

Calendar

Office to be closed

The Haskell Free Press office will be closed Thursday afternoon, Aug. 11.

HHS classes to begin

Haskell High School will begin classes Wed., Aug. 17 at 8:05 a.m. Classes will end at 3:28 p.m. Students are to report to the auditorium on the first day of school. Students are reminded to follow the dress code which will be the same as the last school year. Enforcement of the dress code will be upheld by all teachers and will include a dress code check daily. The dress code was published in last year's student handbook or in this year's student handbook available at the High School office.

Jr. Sheriff's Posse

The Stamford Junior Sheriff's Posse will host the last playday for the year on Aug. 12 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the Red Rooster in Haskell Fri., Aug. 12 at noon. New officers will be elected. If you would like to serve as an Advisory Committee member call 940-864-2551. The Noah Project-North helps victims of domestic violence.

Meet the Bobcats

Rule Booster Club will 'Meet the Bobcats' Sat., Aug. 13 following the 6 p.m. Rule vs. Woodson football scrimmage in Rule. All junior high and high school football players and cheerleaders will be introduced. Parents of athletes and booster club members should bring either homemade ice cream or cookies to serve. Paper goods will be provided. This game is the annual 'Soap Scrimmage' where admission is a box or jug of laundry soap. Donations help reduce the expense of washing uniforms and workout clothes for the athletes.

Jr. 4-H to meet

The Jr. 4-H Club will meet Sun., Aug. 14 at the Anchor Marina on Lake Stamford from 2 to 5 p.m. for a program on kayaking. Members attending who have a life jacket should bring it to the meeting. Those who do not have life jackets will be provided with one. If you are interested in joining 4-H you are encouraged to attend.

Plainview, McConnell, Bunker Hill homecoming

The Plainview, McConnell and Bunker Hill communities will hold their homecoming Sat., Oct. 1 at the Sagerton Community Center beginning with registration at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Alvin Ulmer, Rt. 2 Box 1C1, Sagerton, Texas 79548 or call 940-997-2577.

Meet the Indians

Meet the Indians will be held Thurs., Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at Indian Field following the Haskell-Baird scrimmage. Athletes will be introduced. Homemade ice cream will be served.

Spaghetti supper

Rule Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Bobcat Club will host a spaghetti supper and musical Aug. 20 at Rule High School cafeteria and auditorium. Spaghetti will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per plate. Music will be provided by the Sagerton 'Hee Haw Band' beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. For advance tickets, see any Bobcat Club or Fire Dept. member or contact Carla at City Hall 940-996-2214. All proceeds benefit Rule Fire Dept.

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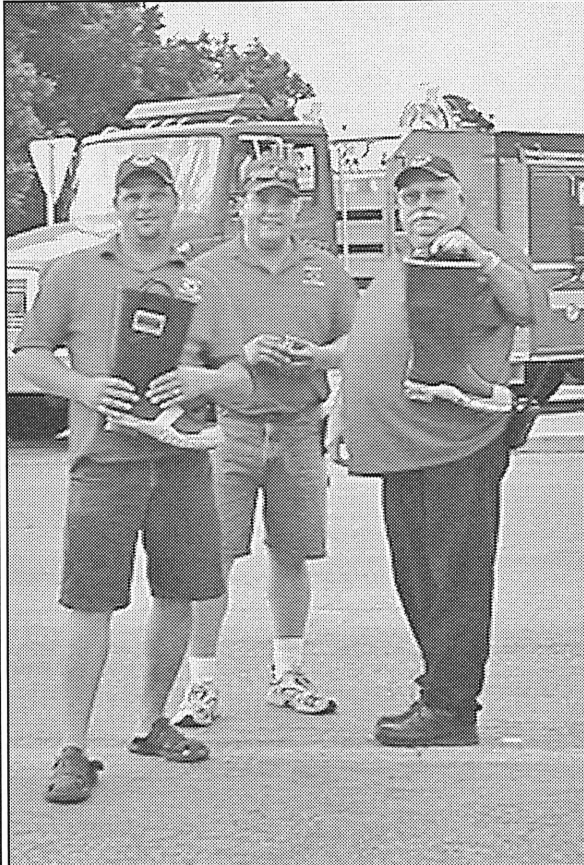
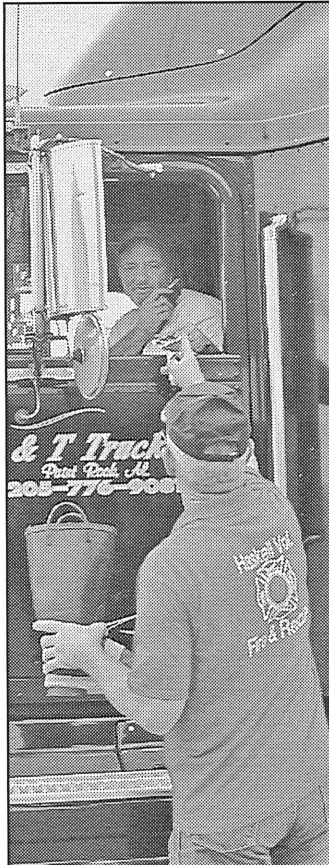
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HELPING HANDS IN HASKELL—Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept. members collected approximately \$600 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Saturday morning, Aug. 6. On the left, Fire Chief Bill Steele takes a donation from a truck driver stopped at the red light.

Center, l-r, volunteer firemen, John Wheat, Felix Rodriguez and Tony Haynes hold the boots being filled during the event, and on the right, volunteer fireman, Kenny Watson, receives a donation from Betty Dodson of Haskell.

County schools rated by TEA

Taken from the state's standard and alternative accountability procedures, Mon., Aug. 1, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released the 2005 Accountability Performance ratings of more than 1,200 school districts and about 7,900 campuses across the state.

A rating of Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable was given to each district and campus by the TEA, based on criteria expectations required.

The five district campuses in Haskell County received two Recognized and three Academically Acceptable ratings.

In Haskell CISD, with two campuses, Haskell High School received a rating of Academically Acceptable and Haskell Elementary received a Recognized rating.

Rochester County Line ISD, with one campus, received an Academically Acceptable rating.

Rule ISD, with one campus, received a Recognized rating.

Paint Creek ISD, with one campus, received an Academically Acceptable rating.

The TEA reported that across the state, the tougher standards implemented this year produced more Academically Unacceptable ratings. However, 27.3 percent of campuses and 14.5 percent of districts still managed to achieve an Exemplary or Recognized rating under the more rigorous system.

