

Calendar

Freshmen orientation
All Haskell High School ninth grade students and parents are invited to Freshman Orientation Thurs., Aug. 13 at 6:45 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Any high school students new to the district and their parents are also invited to attend.

Bible festival

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will host their Family Bible Festival Aug. 6-8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

PC Homecoming

Paint Creek School is seeking updated information on all former students for Homecoming 2009. Send any name changes, address changes or life status changes to rhansoncm@srcaccess.net, call 940-864-3904, or mail to 807 N. 9th St., Haskell, Texas 79521. Homecoming is planned for early November.

Homecoming

Haskell homecoming will be held Sept. 25-26. Updated information is needed on former students. If you can provide updated information concerning addresses, email addresses or phone numbers, send the information to 1702 N. Ave. H, Haskell, Texas 79521 or email baylessgrant@gmail.com or call 940-864-2176.

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Baptist Church of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Bible study

A Bible study entitled "Deeper Still" will be held Sept. 13-Oct. 18 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoons at the First Baptist Church Education Building in the regular classroom. A nursery will be provided by calling the church office each week at 864-2581. Registration may be made by calling the church office. Earlene Griffith will be the facilitator.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

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The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Revival

First Baptist Church of Haskell will hold a fall revival Aug. 30 through Sept. 2. Jon Randles will be the evangelist and the Keller family will present the music.

Volleyball night

First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

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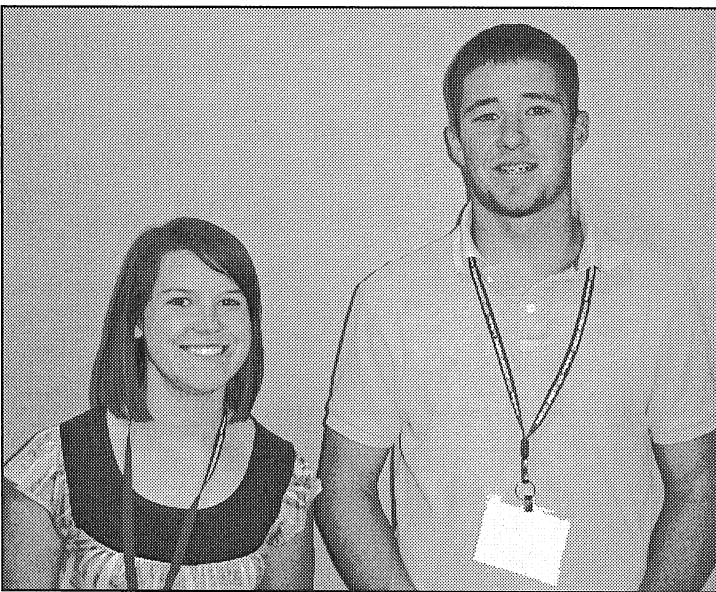
Watch for students as school activities begin

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ATTEND CONFERENCE—Brooke Bullinger of Haskell, left, and Joseph Turner of Rule, right, attended the Texas Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference held at Angelo State University June 22-26. The students were sponsored by Haskell County Farm Bureau.

Local teens attend conference

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 46th annual Youth Leadership Conference held at Angelo State University, June 22-26, were Brooke Bullinger of Haskell and Joseph Turner of Rule. The students were sponsored by the Haskell County Farm Bureau. They joined more than 330 high school juniors and seniors from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the conference is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage, the capitalistic free enterprise system, and to inspire leadership development, according to Charles Gibson, president of the Haskell County Farm Bureau.

During the weeklong event, students discuss topics such as the free enterprise system, constitutional government, Americanism, leadership and goal setting. Students are encouraged to meet with school and civic groups upon their return home to share what they've learned.

Representative of Angelo State University welcomed students to campus at Monday's opening session. Afterward, Chad Hymas of Utah, a motivational speaker, spoke about "Setting and Achieving your Goals." Students were captivated on Tuesday morning as Hymas shared his personal message of "Overcoming Adversity."

Charles Benton, TFB Field Representative, and Drew Alders, 2008 Free Enterprise Speech Contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."

Dr. Jim Sartwelle, Texas A&M University, presented sessions on "Basics of Free Enterprise," Ronald Trowbridge, former assistant dean at Hillsdale College in Michigan, presented two-part sessions on "The Constitution," and Gary Evans, a registered investment advisor, offered advice on "Managing Money."

In addition, the students participated in a program called "Congressional Insight," which allowed them to simulate a Congressional office and election.

Damon Whaley, former TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided entertainment on Tuesday. Damon is an accomplished musician, comedian and impressionist.

At Thursday evening's banquet "Farm Bureau—Your Host" was presented by Kenneth Dierschke, president of Texas Farm Bureau and Miss Kelsey Craig, 2008 Miss Texas Farm Bureau, addressed the group.

Special guest and motivational speaker, Clebe McClary, challenged the students to "Press on Regardless" with courage, determination and dedication to oneself and their country.

Raymond James Rotell, a 48 year old white male of El Paso, was placed in custody and transported to Haskell County Jail for possession of a controlled substance.

Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton thanked the citizen for his help in contacting the Haskell County Sheriff's Office.

"Even a minor incident may turn into something more than a person might think. Without the help of citizens of the county, a lot of criminal activity would get by. The law enforcement officers thank each and everyone that call and give tips and information," said Sheriff Halliburton.

"Trooper Wainscott, along with the help of Officer Bill Glass and K-9 Loca with Haskell Police Department did a great job of getting more drugs off the street and getting another dangerous driver off the highway," said Sheriff Halliburton.

Truck incident results in drug seizure

On Thursday morning, July 30, a concerned citizen reported that an 18 wheeler truck had run off the highway north of Haskell and was stuck in the median.

The license and weight Trooper Danny Wainscott responded to check the truck and drivers. After arriving and interviewing the driver and co-driver, the trooper requested a K-9 officer.

Officer Bill Glass and K-9 Loca responded and did a free air search of the truck and trailer. K-9 Loca alerted on the truck, and Trooper Wainscott and Officer Glass searched the inside of the truck and located a felony amount of what is believed to be cocaine in the sleeping area of the truck.

After interviewing the driver and co-driver, it was determined that the co-driver was in possession of the illegal drug.

Raymond James Rotell, a

Haskell County schools measure up in accountability ratings system

by Caron Yates
The tests have been taken, high school completion rates examined, data computed, analyzed and reanalyzed resulting in the state ratings for all school districts.

Statewide, increasing passing rates on state mandated tests and a new growth measure contributed to substantial increases in the number of exemplary campuses in the accountability ratings system. According to Commissioner of Education, Robert Scott, "A new growth measure called the Texas Projection Measure, gives schools credit for the academic growth of students, which helps a district's chance of earning a top rating."

"The goal is proficiency for all students at certain check points within one, two or three years. Those check points are the grades, including 3rd, 5th, 8th and 11th, at which students must pass certain TAKS tests in order to be promoted to the next grade or to meet graduation requirements," continued Scott. "The measure provides information about whether the student is improving academically at a rate that makes it likely that he or she will pass the TAKS at these critical check points."

The ratings are based on student performance on TAKS, high school completion rates, dropout percentage and the measure

of academic growth for students. The four rating categories include exemplary which requires a 90% passing rate for all subject areas, and an annual dropout rate of 2% or lower. Recognized ratings require 75% passing rate for all subjects, 85% completion rate and 2% or less dropout. To be rated academically acceptable, a campus must achieve at least 70% passing, 75% completion and 2% dropout ratings. Academically unacceptable is reserved for campuses that do not meet the acceptable rating.

Texas campuses receiving ratings for this year increased from 8,195 to 8,322. Of those campuses, 2,151 received an Exemplary rating, 459 received a Recognized rating, 561 were rated Academically Acceptable and 270 campuses were classified as Academically Unacceptable.

"School districts were given two years to adjust to the use of a new, more rigorous dropout definition. Because districts are being held fully accountable for their dropouts, the new definition has resulted in lower ratings for some districts and schools," Scott said.

Haskell County schools can once again be very proud of their performance. Rule ISD received a rating of Academically Acceptable, while Paint Creek ISD was rated Recognized. Haskell

ISD overall district received a rating of Academically Acceptable. Haskell High School and Rochester Junior High were each rated Recognized, and Haskell Elementary earned an Exemplary rating for the fifth time since the testing system was revamped in 1994.

While many factors, including some that are out of the district's control, can influence the rating results, the long time continued success Haskell County schools have achieved is certainly worth noting. The school ratings are not the only aspect of concern for a school district and parents, but it is a good indication

Plans underway for Haskell homecoming

Haskell Homecoming will be here soon. This year's homecoming is slated for Fri. and Sat., Sept. 25-26.

Along with the traditional pep rally, football game, and recognition program, the homecoming committee would like to provide a fund-raising opportunity for your organization, and at the same time, offer entertainment to community members and homecoming guests.

