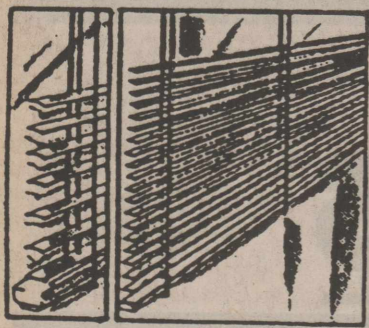




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#### HOME OFFICE? WATCH OUT FOR DEPRECIATION

If you conduct business at home, and you meet certain requirements, the IRS allows you to deduct the expenses of your home office. A portion of your utility bills can be written off, the gardener might be partially tax-deductible, and you're even allowed to deduct depreciation, just as if you owned a piece of commercial real estate. So how can you go wrong?

As it turns out, the depreciation deduction for your home office can be a real tax headache. That's because any depreciation deductions that you take reduce the tax "basis" of your home office. When you ultimately sell your home, these depreciation deductions can increase the taxable gain. And what about the law that allows you to exclude up to \$500,000 of gain on the sale of your principal residence? That law doesn't apply to the portion of your home that was used as an office.

Even without depreciation, a home office can generate significant tax savings, so you might be tempted simply to pass up the depreciation deduction. Unfortunately, the tax law assumes that you have taken all depreciation deductions that were "allowed or allowable." In other words, even if your tax returns don't show a depreciation deduction for your home office, the IRS can make the basis adjustments for you. At that point, the taxable gain that you thought you had avoided comes back to bite you.

If you have a home office, there are steps you can take to minimize capital gains tax when you sell your home. But you generally need to start planning early, in some cases more than two years ahead of time. You might want to call an accountant now. If we can be of assistance, please contact us.

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## Steps to help prevent cancer

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
According to the American Cancer Society, environmental factors may well account for half of all cancers. While we cannot control some of the factors, such as carcinogens in the environment, many of these factors are directly under our control. Evidence suggests that one-third of the 500,000 cancer deaths that occur in the United States each year is due to dietary factors. Another third are due to cigarette smoking. Therefore, eating well and not smoking cigarettes are the most direct ways to cut your risk of dying from cancer. You can make a difference for yourself and your family!

Here are some guidelines set forth by the American Cancer Society for cancer prevention:

- Choose most of the foods you eat from plant sources. These can be breads, cereals, grain products, rice, pasta or beans.
- Eat five or more servings of fruit and vegetables each day.
- Limit your intake of high-fat foods, particularly from animal sources. Limit your consumption of meats, especially high-fat meats.
- Be physically active; achieve and maintain a healthy weight. Be at least moderately active for 30 minutes or more most days of the week.
- Limit consumption of alcoholic beverages, if you drink at all.
- Avoid tobacco use.

These guidelines offer some of the best information currently available on how to reduce your risk of cancer. For more information on cancer risk reduction, please contact Lou Gilly, Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS at (940) 864-2546.

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## Obituaries

### Noel Madge McMillin Johnson

Graveside services for Noel Madge McMillin Johnson, 83, of Haskell were held Wed., Aug. 9 at the Weinert Cemetery with Dennis Hoff officiating. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Johnson died Mon., Aug. 7 in an Electra hospital. Born July 16, 1917 in Cook County, she was the widow of J. T. Johnson. She was a homemaker and had worked as a nurse's aide. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Stanley McMillin and Dan McMillin.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Frankie Nelson of Electra; one son and daughter-in-law, Jesse Van and Mary Ann Johnson of Seymour; one brother, Ben McMillin of San Angelo; two sisters, Faye Jetton of Haskell and Gladys Fraley of Lubbock; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

## Banking fees are necessary part of financial services

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
As the old expression goes, nothing in life is free. The fees associated with financial services certainly prove that statement is still true.

"I think we sometimes forget that banks and other financial institutions are a business and businesses have to make a profit to keep their doors open," said Sue Lynn Sasser, family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "It just so happens that providing services related to our money is the business that banks do. Because they are a competitive business, we have the opportunity to comparison shop for the best services available at the best prices."

Banks rarely make any money on checking accounts because they are simply a service that financial institutions provide for their customers. But even those services aren't free. Regulatory changes in the last several years have allowed

banks to charge for the different supplementary services they provide to checking account customers. These services include things like ATM cards, debit cards, having your checks returned monthly, overdraft protection and so forth.

"If you will monitor your own behavior, you can quickly figure out which banking services are the most important to you," Sasser said. "Knowing what banking services you use regularly will allow you to comparison shop for the best deal on them."

For example, a family who only writes a few checks each month may want to have a checking account where they pay a small amount per check.

"Paying 10 cents a check for 10 checks is only \$1 a month for a service fee," she said. "That's much cheaper than spending five dollars a month for an account with unlimited check writing. That's four dollars a month, or \$48 dollars a year, that could be added to a

savings account or used to pay down your debt load. It may not sound like much, but that \$48 becomes \$96 in two years - plus the interest it can draw in savings."

Credit unions usually have lower fees than banks or savings and loans. If you qualify for membership in a credit union, then you may want to consider having a checking account or savings account there. However, credit unions tend to offer fewer services than other financial institutions.

"It really depends on what your needs are," Sasser said. "That's why it's important to determine what you want from a financial institution before you start shopping around."

One of the greatest protections against high banking costs is to carefully manage your checking account, regardless of where your account is located.

"It certainly pays to reconcile your bank statement each month to make sure the bank and you agree on the amount of money in your account. Sometimes they make errors and you want to be sure that everything is correct so you can avoid fees for bounced checks. Reviewing the activity in your account each month helps you remember to write down every check you write and every transaction at an ATM machine. It also makes you aware of the monthly fees you are paying so you can find ways to reduce them," Sasser said.

