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### Football

**HASKELL**  
Indians vs Colorado City  
(Scrimmage)  
Thurs., Aug. 21, 5 p.m.  
at Colorado City  
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**PAINT CREEK**  
Pirates vs Chillicothe  
(Scrimmage)  
Fri., Aug. 22, 6 p.m.  
at Paint Creek  
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**RULE**  
Bobcats vs Vernon Northside  
Fri., Aug. 22, 6 p.m.  
at Rule  
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### Calendar

#### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Sept. 4 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Aug. 28 at 5 p.m.

#### Burn ban issued

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

#### Meet the teachers

Paint Creek ISD will host a "Meet the Teachers Night" for all parents and students Thurs., Aug. 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

#### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 28 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

#### Bull conference

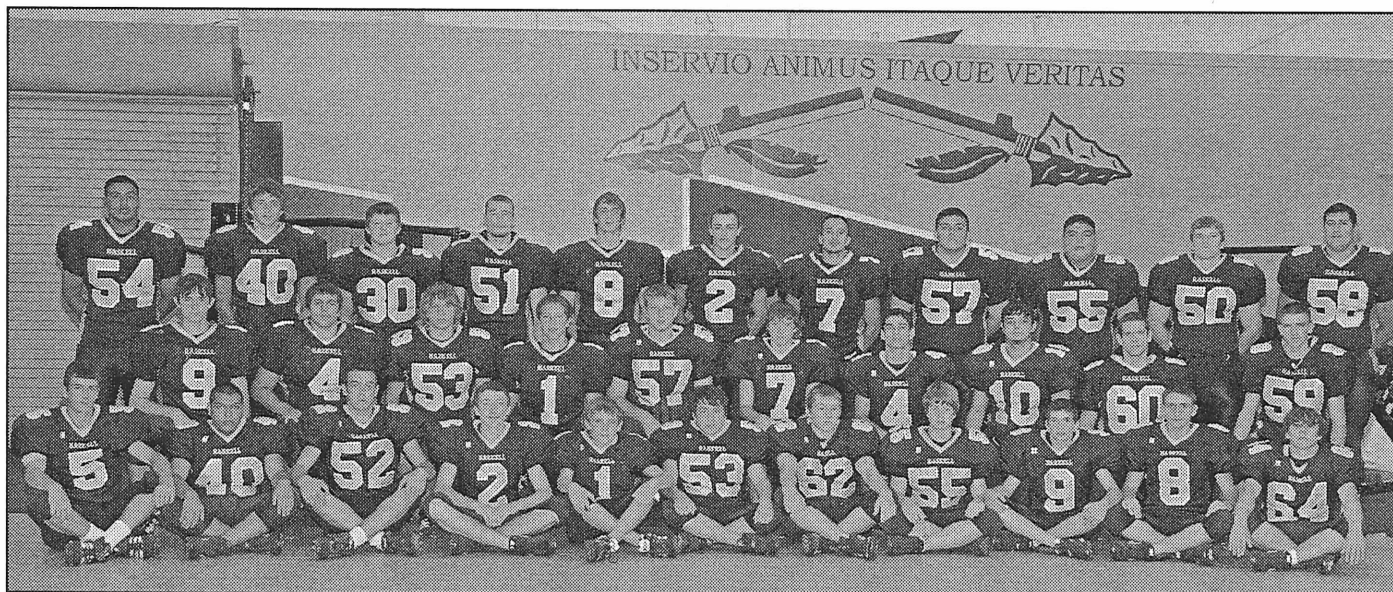
The Texas AgriLIFE Extension of Haskell County will host a bull conference Aug. 28 at the Civic Center in Haskell. Topics will be bull selection using EPD's and bull health and management. Speakers will be Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Specialist and Fort Dodge Animal Health. The conference will begin with a meal at 6 p.m. and the meeting will follow. Call Wes Utley at the Extension office at 940-864-2658 to make a reservation by Aug. 26.

#### Mexican stack dinner

Noah Project North will host a Mexican Stack dinner Fri., Aug. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under.

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**2008 INDIANS**—Members of the 2008 Haskell Indians football team include, front row, l-r, Sterling Bird (JV), J.J. Aguilar (JV), Zack Trussell (JV), Dylon Cook (JV), Brady Leach (JV), A.J. Rodriguez (JV), Zack Wyrick (JV), Garrett Brueggeman (JV), Stewart Ulrich (JV), Payne Ultey (JV) and Colton Kimmel (JV); middle row, Tyler Reese (JV), Tony Trevino (V), Garrett Miller (V), Christian Myers (V), Markus Martinez (JV), Austin Nanny (JV),

Kelson Aguero (JV), Ricky Barrett (JV), Taylor Hill (V) and Ethan Frierson (V); back row, Simon Rodriguez (V), Clint Hamilton (V), James Williams (V), Cody Wyrick (V), Steven Fillmon (V), Tyler Rodriguez (V), Jonathan Martinez (V), Lee Hernandez (V), Scottie Rodriguez (V), A.J. Benton (V) and Ruben Robledo (V). The Indian's first game on the schedule is Fri., Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Haskell against Archer City.

## HHS faculty members ready for new year

by Caron Yates

While parents are busy buying school supplies and clothes, students are busy enjoying the final weeks of summer vacation. School administrators and staff, however, are busy with last minute preparations for the coming school year.

Leading Haskell High School will be new principal Larry Howe. Howe grew up in Abilene and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University. He and his wife, Paula, live in Abilene, where she works in the Special Education department for Abilene ISD. They have raised a son and daughter, and have a new grandson. Howe began his teaching career as a kindergarten teacher in Abilene. He then moved to the Austin area and taught elementary for eight years while finishing his principal certification. Howe was principal at a private school in Austin for five years and then principal at Ballinger High School for the next eighteen years. He is very excited about the opportunity to be a part of the education effort in Haskell.

Howe and his staff will continue with high expectations for each Haskell High School student. With an exemplary rating last school year, the bar is set high. They will again offer programs such as Haskell University, while maintaining an emphasis on science. An honor

roll recognition and reward program will be implemented this school year. Businesses in town have generously agreed to help sponsor an academic recognition party at the end of each six weeks. Another important goal will be increasing parent participation in all aspects of their children's education. Howe invites parents to visit the campus and be informed about issues concerning their child. He welcomes you to his office at any time.

The high school teaching staff for 2008-09 will serve approximately 180 students with twenty-four teachers and three paraprofessionals. While most of the faces on campus will be the same as last year, two new teachers are joining the staff. Josh Damron, who graduated from Stamford High School, will be coming on board as the head baseball coach and math teacher. He and his wife, along with their two sons, will live in Rochester. Damron taught and coached previously at Whiteright High School. Brittany (Bartley) Williams, who grew up in Haskell, will be teaching half a day at the high school and half a day at the junior high. She will also assist with girl's softball. Williams has a strong science background and will teach chemistry at Haskell High.

Assignments for some returning staff will also change. Kent Colley has been hired to be the new athletic director, replacing Brad Brunson. Continuing to teach Spanish, Lolo Martinez has also been named boy's head basketball coach.

The maintenance staff of Ronnie Webb, Robert Acosta, Rae Webb, Maggie McGhee, Zef Perez and Jeremy Cadenhead have done an excellent job of getting the grounds and buildings ready for the start of school.

Teachers for the math department will be Kendra Bevel, Teresa Martinez and Damron. In the Social Studies department Harvey Davis, Keith Medford and David Middleton will carry the load, while Darlene Bellinghausen, Jill Druessedow and Nancy Stewart are again teaching English and Journalism. John Foster, Randy Waggoner and Williams will continue the push for science. Davis, Middleton, Foster and Nikki (Wallace) Thompson will also have coaching duties.

Other programs offered to enhance the education of students, include Ag taught by Justin Cox and Kenny Cockerell, Home Economics taught by Wanda Thompson, computer classes being taught by Amanda Hadaway and Pam Thigpen, and band taught by Mike Aston.

Assisting students in the Special Education department will be Misty Davis, Kelly Layman, Melissa Tatum and Judy Foster. Jamie Davis serves as high school counselor. Betsy McManamon continues as the librarian, assisted by Jacklyn Wheatley, and Lupe Rivera will be the ACE aide. Terry Weise and Jo Pogue will be handling the phones, paper work and reports in the office.

