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Calendar

Harrell reunion

Descendants of Ike, Will, Charlie and Nathan Harrell will meet July 22 and 23 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Games and fellowship will be held Friday night. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish for the noon meal and an auction item. Brisket, sausage and beans will be furnished. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Bible school

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st, Haskell will hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 1-5 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Classes will be held for ages 3 years old to seventh grade. Call 864-3775 or 864-3004 for a ride.

Donut sale

The Rule Volunteer Fire Dept. will sell Krispie Kreme donuts Sat., July 23 from 7 a.m. to noon at the Rule Fire Dept.

Band schedule

Haskell Indian Band members are advised of the summer band schedule. Uniform and instrument check out will be conducted Thurs., July 28 from 9 a.m. to noon for grades 9 through 12; and Fri., July 29 from 9 a.m. to noon for 8th graders. Summer band rehearsals will be held Mon., Aug. 1, Tues., Aug. 2, Thurs., Aug. 4, Mon., Aug. 8, Tues., Aug. 9 and Thurs., Aug. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.; Wed., Aug. 3, Fri., Aug. 5 and Wed., Aug. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m.; and Fri., Aug. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. including a pizza party. Students with khaki pants and black polo shirts need to bring them to the band hall.

Chicken spaghetti dinner

A benefit dinner for Tammy Parham will be held Sun., July 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Haskell Elementary Cafeteria. Price of the chicken spaghetti meal is by donation only.

Storm sirens

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

Homecoming 2005

The next Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 7-8.

PC homecoming

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

Summer food service

Haskell CISD will sponsor the summer food service program through Fri., July 29. Meals will be served at Haskell Elementary School Cafeteria located at 306 S. Ave. G, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those ages 1 to 18 are invited to eat free. Adults may eat for \$2.50 each.

1996 HHS class

Tonya (Burson) Weatherman requests that members of the HHS Class of 1996 send current address information to 824 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Brady, Texas 76825 or to tonyaweatherman@hotmail.com.

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MAKING A JOYFUL SOUND—Gathering on the steps of the Haskell High School for a group picture with their instructors were one hundred forty-five students from across Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, New Mexico, Alabama and Tennessee who attended the 40th Annual Singing School conducted

by the Haskell Church of Christ, July 10-15. At the end of the school, the group performed a program to showcase the skills they learned during the week of intense training in music, singing, song writing and song leading, all taught and performed a capella.

Local church hosts 145 singing school students

The 40th annual Haskell Singing School, conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ the week of July 10-15, drew 145 students from across Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, New Mexico, Alabama and Tennessee.

Directing the school was Tom

Chapin. Instructors were Eugene Chapin, Thomas Chapin, Bob Connel, John Connel and Bill Lyon.

Based on the New Testament admonition to "sing and make melody in your hearts, the school is built on the hope and expectation of offering training that will help

students of all ages to worship God better, improve their individual skills and be able to go back home to help their congregation with their singing.

The school is for anyone over the age of ten who wants to sing, learn song leading or more about a cappella singing.

When students arrived, they were met by their host family who provided lodging, breakfast and supper during the week. Some visiting families who wished to stay together made reservations in the local RV park and camping area.

Classes began at 8:45 each

morning with students assembling for a devotional. After this, warm-up exercises for the voice were conducted. Students then broke up into various groups, based on their musical background. These groups then moved into various classrooms for their classes. Class subjects included rudiments of music, song leading, sight reading, song writing, hymn appreciation, music theory, voice, harmony, and how to teach singing.

After a lunch, classes resumed and continued until 3:30, when students were dismissed to their host families for afternoon recreation and supper.

Evening activities began at 7:00 and included worship, rehearsals, devotionals, Bible classes and preparation for the closing program.

On Tuesday, an area Summer Youth Series was held. Each night, a devotional was held in the yard of Haskell members. On Friday evening a special program was presented by the students for visitors and families.

Jim Yates is the minister at the Haskell Church of Christ. Charlotte Peiser is the church secretary and school registrar.

Woman convicted for cocaine possession

At the 39th District Court in Haskell, July 6, a jury heard a charge of possession of cocaine with intent to deliver over 4 grams, under 200 grams. The defendant was 42 year old Mitzi Denise Hodge of Haskell County.

The presiding Judge was Charles Chapman, the State was represented by District Attorney Mike Fouts, and the defendant was represented by David Thedford of Abilene.

Haskell Police Chief Tom Bassett testified that on Dec. 21, 2003, a confidential informant gave him information that he had seen crack cocaine in the possession Hodge at her residence on Farm Road 2407. At that time, Chief Bassett prepared

a search warrant, and assisted Sheriff David Halliburton, Deputy Winston Stephens, Constable Kim Bassett, Officer Mathew Cunningham, Officer Lee Rowland and Trooper Brody Moore to serve the warrant.

Deputy Stephens testified that Hodge showed him two small bags of marijuana in a bedroom dresser. During the search, Deputy Stephens also found a large amount of marijuana in a bag in a closet, along with scales and plastic bags.

Officer Cunningham testified that he found a crack cocaine rock about the size of a quarter in a woman's bath sponge in Hodge's bathroom.

Officer Rowland testified that he found two large rock cocaine cookies

wrapped in tin foil, and two small bags of marijuana in an aquarium under a large ivy plant growing in it in the living room.

Sheriff Halliburton testified that he collected all of the evidence and took it to the Department of Public Safety Laboratory in Abilene. He presented a laboratory report that showed the controlled substance was 24.45 grams of cocaine and 5.43 ounces of marijuana.

During closing statements, District Attorney Fouts told the jury that this was the biggest cocaine bust in Haskell County at that time, and that if the cocaine was cut up into \$10.00 size rocks, it would be enough cocaine to get every freshman,

sophomore, junior and senior in Haskell High School "high" at the same time.

The jury found Hodge guilty, and sentenced her to 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice System, and a \$5,000.00 fine.

Following the trial, Sheriff Halliburton stated that this was another example of the local law enforcement agencies working together in fighting drugs in Haskell County. Citing the fact that Hodge's son, Donnell Hodge, testified for the defense, admitting that the marijuana was his, the Sheriff said he will soon obtain a warrant for Donnell Hodge for possession of a felony amount of marijuana.

Local Scouts to attend Jamboree

Eight Boys Scouts from Troop 136 in Haskell will travel to the 2005 National Scout Jamboree to be held at Fort A. P. Hill, July 25 to Aug. 3.

The Scouts attending are Stephen Pace, Jared Webb, Luke Terry, A. J. Benton, Tucker McCormick, Nathan Edwards, Ethan Frierson and Brennan Medford. Three Troop 136 adult leaders attending are Kenneth Patton, Patrick Pace and Leland Terry.

