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 interdenominational 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 the Anchor. Entry fee is \$5. Contestants must be under 15 to enter. Final weigh-in is 12

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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were busy on Monday applying pavement to the the courthouse.

PARKING AREA-Several road constructions workers parking areas located on the north and west sides of

Arrests help to clear burglaries

Halliburton reports that on April 21, information was received from a concerned citizen about individuals having crack cocaine cocaine was being sold from a residence in Haskell.

Officers from the Department Constable, and Haskell County possession of drug paraphernalia.

Haskell County Sheriff David 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 in their possession and that the Freeman of Fort Worth and Joyce Ann Kilgore of Haskell, were arrested on possession of a controlled substance in a drug of Public Safety, Haskell Police free zone. Another female, Department, Haskell County Darlene Collins, was arrested for

Officers to step up **DWI** enforcement

motorists expected on Texas roadways this Labor Day to enjoy the last holiday weekend of the summer season, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced that state troopers and local law enforcement will be stepping up enforcement of the state's DWI laws between Aug. 17 and Sept.

"Our Drink. Drive. Go to Jail. campaign is about saving lives and preventing injuries," said Carlos Lopez, TxDOT's director of traffic operations. "This year, we've more than doubled the number of troopers and officers who'll be out in full force looking for impaired drivers. The best way to avoid an arrest it not to get behind the wheel if you've been drinking."

Texas continues to lead the nation in alcohol-related traffic call a cab or someone you trust fatalities. The National Highway to pick you up, or stay where you Traffic Safety Administration are until you are able to drive.

With throngs of Texas reports that impaired driving is a contributing factor in almost half of all Texas fatal traffic crashes. Thousands of law enforcement officers in Texas are expected to participate in the national mobilization effort.

Convicted first-time DWI offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for as long as a year, and serve 180 days in jail. Safety officials say other costs associated with a drunk driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$10,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes and vehicle insurance increases and other expenses.

TxDOT's advice for drivers for the upcoming holiday weekend? If you've been drinking, don't drive. Make plans in advance about how to get home safely. Designate a sober driver,

Bobcats to play **ACHS** tonight

School football scrimmage Thurs., August 23, will be a jug or box of laundry soap. The Rule Athletic Department for all girls and boys sports in junior high and high school will benefit from this cost of admission. Game time is 6 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium in Rule.

The annual Rule Booster Club "Meet the Bobcats" ice cream social is set for Aug. 23, following the football scrimmage against ACHS. All junior high

Admittance to the Bobcat and high school cheerleaders and versus Abilene Christian High football players will be introduced. Parents, friends and fans will be able to join the Booster Club also.

> Booster Club members and parents of players and cheerleaders should bring either a freezer of homemade ice cream or cookies to share.

For more information, call the Rule Superintendent's office at 997-2521, High School office at 997-2246 or the Athletic Department at 997-2772.

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 Herandez 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."

Kids to fish Sept.

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

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

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

Popcorn for sale by local scouts

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" Caramel Crunch; Butter Light

Haskell Cub Pack 136 and Caramel Corn. Delivery date for the orders is Nov. 19.

The popcorn fund-raising campaign offers incentives to Scouting units and encourages each scout to work towards individual goals and awards including lapel pins, uniform patches, gift certificates, summer camp, and other council activities.

Haskell County citizens Microwave Popcorn; Savory and wishing to support these young Sweet 3-Way Tin; Chocolatey men in this endeavor may order from any local scout or call Sherri Microwave popcorn; The Morrow at 864-3624, Tyke Cheesiest Cheddar Popcorn; Meinzer at 864-3664 or Patrick Gourmet Caramel Corn and Pace at 996-2729.

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 hhesshharts @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 holdreunion

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.

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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

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

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

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

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: PRESENT and not voting:

none

ABSENT: 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.

Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)

Last Year

This Year

.0460/\$100 Adopted .00460/\$100

Proposed

centage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)

Difference in rates per \$100 of value

\$0.0000/\$100

Average appraised value

\$26,568

General exemptions available

person's exemptions)

(excluding senior citizen's or disabled

\$0

\$26,566

\$0

Average taxable value

\$26,566

\$12.22

\$26,568

\$12.22

Annual increase/decrease in taxes if

Tax on average residence homestead

and percentage of increase (+/-)

proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)

0%

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.

Obituaries

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 of Rule.

James 'Jim' Adams



JIM ADAMS

Funeral services for James 'Jim' Adams, 67, of Brady were held Sat., Aug. 11 at Leatherwood Memorial Chapels in Brady. Interment with military honors

CURTIS MORRIS

Shirley Ann Bryan March 31, 1969 and was a life time resident 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.

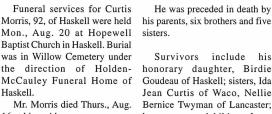
Cemetery in Brady. Mr. Adams died Tues., Aug. 7

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,

Curtis Morris



16 at his residence.

Lancaster, he was the son of and Brittany Jordan, both of Porter and Nettie Pearl Curtis. He Haskell; honorary great farmed and worked at the Haskell Gin as a night watchman. He Faith Jordan of Stamford; and worked at the Gulf Service numerous nieces and nephews. Station and at Baird's Cleaners.

were held at Rest Haven 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.

He was preceded in death by

Survivors include his honorary daughter, Birdie Goudeau of Haskell; sisters, Ida Jean Curtis of Waco, Nellie Mr. Morris died Thurs., Aug. Bernice Twyman of Lancaster; honorary grandchildren, Leon Born Jan. 21, 1914 in Goudeau of Wichita Falls Jenny granddaughters, Blessing and

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Day care decisions Rule ISD sets are no small matter registration for parents

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

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 and development? What is its 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 nonparental care arrangements and children at the center? Is the 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

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

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, churchaffiliated 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 click on the link to Families.

