

## Football

**HASKELL**  
Indians vs Colorado City  
Scrimmage  
Thurs., Aug. 20, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

## Calendar

### Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 20 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

### Enchilada lunch

The St. George Catholic Church will serve an enchilada lunch Fri., Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per plate. Orders may be placed by calling 864-3171. Proceeds benefit the Jamaica queen contestant.

### Back to school event

Paint Creek ISD faculty would like to invite all Paint Creek students and their parents to the annual hamburger supper and Meet the Teachers Night on Mon., Aug. 24. The meal will be provided by the school and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the football field. Immediately following the supper, parents will be presented with information regarding their involvement in the academic success of their children. All students and parents are encouraged to come out and show their support for the upcoming school year.

### Meet the Athlete

The Haskell Athletic Booster Club will host "Meet the Athlete" Thurs., Aug. 27 immediately following the JV football game against Archer City at the Indian Football Field. The game begins at 6:00 p.m. All high school and junior high athletes will be introduced.

### Enchilada lunch

An enchilada lunch will be served at St. George Catholic Church dining hall, 901 N. 16th St., in Haskell, Sat., Aug. 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. benefitting the medical expense fund of Janie Rodriguez. Plates are \$5 each.

### 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.

### Warpath 5K

The Haskell Lions Club is sponsoring the Warpath 5K, a fun run and walk, during Haskell Homecoming Sat., Sept. 26, starting at 8 a.m. The first 150 entries will receive a Warpath 5K t-shirt. To request registration forms, go to [haskellionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:haskellionsclub@yahoo.com), <http://haskellions.blogspot.com> or contact any Lions Club members. All funds raised will be used to benefit Lions Club International and local organizations.

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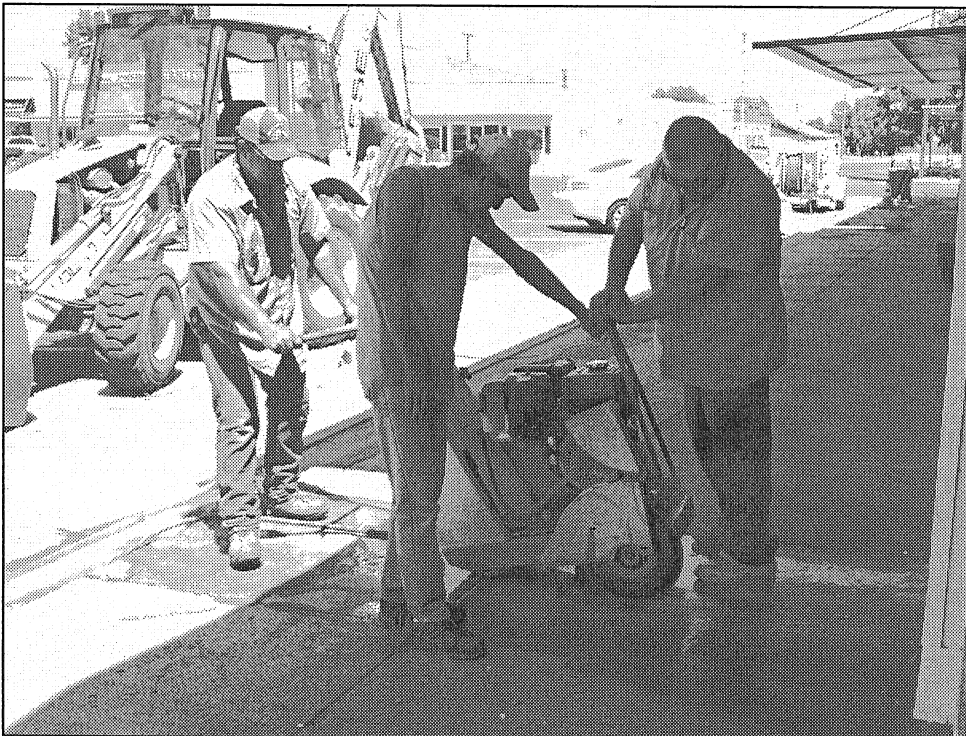
## Slow down in school zones

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**LAMPPOSTS**—City workers, l-r, Cory Green, Aldo Fernandez and Thomas Rodriguez, are preparing to install lamp posts on the south side of the square. The Haskell Beautification Project sponsored by the Chamber began in Sept. 2007. Individuals, families or businesses can purchase a lamp post through the Chamber office. Purchasing a lamp post is one way to honor a loved one, help beautify our city, and support our local economy, all at the same time.

## August sales tax receipts show increases

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.65 billion in sales tax revenue in July, down 11.6 percent compared to one year ago.

"Sales tax collections in July were again down significantly as major sectors of the economy, such as retail trade; oil and natural gas; and construction, remain weak," Combs said. "The sharp drop in revenue is a reflection of the current poor performance of these sectors as well as unusually strong sales tax collections in July 2008."

Combs sent \$544

million in August sales tax allocations to local governments, down 6.8 percent compared to August 2008. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are down 2.2 percent compared to this time last year.

Combs sent sales tax payments of \$367.4 million to Texas cities, down 6.5 percent compared to last August. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax revenues trail 2008 by 2.3 percent. Sales tax payments of \$33.8 million went to Texas counties, 4.2 percent below

last August. So far in calendar year 2009, county sales tax allocations are up 0.2 percent compared to last year.

In addition, \$21.2 million in sales tax revenue went to 151 special purpose taxing districts, down 0.8 percent compared to August 2008. Ten local transit systems received \$121.5 million, down 9 percent compared to a year ago.

August sales tax allocations represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May

and June by quarterly filers.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be Mon., Sept. 14.

Haskell County had a 12.45 percent increase for August 2009 of \$42,004.40 in comparison to \$37,353.40 for August 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$273,450.12 reflect a 7.64 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$296,083.39.

The City of Haskell had a 12.45 percent increase for August 2009 of \$38,485.10 in comparison to \$34,222.41 for August 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$250,269.49 reflect a 8.81 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$274,460.12.

The City of O'Brien had a 6.79 percent decrease for August 2009 of \$148.87 in comparison to \$159.72 for August 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$964.82 reflect a 36.20 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$708.37.

The City of Rochester had a 19.41 percent increase for August 2009 of \$753.62 in comparison to \$631.10 for August 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$4,625.35 reflect a 6.37 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$4,348.31.

The City of Rule had a 6.71 percent increase for August 2009 of \$2,193.38 in comparison to \$2,055.38 for August 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$15,277.95 reflect a 8.04 percent increase over 2008 payments to date of \$14,140.62.