The group will leave from Camp Tonkawa, near Buffalo Gap, and fly to Washington, D.C. Before going to the Jamboree, they will tour Washington, D.C. After the Jamboree, they will spend a day at Busch Gardens, near Williamsburg, Virginia, visit Mount Vernon and spend one last day in Washington, D.C. before flying home.

At the Jamboree, the local Scouts will join 43,000 fellow Scouts, Scouters and staff to become the fastest growing community in the

United States. During the nine days of the encampment, the Jamboree city will be the sixth largest community in Virginia.

The 2005 National Scout Jamboree will be the sixteenth Jamboree in the ninety-five year history of the Boy Scouts of America. The next Jamboree will be held in 2010, commemorating the BSA's 100th anniversary.

Amid the thousands of colorful tents that will house participants and provide program and support services, is an infrastructure that provides a safe and secure environment at Fort A. P. Hill. Everything from bus and telephone systems, to a hospital and first-aid stations, food warehouses, a daily newspaper and retail stores, provide all the support and program services needed for an outstanding event.

Scout Luke Terry will be the special correspondent at the Jamboree for the Haskell Free Press.



PLANTING SEEDS OF BEAUTY—Haskell Progressive Study Club president, Julia Harrell, left, and club member Franciene Johnson, joined Thomas Rodriguez, City of Haskell Director of Public Works, back left, Cory Green, City Water Technician, and Jonnie Hise, Texas Department of Public Transportation Maintenance Supervisor, on the bridge in the City Park, Monday, where work is beginning for the planting of 100 pounds of wild flowers seeds provided to the club by TxDOT. The seeds will be planted along the creek in the light strip of soil shown in the background. The community improvement project is the first phase of the club's ongoing undertaking to beautify the creek area.

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Law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reported the following offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of June.

- Driving while intoxicated-3
- Failure to identify-1
- Possession of marijuana-2
- Unlawful carry of weapon-1
- Minor in possession of alcohol-3
- Traffic warrants-3
- Purchase/furnish alcohol to minor-1
- Public intoxication-6
- Burglary habitat-1
- Theft by check-9
- Driving while intoxicated, w/child under 15 years-1
- Jail time-2
- Violation of probation/parole-2
- Resist arrest/search/ detention-2
- Evading arrest-1
- Criminal trespass-1
- Surety withdraw-1

During the month of June, 176 calls to 911 were answered.

Supplements help boost piglet immunity

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

Feeding nutritional supplements to piglets could help boost immunity. They are traditionally given growth-promoting antibiotics, but USDA researchers in Lubbock are testing the effects of spray-dried plasma and fish oil.

The plasma is fed for a few weeks after weaning to enhance growth and feed efficiency. This by-product of the meat-packing industry may also increase immunity by preventing pathogens from binding to the piglets, intestines. Fish oil is given to help build immunity in the animals, cells through high levels of omega-3 fatty acids.

The researchers are testing the supplements as alternatives to drugs like antibiotics. Many countries are phasing out medicated animal feed. It is expensive and the animals are developing resistance.

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~Therese Williamson

We love you,
 Vera, Mike, Jane, Misty and Jim

Obituaries

Dorothy Angeline Herren Brown



DOROTHY BROWN
 Funeral services for Dorothy Angeline Herren Brown, 88, of Haskell were held Tues., July 9 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Brown left this world to be

with her Savior, Jesus Christ in the early morning hours of Sun., July 17. She had been suffering from an illness and for a short time had been a resident of Mesa Springs Healthcare Center in Abilene.

The daughter of Robert White 'Bob' Herren and Angie Vernon White, she was born April 30, 1917 on the family's ranch in northwest Haskell County in an area known in the old days as "the wild horse prairie." She was the descendant of early Haskell county pioneers. She married Fred B. Brown Jan. 23, 1937 in Abilene. They were the parents of five sons. A lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Haskell, she was very active in church activities and could often be seen in the church kitchen, taking care of meals for bereaved families, or cooking for various other church functions. She was a dedicated member of the Women's Missionary Union and helped organize many Vacation Bible Schools during the summer. She helped with the Girl's Auxiliary for many years and served as a Sunday

School teacher for primary-age children. She was always very proud that her grandfather, S.W. (Sam) Vernon, was a founding deacon of the church. Serving 35 years as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star #892 in Haskell, she was a Past Worthy Matron of the chapter where her service was valued by members of the lodge. She was a graduate of Haskell High School and had children or grandchildren enrolled in Haskell schools for over 60 years. Her never-ending love for family and friends will be forever missed by those left behind.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Fred D. Brown Sr.; one daughter-in-law, Shelah Langston Brown; and her two brothers, C. H. 'Bud' Herren and R.W. 'Bob' Herren.

Survivors include five sons, Rodney Brown of Austin, Fred D. Brown Jr. of Tucson, Arizona, James Brown of Tyler, Paul Brown of Abilene and George Brown of Haskell; ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Fannie M. Monsey

Funeral services for Fannie M. Monsey, 81, of Grand Prairie were held Thurs., July 14 in the Bean Massey Burge Funeral Home Chapel in Grand Prairie.
 Mrs. Monsey died Mon., July 11 in Arlington.
 Born Oct. 22, 1923 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Lester Albert and Lura Mae Brown Sellers. She grew to adulthood in Haskell where she married J.R. Monsey June 19, 1941. She accompanied her husband during his service to our country in World War II. In 1945, they moved to Grand Prairie where she resided until her death. She retired as an electronics technician from Johnson Controls in June of 1983. She was a former member and officer in the Women's Club of Avion Village and was

very active with the PTA. She was a charter member of Burbank Gardens Church of Christ and a current member of the Freetown Road Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband in October of 1960 and a sister, Hazel Moody.

Survivors include two sons, Lester R. Monsey of Alba and James M. Monsey of Salem, Oregon; one daughter, Joyce Monsey of Grand Prairie; six grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren; and two brothers, Jack Sellers of Rule and Ted Sellers of Arlington.

Memorials may be made to the Chrones' Disease or American Diabetes Associations in her memory. PD. NOTICE

Willie Lee Thomas

Graveside services were held Mon., July 18 at Willow Cemetery for Willie Lee Thomas, 89, of San Angelo. Services were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.
 Born many miles from this part of the country, she chose to claim San Angelo as her home in her final days to be with her daughter and family. She was a wonderful wife and mother, caring for her family until they left the

nest. She devoted the rest of her life to her beloved church and church family. She was active all through her life.