On Sat., Sept. 26, an array of activities for all ages will be set up at the fairgrounds. To get things kicked off, the Haskell Lions Club will host a 5K Run and Walk. Local

that the district or campus is meeting the educational needs of its students. Information drawn from the analysis of these results are extremely important to districts as they plan for the needs of the coming year.

As the new school year quickly approaches, it is important to be reminded that it takes all students, parents, teachers, staff, administration and the community to achieve the goal of giving every student the best education possible. What could be more motivating for the beginning of a new year, than proof and recognition of yet another successful school year just completed?

organizations are asked to rent booth space at this event to provide fun, games, food and drinks. Ideas will be approved on a first-come, first-serve basis, so prepare your fund-raising ideas now. Suggested fund-raising opportunities could include a dunking booth, horseshoe and washer pitching, football toss, dart throwing, etc.

To secure your space at the event, contact Jimmy Burson, homecoming president, at 940-256-1394 or 940-864-8161. Advertisement for the event will be provided by the homecoming committee in all area newspapers.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Technology vs. the family

Quality of time or quantity of time? This may be one of the more significant questions facing families today as the explosion of technology increasingly consumes limited time and isolates family members from each other.

According to Michael Gilbert of the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Communications "family face-to-face time has decreased in a substantial way." Time spent together has dropped from 26 hours per month in 2005 to 18 hours per month in 2008. Gilbert's research findings appear to indicate that children as well as their parents are spending less time actually with each

other and more time in front of a computer, phone or TV screen.

Do these findings then lead one to believe that time spent on social networking Web sites, texting or watching TV is primarily responsible for this decrease? Possibly. However, as Paul Douthit, Ph.D., associate professor and psychotherapist in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics reminds us, technology is really neither good nor bad by itself. Present-day technology can create overload and isolation or can be tools to help in creating connections among family members.

"Parents hold a

significant key in preventing technologies from becoming harmful and isolating," Douthit says, "If a parent feels that family members are becoming absorbed by their electronics, it is time to consider setting positive and helpful ground rules."

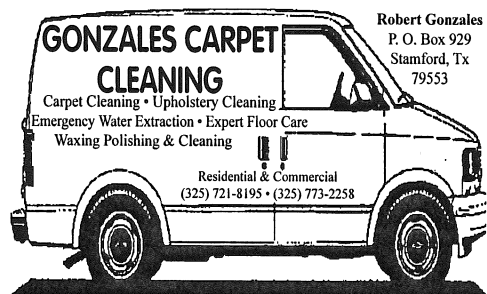
For example, if the TV interferes with family meal time, turn it off or watch programs that promote conversations and discussion. Parents can set limits on the time when their teens can text in the evenings at home. Regularly scheduled "cinema at home" nights or family video game nights can be helpful in promoting family togetherness as well as healthy competition.

Douthit reminds parents that both quantity and quality of time are essential components in strengthening family togetherness and interactions among family members. He also encourages family members to find out more about each others' likes and dislikes, friends, etc.

"As parents we must be willing to continue to appropriately monitor our children in order to provide a safety net from harmful risky behaviors," Douthit says.

Active socializing among family members not only helps to enhance overall socialization skills—it also promotes greater family bonding and unity.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rule ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 18, 2009, in the Rule ISD Library, Rule, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.00000/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	1.40% increase
Debt service	0.00000% increase or 0.00000% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.40% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$77,484,743.00	\$84,832,769.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 229,730.00	\$ 134,320.00
Total taxable value *** of all property	\$31,262,064.00	\$32,021,129.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 186,812.00	\$ 129,740.00

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$0.00
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.17	\$ 0.00*	\$1.17	\$2,557.00	\$7,321.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.28	\$ 0.00*	\$1.28	\$2,974.00	\$7,278.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.17	\$ 0.00*	\$1.17	\$2,713.00	\$8,206.00

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$25,586.00	\$25,546.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$13,004.00	\$13,059.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 152.15	\$ 152.79
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 0.64

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,515,571.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

Obituaries

Jerrine Marie Mickler



JERRINE MICKLER

Funeral services for Jerrine Marie Mickler, 79, of Lake Stamford were held Mon., Aug. 3 at Avoca Methodist Church in Avoca with Rev. Dennis Huffaker officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in

Haskell under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mrs. Mickler passed away Fri., July 31 at her residence.

Born July 17, 1930 in Sherwood, she was the daughter of Euel and Minnie Pauline Keegan. She was raised in the Sherwood area and graduated from Mertzson High School. She married Richard Mickler May 9, 1949 in Stamford and they lived there until 1964 when they moved to Spearman. They moved to Hereford in 1968 and returned to Lake Stamford in 1995.

She was a retired beautician and member of the Avoca Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Richard Mickler of Lake Stamford; one daughter, Vickie Weatherby of Lake Stamford; two sons, Terry Mickler and wife Sherry of Jacksonville, Texas and Jessie Mickler of Lake Stamford; one sister, Loneta Mason and husband Larry of Abilene; two brothers, E.L. Keegan and wife Jimmie of Sherwood, and Wayne Mann and wife Dana of Lovington, New Mexico; five grandsons and four great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

Wanda Townsend



WANDA TOWNSEND

Funeral services for Wanda Townsend, 84, of Rule were held Mon., Aug. 3 at First Baptist Church in Rule. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mrs. Townsend passed away Fri., July 31 at Hendrick

Medical Center in Abilene.

Born June 12, 1925 in Crosbyton, she was the daughter of the late E.C. Smith and Gladys Bryant. Her family moved to Rule in 1932. After graduating from Rule High School in 1943, she started working at Farmer's National Bank, where she met Henry Townsend, who she later married in Rule on Nov. 9, 1950. He preceded her in death July 5, 2001. She later retired from the Rule Post Office as Postmaster after 22 years of service with the USPS. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, a past GA leader and den mother for the Cub Scout Pack. She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed art which included ceramics,

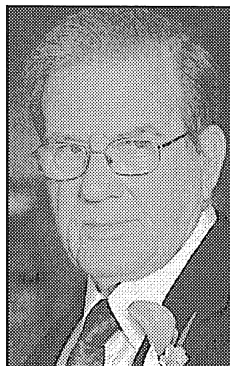
china painting, sewing and cooking.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sisters, Mary Anders and Jean Evans.

Survivors include her children, Charles Townsend and wife, Melody of Rule, and Colleen Townsend of Abilene; three grandchildren, Elise, Jonathan and Justin Townsend; brothers, E.C. Smith Jr. of Elgin, and Billy Bob Smith of Little Rock, Arkansas; sisters, Jackie Pendleton of Sardin, Donna McGaughey of Bangs, Cathryn Thane Midland and Jo Creswell of Sherman; several nieces and nephews; and a host of dear friends who will miss her.

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Don Nanny



DON NANNY

Funeral services for Don Nanny, 78, of Haskell were held Tues., Aug. 4 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Greg Gasaway officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Nanny died Sat., Aug. 1 at home with his family and faithful friend, Ace, beside him.

Born Aug. 25, 1930 in the Paint Creek community, he was the son of Norman and Opal Watson Nanny. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1948. He married Gayla Holland April 23, 1950 in Haskell and they celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this year. He was a retired farmer and was an avid reader. He was awarded the Haskell Lions Club and Fort Worth Press plaques as the Outstanding Conservationist Farmer in 1968. He was highly respected for his 39 years of mentoring and support of individuals in need of his experiences and strength. He firmly believed that he

should offer his assistance as others had extended their support to him when he needed it most. Don was a life long member of First Baptist Church in Haskell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Opal Nanny.

Survivors include his wife, Gayla; two daughters, Donna and husband Tom Wright, and Brenda and husband, Darryl Goetz, both of Boerne; two grandchildren, Fred Whitney and wife, Tiffany of Tiburon, California and Mackenzie Ellis and husband Jarrod of Boerne.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605 or First Baptist Church, 301 North Avenue E, Haskell, Texas 79521. PD. NOTICE

Donall Richard Provines



DONALL PROVINES

Funeral services for Donall Richard Provines, 77, of Haskell were held Wed., Aug. 5 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Larry White and Rev. Scott Coombes officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral

Home of Haskell.

Mr. Provines died Fri., July 31 at Community Care Center of Stamford.