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

 Quality. The cost of the care The answer, said a Texas 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 staff-to-child ratio? What is the staff turnaround rate? How well educated is the staff and are they warm and responsive to children? What kinds of activities -such as ageappropriate books, toys, blocks, puzzles, games and art supplies-are available to 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

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

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

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

*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

If anyone has questions about registration, call Rule ISD at 997-

Friday night, Aug. 24 Rule

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

Rule Elementary School lists

EEA 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 "Preparing for the Unexpected," a guide to help prepare for and respond to unexpected disasters.

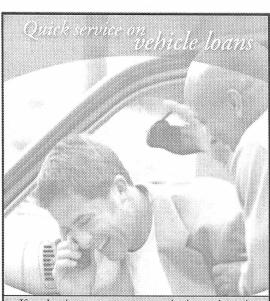
Hostesses were Pat Jenkins and Alice Yates. Next meeting will be Sept. 6 at the Haskell County Extension Office.

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.



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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

are available at the Rule ISD Superintendent's office.

Back to school night and registration set at Haskell Elementary

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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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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

State honors WWII vets with Capitol monument

AUSTIN-Texas veterans of World War II are now honored with a new monument located near the east entrance of the Texas Supreme Court Building in the northwest quadrant of the Capitol grounds. Thousands of people attended the Aug. 15 dedication, the 62nd anniversary of the victory over Japan and the official end of the war.

More than 830,000 Texans served in the armed forces in the war, and 22,000 were killed.

Donations from corporations. associations, foundations and individuals paid for the 17-foottall, 22-ton monument.

TxDOT delivers report on bridges

Is a bridge you've been using for years sturdy enough to deserve your confidence? Are you sure?

The Interstate 35-West bridge collapse in Minnesota on Aug. 1 made people wonder.

Soon after the event, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst asked the Texas Department of Transportation to produce a report on the status of Texas bridges.

TxDOT responded with a 92page report released Aug. 16, saying 4 percent of the state's 50,000 bridges are listed as structurally deficient. However, the first line of the report says "All bridges open to traffic on Texas public roads in the State of Texas are safe."

The report, readily available at www.txdot.gov, includes a list of structurally deficient bridges.

A few points made by TxDOT:

"Structurally deficient" is a term the Federal Highway Administration uses to classify and prioritize bridges for federal funding.

•Structurally deficient bridges receive priority for limited rehabilitation on replacement funds from the federal government.

•Bridges that are unsafe or present an imminent public danger are closed to traffic.

•Of the state's bridges classified as structurally deficient, 445 are on the state highway system and 1,579 are off-system structures.

•Some 282 bridges classified as structurally deficient are currently under contract to be fixed or replaced.

•Another 1,303 structurally

deficient bridges are under development as part of the state transportation plan.

•The remaining 439 structurally deficient bridges are not scheduled for rehabilitation or replacement, and no funding has been identified for them. TxDOT said.

Progress report on schools is in

The Texas Education Agency reports 86 percent of school districts and 79 percent of schools met the state's 2007 standards for "Adequate Yearly Progress."

The state standards tie into the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Public schools and districts tested students in kindergarten through 12th grade. At least 60 percent of the students had to pass the reading/language test and at least 50 percent had to pass the math exam.

Attendance and graduation figures also figured into the calculations. Schools that do not meet the state's Adequate Yearly Progress standards two years in a row are placed in an improvement program.

Officials discuss vetoed funding

The Senate Higher Education Subcommittee met Aug. 14 to address Gov. Rick Perry's veto of \$154 million in community college funding.

Subcommittee chair Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and Lt. Gov. Dewhurst spoke positively about prospects that funding would be restored.

Details on how to restore the funding are still to be negotiated, Zaffirini said.

Organ registry site goes

online The Department of State Health Services announced the online availability of the Glenda Dawson Donate Life - Texas Donor Registry.

People may register as organ, tissue and eye donors via $www. Donate Life Texas. org. \ The$ site also provides information about organ donation.

The donor program pays tribute to the late State Rep. Glenda Dawson of Pearland, a donor recipient who raised public awareness about the organ donor registry in Texas.

Dawson was elected to House District 29 in 2003 and was reelected in 2005. She died in

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From Out of the Past

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10 Years Ago August 21, 1997

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Leonard, were her brother and family, Clarence and Juanita Ramsey of Mineral Wells.

Lizette Hastey, Rochester ISD Test Coordinator, received an academic award through the Abilene Business Women's Association. Hastey is working on a Master's Degree in Counseling.

Jona Caddell returned home after a three week visit with her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis and children of Kingsport, Tennessee.

20 Years Ago August 20, 1987

Lori Darden was named outstanding newspaper editor at the Southern Methodist university journalism workshop in Dallas.

Speck and Randy Sorenson celebrated their 82nd birthday together. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sorenson.

Kristv Winnie has been named girls' coach at Rochester.

Leesa Drinnon Toliver received her Master of Education degree from Abilene Christian University.

The Haskell Indian Booster Club held its organizational meeting. This year's officers are Mike Guess, president; Conrad Roewe, vice president; Pam Gibson, secretary; Mary Rike, treasurer; and Nelda Lane,

30 Years Ago August 18, 1977

were recognized as "All Around

Campers" at Camp Boothe Oaks. The scouts were, Cadet Julie John Wallace. Junior Holly McBroom and Brownie Kelly Wade.

Showing at the Tower Drive-In at Rule is "Return to Boggy Creek" starring Dawn Wells and Dana Plato.

Mr. and Mrs. Mancill Shaw of El Paso, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Medford of Dover, Ohio, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hillard, of Brownfield, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hilliard.

40 Years Ago August 17, 1967

Mrs. Hazel Hayes ,of Carlsbad, New Mexico visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Allen and children, Scott and Robyn, of Hurst, visited with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hinds.

Haskell High School majorettes are Linda Riley, Paula Terrell, Suzie Montgomery, Donna Gordon, Belinda McKelvain and Patricia Toliver.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Killeen, Mrs. Lula Nunallee of Brenham, and Mrs. Etta Williams of Temple, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Turnbow and Mrs. M.B. Wilson.