Failing to balance your checking account every month makes you vulnerable to unnecessary fees that erode away your purchasing power or erase your savings. Suppose you write a check for \$100 and \$50 is in your account. You will be charged a fee by the bank and probably be charged another fee by the merchant who took your check. Those charges tend to run about \$20 each. That's \$40 per check.

"We wouldn't normally take a match and burn two twenty dollar bills, but that's almost what we're doing when we pay fees for insufficient funds," Sasser said. "Most of us don't have that kind of money to burn."

Setting up overdraft protection can help reduce the bounced check fees, but you usually end up paying high interest rates on the money borrowed as well as a fee for the service. Also, if your ATM card is attached to a credit card provider, you may be charged high interest rates for exceeding your checking account balance.

Even though banking services aren't free, you can find a variety of ways to minimize the cost of using them. And, that's like making an extra deposit to your account.

## 4-H'ers take honors at State Horse Show

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Three Haskell County 4-H'ers showcased their talents at the 38th annual State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene the last week of July. The week long event attracted youth from all over the state of Texas. Contestants from Haskell County were Morgan Cox, Eric Hager and Cassie Lamb.

Eric Hager and Cassie Lamb competed in the roping events on Monday with Hager competing in

team roping, break-away and tie-down calf roping and Lamb competing in break-away and team roping. The second day of competition for these two included team penning which had 90 teams entered. Both Hager and Lamb penned with Knox County 4-H'ers. The team of Roni Morrow, Logan Morrow and Lamb bested all 90 teams to win the buckle in team penning.

The end of the week brought on the speed events. Morgan Cox competed in barrels, poles and stakes and Lamb competed in barrels and poles. Cox placed in the top 20 in poles, was 2nd place in barrels and 8th place in stakes. Cox earned enough points to receive Reserve Champion Timed Event Horseman and a buckle for her efforts.

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**COUSINS REUNION**—Grandchildren of the late C. G. Burson recently met in Fort Worth at the home of Tommy and Shirley Coston. Beginning top, l-r, are Patsy Billington, Darlaine Traub, Shirley Coston, Paulette Keel, Betty Wheeler, Nancy Brite-Smith, Diana Smart, Grady Casey, Vickie Brown, Kathie Davis, Debbie Piper and Rhea Lyn Newton.

## Burson cousins hold first reunion

The grandchildren of the late C. G. Burson, Sr., held their first Burson Cousins Reunion, July 8, at the home of Tom and Shirley Coston in Fort Worth. Eleven cousins, one auntie and several spouses of the cousins attended.

Many of the cousins had not seen each other in over 30 years. The oldest cousin, Patsy Billington, daughter of the late Charlie and Ora Childress, and the youngest cousin, Rhea Lyn Newton, daughter of the late J. W. and Maxie Casey, had never met. On Friday everyone enjoyed visiting and getting to know one another. Saturday night nineteen enjoyed a Mexican dinner at Pulido's Restaurant.

In order of their ages, cousins attending were Patsy Billington of Coos Bay, Oregon; Darlaine Traub

of Sammamish, Washington, daughter of Leta and the late Clovis Norman; Shirley Coston, daughter of the Pauline and the late Melvin Norman; Paulette Keel of Columbia, Tennessee, daughter of Leta and the late Clovis Norman; Betty Wheeler of Temple, daughter of "Scotty" and Cleo Scott; Nancy Brite-Smith of Dallas, daughter of Neta Burson; Diana Smart of Moody, daughter of Vernay and the late Betty Burson; Grady Casey of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, son of Maxie and the late J. W. Casey; Vickie Brown of Houston, Kathie Davis of Wichita Falls, and Debbie Piper of Arlington, daughters of Lee and the late C. G. Burson; and Rhea Lyn Newton, of Ralls. Cousins unable to attend were Chuck Childress, Pam Thigpen, Dorcas George, Trey Burson and Ed Roberts.

## Asthma triggers can vary in sufferers

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
We do not know exactly what causes asthma, or why one person gets asthma and another does not. We do, however, know more about the changes that occur in the airways and how to reverse and keep those changes from happening.

During normal breathing, the airways to the lungs are fully open, allowing air to move in and out easily. People with asthma have inflamed airways that are super-sensitive to things that normally would not bother a person, known as triggers. Asthma triggers can vary from person to person, but come in the following forms:

- Allergens (substances that cause allergies) - such as dust mites, pollen, mold, pet dander and

- even cockroaches and their waste.
- Irritants in the air - such as tobacco smoke, wood fires, charcoal grills, odors or fumes from household sprays, paint, gasoline, perfume, or scented soaps.

- Respiratory infections - such as colds, flu, sore throats and sinus infections. (These are the most common asthma triggers among children.)

- Physical activities that make you breathe harder. (Note: Stress may be a trigger for some individuals. If stress is a trigger for you, don't think this means its "all in your head." Stress is a physical reaction as well as an emotional one.)

- Weather - such as dry wind, cold air, or sudden weather changes.

## Joan Strickland speaks at Historical Society meeting

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society held a meeting Aug. 7 at the First National Bank Community Room.

Joan Strickland presented the program about the Friends of the Library organization and about the future plans for a new library.

A business meeting followed

the program. Pictures and plans for the new calendar were discussed.

Attending the meeting were Johnny Scoggins, Wanda Ham, Lowell and Eula Peters, Dolin Hughes, Patsy Cobb, Mattie M. Felker English, Maxine Miller, Hortense Lees, Marilyn Griffith, Ernestine Herren, Frances Lane, Joan Strickland and June White.