The City of Weinert had a 48.68 percent increase for August 2009 of \$423.43 in comparison to \$284.79 for August 2008. 2009 payments to date of \$2,312.51 reflect a 4.67 percent decrease over 2008 payments to date of \$2,425.97.

## Indians gear up for season

The Haskell Indians are gearing up for the upcoming 2009 football season. The Indians had their first taste of competition last Saturday when they traveled to Eastland for a scrimmage.

They will continue in preparation for the season when they host Colorado City for a scrimmage this Thurs., Aug. 20 at Indian Field. The JV team is set to go at 5 p.m. followed by the varsity team at around 6 to 6:15 p.m.

The scrimmage is open to the public and all Indian fans are encouraged to attend.

## Kids to fish Sat., Sept. 5

The seventh annual Kids Fishing tournament will be held Sat., Sept. 5 at Lake Stamford.

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

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

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

## Hunter's safety course

The Haskell FFA, in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will hold a hunter's safety course Tues., Aug. 25 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 29 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The course will cover the basics of hunter's safety and give those completing the course a lifetime hunter's education certificate. Students must be present for both classes in order to receive credit.

Any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must have successfully completed a hunter's education course to legally hunt in Texas. All students must be at least 9 years old to be enrolled. Parents of students who are under 17 years of age must be present to sign a consent form for the child to be enrolled.

Cost of the course is \$15 per person. For more information or to register, contact Justin Cox at 940-864-5945 or 325-370-6571. This class will accept walk in's but pre-registration is preferred.

## Sales tax holiday set Aug. 21-23

Shoppers will save more than ever before during the annual sales tax holiday—which now includes more than two dozen school supply items in addition to clothing and backpacks. Families will save an estimated \$65.7 million in state and local sales taxes, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.

The annual sales tax holiday weekend is coming up Aug. 21-23. State law designates the weekend of

the third Friday in August for the sales tax holiday.

"Most families are on tight budgets and it can be a real challenge to buy kids the clothes and supplies they need for a new school year," Combs said. "To help out, the Legislature has added many school supplies to the list of tax-free items during the sales tax holiday. The tax break on school supplies alone will save families nearly \$9 million

in state and local sales taxes this year."

The sales tax holiday covers school supplies, school backpacks and most children's and adults' clothing and shoes priced less than \$100. Lists of tax-free clothing and school supplies can be found at [www.txtaxholiday.org](http://www.txtaxholiday.org)

The annual August tax-free shopping spree has saved shoppers around \$442 million since it began in 1999.

## Homecoming activities sought

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 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.

## Meet the Teachers in Rule

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.

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### Law enforcement report

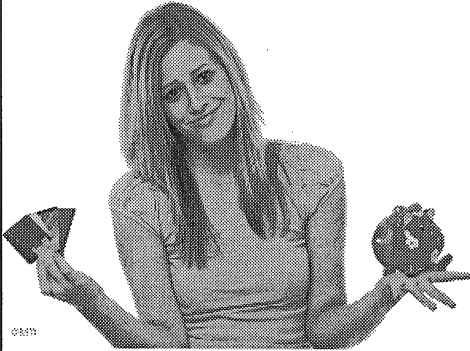
The Haskell County Sheriff's Office reports the following number of offenses and arrests made in the county during the month of July.

- Driving while license invalid: 1 case.
- Driving while intoxicated: 3 cases.
- Failure to identify: 1 case.
- Public intoxication: 8 cases.
- Hindering apprehension: 3 cases.
- Resisting arrest, search or detention: 1 case.
- Disorderly: 4 cases.
- Assault family violence: 2 cases.
- Theft by check: four cases.
- Harassment: 1 case.
- Possession of controlled substance: 1 case.
- Theft: 1 case.
- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle: 1 case.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 31, 2009, in the Superintendent's Office-Board room, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, 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          | \$1.17/\$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 | 1.15% increase or 0.00% (decrease) |
| Debt service               | 3.62% increase or 0.00% (decrease) |
| Total expenditures         | 1.33% increase or 0.00% (decrease) |

#### 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   | \$ 118,419,882 | \$ 124,083,659   |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 194,900     | \$ 638,980       |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 38,996,253  | \$ 37,514,505    |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 164,725     | \$ 636,380       |

\* "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                   | \$ *                     | \$1.17    | \$3,404                   | \$7,026                   |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$1.29902                | \$ *                     | \$1.29902 | \$3,309                   | \$6,238                   |
| Proposed Rate  | \$1.17                   | \$ *                     | \$1.17    | \$2,966                   | \$6,983                   |

\*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                    | \$ 25,897 | \$ 27,200 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$ 12,730 | \$ 13,998 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.17   | \$ 1.17   |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$ 148.94 | \$ 163.78 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |           | \$ 14.84  |

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) | \$ 860,425 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$ 0.00    |

## Obituaries

### Robert Lynn Davidson



**ROBERT DAVIDSON**  
Funeral services for Robert Lynn Davidson, 83, of Haskell were held Sat., Aug. 15 at First United Methodist

Church in Haskell with Rev. Tom Long officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Davidson passed away Tues., Aug. 11.

Born July 17, 1926 in Rochester, he was the son of the late Carl and Lois Davidson. He married Velma Grace Cornett in 1946. She preceded him in death in 2006. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Haskell. He had written four books in his life time.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; an infant son, Steven; and two brothers, Wayne and Darwin.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Davidson of Austin and 'Bob' Louis Davidson of Alaska; one grandson; two great grandchildren; one brother, Joe Davidson of New Mexico; three sisters, Mary Hollingsworth of Rochester, Effie Blair of Abilene and Verna Mae Tumlinson of Abilene; numerous nieces, nephews, friends and family.

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### Billie Jean Hollingsworth



**BILLIE HOLLINGSWORTH**  
Funeral services for Billie Jean Hollingsworth, 57, of Rochester were held Sun., Aug. 16 at Faith Chapel in

Rochester with Rev. Randy Hollingsworth officiating. Burial was in Rochester Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Hollingsworth passed away Wed., Aug. 12 in Fort Worth.

Born April 15, 1952 in Knox City, she was the daughter of O.C. and Oma Jean Hollingsworth. She attended school in Knox City and O'Brien. She spent the majority of her adult life raising her five sons. She loved to play bingo.