Born Sept. 28, 1931 in Waynesville, Illinois, he was the son of the late Earl Provines and Gladys Bowen. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1949. He married Susie Folsom in Vincennes, Indiana on March 14, 1954. He was inducted into the U.S. Army Sept. 10, 1949 in Evansville, Indiana, where he proudly served our country for three years as a corporal in the Korean War. He attended Tri-State Baptist College, Charles Town, West Virginia, where he became an ordained minister in 1975. He proudly served the Lord for 40 years as pastor of churches in Texas, New

Mexico and Indiana. He retired from the ministry in 1994, and moved to Haskell. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bob, Cecil and Gene Provines; and two granddaughters, Becky and Courtney.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Provines of Haskell; four children, Donna Coombes and husband Scott of Lyford, Indiana, Donall Richard Provines Jr., Susan Skinner and Darla Mengwasser, all of Haskell; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; four brothers, Earl, Wilbur, Larry and Vernon Provines, and two sisters, Fern Stone and Mary Ann Dove, all of Indiana.

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MR. AND MRS. ERNEST MOELLER

Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

Ernest and Zella Moeller of Haskell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sun., Aug. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

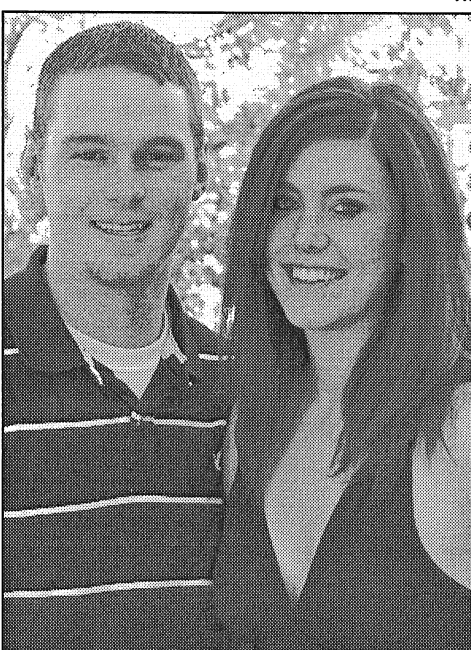
The celebration will be hosted by their children and grandchildren, son Frankie, wife Rhonda of North Richland Hills and granddaughter Rebecca and great grandson Kaden of Bedford; and son Rick, wife Kristi, and grandchildren, Lyndy, Bandy and Tanna of Knox City.

The couple married Sun., Aug. 9, 1959 at the First Assembly of God Church in Haskell where they are active members. He serves on the church board and she serves as church secretary.

Ernest was born Nov. 3, 1933 in Throckmorton County to the late Frank E. and Mary L. Kretschmer Moeller. He moved to Haskell County at age 6, along with his five siblings. He attended school at Douglas, Mattson and Paint Creek. He served in the

Army, stationed in California and France from 1955-57. He was living near Weinert when he married. He went to work for Gholson's Grocery in May of 1959, working there for eight years. He also worked for Renfro's Grocery and Pogue's Grocery until going to work for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, retiring in 1995 after 22 years of service.

Zella Solomon Moeller was born Oct. 7, 1943 to the late Travis L. Sr. and Essie Littlepage Solomon. She was raised in Haskell along with her two brothers. She attended Haskell schools. She had a licensed day care in their home for eight years before going to work for Haskell CISD, retiring in 2000 after 25 years of service. She served as a Texas Certified Food Service Director for 15 years of the 25 over both schools in Haskell. She is an active member of Haskell Retired Teachers Association.



JUSTIN L. EGNER - KAYLIE DAWN JAMES

James, Egner to wed in October

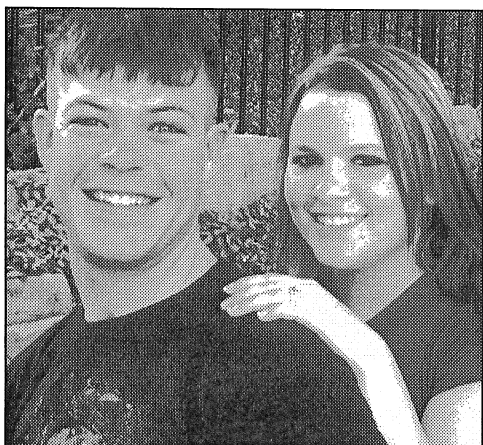
Mr. and Mrs. Danny James of Rule are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kaylie Dawn, to Justin L. Egner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Egner, of Shamrock. An October wedding is planned.

Kretschmer family to hold reunion

The annual Kretschmer reunion will be held Sat., Aug. 8 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room with registration beginning at 2:30 p.m.

A business meeting will begin at 3 p.m. followed by an auction at 3:30 to help with expenses. Those attending should bring an item such as canned goods, baked goods or handmade items.


The evening meal will begin at 5 p.m. with each family attending bringing food to be shared with the group.



J.J. McDUFF - AMBER KELLEY

Kelley, McDuff to wed

J.J. McDuff of Rule and Amber Kelley of Killeen Heights. They plan to move to Fort Knox, Kentucky in October. McDuff is serving in the U.S. Army.



LaVern Mayfield's children will host her 90th birthday party Saturday, August 15 from 2:00-5:00 P.M. at the Bevers House 311 North Avenue F in Haskell. All friends and relatives are invited to attend the party. Please allow your attendance to be your only gift.



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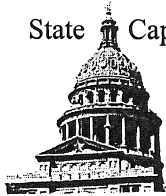
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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Texas' severe drought worsens, draws national attention

AUSTIN—In mid-July, Texas AgriLife Extension Service estimated agricultural losses at about \$4 billion. And now, nearly 80 counties are in a state of emergency due to severe drought conditions ruining crops and endangering livestock.

The Wall Street Journal, CNN and other major out-of-state media put Texas' record-high temperatures and record-low rainfall in front of readers and viewers last week.

Commodity market watchers and economists admitted nervousness over worsening drought conditions in Texas and potential effects nationally.

On July 29, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department water specialist Cindy Loeffler said, "It's not as bad as the drought of record in the 1950s, but if it continues through summer and into fall, we've got a problem. What's made this so bad is the record heat. Unless something miraculous happens, this will be the hottest month in Texas ever, not just the hottest July."

July turned out to be the hottest on record, going back to the 1850s.

Toll 'recovery program' coming

Delinquent toll payers may take advantage of a one-time toll violation "recovery program" approved July 30 at the Texas Transportation Commission's monthly meeting.

The Commission directed the Texas Department of Transportation to develop a program to collect on delinquent toll accounts. The idea is to offer violators a chance to open a TxTag account and pay all tolls accrued in full in exchange for dropping late fees that are owed.

Once the program is finalized, TxDOT will contact those eligible for fee reduction through direct mailings to the home or business address associated with the vehicle's license plate.

TxDOT said the offer will not apply to violations on non-TxDOT toll roads, such as those operated by the North Texas Tollway Authority, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority or the Harris County Toll Road Authority.

Andrade sets

Nov. 3 ballot order
Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade on July 28 randomly drew the ballot order for 11 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Election Day is Nov. 3 and Oct. 5 will be the last day to register to vote. The proposed amendments, in brief form, in ballot order:

Prop. 1: To allow the financing of buffer zones adjacent to military installations through local taxes.

Prop. 2: To authorize the Legislature to provide for ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead.

Prop. 3: To create uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Prop. 4: To establish a national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence.

Prop. 5: To allow the Legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations.

Prop. 6: To authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized.

Prop. 7: To allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices.

Prop. 8: To authorize the state to contribute money, property and other resources for the establishment, maintenance and operation of veterans hospitals.

Prop. 9: To protect the right of the public to access and use public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico.

Prop. 10: To provide that elected members of governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years.

Prop. 11: To allow the taking of private property via eminent domain for certain public purposes and to limit the Legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain.

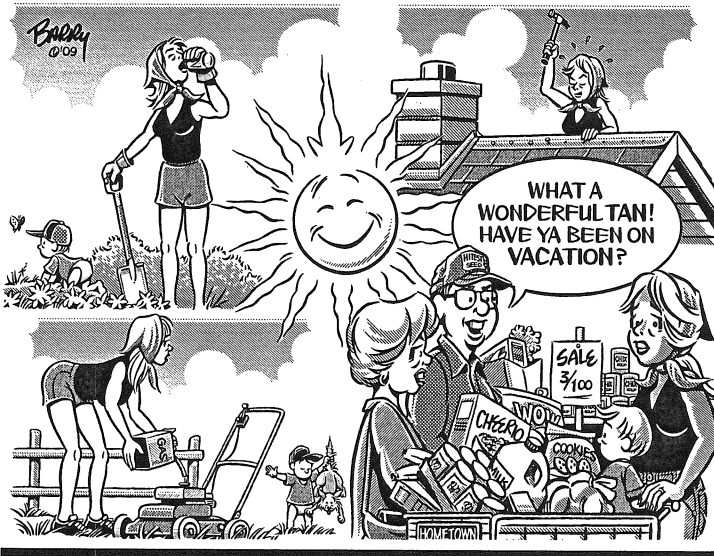
AG warns of 'clunkers' scammers

Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 29 said Texans alerted Texans about Web sites offering registration for the federal government's "Cash for Clunkers" program.

