Basketball games

HASKELL Area Girls Playoff Game Fri., Feb. 17 TBA Indians vs Sundown Tues., Feb. 21, 8 p.m. at Post

(Hamlin vs Smyer 6 p.m. Tues., Feb. 21 at Post)

Baseball games

Haskell V vs Rotan Scrimmage Fri., Feb. 16, 4 p.m. at Rotan

Softball games

Haskell V vs Stamford Fri., Feb. 17, 5 p.m. at Haskell Haskell V vs Seymour Tues., Feb. 21, 5 p.m. at Haskell

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Political forum

The Experienced Citizens Center, 1401 S. First in Haskell, will host a fund-raising "Political Forum," Sun., Feb. 19 from noon to 2 p.m. Candidates will make a short speech. An enchilada dinner will be served including all the trimmings, tea, coffee and peach cobbler. Adult tickets are \$8, students \$4, and children under 10

Rule banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce will host their 52nd annual banquet Thurs., March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Rule School cafeteria. Junior class members and their parents will cater the meal. The man and woman of the year will be announced during the banquet. Rule 4-H Club members will present a program. Tickets are \$8 each and may be purchased from any Chamber member.

Round Robin

The Ministerial Alliance of Haskell will present their annual Round Robin services beginning Sun., Feb. 19 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Daniel Echols speaking. Services will follow: Mon., Feb. 20, First United Methodist Church, Rev. Ron Rennegarbe speaks; Tues., Feb. 21, Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, Rev. Danny Manross speaks; Wed., Feb. 22, Assembly of God Church, Dusty Garison speaks; and Thurs., Feb. 23 at East Side Baptist Church, Rev. Greg Gasaway speaks. All services will begin at 7 p.m. An offering will be collected to benefit the Benevolence Fund of the Ministerial Alliance.

Open house

Rule City Hall will host open house Fri., Feb. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to showcase their new facility. The new voting machines will be demonstrated from 11 a m. to 2 p.m. Refreshments will be

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs.. Feb 23 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681

Bloodmobile

A Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be in Haskell Tues., Feb. 21 from noon until 6 p.m. parked at Haskell National Bank. For information regarding blood donation, call 325-670-2799. Donors will receive a longsleeve black T-Shirt and a free total cholesterol test.

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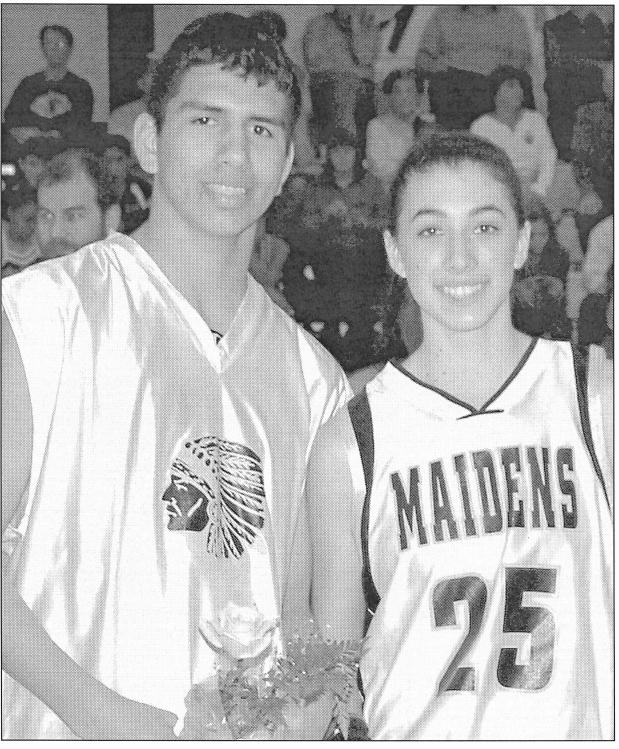
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Early voting starts Tues., Feb. 21

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BASKETBALL FAVORITES-Haskell High School athletes chosen as favorites, are Augustene Lara, Basketball Hero, and Mollie

McKnight, Basketball Sweetheart. They were named during halftime at the game with Munday Feb. 7.

Local thefts occurring

Haskell Police Chief, Tom Bassett, has reported a number of burglaries of residences, buildings

and vehicles during the last month. On Jan. 25, a neighbor reported that a resident had been burglarized.

On Feb. 3, the Police Department arrested a suspect in the burglary of a habitation. The investigation also cleared three burglaries of buildings and one criminal mischief.

He reported that several vehicles were broken into on separate dates last month. Officers have followed up on many leads received from callers. but the leads have not resulted in any arrests or property recovered.

"I respectfully request that anyone

having any information regarding these thefts to please call the police department or sheriff's office. Your identity will remain anonymous,' Chief Bassett said.

The Haskell police department offers \$250.00 for information that leads to an arrest and conviction of listed suspect.

Bassett reported that the police department is currently working related burglary of vehicles which occurred in August, October and December. All of the vehicles were

He reminded everyone to remember to lock and remove valuables from their vehicle.

Round Robin Revival set

Taken from Hebrews 10:19-25, "Persevere With Hope" is the theme of the annual Haskell Ministerial Alliance Round Robin Revival set for Feb. 19-23. The services will begin each evening at 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 19, at Haskell First Baptist Church, Rev. Daniel Echols will bring the message.

Mon., Feb. 20, at the First United Methodist Church, Rev. Ron Rennegarbe will bring the message. Tues., Feb. 21, at Cornerstone

Baptist Church, Rev. Danny Manross will bring the message.

Wed., Feb. 22, at the Assembly of God, Rev. Dusty Garison will bring the message.

Thurs., Feb. 23, at East Side Baptist Church, Rev. Greg Gasaway will bring the message.

The community is invited to attend. The offering collected each evening will go to the Benevolence Fund of the Haskell Ministerial Alliance.

for March 7 primary to start Feb. 21 Early voting in the Mar. 7 primary and will end Fri., Mar. 3.

Early voting

election will begin on Tues., Feb. 21,

Early voting may be done in person at the Haskell County Clerk's office at the courthouse, or may be mailed in. Applications for mail in voting are available at the County Clerk's office. They will be mailed on request. The last day for receiving votes by mail will be Feb. 28.

County Clerk Rhonda Moeller reminds that in order to vote every one must bring their voter registration card or the required identification

Voting machine training scheduled

With the enactment of the Help Americans Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), Haskell County is required to have an accessible voting machine in each voting precinct for voters with disabilities.

Although these machines do not have to be used by every voter, everyone is welcome to see a demonstration on how the machine voting process will work for them.

With the goal of educating the voters about using the machines, Haskell County officials are going to be demonstrating the machines in the county communities. The times are flexible and additional hours can be requested if needed.

The schedule planned thus far is as follows:

Feb.17, Rule City Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Feb.20, Rochester Fire Hall, 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For any information or changes, contact the County Judge's Office at 940-864-2851.



NEW VOTING MACHINES-County Judge David Davis looks on as Dorothy Cox selects her vote for her favorite car during the voting machine training held at the kitchen of the Haskell County Courthouse on Wed., Feb. 8. The mandated voting machines are for use primarily by disabled and handicapped, but any voter may use them if they like. Most voters will prefer the traditional paper ballot which is faster to use. The machines do not retain the selections of the voter, nor do they 'count' the votes. All votes, both paper and machine, will be counted by election officials in the usual manner.

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Burn ban issued

A burn ban has been issued for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could results in a wildfire. The han will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated an order from Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor. punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Medical fund

A medical fund to benefit Rowena Jacobs has been established at Haskell National

Catfish dinner

A real catfish fillet dinner will be held Sun., Feb. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sun., Feb. 26. Fried fish, coleslaw, french fries, hush puppies, beans, tea and dessert will be available for \$7 per plate. Take outs will be available. Proceeds will benefit the church camp fund for the Trinity Lutheran Youth Group.

Skywarn class

The annual skywarn class, sponsored by the Haskell Fire Department, will be held Mon., March 6 at 6 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Station. The training will be presented by National Weather Service personnel.

Car show

The 10th annual Haskell Fire Department's Car Show will be held Sat., March 18 around the courthouse square in Haskell. Entries are \$20. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Judging will be as 12:30 p.m. followed by a 3:30 p.m. trophy presentation. Hot Wheel races and a kids tractor pull will be held for the kids. For more information contact Randy Shaw at 864-2023. Vendors wanting booth information should call Lisa Shaw at 864-2686 or 864-2023. Vendor spaces will be available for \$15

One act plays

Four one-act plays will be presented by students from Benjamin, Haskell, Rule and Paint Creek School at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center Tues., Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 each and available at the door. A concession stand will be available. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Haskell Civic Center.

Storm sirens

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

Story time will be held at the Haskell Co. Library each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, activities, crafts and story telling by Paula Rennegarbe will be featured for children.

Obituaries

Virgil Allen 'Peewee' Mitchell

Rochester under the direction of



VIRGIL MITCHELL

Funeral services for Virgil Allen 'Peewee' Mitchell, 79, of Rochester were held Sun., Feb. 5 at Rochester First Baptist Church with Rev. Jackie Brem and Rev. Jim David officiating.

Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel. Mr. Mitchell died Fri., Feb. 3. Born Nov. 2, 1926 in Emory, he

was the son of Rev. William and Minnie Mae Mitchell. He married Charlene Collier Oct. 28, 1944 in Knox City. She preceded him in death Dec. 14, 2004. He was a devoted member and deacon of Rochester First Baptist Church. He served his community as a City Councilman, member of the Volunteer Fire Department and Lions Club. He worked as a self-employed builder and paint contractor for over 50 years in the surrounding community. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in

He was preceded in death by his

Andy J. Duce

Funeral Home in Rockwall Fri., Feb. 10. Burial was in Rest Haven Memorial Park under the direction of Rest Haven Funeral Home.

Mr. Duce died Sun., Feb. 5 at East Texas Medical Center in Clarksville.

Born Dec. 15, 1948 in Tarrant County, he attended Lakewood Elementary in Dallas, Paris High School in Paris, and graduated from Allen Military Academy in Bryan in 1967. He also attended Allen Military Junior College in Bryan. Until his retirement, he worked for Duce International of Dallas in sales and service of amusement rides and Larson International in Plainview manufacturing amusement rides. The Duce family owned the Four Duce Ranch in Detroit, Texas. He married Teresa Hulen Feb. 2, 2002.

He lived a full life, traveling all over the world and was just as much at home in the finest restaurants and hotels as he was on the front porch grilling and visiting with his friends.

Burial was in Rochester Cemetery in wife of 60 years, Charlene; his parents; and two sisters, Ludene Ivy and Lorene Rinehart.

Survivors include his daughter, Regina O'Neal and husband Bobby of Rochester; two grandchildren, Traci Needham and husband, Dave of Magnolia and Scott O'Neal and wife, Tammy of San Angelo; two great grandchildren, Delaney and Owen O'Neal of San Angelo; two sisters, Bobbie Harlan and Nan Hammett; and three brothers, Junior Mitchell, Verl Ray Mitchell and Billy

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 500 Main St., Rochester, Texas 79544 or The National Parkinson Foundation. 1501 NW 9th Ave., Bob Hope Road, Miami, Florida 33136. PD. NOTICE

He loved life and was loved by

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sylvia W. Lane Duce Aug. 3, 1997 and his son, Joshua Lane Duce March 16, 2003.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Hulen Duce; his father and stepmother, Mack D. and Dr. Leora Duce of Dallas; his sister, Gayle Duce-Perry; and his nephew, Codye Mack Perry of Glen Rose; two stepsons and wives, Jesse and Jennifer Hulen of Detroit, Texas and Stacy and Gari Dial of Nacogdoches; and step grandchildren, Jordyn and Victoria Grace Hulen of Detroit, Texas; and three precious companions, Samantha, Jake, Katie, Dear Heart and Dink.

Pallbearers were Chris Cole, John Flanary, John Hainer, Jesse Hulen, Codye Perry, Charlie Hall, Jason Thompson, Stacy Dial and his many other family and friends.

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Fannie Mae (Tyler) Hook

Graveside services for Fannie Mae (Tyler) Hook, 87, of Haskell were held Fri., Feb. 10 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

ANDY J. DUCE

Funeral services for Andy J. Duce,

57, of Detroit, Texas were held

Thurs., Feb. 9 in the chapel of Fry-

Gibbs Funeral Home in Paris, Texas

under the direction of Fry-Gibbs

Funeral Home. Funeral services were

also held in the chapel of Rest Haven

Mrs. Hook died Wed., Feb. 8 at Haskell Memorial Hospital.

Born Feb., 18, 1918 in Memphis, Texas, she was the daughter of John Isaac and Weltie Mae Spalding Tyler. She married Charlie Clayton Hook

Dec. 24, 1936 in Spur. She was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking and

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Ronnie Joe Hook; two grandchildren; one great grandchild; two brothers and one

Survivors include her husband. Charlie Clayton Hook of Haskell: two daughters, Welda Victoria

Pannell and Betty Sue Hook, both of Haskell; two sons, Clayton Elvis Hook and Thomas Lloyd Hook, both of Brownfield; one sister, Ollie Hull of Dickens; three brothers, Winford Tyler and wife, Hazel of Fort Worth, Wayford Tyler of Sonora and W.M. Tyler and wife, Wanda of Plainview: nine grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

William R. Loving

Funeral services for William R. Loving, 88, longtime resident of Odessa, were held Thurs., Feb. 9 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa. Graveside services were held Fri., Feb. 10 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

Mr. Loving died Tues., Feb. 7 at the Alliance Hospital.

Born Oct. 14, 1917 in Haskell, he was the son of William and Anna Loving. He was an Army Air Corp veteran of World War II and worked for the City of Odessa Water Department until his retirement. He was a

member of the Fellowship Masonic Lodge #1385, the El Paso Scottish Rite, Hermann Sons and Floyd Easterling Chapter of the Eastern Star. He married Pauline Barnard McDonald March 18, 1983 in Odessa.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline B. McDonald Loving of Odessa; stepsons, George McDonald of Las Vegas, Nevada and Lonny McDonald of Lafayette, Louisiana; daughters, Vianna Loving and Cordie Nave and husband Felix, all of Odessa; three grandchildren, Mary, April and Vincent Magouirk and one great grandchild, Trenton Robinson.

Maxie Rhea Inglis

Graveside services for Maxie Rhea Inglis, 77, of Clear Lake will be held at 2 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 16 in Willow Cemetery with nephew, Eddie Smart of Early United Methodist Church officiating. Services are under the $direction\ of\ Holden-McCauley\ Funeral\ Home\ of\ Haskell.$

Born Dec. 19, 1928, she was the daughter of the late C.G. Burson Sr. and Lela Viola Hayes. A graduate of Haskell High School, she enjoyed her life in the real

She was preceded in death by her first husband, J.W. Casey; brothers, C.G. Burson Jr. and Vernay Burson, both of Haskell; sisters, Ora Childress and Robbie Roberts of Haskell and Cleo Scott of Temple.

Survivors include her second mother, Nita Burson of Sowder and Aubrey Heathington.

Haskell; her second husband, George Inglis of Clear Lake; one son, Grady Casey and wife Beverly of Tecumsah, Oklahoma; daughter, Rhea Lyn Newton and husband, Steve of Ralls; grandchildren, Chad Casey of Colorado, Billy Newton of College Station, Tony Newton of Waco, Billy Bean of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Tyla Beach of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Brandi Bedford of Tecumseh, Oklahoma; two sisters, Pauline Norman of Haskell and Leta Norman of New Holstein, Wisconsin;

Honorary pallbearers will be Chad Casey, Billy Newton, Tony Newton, Trey Burson, Tom Coston, Bill PD. NOTICE

and brother, Earl Smith of Haskell.

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Students in the News

Whitney Wallace of Haskell was named to the South Plains College President's Honor List for the fall 2005 semester.

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Students named to the President's Honor List earned a 4.0 grade point average while being enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours.

South Plains College is a two-year community college in Levelland.

Jeffrey Blanks of Haskell graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting during December 2005

"Earning a 5-Star rating is in itself an outstanding achievementevidence of consistently sound management, financial strength and performance," said Karen L. Dorway, president of the research firm. "Earning 5-Stars 55 consecutive times is really something to be proud of," she continued. "When a local bank achieves the 5-Star rating, it is a reflection of not only the bank, but the community it serves and its commitment to that community. Robert A. Howard, CEO of Haskell National Bank, should be very proud of his 5-Star team and their accomplishment."

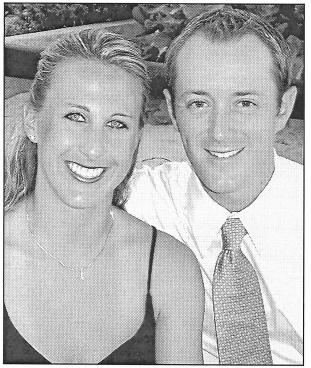
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Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by John Fouts, Campgn. Treasurer



BRITT TALLEY - JUSTIN HILL

Talley, Hill plan to marry May 20

Bob and Judy Alonzo of Bulverde have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Britt Michele Talley, to Justin Lawrence Hill, son of Larry and Janice Hill of Abilene.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Nick and Buena Campagna of Spring. She graduated from Marshall High School in San Antonio, and from Baylor University with a BA in Biology. She is employed by Outreach Health Antonio.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of the late Leon and Ella Belle Burson of Haskell, and the late Billy and Juanita Hill of San Angelo. He graduated from Cooper High School in Abilene, and from Texas A&M University with a Bio-Medical Science Degree. He is employed by Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals.

A May 20 wedding is planned at Canyon Springs Golf Club in San

Study Club learns about Xeriscape

The Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Feb. 9 for a program on Conservation.

Introduced by Franciene Johnson. guest speaker, Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent, spoke on Xeriscape landscape for water conservation.

In his presentation, Utley said the seven water-saving principles of Xeriscape landscaping are planning and design; soil analysis and preparation; practical turf areas; appropriate plant selection; efficient irrigation, use of mulches and appropriate maintenance. Urging everyone to have a soil analysis made, he said the extension office has soil sample bags available. Handouts were given listing outstanding landscape plants and trees adapted to various parts of Texas.

In appreciation of Utley's presentation, Dorothy Hartsfield announced that the club will plant a crepe myrtle in his honor on Texas Arbor Day, April 28 at the site of the historic La Briere house in the park. Federation counselor Mary

Kaigler reported that the TFWC Mesquite District convention will be held Sat., Mar. 25 in Albany. State president Patricia Siegfried Giles will be guest at the convention.

Nancy Toliver, tour director, gave the plans and schedule for the day trip the club will sponsor on Mar. 9 to the ranch country of West Texas and Ranching Heritage Center on the campus of Texas Tech University. The bus will leave the parking lot at First Baptist Church Haskell at 8:30 a.m. Round trip with lunch included is \$60.00. Anyone may go, and reservations may be made by Feb. 27.