Ed Melton and daughter, Toni and David Harrell of Abilene, visited Ben Melton.

50 Years Ago August 22, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perrin and Three Haskell Girl Scouts children of Adrian, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Guy Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conner recently returned from a week's visit with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Lam of Durango, Colorado.

Mrs. Thelma Armstrong of Houston returned home after a visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. Jetty V. Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hawkins and daughter of Anadarko, Oklahoma, were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Klose.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lake of Waco visited friends in Haskell. Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Robbins

and Judy of Shreveport, Louisiana, visited in the home of Illena Thomas.

100 Years Ago August 24, 1907

A prairie fire that swept over a portion of S.W. Scott's pasture in the southeast part of the county, scorched the leaves on the mesquite timber. Some of the larger trees may leaf out again.

The contract calls for the completion of the Haskell Cotton Oil Mill by the first of November.

Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Lambert have returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives in Missouri. Mr. Lambert tells us that the crops are short in that

Warren Fitzgerald visited Munday the first of the week.

Commissioners' Court created office of county superintendent of public instruction and appointed Prof. T.C. Williams as the new superintendent.

Weathers Whys

Depressions, tropical storms, hurricanes and cyclones

nce between a tropical storm, a depression, a hurricane and a cyclone.

A: The short answer is that they range in strength from mild to catastrophic, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Tropical depressions have a well-defined circulation and can cause heavy rains and they are classified as having winds no more than 38 miles per hour," McRoberts explains.

A tropical storm is much stronger, containing heavy thunderstorms and high winds of no more than 73 miles per hour. "And then there's hurricanes, which are the strongest winds on Earth. These have winds of at least 74 miles per hour and are classified

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Q: Please explain the the strongest. Hurricanes are cyclones and typhoons contain assigned names for use as a reference point."

Q: What about cyclones?

A: Cyclones and hurricanes are virtually the same thing, McRoberts adds.

"But where they are formed is the difference. A storm that forms in the Atlantic is called a hurricane and one that forms in the Pacific is called a typhoon, while those formed in the Indian

according to their severity on a Ocean are cyclones. All are scale of 1 to 5, with five being assigned names. Hurricanes, winds of from 74 to more than 200 miles per hour and they are the most devastating of all weather events. Hurricanes Andrew (1992) and Katrina (2005) did more than \$25 billion in damage to the Florida and Gulf Coast regions and the 1900 hurricane that hit Galveston is still the worst natural disaster in U.S. history, killing at least 6,000

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

I am hoping to locate someone that can tell us about John R. Dunn Jr..

We are cleaning out a photo studio here in Stamford and have found three very old, old 8x10 pictures of men with Mr. Dunn on the top of the page.

If you know of this family, please let me know at the Cowboy County Museum in Stamford by calling 325-73-2411.

There is no charge for these pictures, I am just trying to find them a home. If anyone else had their picture made by Rectors Studio from the 1920s to 1980, you may want to come look through the boxes of free pictures.

Thank you for your help. Sandra Rhea Stamford Cowboy Country Museum 113 Wetherbee St. Stamford, Texas 79553

AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

Expanded Toy Recall: Mattel, Inc. recalls more than 9 million toys due to lead poisoning hazard, choking risk

The Office of the Attorney General is urging Texas consumers to stop using certain toys after Mattel, Inc. and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a recall of more than 9 million toys due to lead poisoning hazards and potential choking risks. Texans are urged to remove these toys from their homes and contact Mattel to learn more about replacing the recalled products.

According to CPSC, a die-cast toy vehicle featuring the "Sarge" character from the movie, "Cars," may contain surface paints with excessive levels of lead, which could be toxic if ingested. More than 250,000 of the "Sarge" cars, which look like toy military jeeps, were sold nationwide from May 2007 to August 2007. The products were sold both alone and as parts of sets. The recalled toys are marked with "7EA" and "China." Single cars may have the product number "M1253" printed on the packaging. Cars sold as part of a set bear the marking "K5925."

Mattel also recalled more than 8.5 million magnetic toys that may pose a choking hazard to young children, including Polly Pocket dolls, Batman action figures, Doggie Day Care play sets, and Barbie and Tanner play sets. More than two million Polly Pocket play sets were recalled in November 2006 over similar concerns. According to CPSC, Mattel has received more than 400 reports of magnets coming loose from the Polly Pocket doll play sets since the initial recall. Three children who swallowed more than one magnet suffered intestinal perforations that required surgery.

A detailed list of the recalled toys can be found in the "News Releases" or "Consumer Alert" section of the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Consumers who own these recalled toys or figures should immediately remove the products from children and contact Mattel at 800-916-4997 or visit the company's Web site at www. service.mattel.com. Consumers who wish to return the recalled products will receive a replacement toy.

CPSC tests consumer products on an ongoing basis to ensure they are safe. As it did with the Mattel toys, the CPSC issues warnings whenever products do not meet certain safety standards.

While the majority of consumer products are safe when used properly, consumers are encouraged to regularly check the CPSC Web site (www.cpsc.gov) to make sure they do not have items that could pose a danger. Many of the alerts posted by CPSC involve toys, car seats, cribs and other items for children. Parents and friends might be particularly interested in the "Toys" and "Child Products" section of the CPSC Web site. which provides information on recent recalls. The Web site also allows consumers to submit information on a product they believe is bazardous

Texans are understandably concerned about their safety, particularly that of their children. Consumers can contact the Office of the Attorney General at 800-252-8011 or online at www.oag. state.tx.us. Our staff will gladly help consumers find federal, state and local resources that will assist them in gathering critical information about a product's safety record or reporting their concerns.