Survivors include her life partner of thirty years, Gregg Cleaver of Fort Worth; her parents, O.C. and Oma Jean Hollingsworth of Fort Worth; five sons, Bobby Joe Reynolds and wife Cassandra, Billy Jack Reynolds and wife JoAnn; Billy Joe Reynolds Jr. and wife Shirley and Bryon Reynolds, all of Fort Worth, and Branton Jeffery Reynolds and wife Dawn of Marion, Illinois; thirteen grandchildren; one great grandchild; sister, Jessie Pauline Green and partner Rudy Lerma; and many other relatives and friends.

PD. NOTICE

## Application completion center to be held in Haskell Aug. 19

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Program will be at the Haskell Modern Way grocery, to raise public awareness and to provide application assistance for several different state-funded social and health services such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, Women's Healthcare Program, CHIP, and TANF.

The Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Coordinator, Dianne Richardson, will be setting up Application Completion Centers Wed., Aug. 19, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The center will offer hassle-free sign-up which includes assistance in filling out the application, and delivering the completed application to the correct Health and Human Services Office.

The Wichita Falls Area Food Bank's Social Services Outreach Program does not determine an individual's eligibility. However, it does make sure the applicants have information on the assistance programs available to them, assures necessary paperwork is completed thoroughly and correctly, and turns the applications in to the correct office.



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# Committee to Help Haskell plans Celebrate Texas

The Committee to Help Haskell County met Aug. 4 to discuss the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, 501 (3) c status, designation of their Board of Directors and Officers.

Serving as members of the Board will be Susan Cockerell, David Davis, Connie Benton, Lynn Dodson and Susan Turner.

Officers are Susan Cockerell, chairman; Susan Turner, vice chairman; Lynn Dodson, secretary; and Connie Benton, treasurer.

The Committee is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes. The mission of this committee is "to promote, support and advance activities and events that contribute to the health, education and well-being of the citizens of Haskell County." A copy of said By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation are available upon request from Susan Cockerell at 864-2851.

The committee, through numerous fund-raisers, has established a \$500 academic award for a graduating senior of each of our three county high schools. The main goal for this next year is to begin an annual "Celebrate Texas" Festival, to be held next March, in honor of our history as Texans and Haskell County Citizens. The group is looking for anything pertinent to our vast ethnic backgrounds as Texans, to tell the story of our heritage and history.

Any and all civic organizations as well as

student clubs and classes are invited to be involved in this celebration. There will be an opportunity (with more information later) for high school students to enter a scholarship essay contest, as well as venues for fund-raising.

Events, such as a historic period photo booth, costume contest, reenactment groups, vendor booths, food booths, story telling/cowboy poetry entertainment and contests, fiddler's contest, strolling musicians, Sunday cowboy church service, flint knapping and Native American story telling, wagon/buggy rides, Crime-Stoppers Jail (put 'em in and pay to get 'em out), art contest and display, essay reading from high school contest, and who knows what more, could be included. Any and all ideas are appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to help. This is a major project for the benefit of our county, and one the committee hopes can continue annually to benefit Haskell County.

For information, contact Cockerell at 940-864-2853 or Dodson at 940-864-2038, or attend the next meeting in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Haskell County Courthouse. Contact Susan Cockerell for the date and time.

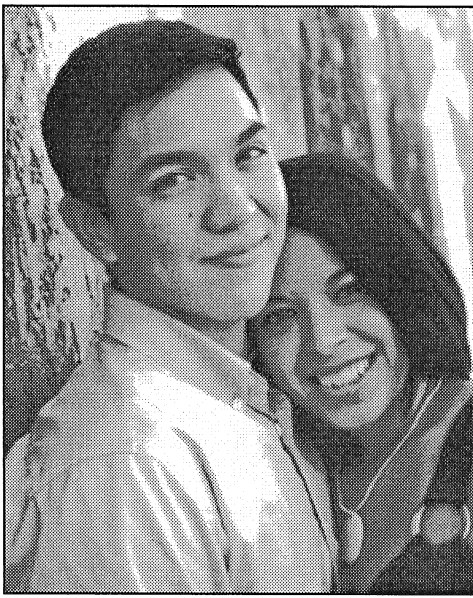
# 4-H Clubs to hold Back-to-School dance

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

The Haskell County 4-H program will hold the annual 4-H Dance Sat., Aug. 22 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the pavilion inside the Haskell County Fair Grounds in Haskell. All 4-H members in Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton counties are invited and may bring guests. Also, all public youth are invited to join in the fun, from ages of 8 and in the third grade up to 18. A 4-H dress code will be enforced.

No one will be allowed to re-enter the dance once they leave. The music will be by K-MAC of Rhineland. This will be the 4-H fund-raiser for this year. 4-H normally hosts the District 4-H Gold Star Banquet, but the District office has decided to do away with that for this year.

For more information about the fund-raiser and admission contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658. If



JEREMY JAY OCHOA - JACKLYN ILENE ESCOBEDO

# Escobedo, Ochoa to marry in Oct.

Irene Castillo and Jesse Nava and Jackie Escobedo of Haskell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jacklyn Ilene Escobedo, to Jeremy Jay Ochoa, son of Luis and Lupe Ochoa of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Haskell High School. She received her Master's Degree in Business Administration from Angelo State University in December 2007 and is a Certified Public Accountant with Armstrong, Backus, and Company in San Angelo.

Escobedo is the granddaughter of Chief Escobedo and the late Olga Escobedo of Haskell and David Castillo and the late Vera Castillo of Goree.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School in Big Spring. He is employed as a supervisor at Target in San Angelo.

Ochoa is the grandson of Concha and Eddie DeLeon and Kenna Ochoa, all of Big Spring.

An October wedding is planned.

you will be sitting at any time it is recommended to "BYOC" (Bring Your Own Chair). There will be no chairs available at the dance. This dance will be alcohol and drug free. Haskell County 4-H parents will be chaperoning. In case of bad weather, the dance will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date.

Before the 4-H Dance, the Haskell County 4-H Clubs will sponsor a hamburger meal and the 4-H Awards Program from 6:30 til 7:30 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$6.50 and that will include the dance. The meal will consist of a real grilled hamburger with all the trimmings, real french fries, homemade desserts and iced tea. In case of rain, the meal and awards will be moved to the Haskell National Bank Community Room.

Call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658. Wes Utley, Jane Rowan or Tammy Parham will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

E-mail your news and photos to The Haskell Free Press at [hfp@valornet.com](mailto:hfp@valornet.com)

# City of Rule names contest winners

The City of Rule held a 'Back-to-School Coloring Contest' recently. Winners include:

Karleigh Hertel, Pre-K; Alfonso Ramos and Jillian Herrera, Kindergarten.