In a report by Franciene Johnson about the club's project to restore the La Briere house, which was the first house built in Haskell, she announced that the club has received a matching grant up to \$10,000 from the Dodge-Jones Foundation for the project. The club has until May 1 to match the grant, and will be seeking donations to the project.

Valentine refreshments were served by hostesses, Julia Harrell, Lois Redwine, Myra Rainey and

EEA reports livstock show concession stand successful

Education Association Club agencies in the county. sponsored a concession stand at the Haskell Co. Jr. Livestock Show held in January. Profits from the weekend make up a major portion of the club's budget for the year.

EEA supports the 4-H clubs of the county with scholarships, the fashion

The club thanks those who supported their concession stand during the livestock show weekend and would like to thank those involved in helping make the event a

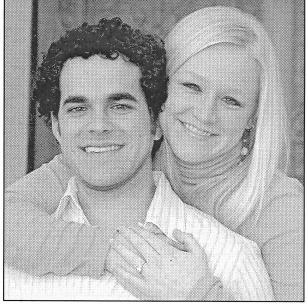
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LANE TAYLOR MURPHY - AMY MICHELLE JACKSON

Jackson, Murphy plan Houston wedding

Ed and Mary Murphy of Weinert the Program Manager for have announced the engagement of their son, Lane Taylor Murphy, to Amy Michelle Jackson, daughter of Mike and Susie Jackson of Cypress.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Alice and Toby Yates of Weinert and Norene Murphy of Garland. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ann Holland and Jeff George, both of Houston.

Jackson is a 2000 graduate of Cy-Fair High School of Houston and holds BA and MSW degrees in Social Work from Baylor University. She is Church in Houston

Communities in Schools at South Waco Professional Development Elementary School.

Murphy is a 2000 graduate of Munday High School and earned a BA degree in Environmental Studies and English from Baylor University. He will complete his MA in English in August 2006. He is teaching Freshman Writing at Baylor as part of his graduate program.

An Oct. 21 wedding is planned at Lakewood United Methodist

'Smoke gets in your eyes' more accurate than ever

If the possibility of heart disease and cancer isn't enough to discourage smokers, maybe the threat of blindness will be.

Researchers have now definitively linked smoking to an eye disease that leads to blindness. Recent research in Britain has found that smokers have a two to three times greater likelihood of age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of lost vision in developed

"AMD may reflect accumulation of oxidative damage in the retina," says Dr. Yu-Guang He, assistant professor of ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Smoking is well known to be associated with the generation of oxygen free radicals, which are directly responsible for oxidative damage. Smoking may also reduce choroidal blood flow in the eye, and promote ischemic, hypoxia and atrophy, all of which could increase the susceptibility of the macular to

degenerative process."

Age-related macular degeneration afflicts about 1.75 million people in the United States. Approximately 20 percent of those over 75 years old have some AMD.

"It could cause severe, irreversible vision loss and there is no effective treatment, yet," says Dr. He, whose research is focused on macular degeneration. "Age is the most important risk factor and genetic susceptibility is also highly associated with the disease." Some modifiable risk factors, such as dietary choices and smoking, have been controversial.

The British study reviewed all of the epidemiological studies published in English and concluded the association of smoking and development of AMD. It also suggested there was a lack of awareness about the risks among both healthcare professionals and the





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Americans not eating more red meat

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

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USDA-Economic Research Service periodically reports U.S. food consumption, actually food availability taking out such things as spoilage, plate waste, etc.

From 1970 to 2003, we consumed 23% more calories/day. Calories from dairy products actually

decreased slightly. That from vegetable, fruits, and meat/eggs/nuts increased only about 15 to 25 cal./

day for each category. But sugars/sweeteners added over 75 cal., grains almost 200 cal., and fats/oils over 200 cal.

Grains plus fats/oils accounted for over 75% of the total calorie increase.

So, if the average American is getting fatter, and they are, it's not because of eating more red meat.

Births

Carter James Crosson, son of Chris and Sheena Crosson of Abilene was born at 12:00 noon, Feb. 2, at Hendrick Health System in Abilene. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His paternal grandparents are Mark and Tammy Crosson of Haskell. Maternal grandparents are

David and Judy Wolsch, also of Haskell. Great grandparents are Ken and Claudette Wolsch of Rochester, Neda Threet of Haskell and Jack and Brenda Martin of Breckenridge.

Also welcoming him home were aunts Shauna, Kendra and Leslie, uncle Nick and cousins Jordan and





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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Comptroller finds \$800 million extra in state budget

AUSTIN-State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn let everyone know she now certifies Texas has \$4.3 billion of extra revenue in the state budget, an amount \$800 million plumper than her November 2005 estimate.

Most dollar watchers hailed the revised amount, but Gov. Rick Perry, the man with the highest-profile office under the Capitol dome, did

Strayhorn and Perry, the two top fund-raising candidates in the race for governor, managed to put a campaign-style edge on official press releases in response to the revised revenue announcement.

The governor's press office scoffed at Strayhorn's rosier-looking revenue estimate, asking (1) why the comptroller found more money after having closed the books on fiscal year 2004-05 back in November, and (2) why she hadn't done a better job of collecting unpaid taxes.

Strayhorn snapped at Perry for playing politics and revealed through Deputy Comptroller Billy Hamilton the extra \$800 million was attributable to greater income and lower expenses at state agencies.

The extra money could be used for property tax cuts and education, Stravhorn said.

But the money, if applied to education, would only be a temporary salve. The Texas Tax Reform Commission, a 24-member panel created by Perry in the fall, is meeting at sites across the state, gathering input in hopes of finding fair and long-term ways to respread the tax burden.

Former state comptroller John Sharp, who chairs the Tax Reform Commission, talked about this in a speech to 150 Texas newspaper publishers Jan. 20 in Dallas. Sharp said it makes sense to solve the tax issue first, and to let the solution serve as a platform for the Legislature to operate from when it tackles the school-funding issue.

Perry, who Feb. 8 echoed what Sharp said, is expected to call the Legislature into a 30-day special session to solve the tax issue in time to meet a June 1 deadline set by the Texas Supreme Court. It is the governor's unique privilege to set the agenda and veto bills that don't suit

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However, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, by virtue of his role as president of the Senate, is in command of the gate valve on all legislation. He and a handful of legislators have said they want to lower property taxes and devise a more effective school funding plan in the special session.

Lottery chips in to fund schools

Texas created its own lottery in 1992, and back then, taxpayers thought it would become a cornucopia of revenue for public education.

According to the Texas Lottery Commission, our lottery has put \$13 billion in the state coffers since it was launched 14 years ago, and since 1997, when all lottery proceeds were earmarked for the Foundation School Fund, the lottery has contributed \$8 billion to funding of schools.

Under the present funding setup, it takes \$16 billion-plus per year to fund education in Texas. So, it has taken the lottery eight years to chip in about half a year's budget for

Long spell for signature counting Secretary of State Roger Williams,

Texas' chief election officer, said it may take a couple of months to verify all the signatures on petitions that will be needed to put independent candidates for governor on the November ballot.

Carole Keeton Strayhorn and singer-writer-humorist Kinky Friedman will need 45,540 signatures each to earn a spot on the ballot. Signatures may only be collected during a period immediately following the March 7 GOP and Democratic primaries until May 11.

Funding suggested for AG effort

The Texas Criminal Justice Advisory Council said \$9.2 million is needed to expand Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's successful sex offender enforcement efforts

Abbott lauded the panel's recommendation for new funds that would pay for 56 more employees to be added to his seven-member Fugitive Unit force, which recently logged its 258th arrest. The money also would establish six regional offices across Texas to support the unit in its efforts to track down sex

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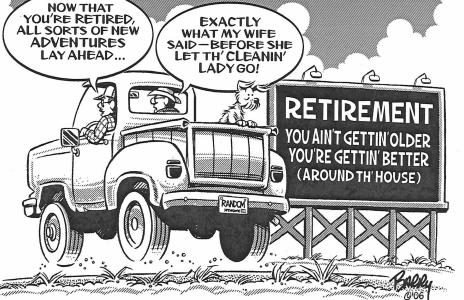
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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

In today's world of fast transportation and communication via the global-spanning technology that can keep us in contact with one another at any given time or place, we may sometimes forget what it was like in earlier days.

Especially in rural, small community areas, even as late as fifty years ago, there was not the quick dissemination and interchange of news that is available today. Each community usually had a person gathering the local news for the nearest weekly newspaper.

For many years, Mable Overton wrote the Paint Creek Community News column for the Haskell Free Press, often driving into town early and sitting in the pickup, typing out the column before the Free Press office opened. It was quite full of the busy life of the small community, with a touch of her own philosophic views thrown in, all expressed in the more formal manner of that time.

Reading her column, dated Dec. 22, 1955, one has to realize that although many things have changed in our life styles and our ways of getting around and communicating in the last half century, basically people still care about and continue to hope for many of the same things they did then. It's kind of comforting to

Thanks to her son, Wallar Overton, we share a portion of it here.

