

Football games

HASKELL
Indians vs Cisco
Fri., Aug. 24, 5 p.m.
Scrimmage at Cisco

PAINT CREEK
Pirates vs Blackwell
Fri., Aug. 24, 5:30 p.m.
at Blackwell

RULE
Bobcats vs ACSH
Thurs., Aug. 23, 6 p.m.
Scrimmage at Rule

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Sept. 6 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 3 for Labor Day.

LULAC meeting

A LULAC meeting will be held Sat., Aug. 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Haskell at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Michael Mellen, Counsel of Legal Aide in Abilene, will be the guest speaker. All are welcome.

Hamburger supper

The Haskell Memorial Civic Center will host a hamburger supper Fri., Aug. 31, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Haskell High School Cafeteria prior to the first football game between Haskell and Rotan. Tickets are \$6 each and may be purchased at Wild Horse Trading Post and Sport-About. All proceeds will be used for repairs and updates to the Civic Center.

Prayer meeting

The First Assembly of God, 1502 N. Ave. E in Haskell, hosts a one-hour inter-denominational prayer meeting at noon during the week, Monday through Friday. People from Haskell and surrounding areas are welcome to gather and pray for the sick and others who have needs, as well as for our country, schools, local churches and other concerns. For details, call 864-2189.

HHS Booster club

An All Sports Booster Club meeting will be held Tues., Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in the HHS Auditorium. All parents of high school boy and girl athletes are encouraged to attend.

Class reunion

The Haskell High School classes of 1962, 1963 and 1964 will hold a reunion Sat., Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. at the home of Jo Nored (Boone) Lane, Jim Strain Road.

Fishing tourney

The 5th annual kids fishing tournament will be held Sat., Sept. 1 at Lake Stamford. Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the Anchor. Entry fee is \$5. Contestants must be under 15 to enter. Final weigh-in is 12 noon.

Popcorn sale

The annual Boy Scout popcorn fund-raiser is underway. Ten items are available. See any Haskell Boy Scout or Cub Scout or call Sherri Morrow at 864-3624, Tyke Meinzer at 864-3664 or Patrick Pace at 996-2729 to place an order.

Homecoming

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

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Watch for children in school zones

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PARKING AREA—Several road construction workers were busy on Monday applying pavement to the parking areas located on the north and west sides of the courthouse.

Arrests help to clear burglaries

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton reports that on April 21, information was received from a concerned citizen about individuals having crack cocaine in their possession and that the cocaine was being sold from a residence in Haskell.

Officers from the Department of Public Safety, Haskell Police Department, Haskell County Constable, and Haskell County

Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at an apartment on N. 14th St. in Haskell where three defendants were arrested.

Two females, Linda Darlene Freeman of Fort Worth and Joyce Ann Kilgore of Haskell, were arrested on possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone. Another female, Darlene Collins, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

All were transported to the Haskell County Jail.

Information was received on Aug. 10 about individuals staying at the Deluxe Inn in Stamford who were selling drugs. Officers from Stamford Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Haskell Police Department and Haskell County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on a room at the Deluxe Inn in Stamford. They took four defendants, Quilla Moore, John Ray Horne, Delois Yeldell and Cecilia Hernandez Yanez, into custody for possession of a controlled substance. All were staying at the motel at the time of the search warrant. All were transported and booked into the Haskell County Jail.

Wednesday morning, Aug. 15, several burglaries were reported to the Haskell County Sheriff's Office including The Belfry in Weinert, City Grocery in Rochester, and Simpson Oil Company in Rule. Evidence taken and an investigation was conducted. Some of the evidence was linked to other recent burglaries in Haskell.

The suspects and a vehicle description was given to Stamford Police and Knox City Police. At 12 noon, Stamford Police notified Haskell County Sheriff's Office that they had the vehicle and three subjects detained by College Lake, north east of Stamford. Officers from Haskell Sheriff's Office responded and took the three subjects into custody.

Evidence was recovered from the pickup that came from the burglaries from Weinert, Rochester and Rule. Some evidence was taken that lead back to the burglaries in Haskell.

