

Football

HASKELL
JV-V Indians vs Merkel
 Thurs., Aug. 23, 6 p.m.
 at Haskell (Scrimmage)
PAINT CREEK
Pirates TBA
 Fri., Aug. 24, (Scrimmage)
RULE
Bobcats TBA
 Wed., Aug. 22

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Sept. 6 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Aug. 30 at 4:30 p.m. The Haskell Free Press will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 3.

Bake sale

A bake sale will be held Fri., Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the lobby of Haskell Memorial Hospital. Proceeds will benefit a medical fund for Stanley Martin.

Spaghetti lunch

First Baptist Church of Haskell is hosting a chicken spaghetti lunch Sun., Aug. 26, to benefit Macey Coker and family. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church's Family Activity Center at 301 N. Ave. E in Haskell. The meal will include chicken spaghetti, breadsticks, green beans, garden salad and choice of desserts. Take-outs will be available in a separate line. Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated.

Basketball, run benefit set Sat. in Abilene

Two fund-raisers to benefit Pediatric Cardiomyopathy in memory of Casen Riley and in support of all families that are affected by Cardiomyopathy are scheduled Aug. 25 at Will Hair Park in Abilene. The third annual 3 on 3 basketball contest will begin at 9 a.m. Registration/check-in is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Entry fee is \$40 per team of 3-4 players. A two game minimum is offered for men, open adult (16+) and women, open adult (16+). The first annual 5k fun run/walk will begin at 7:30 a.m. Registration/check-in is 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. Registration fee is \$25. Groups are male/female, 12 & under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+. For a registration form or more information about Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation and for Casen's story visit www.casenriley3on3basketball.com or call Heather Riley at 325-370-6379.

PC back to school

The Paint Creek faculty would like to invite all Paint Creek students and their parents to their annual hamburger supper and Meet the Teachers Night Tues., Aug. 28. The meal will be provided by the school and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Immediately following the supper, parents will be presented with information regarding Title I and parent involvement in the academic success of their children. All students and parents are encouraged to come out and show their support for the upcoming school year.

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Slow down in school zones ~ No use of cell phones

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FIRST SCRIMMAGE—Senior Ryan Markey on the carry during the first Haskell Indian scrimmage of the season against Roscoe last Friday night. The Indians scrimmage Merkel Thurs., Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at Indian Field. Meet the Athletes will be held after the scrimmage for athletes in all sports.

Meet the Athletes after the scrimmage

Meet the Haskell Athletes will be Aug. 23 immediately following the scrimmage.

Students in seventh grade through twelfth grade, in any kind of sport, should meet with your coaches before the scrimmage so you know where to meet.

The scrimmage starts at 6:00 p.m. and homemade ice cream will be served after the introduction of meet the athletes.

4-H members will be serving hamburgers and all of the fixings starting at 6:00 p.m. as a fund-raiser. Be sure to come out and watch some football and support 4-H by eating hamburgers.

The band concession stand will be open selling only drinks and candy.

Police Chief introduces new procedures for Elementary student loading and unloading

As summer draws to a close, back to school season is in full effect. Safety should be a priority for every family as children return to classrooms Aug. 27, said Haskell Police Chief Richard Candelaria.

As students are heading back to school it is hard to determine who is more excited, the students or the parent! Students have thought about their school supplies and the outfits for the first day of school, but you as a parent, have you thought about safety and what you need to do to prepare for a safe school year? It is important for parents to stay up-to-date on the proper safety precautions and those precautions should be shared with your children to keep them safe throughout the school year.

Here are some tips on sharing the road safely with children and pedestrians:

- Pedestrians and children have the right away when crossing the street at any

marked crosswalk. The drivers are obligated to exercise great care and be extremely cautious to avoid striking our children.

- Drivers should not block any portion of the crosswalk with your vehicle. By blocking the crosswalk it forces pedestrians/children to go around your vehicle putting them in a dangerous situation.

- All drivers must comply with the posted school zone speed limit and are prohibited from using a cell phone in the school zone.

Candelaria is briefly addressing some new procedures that are going to be implemented at the Elementary School. HCISD, Haskell Police Department and the City of Haskell have come to agreement the traffic situation in front of the elementary school needed some attention.

This summer Haskell police and City of Haskell met with the school officials regarding the traffic problems at the elementary school, especially in front of the school. Several ideas, recommendations and safety precautions were presented to the school to improve the traffic problems at the school.

This school year, 2012-2013, you will see a change on where you the parent load and unload your child at the elementary school. Below are the new procedures regarding loading and unloading your child at the elementary school.

- Parents need to know you can only load and unload your child at the designated area in front of the school. The designated area for loading and unloading is properly marked with signs that read Load and Unloading only during school hours.

- This year there will be NO Loading or Unloading children in the public street.

- There will be NO parking in front of the school; all parking has been moved to the parking lot located across the street from the school.

- We are urging parents walking their child across the

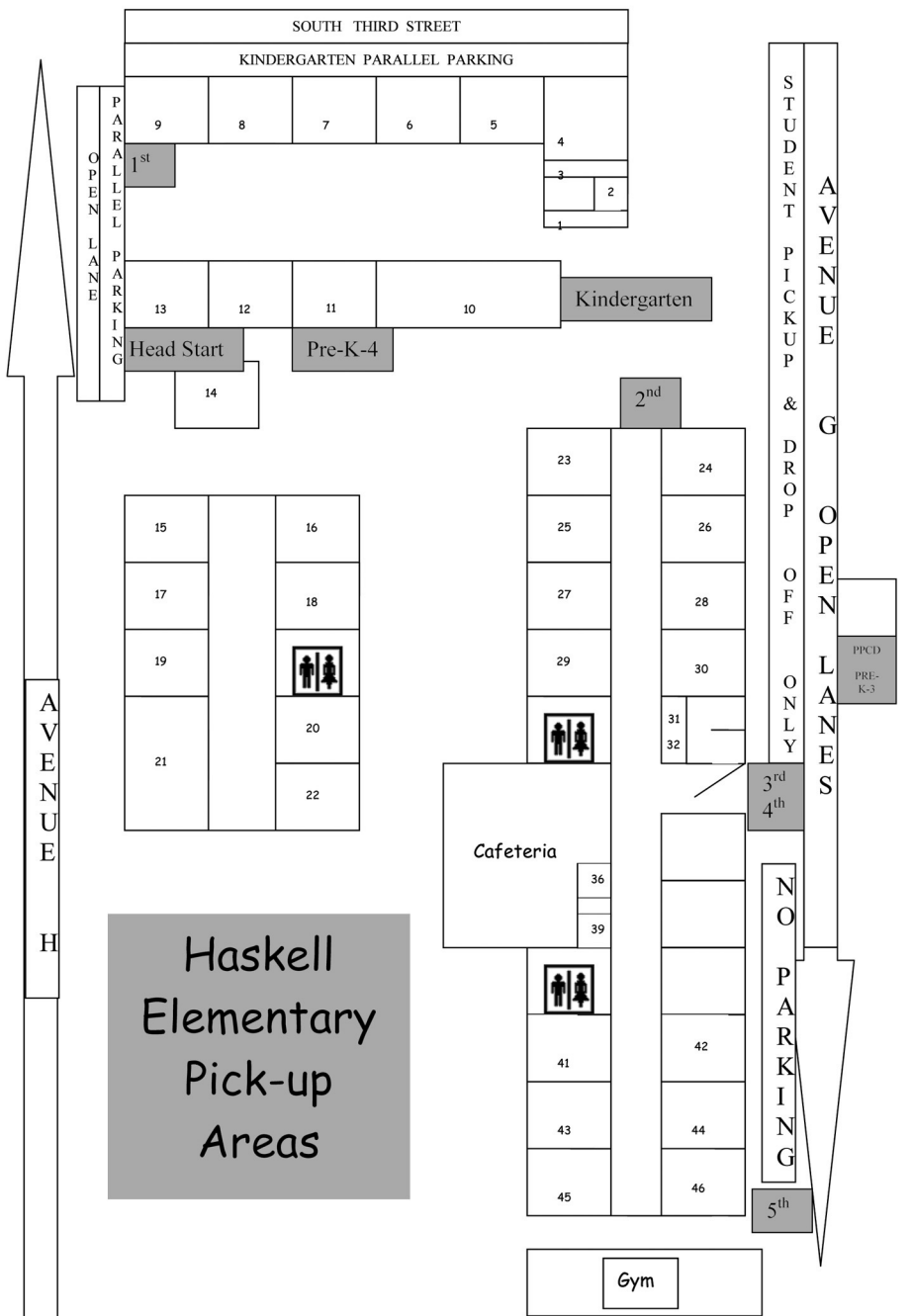
street to use the designated crosswalks.