The percentage of schools and districts receiving ratings of Academically Acceptable increased in 2005, while the percentage of those earning the top two ratings of Exemplary or Recognized fell.

To earn the top Exemplary rating, a district or campus achieved TAKS passing rates of 90 percent or higher for all students and each student group. (African American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged) and in each subject area.

Those schools or campuses earning the second highest rating of Recognized had TAKS passing rates

of 70 percent or higher for each subject and for all students and each student group, or they met Required Improvement criteria.

The Academically Acceptable rating, which the majority of Texas districts and campuses earned in 2005, had TAKS passing rates for each student group of at least 50 percent in tests in reading/English language arts, writing and social studies. They had passing rates of 35 percent or higher on TAKS mathematics exams and 25 percent or higher on the science TAKS, or they met Required Improvement criteria.

This year, 986 districts received an Academically Acceptable rating. The vast majority of the 4,707 schools receiving this broad rating earned the rating under the standard accountability procedures.

Any school, charter or district that fell below the Academically Acceptable criteria on one or more of 36 criteria received an Academically Unacceptable rating. Among the

state's 7,908 schools this year, a total of 364 were rated Academically Unacceptable, up from 95 in 2004.

Texas Commissioner of Education Shirley J. Neeley said, "Texas educators are working long hours and doing everything possible to ensure all 4.4 million students we serve receives a world class education, but the 2004-2005 school year was a year of challenges that resulted in an increase in low ratings for our schools. The increase in unacceptable ratings was caused by a number of significant factors."

The TEA reported that the three most common reasons that districts and campuses received Academically Unacceptable ratings were failure to meet the SDAA II passing rate, performance on the science TAKS, and performance on the math TAKS. One of these three reasons was cited as the sole reason that a total of 238 campuses received an Academically Unacceptable rating.

ECC sets variety show

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will present their 4th annual Variety Show Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Food will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with the show starting at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone with a talent; silly, cute or serious, is invited and welcomed to join the fun of the "Celebrity Show" fund-raiser, which will feature 'take-off' interpretations of the "Foggy Mountain Boys," "Oh, Brother, How Art Thou?" and the famous "Jeff Foxworthy," along with Sider Bill & Cracker Jack, clowns Slappy, Miss Priss, and J. J. Also, the famous "Rerun" will be on hand, along with "Dolly Parton" and other "celebrity" appearances by "Ray Stevens" and the one and only "Elvis Presley."

Show planners report they have received some great items for door prizes as well as cash donations from local merchants. Anyone who has not been contacted, but would like to donate something, is asked to call 854-3875. The items will be picked up.

Also needed are volunteer workers to help set up tables and chairs, serve food and clean up the kitchen.

Rule to 'Meet the Teachers'

Rule ISD will host "Meet the Teachers Night" for all students and their parents Mon., Aug. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This event is for families who will have students in Early Childhood through twelfth grades during the 2005-06 school year.

Teachers and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet parents, register students new to the district, and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year. Elementary school students are encouraged to bring their school supplies with them.

Rule Elementary School supply lists are available at the Rule ISD Superintendent's office.

Haskell Elementary to register

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held Mon., Aug. 15 and Tues., Aug. 16. On Mon., Aug. 15 students in Head Start, Early Childhood, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten will register at 5:30 p.m. and students in 1st and 2nd grades will register at 6:30. On Tues., Aug. 16, students in the 3rd and 4th grades will register at 5:30 and students in 5th and 6th grades will register at 6:30 p.m. Parents are

encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Wed., Aug. 17. Classes will begin at 8:00. Kindergarten through 6th grades will dismiss at 3:15 p.m. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. the first three weeks of school (Aug. 17- Sept. 9).

FSA deadline extended

The deadline for nominations for positions on the Farm Service Agency County Committees has been extended to Aug. 15, said Glenn Brzozowski, County Executive Director for Haskell County.

Learn how you can take a seat and have your voice heard on your local FSA County Committee by contacting your local FSA office, 607 North First East in Haskell or by calling 940-864-2617 for more information.



SUMMER FUN IN READING—Shady Blue Dunlap, center, listens as volunteers Paula Rennegarbe, right and Linda Lane-Blaise, left, share exciting stories with her during the "Go Wild...Read!" Summer Reading Program held at the Haskell County Library Aug. 1-5.

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SWCD to hold PDG meeting

The Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District invites the public and any agencies with interest to participate in Program Development Group (PDG) meeting to be held at the Cliff House Restaurant in Stamford, Tues., Aug. 23, at 1 p.m. If you intend to eat lunch, on your own, be there at noon. The purpose of this meeting is to request participation and invite comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and especially farmers and ranchers that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs.

The discussion in the PDG will help the Local Work Group (LWG), led by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), to address county based funding for the FY2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Programs (EQIP). The LWG will make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, cost share rates, and ranking for county based funding.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally lead. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

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

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Haskell at (940) 864-8516 ext. 4. Service center locations and program information can be found on the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.



PIRATES AT WORK—The Paint Creek Pirates work out with new Paint Creek Head Coach Russ Wilson this week, getting ready for a new season of six man football.

Obituaries

Charles Wesley (C.W.) Jones



C.W. JONES

Graveside services for Charles Wesley (C.W.) Jones, 88, of Abilene, formerly of Stamford, were held Thurs., Aug. 4 in Highland Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Doug Smith officiating. Services were under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mr. Jones died Mon., Aug. 1. Born Aug. 1, 1917 in Stamford, he was the son of the late Willie Henry and Melicia Eudocia (Stevenson) Jones. He married Bonnie Lucille Williams Jan. 11, 1942. He farmed in the Stamford area and lived in Stamford and Haskell before moving to Abilene in 1957. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Christopher Dion Jones; three sisters, Ova Lee Gibbs, Cleo Showalter Nichols and Juanita Hazel Neely; four brothers, Eulas Henry Jones, Rupert Ruben Jones, R.T. Jones and Woodrow Wilson Jones.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Lee and Mary Jones of Clyde; stepson, Michael Watson of Fort Worth; one grandson, Scotty Dewayne Jones of Abilene; a great grandson, Charles Christian Jones of Abilene; three step grandchildren, Alexander, Jennifer and Christopher Ruiz of the Metroplex; and numerous nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

Jerry Dale Young

Funeral mass for Jerry Dale Young, 65, of Ruidoso, N.M. were held Fri., Aug. 5 at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso, N.M.