Eligible vehicle owners do not need to register or provide personal information in order to participate in the program, he said.

Reliable information about the "Cash for Clunkers" program can be found online at cars.gov.

Congress recently approved the Car Allowance Rebate System program to provide credits of up to \$4,500 to fuel-efficient car buyers who turn in older, gas-guzzling vehicles to be scrapped.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 12, 1999

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Bragg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Deborah Mayfield of Tone-O-Matics, was joined by members of Chamber of Commerce to cut the ribbon at her new business.

Bob and Betty Toliver Dulaney celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bernice Hilliard spent the weekend in Abilene with sister-in-law Ellen Hilliard and Jean Ballard. They attended the western square round dance at the Wagon Wheel.

20 Years Ago August 10, 1989

Haskell High School students, Shane Buchanan, Davis Chapman, Julie Nanny and Missy Phemister, won top honors at the ACU Journalism workshop.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Josselet celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Eighty-four bicyclists participated in Haskell's first Pedalfest, sponsored by the Haskell Lion's Club.

Joe Weldrop was hired by Haskell Independent School district as band director.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Biffle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

30 Years Ago August 9, 1979

Kay Fischer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fischer of Paint Creek, placed in the top two in the beginner

division and received a cotton award from the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers at the District III 4-H Fashion Revenue.

Joan Baldwin, owner of Merle Norman Studio in Haskell, received the company's certificate of achievement from Vice President David O'Conner for her successful completion of the training program at the company's headquarters in Los Angeles.

40 Years Ago August 14, 1969

Haskell, Stamford, Hamlin and Aspermont firemen fought a stubborn pastureland fire some two miles south of Sagerton on the Swenson Land and Cattle Company.

Terri Gideon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gideon, was selected the 1969 Little "Miss Hey-Day."

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Conner celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Rhonda Woodard, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. H.V. Woodard, was crowned "Miss Hey-Day."

50 Years Ago August 6, 1959

Moreland Glass began work in the capacity of Deputy Sheriff.

Haskell gained four new residents. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holder, Mr. and Mrs. John Evan and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reeves.

Floyd and Alto McGuire received the Bachelor of Science degree from Sul Ross State College. Alto majored in Elementary Education, and Floyd majored in math.

The Haskell High School class of 1929 had a "welcome back to Texas party" for L.K. England of Birmingham, Alabama at Howard Johnson's Restaurant in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Reynolds returned from a week's stay in Colorado. They were guests in the home of their daughter and sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Perrin.

100 Years Ago August 7, 1909

Lt. Commander Andrew T. Long of the U.S. Navy, brother of C.D. Long, has been assigned as naval attaché at Rome and Vienna.

D.C. Cogdell of Granbury was in town looking after his cotton oil business.

Judge Gordon B. McGuire left for Fort Worth and Austin on professional business.

Dr. J.D. Smith attended the Dentist Convention at Abilene, where the West Texas Dental Society was organized.

Bruce W. Bryant made a professional business trip to Anson.

Seward McDaniel returned from Waco, where he attended a business college.

Cooking program set Aug. 6

Cancer Services Network will present an educational program entitled, Cooking for Your Health: Optimizing Nutrition for Cancer Patient at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., August 6 at United Way of Abilene located at 240 Cypress.

Janet Basom, RD, LD, dietitian at the Joe Arrington Cancer Research Center in Lubbock and Jimmy Tomlin, owner and chef of Alley Cats will present this program from a dietitian's perspective as well as a chef's perspective. Tomlin will demonstrate recipes from Eating Well Through Cancer written by Holly Clegg and Gerald Miletello, M.D. Anyone who enjoys a healthier approach to cooking will enjoy this program.

"Our goal is to present information about how nutrition can maintain your health and strength to fight cancer and how foods can help in managing the side-effects of chemotherapy and cancer related treatments. This information will be helpful for cancer patients, cancer patient's family members, caregivers and for everyone wanting to learn how a proper diet may reduce the risk of developing certain cancers," said Suzie Shahan, Chair of Cancer Services Network Board of Directors.

Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas will fund a portion of this event. There is no cost to attend but reservations can be made by calling the Cancer Services Network office at 325-672-0040 or by emailing adodson@cancerservicesnetwork.org. Cancer Services Network provides financial and emotional support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county service area.

The mission of Cancer Services is to raise the level of hope for cancer patients by providing assistance for: emergency funds, insurance assistance (COBRA), prescriptions, nutritional supplements, cancer-related medical supplies and transportation.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Understanding Renter Rights and Responsibilities

All over Texas, students are preparing to return to college. As a result, many young Texans are in the market for a new place to live. Inexperienced renters may find the rental process to be a little intimidating. However, renters who know their rights and responsibilities can take some of the stress out of the process.

Most landlords require a tenant's signature on a lease. Renters should read their lease documents carefully before they sign them. Real estate agents who know the rental market may be able to help renters. In many cases, rental agents work at no cost to the renter.

Renters who want to change a part of their lease should discuss the changes with the landlord. If the landlord agrees, the two should decide how they want to phrase the change and write it into the agreement. Both should then initial the change. For example, while many standard leases prohibit pets, some landlords may be willing to accept a

pet if the tenant puts down extra money as a security deposit.

Once renters have signed their leases, moved in and unpacked, they can expect to enjoy certain rights which include:

- Peace and quiet—A landlord cannot evict renters without cause or otherwise disturb their right to enjoy the residence.

- Privacy—Tenants should study their leases carefully to determine the circumstances under which a landlord may enter their homes. Unless a lease agreement says that the landlord can enter the unit, the landlord has no right to do so, except perhaps in case of emergency or to conduct repairs the tenant has requested.

- Locks and security—Although there are some specific exceptions, under Texas law, a dwelling must be equipped with security devices such as window latches, keyed dead bolts on exterior doors, sliding door pin locks and sliding door handle latches or sliding door security bars, and door viewers. These devices must be installed at the landlord's

expense. If such devices are missing or are defective, a tenant has the right to request their installation or repair.

- Smoke detectors—The landlord must provide smoke detectors. A tenant may not waive that provision and may not disconnect or disable the smoke detector.

- Freedom from discrimination—The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits landlords from discriminating because of race or color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status, or disability.

- Freedom from retaliation—Under Texas law, it is illegal for a landlord to retaliate against a tenant for complaining in good faith about necessary repairs for a period of six months from the date the complaint was made.

On the flip side, tenants have a number of responsibilities to uphold their end of the rental contract. These obligations may include:

- Paying rent in full and on time in accordance with the lease agreement.
- Appropriate upkeep

of the rental property. The landlord may not charge the renter for normal wear and tear on the premises and may only charge for extraordinary damage.

- Notifying the landlord of necessary repairs in writing. If the landlord fails to make repairs that materially affect tenants' health, safety or security, and tenants follow the procedures required by the law, tenants may be entitled to end the lease, have the problem repaired and deduct the cost of the repair from rent. Tenants also could file a civil lawsuit to force the landlord to make the repairs. Renters should consult with an attorney before taking any of these actions.

- Giving notice of a tenant's intent to move out. Many leases require 30 days notice as a condition of returning a renter's deposit—though some agreements require more than that.

- Giving a landlord notice of a tenant's forwarding address. Landlords are required to return tenants' security deposits or explanations of deductions within 30 days of their departure.

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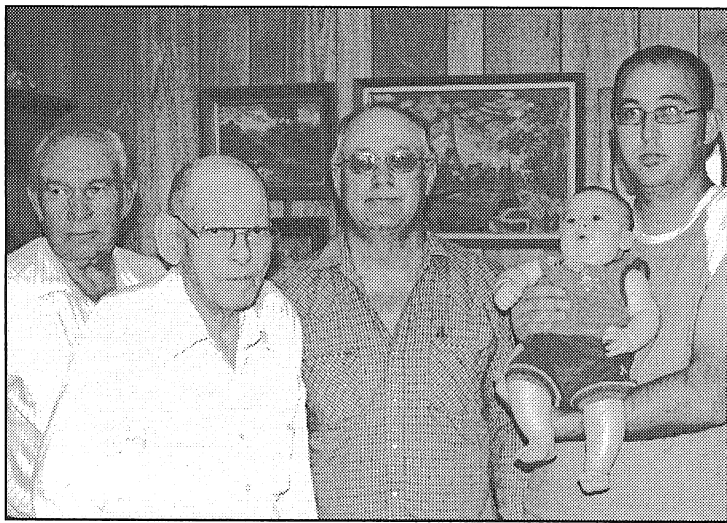
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FIVE GENERATIONS—Five generations of the Hook family include, l-r, C.E. (Elvis) Hook of Brownfield, C.C. (Charlie) Hook of Haskell, Bobby Glen Hook, Levi Braxton Hook and Clayton Hook, all of Brownfield. Charlie Hook will celebrate his 96th birthday in September.