- Do not let your child cross the street alone, have an adult with them or get one of the volunteers/school official to help your child cross the street.

Haskell Police Department officers will be monitoring

the traffic at the school, they will make sure each and everyone obeys all traffic laws in the school zone. The Haskell Police Department and HCISD urge drivers to use extreme caution during the back-to-school-season. One child injury is one too many.

NEW TRAFFIC PLAN FOR HASKELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT LOADING AND UNLOADING



Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Aug. 13-19:

Jacob Dean Tankersley, evading arrest detention with vehicle, also possession transport chemical with intent to manufacture.

David Ortega, parole warrant.

Christopher Lee Espinoza, fugitive organized criminal activity impersonating police officer, Wichita Co. charges.

Steven Shane Coon, driving while license invalid/evading arrest or detention, Class A.

Twenty-eight calls were made to 911.

Tips to help curb electricity use and save on monthly utility bills

The heart of summer in the Lone Star State brings scorching hot temperatures and increased electricity usage, as Texans try to beat the heat by cranking up the air conditioning.

As part of its new Power to Save campaign, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) is reminding all residents to do their part to conserve electricity during the dog days of summer. Taking a few simple steps will not only help the state save energy, but will also help consumers reduce their monthly utility bills, keeping more money in their pockets without affecting their comfort.

During the summer,

electricity usage is highest between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The PUC is asking Texans to conserve electricity during these peak hours by delaying heavy electricity consumption activities—such as running the washing machine or dishwasher—until later in the evening.

“Last summer’s record heat and drought presented challenges that we had to overcome. Despite 90 days of triple-digit weather in parts of Texas, we avoided critical conditions due to the public’s response. This year, we are again encouraging people to make small changes to their daily routines,” said Chairman Donna Nelson of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. “Simple steps such as raising your air conditioner one to two degrees, closing window blinds and turning off lights can make a huge difference in helping us meet our energy conservation goals.”

Turning up your air conditioning by only one or two degrees can reduce your energy usage by 16 percent and save you money, Nelson added. Turning the electric water heater down by 10 degrees can reduce energy consumption by 5 percent. Using a programmable thermostat

can make it easier to reduce electricity usage between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

At the centerpiece of the campaign is a new website, www.PowerToSaveTexas.org, which shares information on reducing energy usage and features links to both track your usage and shop for the lowest electricity rates available. Users can even sign up to receive energy alerts via email, to help avoid outages.

The PUC offers the following simple tips for Texans to conserve electricity this summer.

Air Conditioning and Heating

- Ideally, try to set thermostats to 78 degrees or higher, but even 1-2 degrees higher than your usual setting helps reduce electricity usage. Use fans to make rooms feel four to six degrees cooler

- Make sure windows and doors are closed tightly

- Close blinds or drapes on windows that get direct sunlight

Washers, Dryers and Dishwashers

- Only run these appliances when they are fully loaded—and after 7 p.m.—to keep the house cooler and reduce electricity usage during peak times

- Wash laundry with cold water, and don’t overfill the dryer

- Dry laundry in back-to-back loads to take advantage of the already-heated dryer

- Make sure the outside dryer air vent is properly sealed

- Use the air-dry setting on dishwashers to prevent heating the kitchen with the heat-dry setting

Lighting and Other Electrical Equipment

- Turn off lights, TVs and other electrical equipment when not in use. Devices that are not running but are plugged in still consume energy, so unplug devices and turn off power strips.

- Set computers and monitors to “sleep” when idle for more than a few minutes.

- Do not run kitchen or bathroom ventilation fans longer than necessary because they replace inside air with warmer air from outside.

- More energy-saving tips can be found on the Power to Save website at www.powertosavetexas.org.

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NOTICE
 The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 2012 at 135 N. Munday Ave. in Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2012. The proposed tax rate is **\$0.1000** per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority by 0.0000%.

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Obituaries

Lilly Mary Peiser



LILLY PEISER

Funeral services for Lilly Peiser, 96 years young and longtime former resident of Haskell, were held Wed., Aug. 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes of Haskell.

Mrs. Peiser went to be with her Lord Sunday evening, Aug. 19 in Abilene.

Born April 21, 1916 in Williamson County, she was the daughter of Henry Y.

and Henrietta (Schroeder) Druessedow. Soon after she was born, the family moved to the Mattson community. She married Ernest Peiser Dec. 21, 1937 in the Mattson Community and they enjoyed 62 years of marriage, before he preceded her in death in the year 2000. Lilly and Ernest moved to the Irby community after their marriage and they both enjoyed farming together. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, farming and attending the Trinity Lutheran Church. She was active in the Trinity Lutheran Woman's Group and singing in the choir.

Also preceding her in death were her three sisters, Ethel Enloe, Nora Kline, Henrietta Fischer; and two brothers, Henry Druessedow and Bobby Druessedow.

Survivors include her two daughters, Sandra McGary and husband Bobby of Abilene, and Cynthia Hudson and husband Johnny of Pilot

Point; one granddaughter, Shari Schaefer of Dallas; three grandsons, Bradley McGary and wife Janna of Abilene, Heath Hudson and wife Nancy of Pilot Point, Brandon McGary and wife Shannon of Lewisville; and nine great grandchildren, Rebecca, Christy and husband Caleb, Misty, Tyler, Alex Maci, Beau, Cole, Bryce and Chloe.

Pallbearers were her grandsons and great grandsons, Bradley McGary, Heath Hudson, Brandon McGary, Tyler McGary, Beau McGary, Cole Hudson and Bryce McGary.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 7630 U.S. Hwy 380 East, Haskell, Texas 79521, or to your preferred charity.

Online condolences may be made with the McGary and Hudson families at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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Calendar

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Pancake supper

The Haskell Lions Club annual All You Can Eat Pancake Supper will be held Fri., Sept. 7, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria, preceding the Seymour and Haskell football game. Tickets are \$7 each and may be purchased from any Lions Club member or at the door. To request more information, e-mail haskellionsclub@yahoo.com or call 940-864-3957.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan

for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Quilting class

A quilting class will be held each second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Library. For more information, call Cathy at 940-864-3982.