Ryan Cooper, first grade; Jon Townsend and Jessica Ramos, second grade; Del Fritzier and Kourtney Hertel, third grade.

Pablo Sandoval and Giavonni Marin, fourth grade; and Able Sandoval and Alysia Hollabaugh, fifth grade.

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## Births

Robin and Kenneth Price of Haslett announce the birth of their daughter, KayCie Paige Price, born Wed., July 29 at 4:51 p.m. at RHD hospital in Dallas weighing 6.8 lbs. She was 19 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Mike and Julia Harrell of Haskell and Carol Price of Haslett.

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Shane Buchanan and Jenny Brzozowski are announcing the arrival of their daughter, Kennedy Elizabeth Buchanan, born Thurs., July 16 at 12:05 p.m., weighing 5 lbs. 12 oz. She was 18 1/4 inches long.

Welcoming Kennedy home are brothers Taylor, Rudy and Griffin and sister Lauren.

Grandparents are Joe and Jennabeth Kimbrough, and Glenn and Janis Brzozowski.

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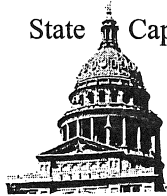
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### HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

**Agriculture chief says meal program won't stop if flu gains foothold**

AUSTIN—During the H1N1 "swine" flu outbreaks last spring, many Texas schools closed, leaving about half a million students without access to meals normally provided under the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

"There are thousands of children who depend on the meals served at school every day, and we want to make sure schools have the option of continuing this crucial service, while still protecting those students from any public health threat," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

In response to a letter from Staples to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, a change in federal policy now lets schools serve meals and receive federal reimbursement during a public health emergency.

Meals can be served as a "grab and go" option, or through delivery. Schools are asked to create a plan to distribute meals in a "non-congregate" setting to help minimize the spread of disease. Schools also should alert all families of meal service, in particular those families of students who are eligible for free and reduced meals.

#### State Rep seeks governor's help

State Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, on Aug. 13 wrote a letter to Gov. Rick Perry informing the chief executive that the state has been tardy in processing nearly one-third of the new applications for the federally funded nutritional assistance program within the required 30 days.

Turner pointed out that participation in the nutrition program qualifies needy Texans for utility and telephone bill discount programs.

Turner asked for the governor's help in getting the state Health and Human Services Commission and the Public Utility Commission to speed the certification.

#### DPS tries out rolling billboards

Come October, the Texas Department of Public Safety will be under-staffed. The DPS on Aug. 7 said about 250 more troopers are needed.

Looking to boost its recruiting efforts, the DPS is turning some of its vehicles into rolling billboards—a new twist in the genre of help-wanted advertisements.

The agency seeks applicants who are U.S. citizens at least 20 years of age and who have completed 90 hours of college credit or an associate's degree. Law enforcement or military experience may be used

toward fulfilling the college requirement.

#### Hutchison kicks off campaign

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, on Aug. 17 in her hometown of LaMarque, officially launched her campaign to challenge Gov. Perry to be the Republican nominee for governor.

#### Watson decides Senate is for him

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, announced he would not run for governor in 2010, despite an effort to draft him as a candidate.

#### DPS provides list of new laws

On Sept. 1, hundreds of new laws passed by the 81st Texas Legislature will take effect.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 11 released a select list of new criminal laws or changes to current criminal laws.

Here are samples of just a few of them:

- It will be illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

- Applicants under the age of 18 must take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license.

- Occupants of a vehicle must be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated.

- Children younger than 8 years of age must be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. [The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense.]

- The DPS may not issue a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas.

- The DPS may not suspend a concealed handgun permit if the holder fails to display the permit to a peace officer when told to do so.

- Internet usage by certain registered sex offenders is restricted, and registered sex offenders must provide information about their e-mail addresses when they register.

- A court may immediately seal juvenile criminal records if the juvenile successfully completes a drug court program, or another special program ordered by the court.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago August 26, 1999

The Haskell Rotary Club continues work on City park's new playground equipment.

Jerod Drew Harris, grandson of Lorene Harris, received an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Anton Yastrebov of Smolensk, Russia, visited the Ford Cole family. Gil Richardson and Jerry Don Hudgens were teachers, coaching Anton on the fine art of western horse riding.

The West Texas WolfPack Basketball team consisting of Kenneth Llewellyn, Jr., Kenneth Collins, Carl Riley, Steven Woodard and Will Covington attended the Western Nationals in Boulder, Colorado.

#### 20 Years Ago August 24, 1989

School board President Mike Guess, presented a plaque to Bill Baker in recognition of his service as interim superintendent of Haskell schools.

Holly Reed and Julie Nanny were the 1989-90 Haskell High School twirlers.

Thirty descendants of the late Clifford and Annie Thomas met at the Haskell Civic Center.

#### 30 Years Ago August 23, 1979

A storm in Sagerton

destroyed the blacksmith shop owned by Leo Monse, Sr. He closed the shop about a year prior and said he would clean the mess and sell the tools.

Eighty family members attended the Hawkins-Vaughn family reunion held at Lake Stamford.

Gayle Maxson, daughter of Gerry Spain, received a Master of Education degree in Reading from Texas Woman's University in Denton.

The Band Booster Club held a reception honoring the new band director, Tony McGowan.

#### 40 Years Ago August 28, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Acie W. Adkins celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Faye M. Jetton, administrator of Rice Springs Care Home, attended the Big Country Chapter of the Texas Nursing Home Association meeting held in Abilene.

Holly Williams visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Temple W. Williams.

The descendants of Dr. and Mrs. D.L. Cummins met for a family reunion in Salado.

M.L. Cook purchased the stock and equipment of Biggon's Mobil Service Station.

The Rainbow Sewing Club met in the home of Mrs. E.W. Johnson.

Mrs. W.H. McBroom

was the recipient of the Outstanding Young Homemaker Award.

#### 50 Years Ago August 20, 1959

Haskell gained two new residents, Eva L. Rogers and Ida Mae Barrow.

Four and one-half tracks of land east of the old Fairgrounds, and adjacent to the Wichita Valley railway tracks, was sold to Buster Shelton.

A surprise birthday party was given honoring Mrs. H.R. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Merchant and sons Gene and Paul returned from a 10-day visit to Yellowstone National Park.

#### 100 Years Ago August 21, 1909

J.U. Fields and Annice and May Fields have returned from the Exposition at Seattle, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith of Prosper visited their sons, Messrs. L.V. and H.M. Smith.