Survivors include her daughter, Carmelita Renè and husband, Robert; Bobbie Ruth, her adopted daughter, whom she loved very much; grandchildren, Andrea, Detra, Jacqueline, Bill, Michael and Charles, all of the Metroplex; ten great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Genetics vs. Bovine Respiratory Disease

Wesley Utley
 CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Researchers at the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Nebraska, analyzed over 110,000 records from various breeds and crosses collected over a 20 year period to study possible genetic effects on incidence of Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD) in beef calves, whether from viral, bacterial, or mycoplasmal causes. Spring born calves were vaccinated with 8-way

clostridial and 5-way leptospiral vaccines at average age of 42 days and boosted with those vaccines at average age of 165 days (about 30 days before weaning), along with a modified live viral vaccine at that time.

Average incidence of BRD was 10.5% (ranging from 3.3% for the lowest year to 23.6% for the highest) of which 13.1% died (so, there was 1.4% overall death loss due to BRD). There were two peaks in incidence, from birth to 20 days of age and again from 70 to 100 days of age. Difficult birth resulted in more BRD.

Overall, British crosses had lower incidence than purebreds, and British X Continental or tropically adapted

breed crosses were lower than British crosses. Based on heritability estimates, it was stated that "Selection for BRD could be effective provided all animals are challenged adequately with the disease." That is, it might be possible to increase genetic resistance in a population over time but only by exposing every animal, even those not resistant, a mixed blessing at best.

Interestingly, there was a negative genetic correlation between direct and maternal effects. The authors speculated that dams superior for providing resistance to their calves may delay development of their calf's immune system.

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Haskell student designs mission to Mars

By Mary Kaigler

It isn't every day that a high school student has the opportunity to spend a part of their summer visiting the NASA Johnson Space Center. It's even less often that one has the opportunity to study there and to design a mission to Mars.

Mollie McKnight of Haskell, daughter of Rob and Amy McKnight, recently did both, as one of 240 high school juniors from across Texas who spent a week this summer at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston as a High School Aerospace Scholar.

She began the process of qualifying for the opportunity last year, by applying in a letter to Representative Rick Hardcastle, who nominated her for the unique educational experience. On acceptance, she began the program of getting to explore, discover and understand science and mathematics by completing 12 Web-based assignments during the school year. Each on-line assignment required a written essay, after answering such math questions as how long it would take to orbit a certain planet, based on a given formula. She did one lesson assignment every two weeks, and a final project at the end.

On completion, the selected students traveled to the Johnson Space Center, (JSC), and used those same skills to help investigate options for sending humans to Mars.

During her week there, she worked with a student team to design a mission to Mars. About 41-42 students from around Texas made up the four teams. Only 11 of the students attending the week's study program were girls.

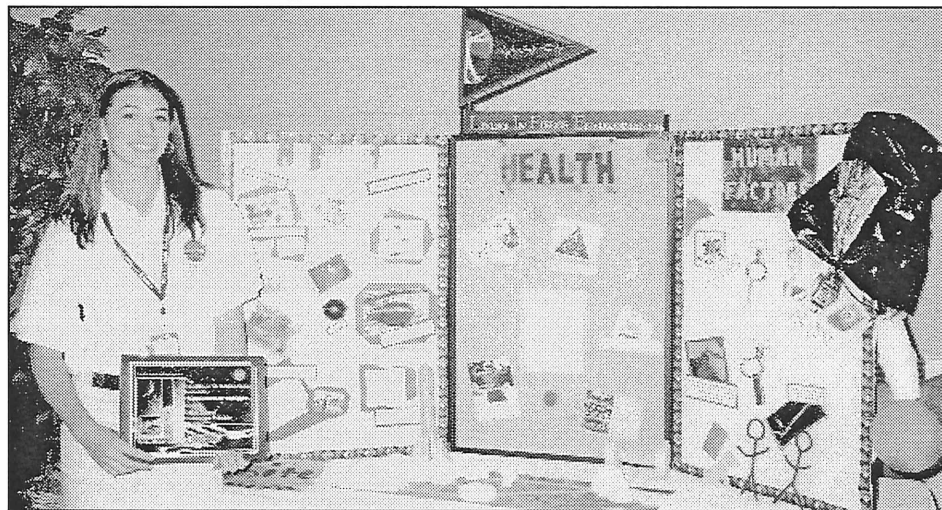
Working in planning sessions each day from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 at night, the teams had four projects; rockets, rovers, landing crafts and presentations. Each team had a budget to stay within, which McKnight said helped her learn how important a budget is.

Her team, the White team, studied what kind of environment to expect on Mars, and what kind of housing to plan, even down to the inside colors. The Red team planned what to do when the mission landed. The Blue team planned what to take on the mission. The Gray team planned the overall mission.

They got to build little robot control land rovers, and rockets made from paper towel rollers and plastic eggs, all done within a budget.

Proud of her team's efforts, McKnight said their rocket went 300 feet into the air and then deployed its parachute.

During the week, the students had to wear "employee" badges for



AEROSPACE STUDENT AT NASA—Mollie McKnight of Haskell presented the plans her team proposed for a mission to Mars, during a week of study at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston.



MR. AND MRS. NICK JIMENEZ SR.

Couple celebrates 35th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Jimenez, Sr. of Haskell, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary, June 27. To celebrate the occasion, they went on a Carnival cruise. The couple was married June 27, 1970.

The couple has one daughter, Sharon and husband, Jorge Mendez of Lubbock, and one son Nick Jimenez and wife Alma of Knox City. Their grandchildren are Alexia and Matthew Jimenez of Knox City.

Haskell kin tells of the day London was bombed

Gates Colbert, son of Robin and Lee Ann Colbert of Plano, and grandson of Golda Colbert and Bailey and Nancy Toliver of Haskell, was a few miles away from London, England, the morning it was bombed.

A student at Oxford University, Colbert will return this fall to Oklahoma University for his senior year. On July 7, he sent the following e-mail to his family about his experience the day London was bombed.

"Today has been a long and nervous day. I left this morning with my Oxford class for a field trip to Bath, England, with our professor.

We were in the countryside when the train came to a complete stop about 10:15 a. m. here. They told us there was a disturbance at the station ahead, and we would have to wait 20 minutes until we could enter.

After awhile, they told us there had been four explosions around England, and that we would have to bypass the next station. People on the train immediately got out their cell phones and starting finding out

more about things. Once we heard that the London subways were bombed, we started to get worried.

Eventually, we did get to Bath and were told that all buses and subways in London were suspended, and there was talk about shutting down the whole country's transportation. Also, they said all international phone calls might be stopped at any moment. I called home (Plano) from an Internet Cafe, and left my parents a message at 5:45 a.m. central time.

Since we were in Bath, and possibly stranded, we decided to go ahead with our plans to tour for three hours. We did visit the Roman baths and houses built by the Romans. Then we made a visit to the Cathedral and found a sign outside welcoming people to come in and to pray for the victims.