Football tickets

The Haskell Indian reserved football seats are now on sale at the High School office.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Two of its Drought Contingency Plan. Stage Two calls for a mandatory 15% reduction in water use by all City of Rule water customers. For information on specified restrictions, contact or go by Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214.

City pool closed

The City of Haskell Pool closed Aug. 18 for the season. No further reservations or parties will be scheduled for the year.

TeamKid

TeamKid “Character Challenge” will be held beginning Wed., Sept. 7 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the

First Baptist Church Family Activity Center for children 4 year old Pre-K through sixth grade. If your child needs a ride, call the church office at 864-2581.

Financial seminar

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a nine-week course in personal finance, will be held at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education Building starting Sept. 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each Thursday through Nov. 8. Childcare will be provided at East Side Baptist Church. A short, free preview session will be held Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Contact Randy Bowers at 864-2964, or visit www.daveramsey.com for further information.

Cattle conference

The Texas AgriLife Extension offices of Haskell, Knox and Throckmorton counties will host a Cow/Calf and Stocker Cattle Conference Sept. 6 beginning at noon at the Civic Center in Haskell. Topics that will be covered are Herd Management during Drought, Stocker Health, and Cow Nutrition during times of stress. Speakers for the event will be Stan Beavers, Extension Economist, Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, and Mark Daniel, ADM. Seating for this conference is limited so please call Wes Utley at 940-864-2658 to reserve your place at this important conference.

Help with college financial aid

College-bound students and their parents typically want to make every dollar and every minute of the college experience count including money spent on tuition and time spent on the college financial aid application process. “The Internal Revenue Service is helping minimize the time spent on the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form by automating access to federal tax returns with the IRS Data Retrieval Tool,” said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. “This tool provides the opportunity for applicants to automatically transfer the required tax data onto the FAFSA form.”

Here are some tips on using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool:

- Benefits. The IRS Data Retrieval tool is an easy and secure way to access and transfer tax return information directly onto the FAFSA form, saving time and improving accuracy. Also, the increased accuracy reduces the

likelihood of being selected for verification by the school's financial aid office.

- Eligibility Criteria. Taxpayers who wish to use the tool to complete their 2012 FAFSA form must:

- * have filed a 2011 tax return;

- * possess a valid Social Security Number;

- * have a Federal Student Aid PIN (individuals who don't have a PIN, will be given the option to apply for one through the FAFSA application process);

- * have not changed marital status since Dec. 31, 2011.

- Exceptions. If any of the following conditions apply to the student or parents, the IRS Data Retrieval Tool can not be used for the 2012 FAFSA application:

- * an amended tax return was filed for 2011;

- * no federal tax return for 2011 has been filed;

- * the federal tax filing status on the 2011 return is married filing separately;

- * a Puerto Rican or other

foreign tax return has been filed.

- Alternatives. If the IRS Data Retrieval Tool can not be used and if the college requests verification documentation, it may be necessary to obtain an official transcript from the IRS. To order tax return or tax account transcripts, visit www.irs.gov and select Order a Transcript or call the Transcript toll-free line at 1-800-908-9946.

Sanford said that in addition to helping reduce the time and effort involved in completing and submitting the FAFSA form through the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, the IRS offers money-saving information to college students and their parents. Important information regarding tax credits and deductions for qualifying tuition, materials and fees is available at the IRS Tax Benefits for Education: Information Center and in IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education, both of which are available at www.irs.gov.

Dr. McSmith speaks at support group meeting

The Haskell Area Cancer Support Group had their monthly meeting, Tues., July 31. Many members attended, along with Dr. Bill McSmith, the guest speaker. Mae Lou Yeldell cooked an amazing supper as always and words can never say thank you enough to her.

A beautiful quilt and two matching pillow shams were donated to the group. They were made by The Willow Creek Quilting Guild and quilted by Jo Heard and Cathy Ray. The main color of purple is used as that is a color to represent all cancers.

Dr. McSmith spoke about different stages of depression for many reasons, due to cancer. He explained in a way we could honestly understand. Depression can be thought of as a 9 volt battery so to say. Medication isn't always the answer, often time is what is needed to overcome a depression. And in other cases, it takes medication and that's normal.

The group took the word, 'normal' on at the very start. What is normal besides a cycle on a washing machine? To a cancer patient or any other person fighting an illness it's different than that of a healthy person.

Currently, two families in our area are struggling with cancer. The group wants them to know that the we are here for them, as we have always been. The steps they are walking are so very hard. Don't ever forget how

special each one of you are. You're in our thoughts and prayers daily.

Come and join the group at the next meeting Aug. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Education building. A light meal is served, followed by a meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.

The group would like to thank Haskell Memorial Hospital for all they do for the Cancer Support Group. It's amazing how they have stood behind us and done so much for all of our community. What a top notch hospital...something we should all be proud to have in our community!

For more information on the quilt or the meetings, call Kim Hutto at 325-864-4466.



GUEST SPEAKER—Dr. Bill McSmith, left, was the guest speaker at the July meeting of the Haskell Area Cancer Support Group. Listening to the presentation is Bruce Ray, right.



DONATED QUILT—This beautiful quilt and shams, in purple hues, was donated to the Haskell Area Cancer Support Group by the Willow Creek Quilting Guild. Shown holding the quilt are, l-r, Cathy Ray, Kim Hutto and Jane Powers.

Alzheimer's support group to meet Aug. 27

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
The Haskell County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet Mon., Aug. 27 at the Haskell County Extension Office located at

101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. The one hour meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. A short program on "Communications" will be presented. Caregivers, family members and friends of individuals with

Alzheimer's or a related dementia, should consider attending this meeting that is open to anyone in Haskell County or the surrounding area.

The support group meets

the fourth Monday of every month from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The monthly meetings offer a confidential environment where participants can share their concerns, support each other, and learn ways to cope with the challenges associated with long-term caregiving.

For more information you may contact Jane Rowan, County Extension Agent/FCS at 940-864-2546 or Alzheimer's Association North Central Texas Chapter at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

Alzheimer's workshop set Aug. 30

The Alzheimer's Association—North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease" Thurs., April 30 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Dr., Suite 105, in Abilene.

Perhaps you have noticed possible signs of Alzheimer's disease in yourself or someone you love. Or you may know someone who

has been recently diagnosed. This workshop is intended for anyone who would like to learn more about the disease and related dementias, as well as resources available to those living with the diagnosis.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the

risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Seating is limited. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900, or via e-mail at mbannister@alz.org.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Appeals court sides against EPA in split decision

AUSTIN—The New Orleans-based U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Aug. 13 vacated the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's disapproval of the state program governing releases of air pollutants by Texas industries.

Among several findings in the majority opinion released following a 2-1 ruling by a three-judge panel of the court, the EPA's 2009 ruling disapproving Texas' emissions control program came 16 years too late. The program, featuring flexible permitting to meet federal air pollution guidelines, originally was submitted for the EPA's review by then-Gov. Ann Richards in 1994.

"Despite the U.S. Clean Air Act's mandate that the EPA approve or disapprove a 'State Implementation Plan' revision within 18 months of its submission, the EPA delayed formal consideration of the Texas Flexible Permit Program for more than a decade," the majority opinion stated.

In his dissent to the majority opinion, Judge Patrick Higginbotham alluded to the politically charged quality of the case in stating, "Angst over perceived federal intrusion in to state affairs ought to be eased by the reality that laws enacted by Congress are laws of the states."