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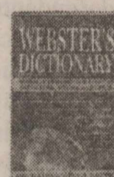
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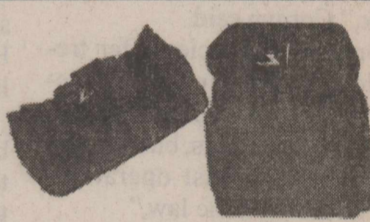
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## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Ever hear of the web sites ExpressToday.com or MedPrescribe.com?

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week filed lawsuits against the two "online pharmacies." Cornyn alleged the web sites misled consumers and threatened their health by selling dangerous drugs and controlled substances over the Internet on the basis of an "online consultation."

The lawsuits seek to halt the sales through an injunction to prevent the defendants from advertising, selling, prescribing and dispensing prescription medications to Texas consumers without proper safeguards. Cornyn also seeks costs and civil penalties for violations of the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

"To just click and ship prescription drugs is bad medicine. These unlawful businesses mislead consumers about the safety of these drugs and put consumers' health at risk," Cornyn said.

"Online pharmacies offer tremendous convenience and freedom for homebound patients, rural Texans and others, but like any business, they must operate in compliance with the law."

Investigators from the attorney general's office created an online identity of a 53-year-old man and purchased Viagra and Phentermine from the web sites with no prescription or consultation with a doctor.

The web sites advertise, sell and arrange to ship or deliver prescription drugs to Texas consumers.

### Standards Revised for Schools

Texas Public schools will have to work harder to earn the labels "acceptable," "exemplary" and "recognized" in 2001, Education Commissioner Jim Nelson announced last week.

Starting next year, the state's school accountability system will have new, tougher standards for performance on both dropout rates and the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, the two measuring sticks on which school district and campus ratings are based.

Schools will be rated on TAAS scores and dropout rates of all students and students in each of four groups: African-American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged.

TAAS tests are given in reading and mathematics in third, fifth, sixth and seventh grades, and in reading, writing and mathematics in fourth, eighth and 10th grades.

Eighth-graders also take TAAS tests in science and social studies.

Students must pass the 10th-grade "exit-level" exam in order to receive a diploma.

Under current accountability standards, schools that have TAAS passing rates of 90 percent and dropout rates of 1 percent or less for all students and student groups earn the coveted "exemplary" rating.

Other changes Nelson ordered for schools in 2001:

- Elimination of attendance rates in determining district and campus ratings.

- Consideration of a district's special education compliance status.
- Changes to size requirements for student groups.

### Cleanup Funding Still Needed

Across Texas, there are more than 7,900 underground petroleum storage sites in need of remediation, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission told a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee last week.

Since 1989, 14,943 sites have been closed. Fees charged to underground petroleum storage tank owners fund closures and remediations.

TNRCC representatives said if the fees are discontinued, there will not be enough funding to continue the cleanup of the remaining 7,900 sites.

The Legislature intended the program to end, but at the current rate of remediation, it will take years to complete the cleanup, the TNRCC said.

### Other Highlights

— In a meeting of the House Education subcommittee on Charter Schools, subcommittee chairman Jim Durnam, D-Waco, expressed concern over the percentage of economically disadvantaged students in charter schools passing the TAAS (54 percent). The number passing the test in traditional public schools was 67 percent. "That's a real difference," Durnam said.

— Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and the attorneys general from 29 other states and territories last week announced a lawsuit charging the nation's largest distributors of recorded music of conspiring with various retailers to fix the prices of compact discs and similar products. The lawsuit seeks millions of dollars in fines and penalties.



## From The Inside Out

By Karen Kaigler-Walker, Guest Columnist

*Editor's Note: The following is excerpted from Kaigler-Walker's latest book-in-progress.*

Mother claims we boomers have elevated mid-life to a fine art. So be it. Whatever notoriety we've brought to that stage, when everything you've ever thought and done evaporates like rain on hot pavement, is well-deserved—the good, the bad, and the indescribable. Psychologist Carl Jung alleged that our so-called mid-life crisis is natural. I think of it as hormonal purgatory.

My dark night of the soul would have had John of the Cross up cheering. True to what the good saint would have predicted, the more I got up close and personal with my deepest parts, that which had been first in my life became the last.

I sat like Janus of the two faces. Looking into the light, I beheld my soul reaching out to claim the Divine. I'd never known such peace or felt such purpose.

But turning my eyes, Janus' other face was shadowed by a pall that barred me from reaping the full measure of the soulful life I sought. For while my search for soul beckoned me to tap into personal meaning far beyond my everyday fears and nanosecond life, my lifelong relationship with beauty appeared to hold me back.

Growing up in Midland, my friends and I pretty much believed that appearance summed up worth, and that only a chosen few were heir to beauty's bounty. Unfortunately, what I learned in adolescence didn't fade when I reached twenty. Memories of decades of dishing out and receiving appearance-related hurt passed through me like psychic kidney stones.

I realized that whether we consider ourselves to be attractive, unattractive, or in between, and

regardless of how important or unimportant our looks are to us, we learned early on to use appearance as a divisive tool—a wedge to keep us and others locked into place. Society claims that commercial beauty walks away with the prize, but talk radio buzzes like a June bug in summer at the rumor that a rising starlet has stumbled. Feminists tear each other apart for the use of or lack of makeup. Intellectuals snarl at what Sarah Ban Breathnach calls the "polished sheen of success." And more than one connoisseur of fashion has gloated over her refined taste.