We finally made it back to Oxford in the late afternoon.

God took care of us, because originally, we were supposed to go to London to visit the British Museum. Fortunately, our plans were changed.

Hope you guys are doing well."

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Lawmakers give payraise to themselves but not to teachers
AUSTIN—Despite House and Senate musters over the July 16-17 weekend, legislation to (1) bring property tax relief and (2) fund public education remained unresolved.

Conference committees met again and again in efforts to solve both issues, but at press time, it was not clear if Gov. Rick Perry had succeeded in herding the House and Senate toward compromise on the main purposes he recalled lawmakers to Austin.

As if those two issues weren't time-consuming enough, Perry added judicial pay, tele-communications deregulation and eminent domain to the call:

•Having made it through both houses, the judicial pay increase is likely to get the governor's signature (1) because judges have not had a pay increase in seven years and (2) because lawmakers' compensation is tied to it. However, if anyone is to get a raise, stirring speeches on the House floor made it clear that some lawmakers regard a teacher pay increase as much more warranted and many feel more than a twinge of guilt over raising their own pay.

•No matter how much time lawmakers spent on tangled telecommunications and utility deregulation during the regular session that ended in May, neither issue can be wrapped up in a day or two. So-called content providers don't sit quietly when, say, utility companies start talking about allowing Texans to get Internet access not just through fiber optics cable, satellite dishes and telephone lines—but much more cheaply via ordinary household wall sockets. They call it Broadband Over Powerline.

•An amended version of the Senate's eminent domain bill passed through the House. Now the Senate must concur with the House version or send the bill to a conference committee.

Eminent domain sparks a squabble pitting property rights advocates against real estate developers and the highway lobby—who are sometimes the same people. Who is going to win that one?

In either case, Reps. Harold Dutton of Houston, Frank Corte of San Antonio and others want Texans who get kicked off their property

because of eminent domain to get a home and yard somewhere else, instead of a check for fair market value that might not be enough to pay for a van down by the river.

Big-Issue Solutions Take Time
House members and senators in the property tax conference committee seemed to agree that whatever plan comes of their efforts to overhaul the state's tax system, it would only be a move toward a solution fair to most Texans, "not the finish line."

Mutterings of the conferees suggested that if no bill emerges, trouble spots could be worked out between now and the next regular session, which convenes in 2007.

Sen. Ken Armbrister of Victoria said "it's not about getting reelected and not about the governor's race."

Sen. Steve Ogden of College Station said it's wrong to do something just to do something.

Freshman shares view of session
Neither the House nor the Senate version of the school finance bill satisfy state District Judge John Dietz's court order to fairly and equitably fund Texas public schools, said Abel Herrero of Robstown, who is serving his first term as state representative.

And, House Bill 3 (property tax reform) shifts more of the tax burden to small, local, capital-intensive businesses while asking 90 percent of Texans—those earning less than \$140,000 a year—to bear an even greater burden, he said.

With so little time left in the special session, Herrero said, "we should focus on getting more money into classrooms and to raise teacher pay by a minimum of \$3,000 so Texas teacher pay would increase to the national average." Herrero added, "I don't think we have to run at a deficit to do the right thing."

Other Highlights

After meeting with Mexican officials in Mexico City, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, the state's top law enforcement officer, said his office would cooperate in efforts to stem the recent wave of drug-related violence along the Texas-Mexico border, saying, "If we fight crime only on one side of the border, the criminals simply shift to the other side. Texas and Mexico must work together for the good of all our citizens."



From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is This Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell, surrounded in one time or another by fourteen aunts and uncles and fifteen cousins.

I will celebrate my 32nd wedding anniversary this fall; we have no children.

I attended high school in Haskell, and college at Texas Tech and the University of Nebraska.

No one in Haskell knows that I was once a licensed private investigator, licensed gunsmith, and competitive shooter at the same time.

My favorite TV show ever was "Northern Exposure." Now, I try to catch "Gilmore Girls" every week because it also creates a sense of "place," a small town filled with quirky people, most of whom I would like to live next to.

My favorite types of music are jazz, classic rock and roll, Tejano, blues and classical.

My favorite song is "In My Life" by the Beatles.

I like to snow ski, read, watch movies, scuba dive, go to dinner with, or have friends over for dinner, and wander the streets of London, England, or Edinburgh, Scotland.

My favorite reading subjects are Biblical exegesis, and books on becoming a better person and boss at work.

My favorite meal is a tossed salad, followed by a t-bone steak, fresh corn on the cob, and a baked potato; a Methodist minister once told me that's what God eats for lunch every Sunday.

My favorite place in Texas is San Antonio, especially the Riverwalk, with its restaurants and shops.

My favorite vacation spot in the

world is Steamboat Springs, Colorado. It's a great little town in the summer and a fantastic ski resort in the winter.

My best quality is being a very giving person. Even though it gets me in trouble sometimes, I'm a natural caregiver, taking care of people around me.

My worst quality is getting impatient with people who don't perform their job with competence.

I hate it when people deceive me.

The person from history I'd most like to talk with is John Milton, closely followed by William Shakespeare.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is its home-town feel. It's the kind of place people dream of growing up in, and I'm glad I did.

Watch next week for my identity.

UPDATE

Last week's Mystery Reader was Haskell native, Bob Baker, who once delivered the *Abilene Reporter-News* twice a day the whole town on his motor scooter.

The son of Jack and Ruby Baker, Bob and his wife Lowell Anne, daughter of the late John Wallace, married in 1983. Together they have eight children, seven of whom finished college and one who finished business school. The children live in various places across the country.

Bob is retired from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, after serving 23 years in law enforcement. During his career, he was assigned to all of Europe, the Middle East and North Africa for three years. His position required that he visit each American

embassy on a regular basis. It was a very educational time for him, he said, but not good for his family, as he was away from his home in Fairfax, Virginia for months at a time.

After moving back to Haskell, he agreed to serve in the position of interim Haskell City Manager, and served in that office for 8 years.

For 15 years he had a computer consulting business, primarily for schools in Rochester, Haskell, Knox City, Paint Creek and Throckmorton. He resigned from his last school, Throckmorton, in May, 2005.

Devoting their lives to their ministry, which is "bringing the words of Christ to unbelievers," Bob and Lowell Anne are members of the Christian Motorcyclist Association. They have just returned from a trip on their cycles to Ogden, Utah, to attend the annual meeting of Motorcyclist Association. From there they went to Bakersfield, California to visit a friend who is ill.

Back in Haskell, after traveling over 4000 miles in two weeks, they said they plan to be here at least a week, and then perhaps leave for a trip to Lima, Ohio, with the cyclist ministry. They have traveled on their motorcycles to the entire central United States, Alaska, Nova Scotia, and Manitoba, Canada.