Paint Creek Community News By Mrs. Gene Overton Dec. 22, 1955

One of the nicest affairs our community has had in a long time was the barbecue for the football boys Saturday night at the Irby Hall. The barbecue has almost become a tradition when we win the district, thanks to Paul and Frances Fischer. It all began when Paint Creek won the Regional several years ago, and Paul had some goats about eating size. He promised the boys if they would win Regional, he would have a goat barbecue. So they did, and so he did, and we all took salads and pies to the Fischer's and had a wonderful time. The next year, the boys won District and lost Bi-district, but Paul had the barbecue anyway. This year, we won district, but we couldn't plan any celebration without including Mattson, because it was their win over Benjamin that gave us District.

Paul didn't have any goats, so several men went together and bought a calf, and Mr. Allen Peiser barbecued it for them Saturday and we all took salads and beans and pies to Irby Hall and it was one of the nicest parties the young folks have had in a long time. They ate at six and then again at 10, and still there was food to take home. The meat was

The Berryhill string band furnished the music, and the Mattson and Paint Creek football boys and pep squad girls and their parents enjoyed every minute from 5 o'clock

A Christmas program and tree was enjoyed by the members of the Paint Creek Baptist Church Wednesday

night. The program included Christmas carols and solos and duets as well as scripture verses and thoughts of our Savior's birth.

Mrs. Stella Trice entertained the teachers of Weinert, Mattson, Sagerton and Paint Creek schools Monday afternoon with a lovely Christmas tea. Miss Jessie Vick poured teas or coffee from a beautiful silver service, and refreshments included chicken salad, sandwiches, olives, nuts, fruit balls, stuffed dates and fruit cake. Teachers from Paint Creek enjoying the tea were Mrs. Lila Heflin, Mrs. Irene Ballard, Mrs. J. M. Owens, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. C. O'Neal, Miss Bess Smithley, Mrs. Dan McRae, and Mrs. Gene Overton.

The annual Christmas party of the Senior class at Paint Creek High School was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor. She is the class sponsor. Each member of the class brought a covered dish, and a Christmas dinner was served. After dinner, the group gathered around the Christmas tree, and gifts were exchanged. Those present were Emilee Griffith, Polly Tipton, Jean Griffith, Glenda Walton, Gayle Calloway, Albora Flores, Joe Bob Earles, Ray Hughes, Jerry Jones, Eddie Mac Earles, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Earles, Judith Taylor, and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hughes and Dolin are moving into the big ranch house on Dr. Bunkley's ranch, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ivy and Danny are moving from the Brown and Davis Ranch to the house where the Hughes' have been living. Mr. Ivy will work on the Bunkley Ranch this coming year.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Clay Kimbrough who died Monday. They have lived in our community for the last year and a half ever since they bought the Selby place.

Mrs. Gene Perry entertained the Young Married Couple's Class with a Christmas party Monday night at their home in Stamford. Games of 42 and 84 were enjoyed and gifts were exchanged around a Christmas tree Guests were the Allen Isbells, Ray Perrys, Irvin Overtons, Durwood Livengoods, Buz Hiseys and Allen Overtons.

Never saw so many new cars. Several families have brand new twotoned ones that are very nice. The R. V. Earles have a new blue and white Chevrolet, the Glen Waltons have a new green and white Ford, the Durward Livengoods, the Ray Perrys, the Garland Calloways, all have new pick ups, the Allen Isbells have a new Chevrolet, the Layne Wells have a new Chevrolet, and the W. A. Montgomerys have a new Chevrolet.

Some of these are just new to the people who have them now, but they are still better cars than they were driving, and that's nice. This drought has made most Paint Creekers drive their cars till they were about to fall apart like the wonderful "One Horse Open Shay." A good car can be pretty important when you live 10 miles from the grocery store or the doctor

or the drug store, or the implement

The Gene Overton's milk cow had the cutest twin calves not long ago. They are shorthorns and look like two teddy bears. Twins run in our family, but it is the first time we've ever had

Merry Christmas Paint Creekers. May you all have a wonderful New Year. May our school and churches grow. May you all have good health, good crops, and a fair price. May a Democrat be elected president, and may we have 3 inches of rain real

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor.

This letter is to inform the residents of your area that a day trip, by bus, is being arranged by the Progressive Study Club of Haskell. The trip for this yearly event is to provide a comfortable visit to the ranch land of West Texas.

The tour will leave from Abilene on Mar. 9, and travel to Haskell to Guthrie, on to Crosbyton and to the Texas Tech campus for lunch at the Merket Alumni Center. While on the Tech Campus a visit will be made to view the murals by Peter Hurd at Holden Hall, and then a tour of the National Ranching Heritage Center will follow.

The rugged, scenic views of that part of Texas, and the vast pastures of the ranches, is truly a site to be appreciated. The red barns, printed with white 6666, can be seen only in that area.

For more information concerning this fun day call Nancy Toliver at 940-864-2037, Thula Perry at 940-864-3080, or Julia Harrell at 940-864-3983.

Nancy Toliver Haskell, Texas

Gin Report

Feb. 13, 2006
Haskell
Haskell County Gin6,600
Haskell Co-op Gin 16,147
O'Brien
O'Brien Co-op Gin 27,116
Rule
Rule Co-op Gin 11,325
Sagerton Gin 2,150
Weinert
Griff's Gin9,110
Weinert Gin 14,102
Total bales 86,550

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 15, 1996

J.J. Comedy showed the grand champion lamb, Kaki Stapleton showed the reserve grand champion lamb, James Bass showed the grand champion fryer rabbit with Jennifer Smith showed the reserve grand champion rabbit in the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show.

Jesse Medford, Jody Smith and Stephanie Moseley showed off their talents with the hula hoop during half-time activities at the Paint Creek basketball game with Throckmorton.

Cliff McGuire, sixth grader in Haskell, won the grand champion entry in the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation poster contest.

20 Years Ago

February 20, 1986 Connie and Bill Liles, life-long

residents of Haskell County, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

First place winners from Haskell in the Cub Scout Pinewood Races at Sweetwater were Mik Everett, Brian Brzozowski and Blake Henshaw. Brzozowski also won the overall

Jason Hilliard, grandson of Elmer and Bernice Hilliard of Haskell and Rex and Sena Mae Murray of Rule, as first place winn conservation poster contest of the Sandhills Soil and Water Conservation District.

Buford Cathey of Haskell and Mike Jones of Aspermont bagged seven deer during deer season in a hunting expedition near Eldorado.

Capt. Lester Cooper, grandson of Mrs. T.W. Jetton of Haskell, was assigned as Ground Launched Cruise Missile Flight Commander in the 71st Tactical Missile Wing, at Florennes Air Base, Belgium.

30 Years Ago February 19, 1976

Haskell County Judge John R. Estes of Rule attended a basic 40hour Texas Justice of the Peace Training Center seminar in San Antonio.

Marja Beakley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavon Beakley of Rule, qualified for the dean's honor roll at Abilene Christian College.

Tommy Harrell of Haskell took the intermediate class with 45x50 at the Haskell Trap Shoot. Dan Hoover,

nailed down the novice spot with

40 Years Ago February 17, 1966

Sherry Newton of Weinert, highest scorer in a written knowledge and aptitude examination for senior girls, was winner of the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Olivia Van Zandt, daughter of Ruby L. Van Zandt of Haskell, completed eight weeks of basic military training at the Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Judy Boone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Boone of Weinert, showed the champion hereford heifer of the 35th Wichita Falls District beef

Susan Dement, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Dement of Haskell, was chosen to participate in the all state choir sponsored by the Texas Music Educators Association.

Teddy Ray Elliott of Haskell, began a 17-week course at Texas A&M University training for game

50 Years Ago February 16, 1956

Most of Haskell's service stations increased prices of gasoline from one-half cent to a cent per gallon. Premium sold for 31 cents. Regular was priced at .28 1/2 cents. The annual observance of World

Day of Prayer, was held at the First Presbyterian Church. The Haskell Indians rolled over

the Roscoe Plowboys, 48-43.

Hospital board members are Raymond Liles, Gene Overton, H.K. Fry, R.W. Herren, Tolbert Beason, W.V. Almond, and County Judge Alfred Turnbow, board chairman. 100 Years Ago

February 17, 1906

Mr. Lambert was in town and said he was sowing oats and had 12 acres planted now. Miss Manie Draper entertained a

large party of her friends at her home. Jack Simmons left for Waco, where he has employment with the Texas Central Railroad.

Mrs. J.S. Rike gave the young people a Valentine party Wednesday night.

G.W. Thompson has gone to Dallas to argue a case in the court of Criminal Appeals.

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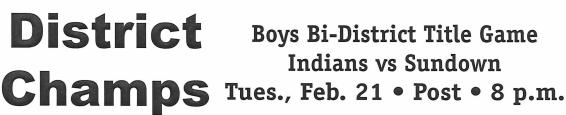
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Haskell Indians



HASKELL INDIANS: L-r: Coach LoLo Martinez, Weston Rutkowski, A.J. Alvarez, D.J. McCulloch, Jeremy Sorrells, Augustene Lara, Miquel Chavez, Greg Guzman, Travis Adams, John English and Coach Toby Villa. Kneeling, Jared Webb and Luke Terry.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



Haskell Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, I-r: Mollie McKnight, Jasmine Thomas, Roxanne Chavez and Lindsay Pannell; middle, Kimberly Medford, Lacey Peiser, Samantha Rodriquez and Robbyn Tribbey; back, Victoria Armenta and Kerri Newton.



Area Girls Playoff Game Fri., Feb. 17 • TBA

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Area events

Always Patsy Cline

The Hamlin FFA Booster Club along with the Albany Mainstreet Playhouse will present Always Patsy Cline Sat., March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Hamlin High School auditorium. All proceeds will benefit the FFA Booster Club. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door, first come, first served. For pre-ticket information, call Melinda Guadalcazar 325-576-3603 or Melissa Lee 325-669-6127.