In the cafeteria, making sure the nutritional needs are met, will be Betty Warren, Edgwyna Flores and Becky Howeth. The man in charge of keeping "all those computers" running for all campuses will be John Rutkowski.

Howe says he and his staff are excited and looking forward to another successful year.

## Kids to fish Aug. 30

The sixth annual Kids Fishing tournament will be held Sat., Aug. 30 at Lake Stamford.

Kids, ages 15 or under, must register at The Anchor before fishing. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. A parent or guardian must accompany the fisherman. Fishing hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Weigh in continues all during

the tournament with final weigh in at 12 noon sharp. Fishermen may have more than one fish in any category. Each type of fish will have a category. Fishing is to be done from a bank or dock on Lake Stamford using a rod and reel or cane pole.

All fishermen will receive a prize. Proceeds benefit local organizations.

## Rule Booster Club to host soap scrimmage

The Rule Booster Club met Tues., Aug. 19 for the first meeting of the new school year to organize and make plans for the upcoming football season.

Meet the Bobcats will be Fri., Aug. 22, following the football scrimmage against Vernon Northside which begins at 6 p.m. This is the annual "Soap Scrimmage" where the price of admission is a jug or box of

laundry soap. Booster Club members will serve homemade ice cream and cookies after all junior high and high school football players and cheerleaders are introduced.

Rule Bobcats will host Newcastle for the Sat., Sept. 27 homecoming football game. Homecoming activities will be announced soon.

## Rule School to register

Rule ISD will host registration Aug. 21-22 in the Rule ISD library for the new school year.

Parents/legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through eight, 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.

Registering on Thurs., Aug. 21 will be seniors at 9 a.m.; juniors at 10:30 a.m.; sophomores at 1 p.m.; and freshman at 2:30 p.m. Registering on Fri., Aug. 22 will be Pre-K through fifth grade at 9 a.m.; eighth grade at 1 p.m.;

seventh grade at 2 p.m.; and sixth grade at 3 p.m.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items to registration:

- Proof of residency in the Rule ISD in the form of a water or electric bill.
- Copy of the child's Social Security card.
- Current immunization records.
- Any records from the child's previous school district.

For information about registration, call Rule ISD at 997-2246 or 997-2521.

Rule ISD will host 'Meet the Teachers Night' for all students and parents on Fri., Aug. 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for all families who have students in Early Childhood through twelfth grades during the 2008-09 school year.

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

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

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# Cooking safety urged

Cooking was involved in an estimated 146,400 home structure fires in the United States in 2005, according to a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) report. Cooking fires accounted for 40 percent of the home structure fires in 2005, and these cooking fires resulted in 480 deaths, 4,690 injuries, and

\$876 million in direct property damage. Cooking equipment left unattended was a factor in ignition in 38 percent of home structure fires for 2002-05. Unattended cooking was the leading contributing factor in home cooking fires, followed by

combustibles too close to a heat source, and equipment being unintentionally turned on or not turned off.

Cooking was also the leading cause of home fire injuries, accounting for 36 percent of home structure fire injuries in 2005. These injuries were especially likely to occur during attempts to fight the fire. In home structure fires involving cooking equipment for 2002-05, 59 percent of injuries occurred while fighting the fire, compared to 35 percent of injuries in all other types of home structure fires.

"Cooking results in more home fires and fire injuries in the United States each year than anything else and nearly all of these fires can be prevented with a little extra care," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications. "Simply paying attention when you are cooking will keep your dinner and everything else from getting burned."

Home cooking fires peak between 5 and 7 p.m. Extra cooking, as on major U.S. holidays, often means extra home cooking fires. Typically, more cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving than on any other day of the year.

NFPA offers the following safety tips.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- To prevent cooking fires, you have to be alert. You won't be if you are sleepy, have been drinking alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, boxes, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stovetop.
- Keep the stovetop, burners and oven clean.
- Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops to prevent them from knocking things onto the burner.
- Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.



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# Obituaries

## Helen I. Elliott



HELEN ELLIOTT

Funeral services for Helen I. Elliott, 88, of Haskell were held Sun., Aug. 17 at First United

Methodist Church in Haskell with Pastor Tom Long officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Elliott died Tues., Aug. 12 in Amarillo.

Born Oct. 31, 1920 in Elk City, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of the late Ura B. Cutright and Naomi Carter Cutright. She married Jean Joseph Elliott. She was a homemaker and a member of various organizations including PTA, Progressive Study Club, Bridge Club and served many years as an election judge. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Haskell for many years. She taught childrens'

Sunday School for thirty-five years and was a member of the WSCS and Guild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jean Elliott, and two brothers Harold Cutright and Chick Cutright.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Brock and husband, Jim of Amarillo, Jo Helen Phillips and husband, John of Lampasas and Mary Allen of Amarillo; brother, Marshall Cutright of Amarillo; sister-in-law, Ruthie Cutright of Hawaii; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell, Texas 79521.

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# Smart investing for seniors

Thirty percent of America's fraud victims are 60 years of age and older. Seniors are often targeted for "free lunch" seminars. Remember the cardinal rule of "free lunches"—there are no free lunches. There's always a catch. Not all "free lunch" seminars are scams, but almost all use high pressure tactics and deception to entice you into an investment quickly before you have an opportunity to think about it or talk it over with your family or financial advisor.

The people who conduct these seminars are fast-talkers who excel in the art of making your money their money. Many of these salesmen may encourage a one-on-one meeting in the hopes that once they're alone with you, they can more easily get you to invest.

Many of us are influenced by two factors: fear and greed. As we get older, we want to be sure we have enough financial resources money to make ends meet in our retirement years. We may over-react to an investment scheme thinking we will make some fast cash.

If you attend a financial seminar, do your homework. You may find that the seminar is legitimate and offers you a prudent investment alternative. Nevertheless, talk to your own financial advisor, your community banker, or to a trusted family member to make sure the investment is right for you.

Another investment alternative you might consider is something called a life settlement. Most of us have life insurance and think

that the only way to collect on the policy is to die. However, you may be able to sell the policy and benefit from what is called a life settlement.

According to an article by Jeffrey D. Voudrie, president of Legacy Planning Group, a private wealth management firm, you should consider the following before selling your policy:

- A policy holder needs to be 55 years of age or older with a life expectancy between two and 12 years.
- Policy must be transferable.
- Policy must be universal life, variable universal life, second-to-die or term life policy.
- Face amounts need to be at least \$100,000.

Again, be sure you review your options with a trusted financial advisor and never sell your policy to someone who approaches you about it. You should be the one who initiates the action.

If you want a safe investment, CDs and government bonds are your best options. Most all other investments, including stocks, carry risks.

Seniors are often targets for fraud and scams because they are often more trusting, growing up in a time when deals were sealed with a handshake. Many

times, they are home alone and hungry for human contact and conversation when a scam artist calls on the telephone. They begin to fear that they will outlive their savings and they want to be sure they have enough money to live comfortably.

To avoid becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud:

- Tell the caller you need more information and ask him to send it to you through the mail.
- Check with your local Better Business Bureau, your state's attorney general or other consumer watchdog group to verify the legitimacy of the telemarketer.
- Never pre-pay for services. Pay only after the service has been delivered.
- Don't pay for a "free prize." If someone tells you that you have won a free gift, but they ask for your credit card to pay for the taxes on the "free gift," hang up and call local law enforcement. This is a violation of federal law.

If you're concerned about your financial future, check with your local community banker or another trusted financial advisor and work with them to make sure your retirement years are your best years.

# Texas license plates are more colorful

Texas roads got more colorful when more than 20 new license plates designs debuted Fri., Aug. 1.

Texans can now have a little fun and express themselves on their cars with new plate colors and designs.

The new [www.myplates.com](http://www.myplates.com) website lets you create your own plate combination, check its availability and order online. There's even a way to print out a paper copy of the plate to see how it looks on your car. The website went live on Friday.

The plates, which can all be personalized, are from My Plates, the Texas-based company chosen by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to handle the design, marketing and sale of new specialty license plates.

