

Calendar

Send off

A gospel music send off for Africa missions to raise funds for this summer's Africa Mission trip will be held Sat., May 12 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. The program will include praise and worship, old fashioned gospel music, and testimony of Jeff Caparoon. The mission reaches out to under privileged in the country Togo, West Africa.

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 24 edition. Space is limited to the first twelve pictures received. Please bring your original picture on Wednesday evenings from 1 to 4 p.m. to the Free Press office. Call 864-2686 for details.

WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days parade will be held June 1 at 5 p.m. For entry forms or information, call the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477.

Fish fry

The Noah Project-North will host a fish fry Sun., May 20 from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational building, across from the hospital. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children, ten and under. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are available from any Advisory Committee member, at the Noah Project-North office 864-2551, or at the door.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Red Rooster restaurant, 1006 S. Ave. E in Haskell, Wed., May 16 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a school story. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse Fri., May 11 at noon. All members are asked to attend to finalize the fish fry fund-raiser details.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. A salad supper and installation of officers will be held.

Legacy banquet

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation is hosting a Legacy banquet honoring the top ten percent of the graduating class and the teacher who has impacted them most throughout their educational journey. The banquet is set May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Tickets are \$8 each and are on sale at the Administrative Office.

Storm sirens

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

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.

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Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame inducts Chapman

Haskell native Terry Chapman was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in

Belton, April 14.

Born June 26, 1951, to Jack and Joy Chapman, he was raised

on a farm and ranch, and grew up riding horses and riding calves at branding time. His interest in

rodeo began when his parents took their family to all local rodeos to ride in the parades and

grand entries. One of these was the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford.

He attended Mattson Rural School for the first eight grades, and graduated from Haskell High School in 1970. While in school he participated in football, basketball and track.

After finishing high school, Chapman began entering the bull riding and bareback bronc riding at local jackpots.

He attended Texas A&M University, where he graduated in 1975 with a Bachelors Degree in Agriculture Economics. While at A&M, his rodeo career took off. At the encouragement of his brother, Keith, in 1972 he attended a saddle bronc riding school. After the school, he started entering every rodeo and getting on every bucking horse he could.

While in college, Chapman was on the Texas A&M rodeo team in 1972, '73, '74, '75 and '77, riding saddle broncs and bulls. He was the NIRA Southern Region Saddle Bronc Riding Champion in 1974, 1975 and 1977, and qualified for the College Nationals Final Rodeo.

Chapman obtained his PRCA card in 1975 and is a PRCA Life Member Gold Card holder. He was an active PRCA saddle bronc contestant from 1975. He was the 1978 Texas Circuit Season Saddle Bronc Riding Champion, and qualified for the championship for eight years through 1986.

Although he says that he hasn't officially retired, Chapman hasn't entered a rodeo since 1987. He currently works for the Livestock Marketing Association and lives in Norman, Oklahoma with his wife, Ruthie, and two daughters, Haylee and Caroline.



CHAMPION BRONCO RIDER-Terry Chapman, Haskell native, riding a bronc in one of the rodeos he entered during a long, eventful career, was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy of Fame in Belton, April 14.

Rule Bobcats to compete at state on Friday

The Rule Bobcats will run at the state track meet Fri., May 11 in Austin at the Mike A. Myers Stadium.

The 400-meter relays will begin at 6:10 p.m. Team members C.J. Saucedo, Kade Kittley, J.T. Spitzer and Jonathan Rincon qualified with a 44.22 time.

The 110-meter high hurdles will begin at 6:55 p.m. Stephen Pace qualified to run with a time

of 15.14.

The 800-meter relays will begin at 7:35 p.m. Team members Rincon, Kittley, James Wolfe and Saucedo qualified with a 1:30.88 time.

The 300-meter hurdles will begin at 8:15 p.m. Pace qualified with a 40.32 time.

The 200-meter dash will begin at 8:35 p.m. Kade Kittley qualified with a 22.51 time.

Queen's contest set

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen's Pageant will be held Sun., May 20 at 2 p.m. in the Haskell High School Auditorium.

Four categories will include: Little Miss (K-2nd grade); Young Miss (3rd-5th grade); Junior Miss (6th-8th grade); and Queen (9th-12th grade). The afternoon will feature younger contestants in the Sunday dress and the Queen contestants in formal dress.

Entertainment will be provided. Admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students will be charged at the door to offset pageant expenses.

The pageant coordinators and WHPD extend a special invitation to all young ladies who are Haskell County residents or who are affiliated with one of the ranches participating in the WHPD Ranch Rodeo. Each contestant will need a sponsor (merchant or family member) to pay the \$25 entry fee. Interviews,

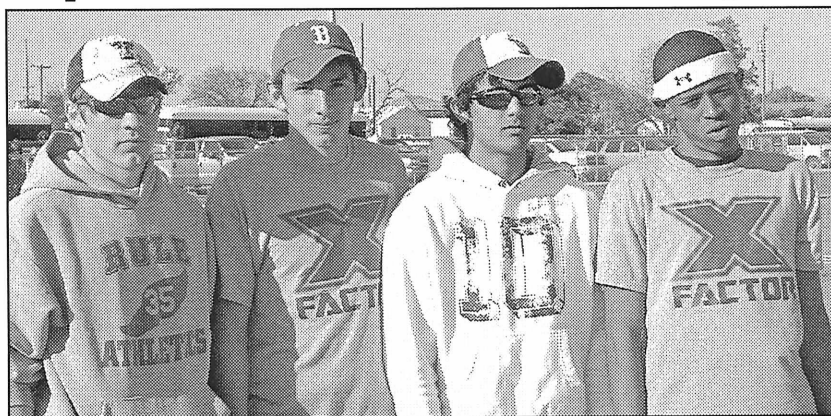
pageant rehearsal and a luncheon with casual dress will be held for all participants and the pageant judges Sat., May 19.