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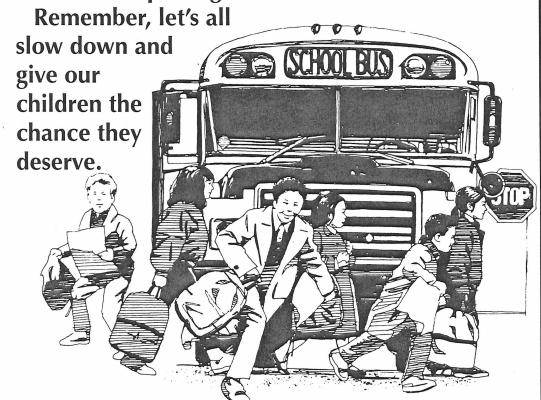




School kids are every-where, so drive with care!

School's back in session and in the excitement of the new school year, many school-age children, especially the young ones, may forget to look both ways when crossing the street or exiting the school bus.

That leaves it up to you as a driver, to be extra careful around school yards, neighborhood play areas and departing school buses.



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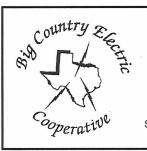
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Feral swine health concerns producers and regulators

According to fable, three little pigs built houses of brick, wood or straw to protect themselves against the wolf. Swine producers now work with pen design, housing construction and biosecurity measures to protect pigs against another wolf: wild (feral) hogs that can carry and transmit disease. And, there's no shortage of the wild pigs in Texas. Of the nearly 3 million swine in the state, more than two million are wild.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services in Texas submitted samples from nearly 700 wild swine from August 2003 through May 2007. Test results showed that more than 20 percent, or 142 of 697 pigs had pseudorabies, a highly contagious viral disease that can cause mild flu-like signs in sows and boars, or kill piglets. About 10 percent, or 66 of 676 of the feral hogs were positive for swine brucellosis, a bacterial infection that can cause sows to abort. Swine brucellosis also may be transmitted from infected pigs to handlers.

The USDA, in its Program Standards for Pseudorabies Eradication, has classified swine based on how well their housing protects against wild hogs. 'Commercial" swine, says the USDA, have the greatest protection and are maintained under high levels of biosecurity.

"Transitional" swine live in pens or on farms where it is conceivable that feral swine could burrow under, climb over, or go through fencing to commingle with the domestic pigs. Captured feral swine also can be included in the "transitional" swine herd.

The USDA's third classification is for "feral" swine-pigs running

Since 2004, all "commercial" swine herds in the U.S. have been officially free of pseudorabies. USDA regulations allow commercial and transitional swine to move interstate without pseudorabies test requirements. While individual states may establish their entry requirements, these must meet, and may exceed, the USDA's Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) standards.

The USDA has not applied the three classifications of pigs in the national swine brucellosis eradication program. Texas is the only state not officially swine brucellosis-free.

To protect against potential disease introduction, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) requires incoming breeding swine six months and older to be test-negative for swine brucellosis within 30 days prior to entry. The animals also must be vaccinated within the previous 30 days with a Leptospirosis vaccine containing the Canicola, Hardjo, Icterohaemorrhagiae, Grippotyphosa, and Pomona

The USDA also stipulates that swine moved across any state lines be identified with ear notches, an ear tag or a number tattoo, and travel with a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within the previous 30 days. The swine must not have been fed waste food or been exposed to hog cholera or pseudorabies, or vaccinated for pseudorabies.

The TAHC allows feral swine to be imported from other states, directly to slaughter, provided the

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pigs are transported in sealed brucellosis is not transmitted trucks and accompanied by a VS 1-27 permit (a USDA document that can be issued by a USDA or state animal health official).

Swine Health Problems in Texas

In a recent meeting with the Swine Health Committee of the Texas Pork Producer's Association, TAHC veterinarians recapped Texas statistics from January 2003 through May 2007. Forty "transitional" swine operations had been quarantined at one time or another, due to pseudorabies or swine brucellosis infection. Of the 40 operations, both diseases were detected in nine herds, and two had repeated infection.

A dozen of the 40 operations had definite contact with feral swine, while 14 were reported to have had "possible" contact. The remaining herd owners said there was no contact with feral swine. However, the TAHC said feral swine can transmit disease to domestic pigs. When these diseased or exposed domestic swine are moved, they start the disease cycle again. This is referred to as "feral-related"

In the report to the Swine Health Committee, the TAHC "zeroed in" on infection for 2006 and 2007, reviewing with the committee the testing and epidemiology conducted to confirm the source and/or spread of infection. In 2006, 13 Texas "transitional" herds were found to have pseudorabies. In 2007, six infected herds have been found, as of late July. Fifteen Texas "transitional" herds had swine brucellosis in 2006, with one detected so far in 2007.

Also troubling is the transmission of swine brucellosis to cattle, which has occurred at least 17 times since January 2006. Swine brucellosis in cattle is not of concern in the cattle brucellosis program, because swine

from cow to cow. However, it will cause infected cattle to test positive on brucellosis tests at the livestock market and at the laboratory. While laboratory confirmation is underway, the cattle herd must be held and tested, creating an inconvenience for the rancher and plenty of concern for the TAHC. If the infection is identified as swine brucellosis, the herd is released, and it's back to business as usual.

Pseudorabies or swine brucellosis can be detected through "first-point" or livestock marketing testing, required by the TAHC for sows and boars changing hands. In 2006, blood samples were collected from more than 4,000 swine at the market, and forwarded to the State-Federal Laboratory for testing. The change of ownership testing for breeding swine six months of age or older also applies to private treaty sales.

Testing of sows and boars slaughtered in Texas accounted for another 2,156 tests. Feeder pigs are not test-eligible, although they are moved frequently among small herds, and can play a role in disease transmission, reported the TAHC

When infection is detected, the TAHC tests the swine in the herd of origin. If infection is confirmed, the herd owner is encouraged to have the swine depopulated. Federal indemnity funds, at market value, are available to pay the owner for domestic swine, but not for feral hogs. Prior to restocking, the owner's pens and facilities must be disinfected, to prevent the reintroduction of disease.