Named as petitioners in the case were the State of Texas, Texas Oil & Gas Association, Texas Association of Manufacturers, BCCA Appeal Group, American Chemistry Council, American Petroleum Institute, National Association of Manufacturers, National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, Texas Association of Business, Texas Chemical Council, and Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America.

Gov. Rick Perry, Attorney General Greg Abbott, Texas Environmental Quality Commission Chairman Bryan W. Shaw and other state government officials hailed the ruling.

Shaw, in an Aug. 14 reaction, commented, "As a result of EPA's disapproval, 120 flexible permit holders in Texas were wrongly mandated to 'de-flex' under threat of federal and civil sanctions, and not a single environmental benefit was gained. Not a single pound of emissions reductions resulted from the unjustly targeted facilities. Instead, those companies spent millions of dollars to 'de-flex,' in what amounts to no more than a bureaucratic paper exercise."

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club posted a reaction to

the ruling from Neil Carman, the chapter's Air Program director. Here's an excerpt: "It is important to realize that until EPA approves the flexible permitting system, the TCEQ must rely on the existing air pollution permitting program. The court ruling today does nothing to change that fact."

Date set for UT case

Oct. 10 is the date set by the U.S. Supreme Court to hear oral arguments in Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, a case that will test the institution's use of race as a factor in its admissions policy.

A white student who qualified for admission under the "top 10 percent" rule but was not admitted brought the case.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and 37 other members of the Texas House and Senate who also are Democrats on Aug. 13 filed a friend-of-the-court brief defending UT's admissions policy and efforts to increase diversity on college campuses.

"I fear that if the Supreme Court overturns UT's admissions policies, we will likely see campuses that do not reflect a state as diverse as Texas," Ellis said.

Ranger chief named

The Texas Department of Public Safety and its oversight agency, the Texas Public Safety Commission, announced the appointment of Kirby Dendy as assistant director/chief in charge of the Texas Rangers effective Sept. 1.

Dendy, joined the DPS in 1971 and worked as a Highway Patrol trooper and narcotics agent, had served as second in command of the Texas Rangers since 2011. His promotion follows the retirement of Ranger Chief Hank Whitman.

Notes given high ratings

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts on Aug. 14 announced that Wall Street bond raters have given their highest ratings to this year's Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes.

"These annual one-year notes are sold to help fund school payments and manage cash flow between the start of a fiscal year and the arrival of tax revenue later in the year," the comptroller's office explained.

The sale of nearly \$10 billion worth of the notes took place Aug. 21 and the notes will be repaid on Aug. 30, 2013.

An official statement from Standard & Poor's, one of the bond-rating firms, said, "Texas' economy has not only recovered faster than most states' but the state continues to outperform the nation in terms of employment growth and economic output."

10 Years Ago August 22, 2002

The newly formed Haskell FFA Booster Club had its initial meeting and elected officers. They are Dale Bullinger, president; Danny Brueggeman, vice-president; Wanda Proctor, secretary; Connie Brueggeman, treasurer; and Kelly Layman, reporter.

Wallace Emerson was recently elected president of First National Bank in Haskell. He has also been named as a member of the Board of Directors of First National Bank in Munday.

Matt Lane, son of Ken and Nelda Lane, has been appointed general manager of Buffalo Sports Properties in Boulder, Colorado. He will manage the staff and daily operations, overseeing sponsorship and advertising sales, marketing, promotions and hospitality functions.

20 Years Ago August 20, 2002

Individual winners in the state competition for the Texas Math and Science Coaches contest are Sarah Cothron, Tonya Burson, Anna Rieger, Amy Burson, Casey Burgess, Lyle Fouts

and Joseph Phemister.

Joe Harold Cloud, a Rule farmer, whose hobby is taking pictures of wild turkeys, has submitted a series of pictures to "Turkey Hunter" magazine. His pictures have been featured on the cover twice, and in an advertising brochure.

Head football coach Walter Hargrove introduced the coaching staff and their families at a meeting of the Haskell Booster Club. Coaches are Johnny Kinzy, Mark Coffman, Richard Holloway, Alan Phillips, John Foster and Kerry Gartman.

30 Years Ago August 26, 2002

Drum Majors for the Haskell Indian Band will be Kim Lanier and Jana Overton. Twirlers are Rochie Reddell, Holli High, Michele Stout and Lori Geilhausen.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mercer were honored with a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lane, in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary. It was hosted by their daughter Kay and Randy Harrill.

Penny Peden of Haskell, was the Junior Division winner in the District 4-H

Home Designer Event. Kelly Wallace won the Intermediate Division, while Jill Jennings was the Senior Division winner.

40 Years Ago August 24, 2002

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Conner have announced their retirement. They have owned and operated Conner Nursery and Floral in its same location for the past forty-four years. They leased the business to Genelle Overton and Zeola Norwood.

Elected to lead the senior class are David Dodson, president; Ricky Phemister, vice-president; Deanna Frierson, secretary; Paula Middleton, treasurer; and Becky Pierce, reporter.

The board of directors of the Haskell Memorial Hospital has hired Ervin Frierson, local building contractor, to supervise the building project at the hospital.

50 Years Ago August 23, 2002

Olen King, well known Haskell grocer, who has been with Bradberry Grocery since the store opened in Haskell, is now associated with the Renfro Grocery and

Market.

Terry Diggs, Captain, U.S. Army Reserves, was reinstated in his former position as rural carrier out of the Weinert Post Office. He was called to active duty with the 490th Civil Affairs Division last year.

100 Years Ago August 24, 2002

J. Johnson, the new meat market man, left this week with a car of cattle. Mr. Johnson is making good in the meat market business.

Dr. J.B. Myers arrived home this week from the Plains country and reports they have fine crops throughout the area. He has purchased an automobile and is rapidly learning to drive the same.

Prof. T.C. Williams has returned from Austin, where he has been assigned the past few weeks in the State Department of Education.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage two of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage two calls for a voluntary 15% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers.

City pool closed

The City of Haskell Pool closed Aug. 18 for the season. No further reservations or parties will be scheduled for the year.

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. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.



Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

Back from our annual R&R trip to Ruidoso with friends: Paces, Stouders, Starrs where we celebrated the Paces' 50th wedding anniversary on the 19th. We sneaked around and got a bakery to make them a cake which was supposed to read: "Happy 50th Paces" and turned out to read: "50 Paces." Like I said you can decide to laugh or cry about many things that happen in this life. We told them they better get busy they had 48 more to go! Our 50th is the 28th; we were in each others' weddings. Sam complained for the first time, "You made us cut our honeymoon short because we had to come to your wedding."

I've had lots of suggestions for saving water: skipping the showers, skipping dish washing or showering together...I don't know about that one—maybe on the first anniversary! Placing gutters around the house and barrels to catch the run-off. This idea of catching rainwater and using it in numerous ways to conserve our lake water is an excellent suggestion. The barrels or tanks that one would use to catch the water are not very expensive and come in various sizes and shapes. I have been out surveying around our house and garage to see just how many and where I could place them. I'm told you'd be amazed at how fast that barrel fills up even with a modest rain. That would work on the

many houseplants we have.