The winner of the Queen category will receive a \$250 scholarship. All winners will receive a tiara and flowers. Runners up will receive flowers. The winner will ride in the WHPD parade Fri., May 18 and be introduced at both rodeo performances.

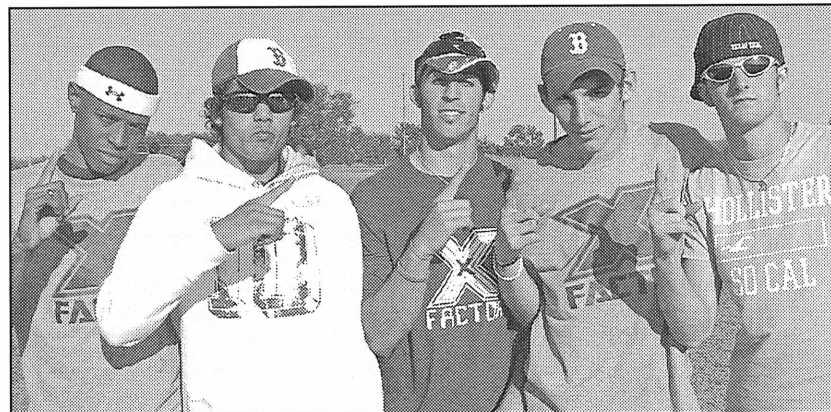
All participants will be given the opportunity to ride in the parade and be involved with various activities during the WHPD weekend.

Applications will be available at all Haskell County schools, the Chamber of Commerce, the Personality-Slipper Shoppe and the Haskell County Judge's office.

Deadline for applications is Wed., May 16. For more information, call 864-2851.



STATE BOUND BOBCATS-The 800-meter relay team made of Rule Bobcats, l-r, Kade Kittley, James Wolfe, C.J. Saucedo and Jonathan Rincon, will run in Austin Friday night at approximately 7:35 p.m. Kittley will also run the 200-meter dash, scheduled to begin at approximately 8:35 p.m.



TO RUN IN AUSTIN-Rule Bobcats, l-r, Jonathan Rincon, C.J. Saucedo, Stephen Pace, James Wolfe and J.T. Spitzer, will compete at the state track meet Fri., May 11. Team members qualified in the 400-meter relay, 110-meter hurdles, 800-meter relay and 300-meter hurdles.

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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,113 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., May 5, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

318 steers and bulls, 220 heifers, 575 cows and bulls were sold. 58 sellers and 51 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, .46-.52; cutters, .52-.58; canners, .40-.45.

Bulls: bologna, .63-.68, feeders, .85-.92.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.38-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.10-1.38; 400-500 lbs., 1.09-1.18; 500-600 lbs., 1.08-1.14; 600-700 lbs., 1.06-1.08; 700-800 lbs., 1.04-1.07; 800-up lbs., .85-.95.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.08-1.20; 400-500 lbs., 1.08-1.15; 500-600 lbs., 1.00-1.15; 600-up lbs., .8750-1.00.

Bred heifers: medium frame 625-850.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-1100; aged or small, 550-700.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1100-1410; older, 700-900.

Set of longhorn cows and calves \$525.

Named to Student Council

Morgan Frierson, Maci Colley and Madison Mayfield have been named seventh grade student council representatives for the 2007-08 school year.

Obituaries

Alice Gipson Larned



ALICE LARNED

Funeral services for Alice Gipson Larned, 84, of Haskell were held Mon., May 7 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Greg Gasaway officiating.

Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Larned died Sat., May 5 in Haskell.

Born Sept. 28, 1922 in Cookeville, she was the daughter of the late Oscar Gipson and Mattie Fuller Gipson. She was a resident of Haskell County since 1944 and graduated from Rule High School. Not only was Alice a devoted homemaker, but, she worked at the Country Daisy, Kids Duds, Basing Jewelry, The Hayloft and was office manager of Larned Sales Center. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Sandra Larned Wallace; granddaughter,

Janet Thane; great grandson, Austin Coker; great great granddaughter, Krislyn Jade Wallace-McClatchey; brother, J.B. Gipson; and sister, Emma Franklin.

Survivors include sons, Sammy Dee Larned and wife, Gerre of Haskell; Jim Larned and wife, Cindy of Paradise; son-in-law, J.W. Wallace; grandchildren, Mark and Tammie Wallace, Marc Thane, Jerry and Vickie Coker, Kelly Laymen, Christian and Deanne Garrett, Cole and Amanda Larned, Casey Larned, Quinn and Erika Stanford, Brad and Jessica Larned; 19 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and a host of loving friends.

PD. NOTICE

Special election set Saturday

Haskell County Judge David Davis has issued a notice of a special election on Sat., May 12, for all registered voters in the county, to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional amendments as submitted by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

Proposition 1 states, "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be

imposed for public school purposes on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect any reduction in the rate of those taxes for the 2006 and 2007 tax years."

Location of county polling places for this special election on May 12, only, are O'Brien, Box 7, and Rochester, Box 6, at the Rochester Fire Department with the Rochester election judges only; Sagerton, Box 10 and Rule, Box 5, at the Rule City Hall with

the Rule Election judges only; Weinert Box 8, and Haskell Box 2, at the Assembly of God Church, with Haskell Election judges only; and Paint Creek, Box 9, and Haskell Box 3, at the County Extension Building with Haskell judges only.

Judge Davis said "The remaining polling places in Haskell will be the same as for county elections. These consolidations were done in an effort to save money.

Ag lease agreements impact DCP participation

The Texas Farm Service Agency's (FSA) reminds agriculture producers that flexible and combination leases may alter the agreement terms of the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP).

"FSA rental regulations have been in effect for nearly 10 years, but recently have attracted interest due to the popularity of flexible or combination leases, said Glenn R. Brzozowski, CED. "These rental provisions are in place to protect both landlords and tenants, as well as to insure compliance with payment limitation rules."