American Legion celebrates inauguration of new GI Bill

As veterans start the new academic year, the leader of The American Legion said he is happy to see that they will be able to enjoy the benefits of the new GI Bill.

"August 1st will be a proud day for us," said David K. Rehbein, national commander of the nation's largest veterans service organization. "That's when the educational benefits in the Post-9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act take effect—benefits that The American Legion worked hard to bring about."

In fact, The American Legion was so instrumental in the passage of the most sweeping veterans benefit in generations that U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards said at the time, "Passing this historic new GI Bill into law could not have happened without the dedicated efforts of The American Legion."

The Legion's role in the formulation of the new GI Bill has deep historical roots. Members of The American Legion drafted the original Servicemen's Readjustment Act, popularly known as the GI Bill, in 1944. It was written in longhand on hotel stationery by American Legion Past National Commander Harry Colmery. The GI Bill is widely considered the greatest domestic legislation

ever passed by Congress. The largest scholarship program in U.S. history, the GI Bill also made home ownership a possibility for a new generation of Americans, transforming the American economy and creating the middle class.

The American Legion continued its staunch advocacy for veterans, playing a key role in every readjustment legislation since 1944. While some of the successors to the GI Bill fell short of what The American Legion hoped for, the organization worked closely with then-U.S. Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery on the improved "Montgomery GI Bill," which benefited peacetime veterans.

While The American Legion has never stopped pushing for a comprehensive benefit to cover all education costs for veterans, the organization went clearly on the record at its 1992 National Convention in Chicago. Delegates there unanimously passed Resolution 3, which called for the establishment of "a benefit package commensurate with those provided veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam."

As the Global War on Terrorism progressed, it became clear that National Guard and Reserve veterans, who were serving in large numbers during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, were not being compensated as generously as their active-duty counterparts.

It was time for a new GI Bill. The American Legion and Congress, among others, set about creating one. A longtime Legionnaire, Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., built a

bipartisan coalition in the Senate. The final bill included a provision that allowed for the transferability of benefits to family members, an additional benefit supported by The American Legion. The bill was signed by President George W. Bush on June 30, 2008.

The new GI Bill does not replace existing education programs for veterans, but augments them. Depending upon individual needs and eligibilities, benefits of the older Montgomery GI Bill, the Montgomery GI Bill/Selected Reserve, and the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) are still available as well.

The American Legion explains veterans educational benefits in great detail at www.mygibill.org.

"The new GI Bill is a bill worthy of its name," Rehbein said. "While we believe this is a great benefit to America's veterans and their families, The American Legion will monitor the administration of it and ensure that the benefits that these veterans so richly deserve are not diminished. If any veteran has difficulty accessing their GI Bill benefits, we at The American Legion want to know about it. All they need to do is contact The American Legion."

With a current membership of 2.5 million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and the mentoring of youth. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special meeting July 28 with all members present except Commissioner Bobby Smith who was absent for part of the meeting due to jury duty.

A motion to pay all bills was approved.

Dannette Hall of Aspermont representing The Alternative Plan met with the court to explain The Alternatives Program for senior citizens. The program is an outpatient program of Stonewall Memorial Hospital. Information is available at the Haskell

County Courthouse.

Josh Tidrow was hired in Precinct 3.

Election Judges and alternates were appointed as follows:

Box 1: Flora Pace, Frankie Alvis; Box 2: Melba Howard, Maxine Grand; Box 3: Grace Thomas, Debra Bartley; Box 4: Geraldine Baker, Bill Baker; Box 5: Jere Kittley, Pat Kittley;

Box 6: Susan Turner, Jimmie Bowen; Box 7: Billie Walker, Shirley Taylor; Box 8: Joyce Hager, Doris Walker; Box 9: Mary Jo Brown, Wallar Overton; Box 10: Margie Lackey, Renee

Dudensing; Early voting: Faye Ulrich, Brian Burgess.

The Census Proclamation was approved.

Jimmy Burson was appointed to a four year term on the board of the Rolling Plains Underground Water District.

No action was taken on wireless prices and speeds.

No action was taken on the wild hog eradication program.

Internet service for the library was purchased from Santa Rosa Telephone Service at \$46.95 per month.

Several line item transfers were made to the budget.

Beware of first-time homebuyer credit fraud

The Internal Revenue Service announced its first successful prosecution related to fraud involving the first-time homebuyer credit, and warned taxpayers to beware of this type of scheme. On Thurs., July 23, a Jacksonville, Florida tax preparer, James Otto Price III, pled guilty to falsely claiming the first-time homebuyer credit on a federal tax return. Price faces the possibility of up to three years in jail, a fine of as much as \$250,000, or both.

To date, the IRS has executed seven search warrants and currently has 24 open criminal investigations in pursuit of potential instances of fraud involving the credit. The agency has a number of sophisticated computer screening tools to quickly identify returns that may contain fraudulent claims for the first-time homebuyer credit.

"We will vigorously pursue anyone who falsely tries to claim this or any other tax credit or deduction," said Eileen Mayer, Chief, IRS Criminal Investigation. "The penalties for tax fraud are steep. Taxpayers should be wary of anyone who promises to get them a big refund."

Whether a taxpayer prepares his or her own return or uses the services of a paid preparer, it is the

taxpayer who is ultimately responsible for the accuracy of the return. Fraudulent returns may result not only in the required payment of back taxes but also in penalties and interest.

The First-Time Homebuyer Credit, originally passed in 2008 and modified in 2009, provides up to \$8,000 for first-time

homebuyers. The purchaser, however, must qualify as a first-time homebuyer, which for purposes of this credit means someone who has not owned a primary residence in the past three years. If the taxpayer is married, this requirement also applies to the taxpayer's spouse. The home purchase must close before Dec. 1, 2009,

and the credit may not be claimed on the purchaser's tax return until after the taxpayer closes and has purchased the home.

Different rules apply for homes bought in 2008.

Full details and instructions are available on the official IRS Web site, IRS.gov.

Accounting courses offered

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

Texas AgriLife Extension Service will offer QuickBooks Pro computer short courses Aug. 19-20 in Amarillo and Aug. 25-26 in Lubbock.

Each day of training will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo. Jay Yates, AgriLife Extension economist in Lubbock, will coordinate the course in that region. Both courses will be at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in the respective cities.

QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, Jones said. In the two-day course, participants will learn how to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs

and profits.

Class size for each course is limited to 15 to provide a "hands-on" experience for all participants. "The classes filled up last year in both Amarillo and Lubbock, so registering as soon as possible is important," Yates said.

Program tips will be discussed throughout the course, and no prior computer experience is necessary," they said.

For more information, contact Jones at 806-677-

5667 or Yates at 806-746-6101. To register for the course in Amarillo, send name, address and phone number to DeDe Jones, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106. For Lubbock, contact Jay Yates, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 1102 E. FM 1294, Lubbock, Texas 79403. For more information about registration, call one of the above numbers or the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658.

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ECC Menu

Mon., Aug. 10
Lunch—Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, lemon cake, tea or coffee

Fri., Aug. 14
Lunch—Chicken spaghetti, English peas, garden salad, garlic toast, brownie, pears

Wed., Aug. 12
Lunch—Goulash and rice, pinto beans, buttered corn, toast, blueberry cobbler, tea or coffee

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

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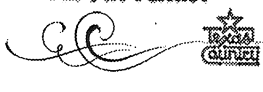


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SHERI LYNN SKEDEE - NATHAN COLE CALLAWAY

Skedee, Callaway plan Sept. wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Welker of Skedee, Oklahoma announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sheri Lynn, to Nathan Cole Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Callaway of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Pawnee High School in Pawnee, Oklahoma, and the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha. She works on her family's ranch in Skedee.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Haskell High School and Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He works for the Farm Service Agency in Alva, Oklahoma.

The wedding is planned for Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Marland Mansion in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Guess family meets for annual reunion

Children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren of the late Rebus B. and Emily Belle Guess recently enjoyed a day of fun, food and fellowship.

The annual reunion was held in the home of Bob and Ann Therwhanger of Munday. While the youngsters enjoyed water activities in the backyard, the adults caught up on family news and visiting.

A highlight of the day was visiting with family from Chicago, who had not made the trip to Texas in over twenty years.

Only three of the eleven Guess children are still living. Those in attendance from Weinert were LaVern Mayfield, Tiffen and Erlinda Mayfield, Lindo Guess, Hal Guess, Heath Guess and Joe and Caron Yates. Attending from Haskell were Rebus and Leora Guess, Tom and Kim Bassett with Aubrey,

Chrissy and Cash, Pat and Mary Sue Henry, Mike and Beth Guess with Jacie and Cami and V.A. and Betty Brown.

Family attending from Munday included Bob and Ann Therwhanger, Shannon and Heather Waters with Brenley, Bergen, Braelyn and Blythe.