Mr. Young died Tues., Aug. 2 at his Ruidoso residence. Born Oct. 19, 1939 in Nashville, Ark., he was the son of Dennis and Mildred Young. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1957 and served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his parents, Dennis and Mildred Young of Haskell; his wife, Maria of Ruidoso, N.M.; one daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Gary and Mrs. Tacy Graham of Athens, Ohio; two sons, Ronald J. Young of Roswell, N.M. and J.J. Young of Ruidoso, N.M.; two grandchildren, Matthew and Nicholas of Athens, Ohio and one sister, Shirley Sloan of Rochester. PD. NOTICE

Marie Barton

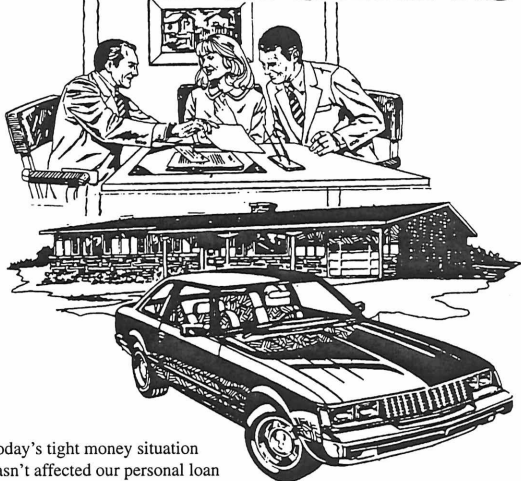
Funeral services for Marie Martha Peter Barton, 83, of Mount Vernon, Texas were held Tues., July 26 at Harvey Funeral Home Chapel in Mount Vernon. Burial was in Mount Vernon City Cemetery with Rev. Pepper Puryear officiating.

Born July 11, 1922 at a farm near Weinert, she was the daughter of John Peter and Mary Gerick. She attended school in Weinert, graduating from Weinert High School. After graduation, she continued helping her mother on the farm and later worked for Montgomery Ward in Fort Worth. She married Jesse Joseph Barton Nov. 10, 1945. He preceded her in death March 27, 1995. They resided in Crosby until 1971. They then moved to Jacksonville where they raised cattle until relocating to Mount Vernon in 1980. While living in Crosby, she was an active member

of the Crosby Brethren Church, teaching Sunday school and assisting in the Vacation Bible School program. After moving to Mount Vernon, she joined the First Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, was treasurer of the Faith Sunday School class and participated in the Golden Agers activities. She was a long time member of the SPJST. A devoted homemaker, she loved gardening, canning and cooking for her family and friends.

Survivors include her son, Freddie Joseph Barton and wife, Dana; a granddaughter, Lee Anna Tosh and her husband, Billy Tosh; three great grandsons, Cody Tosh, Zane Tosh and Joseph Tosh; four sisters, Annie Pechal of Granbury, Agnes Dukatnik of Haskell, Clara Moody of Fort Worth and Claudia Dukatnik of Levelland; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. PD. NOTICE

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Around Town

Visiting with Fannie Mae Barton over the weekend were her daughter and husband, Kaye and Kip Derrick of Fort Worth and granddaughter and children, Christy Waltman, Rachel, Austin and Hallie of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Huffhines of Dimmitt spent several days in Haskell visiting with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum. They attended the Hawkins-Vaughn reunion.

Zachery Tatum had his ninth birthday on Monday. Those attending his party were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Tatum; brothers, Garrett and Taylor; sister, Kristlyn; grandparents, Linda Chapman and Margaret Tatum; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman and Joyce Hawkins; great aunt and uncle, Yvonne and Gary Huffhines of Dimmitt and several cousins.

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Area students attend SWCD range camp



KIDS AT KROOKED RIVER—Thirty two campers age 12-16 from Anson, Albany, Breckenridge, Haskell, Jayton and Stamford attended the 16th annual Soil and Water Conservation District's Clear Fork Range Camp, hosted by the Krooked River Hunting Lodge. Representing Haskell 4-H and FFA were: back row, l-r, Teddye Sue Harris, Ashley Foster, Amy Hamilton, and second row, kneeling l-r, Diana Maurico, Leslie Tonche and Alexis Chavez.

The 16th annual Soil and Water Conservation District's Clear Fork Range Camp was hosted recently by the Krooked River Hunting Lodge, owned by Roy and Becky Wilson. Thirty-two campers, ages 12-16, attended the three day, two nights, fun and educational camp, located on the 43,000 acre Hendrick Ranch, which spreads throughout Jones, Haskell and Shackelford counties.

Upon arrival, students from Anson, Albany, Breckenridge, Haskell, Jayton and Stamford, were divided into four competitive groups and assigned cabins.

The first session included learning the importance of plants and how they each have purposes that benefit the rapidly growing population. Students were also told of the many state and national 4-H and FFA range teams that had preceded them at the camp.

The groups studied and collected 35 different range plants which they later mounted into their range books.

Nationally known taxidermist,

wildlife manager and bronze sculpture, Glenn Harding, talked to the group about his profession.

Another highlight was when the students and instructors drove to a high bluff overlooking the winding Clear Fork River to hear 80-year-old prominent rancher, historian and author, Bob Green, speak about the history of the area while relating several colorful stories.

Rising early the second day, the group traveled to Clairemont, to tour the 36,000 acre Mesquite Grove Ranch. Fifth generation owner, Buddy Baldrige discussed management practices for cattle, deer and quail on his highly improved ranch. A barbecue lunch was served at the Community Center, located on the old Clairemont School grounds where the Kent County Livestock Show is held, and where the recent movie, "Grand Champion," starring Julia Roberts, was filmed. The groups then toured the abandoned red sandstone courthouse and jail which were built in 1892.

Returning to the hunting lodge after the tour, the groups competed in sessions of sleep shooting, the use of the Global Positioning System, and a compass and pacing course. Following a steak supper, they progressed through a "Shoot Don't Shoot" course. That night, the four groups competed in a two hour trivia fun game based on what they had learned, featuring questions such as "By the way, do you know what side of the quail has the most feathers? (The outside of course)."

Early on the last day, after another uplift session and breakfast, the students forded the river to the site

of the plant identification contest where thirty plants were staked. They had 80 seconds to identify and list the names of each plant.

After writing thank you letters to those making the camp possible, the students cleaned up the camp. At an assembly of the groups, winners were announced. Each camper took home at least one nice prize, a cap and a plant collection.

While acquiring new friends during the camp, the youngsters also developed a greater appreciation of the importance of range plants and how plants, as well as the campers, themselves, have an important place on the planet.

The Clear Fork Range Camp has been sponsored for sixteen years by the following Soil and Water Conservation Districts: California Creek SWCD, Andrews/Kent SWCD, Haskell SWCD and the Lower Creek Fork of the Brazos SWCD.