A few months ago, Bob took up playing the banjo, which he enjoys, but says that if he now had to choose learning how to play it over having brain surgery, he'd probably choose the surgery.

Both being in "reasonably" good health, which they are thankful for, the Bakers say they plan to "use it up" while they can.

Weather Whys

Naming Hurricanes

Q: When did hurricanes get names?

A: For several decades, hurricanes were simply assigned numbers by the order they appeared, such as hurricane No. 1, No. 2, etc., says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.

"In 1950, the government said that names should be used to make things easier," he explains. "This especially helped when there was more than one hurricane developing at the same time. Once a severe storm has winds of 39 miles per hour or higher, it is assigned a name, and storms become hurricanes when sustained winds speeds reach 75 miles per hour. Beginning in 1950, storms were named alphabetically but in military jargon, such as Able, Baker, Charley, etc. In 1953, women's names began to be assigned to storms. But that eventually created some problems."

Q: What kind of problems?

A: In 1978, some women's groups objected, saying it was sexist to name severe storms after women, McRoberts adds.

"The government agreed, and on June 24, 1978, a Pacific hurricane was named Bud. Now men's and women's names are used in rotation and a new list is prepared each year by the World Meteorological Organization. That group agreed that if a storm is especially deadly, its name will be retired and never used again. There are numerous retired names, among them Carla (a severe hurricane that struck in 1961), Camille (1969), Alicia (1983), Allen (1980), Gilbert (1988), and Andrew, which devastated Florida in 1992. Last year, the four deadly hurricanes that hit Florida (Ivan, Frances, Jeanne and Charley) were put on the retired list."

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Beware of Phony "Wal-Mart Shopping Spree"

The Texas Attorney General's office has received calls from consumers who have been solicited by telephone with offers of a \$500 "Shopping Spree," supposedly sponsored by Wal-Mart.

The caller tries to get the consumer's bank account number to collect a fee of \$4.95, supposedly for the shipping and handling of vouchers.

Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General, urges consumers never to disclose financial information for any reason whatsoever to callers making unsolicited offers.

In this case, the promotion described by the caller is a complete fabrication. Wal-Mart is making no such offer.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 20, 1995

Tara Lisle of Rochester, Morgan Cox and Katie Thompson of Haskell, and Leigh Ann Reel of Paint Creek were first place winners at Camp Goodenough.

Julee Patterson of Haskell, Denise Wilson and Lisa Macias of Rule attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar held in San Angelo.

John B. Kirby, son of the late J. B. Kirby of Haskell and Pauline Jones of Abilene, was elected to the position of State Commander of the Department of Ohio, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

20 Years Ago July 18, 1985

Haskell Little League All Stars blasted their first opponent, Twin Cities All Stars, 9-2. Winning pitcher was Chad Gibson, who only gave up two points, while pitching several strike outs.

April Brandon and Gia Henshaw of Haskell attended the Wayland Flying Queen basketball camp. Brandon was selected for the All-Star team and Henshaw received the Hustle medallion and second place

in the talent show.

Dwight Overton, graduate of Paint Creek ISD, was promoted to the position of senior vice president at the Republic Bank of Lubbock.

30 Years Ago July 17, 1975

Chief Tom Watson and Floyd (Satch) Lusk attended the 47th annual Firemen's and Fire Marshall's School at Texas A&M, College Station.

Members of the Haskell Chapter of the Future Farmers of America Duane and Lou Gilly and Kyle Markey, as voting delegate, attended the 47th State FFA Convention in Houston. Mike Turner was awarded the Lone Star Farmer degree.

Shannon Lane, Linda Fischer, Gena Fischer and Kim Campbell were first place winners in the Haskell County 4-H Dress Revue.

40 Years Ago July 15, 1965

Haskell Scout Troop 36 and leaders returned from camp at Tonkawa, Buffalo Gap where Lee Pippin and Jim Kemp were awarded the Bronze Palm to the Eagle Camp.

Diane Hester and James Earl Proctor were accepted by the

University of Texas Department of Drama to participate in the Third Annual High School Theatre Workshop.

Mary Lou Jetton of Rochester was head supervisor of President Hall and served as a juvenile twirling instructor for McMurry's 18th Annual Band and Twirling School.

William E. Goff, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Griffith of Haskell, received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

50 Years Ago July 21, 1955

Ottie Johnson of Haskell was elected president of the Haskell Quarterback Club. Rex Felker was named first vice president and George Tyler second vice president.

John L. Manning assistant county supervisor here for the Farmers Home Administration since 1953, was promoted to county supervisor and was transferred to Wheeler.

Mrs. Luther Burkett, supervisor of instruction in Haskell schools and president of the Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading, attended the annual reading conference along with Elementary

teachers Myram Weaver and Ima Dell Fitzgerald.

George Mullino of Rochester was named vocational agriculture teacher at O'Brien high school.

100 Years Ago July 15, 1905

G. D. Flowers of the Sagerton neighborhood was doing business in Haskell. He says cotton is not blooming and fruiting as well as it should be doing at this time, but that all other crops are very fine.

Mr. Garrison, the civil engineer examining for Mr. Beardsley the route of the proposed railroad, passed through Haskell going over the route. He was accompanied by R. L. Penick, a Stamford business man.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacker and children of this place visited their daughter and family, Mrs. Oscar McAda at Carney. They brought back a quantity of wild plums gathered along the Brazos River.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson and Mrs. J. A. Couch returned from a visit of two or three weeks with relatives in Central Texas.

Charley Smith, one of the new settlers in the Cliff community, was in Haskell trading.