I received an e-mail this past week concerning the filling of swimming pools when we are undergoing such a shortage of water. The city swimming pool closed on Aug. 18 and would have closed sooner except it was already rented for gatherings and parties through the 17th and we chose to honor those commitments. We will use the water in the pool to water the crape myrtles in an effort to conserve even more water. I would hope those with private pools will remember how bad the well water smelled and tasted before they put anymore water in their pools. And maybe they would like to respond to that. I thought you just filled them once a year and let them be.

The other email I received was from Gayle Spain Maxson and she was wanting to support Willow Cemetery. She suggested at Homecoming, because many return home and visit their parents' graves, that we promote a "Decoration Day" and place flowers on graves of family members. Also her suggestion to place a donation box close to the registration box to help cemetery expenses was a good one and will be forwarded to the Homecoming Committee. Thanks for reading us and for your suggestions.

Speaking of Willow Cemetery I know the willows that were donated were kept

by the cemetery and will be planted at the right time in the fall. Where did the others go? Thanks again to Perry Turnbow for donating them.

I am constantly amazed at how blasé people are when it comes to public meetings concerning the way your tax dollars are being spent. Your City Council had a meeting to enlist public comment last Monday night concerning the budget for the city. I was surprised at the number of citizens who attended to see how their tax dollars were being budgeted—only one. Do you, our citizens, really not care how your tax dollars are expended or do you feel there is no need to attend a meeting like that because your opinion doesn't matter? I can promise you, your opinion does matter. We may not be able to adequately address your major concern, but we at least know what it is. I would strongly encourage you to make a serious effort to attend our City Council meetings as well as those of the County Commissioners' Court and the School Board. Your attendance alone makes those of us whom you elected realize you are concerned about what we do and how we do it. Your concern and interest is important to us. To find out the where and when of these meetings, go to our website at www.haskelltxsonline.com and they will be posted.

Another couple of quips

about Canada: Something that favorably impressed me was the response given by waiters, waitresses, bell hops, concierges, clerks and any others we came in contact with who were providing a service. When we said "Thank You," they all responded with "My Pleasure." We never did hear "No Problem" or "Surely" or "You Bet" until we got to the DFW Airport. Wouldn't it give you a nice feeling if the next time you told someone "Thanks" they responded with "My Pleasure"? I'm trying to get in the habit of responding to "Thanks" with a "My Pleasure." I would encourage you to try it; you'll like the smile that follows.

Also, as we were crossing the country on the train, I took notice of the cost of gasoline—\$1.29. I was really puzzled as to how they could sell gas so cheaply when I remembered the cost was per liter. You have to multiply that cost by 3.8 (actually 3.78 according to Mr. McCoy) to get the cost per gallon which is slightly over \$4.90—ouch. I did notice there were not very many big gas guzzling vehicles on the road and I can see why.

Your comments, questions and suggestions can be dropped by City Hall or emailed to me at jgannaway1@srcaccess.net. Together, we are making progress on many fronts and your input as well as your willing hand is always appreciated.

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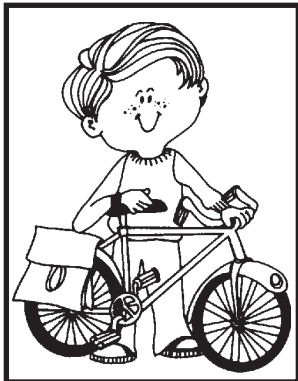
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•When running a bath, plug the tub before turning the water on, then adjust the temperature as the tub fills up.

•Walkways and patios provide space that doesn't ever need to be watered. These useful "rooms" can also add value to your property.

•Collect water from your roof to water your garden.

•Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.

•Rather than following a set watering schedule, check for soil moisture two to three inches below the surface before watering.

•Install a rain sensor on your irrigation controller so your system won't run when it's raining.

•Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.

•Use drip irrigation for shrubs and trees to apply water directly to the roots where it's needed.

•Grab a wrench and fix that leaky faucet. It's simple, inexpensive, and you can save 140 gallons a week.

•Reduce the amount of lawn in your yard by planting shrubs and ground covers appropriate to your site and region.

•When doing laundry, match the water level to the size of the load.

•Teach your children to turn off faucets tightly after each use.

•Remember to check your sprinkler system valves periodically for leaks and keep the sprinkler heads in good shape.

•Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.

•Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.

•Don't water your lawn on windy days when most of the water blows away or evaporates.

•Water your plants deeply but less frequently to encourage deep root growth and drought tolerance.

•Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.

•To decrease water from being wasted on sloping lawns, apply water for five minutes and then repeat two to three times.

•Group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid overwatering some while underwatering others.

•Use a layer of organic material on the surface of your planting beds to minimize weed growth that competes for water.

•Use a minimum amount of organic or slow release fertilizer to promote a healthy and drought tolerant landscape.

•Trickling or cascading fountains lose less water to evaporation than those spraying water into the air.

•Use a commercial car wash that recycles water.

•Avoid recreational water toys that require a constant flow of water.

•Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.

•Use a rain gauge, or empty tuna can, to track rainfall on your lawn. Then reduce your watering accordingly.

•Encourage your school system and local government to develop and promote water conservation among children and adults.

•Learn how to shut off your automatic watering system in case it malfunctions or you get an unexpected rain.

•Set a kitchen timer when watering your lawn or garden to remind you when to stop. A running hose can discharge up to 10 gallons a minute.

•If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it.

•Make sure there are water-saving aerators on all of your faucets.

•Next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose a low water use plant for year-round landscape color and save up to 550 gallons each year.

Every Drop Counts!

Haskell County sees rise in percentage of college graduates

By Bill Bishop and Roberto Gallardo

Haskell County has experienced a brain gain in the last 40 years, joining the rest of the country in what has been a massive increase in the number of adults who have earned college degrees.

In 1970, 4.6 percent of those over 25 years of age had college degrees in Haskell County. By 2010, 11.7 percent of adults here had completed college.

The percentage of adults with college degrees in Haskell County was less than the national average of 27.9 percent in 2010. The college-educated rate here was less than the Texas average of 25.8 percent.

The number of adults in the United States with college degrees has nearly tripled since 1970, when only 10.7 percent of adults had graduated from college. But the percentage of adults with degrees in rural counties, such as Haskell County, while increasing, has generally fallen behind the proportion of college-educated residents in urban counties.

The loss of young, well-educated residents has posed a long-standing difficulty for

rural communities.

"One of the problems that rural areas face is that in order to get a college education, young people often have to leave," says Judith Stallmann, an economist at the University of Missouri. "Once you leave, that introduces you to other opportunities that you might not have seen had you not left."

The good news for rural America is that it has caught up in every other measure of education.

In 1970, 7.8 percent of adults in rural counties had some education after high school, but less than a college degree. By 2010, 27.4 percent of rural adults had attained some post high school education without earning a college diploma. That level of education was close to the national average of 28.1 percent.

In Haskell County, 7.0 percent of adults had some college in 1970, rising to 22.5 percent in 2010. The Texas average in 2010 was 28.3 percent. Haskell County had 5,427 adults (those over 25 years of age) in 1970 and 4,205 adults in 2010.

Overall, Stallmann says,

the trends show that "rural people have responded to the demand for increased job skills by the increasing their post secondary education."

Only 22.1 percent of the adult population in Haskell County had failed to graduate from high school in 2010. Nationally 15 percent of adults had not completed high school; in Texas, the rate was 20.0 percent.