Two adult subjects, Thomas Charles Barr Jr. and Gregory Wayne Policastro (Wade), and one 15-year-old juvenile were taken into custody. The adults were taken and booked into Haskell County Jail. The juvenile was taken to the probation office and then transferred to Taylor County Detention Center until a hearing could be held.

These arrests cleared several burglaries that occurred in the city of Haskell and around Haskell County.

Offices from Haskell Police Department, Rochester Police Department, Stamford Police

Department, Jones County Sheriff's Office and Haskell Sheriff's Office worked together to bring these subjects into custody.

Sheriff Halliburton said, "Again, I thank the citizens of Haskell County for all of their help in giving information that lead to the arrest of these individuals. It takes all of us, not only in law enforcement working together, but you, as citizens as well. Any information that is received by any law enforcement officer is kept confidential. I hope that in the near future, we will have a Crimestoppers Hotline up and going for all the Big Country area. This will be a help for the those that do not want to call the Sheriff's Office or Police Department to give information."

Popcorn for sale by local scouts

Haskell Cub Pack 136 and Boy Scout Troop 136 will join the Boy Scouts of America, Texas Trails Council of Abilene, in the annual Trails-End popcorn sale with popcorn orders being taken through Mon., Nov. 5.

This year ten items will be available to choose from: 5-Way Chocolate Lover's Tin; Kettle Corn Microwave Popcorn; "Unbelievable Butter" Microwave Popcorn; Savory and Sweet 3-Way Tin; Chocolatey Caramel Crunch; Butter Light Microwave popcorn; The Cheesiest Cheddar Popcorn; Gourmet Caramel Corn and

Kids to fish Sept. 1

The fifth annual Kids Fishing Tournament will be held Sat., Sept. 1 at Lake Stamford.

Kids, ages 15 or under, must register at The Anchor before fishing. Cost is \$5. A parent or guardian must accompany the fisherman.

Prizes for the overall big fish, two overall places, and the top three places per category will be awarded. All fish will have a category and will be weighed in.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. followed with the fishing beginning at 8 a.m. Weigh ins may be made at any time between 8 a.m. and noon. Final weigh in is at 12 noon sharp. Fishermen may enter more than one fish per category.

Proceeds of the event will benefit local organizations.

Indians to play in Cisco

The Haskell Indians will travel to Cisco Fri., Aug. 24 to take on the #8 ranked team in the state Class 2A pre-season rankings.

The scrimmage is set to start at 5 p.m.

This will be the Indians' second and final scrimmage before opening their 2007 season against Rotan at Indian field on Fri., Aug. 31.

Paint Creek ISD picnic set tonight

Paint Creek ISD will hold its annual "Back to School Picnic" Thurs., Aug. 23. This night of food, fun and fellowship will begin at 6 p.m.

The evening will "kick-off" with a hamburger/hot dog supper. Superintendent Donald L. Ballard will then discuss legislative and Title I updates for the upcoming school year.

New faculty/staff members,

will be introduced. PTO President Deborah Oliver will talk about events planned for 07-08.

The night will close with "Meet the Pirates/Lady Pirates" conducted by Athletic Director Michael Waggoner and his coaching staff.

All families of Paint Creek students are encouraged to attend this back to school event.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 864-2686

Calendar

50th reunion

The 1958 class of Haskell High School will celebrate their fifty year reunion at Haskell's homecoming Sept. 21-22. The planning committee is seeking names and addresses of persons who attended at anytime during this class's school career. If you would like to be included, contact Janice Browning at 940-864-2755. Additional information will be mailed to those on the mailing list.

HHS Ex-students

The Haskell Homecoming Association is seeking email addresses of ex-students. Register your email address at: Dorothy Hartsfield, secretary, at hhssharts@cs.com.

Girls' athletics

All Haskell High School girls who plan to participate in the 2007-08 athletics programs need to have their physicals and other forms ready to turn in to the Girls Athletic office on the first day of school, Mon., Aug. 27. If you need forms, contact the girls athletic office.

Class '96 to hold reunion

The Haskell High School Class of 1996 will hold a class reunion Sept. 21-22. Contact Tonya Weatherman, 824 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Brady, Texas 76825 or tonyaweatherman@hotmail.com with current contact information.