Even those whom we consider to be enlightened spiritually aren't immune to the fray. In *The Bond Between Women*, China Galland confesses to her initial mistrust of Tzultrim Allione, her spiritual mentor. "[Allione] is so physically beautiful that I found it hard to take her seriously," she wrote.

Given that soul and beauty seemed separated by too wide a gulf, I made the painful decision to leave beauty on one shore and swim toward soul. Besides, when it came to making a choice, it was obvious from every mirror I passed which one was waving me goodbye. With my old notion of beauty safely ensconced on the distant shore, I draped the middle-aged temple of my soul in long skirts and loose black sweaters like a born again pagan.

One generally doesn't just snap out of a crisis, but I did. Yet no sooner had I returned to the land of the living than beauty summoned from the abandoned shore. "Leave me alone," I yelled, "I'm soulful! Undaunted, beauty's voice ratcheted up and kept on calling.

How could this thing that had caused so much grief now beckon with such force? Hadn't I made my choice and traversed the bridgeless gulf between beauty and soul?

Apparently not. Bloomingdale's was calling, and I wanted to pick up the phone and order shoes. I not only wanted to, I did. I couldn't buy lipsticks fast enough.

Yet it was different this time. My resurrected interest in beauty no longer appointed me captain of the fashion police or demanded allegiance to commercial standards. I was having a ball with my appearance. To top it all, I was feeling and acting like I looked better than ever, despite all evidence to the contrary hanging on my parents' wall of family photos.

I have enough Protestant angst coursing through my psyche, however, to know that there's no having your cake and eating it too. So as I noshed away on eye shadow and stretch jeans, I was more than a tad concerned that my soul might not be feeling so comfy in its spiffed up temple.

Then one night it hit me. My soul sings loudest when it beholds the beauty of God's green earth because creation wears great looking stuff like starry Texas nights. So it would stand to reason that if beauty is God's tool which brings us closer to Him, He wouldn't expect us to adorn the temples of our souls with penance rags. No, if there's a sin associated with beauty, we, not God, inflicted it when we hushed our soul's longing for beauty with human standards about who and what is beautiful.

It doesn't take a mid-life crisis to reconnect beauty and soul. For regardless of our age and stage, we can learn to listen to our soul's directives regarding how to make us feel truly lovely, to use fashion and beauty products that enhance genuine feelings of self worth, and to adorn our temples in ways that make our heart sing. In doing so, we move closer to the Divine we seek.

## Finding buried treasure in savings bonds

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Do you have buried treasure somewhere in your garage, basement or attic? You might have a box or a drawer holding old U. S. Savings Bonds that are now worth a lot of money.

If so, now is the time to find out just how much they're worth and, more importantly, to find out if they're still earning interest.

If your bonds are no longer earning interest, then it's certainly time to redeem them and put your money back to work for you. You can cash in your bonds and reinvest that money in more bonds or other savings instruments such as mutual funds and let it start making money again.

To find out if your bonds are past their earning power, look at the upper right-hand corner of your saving bonds and find the issue date.

Series E savings bonds issued between 1941 and November 1965 stop earning interest 40 years from their issue dates. Series E savings bonds issued in December 1965 stop earning after 30 years. Series EE Savings Bonds and I Bonds earn interest for 30 years and Series HH, for 20 years.

These are the types of savings bonds that most people have; but if you have something different, you can go directly to the Treasury Department's savings bonds Web site, [www.savingsbonds.gov](http://www.savingsbonds.gov) and get more information.

You can also find out exactly how much your savings bonds are worth and when they mature by using the Savings Bond Calculator on the same Web site. With this online program, you can enter all of your savings bonds and instantly figure their worth. In addition, you can download a similar program - the Savings Bond Wizard - for free and use it off line.

What should you do if your savings bonds have stopped earning interest?

You have a couple of options. One, you can just redeem them by taking them to a financial institution. The interest you've earned over the years will be included in your income for the tax year in which you redeem them.

Two, you can exchange your Series E saving bonds for Series HH savings bonds, which defers the federal income tax on your earnings for up to an additional 20 years. This option is available if your Series E saving bonds are less than one year past their final maturity date and if they total at least \$500.

So, now is the time to check your old savings bonds to make sure they're still working for you.

Keep the one that are and either redeem or exchange the ones that have matured.

## From Out of the Past

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### 10 Years Ago August 16, 1990

The Rule High School cheerleaders attended Big Country Cheerleaders' Camp at Hardin-Simmons University. Attending were Laurie Boger, Angela Hisey, Tammy Sanders, Tori Jenkins, Kenna Tanner and Melissa Carreon.

Gary Tate of Haskell Livestock Auction is one of 225 volunteer chairmen statewide who have been appointed for the 31st annual Cattleman's Round-Up for Crippled Children.

Treci Burson and Shana McKenzie were two of the area players invited to play in the 15-year-old Girls' Senior Summer Prep BCI Tournament in Lubbock.

### 20 Years Ago August 14, 1980

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Frank Jircik was honored with a retirement party by employees of the Haskell County

Courthouse. Sgt. Jircik was presented with a new pocket knife by the courthouse employees. He has been a DPS Sergeant in Haskell since Sept. 1957.

Jerry Jennings was introduced as the new manager of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at a reception. A crowd of over 50 persons attended.

### 30 Years Ago August 13, 1970

Pat Harris, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris of Haskell, was chosen Haskell County Farm Bureau Queen.

Karen Pippin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pippin and Larry Hartsfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hess Hartsfield, attended the Texas Tech University Summer Drama Workshop.