Burwell Cox fell from his tank tower but escaped serious injury.

Mrs. G.R. Couch and daughter Allene returned home from Christoval where they had been visiting for several weeks.

G.C. McCulloch and W.P. Ulmer of the northeast part of the county sold broom corn on the local market at \$80 a ton.

## From the AG

By Greg Abbott

#### Back-To-School

The start of a new school year is an exciting time! New teachers, classmates, books and supplies await a child on the first day of school. As Texas children head back to the classroom, it's a good time to remind parents of the importance of supporting their children both emotionally and financially.

It is common knowledge that children depend on their parents for basic needs like food, shelter, health care and back-to-school clothing. But, research shows that it's about more than just money for the necessities. The children of parents who pay their child support have fewer behavior problems, make better grades and stay in school longer than children who do not receive regular support.

Parents who pay child support are much more likely to take an active role in their

children's lives. Children with two involved and caring parents are more self-confident, more likely to exercise self-control and less likely to engage in risky behaviors that can lead to drug use and early pregnancy.

Thankfully, most parents pay their court-ordered child support every month. For parents who need extra encouragement, it is our hope that the new school year brings renewed commitment to do the right thing: pay their child support. All children deserve the security that comes with parents who care enough to make regular child support payments.

Parents who need child support services can contact the Child Support Division of the Attorney General's Office for assistance. The Child Support Division will help:

- Establish paternity;

- Locate a noncustodial parent;

- Establish and enforce child support and medical support orders;

- Review and adjust child support payments; and

- Collect and distribute child support payments.

The Attorney General's Office accepts applications from mothers, fathers and other individuals who need child support services. Customers can apply for services by calling the 24-hour voice response system at 800-252-8014 or by visiting Child Support Interactive on the main Attorney General Web site at [www.texasattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov). Parents who receive financial assistance through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission automatically receive child support services.

For the state fiscal year that ended Aug. 31, 2008, the Child Support Division collected more than \$2.6 billion in child support. The Office of the Attorney General is committed to Texas children, and we will work with parents to collect the support kids need to lead healthy and productive lives.

## Lemon Law offers relief

Consumers purchasing or leasing defective new vehicles received \$7.6 million in relief through the Texas Lemon Law in 2008 and more than \$101.6 million in relief since 1993.

The 2008 Lemon Law report, released by the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), lists number of complaints filed, defects reported and complaint disposition. Since consumers usually have owned a motor vehicle at least one year prior to filing a Lemon Law complaint, the downturn in new motor vehicle sales in Texas, which many agree started in mid to late 2008, did not significantly impact the 2008 report.

Of the 629 complaints closed last year, 57.7 percent of consumers received some form of relief for defective vehicles—29.6 percent had their vehicles repurchased, replaced or traded by the manufacturer and an additional 28.1 percent received repairs, extended service contracts or other remedies. Consumers complained most frequently about engine performance and emissions, or the electrical system.

The numbers indicate the Lemon Law continues to do what it is intended to do—help consumers with defective vehicles get relief, said Brett Bray, director of TxDOT's Motor Vehicle Division.

Under the Lemon Law, TxDOT's Motor Vehicle Division can order a vehicle replaced, repurchased or repaired by the manufacturer. Some manufacturers choose to settle complaints rather than contesting them at a formal hearing. The report shows Chrysler LLC and General Motors Corporation continued a trend of resolving more complaints prior to hearing.

The Texas Lemon Law covers new or leased vehicles, including cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles, motor homes and towable recreational vehicles. The Lemon Law Rules require that a manufacturer, distributor, or converter re-title a reacquired vehicle. The re-titling requirement facilitates enforcement of disclosure requirements and hinders what is known as lemon laundering or title washing. In the near future, the title will include a notice sufficient to inform a prospective purchaser that the vehicle was reacquired by the manufacturer under the Lemon Law.

State law also requires manufacturers to issue a disclosure statement and hang the disclosure label from the view mirror and in the event that the vehicle does not have a rear view mirror the disclosure label must be affixed in a conspicuous location on vehicles ordered repurchased, replaced or reacquired to settle a Lemon Law complaint. The disclosure requirements are also mandatory for vehicles reacquired under another states Lemon Law and transferred to Texas for resale.

To obtain a copy of the 2008 Lemon Law Report or a consumer handbook on the Texas Lemon Law contact TxDOT's Motor Vehicle Division at 512-416-4800, 1-800-622-8682 or go to [http://www.txdot.gov/txdot\\_library/publications/lemon\\_law.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/txdot_library/publications/lemon_law.htm).

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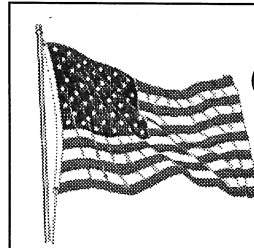
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School's back in session and in the excitement of the new school year, many school-age children, especially the young ones, may forget to look both ways when crossing the street or exiting the school bus.

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**Who Qualifies?** You are eligible for Lifeline Service and Link-Up Program if your annual household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines, or in your household resides a person who receives or has a child who receives benefits from at least one of the following programs:

Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Health benefits coverage under the state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), An eligible customer residing in tribal lands, Children under 17 years of age with no health insurance, Other eligible programs may apply.

Information about customers who qualify for Lifeline Service or Link-Up Program may be shared between state agencies and Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative Inc. Lifeline customers can also subscribe to optional services at the same rate offered to other customers.

**What Universal Services are available to all customers?** Universal services are offered to all customers of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative. Universal Services available include the following services: Voice grade access to the public switched network, Local usage, Dual tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, Single-party service or its functional equivalent, Access to emergency services, Access to operator services, Access to interexchange services, Access to directory assistance and annual local directory, Telecommunications relay service, Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers, Local Calling for Residential Service is \$6.39-\$8.25 and Business Service is \$12.65-\$18.95, Ability to report service problems seven days a week.

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**How do Telephone Customers and Applicants for Telephone Service Apply for Lifeline and Link-Up Program?** Please call the LIDA at 1 866-454-8387 (1-866-4-LITE-UP) if you wish to apply for or have any questions regarding the Lifeline Service and Link-Up Program. LIDA provides self-enrollment forms by direct mail upon customer request.

**How to Apply for Telephone Service?** If you do not have telephone service and wish to obtain telephone service or if you have telephone service and you move and you qualify for the Link-Up Program and you are in the Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative serving areas please call our business office number 1 888-886-2217 for services and rates and we will be glad to assist you.