Bible study

First Christian in Haskell will begin a new Bible study Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. based on Paul's letter to the church in Galatia covering such topics as modern day legalism and false gospels used by Satan to divide and destroy the church as well as practical advice for living a victorious Christian life. The study will be held at the parsonage at 205 N. Ave. For more information, call 864-2445 or 864-3550.

Storm sirens

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

Will ice cream help you cool down?

Eating ice cream can make you feel temporarily cooled off as temperatures soar, but the tasty treat really can't change your body's temperature enough to truly cool it down, says Lona Sandon, a registered dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Body temperature is impacted by how well your body is hydrated and how much water you have in your muscles, blood and cells.

If you don't drink enough fluid, your body water levels will be low and your body will have a harder time staying at normal temperature, Sandon says.

"Ice cream melts once it hits your mouth and becomes fluid, so it does count some toward your daily fluid needs, but I would recommend an icy cold glass of water along with it to truly cool down," she says. "Drinking plenty of fluids will help keep you cool."

Obituaries

Odis Charles Helms



ODIS CHARLES HELMS

Funeral services for Odis Charles Helms, 61, of Rule were held Fri., Aug. 17 at Rule Church of Christ with John Greeson and Mike Redden Sr. officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.

Mr. Helms died Wed., Aug. 15. Born Aug. 18, 1945 in Stamford, he was the son of R.L. and Minnie Jo Helms. He married Shirley Ann Bryan March 31, 1969 and was a life time resident of Rule.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Greg Helms and wife, Terry of Fort Stockton, Odis Charles Helms, Jr. and wife, Tammy of Rule, and Roy Layne Helms of Rule; daughters, LeeAnn Hammit and husband, James of Abilene, Melissa Webb and husband, Jeff of Fort Worth, and Kim Redden and husband, Mike of Abilene; thirteen grandchildren; one great grandchild; three sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country. PD. NOTICE

James 'Jim' Adams



JIM ADAMS

were held at Rest Haven Cemetery in Brady.

Mr. Adams died Tues., Aug. 7 in Round Rock.

Born Aug. 29, 1939 in Ashland, Kentucky, he was the son of Arnold and Ruth Kilgore Adams. He married Wanda Sue Smith April 2, 1964 in Sandy Hook, Kentucky. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a plant supervisor for GTE/Verizon for 32 years before retiring in 1994. After retirement, he worked for Oglebay Norton Industrial Sanda in Brady from 1998 to 2006. He loved to play tennis, fish and garden.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and his brother, Robert D. Adams.

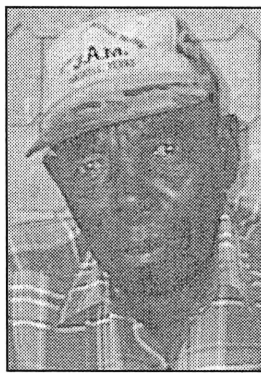
Survivors include sons, Randy Adams and wife, Judy of Brady,

and Brady Adams of Austin; daughter, Paula Patton and husband, Brad of Austin; sisters, Lucille Kennedy and Lee Cunningham, both of Marion, Ohio, and Linda Atkinson of Flatwoods, Kentucky; grandchildren, Kirstin Guinn and husband, Brandon of Granbury, and Tucker Vineyard of Brady; step grandchildren, Julia, Stephanie and Victor Ramirez, Rose Cruz and Lauren Patton; a great grandchild, Cooper Guinn; a step great grandchild, Nathaniel Bernal.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Potter, Sammy Routt, Charlie Avery, Benny Herrera, Ray Garza and Richard Probst.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. PD. NOTICE

Curtis Morris



CURTIS MORRIS

Funeral services for Curtis Morris, 92, of Haskell were held Mon., Aug. 20 at Hopewell Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Morris died Thurs., Aug. 16 at his residence.

Born Jan. 21, 1914 in Lancaster, he was the son of Porter and Nettie Pearl Curtis. He farmed and worked at the Haskell Gin as a night watchman. He worked at the Gulf Service Station and at Baird's Cleaners.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and five sisters.