The key determinant in terms of how FSA interprets producer lease agreements is whether the landlord shares in the production risk of the crop. Leases which

are based on a share of the crop or proceeds are considered share leases and must be reported as such by the producer when signing up for DCP payments. In addition, producers must report shares on a field-by-field basis when certifying crop acreage.

Previously, most producers rented land for a specified cash rent fee only. Due to the recent spike in cash grain prices, many renters and landlords are becoming more creative in the way rent agreements are structured. "While this is certainly acceptable, renters and landlords must have a clear agreement, and convey their rental terms to their local FSA office," said Brzozowski.

If rent in a lease agreement is based on the amount of crop

produced or the income derived from that crop (whether or not the crop is actually grown), or any combination of the two, it is a share lease and the landlord must receive a share of the DCP contract payment. This is because the landlord now shares the risk in the crop. The more bushels produced or the higher price received for that crop creates a higher rent.

Signup for the 2007 DCP is currently underway at all county FSA offices and continues through Aug. 3. Additional information is available at county FSA offices.

For more information on DCP as well as flexible and combination leases, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



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Tanner to retire

Kathleen Tanner of the Haskell-Knox Shared Service Arrangement, who has served the needs of students in the Benjamin ISD, Knox City-O'Brien CISD, Munday CISD, Paint Creek ISD and Rule ISD schools, is announcing her retirement at the conclusion of her current contract.

"Tanner has diligently provided speech-language services over the past 34 years to students throughout the Big Country area, and will be sorely missed," said Jeanne Snyder, Director of the HKSSA.

Tanner is the wife of Ronny Tanner of Haskell. They have one son, Chris, of Phoenix, Arizona, and two granddaughters, Ashleigh and Avery.

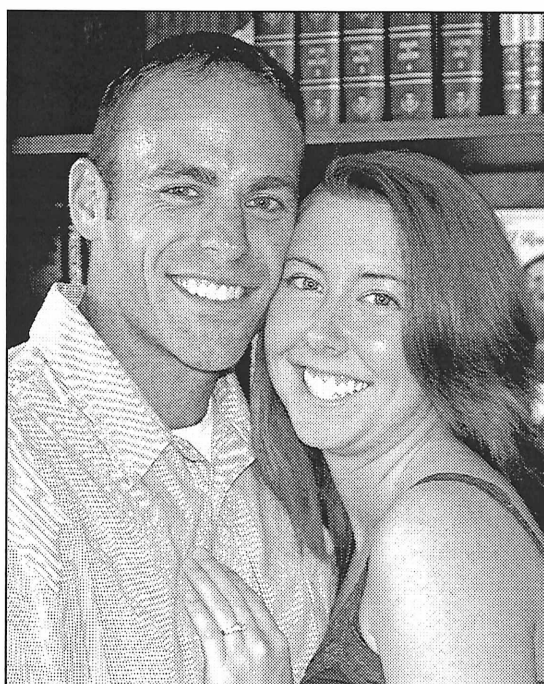
She earned her undergraduate degree from Abilene Christian University in the 70's. She began teaching in the public school with speech therapy services at Tri-County Co-op in Stamford and then in Monahan's schools. Later, she and her husband moved to

Haskell, where she returned to Tri-County schools.

She was then hired by Haskell-Knox Consortium, and has been employed continuously with this group.

In 1997, she was selected to participate in a statewide initiative "TETN-cycle I". This collaborative program by Texas Woman's University and The Texas Education allowed selected speech therapists to complete the Master degree of Speech Language Pathology through a form of distance learning. Tanner completed the program with honors in Aug. 1999, which led her to earn her Clinical Competency Certification or CCC/SLP, from the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Education and educators have played an important role in her life. Her father, Pete Lollar of Anson, was dedicated to Anson ISD for 32 years as an educator before becoming Special Education Director of Tri-County Co-op in Stamford.



CHRIS McSMITH - DEBORAH RHODES

Rhodes, McSmith to marry May 19

Dr. Bill and Carol McSmith of Haskell announce the engagement of their son, Chris McSmith, to Deborah Rhodes, daughter of Dennis and Pam Rhodes of Richlands, North Carolina.

A 1998 graduate of Haskell High School, McSmith is the founder of the Cleft Ministries, a coffee house ministry. He is working full time as the project manager for Grassroots Landscaping in Morehead City, North Carolina.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Richlands High School and plans to complete her Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice Administration at Mt. Olive College in December 2007. She is working as an Education Technician aboard the Camp Lejeune military base in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The couple plans a May 19 wedding in Morehead City, North Carolina. They plan to reside in Swansboro, North Carolina.

Dudensing advances to state contest

by Jane Rowan

CEA/FCS, Haskell County
Almost 380 youth from the 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension district competed in Vernon Wed., May 2 for the right to represent the District in the State 4-H Roundup June 4-8 in College Station.

Winners in more than 25 events for the Senior Division, ages 14-19, will advance to the state competition. First, second and third place teams or individuals in Education Presentations, Beef Quiz bowl, Horse Quiz Bowl, and Consumer Decision Making qualify for the state event.

Only first place senior winners in Share the Fun contests will advance. Roundup winners were honored at an awards assembly at the Wilbarger Auditorium which concluded a morning of competition.

Molly Dudensing of Sagerton, won first place in the Education Presentation over Clothing and Textiles division. Dudensing will advance to state in this division. Molly placed first in the District 3 4-H fashion show last month.

Twelve Extension Districts will send their winners to State 4-H Roundup for the purpose of determining state champions. Approximately 2,500 4-H members, adult leaders and county Extension agents will invade Texas A&M for the different contests.

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development education program, a component of the Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System, creates supportive environments for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their fullest potential.

KC museum festival successful

With the success of the Knox County Unity Festival, we should still be in the running for a grant from one of our Texas Foundations.