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce had a called meeting for the purpose of giving Haskell merchants the opportunity of meeting and visiting with Mr. and

Mrs. Bill Comedy, new owners and publishers of The Haskell Free Press.

### 40 Years Ago August 18, 1960

M-System Super Market has lettuce eight cents a head and lean ground beef twenty-five cents a pound.

The Indian Booster Club held its first meeting of the season in the community room of the Haskell National Bank. New president is Dee Larned, Chester Hodgkin, vice president and Abe Turner, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

The Ben Franklin store has been purchased by R. L. and Fay Burton.

Free barbecue with all the trimmings will be served free to everyone on the paved parking lot of Haskell's newest food store, Bradberry's Super Save Market.

### 50 Years Ago August 17, 1950

Don Mitchell of Rule is among

the McMurry College Indians returning for the 1950 football season.

The annual Swim-O-Ree for Boy Scouts of the Haskell District was held at Rice Springs Swimming pool. Twenty-nine scouts from O'Brien, Haskell and Rochester took part.

Remodeling of Hunter's Men's Wear was completed this week.

### 90 Years Ago August 13, 1910

The Wichita Valley Railroad is shipping water from Haskell. They take about a half million gallons a week from the City Water Works.

Postmaster J. B. Baker attended the Republican State Convention in Dallas this week.

Judge Gordon B. McGuire and family have returned from a several weeks stay in Colorado.

Rev. O. W. Dean of Hereford has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Haskell.

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## Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

With school underway families are rearranging their schedules, college students are either in college or getting ready to go and retirees continue to try to stay inside where it's cool. The dreadfully high temperatures remain and everyone continues to pray for the much-needed rain.

Dean Quade conducted the worship services at Faith Lutheran Sun. morning in the absence of Pastor Leaf. His message based on the story of Elijah from 1 Kings 19 and the reminder from Jesus in John 6:35 gave us food for thought for the upcoming week and the membership is thankful that we have someone who can fill in during a vacancy. Dean is to be commended for a job well done.

For the upcoming Sun., Rally

Day for the Sunday School will be held. Children's classes will resume after a short recess during the summer. Brenda Turner, Sunday school superintendent, invites all children of the congregation, as well as others in the community to join the Sunday school sessions beginning at 9:15 each Sun. morning.

Handbell Choir rehearsals will resume also at Faith Lutheran beginning next Wed., Aug. 23 at 7:00 p.m. The choir members will be polishing the bells at this first session of the year and then will begin practicing for the concert that they plan to present the first part of Sept.

The Sagerton Hobby Club met at the community center last Thurs. afternoon with Yvonne Swofford

hostess. During the program portion of the meeting members read quotes from various sources. Dorothy Toney read a poem about dirt roads and gave hints for the use of Bounce and Coke. Joyce LeFevre showed pictures that proved to be entertaining when they were turned upside down. Dorothy Toney won the door prize for the day. The

ladies discussed their club outing to be held Aug. 17 at the Saddle and Sirlon Restaurant in Anson. The date for the Fall Bazaar has been set for Oct. 21. Members and visitors present include: Jo Brown, Mary Neinst, Margaret Wendeborn, Peggy Tabor, Dorothy Toney, Joyce LeFevre, Wilma Teichelman, Frances Clark, Christine Stremmel, Denise Cochran, Melissa Westmoreland and her daughter.

The family farm of the Stegemoeller family since 1908 was the scene of a reunion hosted by Leon and Mae Stegemoeller and their sons on Sat. afternoon. The theme of the reunion was the Stegemoeller Summer Olympics and featured all kinds of games and contests with Clyde Stegemoeller as master of ceremonies. The day began with the Olympic Torch parade and concluded with the extinguishing of the torch. After an afternoon of games and fun, the group enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings topped off with homemade ice cream. Family members and guests enjoying the afternoon together included Calvin, Cherri Lynn, Eric, Ross and Christi Stegemoeller of Hewitt, Clyde Stegemoeller of Richardson, Beth, Jonathan and Maegan Stegemoeller of Hobbs, N. M., Clifford, Teresa, Brannon and Bailey Stegemoeller of Hamlin, Marvin and Verlene Stegemoeller of Rochester, Don, Marla, Kimberly and Travis Hawkins of Knox City, Jordan McCown of Knox City, Robert Ace, Brenda, Samuel, Matthew, Joseph and Daniel Turner of Rule, Dennis, Jana and Ashley Stegemoeller of Cisco and Sagerton people Clayton, Paula, Stephanie and Michelle Stegemoeller, Fred, Tami and Kami Baitz, Joe and Dorothy Clark and of course, the hosts Leon and Mae Stegemoeller.



## BOGGS AND JOHNSON'S 71<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY STOREWIDE CLEARANCE SALE

It was August, 1929 when Mr. Boggs and Mr. Johnson opened a store in Haskell. Now, 71 years later, we at Boggs and Johnson Furniture want to say "thank you" to all our loyal customers and invite you to celebrate with us during this storewide clearance sale. Name brands like La-Z-Boy, Simmons, Ashley, Mayo, Lane and more... it's all on sale now!

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## Watch out for work at home opportunities

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
You've seen those ads promoting at-home jobs and probably wondered if you should reply. Some people may see this as an opportunity to earn extra money to pay off existing debt or to add to their savings accounts. While there's nothing wrong with the idea, they may become the victim of a scam if they're not careful, according to Sue Lynn Sasser, Extension family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Unfortunately, there are no guarantees to any work-at-home advertisement," Sasser said. "But there are some tell-tale signs that some of them are designed to take

your money instead of paying you for the work."