Survivors include his honorary daughter, Birdie Goudeau of Haskell; sisters, Ida Jean Curtis of Waco, Nellie Bernice Twyman of Lancaster; honorary grandchildren, Leon Goudeau of Wichita Falls Jenny and Brittany Jordan, both of Haskell; honorary great granddaughters, Blessing and Faith Jordan of Stamford; and numerous nieces and nephews. PD. NOTICE

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haskell County Water Supply District #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on September 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Weinert School in Weinert, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Melvin Vojkufka, Lavata Burgess, Barry Walker, Mike Cox and Lester Hutchinson
AGAINST the proposal: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: none

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year .0460/\$100 Adopted	This Year .00460/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.0460/\$100 Adopted	.00460/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.0000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		\$0.0000%
Average appraised value	\$26,566	\$26,568
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$26,566	\$26,568
Tax on average residence homestead	\$12.22	\$12.22
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$0
and percentage of increase (+/-)		0%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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Day care decisions are no small matter for parents

Here's a question many parents must consider: Is putting their children in day care good, bad or indifferent?

The answer, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert, is: All of the above.

"It can be good or it can be bad or it can be indifferent," said Dr. Steve Green, Extension child development specialist. "The key issue related to child care is quality."

Leaving their children in some kind of care facility is a fact of life for many parents in this country, he said.

"Over 13 million children in America spend time in non-parental care arrangements and the (numbers) continue to increase," Green said.

Almost 75 percent of the children aged 3-6 in this country are included in that number, he added.

For the parents of those children, finding quality day care situations becomes a priority, he said. While the size of the facility and cost of its services are factors in that choice, they aren't the only ones.

"Regardless of the type of care, if it is high in quality, the kids will fare better," Green said.

But what do parents look for when evaluating child day care situations? Green offered the following three criteria, as suggested by Dr. Karen DeBord, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service child development specialist:

- Availability or accessibility. What types of care centers or facilities are available in the community and do they suit your family's needs? Available facilities may be center-based, family day-homes, church-affiliated centers or even grandparents or other relatives or friends. Parents should consider distance, hours of operation and what age children the facility will accept. In some communities, however, availability may be limited.

"In rural areas parents often have difficulty finding quality care," Green said.

- Affordability. Does the cost of having the children in the care facility fit into the family budget? Some families might

qualify for subsidized child care if their income falls below certain levels, Green said.

- Quality. The cost of the care is not always an accurate indication of the quality of the care, Green said. Will the programs at the center contribute to the child's growth and development? What is its staff-to-child ratio? What is the staff turnover rate? How well educated is the staff and are they warm and responsive to children? What kinds of activities—such as age-appropriate books, toys, blocks, puzzles, games and art supplies—are available to the children at the center? Is the center a family-friendly place that promotes the health and safety of the children and encourages parents to drop in and visit? What kind of nutrition is provided and when? Is it clean? Are medicines and cleaning supplies kept locked up and away from children? How does the center deal with children who are sick?

Keeping these factors in mind, parents should go visit each center, Green advised.

"Don't just go to one," he said. "Check out all that are available. Interview the director; ask questions."

Then talk to friends, relatives and co-workers who have used the child care facilities and learn about their experiences and opinions about the centers, Green said. Also check the Web site of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/> and click on the link to Child Care Licensing.

Finally, he said, parents need to pay attention to their own feelings about the center: Ask themselves if they would feel comfortable leaving their children there for hours every day?

Like other aspects of life, perfection in child care does not exist, Green said, but with some time and effort, parents can find the best care situation for their family.

For more information on this and other child development issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Families.

Rule ISD sets registration

Rule ISD will hold registration on Aug. 23 and 24 in the Rule ISD library. Parents and legal guardians of students in Pre-K through 8th grade, and parents of all students who are new to the district for the upcoming school year are required to attend. Parents of all high school age students are also encouraged to attend.

The registration schedule is as follows:

Thurs., Aug. 23, 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., Sophomores. 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., Freshman.

Fri., Aug. 24, 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., Pre-K through 5th grade. 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., 8th grade. 2:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., 7th grade. 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., 6th grade.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items with them to register:

- *Proof of residency in the Rule ISD district in the form of a water or electric bill

- *A copy of the child's Social Security Card.