The Texas Education Agency has joined with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service to encourage students, teachers and parents to "Walk Across Texas."

Though people will not be actually trekking from Texarkana to El Paso or from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande Valley, officials at the two state agencies say students, parents and teachers might try to go the 830-mile distance right at home.

Walk Across Texas was created by AgriLife Extension as a fun way to increase physical activity, offering education as well as support and encouragement in a team structure, according to Dr. Carol Rice, AgriLife Extension health specialist. Rice said that the 14-year-old Walk Across Texas initiative is a well-established program readily available to help school districts meet the legislative requirement for physical activities.

Under Texas Senate Bill 891, all public school students below the sixth grade are now required to participate in moderate or vigorous physical activity for at least 30 minutes daily throughout the school year. This daily activity may be part of a district's physical education curriculum or part of a structured activity during recess, according to the education agency.

One possible way to meet that law is for teachers to team up with AgriLife Extension agents—there is one for every county—to start the walking program. AgriLife Extension leaders said a good time to start Walk Across Texas may be Sept. 14-18 during the state's Obesity Awareness Week.

"We created the program to encourage a habit of physical fitness," Rice

added. Curriculum is available on the Web site, <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu>. It is designed to meet Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills requirements, according to Dr. Susan Ballabina, AgriLife Extension regional program director in Dallas, where the program has been popular for years.

She pointed to a recent study by the Cooper Institute of Dallas which found that the more physically fit students are more likely to do well on standardized tests, attend school regularly and have fewer disciplinary referrals.

Though the activity requirement is only for school kids, AgriLife Extension leaders said another benefit is that the program encourages teachers, the entire school district workforce and parent volunteers to participate.

Within one school, for instance, teams could form for parents and teachers of different grade levels, or perhaps the cafeteria workers and office staff could try to track more walking than the other.

"This program enables each school or district to design a fun effort over eight weeks so that healthy walking may become a habit," Ballabina added.

To find out how to begin the program, go to the Web site, <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu> where you will find the quick link to teachers, grade-level appropriate curricula, various activities and informational materials.

Information and assistance is available from AgriLife Extension's network of county agents, found at <http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu>.

## Calendar

### 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.

### 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 [rhansoncmc@srcaccess.net](mailto:rhansoncmc@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](mailto:baylessgrant@gmail.com) or call 940-864-2176.

### Benefit concert

A concert to benefit the Old Glory and Sagerton Volunteer Fire Departments will be held Mon., Sept. 7 beginning at 4 p.m. at River Front Properties, 2 miles north of Sagerton. Tickets are a \$10 donation. More information is available at [www.RiverFrontPropertiesTX.com](http://www.RiverFrontPropertiesTX.com).

### 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 Assembly 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.

### Pancake supper

The Haskell Lions Club annual all you can eat pancake supper will be held Fri., Sept. 25, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. prior to the Haskell-Quannah football game. Tickets are \$6 each and may be purchased from any Lions Club member. To request more information go to [haskellionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:haskellionsclub@yahoo.com), <http://haskellions.blogspot.com> or call 940-864-3957.

### Praise worship

The Goree First Baptist Church will host a praise and worship night Sat., Aug. 22 beginning at 7 p.m. The live praise music will be in support of students and faculty heading back to school.

## Crime of the Week

On Aug. 2, the MHMR building at 1301 North 1st St. in Haskell was burglarized. Medications and a flat screen television were taken. This is the second time the building has been burglarized in the last couple of months.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Haskell Police Dept. and the Haskell Co. Sheriff's Office, is offering a reward for information about this crime. Anyone with

information is urged to call the tip line at 800-222-TIPS or text [CFCS@CRIMES](mailto:CFCS@CRIMES).

As always, we want your information, not your name so all callers remain anonymous.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers offers rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of persons committing crimes in Jones, Haskell, Kent, Stonewall, Fisher and Shackelford counties.

## Back the Indians!

### TAX PLANNING

Written By  
 Rick Rodgers, CPA



### BIGGER DEPRECIATION DEDUCTIONS RESTORED FOR 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 restored faster depreciation deductions for those business owners buying qualified business equipment in 2009. Additional depreciation deductions equate to a lower tax bill in 2009—saving cash that would otherwise be lost to taxes.

The purchase of new equipment in 2009 will allow for an additional depreciation deduction of 50% of the cost of qualified property. That allows the business owner to rapidly claim the depreciation deduction on half of the cost of the equipment, while deducting the balance of the cost over the remaining depreciable life.

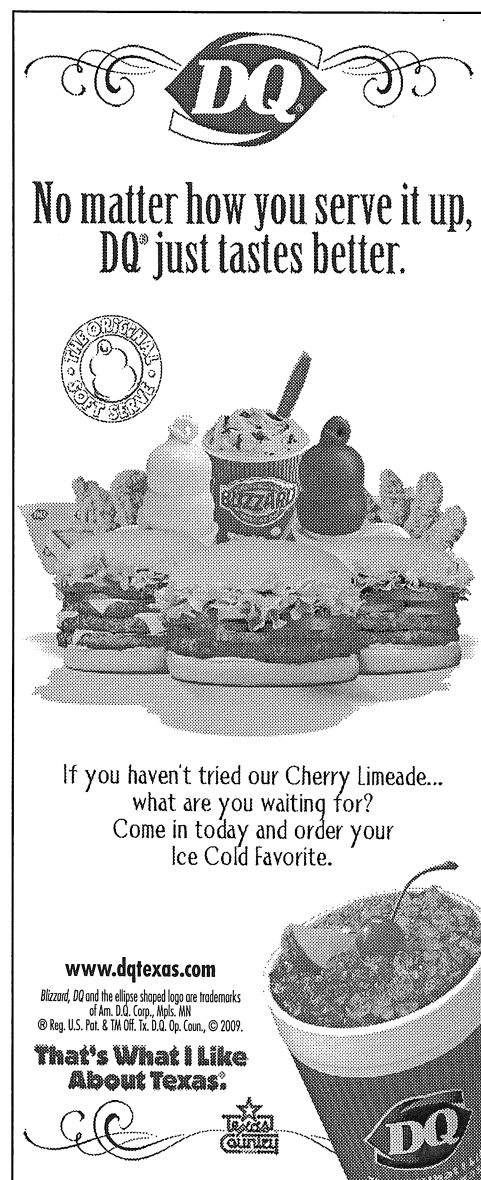
But if you want really fast depreciation, make sure to consider the higher expensing limits reinstated by the 2009 law. Companies can expense up to \$250,000 in one year as long as total equipment purchases don't exceed \$800,000. Any excess over the \$800,000 limitation drops the amount of the eligible expensing on a dollar for dollar basis.