Before responding to one of these advertisements, Sasser encourages you to ask the following questions to determine if the ad is a potential scam or a legitimate job offer. If the answer is no to any of these questions, then be very cautious about answering.

1. Does it give the employer's name and address, an e-mail address or a fax number?
2. Does it ask for your resume, samples of your work experience or a job application?
3. Does it explain the job requirements?
4. Does it explain the job responsibilities or job duties?

Few "real" employers will list their phone number in a classified ad because they fear being bombarded by phone calls, so they usually give their name, address, an e-mail address or a fax number for you to send them information - such as a resume or a request for a job application. They also want to screen as many potential applicants as possible by explaining the job requirements and the duties you will perform.

"Rarely will a legitimate at-home advertisement give a phone number to call for more information or state 'no experience is required,'" Sasser said. "If you are going to be working at home, they need some evidence that you can perform the job."

Other clues to watch for include payment for more information and the promise of a large salary for an entry-level position.

"No legitimate employer is going to require you to pay to apply for a job with their company; they are trying to find the best person, not make money from the advertisement," Sasser said. "Also, they will not assure you a large amount of money for little or no experience. If you'll stop and do the math, you'll realize that their claims are rather unrealistic."

Working at home or getting a second job is a good way to earn extra money for your family and the extra income can be used to improve your financial health. So, it's important to know the difference between "real" opportunities and scams.

## Check for hidden costs on hotel bills

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Suppose you are traveling to a family reunion in a neighboring state and you need a couple of nights lodging at a local hotel there. You call to check the rates so you can find a place that fits within your budget. However, when you go to check out and return home, the bill includes other miscellaneous expenses and the total is much higher than you expected.

What happened?  
One of the common mistakes we make when traveling is assuming the rate we are quoted on a motel or hotel room is the total amount we will pay for the night. This rate may increase considerably because of other charges that are added to the tab. Some of these include taxes, phone fees, parking fee and other surcharges.

Some areas have special room taxes that are added to every hotel bill in addition to the usual state and local sales taxes. And, these fees can increase your bill by \$20 - \$30 per night.

In addition, larger hotels often charge \$10 or more for parking in their guest lots and may even access a local tax or other fees on every phone call made from the telephone in your room.

Another common misunderstanding about fees deals with room service. You may read over the menu in your room and

decide to order in rather than go to the dining room. But, there will be an additional cost for that convenience. You can generally expect to pay a minimum of 15% more than the prices listed on the room service menu because a gratuity is often automatically added to your food bill.

The next time you book a reservation at a hotel, you may want to consider asking what additional charges will be added to your room rate. And, once you check in, review the information about fees for hotel services before using them.

Asking the right questions about lodging expenses will help you budget your travel expenses more wisely, which keeps you from overspending on your trip and possibly incurring more debt.

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### Residents of Haskell County,

In making a decision to be "for" or "against" building a prison in our county, we feel our story should be considered.

We are Catastrophe Insurance Adjusters, working throughout the United States. We are Baby Boomers. We had looked from Montana to Florida, from California to Virginia, for a place to build our retirement home. While working in Virginia two years ago, we heard about Haskell County from a contractor that also worked nationwide, and was based in Haskell County. We made it here within a few weeks (after rejecting prospects in Alabama and Oklahoma), and fell in love with the lay of the land, the people, the fresh air, and the cost of living. We bought land in Jud, had our house built, and daily (whether home or working out of town) reconfirm that it was a blessing to have "discovered" Haskell County.

We would **not** have moved here if there had been a prison, proposed or built, in the county.

There is a huge population of baby boomers out there looking to get away from it all, or looking toward retirement, in an affordable wonderful community. We have all heard it on the TV news, and read about it in newspapers and magazines. The age of technology has made it possible for us to generate income either now, or at retirement, via the World Wide Web. Oregon, Colorado, and Arizona residents have been complaining for years about the influx of Californians moving into their neighborhoods, to get out of the crowded cities, and driving up their cost of housing. The fire ants have made it here - the Californians can find us too! Let's triple our property values!

We look at the retirees that we meet in our travels, in the crowded sweltering blacktop communities of Arizona (built with retiree dollars), in the high property taxed areas in Florida, in the extremely high cost of living in Washington D.C., and in the bitter cold of Minnesota. They have money to spend. We need these people. When we talk to them, they tell us that they want the quality of life that we have here. **They need Haskell County.**

We were working in Michigan during a brutal winter last year, and were unable to locate a street in the country. We stopped at a farmhouse - it took longer than normal for directions - after the man gave us directions, we had to give him directions to Haskell County! He was fed up with Michigan and was looking for a place just like ours - he would be coming to check it out.

We are recommitting ourselves to do everything we can to support the local businesses, our friends. Let's have some literature available for those Snowbirds passing through our city parks! When people come here, don't let them see the waves of the friendly people mingled with those signs that are in prison towns, saying "Don't pick up hitchhikers, prison located here." When we are on the road, those are not the exits that we take to spend our money. Don't stop this great potential of humanity from coming here to live.

With a prison nearby, we will all wonder when we are on those country roads at night "Who's in that vehicle coming up behind me? Was it visitor's day at the prison today?" ... Don't sell out the best commodity everyone has here - our quality of life in a safe community! Let's not settle for a possible portion of 125 jobs and lock out the rest of the world. Let's set our goals higher. Let's increase the population, not our fears. Don't shut the door - a prison door - on this community growth that we all want - a growth that will bond the community, not divide it.

We support the **best solution** for retail and farm owners and pastors.

**Let's all vote September 12, 2000!**

Robert & Karen Godwin  
Jud, Texas

Pd. for by Robert & Karen Godwin

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## Adults need to get enough calcium

Most American adults don't get enough calcium and those who do may be going about it the wrong way.