- *Current immunization records.

- *Any records from the child's previous school district.

If anyone has questions about registration, call Rule ISD at 997-2246 or 997-2521.

Friday night, Aug. 24 Rule ISD will be hosting "Meet the Teachers Night" for all students and their parents from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This event is for the families who will have students in Early Childhood through 12th grade, during the 2007-08 school year.

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

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

EAA club learns food keeping information

After a vacation in July, the EEA club met at the Haskell County Extension office on August 9. Six members welcomed guest Susan Cockerell, secretary, Haskell County Judge's office.

Four members plan to attend the TEEA State Conference held in Tyler Sept. 11-13.

Jane Rowan reported on 4-H activities for the previous month. Pat Jenkins reported that birthday calendars are in and will be distributed as soon as possible. Susan Cockerell presented information on the quilt show to be held Nov. 3 at the Paint Creek School.

Jane Rowan gave a program on "What to Keep and What to Throw Away: A Guide to Keeping

Food Safe When the Power Goes Out." Rowan explained types of potentially hazardous foods that can grow bacteria and cause illness quickly, such as ground beef, raw eggs, melons, and bean sprouts. She presented a list of foods and supplies to have on hand when power is limited or uncertain; and explained how to identify and handle spoiled/unsafe food after a disaster.

Members received brochures on "Preparing for the Unexpected," a guide to help prepare for and respond to unexpected disasters.

Hostesses were Pat Jenkins and Alice Yates. Next meeting will be Sept. 6 at the Haskell County Extension Office.

Student in the News

Dana Billington of Haskell graduated from the Vernon College Department of Vocational Nursing's program Seymour class Thurs., Aug. 9.

The one year program

prepares students to take the Licensing exam for Vocational Nurses. After passing the exam, a vocational nurse provides direct patient care under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician.

Back to school night and registration set at Haskell Elementary

Registration and Back to School Night for Haskell Head Start, Early Childhood and Kindergarten will be held Thurs., Aug. 23 at 5:30. Prekindergarten students will register from 5:30 to 7:30 and students in first and second grades will register at 6:30. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children so they can meet

the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 27. Classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten through sixth grades will dismiss at 3:15 p.m. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. the first three weeks of school (Aug. 27 to Sept. 14).

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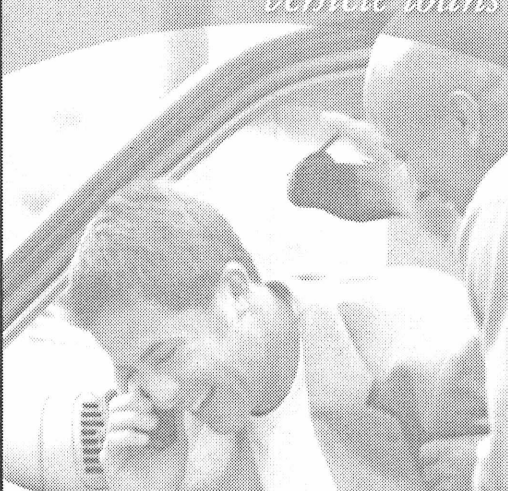
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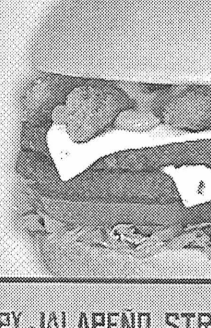
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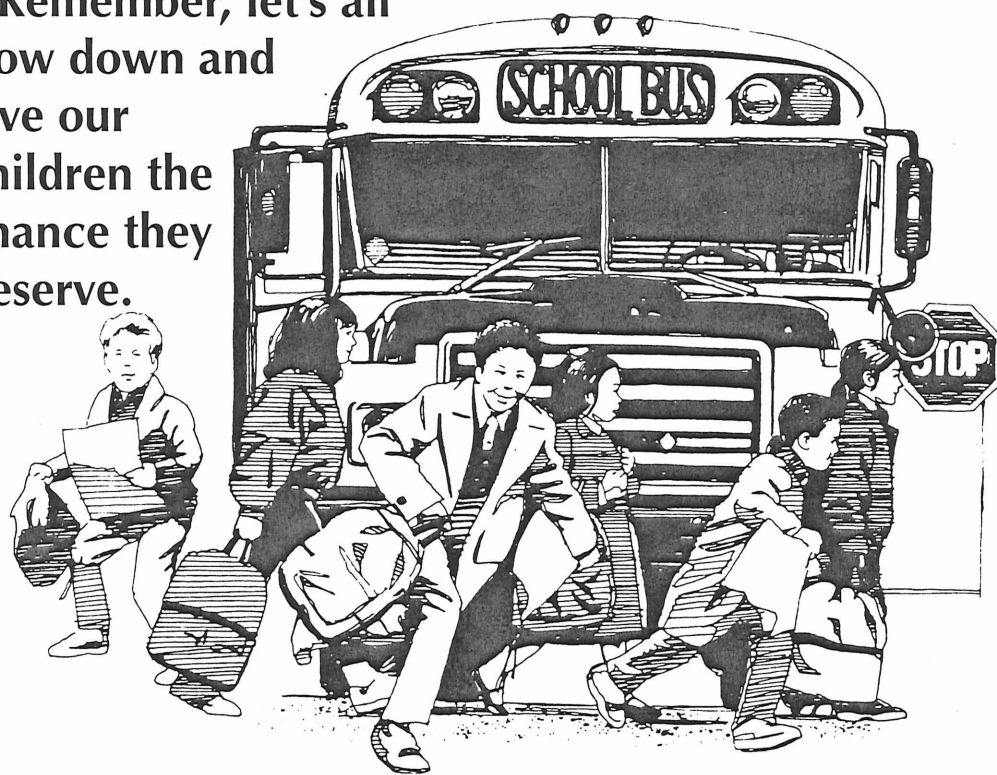