KC banquet

The Knox City Chamber of Commerce will host their annual banquet 'There's No Place Like Home,' Mon., Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10. Tickets purchased after Feb. 22 are \$12. The menu will be grilled chicken breast, sausage, green beans, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert. Ray Stone, producer of 'Cowboy Football Report' will be the guest speaker. A live auction featuring autographed pictures of Roger Staubach, Troy Aikman and Bob Lilly; picture of Tom Landry and a football autographed by Aikman and Staubach will be held.

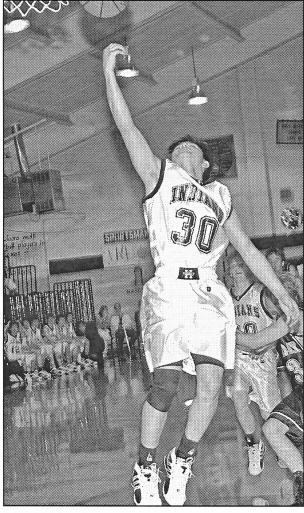


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INDIAN SCORING-Haskell Indian, Greg Guzman (#30), reaches to score in the Indians' winning game with Munday.

Area basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 59, Munday 17 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 23, Pannell 10, Tribbey 8, Rodriquez 4, Chavez 4, Medford 4, Peiser 4, Thomas 2.

JV score: Haskell 21, Munday 15 Aspermont 37, Rule 25

Scoring for Rule: K. Smith 13, Ke. Scheets 9.

Haskell 37, Hamlin 29 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight Simpson 7, Kittley 5, Hall 2.

16, Rodriquez 8, Pannell 8, Tribbey 8, Medford 5, Peiser 2.

Boys

Haskell 46, Munday 34 Scoring for Haskell: McCulloch 19, Lara 10, Chavez 7, Adams 6, Guzman 2, Rutkowski 2.

JV score: Munday 44, Haskell 37

Aspermont 68, Rule 67 Scoring for Rule: Spitzer 17, Dudenisng 15, Brown 13, Pace 8,

camera phone

PUTTING AWAY COUNT-Augustene Lara (#24), lays up a basket in the Indian's 46-34 win over Munday, Feb. 7. Photo by Bill Blant

Special seats offer children safety boost

Children often leapfrog from child safety seats to seat belts, but when they do they miss an important transitional safety support-a special vehicle booster seat designed just for their size, according to safety experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

When children outgrow child safety seats, usually at about 40 pounds, most are then restrained with a vehicle's safety belt alone, even though these restraints are designed for adults and do not fit children properly.

"If children have outgrown a safety seat but are less than 4 feet 9 inches tall, they need a booster seat," said Frank Luera, director of DSHS Safe Riders Traffic Safety program. "It lifts the child so that the seat belt fits correctly." With a booster seat:

*The lap belt will be placed low on the child's hips, rather than on the child's abdomen;

*The shoulder belt will cross the center of the child's chest; and

*The child's knees will bend at the edge of the booster seat, increasing comfort and fit.

Only an estimated 10 to 20 percent of children 4 to 8 use booster seats,

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despite the fact that children in booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a motor-vehicle crash than are children who are restrained by safety belts alone, according to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Luera also points out that airbags pose a high risk of death or serious, life-altering injury for children. "Even in vehicles with advanced airbags, which is a new technology that allows airbags to adjust deployment based on the occupant, children 12 and under should ride in the back seat," he said.

Safe Kids Worldwide estimated that children in the back seat are 36 percent less likely to die in a crash than are children sitting in the front

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a new Web site at www.boosterseat.gov that features the following information for

*An interactive child seat guide. Enter the age, weight and height of your child and receive a recommendation for the type of child seat your youngster needs.

*Child seat inspection information. Locate child seat fitting stations in your area where certified technicians can help make sure child seats are used correctly.

For more information about booster seats and other child passenger safety information, contact the DSHS Safe Riders program at 800-252-8255 or visit the DSHS Web site at www.dshs.state.tx.us/

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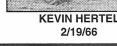
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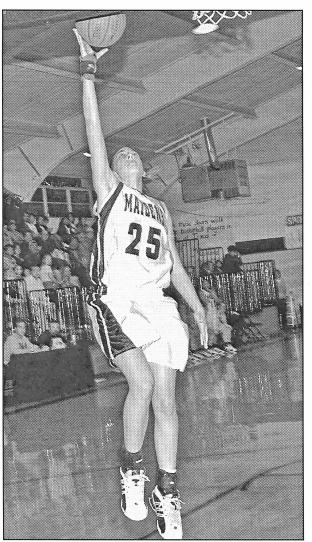
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Happy 40th!

Love, Kim **Brittney Victoria Wyatte** Dad & Martha





PLACING SCORE-Haskell Maiden Mollie McKnight tips the ball. adding more score in the teams' win over Munday.



SHOOTING TO WIN-Robbyn Tribbey (#33), sends the ball up to score in the Maidens' game with Munday, Tues., Feb. 7.

Medical records should be easy to access

These days, you can carry an associate professor of emergency entire music collection inside a gadget that fits in your pocket.

Shouldn't you be able to access your medical records with the same

"Most people cannot name the medications and dosages that they're taking," says Dr. Raymond Fowler,

medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

That's a problem, especially if you find yourself away from home or unable to communicate with others during a medical emergency.

Dr. Fowler says you should

safeguard yourself and help healthcare providers who will be treating you by ensuring an informational sheet is in your wallet

A medical profile should include:

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 All medications and supplements taken daily or occasionally (name, dose, directions)

Dates of vaccinations

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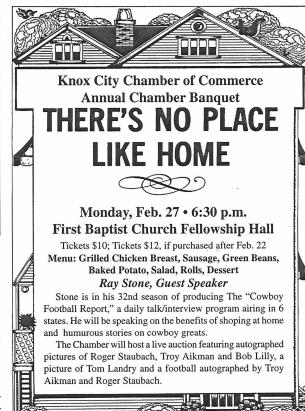
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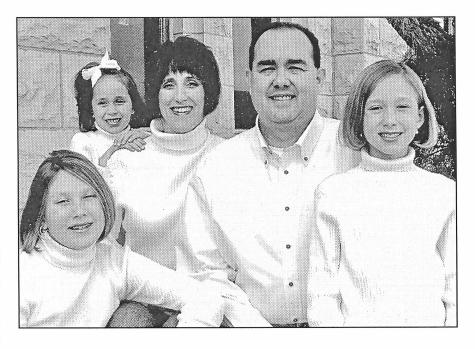
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beyond election cycles. The process of voting was mandated to insure

individuals with disabilities would have the opportunity to vote. The

Act requires any taxing entity that has elections such as Counties, Cities,

and Schools to have the proper equipment on which these citizens may

vote. Each voting place here in Haskell County will have one of these

will carry out their duties as in past elections. The ballots can be marked

by hand except for those who have a need to use the new voting machine.

The ballots will be counted as they have always been, by the poll

If you were unable to attend any of the Community workshops, please feel free to come the Courthouse to checkout the new system. If

you have any concerns about the new process, please feel free to contact

my office at 940-864-2851 or the County Clerk's office at 940-864-

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County Judge

on March 7th

County, area cities all show increase in sales tax receipts

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said recently that January's state sales tax collections got a boost from a strong economy, holiday sales and the rebuilding process that continues in Southeast Texas following Hurricane Rita. The state collected \$1.5 billion in sales tax revenue, up 12 percent compared to

Also, Strayhorn returned \$572.9 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 13.9 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2005.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales

made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$390.5 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 13.4 percent compared to February 2005 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$33.3 million, up 16.8

Haskell County had a 14.08 percent increase for February 2006 of \$44,387.23 in comparison to \$38,905.69 for February 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$70,006.09 reflect a 15.51 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$60,603.40.

The City of Haskell had a 12.74 percent increase for February 2006 of \$40,114.79 in comparison to \$35,578.64 for February 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$64,295.35 reflect a 14.76 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$56,295.35.

The City of O'Brien had a 38.36 percent increase for February 2006 of \$139.08 in comparison to \$100.52 for February 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$168.19 reflect a 31.88 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$127.53.

The City of Rochester had a 9.79 percent increase for February 2006 of \$953.16 in comparison to \$868.14 for February 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$1,324.89 reflect a 10.16 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$1,202.64.

The City of Rule had a 27.15 percent increase for February 2006 of \$2,552.07 in comparison to \$2,007.01 for February 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$3,473.35 reflect a 21.62 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$2,855.75.

The City of Weinert had a 78.76 percent increase for February 2006 of \$628.13 in comparison to \$351.38 for February 2005. 2006 payments to date of \$744.31 reflect a 90.05 percent increase over 2005 payments to date of \$391.63.