Students representing Haskell County 4-H and FFA at the Range Camp were: Teddye Sue Harris, Ashley Foster, Amy Hamilton, Diana Maurico, Alexis Chavez and Leslie Tonche.

Student in the News

Lauran Brown of Rule has received an academic award sponsored by Rep. David Farrabee to Vernon College.

Recipients were selected to receive awards for fall and spring semesters at Vernon College by the Vernon College awards committee.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Craddick tosses wet blanket on Senate's school finance efforts

AUSTIN—Senate Education and Finance committee hearings sparked and fizzed with proposals to solve school finance early in the second week of Special Session II (Aug. 1-3) but the embers cooled considerably thereafter.

An Aug. 4 statement from House Speaker Tom Craddick showed there is no collective will to produce a legislative solution because of things that have and have not happened.

What has happened: The House killed its own property tax reform and school finance bills. Without a House-originated revenue-raising bill, the Senate's school finance solving plans can't move.

What has not happened: The Texas Supreme Court has not ruled on the state's appeal of a lower court ruling that public education and its funding method are neither adequate nor constitutional. When the ruling comes, the Legislature should have a clearer idea of how to craft needed legislation.

So Craddick suggested three things:

- Adjourn the Legislature sine die;
- Ask the Texas Education Agency to draw up a list of reforms that can be accomplished without legislative action; and
- Wait to review the state Supreme Court's ruling before meeting again.

But Dewhurst wants to do it now

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said he was disappointed with Craddick's statement and the House's "apparent unwillingness to continue considering school finance reform." Dewhurst is backing Sen. Florence Shapiro's 438-page comprehensive school finance bill that passed at committee level. The next step would be a hearing by the full Senate.

Two other senators attacked the problem another way. Rather than engineer another sweeping bill loaded with stuff that if passed by the Senate would only dissipate in the House, they co-authored a bill that does just a couple of things their

colleagues and constituents want.

Kevin Eltife, R-Tyler, and Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, are those two senators, and their bill, SB 37, over the next biennium would give certified classroom teachers, full-time librarians and full-time counselors a \$2,000 pay hike and—just in time for the start of the 2005-2006 school year—pay for new textbooks.

Governor Rick Perry's words hinted at his acceptance of the bill: "Each day that passes without education reform is another day textbooks remain in warehouses instead of being shipped to classrooms and money set aside for teacher pay raises sits idle in a bank account," he said.

Dewhurst reacted coldly to the little-steps approach by Eltife and Ellis. "I strongly believe that any legislation that is passed must reform and improve the quality of our public schools, give teachers a much-deserved pay raise, fund textbooks and end the lawsuit," he said.

History seems to indicate, however, that having one bill to do everything may not be the way to go. Lawmakers, in their endless charge to fix education funding, have failed four times in a row and are close to a fifth, counting the last two regular sessions and three special sessions (with the third still in progress). They have focused each time on a behemoth bill infused with deal-killing bits and pieces. This, of course, is complicated by a relentless cry for property tax relief.

Correction/Clarification

In last week's State Capital Highlights, I mentioned by name each House member who voted against a bill that would increase their pay. I regret my error in using the word "pay" instead of "pension" in that context.

Those who serve at least eight years in the state Legislature receive a pension that increases automatically when judicial salaries are increased by act of the Legislature.

However, Texans would have to vote to amend the state constitution in order to raise lawmakers' current stipend of \$600 per month.

Law enforcement report

Offenses and arrests reported by Haskell law enforcement offices for the month of July were:

- Driving with invalid license—5
- Driving while intoxicated—5
- Unauthorized use of motor vehicle—1
- Resisting arrest or transport—1
- Possession of controlled substance, less than 1 gram—1
- Burglary of a habitation—2
- Public intoxication—5

- Theft by check—3
- Disorderly conduct—1
- Debit/credit card abuse—1
- Theft—3
- No drivers license—1
- Traffic—2
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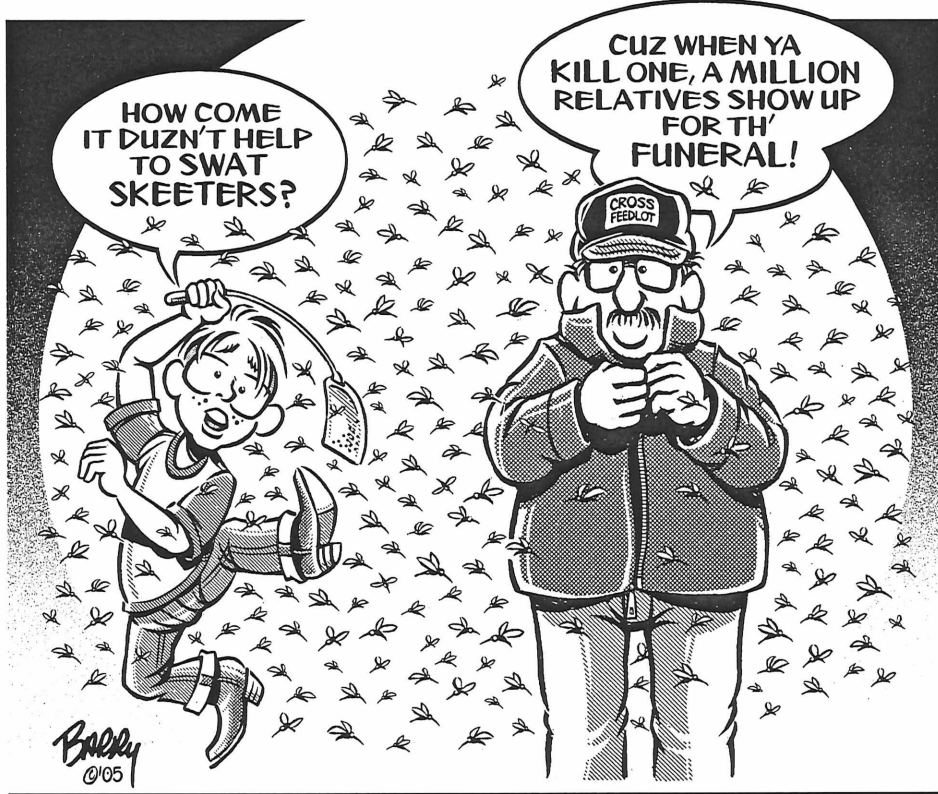
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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born in Haskell and weighed only 3 1/2 pounds at birth.

I have been married ten years and have one child.

I attended schools in Haskell and earned bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees at McMurry University.