Disease surveillance is also conducted with "high-risk" herds, which include about 325 Texaspermitted waste food feeders, which are tested every two years. Since 2001, the feeding of meat scraps has been prohibited, due to the risk of disease transmission. Texas' USDA field staff inspects the waste food feeding operations routinely to ensure that only allowable products-fruit, breads, and vegetables-are provided to the swine. The TAHC meets with these and other owners of "transitional" swine herds, and has conducted more than 1,400 swine surveys in 2007. From these, about 50 high-risk herds were identified for testing, and infection was detected in two

The most difficult and timeconsuming aspect of disease surveillance and eradication is the epidemiological investigation. This work involves finding out where, when and how owners obtained or sold swine that may have been infected with or exposed to disease. The investigation will lead to additional herds that must be tested, and if more infection is found, the epidemiological work begins again. Sometimes, reported the TAHC, the schematic of the epidemiology will begin to look like a giant spider web, as animals are purchased, sold, moved and traded from herd to

Conclusions: Helping Herds Avoid Disease

During the most recent legislative session, the TAHC was provided authority to regulate feral swine for animal health issues. For several years, the TAHC has approved the placement of the 75 or so TAHCpermitted feral swine holding pens and has allowed the captured wild hogs to go only to slaughter. Furthermore, rules have been in place requiring the testing of feral swine captured for transport locations other than slaughter, such as a hunting preserve.

To address feral swine health issues, the TAHC will establish a working group with the swine, hunting, and trapping industries to formulate more practical, effective, and enforceable regulations that protect swine production, while also benefiting the hunting industry.

At the same, should new entry and intrastate movement requirements be considered? Furthermore, the term "transitional" swine may be too broad, because it lumps together high-quality show pig and production farms with all backyard operations and waste food-feeding complexes. An additional term may be needed for small herds that are not "commercial," but are well managed and have swine health safeguards. More than 150 Texas "transitional" herds shipped swine interstate in 2006, and no infection was detected in premovement testing of animals.

Other measures to protect

•Keep feral swine OUT.

•Improve traceability of domestic swine to help animal health officials conduct thorough and complete epidemiological investigations.

•Ensure that swine entering your herd have tested negative for pseudorabies and swine brucellosis.

•Keep new additions separate from the rest of the herd for at least 30 days.

•Don't borrow boars, unless they have been tested.

•Consider enrolling in the pseudorabies or swine brucellosis certification programs. About 70 Texas herds currently are enrolled and have herds tested on a routine basis. It's a good marketing tool, particularly if you sell swine

•If you have sudden widespread illness or unusual death losses in your herd, or see blisters or sores on your swine, immediately call your private veterinary practitioner and/or the TAHC at 800-550-8242.

CORRECTED Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Haskell County General 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

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

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:

Comparision 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 .06% (decrease) Debt service % (increase) % (decrease) % (increase) .06% (decrease)

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

Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year \$352,320,842.00 Total appraised value* of all property Total appraised value* of new property** \$ 1.968.547.00 \$ 2.237.650.00 \$223,188,713.00 Total taxable value*** of new property** \$ 1,941,797.00 \$ 1,255,780.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtness \$0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Proposed tax rate for the current tax year Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate for the preceding tax year

\$0.5171 per \$100 per value \$0.5394 per \$100 in value

\$.0223 per \$100 in value

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 form the preceding tax

r and the current tax year.		
	Preceding Tax Yea	ar Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$32,089.0	0 \$32,932.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing uni	t	
(excluding special exemptions for persons 65	years	
of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.0	0 \$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead	t	
(excluding special exemptions for persons 65	years	
or age or older or disabled)	\$32,089.0	0 \$32,932.00

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 \$165.93. 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 \$181.39. 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 \$15.46

- "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. "New property" is defined by Seciton 26.012(17), Tax Code.

"Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04.(10), Tax Code.

Haskell CISD Lunch Guidelines

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduce-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Programs 2007-2008 Income Eligibility Guidelines

					Ty	wice	Ev	ery		
	Anı	nually	Mo	onthly	Per l	Month	Two '	Weeks	Wee	kly
Family	<u>Free</u>	Reduced	<u>Free</u>	Reduced	<u>Free</u>	Reduced	Free	Reduced	<u>Free</u>	Reduced
<u>Size</u>										
1	\$13,273	\$18,889	\$1,107	\$1,575	\$554	\$788	\$511	\$727	\$256	\$364
2	\$17,797	\$25,327	\$1,484	\$2,111	\$742	\$1,056	\$685	\$975	\$343	\$488
3	\$22,321	\$31,765	\$1,861	\$2,648	\$931	\$1,324	\$859	\$1,222	\$430	\$611
4	\$26,845	\$38,203	\$2,238	\$3,184	\$1,119	\$1,592	\$1,033	\$1,470	\$517	\$735
5	\$31,369	\$44,641	\$2,615	\$3,721	\$1,308	\$1,861	\$1,207	\$1,717	\$604	\$859
6	\$35,893	\$51,079	\$2,992	\$4,257	\$1,496	\$2,129	\$1,381	\$1,965	\$691	\$983
7	\$40,417	\$57,517	\$3,369	\$4,794	\$1,685	\$2,397	\$1,555	\$2,213	\$778	\$1,107
8	\$44,941	\$63,955	\$3,746	\$5,330	\$1,873	\$2,665	\$1,729	\$2,460	\$865	\$1,230
9	\$49,465	\$70,393	\$4,123	\$5,867	\$2,062	\$2,934	\$1,903	\$2,708	\$952	\$1,354
10	\$53,989	\$76,831	\$4,500	\$6,404	\$2,251	\$3,203	\$2,077	\$2,956	\$1,039	\$1,478
11	\$58,513	\$83,269	\$4,877	\$6,941	\$2,440	\$3,472	\$2,251	\$3,204	\$1,126	\$1,602
12	\$63,037	\$89,707	\$5,254	\$7,478	\$2,629	\$3,741	\$2,425	\$3,452	\$1,213	\$1,726
Each Additional Family Member										
	\$4,524	\$6,438	\$377	\$537	\$189	\$269	\$174	\$248	\$87	\$124