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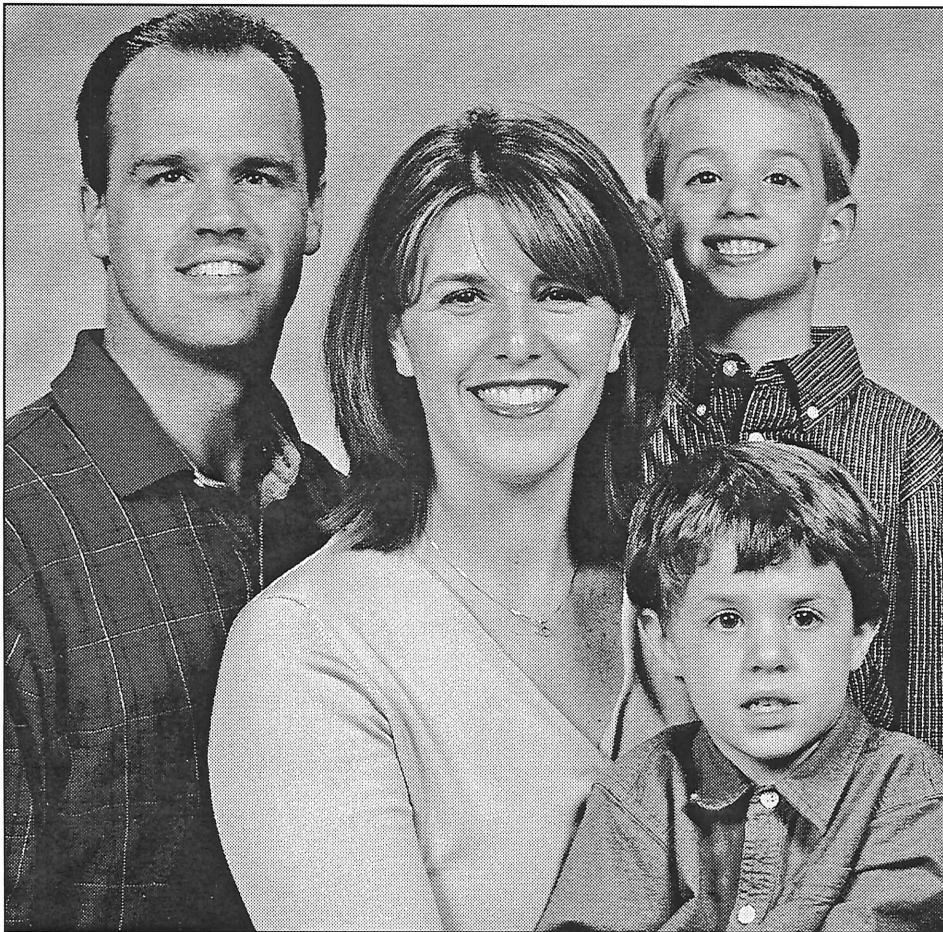
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Haskell Methodists welcome new pastor



NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY—Rev. Daniel Echols, wife Cecilee, sons Isaac, age 7 and Luke, age 4, have recently moved to Haskell where they will be working with the First United Methodist Church.

Moving to Haskell earlier this month, Rev. Daniel Echols has been welcomed as the new pastor of First United Methodist Church.

He comes to Haskell after serving seven years as Associate Pastor/Minister to Youth at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock. His wife, Cecilee, also served there as Assistant Youth Director, working with Junior High youth. Before she went on staff at Lubbock FUMC, she was a math teacher, and is now working on her certification to teach Spanish. This fall, she will be teaching senior math at Stamford High School.

The couple met at a Spirit Wind Youth Choir Conference in 1991. Raised in Lubbock, she was a musician and a member of the Texas Tech marching band at the time.

The couple has two young sons, Isaac, age seven, and Luke, age four.

Daniel Echols was born in Kansas City, where his father, Rev. Archie Echols, was attending seminary. His father serves as pastor at Roswell, New Mexico, First United Methodist Church. His mother, Donna Echols, is director of children's education at the Roswell church. His father served seven years at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Abilene before going to Roswell.

Daniel Echols is a graduate of Friona High School, Southern Methodist University and St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.

Growing up in a rural area, enjoying the community life of a small town, he said he looks forward to the opportunity to be a pastor involved in the life of the community. He likes to play golf, basketball, chess, read and discuss a good book, hunt, fish, and jog.

"Cecilee and I are so glad to be here in Haskell! We are thankful for the kind and generous hearts we have already experienced throughout the community. Indeed, we feel this is a wonderful place to live," said the young pastor.

"I look forward to having many opportunities and relationships with each one of you as we share together in God's good work of love," he said, adding that he works best when called on for something. "So please come by or give me a ring. I hope to see you some Sunday in church!"

Festival and car show set in Knox City July 29-30

The Knox City Donald Johnson Memorial 17th Annual Seedless Watermelon Festival and Classic Car Show, July 29-30, will "Celebrate the Great Outdoors-Knox City Style."

A parade will be held starting at 7:00 p.m., Friday. Trophies will be given for winning entries in six categories: Most Original, Best Decorated Bike, Car, Golf Cart (anything with wheels), "You've got To Be Kidding" float, Best Decorated Walking float (anything with legs), Best Business float, and Best Out of Town float. Each of the floats must feature a watermelon: real, fake, drawn, etc.

Immediately following the parade, hamburgers with chips and drink will be available in the City Park.

From 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., Cut Throat Recording artist, Dylan Dean and Out on Bail Band will perform live at City Park, sponsored by Citizens Bank.

On Sat., July 30, a golf tourney sponsored by Knox City Country

Club will begin at 8:30 a.m., with a 3-person scramble at \$60.00 per team. For more information, call 658-3911 or 657-3040.

The festival begins at 10:00 a.m., at City Park located at 110 South East 3rd Street. Vendor booths will open at 10:00 a.m.

Registration for the Classic Car Show, sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet Cadillac Ford Mercury, will be from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m., with judging beginning at 12:30 p.m. Trophies for 1st-3rd places will be awarded at 3:00 p.m., with judging by the sponsor. Plaques will be given for Best of Show and Farthest Distance Traveled (plus \$50.00 for farthest traveled). A free dash plaque and T-shirt will be given each participant.

The watermelon eating contest will be held at 12:00 noon. Registration will be at Chamber booth from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Age categories are 11 and under (\$25.00 gift certificate), 12-18 (\$50.00 gift certificate) and 19 and up (\$50.00

gift certificate).

Activities at City Park will feature live music, art and crafts booth, homemade items, free watermelon slices, food booth, free swimming, giant slide, obstacle course, climbing rock wall, giant bouncer, classic cars, watermelon train rides and games.

A rodeo, sponsored by Brazos Valley Recreation Association, will be held Friday and Saturday nights starting at 7:00 p.m., at BVRA Arena. It is an open rodeo, and will feature kids events also. For information, call 658-5185 or 256-4771.

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		Goat Tying	\$20
19 AND UNDER:		PEE WEE EVENTS	
Flag Race	\$30	Age 8 and under	
Pole Bending	\$30	Barrel Racing	\$15
Goat Tying	\$30	Pole Bending	\$15
		Flag Race	\$15
		Goat Ribbon Pull	\$15
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Music, arts & crafts, food, free watermelon slices, free swimming. Games and fun for everyone.