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., Feb. 20

Lunch-Ham slice, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, candied yams, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Feb. 22

Lunch-Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips and salsa, banana pudding, milk, tea, or

Fri., Feb. 24

Lunch-Ham and beans, garden salad, onion slices, buttered corn, cornbead, pears, peanut butter cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

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KROOKED RIVER WILDFIRE-Ground crews watch as a Texas Forestry Service heavy helicopter drops water on the Krooked River Fire Fri., Feb 10. Krooked River is located in the southeastern part of Haskell County. Fire departments from Haskell, Stamford, Throckmorton, Paint Creek, Lueders and Texas Forestry Service equipment including ground equipment, crews, two heavy helicopters, one light helicopter and one fixed wing plane battled the fire that was reported at 1:30 p.m. and burned approximately 400 acres. Local fire crews checked back into the Haskell station around 9:30 p.m. Forestry Service personnel monitored conditions through Sunday morning

Emergency grant benefits Big Country fire departments

in the Big Country region of West Texas are receiving a welcome boost, thanks to the generosity of the Dodge Jones Foundation, based in Abilene. The foundation made emergency grant funding available through the Texas Forest Service to help replenish equipment and protective gear for 106 fire departments in 22 counties, which each have a \$2,500 grant awaiting them.

"The Dodge Jones Foundation came to us during the height of the wildfire siege and asked what they could do to address the immediate needs of the departments in the Big Country region," said Texas Forest Service Director James Hull. "By giving each department a grant for \$2,500, each one can purchase the items most vital to their continued operation, such as personal protective gear, replacement pumps and vehicle repairs. This will be a great benefit to their communities and the thousands of Texans they serve."

Most of these 106 volunteer fire departments (VFDs) are the first responders to wildfires in their areas. and they have seen more than their share of the state's largest and most destructive fires during the recent wildfire siege. Many of these departments responded to the 35,300acre Carbon Fire and the 7,600-acre Cross Roads Fire that burned through the town of Cross Plains.

"This has been a tough fire season, Announcements begin at 11:45 and we're a very small department, only four years old, so we're grateful

Overtaxed volunteer firefighters for any help we can get," said Fire Chief Raymond Helberg with Promontory Park VFD in Comanche County. "We lost all our wildland firefighting gear when our brush truck was burned over on the Carbon Fire. All of our wildland hose, nozzles, everything burned up including our medical supplies. It

The Dodge Jones Foundation gift will provide emergency individual grant funds to volunteer fire departments in the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Irion, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Reagan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Sterling, Taylor, Throckmorton and Tom Green.

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 20-24

was quite a loss. We were fortunate

that our firefighters only received 2nd

degree burns, and they're both fine

Breakfast Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Blueberry muffin

Tuesday: Breakfast pizza Wednesday: Cereal, tropical treasures (dried fruit packet) Thursday: Cinnamon glazed French

Friday: Cereal, toast Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: choice of entree or baked potato with cheese

Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, hot roll, fruit cocktail Tuesday: High school: Sack lunch;

Elementary: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, fried okra, sliced peaches Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti,

Italian green beans, garden salad, bread stick, Mandarin fruit salad Thursday: Chicken quesadillas,

pinto beans, chips, queso, garden salad, strawberry or raspberry gogurts

Friday: Chili cheese dogs, pickles, onions, tater tots, fresh fruit

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 20-24 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily. Monday: Toast or cereal Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy Wednesday: Pancakes Thursday: Breakfast burritos Friday: Toast or cereal

Lunch Milk is served daily.

Monday: Spaghetti, green beans,

of Haskell

salad, garlic bread, applesauce cake Tuesday: Stew, fried okra, grilled cheese sandwiches, peach cobbler Wednesday: Burritos, refried beans, corn, salad, fruit cups

Thursday: Mac and cheese with ham, green beans, salad, rolls, peanut butter bars

Friday: Chilidogs, chips, relish, cheese, jello

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TAX **PLANNING**

Written By Richard E. Rodgers, CPA



USE UPDATED NUMBERS FOR YOUR 2006 TAX PLANNING

Take these tax law changes and inflation adjustments into account as you do your 2006 tax planning.

•The standard mileage rate for business driving decreases from 48.5¢ to 44.5¢ per mile, effective January 1, 2006. The rate for medical and moving mileage decreases from 22¢ to 18¢ per mile. The rate for charitable mileage remains at 14¢ per mile unless the work is related to the 2005 hurricanes. Then the mileage rate is 32¢ a mile for deduction purposes and 44.5¢ a mile for reimbursement purposes.

•The first-year expensing limit for the purchase of business equipment ncreases from \$105,000 to \$108,00. The expensing election phases out once total purchases for 2006 exceed \$430,000.

•The maximum earnings subject to social security tax increases from \$90,000 to \$94,20.

•The 'nanny tax' threshold increases to \$1,500 for 2006. If you pay household workers more than this amount during the year, you're responsible for payroll taxes. The 'kiddie tax' threshold increases to \$1,700. If your child under age 14 has more than \$1,700 of unearned income in 2006 (e.g., dividends and interest income), the excess will be

•The maximum individual retirement account (IRA) contribution you can make in 2006 remains unchanged at \$4,000, but if you are 50 or older, the catch-up contribution you can make increases from \$500

•The maximum amount of wages employees can put into a 401(k) plan increases from \$14,000 to \$15,000. The maximum allowed for SIMPLE plans remains at \$10,000. If you are 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$20,000 to a 401(k) and \$12,500 to a SIMPLE plan.

•The estate tax exemption increases to \$2 million, and the top estate tax rate drops from 47% to 46%.

For details or a more complete review of 2006 changes that could affect your tax planning, call us.

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Reverse mortgage options require careful consideration

CEA/FCS, Haskell County A reverse mortgage is a loan against your home that you do not have to pay back for as long as you live there.

For many Americans, working toward owning their own home is the dream of a lifetime. Carefully consider all your options and make an informed decision should you decide to take out a reverse mortgage on your home.

To qualify for most loans, the lender checks your income to see how much you can afford to pay back each month. With a reverse mortgage, you do not have to make monthly payments so you don't need a minimum amount of income to qualify. You could have no income and still be able to get a reverse mortgage.

The loan amount is determined by the value of your home and the equity you have in it. Other than equity in your home and a clear title, the only real qualification for a reverse mortgage is to be age 62 or older.

There are three different reverse mortgage plans from which you may choose and each is different from the other.

A single-purpose reverse mortgage is usually offered by state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations. While these mortgages have low upfront costs they are not available in all areas and the money they provide may only be used for a specified purpose, such as home repairs, property taxes or medical expenses.

Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM) are federally insured reverse mortgages, backed by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These mortgages may be more expensive than a single-purpose mortgage. The money received from HECMs may be used for any purpose. Since HECMs are federally insured, any

leave you owing more money than the original amount will be covered by HUD.

A third type of reverse mortgage is known as a proprietary reverse mortgage. These mortgages are usually offered by private companies and may have higher total cost than the previous two. Since these loans are offered by private companies, terms may vary from one company to the next.

Single-purpose reverse mortgages are usually only available to individuals who meet certain income requirements. Proprietary reverse mortgages usually benefit those with higher value homes.

Careful consideration and consultation with an independent credit counseling service may be necessary to make the decision that best suits your needs.

The cash you get from a reverse mortgage can be paid as a single lump sum of cash, a regular monthly cash advance, a line of credit account that lets you decide when and how much of your available cash is paid to you or a combination of these payment methods.

No matter how this loan is paid out, you typically do not have to make monthly payments. The balance of the loan is due when you die, sell your home or permanently move out of your home. Depending on the terms of your loan agreement, your heirs may be responsible for this amount.

When a reverse mortgage becomes due and payable, you may owe a lot of money and your equity may be very small. Remember, a hallmark of the reverse mortgage is decreasing equity in your home and increasing debt to the lending institution.

In fact, the debt owed to the lending institution will draw interest at a rate that is usually determined by a market average. If you have the change in the valuation of your home loan for a long time, or if your home's

value decreases, there may not be any equity left at the end of the loan.

Reverse mortgages do not always have rising debt and falling equity. If a home's value grows rapidly, your equity could increase over time.

Keep in mind that most home values do not grow at consistently high rates. So the majority of reverse mortgages end up being "rising debt, falling equity" loans.

HECM applicants are required to receive counseling from an independent counseling agency prior to initiating their mortgage. It may not be a bad idea that anyone considering a reverse mortgage, no matter if counseling is required or not, receive some sort of financial counseling.

HUD maintains a list of HUDapproved counselors through their website at http://www.hud.gov/ offices/hsg/sfh/hecm/hecmlist.cfm.

If you are interested in a reverse mortgage, consider the following tips from the Federal Trade Commission:

•Shop around and compare your options

•Remember that all HECM lenders must follow rules set by HUD meaning that all fees, interest rates and other terms of the loan will be the same

•Be certain that you understand all the terms and conditions that could make the loan due and payable

•Be cautious if anyone approaches you about a reverse mortgage

•Generally, you have three business days after signing the loan document to cancel it for any reason

A reverse mortgage is not an

arrangement into which you should enter lightly. Carefully consider other alternatives and seek independent,

outside counsel before you make any decision regarding your home or the equity you have amassed in it. For more information, contact the

Federal Trade Commission at http:// www.ftc.gov or 1-877-382-4357 or contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2546.



JONATHAN TOLIVER

Toliver graduates from Tech

On Dec. 17. Jonathan Toliver, son of Brian and Leesa Toliver of Sweetwater, and grandson of Bailey and Nancy Toliver and Cleatus Drinnon of Haskell, was awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance during ceremonies at the Texas Tech University United Spirit Arena.

He is the twelfth member of his family to graduate from Texas Tech University, including his father Brian Toliver, mother Leesa Toliver, brother Brent Toliver, grandfather Bailey Toliver, grandmother Nancy Toliver, uncle Robin Colbert, aunt Lee Ann Colbert, uncle Joseph Toliver, uncle Sam Toliver, uncle Stephen Drinnon, and aunt Sharla

Following his graduation, he has taken a position with Sewell Motors Corporation in Dallas.