Mark Partridge, a rural economist at Ohio State University, says that regional differences in college graduation rates have increased in recent years. Partridge said his studies have found that rural counties and counties with small cities in the South and West didn't fare as well as those in the Midwest and Northeast in attracting college graduates. Even though the Sunbelt has seen tremendous growth over the past few decades, the South's rural counties haven't kept up in terms of attracting adults with college degrees.

But the problem of keeping college graduates in rural America is a national issue and one that is also enduring.

Missouri economist Stallmann said this is a

reflection of the kinds of jobs that are generally available in rural communities. If there are fewer jobs demanding college degrees in a community, there are likely to be fewer college graduates.

"It's a big deal in a lot of rural counties because you don't see a lot of jobs that require a college education," Stallmann said. Young people graduating from high school don't see many jobs that demand a college diploma, so they don't think about coming home once they leave for the university.

There can be a "self-reinforcing cycle" in rural communities, Stallmann said—young people leave to gain higher education, they don't come back after college because there aren't jobs that demand such education, and their absence diminishes the chances that more of these kinds of jobs will be created.

Nationally, rural counties and counties with small cities have caught up with urban counties in the percentage of adults who have some post high school education. Stallmann sees this as a sign that "there are perhaps more jobs in rural areas that require post secondary education but not college."

Both Stallmann and Partridge said the data on college education rates told them that rural communities should consider the kind of jobs being created locally.

"Rural communities may need to think about the types of jobs" being created, Stallmann said. "There are some communities that are doing things like getting local businesses to put an emphasis on hiring local kids who got a college education."

"It really suggests that rural communities that aren't thinking about making themselves attractive to educated people are really going to suffer," Partridge said.

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For the raw information included in this story and charts, graphs and a map, visit this site: <http://www.dailyyonder.com/education-and-rural-america-data-page/2012/07/06/4165>

DPS to step up DWI enforcement for Labor Day

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols from Aug. 19-Sept. 5, which includes the Labor Day holiday weekend. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target impaired drivers are funded through a grant from

the Texas Department of Transportation.

"As the result of this grant, our troopers will be able to increase patrols on our roadways, which will make the roads safer for all travelers," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Drinking and driving is always a concern during holidays, and getting intoxicated drivers off our roads saves lives."

Don't ignore warning signs of overuse

Beware that overuse injuries can arise over time as you progress through training and exercise regimes. They can result from improper form; pushing too hard after an injury to return to pre-injury levels; imbalances between strength and flexibility; as well as old injuries, poor body alignment, unfit sports equipment, including shoes, or difficult terrain.

"With so many potential pitfalls, it can be difficult to know when to step it up to the next level," says Dr. Robert Dimeff, director of primary care sports medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center and Children's Medical Center.

Among the common signs of overuse are recurrent stiffness or pain, often in the shoulders, legs or elbows; favoring one arm or leg over the other; or a drop in performance. Initially symptoms occur only during activity. But as

the condition progresses, the pain will worsen after exercise and eventually interfere with your ability to exercise.

A generally recognized rule of thumb for increasing the exercise regimes is called the 10 percent rule: Don't increase your training or activities more than 10 percent per week. Runners and walkers, for example, shouldn't increase the distance or pace more than 10 percent. If you're using weights, limit the increased weight to 10 percent or less.

"It's important to give your body time to properly adjust," Dr. Dimeff says.

A sports medicine specialist can help you identify and address specific pitfalls, such as flat feet, intestinal problems or previous injuries, before you start your routine, as well as help address and treat new issues should they occur.

During the Labor Day enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made more than 2,000 DWI arrests, and approximately 550 of those were the direct result of the increased patrols. Last year during this same time period, DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 25,000 speeding citations, 4,368 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 4,057 no insurance tickets. In addition, troopers made 1,409 fugitive arrests, 958 felony arrests and 882 drug arrests during routine patrol operations.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Labor Day holiday:

•Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.

•Eliminate distractions, and don't text while driving.

•Buckle up everyone in the vehicle—it's the law.

•Slow down—especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

•Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated—it's the law.

•Don't drive fatigued.

•Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

•Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

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If your high school athlete is heading out to the practice field this month, UT Southwestern Medical Center sports medicine doctors urge parents to take time to review the latest guidelines about concussions.

Look over the equipment and make sure it fits properly, particularly the helmet. Make sure your athlete knows how to wear it properly and does so even in practice.

"Parents, coaches and student athletes should

know what symptoms to pay attention to," notes Dr. Robert Dimeff, director of primary care sports medicine at UT Southwestern and Children's Medical Center. "The signs and symptoms can come immediately after the impact or even days later."

Athletes need to let a parent, coach or other adult know if they are feeling signs such as headache or "pressure" in their head, nausea or vomiting, balance problems or dizziness, blurry

vision, sensitivity to light or noise, drowsiness or fatigue, and concentration problems or confusion, Dr. Dimeff says.

Parents should note mood or behavioral changes, including athletes appearing stunned, dazed or confused about homework, particularly work that was not difficult before an injury.

"Those symptoms justify a doctor's visit so a concussion isn't overlooked," Dr. Dimeff adds.



SCRIMMAGE ACTION—Haskell's Jarred Escobedo is doing his part during the scrimmage against Roscoe last Friday night.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

ID Theft Detection and Prevention

Identity theft remains one of the state's most expensive criminal enterprises. In the Federal Trade Commission's most recent Consumer Sentinel Network report, Texas ranks fifth in the nation for the most reported cases of identity theft per 100,000 residents. The FTC's report indicates that in 2011, there were more than 24,000 reported cases of identity theft in Texas—and that young adults aged 20-29 were the most heavily targeted group.

Professional identity thieves are relying upon increasingly sophisticated tactics to support their thriving criminal enterprise. For example, one recently uncovered scam attempted to steal victims' identities by falsely offering federal financial assistance to help cover the cost of utility bills.

Using in-person solicitations, social media, fliers, phone calls and text messages, identity thieves contact utility customers and claim that a new federal program provides free

utility bill payment credits or will apply payments on customers' behalf.

To benefit from the purported program, utility customers are told they must provide their Social Security and bank routing numbers. Victims who provide their sensitive personal information are given a so called "Federal Reserve bank routing number" to pay their utility bills. Customers are led to believe that the federal government will pay their utility bill if they use that routing number and insert their Social Security number as the bank account number.

In reality, there is no such program, no federal money and no payments ever applied to the customers' accounts. Customers who use the fraudulent bank routing number are still responsible for their utility bills and must make payments on their own. Unfortunately, the identity thieves benefit because they obtain victims' Social Security numbers and bank account information.

When personally identifying information—

including Social Security and bank account numbers—falls into the wrong hands, Texans may suffer ruined credit and huge, undeserved debts. Identity thieves may use an individual's personal information to open new credit card accounts or commit other financial crimes. When the identity thief fails to pay the bills on the accounts created in the victim's name, the delinquent accounts show up on the ID theft victim's credit report. Inaccurate credit history, if left uncorrected, may affect an ID theft victim's ability to get credit, insurance or even a job.

Every Texan should protect their personal information and never disclose sensitive information over an unsolicited phone call or at-home visit. Efforts to collect Texans' personal information should always signal a red flag. Another wise step Texans can take to protect themselves from identity theft is to shred or otherwise properly discard financial statements and other sensitive documents.

Texans who believe

an identity theft scam may have affected them should access the Attorney General's Identity Theft Victim's Kit online at www.TexasAttorneyGeneral.gov. The kit is designed to help victims navigate the process of protecting their credit. It includes relevant forms and agency contact information that is necessary to help restore credit and prevent further financial harm.