No one knows that in the 1960's I worked on the Apollo Spacecraft Program in the engineering department, and was very glad when the first Apollo landed on the moon in 1969.

My favorite TV show/program is "Monday Night Football."

My favorite type of music is country western.

My favorite song is "For the Good Times" sung by Ray Price.

I like to play golf, fish and watch sports on TV.

My favorite reading material is western frontier novels by Louis L'Amour.

My favorite food/meal is steak and potatoes with salad.

My favorite place in Texas is Haskell, my home town.

My favorite vacation spot in the world is Maui, Hawaii.

My best quality is being complimentary to people when they deserve it. My worst quality is having no patience for most things.

I hate it when people gripe or complain about other people.

The person from history I'd most like to talk with is John F. Kennedy.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is that my 93-years-young mother still lives there, and I enjoy coming back to see her and my old friends during homecoming.

Watch next week for my identity.

UPDATE

Last week's Mystery Reader was Dwanna Klose of Haskell, who was once invited to audition for the Kilgore Rangerettes.

Born in Gustine in Comanche County in 1936, she moved to Haskell in 1940 with her parents, Mack and Delma Matthews.

She started first grade in Haskell in 1942 during a time when it was difficult to find teachers due to the

war. Being left handed, she was taught to write by her mother. With no lunch rooms, she carried her lunch to school until high school, when she got to eat at Woody's everyday.

In school, Dwanna says she had some special teachers, including Ada Rike in the 4th grade, Marie Kennedy in the 5th grade, and Kathleen Diggs, with whom she is still friends. She remembers Samuel Vaughter as a great superintendent. "When you got out of Haskell High School, you had a good two years college education," she said of that era.

In 1954 she married Wilbert Klose, who's parents came to Haskell County in 1900, when his grandfather began acquiring land in the Irby vicinity.

Soon after they married, Wilbert began working for West Texas Utilities, and stayed for 21 years. Since then he has farmed and ranched. Through the years he served as a volunteer fireman, had a custom cotton harvesting business and served on the REA board of directors.

The couple's daughters, Pamela and Camille, were raised and finished school in Haskell.

Pamela (Pam) Opitz and husband Ron, live in Mount Pleasant. Pam's daughter, Tenille and husband, Jeff Williams, live in Kingland, Georgia, and Pam's daughter, Trace Mathis, attends school at Tarleton. This summer Trace is doing an internship in real estate with Mary Rike in Haskell. When she graduated Haskell High School in 2002, it marked the first time since 1942 that someone in Dwanna's extended family was not attending Haskell schools.

Camille (Cam) King and husband, Wade, live in the Stevenville and Dublin area, and she teaches art at Glen Rose. Their daughter, Tyler Klose King attends school in Glen Rose.

In 2004, Dwanna retired from NASDA after traveling 31 years interviewing farmers and ranchers for the Department of Agriculture. Although glad to be free of that responsibility, she says she still misses the people, whom she learned

to love and respect. Enjoying meeting new people, she was always amazed at the ties she found in common among the area families.

With her physical abilities somewhat slowed down after several surgeries, Dwanna says she also misses entertaining like she used to do. "One thing my family knew was that they were free to invite anyone to our home for a meal anytime."

Speaking of how she has had to adjust, she said, "Your life-style begins to change when there are no young people around. Sometimes I feel just like a hermit."

Ironically, she looks back on the busy days, including those spent looking after her mother in her last years, when she used to wish for just one day to do nothing. "But, life is a series of adjustments," she said, "and you have to focus on the blessings you have, not on what you can't do anymore."

She still loves going to antique and estate sales, staying in communication with many friends and former class mates, and would like to vacation in Orlando, Florida, again.

Always enjoying a sense of humor, she fondly tells of how, before the first granddaughter was born, the family wanted to know what the grandchildren should call her.

When her friend Pansy Harris' grandchildren called their grandmother "Pansy," Dwanna said, "Well, I guess I'll be Nansy to my grandchildren." The name stuck, and all of the grandchildren have called her that or "Nans," provoking a family joke that their grandparents' tombstone will be inscribed "Nans and Paps."

Dwanna said she would like to be able to talk with Bess and Harry Truman, who projected to the country the image of a secure, loving, but undemonstrative couple, which was perhaps the way post-WWII Americans, searching for normalcy, wished to be. "I admired him especially for his steadfast dedication to their marriage first, over everything else going on in their life," she said.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
 August 10, 1995

Chancey Pogue, Kelli Cunningham, Jacy Cypert and Jim Crawford, members of the Clean Slate Organization of Haskell, gathered at Texas Christian University for the Texans' War on Drugs Leadership Training Camp.

The home of Joe and Dorothy Clark was the scene for a surprise party honoring Don and Patsy Bivins 30th wedding anniversary and Patsy's birthday. Hosts were the couple's children, Tom Bivins of Valley View and Emmalee Bivins of Rule.

20 Years Ago
 August 8, 1985

Ronald Campbell of Paint Creek participated in the Six Man Coaches Association All-Star football game at Tarleton State University.

Robert Ivey, All-Star first team linebacker, and Tamra Burnett, queen contestant, participated in the Greenbelt Bowl All-Star Football Classic activities in Childress.

30 Years Ago
 August 14, 1975

Ralph McLaughlin, grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bledsoe and the nephew of Thelma Vogelsang of Haskell was chosen to serve as a District Rotary Governor.

Pam Gibson presented her summer piano students in a piano recital. Students included D'Anne and Denise Burris, Holli High, Kimla Strickland, Starla McFadden, Kimberly Lanier, Andy, Donna and Vicky Hill, Emily and Paul Cox, Jill Jennings, Sonja Tidrow, Terri Therwhanger, Tamara Sorrells, Rochie Reddell, Michelle Raynes, Stephanie Browning, Debra Wells, Scotty Burson, Paul Williams, Jonnie and Lonnie Hise, Tom, Paul and Fred Barnett, Will Pace and Robert Lehrer.

40 Years Ago
 August 12, 1965

Arch Mayfield and Evelyn LaVern Mayfield of Weinert were chosen to be delegates to the Attorney General's Youth Conference on Crime.

Gerre Colbert, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Colbert of Haskell, was crowned Miss Hey-Day. Robin Wheatley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheatley, was crowned Little Miss Hey-Day.

50 Years Ago
 August 11, 1955

The Ladies Birthday Luncheon Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gauntt of Paint Creek. Irdie Branton was the honoree for the day. Royce Mullins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mullins of Haskell, received the Bachelor of Science degree from Sul Ross College.