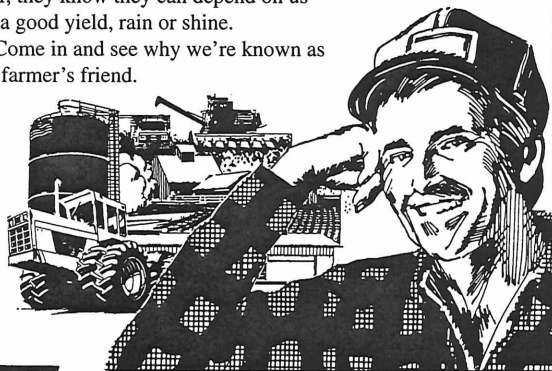
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TAX PLANNING

Written By
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**THE NEW MANUFACTURING DEDUCTION:
COULD YOUR BUSINESS QUALIFY?**

Have you heard the true story about the IRS Commissioner and the doughnut demonstration? It turns out that identical doughnuts, baked side by side in the same oven, could be treated differently when computing the new tax deduction for "manufacturing activities."

Perhaps more remarkable than a humorous acknowledgment of tax law complexity is the fact that doughnuts qualify for a "manufacturing" deduction. What else might be eligible? The answer may surprise you—and potentially save you money.

That's because the rules, which take effect for the 2005 tax year, apply to more than traditional manufacturers. Construction contractors, engineering firms, architects, software developers, and film producers, among others, can take advantage of the deduction. Producing food for sale at the wholesale level is considered a qualified activity, too. (Retail food preparation is specifically excluded, leading to the outcome of the doughnut demonstration.)

In addition, the deduction is available without regard to the size of your business or the way it's established. Partnerships, corporations, sole proprietors, cooperatives, estates, and trusts are all included.

There are restrictions and limitations. For instance, qualifying activities must take place mainly in the United States, and the deduction is limited to 50% of the wages paid during the year. To benefit, your business will need to show a profit. Operating losses carried forward from prior years may reduce the amount you can claim.

Though the rules are complicated, it's worth investigating your eligibility for this new tax break. Here's why: If your business qualifies, you might be able to lower the taxable income on your federal return by up to 3% of the profit from certain activities. The deduction applies to federal regular and alternative minimum income tax calculations, and increases to 9% by 2010.

To find out whether your business can benefit, contact our office.

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FRAMING THE WORSHIP CENTER—Aided by a group of 13 volunteers from Texas Baptist Builders, who are associated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, local workers continued to raise and finish the platform in the new sanctuary of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church.



HELPING HANDS—Wayne Wainscott of Haskell, left, assists John Taylor of Odessa, in preparing support structures for the platform in the new sanctuary of Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church.

This Week's Devotional Message:



YOUR FAITH BRINGS NEW HARMONY TO DISPEL FAMILY DISCORD

In today's world, the definition of a 'family' can vary considerably. We live in an age where single parents and multiple marriages are quite common, and where one may acquire a mixture of children and step-children living under one roof. Such a menage often produces many problems and a less-than-harmonious atmosphere around the house, with areas of friction between step-parents and children, notably teenagers; and among the children

themselves. The fact that life has assembled a group of people in this manner is no guarantee that they will get along with one another. However, here is where the house of worship can offer some real help and guidance. By attending the services together family members learn that we all belong to God and receive His blessings, for He is the Father of us all. We can enjoy a happier family life if we will just remember that and forget everything else.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
Joe and Loretta Stulir, pastors
864-3465
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church

Rev. T. L. Griffin
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

Mission Revival Center

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

First Baptist Church

Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Church in the Park

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

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, interim pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

First United Methodist Church

Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Philip Houston, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule

First United Methodist Church

Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home Baptist Church

Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule

West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Beth Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
O'Brien

ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., July 25**
11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—King ranch chicken, okra and tomatoes, green beans, sliced onions, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
- Fri., July 29**
Lunch—Sloppy joe's on bun, pinto beans, mac and cheese salad, onions, pickles, misc. desserts, milk, tea, or coffee
- Wed., July 27**
Lunch—Ham and beans, buttered corn, garden salad, onions, cornbread, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee
- Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

- July 25-29**
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pizza, fried okra, salad, ice cream
Tuesday: Beef spaghetti, corn, baby carrots, salad, hot rolls, peach cobbler
Wednesday: Tacos with cheese, pinto beans, salad, jello
- Thursday:** Steak fingers with gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, breadsticks
Friday: Cheeseburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, vanilla ice cream with toppings

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	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	AVAILABLE AMOUNT	LESS DISBURSEMENT	END OF MONTH BALANCE
GENERAL	499,001.99	119,725.99	618,727.98	342,356.57	276,371.41
JURY	1,482.31	14,649.00	16,131.31	7,816.10	8,315.21
LAW LIBRARY	2,528.94	3,755.88	6,284.82	4,563.68	1,721.14
LATERAL ROAD 1	216.94	0.00	216.94	216.00	0.94
LATERAL ROAD 2	4.87	0.07	4.74	4.74	0.13
LATERAL ROAD 3	1,645.90	1.77	1,647.67	1,274.19	373.48
LATERAL ROAD 4	83.86	2.00	85.86	2.40	83.46
ROAD & BRIDGE 1	97,395.51	35,813.86	133,209.37	34,888.14	98,321.23
ROAD & BRIDGE 2	18,721.49	34,423.62	53,145.11	35,682.50	17,462.61
ROAD & BRIDGE 3	138,221.38	34,739.49	172,960.87	36,826.90	136,133.97
ROAD & BRIDGE 4	84,863.80	34,540.12	119,403.92	26,183.67	93,220.25
FAM LATERAL ROAD 1	93,172.49	4,790.29	97,962.78	26,074.11	71,888.67
FAM LATERAL ROAD 2	82,996.11	2,997.13	85,993.24	37,626.07	47,967.17
FAM LATERAL ROAD 3	86,476.49	2,345.08	88,821.57	5,109.36	83,712.21
FAM LATERAL ROAD 4	80,001.40	2,499.41	82,500.81	14,386.93	68,113.88
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	69,994.38	23,581.80	93,576.18	18,912.33	74,663.85
COMP VICTIMS OF CRIME	5,564.16	12.00	5,576.16	12.00	5,564.16
ARREST FEE	28,138.41	1,182.71	29,321.12	592.91	28,728.41
JUDICIAL PERSONNEL TRAINING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SECURITY FUND	43,053.46	1,601.38	44,654.84	0.00	44,654.84
SEIZURE FUND	1,594.76	1,646.86	3,241.62	0.00	3,241.62
COUNTY ATTORNEY	7,319.48	1,638.57	8,958.05	1,042.94	7,915.11
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	778.49	49.99	828.48	691.04	137.44
DIST ATTY FORFEITURE FUND	18,163.63	827.29	18,990.92	215.00	18,775.92
MANAGEMENT PRESERVATION	8,778.83	413.48	9,192.31	0.00	9,192.31
PERMANENT SCHOOL	5,167.38	2,833.31	8,000.69	0.00	8,000.69
COUNTY LIBRARY	12,868.41	353.72	13,222.13	936.53	12,285.60
ECC BUILDING	1,414.01	20,840.19	22,254.20	19,444.18	2,810.02
ECC NUTRITION	4,910.41	1,957.81	6,868.22	5,170.07	1,698.15
DIST CLK REC MGMT	409.66	102.08	511.74	0.00	511.74
RECORDS MANAGEMENT	26,209.15	2,098.49	28,307.64	998.65	27,309.99
MTR VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX	6,569.00	24.35	6,593.35	374.63	6,218.72
JUSTICE CT TECHNOLOGY	2,892.49	1,063.79	3,956.28	0.00	3,956.28
ANCHOR PAVILION	1,404.11	5.26	1,409.37	0.00	1,409.37
SPECIAL PROJECT	163.94	0.61	164.55	0.00	164.55
TOTAL	1,464,411.62	351,329.54	1,815,741.16	625,696.90	1,190,044.26