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Sire selection emphasis by Wesley Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

In a continuous breeding system (replacement heifers saved from within the herd) featuring retained ownership of calves and selling on a carcass grid, it has been found that reproduction is the most economically important trait, followed by production (weight gain), and then product (carcass).

Researchers at the Miles City, Montana USDA station wanted to know what the selection emphasis should be for sires in a terminal cross breeding system. They evaluated five sire breeds in a terminal cross using a computer simulation.

Breed averages were taken from extensive studies conducted by the fertility is an important factor.

USDA Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Nebraska. Traits included were calf survival rate, weaning weight, feedlot gain and feed consumption, dressing percent, marbling score, and USDA Yield Grade.

In general, it was found that sire selection emphasis among these traits should be rather uniformly applied, except that feedlot gain and yield grade should be somewhat deemphasized. It should be noted that, in selection of terminal sires, fertility of females is not relevant, since heifers are not kept for breeding in a terminal system. However, in selection of sires to produce females used in a terminal cross, female



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Cattle cycles studied

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

Those who deal with such things say we're in a new cycle, with cow numbers starting to increase. Economists from North Dakota, Kentucky and Tennessee collaborated to study the last cycle and how it might generate "green flag/red flag" management tools for beef cow herds.

They concluded that the three most useful guides are net cash flow (NCF), net value added (NVA), and net financial returns (NFR). NCF considers direct cash costs (including growing forage or feed for the herd), debt costs, and any family living costs withdrawn from the operation, to determine if the herd is generating cash or being subsidized.

NVA considers the fair market value of feed/forage grown, fair market value of assets, actual interest on loans, and non-cash depreciation, (but not payments on principal or living costs) to determine added

economic value from the herd. NFR considers book value (costs minus current depreciation) of assets, costs of producing feed and pasture, and actual interest for capital assets, (land is valued at purchase, not

current, value, and owned land is not included), to determine if the herd is adding or consuming equity.

When cattle prices were high, all three tools sent "green flag" signals. As prices started lower, the first "red flag" was negative NCF, even though NVA and NFR remained positive. As prices continued to decline, NVA became negative, followed shortly by negative NFR. (NCF started to drop two to three years before long-range survival of the business was threatened.)

Conversely, the first indicator that things were going to improve was a positive NFR, with NCF being the last to turn up. So, if NCF starts down, things are probably going to get worse, notbetter. But if things have been bad and you wait for positive NCF, you're probably too late to take full advantage of the favorable part of the cycle.

This paper, "Taking Your Herd Profitably Through the Cattle Cycle," and several other useful papers on Managing for Today's Cattle Market and Beyond, a project of the Western Extension Marketing Committee, can be accessed at http://ag.arizona.edu/ arec/wemc/wemc.html.

Angus beet trends

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

During a meeting last month involving Texas A&M Extension livestock/beef cattle specialists and Certified Angus Beef officials, some

interesting facts were discussed. CAB is in place in all of the larger packing plants, which slaughter about 87% of U.S. fed cattle. CAB requires animals to be majority black color pattern for initial qualification, amounting to about 54% of fed cattle nationally (44% in Texas plants).

Then full certification requires: marbling of Modest or higher (USDA Ouality Grade in the upper 2/3 of Choice or Prime), USDA Yield Grade <4.0, hump height < 2.0 inches, A maturity (9-30 months), at least moderately thick muscling, mediumto fine-textured marbling, and no dark-cutting lean or capillary ruptures. Of carcasses initially qualified, certification rates were about 17% in 1994, increased to about 20% in 1999, but declined to 15.6 % in 2005. Over 92% of certification failures involved inadequate marbling.

CAB is often associated with white-table-cloth restaurant meals, but only 34% of the product goes to food service, while 55% goes through retail markets. While we often hear about the price spread for Choice over Select, CAB averages an additional premium over non-CAB Choice by almost as much as the average Choice-Select spread.

Finally, American Angus Association registration figures for 2005 are about 45% greater than for 1995, and almost 20% greater than 2000. Obviously, more Angus bulls are being used. When asked why more Angus bulls has not resulted in higher percent CAB certification, the CAB officials at the meeting had no explanation.

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Weather Whys

Lightning Strikes
Q: Which state gets hit by

lightning the most often?
A: The state of Florida gets more lightning strikes than any place in the world, says Brent McRoberts of

Texas A&M University.

"Because of its large coastline and the frequent thunderstorms that pop up almost daily, Florida is a lightning center and the city of Tampa is called the lightning capital of the United

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Kip and Kaye Derrick of Fort Worth and Kim and children of San Antonio visited Fannie Mae Barton on Saturday.

Floradean Cockerell of Abilene spent Thursday with her mom, Joyce Hawkins.

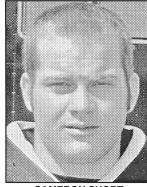
Cody Blair and daughter, Abbie, spent Sunday with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair and attended Trinity Baptist Church with them. States," McRoberts says. "It records about 40 lightning strikes per square mile each year, an incredible amount. But you have to remember that worldwide, over 4 million lightning strikes hit the Earth each year, which comes out to about 50 each second."

comes out to about 50 each second."
Q: What about Texas cities and lightning strikes?

A: Houston is the lightning capital of Texas by far, recording about 20 strikes per square mile and the city averages 1,700 strikes between the months of June and August, McRoberts adds.

"A single bolt of lightning can carry up to 50,000 volts of electricity," he notes. "That's why lightning kills about 100 people in the U.S. each year, second only to floods. Of people struck by lightning, 85 percent are under the age of 35 and of those, 1 out of 5 will die. Of those who survive, 70 percent will suffer long-term serious side effects from a lightning strike. The spring and summer months are the most active for lightning, so people need to be aware of just how deadly lightning can be."

Short goes from Indian to Cowboy



CAMERON SHORT

Cameron Short, a 4-year letterman for the Haskell Indians, has committed to play football for Hardin-Simmons University next

Short has been a varsity starter all four years of his career at Haskell High School. In 2002, as a freshman, he played tight end for the Indians. In 2003, he only played in one game, due to a serious break in his arm that required surgery. In that one game

however, he scored three touchdowns in a 46-6 rout of the Hawley Bearcats.

Short was a major contribution to the 2004 Indians, starting at fullback and linebacker, as Haskell advanced four rounds deep into the playoffs and won the Regional Championship in a 21-7 defeat of Goldthwaite.

This past season, Short was a twoway starter and captain for an Indian team that advanced three rounds deep and won the Area Championship. He has been an All-District selection on offense and defense, and has also been very successful in baseball and track.

Haskell Coach Brad Brunson said, "He is a young man that has always been someone we could count on to make the right decisions. He has always worked hard and he is a very positive reflection of our program. I know he will represent himself in a way that will make us all very proud. He is a young man of outstanding character and integrity. I am certain he will succeed in every endeavor he chooses to pursue."

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Public Notices Notice

NOTICE

The Haskell Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors will be accepting sealed bids until February 17, 2006, at the office of the Administrator at I North Avenue N, Haskell, Texas 79521, for the purchase of a 60x100 foot metal building complete with bathrooms, kitchen facilities and storage areas.

Specifications can be picked up at the main office at the Hospital, located at 1 North Avenue N, Haskell, Texas.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Haskell Memorial Hospital Board of Directors 4-7c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Haskell CISD has purchased property at the northwest corner of Avenue A and North 11th Street in Haskell, formerly owned by Haskell County Gin. There are currently several old cotton trailers parked on the property.

The school district respectfully requests the owners of the trailers to remove them from the property prior to February 28, 2006. Owners of the trailers, please be advised that Haskell CISD will begin disposing of the remaining trailers on March 1, 2006.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF HASKELL COUNTY:

With the enactment of the Help Americans Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) Haskell County is required to have accessible voting machine in each voting precinct for voters with disabilities. These machines must be available but do not have to be used by the voter. Everyone is welcome to see a demonstration on how the voting process will work for them.

County officials are going to be in the communities demonstrating the voting machines. The times are flexible and additional hours can be requested if needed. Contact the County Judge's Office for any information or changes, 940-864-2851.

The schedule thus far is as follows: February 17, 2006: Rule City Hall from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.;

February 20, 2006: Rochester Fire Hall 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Our goal is to educate the voters of Haskell County.

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FOR

NOTICE

Notice to parents of children being home schooled and residing with the school district boundaries of Munday CISD; Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Benjamin ISD, Rule ISD or Paint Creek ISD.

If your child has been identified as an eligible Special Education (having one or more handicapping conditions: Autism; Emotional Disturbance; Mental Retardation; Speech Impairment; Learning Disability; Traumatic Brain Injured; Visual Impairment; Auditory Impairment; Other Health Impairment or Orthopedic Impairment and determined by the LEA Local Education Agency's—ARDC—Admission, Review, Dismissal Committee as eligible to receive services).

Then you are invited to a meeting with the Haskell-Knox Shared Services Arrangement to discuss what types of services both direct and alternate delivery mechanisms might be provided.

The Haskell–Knox SSA will hold this meeting Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, 10:00 a.m. in the Haskell–Knox SSA building located at 201 Northeast 2nd, Knox City, Texas 79529.