Jean Griffith, a Haskell County 4-H club member for the past 8 years, was selected to enter her 4-H club record in the Santa Fe award program.

100 Years Ago
 August 12, 1905

J. M. Betts of the Rule neighborhood brought in four giant watermelons weighing between 69 and 83 pounds.

J. L. Baldwin sold a half interest in his Stamford hack line to Lee Box, who will take personal charge of the hack on this line.

J. M. Barbee of Marcy was in town looking after matters in connection with the establishment of a Farmers Union gin at Pinkerton.

Henry Free of the east side was in town getting lumber to build a new granary.

Range management for efficient reproduction

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

The purpose of this article is to discuss the relationship between range management practices and reproductive performance of beef cattle. The primary axis of this relationship is via the influence of range management on the nutritional status of the cow and the concomitant effect of nutritional status on reproductive status.

Abundant research on beef cattle in confinement has established the relationship of nutritional status on reproductive status. Research evaluating beef cow nutritional

responses to range management is more limited, and evaluations of reproductive responses to range management are even fewer.

Grazing management practices that influence beef cow performance include stocking rate, grazing distribution, and grazing systems. Stocking rate has the greatest influence, with heavy stocking rates diminishing a cow's ability to select and consume a highly nutritious diet. This limitation on nutrient intake decreases the cow's reproductive performance.

Range management to improve grazing distribution effectively increases forage supply by enticing

cows to consume underutilized forage, thereby altering the stocking rate relationship in favor of supporting more cows or higher nutrient intake by individual cows. Grazing systems that involve multiple pastures so grazing and rest can be scheduled among the pastures have variable effects on cattle performance, but they decrease performance more often than not compared with continuous grazing. The limitation of the pasture area to which cattle have access in a grazing system effectively decreases the forage supply, and can thereby decrease diet selection and nutrient intake.

Alternative forages, especially

complementary forages that grow in the early spring, can dramatically improve cow nutritional status during the critical pre- and postpartum periods of the annual beef cow production cycle. Supplementation, particularly the use of protein with low-quality forages, can augment beef cow reproductive status, as long as it is managed in concert with proper grazing management.

In conclusion, various range management practices can have positive or negative effects on beef cow nutrition and reproduction. Range management needs to be carefully planned and implemented to ensure that it contributes to efficient reproduction.

Thomas families gather for reunion

The descendants of the late Clifford Adell Thomas Sr. met at the Haskell Civic Center Sat., Aug. 6 for the annual Thomas reunion. All of the surviving children were present, including the eldest, 93-year-old John Thomas, of Haskell, Lewis Thomas,

also of Haskell, Berta Mae Thomas Carroll of Forney, Helen Thomas Mills of Levelland and Marie Thomas Cole of Plano.

Enjoying a catered meal of BBQ with all the trimmings, fried chicken and a variety of homemade desserts

were 47 family members and two guests.

John and Maple Thomas of Haskell attended with their immediate family: Clois and Donna Thomas, Gary and Reda Thomas, Jillian, Eden and Micah, all of

Haskell; Roy and Diane Pittman of Lubbock, Don and Christene DuBois of Magnolia; and Delin Konicki, Austin and Taylor of Missouri City.

The late Adell Thomas was represented by Bill and Grace Thomas of Haskell, and Jerry and Mary Ann Wheatley of Cleburne. Mary Kammenga of Haskell was their guest.

Berta Mae Thomas Carroll came with Jean Taylor, Bobby Taylor, Sherry Taylor Walden, Dana Curtis Rasbury, Travis and Colton, and Sandra Blair, all of Forney. Wayne Watts came from San Antonio, and Jerry and Lana Bass traveled from DeSoto. Manual Gonzales of Cedar Hill was their guest.

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

Lewis and Joyce Thomas of Haskell attended with Suzanne Wollard of Bryan, and Rickey and Debbie Scheffel, Todd and Kaylee of Lubbock.

After lunch an auction of Thomas memorabilia and various arts and crafts was held with Lewis Thomas as auctioneer, assisted by Jerry Bass.

Following an afternoon of visiting, reminiscing and looking at old and new pictures, the family enjoyed a fried chicken supper before adjourning.

4-H Record Book winners named

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Winners in the Texas Cooperative Extension Rolling Plains-3 District 4-H Record Judging were selected July 14, when screening groups met at the North Star Building of the First Baptist Church in Vernon, according to Galen D. Chandler, District Extension Administrator for the twenty-four Rolling Plains counties.

81 junior records, 65 intermediate records and 75 senior records were

scored in 39 different subject matter areas. Records were placed first through fifth place in all categories and age divisions. First place senior records will be submitted for state judging where they will compete for scholarships and awards.

Submitting records from Haskell County and their results were:

Juniors: Jenny Dudensing, Foods & Nutrition, 1st place; River McTasney, Sheep, 2nd place; Stewart

Ulrich, Swine, 3rd place; and Aaron Ulrich, Swine, 5th place.

Intermediates: Molly Dudensing, Clothing & Textiles, 2nd place; Brooke Bullinger, Health, 1st place; and Kate Rowan, Safety, 1st place.

Seniors: Emery Dudensing, Foods & Nutrition, 1st place; Candace Brister, Sheep, 4th place; Kiel Rowan, Swine, 1st place; Teddy Sue Harris, Beef; and Caleb Hudgens, Foods & Nutrition.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 611 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 6, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 41 sellers and 37 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, .46-.56; cutters, .50-.58; canners, .35-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .68-.74; feeders, .79-.92; utility, .64-.70.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.45-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.59; 400-500 lbs., 1.25-1.38; 500-600 lbs., 1.10-1.27; 600-700 lbs., 1.03-1.24; 700-800 lbs., 1.00-1.12; 800-up lbs., .85-1.07. One

load 107.85.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.25-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.05-1.25; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.15; 600-up lbs., .75-1.08. Two loads 800 pounds at 99.30.

Bred heifers medium frame, 800-950.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 850-1190; aged or small, 650-775.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1100-1400; aged or small, 850-1000.

For a healthy heart, go with the grain

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County

Women can reduce risk of heart disease by eating whole-grains. A USDA study shows that women who ate six or more servings per week had slower progression of atherosclerosis. This condition causes plaque to form when fatty substances in blood plasma build up in artery walls. This narrows the blood flow passages.

The researchers studied dietary data from questionnaires given to 229 postmenopausal women. They performed angiograms to assess changes in the volunteers' coronary artery diameter over a 3-year period.

The passageways stayed wider longer in women who ate more whole grains, which can be found in breakfast cereal, brown rice, popcorn, whole-wheat bread and bran muffins.