This innovative public/private partnership is the first of its kind in the country. It will give Texans more opportunities to express their creativity while also generating new income for the state. A portion of the sale of each plate will go into the General Revenue Fund, which provides services that benefit all Texans. The contract guarantees a minimum of \$40 million to the Fund over a five-year period.

Texas currently has the country's lowest percentage of drivers with personalized license plates. Less than 1% of Texans own them. Before now, Texans had to renew specialty plates each year. With My Plates, you can also choose a five or ten-year option. My Plates will also offer gift certificates for its specialty license plates, another unique aspect of the program.

The price of plates will depend on the style and the level of personalization. Plates are divided into three series: Custom, Premium, and Luxury. Prices start at \$95 a year, or from less than \$40 a year if you buy a ten-year term.

"With almost 21 million vehicles on Texas roads, there are a lot of stories out there," said James Power, president of My Plates. "We're offering a fun way to tell those stories and to add character to your car, truck or motorcycle."

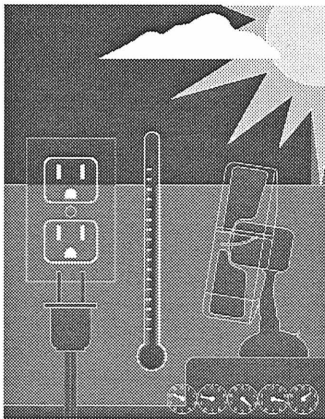
Besides the exciting new designs, the key difference in the new system is the ease of picking a plate, personalizing it and completing the order. My Plates has developed a user-friendly website ([www.myplates.com](http://www.myplates.com)) and has added a professionally staffed call center in Austin to handle orders through their toll-free number, 877-769-7528 (877-7MYPLATES). On the site, you can see all the color and design options, check availability of a letter/number combination and securely complete the transaction using a credit card.

# Connect to Energy Savings

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some low or no cost tips with you on how to keep cooler this summer by saving energy and money.

- Set air-conditioning thermostats to the highest possible comfortable setting and dress accordingly.
- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
- Air-dry dishes in the dishwasher.
- Lower the temperature on your hot water heater to warm during the summer, take short showers and wash only full loads of clothes in the laundry.



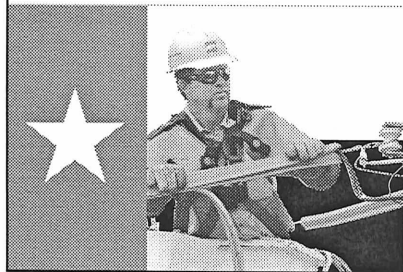
It's important to remember that if you're having trouble paying your electric bill, call your retail energy provider (REP) at the number listed on your current electric bill to avoid disconnection.

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MRS. BRAD BRAZELL

## Aycock, Brazell wed in Abilene

Amy Michelle Aycock and Brad Marcus Brazell were united in marriage Sat., July 12 at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene. David McQueen officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Pam Aycock of Haskell. The groom is the son of Gary and Fran Glenn and Johnny Brazell of Abilene.

Grandparents of the bride are Ima Jean Aycock and the late J.W. Aycock of Haskell, and Grace Duryea and the late Norman Duryea of Abilene. Grandparents of the groom are Helena Brazell and the late Otto Brazell of Tye, and Mamie Stone and the late Jennings Stone of Abilene.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father.

The maid of honor was Angela Aycock of Abilene, twin sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kelly Hedge of Graham, Karen Nix of Abilene, Jennifer Sandquist of Abilene, Laura Madison of Abilene, and Brittany Brazell of Abilene, sister of the groom. Emily Glenn of Abilene, niece of the groom, served as junior bridesmaid.

The best man was Ethan Moore of Abilene. Groomsmen were Rob Weitkamp of Flower Mound, Lance Huston of Abilene,

Travis Craver of Abilene, Bryan Simpson of Stephenville, and Brent Brazell of Abilene, brother of the groom. Jonathan Glenn of Abilene, nephew of the groom, served as junior groomsman.

Ushers were Jason Aycock, brother of the bride, Brian Duncan, Derrick Kramer, Steve Glenn, brother of the groom, and B.J. Opsahl. Members of the house party were Sandy Aycock, Candace Brister, Kristen Duncan, sister of the groom, Beth Glenn, Mindy Howard, Summer Sims, and Katie Weitkamp.

The bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in education. She is employed by Wylie Elementary School.

The groom is a graduate of Wylie High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Marketing. He manages the accounting department at his family's business, A-Town/Hi-Tech.

A reception was held at Fairway Oaks Country Club in Abilene.

The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico, and reside in Abilene.

## Registry helps reunite adult adoptees

For some, it is a medical need to know.

For others, it is the desire to put life's jigsaw puzzle pieces together.

For these and other reasons, adoption information provides answers to long-held questions about lives and families.

In Texas, adoption records are confidential and court records sealed. People usually have little or no information about their birth parents, siblings or children placed for adoption.

But for those looking for information, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) offers a chance to be matched with birth family members. The Texas Vital Statistics Central Adoption Registry can reunite adult adoptees with birth parents or siblings who sign up looking for each other.

"The registry is unique in that we have the authority, without a court order, to view a sealed file and confidential record," said Patricia Molina, DSHS program administrator for the registry. "This ability allows us to match two biologically related people. A match occurs only when an adopted person and the birth parent or a biological sibling voluntarily register."

Once a match is made, a letter is sent to each person with the results. But before information

is exchanged, everyone is required to complete a one-hour counseling session that educates and prepares them for the reunion. DSHS will help people find a counselor.

"The counseling will help identify a support system as the reunion progresses, whether the husband, wife or other children will be supportive, what they see as the best and worse outcome from a reunion and what they want the outcome to be," Molina said.

After the counseling session, each person prepares a personal history with photographs such as baby pictures, school and family photos. The biographies are then shared with each participant at the same time that the identifying information is exchanged.

"These biographies establish a foundation for the reunion," said Molina. "People may see that they look like their birth mother or have the same nose or chin as a sibling."

Molina said that there are stages to a reunion, often beginning with a honeymoon phase. She said that people may need to set boundaries and outline how far they want the relationship to go. Some people, she said, may decide at some point to end the relationship.

"Adoption is a life-long process," Molina said. "Some people may want to know

more as they grow older, often starting with wanting to know only medical history but later wanting contact."

Although the adoptive parents are not a part of the registry, adoptees are encouraged to share information with their adoptive families.

The DSHS registry, which began in 1984, has registered more than 8,100 people looking for one another, including adult adoptees, birth mothers, adult siblings and birth fathers. About three times as many adoptees are registered as are birth mothers. "We make about 20 to 30 matches a year," Molina said.

For a person to become a part of the Central Adoption Registry they must:

- Have been adopted in Texas or have been born in Texas and adopted in another state or
- Be the birth parent or sibling of an adoptee
- Be 18 years old or older and
- Provide proof of age and identity with a copy of a birth certificate and a valid government-issued photo ID.

To get an application, write the Central Adoption Registry (MC 1966), P.O. Box 149347, Austin, Texas 78714-9347; call 512-458-7388 or toll free 888-963-7111, ext. 7388; or download an application online at [www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/adoptionregistry.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/adoptionregistry.shtm). Cost to be in the registry is \$30 but may be waived or reduced.

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## Memory Walk set to be held in Abilene Sept. 20

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter's annual Memory Walk® will take place Sat., Sept. 20 at Nelson Park in Abilene. Nearly 500 walkers are expected to participate in this year's event to raise awareness and funds to fight the disease.

The Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research programs. Held annually in hundreds of communities across the country, this inspiring event calls on volunteers of all ages to become

Champions in the fight against Alzheimer's. Champions include those living with the disease, families, caregivers and corporate and community leaders. Americans who have participated in these walks have raised more than \$265 million.