Traveling greater distances were Dale and Teresa Tolett and Steve Guess, all of Abilene. Also making the trip were Cristi Little of Olney, Couilla Cunningham of Ransom Canyon, Evelyn Mayfield of Dallas, Arch and Edy Lou Mayfield of Plainview, Tad and Jeannie Rhodes with Ella of Norman, Oklahoma, Barry Therwhanger of Chicago and Marc and Nadine Hummel, also of Chicago.

When busy schedules and everyday life claim much of our time, it is always nice to have a day to reconnect with family.

Wheat crop receives blow after blow

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

This year was a disappointment for most wheat farmers in the Texas Panhandle, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

Drought in the fall and through most of the winter and early spring resulted in many dryland fields being plowed up, said Dr. Brent Bean, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo.

"Conditions were somewhat better north of Amarillo, but good dryland fields were still hard to find," he said. "Even irrigated wheat suffered due to a lack of fall and winter precipitation."

"And our old nemesis, the Russian wheat aphid, also played a major role in reducing wheat yield potential throughout the area," Bean said. "This was probably the worst year for Russian wheat aphid in the last 20 years."

The final weather issue in many fields was damage caused by a late freeze in April, he said. Diseases in general were not a major problem in 2009, but wheat streak mosaic and triticum mosaic infection were significant in a few fields.

Bean said lack of adequate fertilization also tended to hurt wheat yield potential, especially in irrigated fields. Nitrogen deficiency symptoms were observed in the fall and early winter in many fields.

In many cases, compost had been applied prior to planting, he said. But the nitrogen released from the compost was not adequate to prevent nitrogen deficiency in the wheat crop. It was also observed, especially in wheat no-tilled behind corn, that fields were deficient in phosphorus.

"Those fields where phosphorus was applied at planting had a much better stand of wheat than in similar fields where no phosphorus was applied," Bean said. "Care should be taken when planting late and under no-till conditions that adequate phosphorus is present."

Bean said variety trials were planted and harvested at five locations around the Texas Panhandle and at the New Mexico State University station near Clovis, New Mexico. The yield trials are partially funded by the Texas Wheat Producers Board through grower check-off funds.

Four irrigated varieties clearly stood out in this year's trials. Hatcher, Bill Brown, TAM 111 and Dumas averaged more than 58 bushels per

acre across the five locations, with Hatcher averaging 69.8 bushels per acre.

Both Hatcher and Bill Brown have Russian wheat aphid resistance, which likely contributed to these two varieties topping the trial, Bean said. This is the first year Bill Brown has been in the Panhandle trials.

"Not only did these four varieties have the highest yield when averaged across locations, but were in the top 25 percent in yield in four of the five sites," he said.

Other varieties that averaged in the top 25 percent were Billings, T81, Duster, TAM 203, Endurance, and the experimentals TX02A252 and OK04525. Billings was released this year by Oklahoma State University, and a decision is expected soon to release the Texas AgriLife Research experimental TX02A252, which yielded well in last year's trial.

Of the nine dryland trials planted, only five were harvested, Bean said. The others were abandoned due to poor stand establishment, drought and high variability within a trial site.

In the five trials reported, the top five varieties were easily identified as Hatcher, TAM 112, TAM 111, TX02A0252 and Bill Brown.

"Hatcher has proven itself in previous years as a good dryland variety," he said. "It performed exceptionally well this year, averaging almost five bushels more than its nearest competitor, likely because of its Russian wheat aphid resistance."

Hatcher and Bill Brown were the only two varieties in the dryland trials with Russian wheat aphid resistance, Bean said. Similar to the irrigated trials, Endurance and Dumas also yielded in the top 25 percent at most of the locations.

"Varieties recommended here are those that have consistently performed well over at least a three-year period," he said. "Those varieties that perform well under full irrigation also tend to be the same varieties that yield well under dryland (conditions). In our environment, even those varieties grown under full irrigation are going to be subject to heat stress and likely some periods of drought."

Yield data from previous years, variety descriptions, two- and three-year averages by location, and other information can be found at <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/programs/agronomy> under Publications.

What's your credit score?

There are three companies in the US who keep reports on your credit:

1. Equifax
2. Trans Union
3. Experian

Each gives you a score according to their report. This score is very important, as in many instances it determines if credit will be available to you, as well as the rate that you will have to pay. You can get a free copy of your credit report from each reporting agency through www.annualcreditreport.com. It's important to know the score.

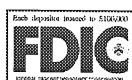
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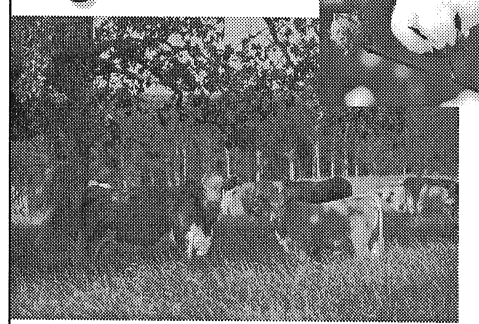
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If you have ever wondered if it is worth paying those insurance premiums month after month, just ask someone who finds himself diagnosed with a terminal illness or someone whose home has been ravaged by a tornado or hurricane and the answer is a resounding yes.

While you hope that you never need insurance, it protects you from personal loss in the event of a catastrophe. When shopping for insurance, be sure you match your benefits with the premiums you are asked to pay. The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas has some suggestions to help you in your search for the insurance policy to cover your needs.

Auto Insurance

State law requires that all motor vehicles have liability insurance to cover property damage or injury to other people. If you have a loan on your vehicle, your lender also requires that you have collision insurance. Premiums are generally lower if you select a higher deductible, meaning you pay more out-of-pocket before the insurance policy kicks in.

Homeowner's Insurance

This insurance covers your home and possessions. Your mortgage lender will require this type of insurance until you pay off your home loan. As with auto insurance, you can select a higher deductible to save money on your premiums. Standard homeowner's insurance policies protect the owner from loss in fires and theft. Flood insurance generally requires a special rider on your homeowner's policy.

If you rent, you need renter's insurance on your personal items. The landlord's policy will cover only damage to the building itself, not your personal property. You may also want to consider liability insurance in the event that someone is injured while in your rental property. You would be responsible, not your landlord. With the appropriate level of auto insurance, your insurance agent probably offers a reasonably priced umbrella policy that covers all types of liability.

Medical Insurance

While medical insurance will pay for part of your hospital stays, doctors and prescriptions, there is also

Even 'mediocre' veggies important

Zucchini may not be a nutritional powerhouse, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't find its way onto your plate from time to time.

Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern Medical Center, says that while many popular summer vegetables such as summer squash, zucchini and cucumbers seem nutritionally insignificant, they're actually quite important.

"These vegetables may not be packed with a lot of the major nutrients touted on charts and labels, but they're good sources of other nutrients, including zinc, potassium and folic acid," she says. "They're also high in water and fiber and are low-fat, meaning they can help you lose weight."

a deductible for which you are financially responsible. A serious illness without insurance can cause significant debt if you do not have health insurance or do not have adequate savings to pay out-of-pocket costs. Although they may cost extra, you should consider whether you will come out ahead by purchasing dental and optical insurance.

Those who have insurance through their employer should also consider participating in a "flexible spending account" (FSA) if offered. This allows you to save pre-tax dollars to pay for those expenses not covered by insurance.

If you do not have access to such a plan at your work, you might consider setting up a "health savings account" (HSA) at a bank or other financial institution to pay for health-related expenses. An FSA requires you to spend all of the money in your account by March 15 of the following year. With a HSA, you can roll it over from year to year.

Disability Insurance

According to statistics, there is a high risk of becoming disabled before the age of 65. This type of insurance helps pay your living expenses while you are

out of work for an extended period of time and is offered for both long-term and short-term disability.

Life Insurance

This insurance will pay benefits to your designated beneficiary in the event of your death.

Long-Term Care Insurance

This relatively new insurance policy will pay for health-related items such as nursing home care, assisted living or in-home care. These policies are somewhat expensive. When shopping for this type of insurance, be sure to take your time and research several policies to decide which policy is right for you. Experts generally agree that it is not cost effective to purchase this policy until age 50, but each person's circumstances and needs may differ.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners has a website called "Insure U" with several sources of information for purchasing all types of insurance. Begin your research on the best type of policy for you by going to www.insureuonline.org. While insurance premiums can be high, the cost of not having insurance can be catastrophic.

Agent recognized as top producer

Jean Merchant, a Hermann Sons fraternal insurance agent representing the Haskell area has been recognized as a top producer for the second quarter of 2009.

The Marketing Department of the Grand Lodge, Order of the Sons of Hermann in the State of Texas has announced that Merchant finished the quarter in second place statewide in the applications written category. She finished in

first place in Region 3 in the applications written category and the new premium income category.