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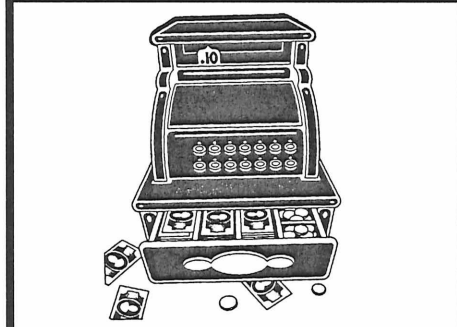
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Commissioners' Court report

Haskell County Commissioner's Court met for the regular meeting, Mon., Aug. 13 at the courthouse in Haskell.

Those present were: County Judge David C. Davis; Precinct Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson, Bobby Smith, and County Clerk Rhonda Moeller.

Meeting with the court to present documentation and voice concerns about road conditions in Precinct 4 were concerned citizens Lou Corzine, Cinda Flanary, T.C. Rice, Jr, Mark Combs, Lori Combs, Diane Smith, Keith Corzine, Cameron Price, G.W. (Bill) Wedeking, Jack Tabor, Roy Bell, Lynn Nauert, Jim Astin, Ronnie Teichelman and Debbie Kreger.

A report of Kenny Watson of the Appraisal District was tabled until a later date.

Lonnie Rolls, Director of Community Supervision and Corrections Department, requested funding for the renovation of the county building that the Probation Department moved into due to lack of space

in the courthouse. The approximate cost of the renovation is \$12,000.00. Commissioner Mayfield made a motion to certify that the County lacked funds for any building renovations at this time. The vote was five for, 0 against.

Following a recess, the court reconvened until 1:15 p.m.

A bid of \$8,500.00 was accepted from the City of Haskell for the Mac dump truck.

The bid of \$27,000.00 from Vernon Jordan on the D6 Caterpillar dozer was rejected in a vote of 4 to 0.

All due bills presented to the court on that day were unanimously voted to be paid. The monthly County Treasurer's Report was accepted.

The tax sale of property in Rochester and in Rule was approved.

A motion was approved to pay for the property that was purchased by the county from the Buford Cox Estate in the amount of \$6,000.00.

The Tues., Aug. 28th meeting of the court was changed to Mon., Aug. 27.