Eating a famous KCHC burger, listening to the musicians and vocalist perform and visiting with friends made it a relaxing and enjoyable evening. Jay White of Munday was the Master of Ceremonies, introducing each performer. Those taking part in the program were Jay and Cynthia White's Praise Band of the First Baptist Church of Munday, consisting of Jay, Cynthia and Jay Alan White, James Jackson, Brett Dobbs and Emily Mizer; the ladies trio of Gay Yost, Linda Reddell and Delores Lambeth, accompanied by Dottie Lowry on the piano; Ryder Cude playing the fiddle; and soloist Bud Conner of Benjamin. Also playing with the band for a while was Chris Wilkerson of Benjamin.

The silent auction of estate items was a big boost to the fundraiser.

The fund-raiser brought in \$2500 including sales of food, silent auction, cookbooks, calendars and bricks; which will give us a net amount of about \$1,900.

The Knox County Unity Festival, with each community in the county represented by KCHC members, workers and guests was a fun filled evening uniting to raise money for the museum.

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Brittany Lindsey and Zack Coker
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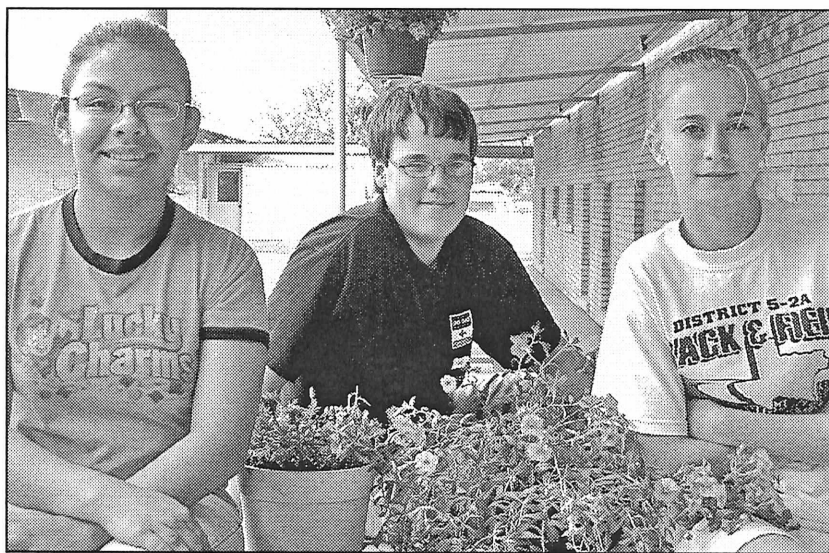
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STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS—Angelica Gonzalez, left, Nathan Meredith, center, and Cheslee Hearn, right, have been elected to serve as student council members for the ninth grade at Haskell High School.

USDA to survey planted crop average in June

How many acres of cotton and corn will farmers plant this growing season? Which percentage of those acres was planted to biotech varieties? Will actual planted acreage be above or below farmers' reported planting intentions? These are just a couple of the critical questions the Texas Field Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be asking more than 10,000 producers statewide as part of the June Agricultural Survey.

"The June Agricultural Survey, also known as the Crops/

Stocks Survey, is one of the most important surveys conducted each year by NASS," explained David Abbe, director of the NASS Texas Field Office. "This survey will provide the first clear indication of the potential production and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2007 crop year."

"Data from the June Agricultural Survey benefit farmers by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical business decisions. When evaluating selling and storage options, this survey will be an important source of information for

producers," added Abbe.

Beginning the end of May, NASS will contact selected Texas producers by mail, telephone or in person and ask them to provide information on the total number of acres planted and acres planted to specific commodities, including peanuts, rice, sorghum, soybeans and hay harvested. NASS will also collect data on quantities of grains and oilseeds stored on-farm. The information will be compiled and analyzed and then published in a series of USDA reports, including the annual Acreage report and quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on June 29.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state- and national level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Abbe.

All reports are available on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Texas Field Office at 800-626-3142.

CTFC holds annual stockholders meetings

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA recently held the area stockholders meetings in Brownwood, Coleman, Haskell, San Angelo and Brady. Voting stockholders of the association elected four directors to serve three-year terms. Those elected were Cody B. Richmond, Larry G. Damron, A. Wayland Shurley and Mickey D. Dillard. Current board members, in addition to those elected, include Chris West, Richard L. Johnson, Clayton Lavon Beakley, Ricky McKinnerney, Brent M. Heinze,

Randall Lloyd and Glenn T. Miller.

The stockholders, also elected the nominating committee to serve in 2008. Those elected were Scotty Goldsmith, James K. Pettit, Glenn R. Brzozowski, J.E. Powell and David L. Siler. The alternate members are A.E. Nelson Jr., Travis J. Bundick, Steve McGuire, David G. Kubenka and Johnny R. Prosize. The second alternate members are M. Barton Scott, Glenn A. Turner, Phil Coleman, Steve Byrns and Cole Holubec.

The association expressed appreciation to Milton M. "Macky" Spurgin of Anson for his service as a board member for the past twenty years. He was awarded a plaque and watch from the association at the end of the year.

James Isenhower, CEO, reviewed with the stockholders the association's excellent financial condition, noting that the association has worked to keep interest rates as low as possible for the benefit of all

borrowers. He also reiterated that the association had returned a patronage in the amount of \$3 million dollars to the stockholders which resulted in an average 1.2 percent reduction in borrower's interest rates during 2006. It was also reported that the association had closed 299 loans for \$64.8 million in 2006.

With the restructuring of the association to an Agricultural Credit Association, or ACA, in 2006 the association is able to make short and intermediate-term loans in addition to the long-term loans the association has made for years. Having the ability to provide financing to stockholders for all of their agricultural credit needs not only provides the association with expanded opportunities for growth and diversification, but also provides the stockholders with an additional premier source of stable and competitive financing. After six months of having the authority to make the shorter term

operating loans, the association closed 23 loans for \$8.3 million in 2006.

Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA consists of branch offices in Coleman, Brownwood, Comanche, Haskell, San Angelo and Brady with 21 employees to serve approximately 2,000 customers in 20 counties in West and Central Texas.

Wheat field day set in Lockett

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Texas Cooperative Extension and AgriPro Wheat announce their annual collaborative Wheat Field Day in Lockett Thurs., May 17 beginning at 9 a.m.

Following registration and refreshments, a field tour will be conducted. Tour presentations will include New Developments in Triticale Research by Ross Rosenbaum, Wheat and Triticale Variety Performance by Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Hessian Fly by Dr. Todd Baughman, Certified

Seed Options by Rob Borchardt and Chemical Control of Wheat Diseases.

During the sponsored lunch at noon, representatives of major chemical suppliers will discuss new product developments.

The day will be highlighted by a luncheon presentation The Outlook for Rolling Plains Agriculture by Barry Mahler, agricultural commentator and television personality from KAUZ television in Wichita Falls.

For those with applicator

licenses, a total of 4.5 hours CEUs will be offered for the field day including one hour of laws and regulations and three and half hours of general.

Attendees will be able to personally view the newest wheat technologies some of which will not be commercially available until fall of 2007. The assembled speakers represent the state-of-the-art in wheat research, education and production.

The field day will be held at AgriPro Wheat's Southern Plains Research farm in Lockett, which is approximately 6.5 miles south of Vernon on U.S. Highway 70.

For more information contact Langdon Reagan with the Texas Cooperative Extension in Wilbarger County at 940-552-5474 or Rob Borchardt at 940-552-8881.

In case of inclement weather, the field day will be cancelled.

Workzone awareness urged by TxDOT

Traveling motorists should pay special attention to the 'signs of change' alerting them to work taking place on state roadways.

TxDOT and federal transportation officials are urging drivers to obey work zone advisory signs at all times during travel.

Texas no longer leads all states with 154 work zone fatalities as reported in 2005, the year for which the most recent statistics are available. But Texas does rank a close third behind California's 155 and Florida's 162 work zone fatalities for 2005.

Officials want to reduce that number and motorists can help by following these tips:

- Slow down
- Pay attention to the signs
- Expect the unexpected
- Keep a safe traveling distance—do not tailgate
- Obey road crew workers or flaggers
- Stay alert and minimize distractions
- Keep up with the traffic flow
- Prepare for delays—leave early and listen to traffic reports
- Be patient and stay calm

With nearly a 50 percent increase in work zone fatalities in the U.S. between 1997 and 2004, work zone safety continues to be a growing concern.

In 2004, 1,068 work zone fatalities occurred. Federal transportation safety officials estimate more than four out of every five work zone fatalities are motorists—not workers.

In all, during 2004, an estimated 115,000 work zone crashes happened, causing an estimated 49,620 injuries.

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Farm bill proposals for beginning farmers

Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has described in greater detail a broad package of proposed changes to several titles of the farm bill that will help future generations of farmers and ranchers become established in production agriculture.

"The future strength of American agriculture depends in part on the ability of young men and women to overcome the challenges associated with entering production agriculture," said Johanns, while addressing the state FFA convention in Iowa. "This sentiment was echoed across the nation during our Farm Bill Forums, and I believe very strongly that our proposals would help to address those challenges and support the success of the next generation of farmers and ranchers. Our proposals provide tangible benefits and help in leveraging assets to purchase or expand farm and ranch operations."

Key elements of the beginning farmer and rancher proposals include an increase in direct payments to major crop producers, targeting 10 percent of conservation payments to beginning farmers and ranchers, reducing the interest rate under the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Down Payment Loan Program and doubling the maximum loan amount among other enhancements, and creating a combined maximum for direct operating loans direct ownership loans of \$500,000. Following are details of the major components of the proposals to assist beginning farmers and ranchers.

Commodity Title: To help beginning farmers and ranchers face the financial burdens associated with entering production agriculture, the Administration proposes raising the direct payment by 20 percent, adding \$250 million to producer income over 10 years. After the initial five years, these producers would no longer be eligible for the higher direct payment rate.

The table below shows direct payment rates for 2007 under current law compared to USDA's proposed direct payment rates for 2008-2017 crop years for beginning farmers:

Crop Current Law USDA Proposal: 2007 Beginning Farmers 1st Five Years: Corn (\$/bu.) 0.28 0.34; Sorghum 0.35 0.42; Barley 0.24 0.29; Oats 0.024 0.029; Wheat 0.52 0.62; Soybeans 0.44 0.53; Rice (\$/cwt.) 2.35 2.82; Upland Cotton (cents/lb) 6.67 8.00; Peanuts (\$/ton) 36.00 43.20; Other Oilseeds (\$/cwt.) 0.80 0.96.

*This chart does NOT reflect the overall increase in direct payments proposed by the Administration, which would further increase the direct payment for beginning farmers

Conservation Title: To encourage conservation practices, the Administration proposes reserving 10 percent of farm bill conservation financial assistance for beginning farmers and ranchers. The majority of beginning farmers and ranchers often farm smaller acreages, which are not always competitive when seeking conservation support. In addition, beginning farmers and ranchers may be unfamiliar with conservation practices. Reserving these funds will result in greater overall environmental benefits and additional assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers.

Credit Title: To help beginning farmers and ranchers purchase land, the Administration proposes enhancing the existing Beginning Farmer and Rancher Down Payment Loan Program by cutting in half the interest rate, bringing it down to two percent. The initial payment would be deferred for one year.

The proposals would also double the potential buying power of beginning farmers by increasing the maximum down payment loan from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The minimum contribution required from a beginning farmer would drop from 10 percent of the property purchase price to 5 percent.