Hermann Sons agents are assigned to one of five geographic regions in the state and must meet minimum requirements for premium income and number of applications written to compete for quarterly cash bonuses.

Merchant is a resident at the Hermann Sons Retirement Home in Comfort.

4-H West Texas Fair, State Fair entries due

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

The fall show season is fast approaching. If you are a 4-H member and have an animal project, your entries for the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene and the State Fair of Texas are due in the Haskell County Extension Office Fri., Aug. 7 by 4:30 p.m.

Entry forms are available at the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell. If you have any questions on animal projects, or the upcoming fairs and shows, call Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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NOTICE

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 20th, 2009 at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, TX to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2009. The proposed tax rate is 0.0227 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District by 0.0%.

Country Elegance OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009
1:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

Refreshments and snacks will be served by some wonderful people.

The first two residents have arrived at *Country Elegance*. Come by and visit these residents and take a tour of our facility and visit with them. We will be honoring these new residents and they have a lot to offer us with their lives and their history.

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NOTICE OF 2009 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of O'Brien, City of Rochester, City of Rule, Haskell Hospital District, City of Haskell and City of Weinert. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City of O'Brien	City of Rochester	City of Rule	Haskell Memorial Hospital Dist.	City of Haskell	City of Weinert
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:						
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 9,879.40	\$ 28,759.43	\$ 48,164.73	\$ 789,986.17	\$ 323,784.52	\$ 14,934.82
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 9,879.40	\$ 28,759.43	\$ 48,164.73	\$ 789,986.17	\$ 323,784.52	\$ 14,934.82
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,066,175	\$ 3,478,289	\$ 10,428,407	\$ 245,076,320	\$ 64,700,744	\$ 2,980,071
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.4781/\$100	\$ 0.8264/\$100	\$ 0.4614/\$100	\$ 0.3222/\$100	\$ 0.5000/\$100	\$ 0.4978/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:						
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 9,864.04	\$ 28,740.20	\$ 48,446.67	\$ 789,530.40	\$ 323,494.67	\$ 14,821.45
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 2,211,065	\$ 3,526,359	\$ 10,419,298	\$ 260,653,369	\$ 82,286,342	\$ 3,008,459
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.4461/\$100	\$ 0.8150/\$100	\$ 0.4618/\$100	\$ 0.3029/\$100	\$ 0.3931/\$100	\$ 0.4926/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:						
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 9,864.04	\$ 28,740.20	\$ 48,116.67	\$ 789,530.40	\$ 425,439.23	\$ 14,821.45
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,211,065	\$ 3,526,359	\$ 10,419,298	\$ 260,653,369	\$ 82,286,342	\$ 3,008,459
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.4461/\$100	\$ 0.8150/\$100	\$ 0.4618/\$100	\$ 0.3029/\$100	\$ 0.5170/\$100	\$ 0.4926/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.4817/\$100	\$ 0.8802/\$100	\$ 0.4987/\$100	\$ 0.3271/\$100	\$ 0.5583/\$100	\$ 0.5320/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.4817/\$100	\$ 0.8802/\$100	\$ 0.4987/\$100	\$ 0.3271/\$100	\$ 0.5583/\$100	\$ 0.5320/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of O'Brien adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.4461 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$15.36.

If the City of Rochester adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.8150 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$0.37.

If the City of Rule adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4618 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$48.06.

If the Haskell Memorial Hospital District adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.3029 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$455.77.

If the City of Haskell adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.3931 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$316.91.

If the City of Weinert adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4626 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$88.47.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balances as Listed					
City of O'Brien - General	\$9,893.33					
City of Rochester - General		\$0.00000				
City of Rule - General			\$0.00			
Haskell, Memorial Hosp. Dist.				\$0.00		
City of Haskell					\$129,244.84	
City of Weinert						\$5,500.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: CITY OF HASKELL \$101,944.56; OTHERS, NONE

SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NOT APPLICABLE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at HASKELL CO. APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 604 North First St., Haskell, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 07/31/09

Pre-participation exams beneficial for children

This is the time of year for pre-participation physical examinations for school athletics. While some parents are ahead of the game and had their children examined in the spring, others may be questioning whether their children truly need such an exam.

Jennifer Mitchell, M.D., FAAP, associate professor in the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Department of Family Medicine, says although many parents view these exams as an expense of money and time, they are necessary for children who are going to participate in football, baseball, basketball, swimming or any other sport.

The Texas University Interscholastic League requires a physical exam form be completed and on file prior to any practice, scrimmage or contest before, during or after school. The form must be completed prior to junior high participation and again prior to the first and third years of high school athletic participation.

In addition, a medical history form must be completed yearly and a physical examination form completed if there are any "yes" answers on the history form. Local district policies may require an annual physical examination.

Mitchell says there are other benefits to having your child complete these examinations, besides their eligibility to participate in athletics.

"This is sometimes the only visit a child will make to see a physician," Mitchell said. "It is a good opportunity to review any chronic medical conditions and evaluate the medical treatments."

Mitchell added that these exams also are an opportunity for parents to review their child's preventive health care and to be sure all immunizations are up to date.

"A thorough physician will review adolescent issues with the child and give guidance on topics such as alcohol, tobacco and sexuality," Mitchell said.

Vision screening is done

to assess whether the child is beginning to need glasses. Typically, children with vision screenings of 20/40 or worse should be seen by an eye care specialist.

During the vision screening, the physician may reinforce the need for eye protection appropriate for the child's sport and the use of a mouthpiece in contact or high-risk sports.

Vital signs are reviewed which could make one aware of an early presentation of elevated blood pressure. This is important as people with hypertension do better overall with early intervention.

A major benefit of the exam is the ability to screen for potentially serious cardiac abnormalities. There are more than 20 abnormalities identified that may predispose an athlete to sudden cardiac death. Some of these can be noted on careful historical questioning and examination. If there is a concern, the physician can order further testing such as an EKG, echocardiogram or exercise stress testing to further evaluate for this.

These tests are typically not done during a routine exam. However, this is a controversial area and some programs are beginning to offer such testing as part of their evaluation.

Another benefit of the exam is to screen for potentially correctable musculoskeletal deficits—such as muscle weakness or tendonitis—that may predispose an athlete to injury. If abnormalities are noted, a rehabilitation program can be devised along with the athlete's athletic trainer or coach to minimize the chance of injury.

Laboratory testing is not cost effective and is not routinely recommended for the screening exam unless something is brought up in the history or during the examination, implying a condition that needs further evaluation.

Overall, Mitchell says the Pre-Participation Physical Exam is an important aspect of sports participation. So parents, think of it as an investment in your child.

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Public Notices

INVITATION TO BID
 The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District is accepting bids for motor vehicle fuel. Proposals should be addressed or delivered to Karen Ratliff, Business Manager, Haskell CISD, 605 North Avenue E, Box 937, Haskell, Texas 79521. Proposals are due by 12:00 noon on August 18, 2009, at which time the bids will be opened and a recommendation made to the Board of Trustees. The district reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the district and to waive any informality in the proposals. Specifications or additional information may be obtained by contacting Karen Ratliff at the administration office at 940-864-2602.32-33c

SEIZED MOTOR VEHICLES SALE

In compliance with Article 683.031 Transportation Code, I will proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder on 17 day August of 2009, all of the following listed Seized Motor Vehicles at the described locations and times listed below. The vehicles will be sold as it.

10:00 A.M. at the south door of the Haskell County Courthouse in Haskell, Texas.

Year, 1998; Make, Lincoln; Model, 4 door; VIN, 1LNFM83W2WY734142; Tag #, DQU 608, OK.

Year, 1987; Make Toyota; Model, 4/Runner; VIN, JT3RN64WXH0102173; Tag #, GXN 048, TX.

The successful bidder upon payment of the money to the Haskell County Sheriff's Office is entitled to take possession of the Vehicle and apply for title free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership.

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 Sheriff Haskell County
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INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that Haskell Independent School District, using construction manager at risk services for construction, will receive sealed, written proposals at the office of the construction manager at risk, W.B. Kibler Construction, 9722 Abernathy, Dallas, Texas 75220-2698, until August 14, 2009 2 p.m. CST, for construction encompassing (but not limited to) the following construction packages: earthwork, asphalt paving, concrete, masonry, structural and miscellaneous metals, millwork, elfs, built up roof, doors, windows, storefront, drywall, suspended ceilings, interior finishes, lab casework, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical work for the addition of a Science Wing and renovation of the school facility.

Any proposal received after

Public Notices

August 14, 2009 2 p.m. CST, will be returned unopened. The construction manager at risk will not be responsible for proposals that are mis-sent, mis-delivered, misplaced, or received after the submission deadline.