If you have questions or would like to RSVP, please call Haskell–Knox SSA at 940-658-3587 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jeanne' Snyder, Director 7c

NOTICE

Paint Creek ISD will conduct a meeting on February 20, 2006 in the school cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the school calendar for the 2006-2007 school year. The district is applying for a waiver to start school on August 16, 2006.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

On Monday, March 13, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. the Board of Commissioners for the Haskell Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five-year plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place in the community room located at 702 South Avenue H in Haskell, Texas. The draft plans and all supporting documents are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Haskell Housing Authority located at 702 South Avenue H, weekdays during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; Friday and Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This Week's Devotional Message:



THE BIBLE IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST BOOK OF INSTRUCTIONS

There are many kinds of instruction books available, designed to teach us how to do practically everything from cooking and gardening to how to build your own airplane. However, the most valuable book of all is the Bible, because it teaches us how to live a good life. Also, it's timeless, with its basic common sense advice that never has to be revised or updated, because it doesn't change with each

passing fad of human behavior. If you prefer a more modern form of language, there are several reliable translations, but find out first which one your house of worship recommends. This is another good reason for being there, along with hearing interpretations of the Scriptures, the most helpful and fascinating collection of writings, of the word of God, with which our world has ever been blessed.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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

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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

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East Side Baptist Church Danny Manross, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell Christian Church

Dusty Garison, minister Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell Trinity Lutheran Church Ron Rennegarbe, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30

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

Kelly Pigott, interim 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
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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 Cross of Christ Fellowship

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Jim Davis, pastor Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever 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

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

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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

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Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
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West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
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Public Notices

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HASKELL, TEXAS

An Ordinance of the City of Haskell, Texas pertaining to dogs running at large, the impoundment of dogs, cats and other animals, penalties for violations, and other matters pertaining to dogs, cats and

Be it ORDINANCED by the City Council of the City of Haskell.

CHAPTER 3 **ANIMALS** ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 3-3 Enforcement

of Animal Regulations The animal control officer, or any police officer of the City of Haskell, Texas shall have the authority to enforce any animal regulations of the City of Haskell, Texas and to impound and dispose of any animals found in violation

of any animal regulation. ARTICLE II, DOGS AND CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 3-21 Definitions

When used in this article, the following words and terms, unless the context indicates a different meaning, shall be interpreted as

City. The City of Haskell, Texas Owner. Any person who has right of property in an animal, or who harbors any animal, or allows an animal to remain about his premises for a period of ten (10)

Harboring. The act of keeping and caring for an animal, or of providing a premises to which the animal returns for food, shelter, or care for a period of ten (10) days.

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or sterilized.

Cat. A domestic feline of either sex, neutered or sterilized.

Vicious Animal. Any animal property or in a public place.

which there is no identifiable owner or harborer.

to an animal not under the physical control of the owner or his authorized representative. An animal within an automobile or other vehicle of its owner shall not be deemed "running at large."

Dangerous Dogs

V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code, Section 822.041, shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A., Health and Safety Code, Chapter 822, Subchapter D. Sec. 3-23

Dogs Running at Large

dog shall keep it under restraint at all times and the dog shall not be permitted to run at large within the City. By "restraint" it is meant that the owner or harborer shall keep the dog in a secure enclosure or tied to prevent it from running loose.

Sec. 3-24 Reserved for later use.

Keeping of Dogs which Have Bitten Persons

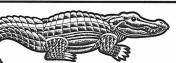
If any person shall make an affidavit before the City secretary or judge of the municipal court that any \log has bitten any person within the limits of the City, it shall be the duty of the animal control officer or a City police officer on duty to direct the owner or keeper of said dog to keep him or her securely confined for not less than ten (10) days and to release said dog only upon written permission of a duly licensed veterinarian, and the failure of such owner or keeper to comply with such directions shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

any vicious animal, whether wild or domestic, that may attack, terrorize any person on public property or at any public place.

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Sec. 3-27 Disposition of Rabid or

Wild Animal. Shall include all

disposition to attack or bite. Sec. 3-28

Dog. A domestic canine of either sex, including one neutered

that commits an unprovoked attack or terrorizes a person on public Stray Animal. Any animal for

Running at Large. Shall pertain

Sec. 3-22

Dangerous dogs, as defined in

Prohibited

The owner or harborer of any

Sec. 3-25

Sec. 3-26 Vicious Animals

No person or keeper shall keep upon his public or private property threaten to attack, or that may

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Vicious Animals

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> Impounding and Disposition of Animals

(a) Any animal found in violation of any provision of this article or any animal that is treated in a cruel or inhumane manner may be impounded by the City and placed in an animal shelter or veterinary clinic. Any such animal shall be held for at least three (3) days, before any measure of disposition of such animal shall be taken. Any impounded animal, vicious or wild, unless there is reason to believe that it has an owner, may be immediately disposed of as may be deemed appropriate.

(b) A reasonable effort will be made by the animal control officer, or City police officer to contact the owner of any impounded animal. which is wearing a license tag; however, the ultimate responsibility for location of an impounded animal is that of the

(c) The owner of any dog or cat impounded may redeem such dog or cat at any time prior to said destruction by the payment of an impounding fee. All dogs or cats impounded and not redeemed, or reclaimed after the period of time for redemption has expired, shall be destroyed by the animal control officer, City police officer or any person designated by the chief of police of the City.

(d) However, the disposition of any animals impounded on the grounds of cruel or inhumane treatment shall be determined by the court of jurisdiction.

Sec. 3-29 Regulation of Number of Dogs/ Cats Allowed

(a) It shall be unlawful for any persons in the City to keep on his premises more than five (5) dogs and/or five (5) cats.

(b) Kennels, breeders, new litters, and groomers are exempted from this provision.

Sec. 3-30 Penalty for Violations

(a) Any person who violates any part of the hereto Ordinance shall be subject to a fine in accordance with the penalty provisions found in Section 3-32

of this code for violating any of the

(b) It is the intention of the City

provisions hereof.

Council of Haskell, Texas, that each separate provision in this ordinance shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein and it is further the intention of the City Council that, if any provisions of this article are declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions thereof shall remain valid. enforceable constitutional.

Sec. 3-31 Remedies

Any person who violates any provisions of these rules or does not comply with the requirements of these regulations shall be guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and shall be fined in accordance with the penalty provisions in Section 3-32 per violation; each day of violations constitutes a separate

Sec. 3-32

Penalty for Violations of this Article; Continuing Violations

Whenever in this Article an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or whenever in said Article the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, and no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of any such provisions of this code or any such ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00); provided however that no penalty shall be greater or less than the penalty provided for the same or a similar offense under the laws of the state. Each day any violations of this Article shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the City may pursue other remedies and revocation of licenses or permits as allowed by law.

Section 3-33

Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances All existing ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance of the City are hereby



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Flags are special on holidays; local groups help with displays

There is hardly a more beautiful experience in Haskell than that of seeing our city streets filled on both sides with hundreds of fluttering, colorful, American flags illuminated in the early morning sunlight on the fourth of July and other holidays.

The moment of heart-grabbing patriotism evoked in us cannot be denied, and as the day progresses, we are compelled again to proudly remember the best of what we are and what we stand for as a nation.

Have you ever wondered about this myriad of U.S. flags we suddenly see around town at various times each year; where they come from, who puts them out and why they do?

In the residential sector it's the flag program of the Haskell Rotary Club, which has been active in the project since 1993 to put out U.S. flags in the city on four holidays during each year.

Presently, there are 320 locations receiving this service from the club. The flags are put at residences, farms and other locations, including Willow Cemetery, in honor and memory of friends and loved one there.

The locations are broken into six routes, and with two Rotarians working each route, the flags are put out very early in the morning on President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day. They are then picked up late that afternoon. Once, after the 9/11 attacks, the flags were left flying for about two weeks.

The cost of the flag service is \$28.00 the first year, and \$20.00 per year after that.

With the flag money, the Haskell Rotary Club supports many local projects, as well as state, nation and worldwide Rotary projects. Locally, the club annually gives five \$500.00

academic awards to students, four from Haskell and one from Paint Creek. Forty-six students have received the awards since 1994.

Anyone interested in getting the residence flag service started for the year may call Nelda Lane at 864-2597.

In the business sector, the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department has a flag service in which they place an American Flag in front of the business on the six major national holiday's including Columbus Day. Also included is the hanging of Welcome banners during the Wild Horse Prarie Days festivities.

Businesses wanting to be on the list may call Bill Steele or Danny Stocks at 864-2208 or any Haskell volunteer fireman. All monies received for this service helps to fund the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

Rule Chamber sets Mar. 2 banquet

The Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet, featuring a patriotic theme, will be held Thurs., March 2 at 7 p.m. at the Rule School cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased from any Chamber member or at the door.

A meal of ham, baked potatoes and the trimmings will be catered by the Junior class and their parents.

The man and woman of the year will be announced. The Rule 4-H Club will present the program showcasing the members' talents.

Attire of red, white and blue is encouraged for the evening.

Students in the News

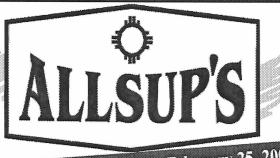
Brittany Jo Rutkowski, of Haskell, was named to the Distinguished Students list at Texas A&M University for the fall 2005 fall semester. She is a junior, with a major in Animal Science.

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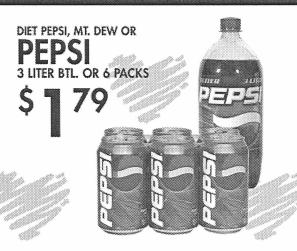


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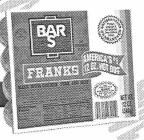
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