The \$200,000 statutory limit on USDA direct operating loans and the \$200,000 limit on direct ownership loans would increase to a maximum of \$500,000 in indebtedness for any combination of the two loan types.

Beginning farmers also would be given priority in obtaining

direct farm operating and ownership loans. The Administration proposes overhauling federal repooling procedures to ensure that these targets are reserved for beginning farmers to the maximum extent possible.

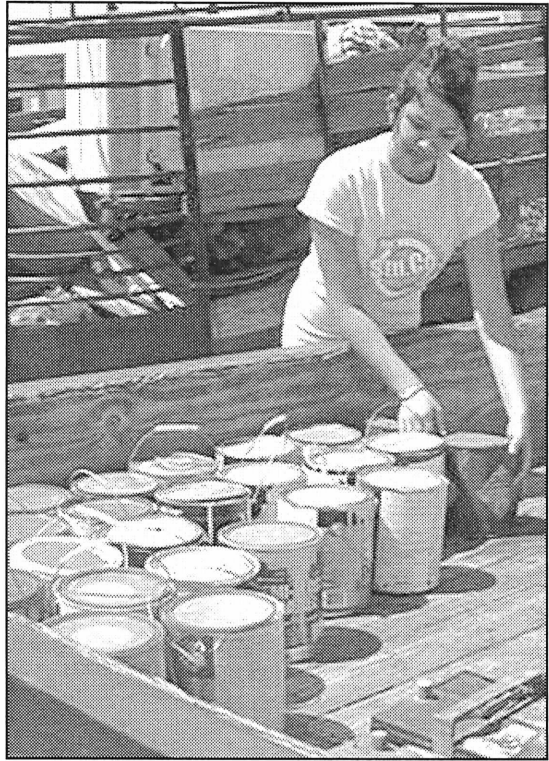
The farm bill proposals released Jan. 31 are based on comments and suggestions received from farmers, ranchers and other stakeholders during 52 USDA Farm Bill Forums across the nation and via mail and the Internet. These proposals represent the final phase of a nearly two year process. To access the full 183 page document or to access the proposals by title go to www.USDA.gov/farmbill.



RECYCLED ITEMS—Student Council members, l-r, Sara Weise, Codi Foster, Felysha Walker and Lacey Peiser stand by the trailer holding collected paint and batteries brought to the group's learn and serve project.



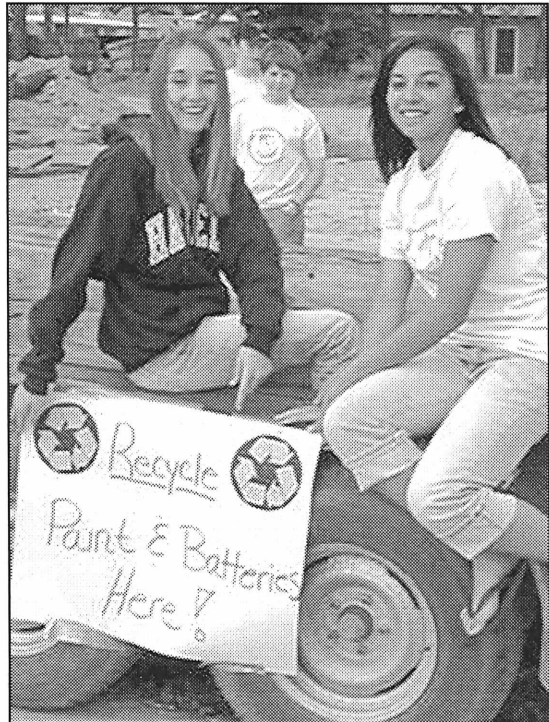
TAKING INVENTORY—Senior Student Council member, Ashley Foster, left, and Jericca Escobedo count the cans paint collected on April 28. The project collected paint and batteries, keeping the items from being taken to the landfill.



PAINT TO RECYCLE—Diana Mauricio unloads a bucket of paint that was donated to the student council during a learn serve project April 21. Student Council members collected old batteries and paint keeping these items out of the landfill.



PAINT COLLECTORS—Junior high Student Council members, Garrett Brueggeman, left, and Zach Wyrick get off to a good start collecting paint and batteries during Haskell's City Wide Clean Up.



RECYCLE PROJECT—Aubrey Bassett, left, and Brie Torres hold a poster encouraging passing vehicles to recycle old paint and batteries during Haskell CISD's Student Council's learn and serve project April 21.



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What is blood pressure?

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What do the numbers mean?

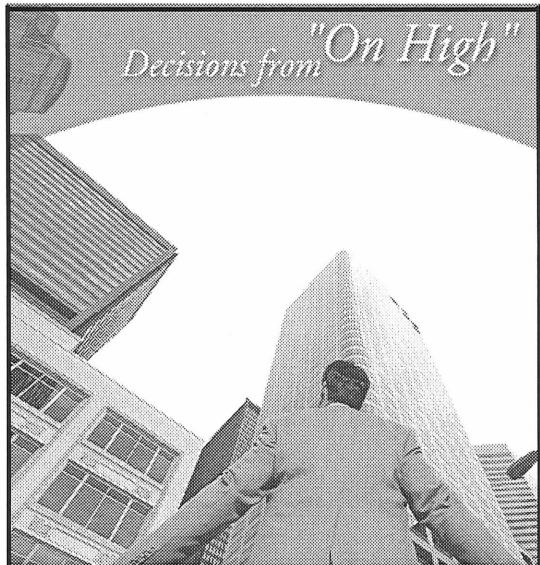
Blood pressure readings are always given as two numbers, for example, 120 over 82 (written as 120/82). The first number (systolic blood pressure) is always higher and measures the pressure during the heart beat. The lower second number (diastolic blood pressure) is the pressure in the arteries while the heart is relaxed. These two numbers tell much about how hard your heart is working and the condition of your blood vessels. The harder it is for blood to flow through your arteries, the higher both the systolic and the diastolic readings will be.