Calcium is important to build strong bones and healthy teeth. It also affects other functions of the body, including nerves and muscles. It's especially important for pregnant women, so their babies will develop strong bones. But once we outgrow the little carton of milk that comes with school lunches, a lot of us don't get the calcium we need.

That's where calcium supplements come in, but two recent studies indicate that getting your calcium from food is better. If you're not getting enough calcium in your diet—perhaps because of a sensitivity to dairy products—supplements are good. But if you

do get plenty of calcium, supplements don't add a lot of benefit. One study found that pregnant women who get only a small amount of calcium in their diets did benefit from supplements, which increased their babies' bone-mineral density. But mothers who got enough calcium from their diets and also took supplements didn't see any added benefits.

A second study found that the body doesn't absorb high levels of calcium at one time. It's better to get calcium throughout the day in foods than to take it all at once in a pill. Nutrition experts at U-T Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say adding a food high in calcium, such as milk, cheese, yogurt or leafy green vegetables, to each meal can help you meet your calcium goals.

## Haskell students to receive free breakfast

Beginning Mon., Aug. 21, Haskell CISD will introduce the "Breakfast in the Classroom" program. Research has shown that student scores improve greatly when students have eaten breakfast, either at home or at school. There are fewer complaints to the school nurse, less fatigue and more attentiveness from the student in general.

Due to these facts, Haskell CISD will be offering free breakfast to all students. Elementary students will eat in

their school cafeteria. Secondary students will have breakfast during the beginning ten minutes of first period. This period has been increased to accommodate the breakfast program in order to avoid reduced instruction time for students.

All students will receive a milk, fruit or juice, bread product and usually a protein product for the breakfast meal.

This program is available to all Haskell CISD students regardless of lunch program eligibility.

## Haskell School Menu

### August 21-25 Breakfast

Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Sausage/biscuit

**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito

**Wednesday:** Sausage link, toast

**Thursday:** Breakfast on a stick (blueberry wrap)

**Friday:** Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fresh apple

### Lunch

A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the Secondary campus. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar Wednesday only—Secondary. Milk and assorted drinks are served daily

at the Secondary campus. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

**Monday:** Chicken Parmesan with spaghetti, garden salad, green beans, oatmeal cookie

**Tuesday:** Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, carrot salad, grilled toast, cherry cobbler

**Wednesday:** Steak fingers, broccoli with cheese sauce, buttered rice, hot rolls, sliced peaches

**Thursday:** Tuna or pimento cheese sandwich, pickle spears, French fries, brownies

**Friday:** Salisbury steak with brown gravy, buttered corn, garden salad, hot rolls, chocolate layered dessert

## This Week's Devotional Message:

APPLY THE LESSONS OF THE SABBATH  
ALL THE REST OF THE WEEK



At the place where you worship the sermons compel  
That you contemplate mending your ways;  
After which you are told to remember this well,  
For the week has another six days.  
You consider that service an hour well-spent,  
Where the guidance of God will abound;  
And with all good intentions you try to repent,

For temptations are always around.  
But those wonderful lessons you're apt to ignore  
For the rest of the week, as we know;  
So just carry them with you right out of the door.  
And apply them wherever you go.

—Gloria Nowak

## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

### HASKELL

#### East Side Baptist Church

David Page, pastor  
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Christian Church

Dusty Garrison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Church of God

Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

Gary Bruns, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

#### Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

#### First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### St. George Catholic Church

Father Michael Melcher  
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

#### Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

#### First Presbyterian Church

Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### Trinity Baptist Church

Rev. Kenneth Blair  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.

#### Hopewell Baptist Church

John Lewis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Bobby Ray Wade, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

#### First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

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#### Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

#### First United Methodist Church

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## ECC Calendar and Menu

### Monday, August 21

9:30 a.m. Miracle Ear Hearing

Lunch-Creamed chicken,

noodles, green beans/tomatoes,

tossed salad, peaches, cookie, bread,

milk, tea or coffee

**Wednesday, August 23**

Outreach Health Services blood

pressure check

Lunch-Meatballs, mushroom

gravy, greens, potatoes, cabbage

apple slaw, pineapple pudding,

bread, milk, tea or coffee

**Friday, August 25**

Lunch-Steak/gravy, potatoes,

broccoli, carrot raisin salad, cake,

bread, milk, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45

a.m. followed by lunch.

All over 60 are invited to come

and eat. Call 864-3875 for

transportation to the center or for

home delivered lunches for the sick

or disabled.

## NOTICE

The City of Weinert will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 21, 2000 at Weinert City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax rate is \$0.3669 per \$100 of value.

## NOTICE

The City of Haskell will hold a meeting at 7:00 a.m. on August 28, 2000 at Haskell City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax rate is \$0.3953 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Haskell by 3%.

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### Public Notices

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Notification is hereby given that First National Bank, 200 South Avenue E, Haskell, Texas 79521 has filed an application with The Banking Commissioner of Texas on July 20, 2000, to convert to a state banking association. The resulting bank will be FNB of West Texas.