City Council report

Attending the Haskell City Council regular meeting, Mon., Aug 13 were Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro Tem Sue Medford, Councilmen Randy Bowers, Bob Smith and Lonnie Meredith, City Administrator Brandon Anderson, City Secretary Louetta Wallace, Thomas Rodriguez and Linda St. John.

Mayor Lane opened the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Meredith.

Approval was given by the council to accept with regret the letter of resignation from Lonnie Meredith, who has moved out of the city limits, to take effect at the end of the meeting.

The appointment of Jason Hall to fill the vacancy to the council was approved.

Approval was given by the council to the appointment of Lonnie Meredith to the Economic Development Board.

The appointment of Keith Everett to replace Joey Kimbrough on the North Central Texas Water Board was approved.

Approval was given to the hiring of Bill Bryan and Bob Patterson as prison monitors.

The resolution to deny the request of Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Texas Division for an annual G.R.I.P. rate increase was approved.

The Zoning Board's recommendation for the request from Dwayne Meier to rezone 407 North 2nd East, from residential to general residential, with the specific use permit to use the property for a mobile home, was approved.

In his City Administrator report, Brandon Anderson told the council the City of Haskell is disappointed to lose the Rice Springs Care Home and hopes that all of the employees and residents who were displaced will be able to transition nicely.

He reported the estimated 2006 savings for the City of Haskell, by being a member of

the Cities Aggregate Power Consortium, is \$53,032.

The County will bill the City \$40,000 for dispatching for the next year. This item will need to be addressed during budget discussion, he said. Budget meetings were discussed and the first budget meeting was set for Tues., Aug. 21 at City Hall.

Also discussed was the Haskell C.I.S.D. Learning Center.

The Ambulance Board met later in the day. Jason Hall served as the City's representative.

Anderson said the City is in discussion with the City of Stamford to trade out some services with their new animal control officer.

The Golf Course Board meeting was set for Aug. 14 at 6:00 p.m.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners hold public meeting to discuss raises

A public hearing on raises in salaries for Haskell County employers and elected officials was held on Mon., Aug. 20, with all members of the Commissioners' Court present.

The hearing was opened at 11:15 a.m., with no members of the public present. County Judge Davis closed the hearing at 11:50 a.m.

Commissioner Kenny Thompson made a motion to adjourn. With a second by Commissioner Bobby Smith, the vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

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Haskell County law enforcement report

The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of August.

Driving while intoxicated: 4 cases.

Driving while license invalid: 2 cases.

Possession of drug paraphernalia: 1 case.

Unlawful carrying weapon: 1 case.

Theft more than \$50 and less than \$500: 1 case.

Forgery: 2 cases.

Public intoxication: 2 cases.

Traffic warrants: 3 cases.

Assault family violence: 2 cases.

Purchase/furnishing alcohol to minor: 1 case.

Driving while intoxicated with child: 1 case.

Possession of marijuana: 2 cases.

Disorderly conduct: 1 case.

Stealing or receiving stolen checks: 1 case.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2007 on September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the NCTMWA office at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Joe Clonts, Leon Burkham, Ray Lynn Hardin, M.M. Booe, Bob Presnall, Lyndel Lambert, Keith Everrett
AGAINST the proposal: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: Joey Thomas

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year Adopted	This Year Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.1800/\$100	0.1800/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.0000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0000%
Average appraised value	\$30,012	\$30,590
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$30,012	\$30,590
Tax on average residence homestead	\$54.02	\$55.06
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$1.04
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+1.89%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

CORRECTED Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Haskell County Farm to Market will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.75% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 24, 2007 and August 27, 2007 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room, Haskell, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:
FOR: Kenny Thompson, Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Don Smith, Tiffen Mayfield, David Davis
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	% (increase)	15.2% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase)	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase)	15.2% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$352,320,842.00	\$454,438,799.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,968,547.00	\$ 2,237,650.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$212,937,420.00	\$220,789,533.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,939,307.00	\$ 1,255,270.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.1479 per \$100 per value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.1542 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.0063 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate for the preceding tax year	7.75% Increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changed in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$32,089.00	\$32,932.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$29,089.00	\$29,932.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$43.02. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$47.71. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be at increase of \$4.69 in taxes.

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
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