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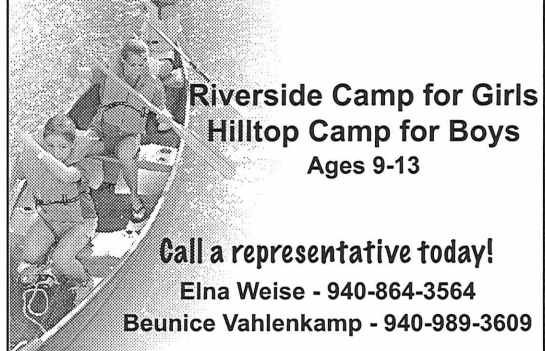
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USDA to conduct ag yield survey

The Agricultural Yield Survey is a primary tool used by USDA's National Agricultural Service (NASS) to measure crop production throughout the growing season. Data are collected each month from producers of:

- Small grains (May-August)—winter wheat, oats
- Hay (August–October)—alfalfa, other hay
- Row crops (August–November)—corn, cotton, dry edible beans, peanuts, rice, soybeans, sorghum

The Agricultural Yield Survey is conducted in all states except Alaska and Hawaii. Data are gathered from a selected sample of producers who grow at least one of the crops of interest. The

first month, respondents provide information on acres planted, acreage for harvest and expected yield per acre. In the following months, the same operators update their expected yield per acre, enabling NASS to track any production changes that might result from changing growing conditions.

Data collection methods include:

- Telephone—Computer-assisted telephone interviewing (or CATI) is the primary method.
- Mail—Participants fill out and mail back the questionnaire that was mailed to them.

Internet—A new, secure electronic data reporting (EDR) option is the timeliest, most cost-effective method.

Personal interviews—An interview with a NASS representative can be requested by the respondent.

Data from the Agricultural Yield Survey is a critical component of NASS's Crop Production Report, which provides a monthly measure of the current state of U.S. agricultural production. The survey enables NASS to track and report on any changes that might occur due to weather, pests, disease and other factors.

All sectors of the U.S. agricultural industry—producers, buyers, suppliers, policymakers and others—rely on crop production estimates to make sound business decisions. For example:

- The information can help producers develop marketing plans for their operations, determining what to produce and how and when to sell it.

- The information enables the industry to forecast transportation and storage requirements and evaluate export potential.

- USDA agencies and State Departments of Agriculture use the information to determine crop insurance and disaster aid payments along with other program benefits.

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Water well grants available

Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr has announced the availability of \$990,000 in funds to help qualified non-profit organizations establish lending programs for rural household water wells.

"The Household Water Well System Grants complement our community water loan and grant program by funding individuals who receive their water from wells," said Dorr. "Many who live in rural America do not live in towns and communities where a centralized water system is feasible. This program helps to meet that basic human need: access to clean, safe drinking

water."

The Household Water Well System Grant Program (HWWS) provides funds to private non-profit organizations for them to make loans to individual homeowners to construct or upgrade household water well systems. The applicant must contribute a matching amount equal to at least 10 percent of the grant request to capitalize the loan fund. Since the program was created in the 2002 Farm Bill, Rural Development has made 5 grants for \$2,286,100.

The deadline for applications to be submitted is May 31, 2007.

Applications may be submitted electronically

through <http://www.grants.gov>. Paper applications may be submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA Rural Development Utilities Programs, Mail Stop #1570, Room 2233-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-1570.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested more than \$72 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. More than 1.5 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

Land use survey to be conducted

During the upcoming June Area Survey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will be out and about accounting for approximately 1,400 square miles of land throughout the state. As part of the nationwide survey, NASS representatives will be knocking on the doors of producers on selected land to collect information about their land uses and agricultural activities.

"The June Area Survey is one of the largest and most comprehensive surveys conducted each year by NASS," explained David Abbe, director of the NASS Texas Field Office. "By providing an in-depth look at land uses and agricultural activities, the survey provides the most timely, accurate and useful information on the current condition of U.S. agriculture."

"Understanding that the information we gather is only as good as the source it comes from, we are counting on the most reliable, frontline source of information for this survey—the producers themselves," added Abbe.

During the first two weeks of June, NASS representatives will visit predetermined areas of land

in Texas and conduct personal interviews with the owners and operators of any farm or ranch on that land. NASS will collect information on farm numbers, crop acreage, genetically modified crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, cash rents and land values, and the value of sales.

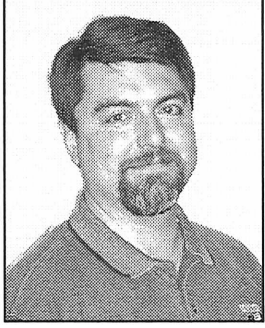
The information from the June Area Survey will be used extensively by NASS in its ongoing survey and estimation programs. The survey provides direct data, or is a critical component, for a host of NASS reports, including: the monthly Crop Production report, annual Acreage report and inventory reports for cattle, hogs and pigs, and sheep and goats.

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state- and national level data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified," stated Abbe.

All reports are available on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Texas Field Office at 1-800-626-3142.

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Weather Whys

Thunderstorms by state
 Q: Which state has the most thunderstorms?

A: The answer is Florida, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Florida has all of the right ingredients for thunderstorms—especially warm, humid air and heat. "Because of its large coastline and its warm temperatures, Florida has more thunderstorms than any other state," McRoberts explains.

