you. Thank Him for His protection at any house of worship, and even if your travels take you beyond the orbit of civilization, there is always the Bible. Put it on your list of things to pack in your suitcase. In fact, that's a good idea no matter where you're going. To borrow the advice of a well-known TV commercial, "Don't leave home without it."

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Sun. 10:45 a.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**
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 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. 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. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Rev. Jim McCurley
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Wind

C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries

Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, pastor
Sun. 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. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Russell Stanley, interim pastor
Sunday 9 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Donald Ballard at Paint Creek ISD, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521, phone 940-864-2471.

FORMA DE MUESTRA
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Paint Creek ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con Donald Ballard, Paint Creek ISD, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521, 940-864-2471. 31-32c

NOTICE

Paint Creek ISD today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. The central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all

households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the secretary's office at the school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must check the box on the application indicating no social security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Sarah McCord will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling

of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Don Ballard Superintendent, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas, 940-864-2471.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown.

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NOTICE

Paint Creek ISD Board of Education will call for a school board election to be held on November 2, 2010 to fill four full terms. July 26, 2010 was the first day to file for a place on the ballot. August 24, 2010 is the last day to file for a place on the ballot. Applications may be picked up at the Business Office of Paint Creek ISD, 4396 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521. The Business Office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 31-32c

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To be considered, bids must be returned no later than 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 10, 2010. 30-31c

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Thank you to the Haskell Hospital, to everyone in all the departments, and the ladies in the clinic for going above and beyond to make Mom's last voyage a special one. A special and heartfelt thanks to Dr. McSmith and the nursing staff. You are all such beautiful people and I will always treasure the memories we shared together.

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Rochester JH registration

Haskell CISD, Rochester Junior High will register students on Mon., Aug. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and parents are invited to come to the junior high cafeteria in Rochester to fill out registration packets, tour the campus, meet staff members, and ask any questions you may have about junior high school.

Sixth grade students and parents are asked to come from 5:00 to 6:00 and seventh and eighth grade students and parents from 6:00 to 7:00. If this is not convenient, you are welcome to come anytime between 5:00 and 7:00. We

will have a brief meeting in the auditorium at 5:45 for sixth grade students and parents to explain some of the procedures and schedules at the junior high campus and also to answer questions.

If you are unable to attend registration you may pick up a registration packet at the junior high office in Rochester or at the administration office in Haskell.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please call the Rochester Junior High office at 940-743-3260 or Reida Penman at 940-742-3476.

Haskell High open house

Haskell High School Open House will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 18th from 4 to 6:30 p.m. for all students and parents in grades 10 through 12, and any 9th grade students and parents that did not attend Freshman Orientation on Aug. 10th.

Seniors will meet in room 100, juniors in room 101, sophomores in room 104 and freshmen in room 103.

Student schedules will be provided and Back-to-School registration packets will be available. We encourage parents to attend and complete registration forms at this time. Teachers and staff members will be available to assist parents and students.

Please enter the North door of the High School on N. 8th St.

Paint Creek registration

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration for all students for the 2010-11 school year Tues., Aug. 10. Come by the school office between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork. Schedules for high school students will be given at this time.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2010. To attend Pre-K, a child must be 4 on or before Sept.

1, 2010.

For all new incoming students, parents should bring their driver's license, their child's immunization record, birth certificate and social security card to registration.

The first day of school is Aug. 23.

If you need more information or have questions, call the school at 940-864-2868.

Hunter's education course

A hunter's education course will be offered at Haskell CISD in the high school auditorium on Aug. 20 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. and Aug. 21 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Any hunter born on or after Sept 1, 1971 is required to have a hunter's safety course prior to hunting in Texas. Minimum age for certification is 9 years old. All students 9-11 years of age need to be accompanied by an adult for the classes.

All students under 17 years old will need a parent or guardian present to sign the registration paper.

Please bring an ID and social security number. Both classes are mandatory for certification. Class tuition is \$15. Supplies needed are a pen/pencil and a highlighter. All other materials will be provided.

For more information contact Justin Cox at 325-370-6571. No need to pre-register.

Fair entries due Aug. 10

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

The fall show season is fast approaching. If you are a 4-H member and have an animal project, your entries for the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene and the State Fair of Texas are due in the Haskell County Extension Office Tues., Aug. 10 by 5 p.m.

The entry forms are available at the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell.

If you have any questions on animal projects, or the upcoming fairs and shows, call Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., July 26 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Chan Guess, Dan Hoover and Jason Hall in attendance. Absent was councilwoman Sue Medford.

Invocation was given by Hoover.

Minutes were read and approved. Resolution #72610 of the budget amendment was approved.

The council approved the bid of \$125.00 from Tommy Butler for the proposed resale of property described as original town Haskell, Block 51, Lot 1.

Lonnie Meredith was appointed to the Development Corporation of Haskell Board of Directors. Steve Alsbrook was appointed to the same board to replace Sam Bitner.

Council approved rebidding property described as West 40"X 300' of Lots 1 through 4, Block 29, Brown and Roberts Addition, which is owned by the city.

Council entered into executive session at 7:12 a.m. to deliberate the economic development negotiation relating to the

Power Plant Project, as well as real property relating to the Sewer Plant Grant and options.

Upon returning to regular session, no action was taken.

In the City Administrator's report, Brandon Anderson stated:

•Next budget workshop will be Thurs., Aug. 5, at 6 p.m.

•At the public meeting on July 22, the public was informed of the city's intention to apply for grant funds available through the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for water and sewer improvements.

•We are looking at a new policy plan that would limit access to the shooting range to week days from 8-5 and would require a deposit to be put down for the key. This is due to the shooting range not being cleaned up after use, as well as some items being dumped off there.

•Anderson expressed his thanks to Helena and the Texas Dept. of Transportation for their assistance and expertise in working with the City in fixing streets that were seal coated last summer.

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Lamb tags

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

Time is upon us to order Lamb/Goat Validation Ear Tags. If joining FFA or 4-H and planning to show a Lamb or Goat as an animal project, that Lamb or Goat must have a Texas Validation Ear Tag.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be taking orders for the validation ear tags, until Monday August 30th.

The Texas Lamb/Goat Validation Tags will be received in October and then there will be a date set in October for validating.

You may come by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell to order the tags.

If you have any questions please call Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-Ag. at 940-864-2658.

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ECC Menu

Mon., Aug. 9 Lunch—Hamburger steak, cream potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, blueberry cobbler, tea or coffee	tea or coffee
Wed., Aug. 11 Lunch—Sloppy joes on bun, pinto beans, onion, pickle, chips, jello, cookie,	Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.
Fri., Aug. 13 Lunch—Sausage patty and white gravy, club spinach, Texas potato, yeast roll, bread pudding, tea or coffee	

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