Any person wishing to comment on this application, either for or against, may file written comments with the Texas Department of Banking, 2601 North Lamar, Austin, Texas 78705-4294, on or before the 14th day after the date of this publication. Such comments will be made a part of the record before and considered by the Banking Commissioner. Any person

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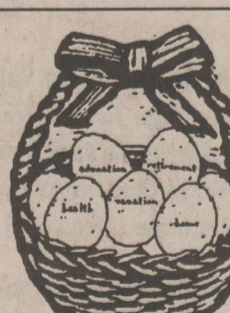
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### Real Estate

FOR SALE: 2 bath, 2 bedroom, brick, corner lot. 706 N. Ave. G. Pecan, pear trees. Garage with storage, privacy fence, nice yard. CH/A, dishwasher. Nice home. Will consider offer, trade, financing. Come look! 864-3785. 32tfc

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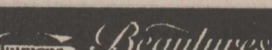
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# Rule Booster Club to meet August 21

Sun., Aug. 7 the Rule Booster Club held their first meeting of the 2000-2001 school year. Twenty-five people attended. New officers are Sonja Parr, president; Scott Hensley, vice president; Norva Smith, secretary/treasurer; and Karen Lehmann, reporter.

The next meeting will be Mon., Aug. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. Purchasing banners for recording school honors will be discussed.

The Booster Club will sponsor an ice cream social after the first football scrimmage Thurs., Aug. 24.

All parents and fans of Rule students are encouraged to become Booster Club members. Dues are \$5.00 a family or \$2.00 a person and can be paid to Norva Smith, treasurer, or Beth Kittley, membership chairperson.

## Hospital

### Admissions

Monte Muse, Haskell  
Maria Garcia, Haskell  
Leo Hengstenberg, Haskell

### Dismissals

Zenoble Wright, Darlene Elmore, Martha Trevino

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,230 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 12, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Fully steady on all classes. Jersey, longhorns, Holsteins, cripples, out cattle and goons \$5-\$25/100# less than figures quoted!

Cows: fat, .38-.45; cutters, .34-.46; canners, .28-.32.

Bulls: bologna, .45-.52; feeder, .72-.82; utility .42-.45.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.30; 400-500 lbs., .97-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .88-



**OVERTON HONORED**—Waller, Mike, William and Mabel Overton recently visited the Camp Tonkawa Bike Trail dedication in honor of their father and husband Gene Overton. He was Scoutmaster of Troop 48 in Paint Creek for a number of years, and the Overton family is well known for their contributions to the Scouting program. All three sons are Eagle Scouts and Vigil Members of the Order of the Arrow. Gene and Waller are recipients of the Silver Beaver and Mabel wears the Silver Fawn, the highest recognition a Council can present a volunteer. Both of Gene Overton's grandsons, Hans and Marcus, are also Eagle Scouts.

.98; 600-700 lbs., .85-.95; 700-800 lbs., .82-.88; 800-up lbs., .72-.85.  
Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .90-1.10; 400-500 lbs., .85-.98; 500-600 lbs., .80-.94; 600-up lbs., .58-.85.  
Bred Heifers: medium frame, 500-625.  
Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 600-725; aged or small, 500-600.  
Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 675-875; aged or small, 600-750.

## NOTICE

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2000 at the Water Authority's office located at 135 North Munday Avenue in Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax rate is **\$0.1898** per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority by 1.55%.

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The Haskell County Water Supply District #1 will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2000 at the Weinert School Building to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000. The proposed tax rate is **\$0.0457** per \$100 of value.

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**Who:**  
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**When:**  
Tuesdays @ 3:25-4:30 p.m. (after school)

**Where:**  
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202 N. Ave. F  
Haskell, Texas  
Call to registrar—867-3202  
Or email—haskfinc@westex.net

Hurry over to Kid's Club!

## Haskell CISD Lunch Guidelines

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and the office of the Haskell CISD has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

### National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs 2000-2001 Income Eligibility Guidelines

Family Size	Annually:		Monthly:		Weekly:	
	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price
1	\$10,855	\$15,448	\$905	\$1,288	\$209	\$298
2	14,625	20,813	1,219	1,735	282	401
3	18,395	26,178	1,533	2,182	354	504
4	22,165	31,543	1,848	2,629	427	607
5	25,935	36,908	2,162	3,076	499	710
6	29,705	42,273	2,476	3,523	572	813
7	33,475	47,638	2,790	3,970	644	917
8	37,245	53,003	3,104	4,417	717	1,020
9	41,015	58,368	3,419	4,865	790	1,124
10	44,785	63,733	3,734	5,313	863	1,228
11	48,555	69,098	4,049	5,761	936	1,332
12	52,325	74,463	4,364	6,209	1,009	1,436

For Each Additional Family Member Add:

+3,770	+\$3,365	+\$315	+\$448	+\$73	+\$104
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Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the Principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households receiving food stamps or AFDC must list the child's name, their food stamp or AFDC case number and the signature and name of an adult household member. Households not receiving food stamps or AFDC must list: names of all household members; Social Security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member does not possess one; total household income and the amount and source of the income received by each household member; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy Haskell CISD will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on the informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Haskell CISD, P. O. Box 937, Haskell, Texas, 79521 or telephone at 940-864-2602 for a hearing on the decision.

Households that list a food stamp or AFDC case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits are required to report increases in household income of over \$50.00 per month or \$600.00 per year and decreases in household size. Also, 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 levels shown above.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for school meals benefits. If a household wishes to apply for benefits for foster children living with them, the household should contact the school for more information.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data.

In the operation of child feeding program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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

The Haskell CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 29, 2000, in the Haskell CISD central administration office, 605 N. Avenue E, Haskell, TX.

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

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

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

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500	\$0.000	\$1.500	\$2,679	\$6,295
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.454	\$0.000	\$1.454	\$1,732	\$6,074
Proposed Rate	\$1.500	\$0.000	\$1.500	\$1,824	\$5,914

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$30,415.00	\$30,440.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$15,415.00	\$15,440.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$231.23	\$231.60
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$.37

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

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.5341. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5341.

### Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,668,894
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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