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "None," "No Number," or some indication that the person does not have a Social Security number. The application must be signed by an adult

 $Under this \, provision \, of \, the \, free \, and \, reduced-price \, meal \, policy, \, The \, District \, PEIMS \, Coordinator \, will \, an extension of the free \, and \, reduced-price \, meal \, policy, \, The \, District \, PEIMS \, Coordinator \, will \, an extension \, determined by the provision of the free \, and \, reduced-price \, meal \, policy, \, The \, District \, PEIMS \, Coordinator \, will \, determine \, determined by the provision of the free \, and \, reduced-price \, meal \, policy, \, The \, District \, PEIMS \, Coordinator \, will \, determine \, determined \, det$ review application and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Superintendent, Haskell CISD, P.O. Box 937, 605 North Avenue E St., Haskell, TX 79521,

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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Biggest costs of bloat may be in undiagnosed cattle

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

Cattle deaths due to bloat are an economic loss, but the greater cost may come during the early stages of bloat, said a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher at Vernon.

"What you don't see will be the hidden loss of depressed animal gains ranging from onethird to a little more than one pound per day over a 60-day bloat period in cattle with slight to moderate bloat," said Dr. Bill Pinchak, Experiment Station range animal nutritionist.

"The loss in average daily gain may equal or exceed the total bloat death loss in most years," Pinchak said.

Wheat pasture bloat is the major non-pathogenic cause of death in the Texas stocker cattle industry, accounting for a 1 percent to 3 percent death loss in cattle grazing winter wheat pastures, he said.

But a bigger economic loss may be incurred because most producers don't recognize the less severe bloating, where it begins to cost them, Pinchak said. At level one, with slight bloating or distension to the left side, cattle are already losing three-tenths of a pound of average daily gain per

Pinchak and a team of Experiment Station researchers are working to mitigate the impacts of bloat. So far their studies have shown it takes a weather change to prompt severe bloat onset. Also management can effect the severity of occurrence.

Management aspects involved include: land management (nitrogen fertilization) and grazing management (forage allowance), as well as intervention strategies (ionophores and other supplements), he said.

The studies have shown maximum fertilization increases the amount of bloat, Pinchak said. Early winter grazing is generally not when bloat occurs. February through March, when the spring green-up begins, is a prime time for cattle to suffer from bloat.

Bloat is blamed for an estimated 2 percent death loss in the 2 million head of cattle in the stocker program in the North Plains, he said.

Bloat increases the pressure within the rumen and inhibits the nerves controlling belching, Pinchak explained.

Chronic stress due to bloat changes animal behavior and they spend more time idling. They are uncomfortable. Their jaw

Melton to be honored

honored by a Texas Ranger Memorial Cross ceremony on Sept. 1.

In commemoration of the service rendered and sacrifices made by Texas Ranger Homer T. Melton of "C" Company, the former Texas Ranger Association has given a special grave marker. This marker will be placed at Ranger Melton's grave at the Benjamin Cemetery by his descendents Sat., Sept. 1 at 11

Melton was born in Goree. Nov. 12, 1909 and died Jan. 22, 1990, having lived in Benjamin most of his life.

A peace officer for many years, he was elected sheriff of

Homer T. Melton will be 1961, he resigned to fill the appointment as a Texas Ranger. He retired from the Texas Rangers the last day of Nov. 1974, serving thirteen years.

A vital part of the Former Texas Ranger Foundation (FTRF) and the Former Texas Rangers Association (FTRA) is to preserve the true history of the Texas Rangers and to provide landmarks relating to the Texas Rangers. The Markings of the Ranger's grave with the Texas Ranger's Memorial Cross is just one activity that fulfills this

The 2006-07 Texas Ranger Memorial Cross program is funded in part by a grant from the Knox County in 1946. On Oct.1, Texas Historical Foundation.

HNB receives award

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Swimming risk

The Texas Department of State Health Services has confirmed the first death attributed to primary amebic meningoencephalitis or PAM for 2007. A 12-year old from Travis County contracted the disease after swimming in a Central Texas lake.

Each summer a small number of Texans are exposed to a microorganism that causes the usually fatal type of meningitis or severe brain infection. The ameba responsible for PAM thrives in warm, stagnant water and soil. Officials say the combination of lower water levels, high water temperature and stagnant or slow moving water produces higher concentrations of the ameba in the water.

PAM infections for the past several years in Texas have involved children who had been swimming in lakes. The infection occurs when water containing the microorganism is forced into the nasal passages, either by jumping

or diving into water or water skiing. Once inside the nasal passage, the ameba will make its way into the brain and spinal cord.

Symptoms of PAM include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens. Though the disease is rare-affecting only about one to three people a year in Texas-for those affected, death usually occurs within a week. PAM is not spread from person to person.

The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends that people avoid stagnant or polluted water and take "No Swimming" signs seriously. People who choose to swim in fresh water or lakes should hold their noses or use a nose plug when jumping into the water.

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For more information contact the Texas Department of State Health Services Public Information Office.

movement is less than if they are not bloated. They have much fewer grazing bouts during the

Collectively, the time the cattle spend off feed or at a reduced grazing rate can add up to decreased animal performance, Pinchak said.

"They will graze less time and less often," he said. "You will see their activity drop the greatest in the early morning, early evening and late night grazing.'

Pinchak said studies have shown poloxalene, monensin, corn oil and condensed tannin supplementation can help reduce the effect of bloat. However, condensed tannin supplementation with plant tannin extracts is not currently approved by the Food and Drug Administration as a feed supplement.