To register for Memory Walk, form a team or to obtain more information about our programs and services, contact the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org/northcentraltexas](http://www.alz.org/northcentraltexas), 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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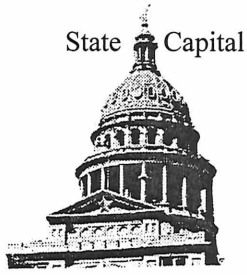
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# OPINION

## TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



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### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

#### Study shows property tax relief did deliver

AUSTIN—In 2006, Texas lawmakers rolled back school tax rates for maintenance and operations by one-third over the next two years in an initiative that was to provide \$7 billion in annual property tax relief.

A study released Aug. 14 by Texas Taxpayer and Research Association shows how Texas taxpayers actually did get \$7 billion in property tax relief.

The study, Property Tax Relief: The \$7 Billion Reality, by the non-profit non-partisan association's research arm, concludes that "The average Texans' property tax bill may not be lower today than it was two years ago, but it is unmistakably much, much lower than it would have been."

The study points out that relief was made possible by a swap that included "a complete restructuring (and increase) of the state's business tax, an increase in the state's cigarette tax, and a commitment of surplus funds in the State Treasury sufficient to provide an overall net tax cut of roughly \$2.5 billion a year."

The eight-page report can be accessed at [www.ttara.org](http://www.ttara.org).

#### TXDOT signals consolidation plan

The Texas Department of Transportation says it is considering the creation of four regional centers to house support functions presently located in 25 districts across Texas.

"The consolidation of support functions could create a more efficient working environment and generate a cost savings estimated at \$35 million," said TXDOT executive director Amadeo Saenz.

Sites for the regional centers would be Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Lubbock.

Each would support the district design, construction and maintenance operations, with districts aligned into the support centers based on regional proximity.

Saenz said restructuring would not result in a reduction of services at the district level.

"TXDOT would not cut services to the public. Our goal is to provide services in a way that is smarter and less expensive."

"Our local offices would continue to operate, concentrating on our core business functions of construction, design and maintenance," he said.

**DPS promotes online renewal**  
The Texas Department of

Public Safety reminds Texas residents they can renew their driver's license "without leaving the comfort of your computer" by going to the Internet site [www.TexasOnline.com](http://www.TexasOnline.com).

Driver's license and identification card holders are required by law to renew their license and ID card every six years. State law also requires that they change the address on their license or ID card within 30 days of moving to another residence.

The DPS has offered eligible individuals the option of renewing their license or ID card over the Internet since 2001. Individuals are eligible to renew online as long as they are 18 years of age, within one year of the license or identification card expiring and did not renew online, by mail or telephone at their last renewal.

Ineligible driver's license and ID card holders include those who have an expired, revoked, or suspended license or ID card, and individuals who possess a provisional driver's license or a commercial driver's license.

The online change of address service fee is \$11, but if a license holder chooses to renew at the same time as changing the address, the total charge is \$25.

#### Judge allows dropout funding

State District Judge Stephen Yelenosky rejected the Texas State Teachers Association's lawsuit to stop state funds from going to dropout recovery programs run by private schools.

TSTA argued that Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott did not have authority to award grants allowing \$6 million in state funds to be awarded to private schools.

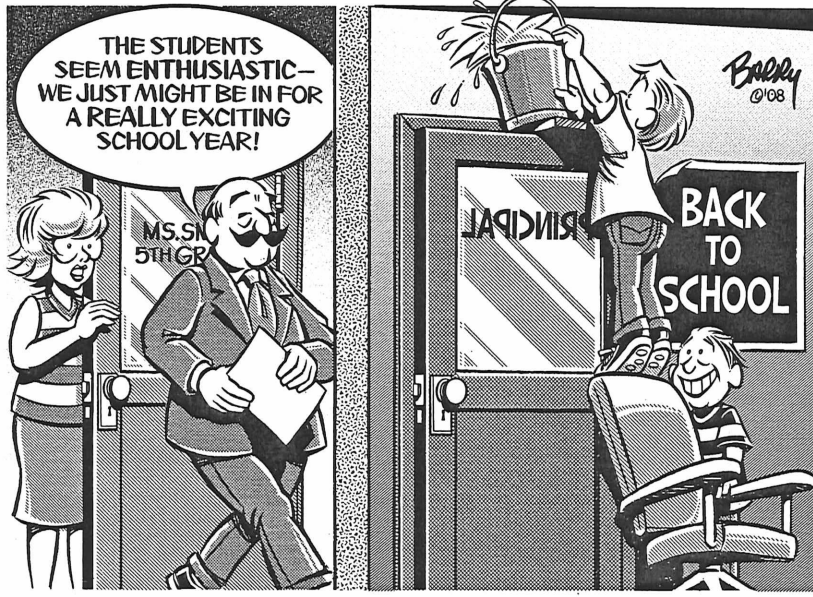
#### 200th missing predator arrested

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Aug. 14 announced his office's Fugitive Unit reached a milestone 200th Operation Missing Predator arrest on Aug. 13.

Since May 2005, the Fugitive Unit has located and arrested convicted sex offenders who fail to register with authorities. State, federal and local authorities work together to make it happen.

#### Estimate: \$54 million in savings

Before the annual Texas Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 15-17, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Susan Combs estimated Texans would save \$54 million, taking advantage of no state sales tax on clothes, shoes and a list of other items.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago August 20, 1998

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blair and family of Seattle, Washington visited his dad, Kenneth Blair.

Paint Creek School was named exemplary campus by TEA for achieving the highest rating possible from the state's accountability system.

The Haskell Indian band booster club elected officers for the 1998-99 school year: Charlotte Peiser, president; Lynn Dodson, vice-president; Lisa Teague, treasurer; Betsy McManamon, secretary/reporter and Tonya Cypert, travel coordinator.

Joni Ann Penman of Rochester graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor degree in Human development/family studies.

#### 20 Years Ago August 25, 1988

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Turner, of Azle, is the new pastor at First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Sam and Ernestine Herren celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

Dickie W. Greenwood, vice-president and branch manager of Olney Savings Association in Haskell, recently graduated from the Texas Savings and Loan School.

United Sewing Agency produced its first product, a woman's skirt.

Jennifer Comedy showed the grand champion ram in the breeding sheep division, and Stephanie Green had the reserve

champion market lamb at the Jones County Fair.

#### 30 Years Ago August 24, 1978

Haskell scouts, Don Horton and Elliot Cox, returned home after backpacking for ten days in New Mexico.

The Haskell Twisters won third place in the Stamford softball tournament.

Rena McBroome, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. McBroome, returned home for West Texas State University in Canyon.

David Lynn Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Parker, graduated from Midwestern State University.

James Jeffrey Sylvester and Joe Wilfong represented Texas in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Sylvester won honorable mention.

#### 40 Years Ago August 22, 1968

The Haskell Mustangs placed second at the State Teenage Baseball Tournament.

"A Challenge for Living Crusade" will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church in Rule.

Fifty Haskell High School Indians begin two-a-day workouts.

Pearl Simmons, former resident of Haskell, and daughters, Janice Vance of Tucson, Arizona and Thelma White of Big Spring visited in Haskell.

The Haskell County Sheriff's Posse took top honors in the opening parade of the Central

Rodeo Association Rodeo in Graham.

#### 50 Years Ago August 21, 1958

Mrs. J.L. Toliver Jr. won second place in the Senior Class division, hair styling contest held in Wichita Falls.

Haskell County's first bale of cotton was ginned in Rule. The cotton was from the farm of J.E. Pace, ginned at 35 cents per pound.

Second Lt. James C. Gauntt, son of Mildred C. Gauntt, completed the quartermaster officer basic course at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Lou Sarah Cole of Levelland visited in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Edwards.

#### 100 Years Ago August 22, 1908

Mrs. J.F. Thompson of Fort Worth is visiting her brothers, L.V. and Hugh Smith.

John W. Smith of the northwest corner made a shipment of three cars of cattle to the Fort Worth market.

Ches Neathery is working with the telephone company at Graham.

Prof. Eidlen of Hico was a prospector in town and has purchased some real estate and plans to build some houses on his property.

Ed Couch, cashier of the First National Bank of Knox City, visited relatives in Haskell.

## AG Consumer Alert

By Greg Abbott

#### New Identity Theft Scam Targets Texas Debit Card Users

Parents who use the Texas Debit Card to access their child support payments should beware of a new identity theft scam that targets EPPICard users. The Texas Attorney General's Office and government agencies in 14 other states use EPPICards, which are known locally as the Texas Debit Card, to disburse child support payments.