Essentially, if the business buys more than \$1,050,000 in equipment, the expensing option is completely phased out. However, the 50% bonus depreciation remains in play for qualifying equipment. And not only that, you can combine the expensing election and the 50% bonus depreciation on assets that qualify. While the 50% bonus depreciation is good only for new property, the expensing election is available for both new and used equipment.

Remember that these larger depreciation amounts are temporary in nature. For now, they generally apply to equipment purchased and placed into service in 2009 only, and will drop back to significantly lower levels in 2010.

Could this tax relief be extended again? It's possible, but you may want to take advantage of the combined tax breaks while you definitely can. This just might be your final opportunity. For complete details, give our office a call.

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## New hunting licenses on sale

Texas hunting and fishing licenses for 2009-10 went on sale Sat., Aug. 15. Sportsmen are reminded all current Texas annual hunting and fishing licenses (except for the year-to-date fishing license) expire Aug. 31.

Most fees for recreational hunting and fishing licenses have increased by five percent; resident hunting licenses now cost \$25, while the Super Combo all-inclusive license costs \$68. There is no increase in price for any of the required stamp endorsements or the \$48 Annual Public Hunting permit.

Non-resident hunting licenses increase by \$15 from \$300 to \$315, which also reflects a five percent hike.

The resident freshwater fishing package costs \$30 and the saltwater fishing package is \$35.

Effective Sept. 1, the resident lifetime fishing and hunting licenses will increase to \$1,000 and the lifetime combination license increases to \$1,800.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issues 2.1 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 65 state parks and at over 1,500 retailers across Texas.

Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD Web site or by phone (800-895-4248). Call center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The online transaction system is available 24/7. A \$5 convenience fee will be charged for online and phone orders.

A license confirmation number is issued at the time of purchase for online and phone orders, and the physical license is mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased, which is sufficient for dove hunting, but will not allow hunters to take fish or wildlife that requires a tag.

In addition to a hunting license, all wing shooters will need to purchase a game bird stamp. To hunt doves or teal in September, a Migratory Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required. Duck hunters also need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp and receive HIP (Harvest Information Program) certification. HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of sale only after the purchaser answers a few brief migratory bird

questions. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified and purchase the Federal Duck Stamp to hunt migratory birds. All other state stamp endorsements are included with a lifetime license.

New this year, purchase of the Federal Duck Stamp will cost \$15-\$17 depending on where you buy. If purchased through the TPWD license system there is a \$2 administrative fee. Your license will indicate Federal Duck Stamp purchase and the physical stamp will be mailed. There are other options for purchasing the stamp, either at some major post offices or online.

"Remember, it's your responsibility to make sure you are properly licensed, so be sure to check your license before you leave the sales counter," said Tom Newton with TPWD's license program. "We do get a fair number of requests for re-issuance of licenses because the hunter forgot to get HIP certified."

There are other mandatory endorsements to consider at the time of purchase, too. An Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant, chachalaca and lesser prairie chicken.

Of course, anyone who purchases the Super Combo license package, the best bang for the buck, automatically gets these needed stamps.

Also new this year, sandhill crane permits may be obtained in person at no cost only through TPWD Law Enforcement offices and TPWD headquarters in Austin. Permits are also

available anytime online through TPWD's online license sales and by calling 800-792-1112 (option 5, menu 2) or 512-389-4820 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For online and phone orders, a confirmation number will be issued in lieu of a permit and a \$5 transaction fee will be charged.

Hunter Education Certification is also required of any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 and who is at least 17 years old. For hunters who are unable to work in a hunter education class before hunting season for whatever reason, TPWD does offer a deferral option.

The deferral option allows people 17 years of age or older a one-time only extension to complete the state's hunter education requirements. The individual must first purchase a hunting license and then may purchase the deferral option.

Hunters using the deferral must be accompanied by someone 17 years old or older who is also licensed to hunt in Texas. The accompanying individual must have completed hunter education or be exempt from the requirements (born before Sept. 2, 1971). The extension is good for one license year, by which time the person with the deferred option needs to complete a hunter education course.

This option is not available to those who have ever received a conviction or deferred adjudication for lack of hunter education certification. They still must take the course before going afield.

## Keep your cool with planning and hydration

As temperatures soar, people need to remember to stay cool and hydrated if they are going to be outside. Physicians report seeing more weekend warriors being treated in the emergency room for heat-related illnesses.

"In the past, the typical people who used to get in trouble were the ones who couldn't fend for themselves—the very young and the very old," says Dr. Paul Pepe, chairman of emergency medicine at

UT Southwestern Medical Center. "Now, young men and women who work in super-cool office environments during the week and then spend the weekends playing outdoors are getting into trouble because their bodies haven't had a chance to adapt to the hot weather."

If you're going to be outdoors during summer's triple-digit days, Dr. Pepe offers these tips to stay safe:

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting and light-colored clothing.

- Try to exercise early in the morning or later in the evening.

- Stay in a well-ventilated area, even if you're working indoors.

- Water, water, water. Too much sugar and caffeine is not good, especially if you're outdoors.

- Avoid alcohol—a cool beer or mixed drink might sound good but it only dehydrates you more and impairs your ability to know that you're getting into trouble.

- Use a buddy system so that you can keep an eye on each other.

## 4-H lamb, goat tags to be ordered

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

Time is upon us to order Lamb/Goat Validation Ear Tags. If joining FFA or 4-H and planning to show a lamb or goat as an animal project, that lamb or goat must have a Texas Validation Ear Tag.

The Haskell County Extension Office will be taking orders for the validation ear tags, until

Aug. 31. The Texas Lamb/Goat Validation Tags will be received in October and then there will be a date set in October for validating.

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# Rule Booster Club elects officers

Rule Booster Club members met Aug. 10 to elect officers and plan events to kick off the school year. This year, paying Booster Club dues will entitle members to a free bumper sticker, their name on the back of all football programs

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and e-mail information about school events. Contact the club for details. A new Bobcat t-shirt will be for sale by the first week of school.

Meet the Bobcats for junior high and high school football players and cheerleaders followed the Aug. 15 scrimmage against Abilene Christian High School. Parents and Booster Club members provided

ice cream and cookies and students were introduced to the audience. The 2009-10 officers are Jill Brown, president; Elaine Mathis, vice president; Julie Petty, secretary; Brenda Turner, treasurer; Renee Dudensing, reporter and Scott Burgess, officer in charge of media and propane bottles.