In accordance with Texas Education Agency bid guidelines, proposal prices from individual contractors cannot be released by the construction manager at risk or Owner until construction manager at risk's guaranteed maximum price for construction is accepted by the District.

All proposals must comply with specifications, be submitted on the Proposal Form included in the documents, and include bid security when required. Any proposal received on a form other than that provided in the documents will not be considered and will be recorded as non-responsive without recourse.

FAXED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW WITHIN 24 HOURS.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, will be issued by the Architect beginning July 14, 2009, and may be examined during normal business hours at the following:

CADCO Architects—Engineers, Inc., 2401 S. Willis, Suite 200, Abilene, Texas 79605, 325-695-6281, Fax 325-695-6291.

Construction Manager at Risk, W.B. Kibler Construction, 9722 Abernathy, Dallas, Texas 75220, 214-358-4601, Fax 214-956-7473.

Dallas AGC, INSOFT Plan Room, 7168 Envooy Court, Dallas, Texas 75247, 214-819-8002 or 888-601-5761, Fax 214-819-9918.

Dodge Plan Room, 9155 Sterling Drive, Suite 160, Irving, Texas 75063, 972-819-1321 or 800-328-4542.

Concho Valley Plan Room, 818 N. Bell, San Angelo, Texas 76905, 325-655-3539.

Abilene AGC Plan Room, 1326 S. 14th, Abilene, Texas 79602, 325-676-7447.

Lubbock AGC Plan Room, 3004 50th St., Ste. B, Lubbock, Texas 79413, 806-797-8898.

Waco AGC Plan Room, 4500 West Waco Drive, Waco, Texas 76710, 254-772-5400, Fax 254-772-5451.

Austin AGC, 609 S. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78704, 512-442-7887, Fax 512-442-3503.

Construction documents may be procured upon receipt by the architect at the above address for a \$150.00 refundable deposit plus contractor paid postage (CD version of the construction documents is available at no cost). Plan holders not returning construction documents within two weeks of bid date will forfeit their plan deposit. 31c

This Week's Devotional Message:



Your house of worship is 20 degrees cooler inside

Has the midsummer heat been getting you down? Not to mention the humidity factor, which can only add to the oppressiveness of the soaring temperatures. Of course, being a sensible person, you dress right, live right and do what you can to offset the discomforts of the season. You spend as much time as your lifestyle will allow in air conditioned places, and maybe at the ol' swimmin' hole. However, there

is one more place you might add to your itinerary in search of a pleasant environment—your house of worship. More than just a haven of refuge from the heat, it's a place for all seasons. However, in summer the only warmth you will feel there is the comforting assurance that God's love is with you all the year 'round, no matter what it says on the thermometer.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

- East Side Baptist Church**
 Ronnie Gibson, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
 Jim McCurley, pastor
 Sun. 10:45 a.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 Rengnarbe, 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., 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., 10:45 a., 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

God Loves You Ministries

Mark Wallace, pastor
 Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church 10:45 a.m.
 West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.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

Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
 Sun. 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

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
 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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Help Wanted

Reida Penman at 940-743-3260. If you need to fax your application, the principal's office fax number is 940-743-3237.

Haskell CISD is an equal opportunity employer. All applicants for all positions are considered without regard to race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, marital or veteran status, the presence of a medical condition, disability, or any other legally protected status.

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In addition, Senate Bill 9, which was passed recently, requires that all substitutes be fingerprinted. The total cost for the fingerprinting service is \$50.20. Substitutes must pay for this service, but will be reimbursed after being employed with the district.

If you are interested in becoming a substitute employee-classroom, cafeteria, maintenance, etc.-please call or come by the administration office to obtain an application and instructions. You may also go to the Haskell CISD website at www.haskell.esc14.net to obtain an online application for support and service personnel. When your application is completed and returned to the administration office, you will be given further instruction.

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Haskell County schools set registrations

Haskell Elementary

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Mon., Aug. 10, Tues., Aug. 11 and Wed., Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. in the elementary office. This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past, but did not finish the 2008-09 school year at Haskell Elementary.

Parents should bring their drivers license and their child's birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and last report card.

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 18 and Thurs., Aug. 20. Registration on Tues., Aug. 18 will be at 5:30 p.m. for students in the third and fourth grades and at 6:30 p.m. for students in the fifth grade.

Registration on Thurs.,

Aug. 20, will be at 5:30 p.m. for students in Head Start, PPCD (Early Childhood) and Kindergarten; Prekindergarten students will register from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. students in first and second grades will register. 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. 24. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grades will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Rochester Jr. High

Haskell CISD, Rochester Junior High will register students Tues., Aug. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. All sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and parents are invited to come to the junior high cafeteria in Rochester to fill out registration packets, tour the campus, meet staff members, and ask any questions about the junior high.

Sixth grade students and parents are asked to come from 5 to 6 p.m. and seventh and eighth grade students and parents from 6 to 7 p.m., but if this is not convenient, you are welcome to come anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. A brief meeting will be held in the auditorium at 5:45 p.m. for sixth grade students and parents to explain some of the procedures and schedules at the junior high campus and to answer questions.

If you are unable to attend registration, registration packets may be picked up at the junior high office in Rochester or at the administration office in Haskell. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, call the Rochester Junior High office at 940-743-3260 or Reida Penman at 940-742-3476.

Rule ISD

Rule ISD will hold registration on Wed., Aug. 19 and Thurs. Aug. 20, in the school library. Parents or legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through eighth, as well as parents of all students 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 Wed., Aug. 19 will be seniors at 1 p.m.; juniors at 2 p.m.; sophomores at 3 p.m.; and freshman at 4 p.m.

The registration schedule for Thurs., Aug. 20 includes Pre-K through fifth grade from 9 a.m. until 11 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

- with them to registration:
- Proof of residency in the Rule ISD district in the form of a water or electric bill.
- A copy of the child's Social Security Card.
- Current immunization records.
- Any records from the child's previous school district.

For more information about registration, call Rule ISD at 940-997-2246 or 940-997-2521.

Rule ISD will host "Meet the Teacher Night" for all students and their parents on Thurs., Aug. 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This event is for families who will have students in Early Childhood through twelfth grades during the 2009-10 school year.

Teachers and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet parents and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year.

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

Paint Creek ISD

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration for all students for the 2009-10 school year Wed., Aug. 12. Come by the school office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork. Schedules for high school students will be given at this time.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2009. To attend Pre-K, a child must be 4 on or before Sept. 1, 2009.

For all new incoming students, parents should bring their driver's license, their child's immunization record, birth certificate,

and social security card to registration. If you have any questions, call the school at 940-864-2868. The first day of school will be on Aug. 24.

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Crime of the Week

Some time on Wed., July 29, burglary of a habitation occurred in the 900 block of East Hamilton Street in Stamford. Items taken included jewelry and cash. Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Stamford Police Department, is offering a cash reward for information about this crime. Tips may be called in to the 24 hour tipline, 800-222-TIPS or texted to CFCS at CRIMES.

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Remember—We want your information, not your name; therefore all tipsters remain anonymous.

2009 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HASKELL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for Haskell County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,277,844.25	\$ 323,445.17	\$ 265,639.51
Last year's debt taxes	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,277,844.25	\$ 323,445.17	\$ 265,639.51
Last year's tax base	\$ 246,480,097	\$ 244,181,137	\$ 255,310,482
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5182/\$100	\$ 0.1324/\$100	\$ 0.1040/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,274,633.65	\$ 322,515.88	\$ 265,485.78
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 261,413,931	\$ 259,145,811	\$ 270,173,551
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.4875/\$100	\$ 0.1244/\$100	\$ 0.0982/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.7101/\$100		

THIS YEAR'S ROLL BACK TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care)	\$ 1,274,633.65	\$ 322,515.88	\$ 265,485.78
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 261,413,831	\$ 259,145,811	\$ 270,173,551
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.4875/\$100	\$ 0.1244/\$100	\$ 0.0982/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5265/\$100	\$ 0.1343/\$100	\$ 0.1060/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.5265/\$100	\$ 0.1343/\$100	\$ 0.1060/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.7668/\$100		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Haskell County adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7101 for \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2008 taxes by \$4,293.62.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$ 750,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 198,000.00
Farm & Market Lateral Road	\$ 220,000.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE

SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NONE

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

HASKELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson
Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 07/31/09

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 2009 on August 17, 2009 at 7:30 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, Lavita Burgess, Barry Walker, Mike Cox and Lester Hutchinson
AGAINST the proposal: none
PRESENT and not voting: none
ABSENT: none

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

	Last Year 0.0449/\$100 Adopted	This Year 0.0488/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.0449/\$100 Adopted	0.0488/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.0039/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		\$+7.99%
Average appraised value	\$27,801	\$27,544
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$27,801	\$27,544
Tax on average residence homestead	\$12.48	\$13.44
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$+0.86 +6.40%

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.