According to the Internet Complaint Center, EPPICard users nationwide have reported receiving e-mail, voice and text messages falsely indicating problems with their accounts. Card users are directed to update their accounts or correct a problem by clicking on a Web link included within the message. The link directs the individuals to a fraudulent Web site where their personal information, such as account number and PIN, is compromised. Recipients of these messages also may be directed to

call a phone number.

EPPICard users have also reported receiving an e-mail message offering payments to those who complete an online survey. At the end of the survey, users are asked for their EPPICard account information so that funds can be credited to the account. By providing the requested information, users put their financial information at risk.

EPPICard providers indicate they are not affiliated with survey Web sites and do not solicit personal information via e-mail or text messages.

Texas Debit Card users should be vigilant and avoid this new twist on old e-mail scheme. Parents should never open unsolicited e-mails or click on Web links that appear in an unsolicited e-mail. Doing so could activate hidden viruses or other malicious software or direct users to a decoy Web site that allows identity thieves to collect the information they need to empty the users' bank accounts and ruin their credit.

Texas Debit Card users who have questions about their account should call the program's toll-free hotline at 866-729-6159. Customer service representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Parents also

may call the toll-free number to check account balances and obtain transaction histories.

More than 280,000 Texas parents served by the child support program use the Texas Debit Card as a convenient alternative to receiving child support payments by cash or check. Parents who receive fraudulent e-mails regarding account information or survey requests should notify the Internet Complaint Center by filing an online complaint at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov).

#### Validation tags

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

It is time to order Lamb/Goat validation ear tags. If joining FFA or 4-H and planning to show a lamb or goat as an animal project, that lamb or goat must have an Texas Validation Ear Tag.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be taking orders for the validation ear tags, until Aug. 29. The Texas Lamb/Goat Validation Tags will be received in October and then a date will be set in October for validating.

Come by the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell to order the tags. For more information, call Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-Ag, at 940-864-2658.

## Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Losses in outside markets, along with a strong U.S. dollar, negatively influenced cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade at the end of the week despite a bullish supply/demand report from USDA that buoyed the market on Tuesday.

In its August supply/demand report, USDA reduced its U.S. production estimate by 200,000 bales to 13.8 million for the 2008-09 marketing year based on information gathered from the department's first crop production survey of the season. Additionally, the U.S. export estimate was raised by three percent, or 500,000 bales from its previous figure, to 15 million bales, and domestic use remained unchanged while ending stocks were reduced by 700,000 bales. The indicated stocks-to-use ratio was 24 percent, the lowest in five years.

The department lowered its U.S. cotton production figure by 28 percent from last year's 19.2 million bales, and yield was estimated at 842 pounds per harvested acre, down 37 pounds from the record average yields in 2007. USDA reported that Southeast producers were expecting marginally higher yields over last year while Texas growers were expected to have lower yields when compared with record production in 2007.

In fact, total Texas acreage was estimated at 5.22 million acres, down from 8.29 million one year ago. Many observers believe the Texas number will eventually need to be lowered as problems persist on the Texas High and Rolling Plains where most of the state's crop is grown.

"On the Texas High Plains, the 'drive-by' opinion of the cotton which has survived a difficult first half of the growing season is that the 2008 crop will fall far short of the record production levels seen in the past three or four years," a local source said. "Many around here feel High Plains growers will not reach the 3.7-million-bale estimate for the area and will need a perfect fall to come near the three-million-bale mark."

Meanwhile, USDA's world cotton estimates for 2008-09 show lower supplies, use, and ending stocks relative to the department's July estimate. World cotton production was lowered 2.4 percent to 112.2 million bales due to reductions for India, Australia and Turkey, in addition to the United States.

The decline in world production was partially offset by a decrease in world consumption which is based on both the slowing world economy and more limited world cotton supplies. Consumption estimates were lowered for China, India, Turkey and Pakistan. Forecast world stocks were reduced to 51 million bales, a four-percent decline from last month and 9.4 million below the beginning level.

The department made no changes to the U.S. balance sheet for 2007-08. While final U.S. export sales data indicate lower exports, further adjustments are pending release of final estimates of exports and stocks by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In other news, the government's weekly export sales report added little support to the market as a net 389,900 bales were sold in the week ended Aug. 7. The sales to China, Turkey, Indonesia and Thailand were partially offset by cancellations by Singapore.

Export shipments of 222,500 bales were down 37 percent from the previous week and 21 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Mexico and Colombia.

Meanwhile, spot cotton sales were slower in the week ended August 14 as online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas totaled 274 bales compared to 1,194 bales the previous week. Average prices ranged from 59.00 to 61.27 cents per pound.

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### Correction

The first regular game of the season for the Haskell Indians will be played Fri., Aug. 29 in Haskell. Information in the Aug. 14 issue of the Haskell Free Press was incorrect.



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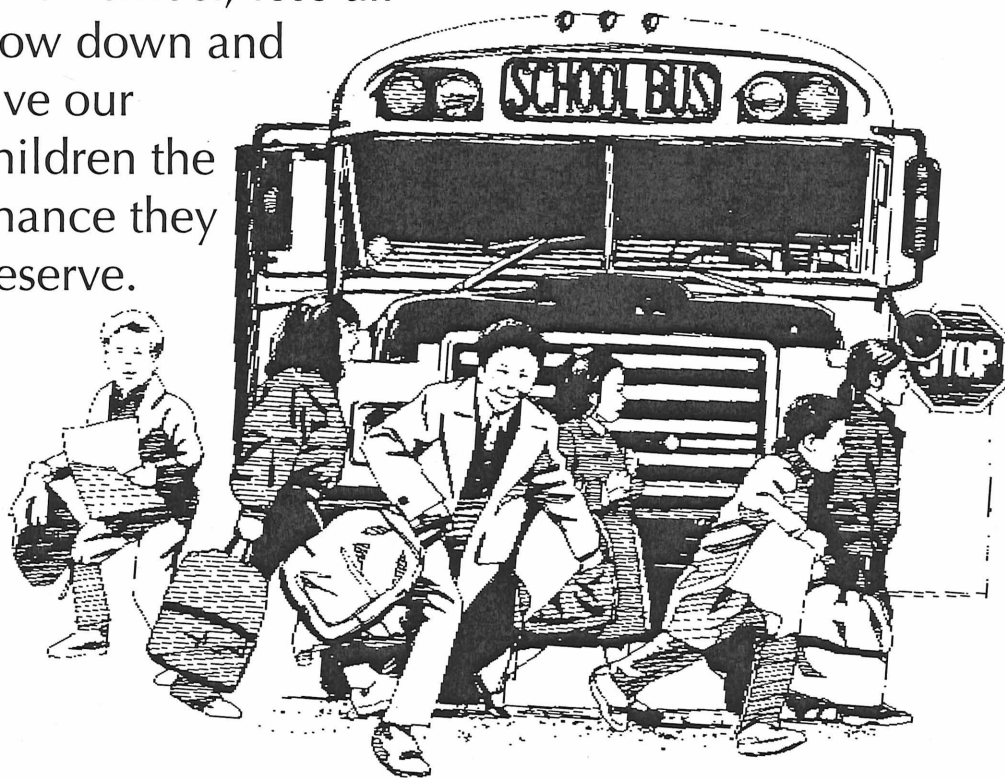


School kids are everywhere, so drive with care!

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.

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# Increased costs make management key when fertilizing wheat

by Wes Utley  
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.  
The increasing costs of nitrogen and phosphorous during the last year have made it more important than ever to use fertilizer as efficiently as possible, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.  
Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife

Extension agronomist, said a good soil test is essential to determine the most efficient nitrogen use and proper rates of other nutrients.  
"It is important to remember that yields are limited by the most limiting nutrient, whether that is nitrogen, phosphorous or other nutrients," Bean said.

"Applications of nitrogen when phosphorous or other nutrients are deficient, is wasting money."  
He said where possible, the collection of deep soil samples is best and could potentially save producers a significant amount of money in fertilizer costs. "It is not unusual to find 30 pounds or more of nitrogen in the soil at depths below 1 foot," Bean said, adding wheat can easily use nitrogen from a soil depth of 3 feet.