INVESTMENTS:
SOCIAL SECURITY C.D. NO A30021 10,888.16
GENERAL FUND C.D. 100,000.00
110,888.16

TOTAL CASH ASSETS FOR HASKELL COUNTY 1,300,932.42

Willie Faye Tidrow
Willie Faye Tidrow
County Treasurer & Investment Officer

On July 11, 2005 the Commissioners' Court of Haskell County met in regular session and compared the Quarterly Report of Willie Faye Tidrow, County Treasurer, for the Quarter ending June 30, 2005 and found the same and correct respective amounts to have been paid out during the quarter.

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The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has notified the Haskell County Water District #1 water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for Nitrate. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established the MCL for Nitrate at 10 mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for Nitrate indicates a level of 18.08 mg/L.

Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months including in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense.

If you have any questions or would like to know if you are currently being served as a customer of this public water system please feel free to call or contact the City Secretary Robert Horan, c/o City of Weinert, Box 248, Weinert, Texas 76388 at 940-673-8223.

Our Public Water System ID# is 1040004. 29c

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GARAGE SALE: Sat., July 23. 8 to 2. 1005 N. 3rd St. East (house west of Lutheran Church). Electric cook stove, furniture, home décor, luggage, dishes, clothes, etc. 29p

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If you would like to pursue an opportunity to serve your community, call Bill Steele 940-864-2208; Sam Watson 940-864-2355; Randy Shaw 940-864-2023; Jerry Stocks 940-864-3455 or ask any Haskell fireman for an application.

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6115-90-001 for MBGF, SGT's AND BRIDGE RAIL in JONES County, etc. will be opened on August 23, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$239,042.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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State Office: Constr./Maint. Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704. Phone 512-416-2540.
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Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6131-33-001 for "ON DEMAND" MBGF / END TREATMENTS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on August 10, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$409,034.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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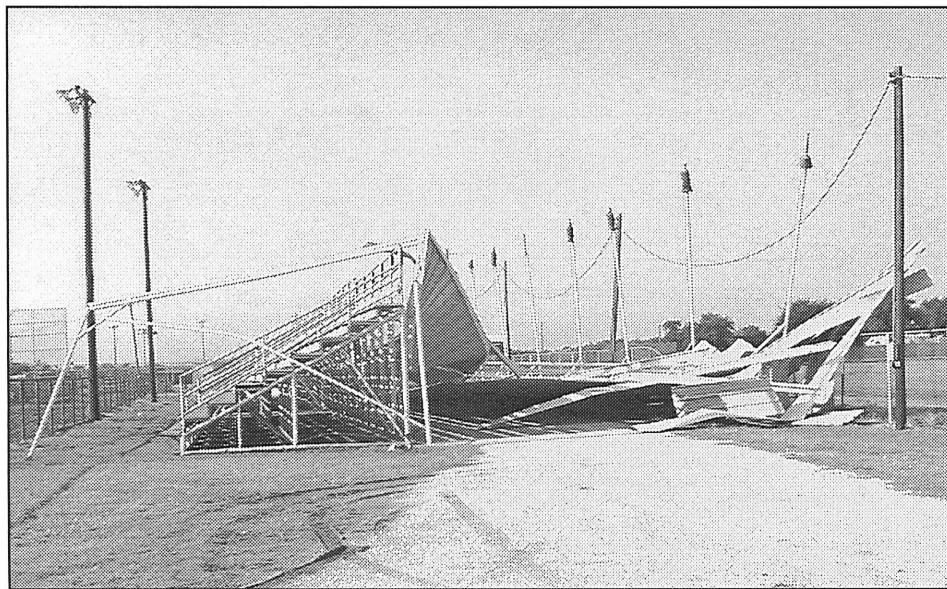
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HOUSE FIRE DAMAGE—Haskell firemen were on the scene of a house fire at the Shawn Sanford home located at 1400 N. Ave. K., Friday afternoon, July 15, at approximately 3:00 o'clock. Volunteers and law officers were on hand to help out with various chores. The fire was accidentally started in clothing inside a bedroom closet, causing extensive smoke damage to two bedrooms and household items.



HIGH WIND DAMAGE—A late afternoon thunderstorm, Tues., July 12, bucked off the metal stadium at the rodeo arena in Haskell. Other damage included tree limbs and a downed TV antenna.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 451 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., July 16, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 55 sellers and 36 buyers were present.

Packers \$3 to 5 lower. Stockers \$3 to 7 lower. Feeders \$4 to 7 lower.

Cows: fat, .45-.52; cutters, .42-.57; canners, .35-.43.

Bulls: bologna, .65-.74; feeders, .80-.94; utility, .62-.69.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.60; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 500-600 lbs., .98-1.25; 600-700 lbs., .92-1.14; 700-800 lbs., .89-1.08; 800-up lbs., .78-1.03.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.40; 400-500 lbs.,

1.10-1.28; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.12; 600-up lbs., .75-.97.

Bred heifers medium frame, 750-925.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 950-1175; aged or small, 700-900.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1000-1485; aged or small, 800-950.

FSA announces deadline for crop disaster program

Producers who suffered crop loss from damaging weather in 2003, 2004 and certain 2005 crop losses are eligible for assistance. The Farm Service Agency announced that eligible producers may sign-up for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) until close of business on Sept. 9, 2005 for the 2003 and 2004 crop years. Signup for the 2005 year is close of business Dec. 16, 2005.

"We are pleased to be able to provide these benefits to producers as quickly as possible," said Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director for Haskell County FSA. "Drought, floods and hurricanes are unpredictable weather events that put farmers and ranchers at risk in producing a dependable and affordable national food supply. Signup for this program opened on March 14 of this year."

Producers suffering a greater than 35-percent production loss and/or more than a 20-percent quality loss are eligible. The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65 percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and noninsured crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities. Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP for any crops that are eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Assistance Program.

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