Poloxalene and corn oil are FDA approved, but only decrease bloat and do not increase animal performance, he said. Monensin is an FDA-approved feed additive and decreases but does not eliminate bloat, while increasing animal performance.

Some condensed tannin extracts have increased performance by 15 percent over 60 days and have controlled bloat, Pinchak said.

Bloat mitigation supplements have a varied history in stocker cattle grazing wheat pasture, he said. The variations in their effectiveness are most likely caused by consumption of the supplements at levels below what is needed to achieve an effective

Stocker cattle should be adapted to the supplement they will receive on wheat pasture before being turned out to wheat and before bloat occurs. Pinchak said. This will decrease their natural aversion to novel food

CORRECTED Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Haskell County Precinct Roads 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

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows: Kenny Thompson, Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Don Smith, Tiffen Mayfield, David Davis

PRESENT and not voting: ABSENT:

Comparision 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) 10.5% (decrease) Debt service % (decrease) Total expenditures % (increase) 10.5% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calcuated 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 \$223,959,631.00 \$231,757,969.00 Total taxable value*** of new property* \$ 1,965,777.00 1,275,580.00

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtness \$0.00

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Proposed tax rate for the current tax year Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate for the preceding tax year

\$0.1153 per \$100 per value \$0.1207 per \$100 in value

\$.0054 per \$100 in value

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 form the preceding tax

year and the current tax year. Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year

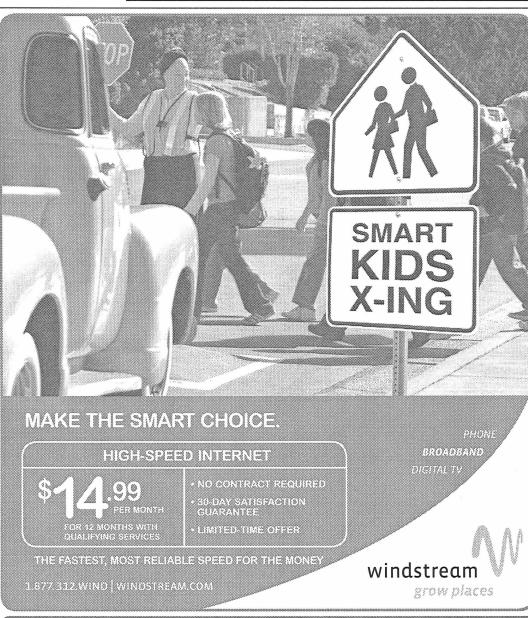
Average residence homestead appraised value \$32,089.00 \$32,932.00 Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) 0.00 0.00 Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years \$32 932 00 or age or older or disabled) \$32,089,00

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 \$37.00. 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 \$40.90. 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 \$3.90 in

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

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August 27-31

Breakfast

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Tuesday: Blueberry muffin

Thursday: Pig in a blanket

Friday: Cheese omelet

with cheese and ham.

peaches

wedges

pudding

Wednesday:

Wednesday: Cereal, cheez-its

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

Monday: Chalupas, cheese,

salsa, corn, garden salad, sliced

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets,

gravy, mashed potatoes, green

Submarine

beans, breadstick, watermelon

sandwich, lettuce, tomato slice,

pickles, assorted chips, orange

Thursday: Pepperoni pizza,

corn, lettuce, tomato, baby

carrots, ranch dressing, banana

Friday: Hamburger, lettuce,

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FAITH DECLARES THE BEST 'HOMEWORK' DONE BY THE PARENTS

As every parent and child knows by this time, training is of little avail if the parents fail to do the new school year is just around the corner. the health check-ups, etc., and a refresher course in discipline and respect for authority; plus the appropriate safety reminders. It is also time to enroll in the Sunday school, where the lessons

their own 'homework.' This means maintaining The preparations are underway: the new clothes, a home atmosphere and a lifestyle that will reflect the teachings in the Sunday school. If the children are to develop good, honest attitudes and living habits, the parents must set the example and uphold it at all times. The schools can do combine with the daily 3 R's to provide a truly only so much; in the final analysis, the best well-rounded education. However, religious training for life must begin and end in the home.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

---HASKELL-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 Richard Barr, minister Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 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 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

607 S. 7th, Haskell First United Methodist Church Rev. Tom Long, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

201 N. Ave. F, Haske First Assembly of God Rev. J.C. Amburn

Sun. 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. 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

Larry White, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6 :30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church Rev. Tom Collins, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m. 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell First Baptist Church Greg Gasaway, pastor

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell Church in the Wind C.C. Curran, pastor Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.

Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m. 203 S. 1st East, Haskell Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell

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Dan Bullock, pastor Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert

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Weinert -ROCHESTER-Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester First Baptist Church

Fred Garvin, pasto Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Rocheste

Faith Chapel of Rochester Katherine Byrd, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. Hwy 6, Rochester

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

First United Methodist Church

Sagerton Methodist Church Stephania Gilkey, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church Curtis Baker, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. -RULE-

First Baptist Church Russell Stanley, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule

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

Church of Christ John Greeson, minister Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m

First United Methodist Church Tom Long, pastor Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m. 1000 Union Ave., Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegs Manuel Marin, pastor

Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule Sweet Home Baptist Church Larry Neal, pastor Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Gladstone Ave. Bull

West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. Clovis Dever a.., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK— Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek

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

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Aug. 27-31 Breakfast

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Milk is served daily. Monday: Chicken strips, bread, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, salad, fruit

Tuesday: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, cobbler Wednesday: Turkey, rice, gravy, corn, salad, rolls, applesauce cake Thursday: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, potato

Friday: Ham or turkey sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, pickles, chips, Jell-O

wedges, fruit

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 27

Lunch-BBQ on a bun, potato salad, pinto beans, onion, pickle, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee Wed., Aug. 29

Lunch-Meat balls with brown gravy, buttered potatoes, green beans, carrots, yeast rolls, misc.