Wheat needs 1.5 pounds of nitrogen for every bushel, regardless of the nitrogen source, said Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension small grains specialist. It also needs approximately 0.75 pounds of phosphate for every bushel of yield.

"If phosphorous is needed, it is best to apply it in the fall," Morgan said.

Phosphorous must be incorporated or injected into the soil because it is not mobile in the soil like nitrogen, he said. The highest efficiency rates are received when phosphorous is applied in band.

"Phosphorous can be applied with wheat seed, but make sure any nitrogen or potassium applied with it does not exceed 18 pounds, or seed germination may be hampered," Morgan said.

Nitrogen can be applied either all in the fall, as a split application between fall and spring, or all in the spring to maximize nitrogen use efficiency, Dr. Todd

Baughman, AgriLife Extension agronomist said.

"Unless the nitrogen level is very low in the soil, dryland wheat producers should consider applying all of their nitrogen in the spring when they will have a better estimate of their yield potential," Baughman said.

Nitrogen should be applied as a top-dress application at least two weeks prior to jointing, Bean said. This will promote tillering and wheat head size. If the wheat will be grazed, he said, then at

least one-third of the nitrogen needs should be applied in fall.

"If manure or compost is available, producers should consider compare cost with inorganic fertilizer needs," Bean said. "In many cases, manure or compost may be the most economical form of fertilizer."

But he also suggested producers have the manure or compost tested for nutrients, as only about half of the nitrogen content will be available the first year.

## Tow truck operators must be licensed

Beginning Sept. 1, all tow operators and vehicle storage facility (VSF) employees must be licensed.

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- A Private Property license

permits non-consent tows and consent tows

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VSF employees and tow truck operators must be licensed on Sept. 1, 2008.

To apply for a license online visit [https://www.license.state.tx.us/App\\_Online/](https://www.license.state.tx.us/App_Online/). The process is easy to complete and can be done at any time. For more information call the TDLR Customer Service Contact Center at 800-803-9202 or 512-463-6599.

## Tips for avoiding mosquito bites

Recent rains and flooding following have sent the Texas mosquito population soaring. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) officials say there are several things people can do to protect themselves.

"The number one thing that people can do to keep from being bitten by a mosquito is to use an insect repellent every time they are outside," said Dr. David Lakey, DSHS Commissioner. "People should look for repellents that contain DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535; and always follow label directions."

DSHS suggests the following steps to help cut down on the mosquito population:

- Empty or get rid of cans, buckets, bottles, old tires, empty pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water.
- Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water. Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs.
- Change water in pet dishes daily. Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times

a week.

•Fill in low areas in the yard and holes in trees that catch water.

•Maintain your backyard pool or hot tub and be sure someone takes care of it if you are out of town.

•Cover trash containers so they will not collect water.

•Water lawns and gardens carefully so water does not stand for several days.

•Repair leaking plumbing and outside faucets.

•Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns.

•Keep drains and ditches clear of weeds and trash so water will not collect.

In addition, be sure door, porch and window screens are in good condition.

Along with an annoying presence and an irritating bite, mosquitoes can carry organisms that cause viral infections such as West Nile infection, St. Louis encephalitis or dengue fever.

## Traffic fatalities down in Texas

In 2007, 96 fewer lives were lost on Texas roadways, resulting in a 2.7 percent decrease in the total number of traffic fatalities suffered in the state.

In recent years, the Texas Department of Transportation has provided hundreds of millions of dollars specifically targeted for transportation safety.

The 2004 Safety Bond Program funded 644 projects to widen narrow two-lane highways, to install dedicated left-turn lanes, to install median barriers and other important highway safety improvements. TxDOT's annual Highway Safety Improvement Program also funds hundreds of projects that improve highway safety for all public roads.

"Improving safety is our most important goal," said Amadeo Saenz, TxDOT's executive director. "This decrease in total traffic fatalities demonstrates that the major investments we have made in transportation safety are producing real and significant results for our citizens. Every life saved on our highways represents a real tragedy that Texas families have not had to endure. This is a major step forward."

TxDOT's Texas Traffic Safety Program also provides approximately \$50 million per year to improve driver behavior by decreasing dangerous actions such as driving while intoxicated, increasing safety belt compliance, and enforcing speed limits.

"Making sure the public has the safest transportation system possible is at the center of everything we do," said Saenz. "It is extremely gratifying to see these positive results in part from our implementation of the Safety Bond Program. The ability to issue these bonds has allowed us to target high-risk locations and get projects on the ground faster."

The Safety Bond Program allows TxDOT to issue general

obligation bonds secured by the state highway fund to accelerate transportation projects, with twenty percent of the bonds earmarked for safety projects.

"It is extremely encouraging to see the overall number of traffic fatalities decrease, especially considering how fast our state's population is increasing" Saenz said. "We have more drivers and vehicles than at any other time in our history."

In 2007, Texas had more than 20 million vehicles registered. The total number of motor vehicles registered in Texas during 2000 was 14.2 million.

As part of its efforts to make Texas highways as safe as possible, TxDOT has installed more than 400 miles of additional median cable barrier. These devices, designed to prevent head-on collisions when an errant vehicle crosses a median into oncoming traffic, prevented 18 fatalities and 26 serious injuries during the first year of their use in Texas.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials recently adopted a national goal to reduce the traffic fatalities by 1,000 per year. The Texas decrease in traffic fatalities for 2007 allows the state to contribute approximately 10 percent to this important national safety goal.

TxDOT also collects and analyzes crash data as part of its mission to improve transportation safety.

The 3,422 traffic fatalities suffered in Texas during 2007 means there is still work to do.

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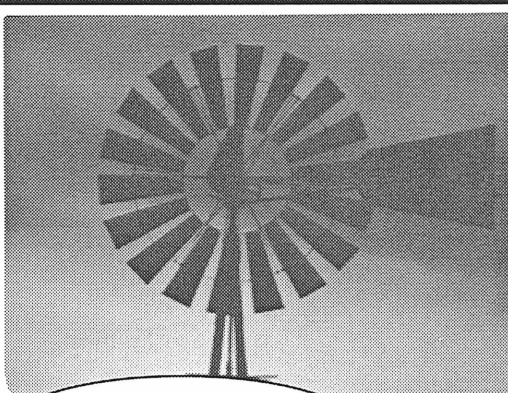
There are new IRS reporting requirements that will affect many of you reading this article, since you might serve on the board of a nonprofit organization. Many of these organizations are small (less than \$25,000 in receipts annually) and, under prior rules, were not required to file any reports or registration statements with the IRS. However, in 2008 that is no longer the case.

Small tax-exempt organizations must now file an electronic notice with the IRS on an annual basis, regardless of the amount of income they receive. The notice is Form 990-N. If this form is not filed for three consecutive years, the organization will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. If the status is lost, the only way to get the tax-exempt status back would be to reapply as a nonprofit organization with the IRS — a very time consuming and potentially expensive process. However, some small nonprofit organizations remain exempt from filing even the Form 990-N, such as churches and/or other religious organizations.

The electronic registration Form 990-N can be accessed either from the IRS Website ([www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo)) or by going directly to the filing Web site (<http://epostcard.form990.org>). The information to be reported is generally not much more than the organization's legal name, address, a principal officer, the annual tax year, and an affirmation that the annual gross receipts of the organization are normally less than \$25,000.

The deadline for filing Form 990-N is May 15 for calendar-year nonprofit organizations. Obviously, that date has already passed for 2007 calendar-year organizations, but that isn't critical, since there are no penalties for filing late. The important consideration is that the organization does not miss filing three years in a row, thereby jeopardizing its nonprofit status. So now is the time to alert your other nonprofit board members and insure that the required filing is undertaken quickly. If you need assistance, give us a call.

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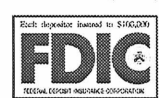
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# Have mortgage documents reviewed by common sense lender

Based upon media reports, the United States is facing the most serious economic crisis since the savings and loan debacle of the 1980s and perhaps the worst housing crisis since the Great Depression.