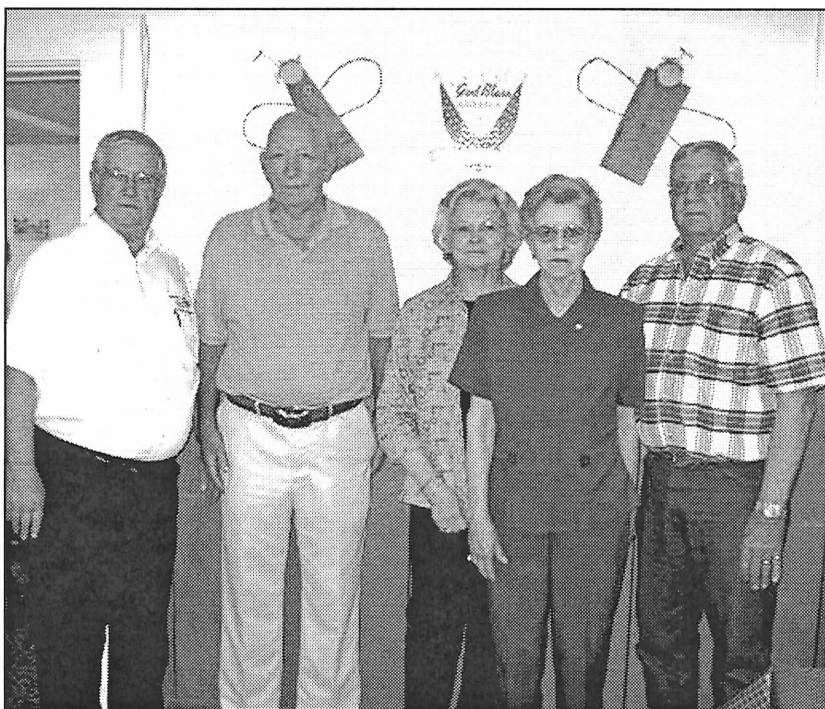
"National Weather Service data shows it has more than 100 thunderstorm days each year, the most in the United States. It is also one of the most frequent places for lightning strikes in the

world."
 Q: What are some other states that have frequent thunderstorms?

A: Any of the states along the Gulf Coast would make the list, McRoberts says. "Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana all have between 50 to 100 thunderstorm days per year," he notes.

"These states have the same conditions as Florida but don't have its huge coastal area. Thunderstorms are not rare—at any given moment, there are about 1,800 thunderstorms in the world, and over 16 million in one year. The United States certainly gets its share of these."

Vote Saturday



60-YEAR PINS—Grand Vice President-Fraternal Lee Vogel of San Antonio, left, was on hand during the presentation of 60-year pins to Sons of Hermann Lodge #241 members Cleo Merchant, Verlean Adkins and Ruby Lee Medford, center l-r, during the group's May meeting. On the far right is local lodge president, Jerry Don Klose.

Sons of Hermann awards 60-year pins to members

The local lodge #241 of the order of the Sons of Hermann in the State of Texas, met at the Pit and Grill for their monthly meeting. This was their 2,047 meeting since their charter.

Guests attending were Grand Vice President-Fraternal Lee Vogel and wife, Bernice, of the home office in San Antonio.

Members of the order for 60 years included Verlean Adkins, Ruby Lee Medford and Cleo Merchant who were awarded their 60-year pins. Those qualified to receive their 60 year pins, but unable to attend, were Emmie Overton, Leroy Stiewert and Jerry Zahn. Lee Vogel made the presentation.

Other business for the day consisted of recognition of May birthdays, of which was one for Jerry Don Klose. Anniversaries of the month were recognized, and Jack and Ruby Lee Medford were recipient, to celebrate their 58th anniversary May 14.

Cleo and Jean Merchant came all the way from Mission to attend. They work with the "Melody Lane Information and Help Ministry," providing housing for missionaries going into Mexico, or missionaries in Mexico who need to come out for some rest and relaxation.

Twenty members were present and six lucky members won door

prizes. Fraternal benefit societies offer financial security through life insurance but provides generous outreach programs as well. The local #241 enjoy fellowship and activities which are family orientated and community minded, providing volunteer service to the less fortunate. As it was our May meeting, members encourage everyone to remember their mothers on Mother's Day.

The local O.D.H.S. usually meets the first Sunday of every month, but will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. the first Sunday in August, at the Pit and Grill.

City, school elections to be held Saturday

The Haskell City election will be held on Sat., May 12 at the City Hall. The three places at large that are open for election are those of Councilmen Chan Guess, Jimmy Roberts and Sue Medford. All are two year terms.

All of the incumbents have filed for election, and also Randy Bowers.

In the Haskell CISD school board trustee election, two seats are open. These are Single Member District #1, now held by Felix Rodriguez, and Single Member District #6, now held by Joey Kimbrough.

Rodriguez and Kimbrough have filed for election, and also filing for Single District #6 is Paula Garcia.

Voting place for the school election on voting day, May 12, will be at the Haskell City Hall, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Single Member District Number will be found on the right side of the voter's registration card.

To vote in the school and city elections, voters must present their voter certificate, driver's license, personal identification or form of ID containing one of the following: a photograph, birth certificate, a copy of a utility bill, a bank statement, a government check, paycheck or government document that shows name and address of the voter. No vote will be counted without one of these.

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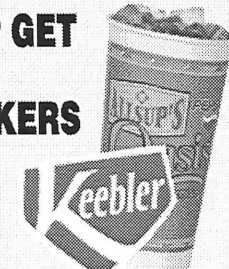
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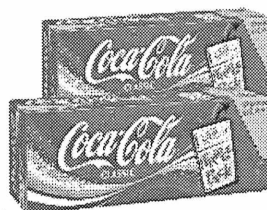


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LANCE'S SUNFLOWER SEEDS 2.3 OZ. PKG.	2 FOR 89¢
SHURFINE ASST. COOLERS TO GO 10 CT. PKG.	\$2.49
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BLUE BUNNY ASST. 56 OZ.
ICE CREAM
\$3.99



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COMBO NO. 4	HOMESTYLE POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69
COMBO NO. 5	SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69

COMBO NO. 6	3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59
COMBO NO. 7	2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
COMBO NO. 8	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59
COMBO NO. 9	CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.39
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