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NOTICE OF 2005 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of O'Brien, City of Rochester, and City of Rule and Haskell Memorial Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City of O'Brien	City of Rochester	City of Rule	Haskell Memorial Hospital Dist.
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 11,361.71	\$ 28,052.27	\$ 48,142.75	\$ 756,814.81
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 11,361.71	\$ 28,052.27	\$ 48,142.75	\$ 756,814.81
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,182,028	\$ 3,574,462	\$ 9,651,725	\$ 199,622,740
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5207/\$100	\$ 0.7848/\$100	\$ 0.4988/\$100	\$ 0.3791/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 11,330.58	\$ 28,049.32	\$ 47,982.34	\$ 756,322.12
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 2,263,886	\$ 3,434,518	\$ 9,548,277	\$ 203,873,429
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.5004/\$100	\$ 0.8166/\$100	\$ 0.5025/\$100	\$ 0.3709/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 11,330.58	\$ 28,049.32	\$ 47,982.34	\$ 756,322.12
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,263,886	\$ 3,434,518	\$ 9,548,277	\$ 203,873,429
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5004/\$100	\$ 0.8166/\$100	\$ 0.5025/\$100	\$ 0.3709/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5404/\$100	\$ 0.8819/\$100	\$ 0.5427/\$100	\$ 0.4005/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.5404/\$100	\$ 0.8819/\$100	\$ 0.5427/\$100	\$ 0.4005/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of O'Brien adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.5004 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2004 taxes by \$31.37.

If the City of Rochester adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.8166 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2004 taxes by \$2.95.

If the City of Rule adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.5025 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2004 taxes by \$160.41.

If the Haskell Memorial Hospital District adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.3709 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2004 taxes by \$492.69.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balances as Listed
City of O'Brien - General	\$1,950.00
City of Rochester - General	\$0.00
City of Rule - General	\$0.00
Haskell Memorial Hosp. Dist.	\$0.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE

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

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

You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

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Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 08/04/05

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. August 29, 2005 in the Paint Creek School Library.

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	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$5,550	\$5,626
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5916	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5916	\$5,323	\$5,852
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$4,979	\$5,707

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

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$21,937	\$23,187
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$6,937	\$8,487
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$104.06	\$122.81
Increase in Taxes		\$18.75

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 \$1.5525. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5525.

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)	\$410,995
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00

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Rhineland church to celebrate 110th anniversary Sept. 17

Plans are underway in the Rhineland community, located in Knox County, six miles north of Munday, for a 110th birthday celebration to be held Sat., Sept. 17 to once again honor the ancestors who came in 1895 to start the German Catholic Colony, named for the town of Rhineland, Germany.

The celebration is also to recognize today's members of St. Joseph parish for their continuing growth in faith, and for their faithfulness in working for their parish.

The celebration will begin at 2:00 p.m., and will end with a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m. Activities will include various games, concession stand and food booths, including fajitas and hamburgers.

The Rhineland Colony and St. Joseph parish began in 1895 when

Rev. Joseph Reisdorff and Hugo Herchenbach contracted to purchase a tract of land from J. C. League and George E. Mann of Galveston. One hundred acres was designated as a town site, and ten acres, selected to be in one block, was donated to the Catholic Church.

League continued to be a good friend to the settlers of the colony, especially during some hard years they endured. Continually expressing gratitude to him, these first settlers withstood many hardships in their travels to the colony and later as they labored in the fields.

Sustained by their deep faith in God, friendships were soon formed, and the colony grew as more settlers came. St. Joseph parish continued to grow and prosper throughout the years and today the parishioners still enjoy the fruits of the labor of the first settlers.

It is with gratitude to these first settlers and to the continued growth of the parish that the community of Rhineland will celebrate its 110th birthday. Members of St. Joseph parish are inviting everyone to come and celebrate the event with them and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Paint Creek School Menu

August 11-12 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal or grilled cheese sandwiches

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Thursday: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, green beans, chocolate cake
Friday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, bread, jello with fruit

August 15-19 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits and gravy
Tuesday: Donuts

Wednesday: Cereal or toast
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal or toast

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Burritos, salad, corn, salsa, fruit cups
Tuesday: Mac and cheese, green beans, carrot sticks, rolls, peanut butter bars
Wednesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, bread, cookies
Thursday: Hot dogs, baked beans, tater tots, relish, onion, pudding with cookies
Friday: Tuna or egg salad sandwiches, chips, corn on cob, jello

This Week's Devotional Message:

YOUR CHILDREN NEED MORE THAN SCHOOL ALONE



As the approaching school season appears on the horizon, it's time to realize that the school, for all its importance in teaching your children the basic skills of life, is actually the second stage of their education. The first is in the home, where they should learn manners, unselfishness, the difference between right and wrong, and respect for authority

and the rights of others, before they take even the first step out of the house; because the outside world begins right on your doorstep. Moreover, the character they develop during these years will remain with them all through life, so this early training should also include an education in faith, in the Sunday school at the church of your choice.

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 East Hwy 380, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
 Ron Renegarbe, 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
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 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - First Assembly of God**
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
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 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
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 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**
 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.
 Weinert
 - Weinert Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert
- 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**
 Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
 Deborah Nissen, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
 Josh Stowe, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
 John Greeson, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
 Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
 Alfa y Omegas
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
 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. Robert Sweet
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 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

Haskell School Menu

August 17-19 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Wednesday: Pig in a blanket
 No breakfast for high school
Thursday: Breakfast on a stick
Friday: 2 Slices cinnamon toast

Lunch
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is

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Wednesday: Chalupas, cheese, salsa, garden salad, corn, watermelon
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, breadstick, apple crisp
Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, ice cream

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., August 15
 11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch-Ham and beans, buttered corn, garden salad, sliced onions, cornbread, ooeygoeey pineapple, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., August 17
 10:30 a.m. Bingo
Lunch-Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips and

salsa, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., August 19
Lunch-Beef a roni, parslied potatoes, garden salad, sliced onions, green beans, yeast rolls, pudding cups, milk, tea, or coffee
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FOR SALE: Maple dining set, hutch, table, 6 chairs. \$325. Need to sell! 864-2865. 32c

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FORLEASE: Farm 992 owned by City of Haskell. Known as airport farm. 139 acres. 84.9 crop land. Base acres: 36.0 wheat, 42.2 cotton and 4.4 grain sorghum. Sealed bid to City Hall before 3 p.m. Aug. 19, 2005. Please bid as cash lease. 32c

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Public Notices

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For more information or assistance, contact Don Ballard, Superintendent, Paint Creek ISD, 940-864-2471. 32-33c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Paint Creek ISD offers career and technology education programs in Computers, Home Economics, and Agriculture. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.