A U.S. Conference of Mayors' report estimates 1.4 million homeowners will face foreclosures in 2008 and will walk away from houses worth \$316 billion. Some of the nation's largest mortgage lenders find themselves in financial turmoil as well.

For the past several years, we've enjoyed low interest rates, rapidly escalating values in some

regions of the country, and some lenders and homebuyers gambled on home values continuing to soar. In the current crisis, with more stringent loan standards, fewer people are able to purchase homes at current market values.

Members of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, representing more than 2,000 community banks and branches, will review home mortgage documents of current homeowners, provide information for those in the market for their first house and help those looking to purchase new homes or refinance existing mortgages.

There are several steps you

can take to protect your home. Educate yourself on your credit score. In a report from John Ulzheimer, head of Credit.com Education Services based in Atlanta, individuals with credit scores between 700 and 850 are considered the best credit risks and will receive the lowest interest rates. Consumers who have scores between 620 and 699 will usually get a loan, but not the best interest rate. Those with credit scores below 500 usually fall into the subprime category and often fall victim to "predatory" home loans. These loans could involve misleading sales tactics from lenders with

little regard to whether the borrower can actually repay the loan.

Be sure you understand the difference between an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) and a fixed interest rate. With an ARM, your interest rate will fall or climb based on current interest rates. While you may have a very low interest rate for a certain period of time, when interest rates soar, so will your mortgage payment. A fixed interest rate, on the other hand, will last over the life of your loan without any unexpected payment increase down the road.

According to James P. Gaines, a research economist with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, 65 percent of occupied homes in the United States have a mortgage. Of those mortgages, 75 percent have fixed interest rates and 86 percent of those mortgages are considered "prime," the interest rate available to homebuyers with the best credit. However, of the estimated 14 percent of mortgages that are considered subprime, more than half of those are ARMs.

Have a full understanding of your mortgage payment before you sign the papers. In order to qualify you for a loan, some lenders might exclude the taxes and insurance premiums to give you a lower monthly payment. While that may appear less

expensive, keep in mind that it is a lot more palatable to stretch your insurance and tax payments over a 12-month period and roll them into your monthly mortgage than it is to try to find the money to pay in full when the tax man cometh and your homeowners insurance policy is due.

We would all be well-served to remember that the primary purpose of a home is for shelter—not for investment. However, history has shown that over the long-term, home ownership is a cornerstone of sound financial planning.

If you have any questions concerning your home mortgage, visit your local community banker and talk to a common sense lender who will help find a mortgage that is right for you.

# Safety checklist for college-bound students

As thousands of students return to college campuses this fall, many are preoccupied with what to wear, how to accessorize their dorm rooms, and whether their new roommate will have a mini fridge or TV to share. While there's no need to sweat the small stuff, packing for college does require careful planning for essential household items to help keep students safe and secure while away from home. In fact, one of the most serious threats to student safety is alarmingly on the rise. The National Fire Protection Agency reports that while the overall number of structure fires has decreased by 52 percent since 1980, the number of campus housing fires has increased to more than 3,300 annually.

Here are a few planning tips to consider when preparing your college packing list:

**Making the Trip Safely**  
• Before you start packing, make sure you have the right number and size of boxes or other packing systems for transporting items. Use smaller boxes for heavier items so they are easier to lift. Pack large boxes to capacity

so items don't shift during transport.

• Use bubble wrap or other protective material for delicate belongings, such as mirrors, dishware or knick-knacks. Carefully wrap sharp edges. Mark these items as "fragile."

• Never pack bedding or clothes in plastic bags. Items may absorb moisture, tear or otherwise incur damage.

• When transporting items on a trailer or in a truck bed, carefully secure them with restraints or a tie-down.

**Fire Prevention and Safety**  
• Make sure that every student's room has a working smoke alarm. If living in off-campus housing, make sure to install smoke alarms on every level of the residence and in every bedroom or sleeping area.

• Test smoke alarms at least once a week and replace batteries every six months.

• Never disable smoke alarms or remove batteries even temporarily; forgetting to replace them is a common cause of fire deaths and injuries.

• Keep a fire extinguisher in your dorm room or off-campus

apartment near your microwave or cooking areas.

• Know where all exits and fire escapes are located for both on-campus and off-campus housing. Create and practice an escape plan at least twice a year.

**Poison Prevention**  
Carbon monoxide (CO), an invisible, odorless gas, can also threaten your health and can cause serious injury or death before you even know that it's there. Here are a few precautions students living in off-campus housing can take to protect against this insidious gas:

• Have all fuel-burning appliances carefully checked for to ensure they are working properly, including your furnace, oven or stove.

• Check to make sure that appliances, flues and chimneys are in good working order and are properly ventilated.

• Install a minimum of one CO alarm outside each sleeping area, and for maximum protection, install at least one CO alarm per level.

• Inspect the pilot lights on natural gas appliances to ensure that they are not mostly yellow


in color, which indicates that the fuel is not burning efficiently.

"Packing for college often requires trade offs due to the space limitations for dorms and off-campus housing," says Deborah Hanson, BRK Brands/First Alert director of external affairs. "But don't let those space considerations stop you from making the right choices for creating a safe and secure college environment."




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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haskell County Water Supply District #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2008 on August 29, 2008 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  
**AGAINST the proposal:** None  
**PRESENT and not voting:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.0460/\$100	0.00449/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-.0011/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-2.39%
Average appraised value	\$26,568	\$27,801
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$26,568	\$27,801
Tax on average residence homestead	\$12.22	\$12.48
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$+0.26
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+2.08%

**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.

## 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 2008 on September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at 135 North 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, Ray Lynn Hardin, Lyndel Lambeth, Leon Brukham, Joey Thomas, Keith Everett  
**AGAINST the proposal:** none  
**PRESENT and not voting:** none  
**ABSENT:** M.M. Booe, Bob Presnall

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.1800/\$100	0.1800/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.0000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0000%
Average appraised value	\$30,590	\$31,925
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$30,590	\$31,925
Tax on average residence homestead	\$55.06	\$57.46
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$2.40
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+4.18%

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**KIMBERLY MEDFORD**

Kimberly Medford of Haskell has completed boot camp for the Air Force and is now stationed in Wichita Falls.

A medical student, she is the daughter of Jesse and Martina Medford of Haskell.



**JESSE MEDFORD**

Marine Jesse Medford of Haskell has just returned to North Carolina after his service in Iraq.

Medford is the son of Jesse and Martina Medford of Haskell.

E-mail your news and photos to  
The Haskell Free Press at  
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## Haskell School Menu

August 25-29

### Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.

**Monday:** Smucker's PB&J

**Tuesday:** Breakfast on a stick

**Wednesday:** Honey nut cheerios, cheez-it crackers

**Thursday:** Cheese omelet, buttered toast

**Friday:** Pig in a blanket

### Lunch

Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus:

choice of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.

**Monday:** Chalupas with salsa, garden salad, corn, watermelon

**Tuesday:** Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, cherry shape-ups

**Wednesday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, assorted chips, orange slices

**Thursday:** Beefy nachos with salsa, garden salad, pinto beans, cantaloupe

**Friday:** Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, ice cream

## Paint Creek School Menu

August 25-29

### Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily.

**Monday:** Toast or cereal

**Tuesday:** Pancakes

**Wednesday:** Biscuits and gravy

**Thursday:** French toast

**Friday:** Eggs, toast

### Lunch

Milk is served daily.