Whether they use e-mail, telephone calls, or even face-to-face visits, con artists dangle baited hooks in front of honest Texans every day of the week. By recognizing the warning signs of an identity theft scam and sharing prevention tips with family and neighbors, Texans can help strengthen their communities and stop identity thieves in their tracks.

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How do Telephone Customers and Applicants for Telephone Service Apply for Lifeline Program? Please call the LIDA at 1 866-454-8387 or go to www.liteuptexas.org if you wish to apply for or have any questions regarding the Lifeline Service. LIDA provides self-enrollment forms by direct mail upon customer request.

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NOTICE OF 2012 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of Weinert, City of Rochester, City of Haskell, and Haskell Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City of Weinert	City of Rochester	City of Haskell	Haskell Mem. Hospital Dist.
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 17,133.00	\$ 26,679.00	\$ 444,282.00	\$ 807,893.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 17,133.00	\$ 26,679.00	\$ 444,282.00	\$ 807,893.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,342,334	\$ 3,908,993	\$ 88,856,307	\$ 278,679,909
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5126/\$100	\$ 0.6825/\$100	\$ 0.5000/\$100	\$ 0.2899/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 17,132.00	\$ 26,678.00	\$ 444,414.00	\$ 807,974.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,476,718	\$ 3,863,652	\$ 84,552,555	\$ 314,718,113
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)	\$ 0.4927/\$100	\$ 0.6904/\$100	\$ 0.5256/\$100	\$ 0.2567/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 17,132.00	\$ 26,678.00	\$ 560,730.00	\$ 899,159.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,476,718	\$ 3,863,652	\$ 84,552,555	\$ 314,718,113
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.4927/\$100	\$ 0.6904/\$100	\$ 0.6631/\$100	\$ 0.2857/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5321/\$100	\$ 0.7456/\$100	\$ 0.7161/\$100	\$ 0.3085/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.5321/\$100	\$ 0.7456/\$100	\$ 0.7161/\$100	\$ 0.3085/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate			\$ 0.1370/\$100	
= Rollback tax rate			\$ 0.5791/\$100	

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of Weinert adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4927 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2011 taxes by \$3.

If the City of Rochester adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.6904 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2011 taxes by \$71.

If the City of Haskell adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.5256 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2011 taxes by \$1,736.

If the Haskell Memorial Hospital Dist. adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.2567 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2011 taxes by \$2,454.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balances as Listed			
City of Weinert	\$2,400.00			
City of Rochester		n/a		
City of Haskell			\$0.00	
Haskell Memorial Hosp. Dist.				\$0.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the City of Haskell estimated that it will receive \$116,316 in additional sales and use tax revenues

SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE F - ENHANCED INDIGENT HEALTH CARE EXPENDITURES

The Haskell Memorial Hospital District spent \$105,345 from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$91,185.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations.

You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

HASKELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 604 North First St., Haskell, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Wanda Hester Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 08/15/12



RANKED FOURTH—After competing in rodeos across the state this summer, Stewart Urich of Rochester is currently ranked number four in the Ranch Bronc category of the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Association, and has qualified for the finals being held Aug. 31-Sept. 2 in Vernon. The top ten riders from across the state were asked to compete in the finals. He is the son of Ricky and Faye Urich of Rochester, and the grandson of Sharon Mullino of Rochester, and Ann Lindsey and Jerry Clem of Jayton.

Rule School Menu

August 27-31
Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Waffles, applesauce
Tuesday: Cereal, toast, sausage, orange half
Wednesday: Biscuit, gravy, peaches
Thursday: Cinnamon toast, applesauce, grapes
Friday: Toast and oatmeal, mixed fruit

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken fajitas, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, salsa
Tuesday: Country fried steak, whipped potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, strawberry cup
Wednesday: Beef and cheese chalupas, bean and cheese chalupas, garden salad, applesauce, salsa, lime sherbet
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, fresh apple slices, breadsticks, baby carrots
Friday: Fish tacos, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, sliced peaches

Haskell School Menu

Aug. 27-31

Breakfast

Milk is offered daily.
Monday: Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, apple juice
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza or Coca Puffs cereal, orange juice, peaches
Wednesday: Biscuit with sausage gravy or Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal, fruit punch juice
Thursday: French toast, syrup or Lucky Charms cereal, apple juice
Friday: Pig in a blanket or RS Fruit Loops cereal, orange juice

Lunch

Milk is offered daily at all cafeterias. Iced tea is offered at the high school cafeteria only. An energy meal

includes a sandwich, fruit and a chocolate chip cookie.
Monday: Chalupas, cheese, salsa, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, mixed fruit, fresh cantaloupe
Tuesday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, seasoned broccoli, wheat roll, watermelon
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas or pasta salad, peppers and onions, charro beans, lettuce, pineapple tidbits
Thursday: Statefair corn dogs or energy meal, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, baby carrots with dressing, pears
Friday: Cheeseburger, dark green leafy lettuce, sliced tomatoes, pickle slices, baked fries, orange, chocolate chip

Paint Creek School Menu

Aug. 27-31

Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Toast or cereal
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Biscuits, gravy
Thursday: French toast
Friday: Donuts

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken fajitas,

beans, corn, oranges
Tuesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit cup
Wednesday: Chalupas, refried beans, salad, pears
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, baby carrots, salad, breadsticks, apples
Friday: Fish sticks, fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, peaches

ECC Menu

Mon., Aug. 27

Vegetable/beef stew, pimento and tuna sandwiches, pickles, onions, peach cobbler, tea or coffee

Wed., Aug. 29

Tacos and all the trimmings, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Fri., Aug. 31

BBQ sausage, potato salad, red beans, carrots, peaches, brownie, tea or coffee

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

Rule Booster Club

Rule Booster Club will sponsor a Back To School Dance Sat., Aug. 25, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria for junior high and high school students of Rule High School. Out-of-town dates may be included.

Cost is \$2 per student or \$3 per couple. Music, drinks and snacks will be furnished by the Booster Club.

Booster Club members will meet Tues., Aug. 28, at 6 p.m. in front of the Rule School to paint the

traditional Bobcat paws, players and coaches numbers in front of the school on the street by the gym. This is for Homecoming which Rule will hold Sept. 28-29.

Booster Club members have asked those on Facebook to log on to Target which is asking people to vote for their school. A person may vote once a week and each vote counts for \$1 which will go to their school. Persons need to list Rule and the zip code 79547.

Paint Creek School to host Back-to-School event Aug. 28

The Paint Creek faculty would like to invite all Paint Creek students and their parents to their annual hamburger supper and Meet the Teachers Night Tues., Aug. 28. The meal will be provided by the school and will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Immediately following the supper, parents will be presented with information regarding Title I and parent involvement in the academic success of their children. All students and parents are encouraged to come out and show their support for the upcoming school year.