Rule Booster Club membership sign up tables

will be available at home football games or contact one of the officers for more information. The next meeting will be Mon., Aug. 31, in the Rule Library.

## Paint Creek School Menu

**Aug. 24-28 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily.  
**Monday:** Cereal or toast  
**Tuesday:** Pancakes  
**Wednesday:** Biscuits, gravy  
**Thursday:** Waffles  
**Friday:** Donuts  
**Lunch**  
Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, bread, fruit  
**Tuesday:** Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, cake  
**Wednesday:** Tacos, corn, salad, jello  
**Thursday:** Chili dogs, fries, fruit  
**Friday:** Sandwiches, cheese, salad, chips, rice krispies

## Haskell School Menu

**Aug. 24-28 Breakfast**  
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Smucker's PB&J  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast on a stick  
**Wednesday:** Honey Nut Cheerios, Cheez-It crackers  
**Thursday:** Cheese omelet, toast  
**Friday:** Pig in a blanket  
**Lunch**  
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato  
with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.  
**Monday:** Chalupas with salsa, garden salad, corn, cherry shape-ups  
**Tuesday:** Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, watermelon  
**Wednesday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, assorted chips, orange slices  
**Thursday:** Beefy nachos, salsa, garden salad, pinto beans, cantaloupe  
**Friday:** Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, ice cream

## ECC Menu

**Mon., Aug. 24**  
Lunch—Beef-a-roni, cream potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, strawberry cake, tea or coffee  
**Wed., Aug. 26**  
Lunch—Frito pie and trimmings, pinto beans, onions, pickles, jello, choco  
chip, tea or coffee  
**Fri., Aug. 28**  
Lunch—Ham slice, new potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, banana pudding, tea or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

**The Haskell County Appraisal District** is in the process of changing over to a new computer system for appraisal and collection. This process will require two weeks (10 days) of training for the employees at the Appraisal District. In order to receive full benefit of this training, the Appraisal District office will need to be closed for four (4) of the ten (10) days of training.

**The days to be CLOSED are:**  
**August 24, 2009**  
**August 27, 2009**  
**September 2, 2009 and**  
**September 4, 2009**

## This Week's Devotional Message:



### Faith declares the best 'homework' done by the parents

As every parent and child knows by this time, the new school year is just around the corner. The preparations are underway: the new clothes, the health check-ups, etc., and a refresher course in discipline and respect for authority; plus the appropriate safety reminders. It is also time to enroll in the Sunday school, where the lessons combine with the daily 3 R's to provide a truly well-rounded education. However, religious training is

of little avail if the parents fail to do their own 'homework.' This means maintaining a home atmosphere and a lifestyle that will reflect the teachings in the Sunday school. If the children are to develop good, honest attitudes and living habits, the parents must set the example and uphold it at all times. The schools can do only so much; in the final analysis, the best training for life must begin and end in the home.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- HASKELL—
- East Side Baptist Church**  
Ronnie Gibson, pastor  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; 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 Renegarbe, 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**  
Phillip 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.  
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- 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.  
O'Brien

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Paint Creek ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact Donald Ballard at Paint Creek ISD, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas 79521, phone 940-864-2471. 34-35c

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Paint Creek ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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### Lost and Found

FOUND: Black dog with green collar. Near Loop Road. 864-3882. 34c

### Public Notices

NOTICE  
 Paint Creek ISD today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. The central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

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

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the secretary's office at the school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application

will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

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

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must check the box on the application indicating no social security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, Sarah McCord will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Don Ballard Superintendent, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas, 940-864-2471.

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

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**WOOD REUNION**—Descendents of the Josie and Henry Wood family met in Haskell for a reunion July 4th. Joan Dulaney of Haskell is the only surviving child of the six children born to the couple. Family members attended from Missouri, Minneapolis and Albuquerque.

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## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular session Aug. 10 with all members present.

Motions to approve the minutes, bills and County Treasurer's report were approved.

Marta Pugura, Program Director from Air Evac met with the Court to explain their program. No action was taken.

David Blacklock, representative of Verizon, met with the Court to discuss a contract for County cell phones. No action was taken.

A motion to not take part in the life insurance for County employees passed.

A motion not to take part

in the discount prescription card program for County employees passed.

A motion to replace the chair in the District Courtroom passed.

The item to set Sheriff's and Constable's fees was tabled.

Robbie Peiser was appointed to the Ambulance Board to fulfill the term of Wilton Weise.

Don Brothers was appointed as a member of the Board of Rolling Plains Underground Water District.

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 The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special meeting Aug. 10 with all members present.

A motion to place a proposal to adopt the tax rate at the roll back rate on the agenda Sept. 3 and to hold public hearings on the budget Sept. 21 and Sept. 28 in the Commissioners' Courtroom at 12 noon and to vote to approve the budget and set the tax rate on Sept. 3 was approved.

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 The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting Aug. 10 with all members present.

A motion to combine the polling places for Haskell County to Boxes 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the November election only was approved.



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### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Weinert will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.41 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Weinert School Bldg.

The second public hearing will be held on September 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Weinert School Bldg.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Stanley Hager, Angela Kirklin, Jeremy Hager, Randy Waggoner, Caron Yates  
 AGAINST: None  
 PRESENT and not voting: None  
 ABSENT: None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Weinert last year was \$26,685 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.4978 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$132.84 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Weinert this year is \$26,258 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.4926 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$129.35 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.5320 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$139.69 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

### Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2009 on September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Water Authority offices at 135 North Munday Ave., Munday, Texas 76371. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Joe Clonts, Leon Burkham, Ray Lynn Hardin, M.M. Booe, Lyndel Lambeth, John Gannaway  
 AGAINST the proposal: None  
 PRESENT and not voting: None  
 ABSENT: Joey Thomas

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

|  | Last Year               | This Year                |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)  | 0.1800/\$100<br>Adopted | 0.1800/\$100<br>Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value   |                         | \$0.0/\$100              |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)  |                         | 0.0%                     |
| Average appraised value  | \$31,925                | \$34,255                 |
| General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)                | \$0.0                   | \$0.0                    |
| Average taxable value  | \$31,925                | \$34,255                 |
| Tax on average residence homestead   | \$57.46                 | \$61.66                  |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-) |                         | \$4.20<br>6.81%          |

**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.