Fri., Aug. 31

Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, buttered corn, English peas, sliced onions, garlic toast, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 883 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 18, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

319 steers and bulls, 276 heifers, 293 cows and bulls were sold. 46 sellers and 27 buyers attended.

Cows: fat, 50-54; cutters, 53-59; canners, 38-45. Bulls: bologna, 62-68,

feeders, 85-94.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 138-168; 300-400 lbs., 125-138; 400-500 lbs., 117.50-125; 500-600

lbs., 112.50-117.50; 600-700 lbs., 107.50-112.50; 700-800 lbs., 105-107; 800-up lbs. 95-105 lbs.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs.,131-136; 300-400 lbs., 124-131; 400-500 lbs., 119-124; 500-600 lbs., 103-119; 600-up lbs., 95-105.

Bred heifers: medium frame 750-850.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 850-1,100; aged or small, 650-750.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1,050-1,300; aged or small, 650-850.

Cotton Market Weekly

August 16, 2007

New York Board of Trade December and March cotton futures settled limit down Thursday after a day of panictype selling pressured financial and commodity markets and spilled into the cotton pit, analysts

Market watchers monitored weather forecasts this week as heat in the Southeast continued to stress crops and wet conditions in South Texas were hindering crop development while producers there were awaiting the arrival of Tropical Storm Erin.

Harvesters were running nonstop Wednesday night in South Texas as the tropical storm headed toward a wide-open cotton crop. Tropical Storm Erin made landfall Thursday morning along the northern Coastal Bend of Texas and moved inland to the northwest. Light to moderate rains were recorded, and although it still is too early to assess prospective crop damage, little concern has been expressed thus far. Crops in the Texas Rio Grande Valley appeared to have been spared.

"On the bright side, latent moisture from Erin could bring a measure of relief to a scorched Southeastern U.S., possibly by next week at this time," one analyst said. "On the other hand, it may simply bring added humidity, if that's possible, where they've already suffered from almost a week's worth of triple digit misery.'

Drought monitor data for the week ended Aug. 14 showed water table supplies had again deteriorated in the Memphis Territory. Soil moisture levels ranged from abnormally dry to extreme drought. The growing season is rapidly drawing to a close and boll shed is increasing. Irrigated farmers continue to apply water where harvest."

possible to ensure bolls fully develop at the top of the cotton plants. Meanwhile, most of the dryland crop has reached cutout and some producers plan to apply defoliants to more mature fields next week. Picking could start on a small scale around the first week of September.

In the Southeast, drought conditions persist. Most of Alabama was considered to be in "exceptional drought" condition. and key cotton growing areas of Georgia were categorized as "extreme to exceptional drought." Thus, the hot, dry weather will take a toll on the crop in both states and less than average yields now are expected in many dryland areas.

Meanwhile, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Aug. 9 totaled 355,300 bales, 58 percent more than the previous week. Major buyers were China, Mexico, Turkey, and Indonesia. Additionally, new crop sales for Mexico were partially offset by cancellations by South Korea resulting in net sales of 34,400 bales for delivery in 2008-09.

Export shipments of 339,700 bales were 10 percent lower than the week earlier and 20 percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Mexico and Indonesia.

The summer doldrums continued in the spot cotton market this week as 28 bales were sold online by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas in week ended Aug. 16. No bales were sold the previous week. The average price for the week was 47.39 cents per pound.

"It's like everyone is in waitand-see mode," a cotton market observer explained. "We all want to see how demand shapes up and how the crops look going into

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GARAGE SALE: Sat. 8 til ? 1101 N. 5th.

GARAGE SALE: 249 CR 410. Sat. 9-2. Men's, women's girls' and boys' clothes and shoes; furniture, knickknacks, kitchenware, game table, toys and books. 34p

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GARAGE SALE: 305 S. Ave. F. Sat., Aug. 25. 7 a.m. to noon Burritos will also be for sale.

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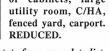
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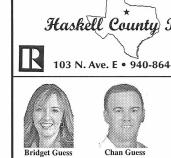
living, dining, kitchen with breakfast nook. Kitchen has black and white tile counter top. Owner has a survey.

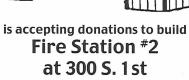
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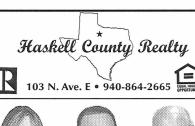


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Commissioners' Court report

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

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.

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 \$8,5000.00 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 A report of Kenny Watson of 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.,

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:

Possession of paraphernalia: 1 case.

Unlawful carrying weapon: 1

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

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.

Administrator Brandon Anderson, City Secretary Louetta Wallace, Thomas Rodriquez and Linda St. John. Mayor Lane opened the

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

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 maritage

meeting to 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.

Zoning Board's recommendation for the request from Dewayne 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.

City Council report

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 discuss raises

A public hearing on raises in salaries for Haskell County employers and elected officials was held on Mon., Aug. 20, with 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

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

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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 Everett

AGAINST the proposal:

proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)

and percentage of increase (+/-)

none

PRESENT and not voting: ABSENT:

none 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.

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

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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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: Kenny Thompson, Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Don Smith, Tiffen Mayfield, David Davis AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting: ABSENT:

Comparision 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 Debt service Total expenditures

% (increase) % (increase) 15.2% (decrease) % (decrease) 15.2% (decrease)

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

Total appraised value* of all property Total appraised value* of new property* Total taxable value*** of all property Total taxable value*** of new property*

Current Tax Year Preceding Tax Year \$454,438,799.00 \$ 2,237,650.00 \$352,320,842,00 \$ 1,968,547.00 \$212,937,420.00 \$220,789,533.00 \$ 1,939,307.00 1,255,270.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtness \$0.00

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Proposed tax rate for the current tax year Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed

tax rate for the preceding tax year

\$0.1479 per \$100 per value \$0.1542 per \$100 in value

\$.0063 per \$100 in value

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 form the preceding tax vear 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 or 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

- "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
- "New property" is defined by Seciton 26.012(17), Tax Code "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04.(10), Tax Code.