This Week's Devotional Message:

Faith declares the best 'homework' done by the parents



As every parent and child knows by this time, the new school year is just around the corner. The preparations are underway: the new clothes, the health check-ups, etc., and a refresher course in discipline and respect for authority; plus the appropriate safety reminders. It is also time to enroll in the Sunday school, where the lessons combine with the daily 3 Rs to provide a truly well-rounded education. However, religious training is

of little avail if the parents fail to do their own 'homework.' This means maintaining a home atmosphere and a lifestyle that will reflect the teachings in the Sunday school. If the children are to develop good, honest attitudes and living habits, the parents must set the example and uphold it at all times. The schools can do only so much; in the final analysis, the best training for life must begin and end in the home.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Jay Beerley, Senior pastor
Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church

Frank Slayton, minister
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

Rev. David White, pastor
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. Dustin Wilhite, 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

First Baptist Church

Rev. Jim McCurley
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, 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.
Weinert

Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.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

Stephania 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 Omegs
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.
Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

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Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
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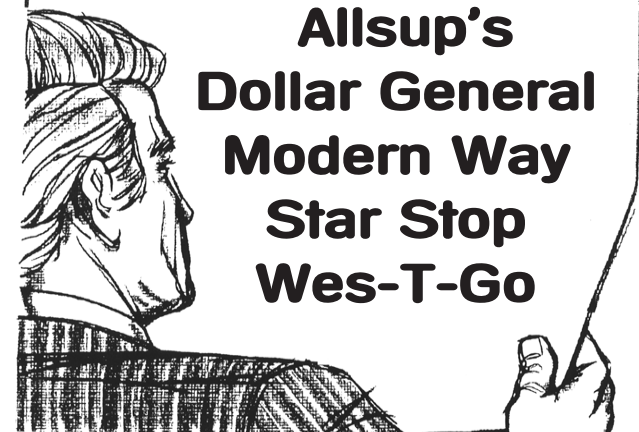
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
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Petroproperties, Inc., P.O. Box 232, Haskell, Texas 79521 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 Strawn Formation, Sagerton Unit, Well Number 3. The proposed injection well is located 1/4 miles south of Sagerton in the LA Neil (Strawn) Field, in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4940 to 5072 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended,

Public Notices

Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 34c

PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WEINERT TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
The City of Weinert will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. August 28, 2012, at Weinert City Hall, 102 South Breustedt, Weinert, Texas 76388 regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture's CDBG Program. Citizens are encouraged to attend to discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of CDBG applications. Written comments may also be submitted to City Secretary Patricia Horan, P. O. Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388. Persons with disabilities or others who may require auxiliary aids or services to participate in this hearing should contact the City Secretary at 940-673-8223 at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements. 34c

TRESPASS NOTICE
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Comm. Pct. #1	\$24,103.12	\$24,703.12
Comm. Pct. #2	\$24,103.12	\$24,703.12
Comm. Pct. #3	\$24,103.12	\$24,703.12
Comm. Pct. #4	\$24,103.12	\$24,703.12
Tax A/C	\$25,067.15	\$25,667.15
County Clerk	\$25,067.15	\$25,667.15
Treasurer	\$29,318.72	\$29,918.72
(includes Probation Office)		
Justice of Peace	\$25,067.15	\$25,667.15
District Clerk	\$25,067.15	\$25,667.15
County Attorney	\$34,706.88	\$35,306.88
Constable	\$16,141.91	\$16,741.91
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ATTEND TRAINING—Attending the KidWind energy training in Bar Harbor, Maine were WindSenators, I-r, Polly Voss of Throckmorton Elementary School, Christel Shahan of Munday High School and Randy Waggoner of Haskell CISD.



WIND ENERGY WORKSHOP—Teachers participating in a wind energy workshop held Wed., Aug. 15 at the Haskell CISD science building were, I-r, Randy Waggoner, Haskell CISD; Betsy Coleman, Haskell CISD; Valiene Bullinger, Paint Creek ISD; Richard Gammon, Haskell CISD; and Diane Hornbeck, Petrolia ISD.

Teachers learn science behind renewable energy during workshop

The family of Kerri Lynne (Baker) Urbanczyk and Exergy Development Group sponsored teacher training Wednesday at Haskell High School as a memorial to Kerri and her long-standing dedication to education. Kerri taught at Munday CSID. Her family and others in Haskell County have leased the wind rights of their property to Exergy Development Group for the development of the 400MW Exergy Baker Ranch wind project. The Wind Energy workshop was held Aug. 15, at the Haskell CISD science

building. Exergy contracted with the highly respected KidWind Project to provide the training. The primary goal of the one-day KidWind workshop is to introduce teachers to the science behind renewable energy, and to give educators the knowledge, tools, and confidence they need to effectively incorporate renewable energy science into their classroom curricula.

The Exergy Baker Ranch wind project will have a long and extremely positive impact on Haskell County by

increasing jobs and tax base. The company and families of the wind project want to share a basic understanding of this exciting industry with the community through its most important resource, its children.

Eighteen teachers from Munday, Haskell, Throckmorton, Paint Creek, Harrold and Petrolia school districts attended the workshop. Teachers received a free wind turbine kit and curriculum package to take back to their classrooms. In addition, teachers received professional development

credit for the training.

In an effort to sustain the renewable energy knowledge, Kerri's family and Exergy also provided scholarships and travel costs to one teacher from Haskell, Munday and Throckmorton school districts to attend a five day

KidWind WindSenators training at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine. Randy Waggoner, Christel Shahan and Polly Voss attended the training the week of July 29. Voss, Waggoner and Shahan assisted KidWind trainer

Joe Rand at the workshop in Haskell. The three local teachers are now prepared to lead teacher workshops.

Additional information about KidWind Project workshops and Wind Senator training is available at learn.kidwind.org.

School supply drive continues through Friday

The Haskell Police Department is holding a school supply drive for students who cannot buy/afford the needed school supplies for the start of this school year.

urged to drop them at the following places:

- Modern Way Grocery
- Haskell City Hall
- Haskell Police Department or to any officer

•Dollar General
The Haskell Police Department thanks everyone who helps in this worthwhile cause for the Haskell elementary school students.

A list of the school supplies needed for each elementary grade is posted at any Haskell store and on the school website.

The drive will continue through Fri., Aug. 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in donating school supplies is

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at hfpnews@lycos.com or hfp@valornet.com

City Council report

The Haskell City Council held a special meeting/public hearing Mon., Aug. 13 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Stacy Bridges, Sue Medford, Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow in attendance.

The Council entered into a public hearing in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Texas Community Development Block Grant Funds.

There was no public comment and the hearing adjourned.

The regular meeting was called back into order.

Council approved implementing Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency

Plan which calls for a 15% voluntary reduction in water usage.

Action concerning charging off old final water/sewer/garbage accounts was tabled.

Steve Alsabrook was appointed to the Haskell Housing Authority Board.

Megan Cox was appointed to the Development Corporation of Haskell's Board of Directors.

In the City Administrator's report Brandon Anderson stated:

•The City is anticipating moving to Stage 3 in the Drought Contingency Plan very soon. A workshop will be held Aug. 21 to discuss the City of Haskell Drought Contingency Plan and the City of Haskell's Water

Conservation Plan.

•The shooting range is still a source of trouble and will be shut down to all individuals except law enforcement with permission from the city. ***

The Haskell City Council held a budget workshop, a continuation of a special meeting/public hearing Mon., Aug. 13 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bowers, Councilmen Stacy Bridges, Sue Medford, Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow attending.

The 2012-13 initial budget for the city was discussed.

The Civic Center, Country Club, Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Departments were included in the discussion.

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Haskell County conducted public hearings on August 16, 5:30 p.m. and August 20, 5:30 p.m. on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Haskell County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.99 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of .7329 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,015,358.27.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .6990 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,372,107.5.

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The Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 30 at County Commissioners' Courtroom at 10 a.m.