**Monday:** Chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, oranges, chocolate pudding

**Tuesday:** Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, chips, pineapple orange salad

**Wednesday:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, applesauce cake

**Thursday:** Meat and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, peaches

**Friday:** Turkey sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, carrots with ranch dressing, brownie

## ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 25

Lunch—Hamburger steak, onion and brown gravy, buttered corn, green beans, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 27

Lunch—Beef stew, tuna/ pimento sandwiches, onions, pickles, misc.

dessert, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 29

Lunch—Chicken Taquita, pinto beans, garden salad, kosher pickles, jello, cookies, milk, tea, or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### YOUR CHILDREN NEED MORE THAN SCHOOL ALONE

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

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

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

#### —HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**  
Dr. Jim Hefflin, interim 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.m., 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, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 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**  
Philip Sims, 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**  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

#### Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. 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

#### —WEINERT—

#### First Baptist Church

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

#### Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sunday 11 a.m  
Weinert

#### —ROCHESTER—

#### Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester

#### First Baptist Church

Joseph Barrett, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/  
Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 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.  
Rochester

#### Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister  
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester

#### —SAGERTON—

#### Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephanie Gilkey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### Faith Lutheran Church

Curtis Baker, pastor  
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Sagerton

#### —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.  
811 Union, Rule

#### First United Methodist Church

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

#### Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Ormegs  
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., Rule

#### West Bethal Baptist Church

Rev. Clovis Dever  
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
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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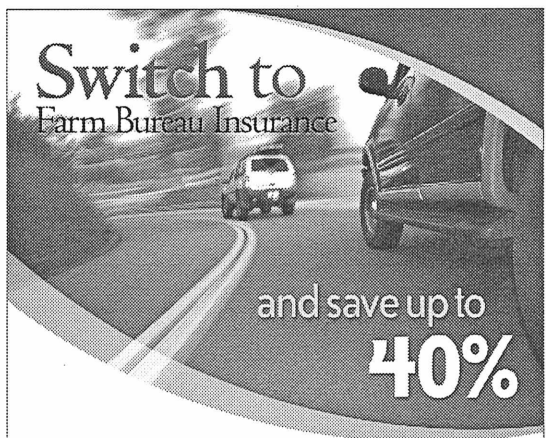
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**FOR SALE:** 2006 Touring edition PT Cruiser. White, like new. 12,950 miles. \$9,500. 940-421-3331. 34-35c

### Garage Sale

**MOVING SALE:** Sat., Aug. 23. 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Five miles west of Haskell, red brick house on south side of Highway 380. 34c

**GARAGE SALE:** Fri., Aug. 22. 1108 S. 1st. 8 to 4. Nice toddler clothes, teens 8-10-12. Lots more. 34p

**3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** Sat., Aug. 23. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clothes, toys, dishes and more. 707 S. Second, Haskell. 34p

**GARAGE SALE:** S & S Storage, 203 N. 2nd East. Sat. 8 a.m. Stove, washer, furniture, trombone, dishes, clothes and lots more. 34c

**GARAGE SALE:** Fri. and Sat. 610 N. Ave. C (behind high school gym). Teenage boys'/girls' clothing, golf clubs, misc. 34p

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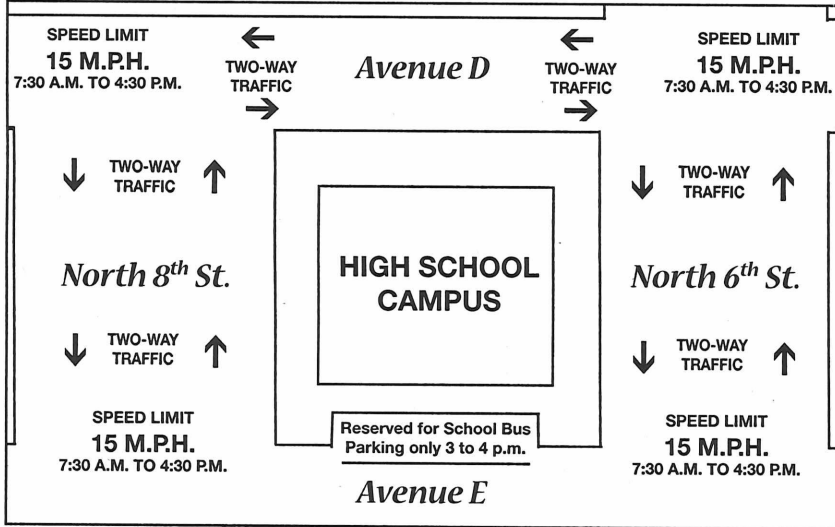
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## Traffic to change around high school

Traffic around Haskell High School will take a new direction this year.

All traffic around the school will be two way traffic at all times. A posted speed limit of 15 m.p.h. will be effective on school

days from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Avenue D, North 6th St. and North 8th St.

From 3 to 4 p.m. each day, Elementary and Junior High School buses will unload in front of the high school campus. The

parking lot in front of the school will be reserved for school buses only.

All drivers are encouraged to use caution when driving on any street around any school campus.

## Bible study set in Sept.

In which chair do you sit? Bruce Wilkinson uses the image of the chair to illustrate different levels of commitment to Christ. In today's world of compromise, we all can be challenged to

become what Wilkinson calls "first-chair Christians."

A bible study entitled "The Three Chairs, Experiencing Spiritual Breakthrough" by Bruce Wilkinson will be held at First

Baptist Church, Haskell in the educational building on Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28. The video-based study will begin at 7:15 p.m., following evening worship, and will conclude about 8:30 p.m. each night. The church ask that you call the office at 864-2581, to sign up for the study, get on the list for a book, or request a nursery.

The study, facilitated by Earlene Griffith, will consider breakthroughs in four areas: your life, your marriage, your family and with God. Each group session will include a video presentation featuring a dramatic vignette followed by Bruce Wilkinson's teaching.

Regardless of the chair you occupy now, you can experience a deeper level of commitment to Christ through this study.

## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell Commissioners' Court met in regular session Aug. 11. Commissioners Johnny Scoggins, Tiffen Mayfield, Kenny Thompson and Bobby Smith along with County Judge David Davis were in attendance.

A motion to approve all the bills carried.

Josh Ensor of Josh Ensor Insurance Agency met with the court to discuss insurance for county employees. No action was taken.

A motion by Commissioner Mayfield to appoint Donna Thomas as an alternate election judge in Box 2 was approved.

The court agreed to allow Mr. Thompson, of no relationship to Commissioner Thompson, to temporarily park a motor home at The Anchor. The County Treasurer's report was approved. The Haskell Training Center was approved for \$500 more for operating expenses.

A motion to set the mileage rate at .51 beginning Oct. 1 was approved.

A motion was approved to pay a \$25 set up fee and a \$5 monthly charge for the Ham Repeater to be connected to the Internet.

A motion to authorize the County Judge Davis to take action and approve minor revisions and to execute any agreements necessary for closing any related

documents approved by attorneys for the county concerning the purchase and sale agreement between the County of Haskell, City of Haskell and Inland Public Properties Development, Inc. was approved.

A motion to add scanning capabilities to the copy machine in the County Clerk's office was approved.

The burn ban was ordered.

## Sensitive teeth send a message

Experiencing sharp pains in your mouth while consuming hot or cold foods shouldn't be taken lightly. This discomfort could be an important warning sign from your teeth that decay may be lurking.

"Decay on any part of the tooth can cause sensitivity to cold and hot liquids and foods," said Dr. Linda Niessen, clinical professor in restorative sciences at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry. "How you respond to hot stimuli vs. cold can indicate the severity of the decay."

Cold sensitivity usually means the tooth has decay, Dr. Niessen explains. When the decay is removed, the cold sensitivity will go away.

Heat sensitivity usually means the decay is more extensive and affected the nerve of the tooth. The tooth now may need a root canal or another form of endodontic therapy.

"Decay on a tooth only gets worse when left untreated," Dr. Niessen said. "Seeing a dentist at the first sign of sensitivity can help prevent dental problems from becoming more complicated—and costly—for the patient."

## BURN BAN IN EFFECT

### NOTICE

The City of Rule will hold a meeting at 7:00 a.m. on September 4, 2008 at City of Rule City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2008. The proposed tax rate is 0.4614 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Rule by 0.0%.

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Haskell CISD would like to announce the results of our 2007-2008 TAKS scores. Haskell High School received a rating of Exemplary, Rochester Jr. High received a rating of Recognized and Haskell Elementary also received a rating of Exemplary resulting in an overall rating of Recognized for the district.

We would like to invite all parents, guardians, students and the entire community in helping us celebrate our great TAKS scores.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A FREE SWIM AND HAMBURGER SUPPER FRIDAY, AUGUST 22**

The City Pool will be opened from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and hamburgers will be served in the City Park beginning at 7 p.m.

*Come and join us in the fun and fellowship.*