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Paint Creek ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Donald Ballard at Paint Creek ISD, 4485 FM 600, Haskell TX 79521, phone 940-864-2471. 32-33c

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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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To my many good friends and citizens of Haskell County, I thank you for your support at the chicken spaghetti benefit luncheon that was held for me on July 31. I appreciate the donations, cards, phone calls, prayers and concern. Special thanks to the First Christian Church for organizing the luncheon and the Haskell County 4-H Club for organizing the bake sale. Haskell is a special place to me because of all the special and caring people that live here. Again, thank you to all.
Tammy Parham

Sam Rodriguez and the Haskell Country Club would like to thank the sponsors who donated to the Haskell Junior Golf Tournament. We appreciate all your help. Sponsors were First National Bank, Bailey Toliver Ford, Chief's Paint & Body, Sport-About, Haskell Tire and Appliance and Rodriguez Inn.

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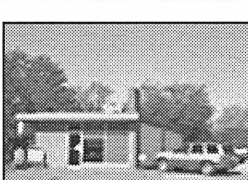
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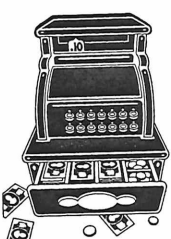


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Deadline to register for RPRLP leadership course is August 31

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

The quality of leadership in each Texas community heavily influences the ability to devise and implement successful community development and economic development strategies. In recognition of this fact, more than 30 agencies, organizations, private businesses and individuals with an interest in revitalizing rural Texas have formed an alliance to develop and deliver Texans in Leadership throughout the state.

Beginning Sept. 7, the Rolling Plains Rural Leadership Program (RPRLP) will be offering a leadership course for anyone who aspires to be a leader, or a more effective leader in their local community. The ultimate goal is to increase the number of trained leaders to serve in local leadership positions in rural Texas.

RPRLP is an innovative program designed to train and promote a network of leaders aggressively involved in the economic and community development of Haskell, Jones and Stonewall Counties and the communities within. The leadership program will provide perspective to the counties while helping the participants understand the assets, needs and resources of the area. This will provide a team framework to discover the solutions for meeting the area's unique challenges.

The RPRLP program is a seven-session commitment. The group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month starting in September. Each session will last from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and include classroom

time as well as on-sight tours of each community. The focus of the sessions will include a Program Orientation and Challenge Course, Communication Skills and Data Gathering, Motivation and Effective Meetings, Leadership Styles and Team Building, Panel of Current Leaders and Sources of Assistance, Problem Solving and Conflict Management, and Strategic Planning.

Graduates of RPRLP will be encouraged to use the knowledge and skills they have learned to improve their communities while assuming positions of responsibility. Anyone from Haskell, Jones and Stonewall Counties is eligible to attend. Employers are encouraged to send employees they feel would benefit from the course.

Rolling Plains Rural Leadership is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension-Haskell and Jones counties, Four Winds Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc., and Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.

Deadline to enroll in the Rolling Plains Rural Leadership program is Aug. 31. The program is limited to the first 30 applicants. Enrollment applications and registration information may be obtained at the Haskell County Extension office located at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell or by calling the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2546. More information may be obtained by contacting Jane Rowan, CEA/FCS at the Haskell County Extension Office.

Calendar

ECC variety show

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will present a variety show Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center. Sandwiches will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Showtime will begin at 7 p.m. Scheduled to appear are The Foggy Mountain Boys, Oh Brother Where Art Thou?, The One and Only, Jeff Foxworthy, Siderbill and Crackerjack, Clowns Slappy, Miss Priss and JJ, Rerun, the Famous Clown, Dolly Parton, Ray Stevens, Elvis Presley and other 'celebrities'. Cost of the show is \$5 or \$10 for the show and meal.

Girls' athletic

Members of the Haskell High School girls' athletic program are reminded to bring their physicals to athletics Aug. 17.

PC yearbooks

Paint Creek School yearbooks are in and may be picked up this week from Annie Horton. A few extra copies are available for sale.

Band schedule

Haskell Indian Band summer rehearsals will continue Thurs., Aug. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Fri., Aug. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. including a pizza party.

Benefit luncheon

A benefit luncheon for Deborah (Carlton) Huggins will be held Sun., Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stamford High School cafeteria. Price of brisket meal will be by donation only. A bake sale and silent auction will be held in conjunction with the luncheon.

Mens' breakfast

A Christian mens' fellowship breakfast will be held Sat., Aug. 13 at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Rooster.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Homecoming 2005

The next Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 7-8. Contact Dorothy Hartsfield, 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell or by email hshessharts@cs.com.

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2005 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HASKELL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2005 property tax rates for Haskell County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,007,166.28	\$ 290,284.92	\$ 238,393.80
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,007,166.28	\$ 290,284.92	\$ 238,393.80
Last year's tax base	\$ 199,466,868	\$ 196,925,028	\$ 208,191,069
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5049/\$100	\$ 0.1474/\$100	\$ 0.1145/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,004,404.57	\$ 289,309.17	\$ 238,242.88
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 203,914,394	\$ 201,450,334	\$ 212,586,125
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.4925/\$100	\$ 0.1436/\$100	\$ 0.1120/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.7481/\$100		
THIS YEAR'S ROLL BACK TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care)	\$ 1,004,404.57	\$ 289,309.17	\$ 238,242.88
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 203,914,394	\$ 201,450,334	\$ 212,586,125
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.4925/\$100	\$ 0.1436/\$100	\$ 0.1120/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5319/\$100	\$ 0.1550/\$100	\$ 0.1209/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.5319/\$100	\$ 0.1550/\$100	\$ 0.1209/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.8078/\$100		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Haskell County adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7481 for \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2004 taxes by \$3,888.38.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$ 200,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 348,270.00
Farm & Market Lateral Road	\$ 212,407.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE

SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NONE

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

You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at
HASKELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT,
604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 08/05/05

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Haskell CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 2005, in the Haskell CISD Administration Building, 605 N. Ave. 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	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,520
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$2.0686	\$0.0000 *	\$2.0686	\$3,654
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,579

*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. This comparison table was calculated by combining the 2004-05 attendance and tax collection date for both Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$35,893	\$34,605
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$20,893	\$19,605
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$313.40	\$294.08
Increase in Taxes		\$19.32

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 \$1.6090. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.6090.

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)	\$1,852,059
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00