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Haskell vs. Knox City  
Fri., Aug. 24  
at Knox City (Scrimmage)  
JV starts at 5 p.m.  
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Paint Creek vs. Bryson  
Thurs., Aug. 23, 6 p.m.  
at Paint Creek (Scrimmage)

**Calendar**

**Exemplary party**

Haskell CISD will host a party Sat., Aug. 25 at the City Park. All students and parents are invited. Students may swim free from 5 to 7 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served from 6 to 8 p.m. This is the district's way of thanking students and parents for all their hard work in helping the district reach their goal of an exemplary rating.

**Early deadlines**

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

**Old Glory musical**

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Aug. 25 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. No admission is charged. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

**Play Night set**

Haskell Horse Club will sponsor a point playnight Sat., Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. Events will include barrels, flags and poles. Age groups are 8 & under novice, 8 & under regular, 9 through 12, 13 through 15, and 16 through 19.

**Sophomore parents**

Parents of Haskell High School Sophomore students will meet Tues., Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Events and dates for the upcoming year will be discussed.

**Rule Jubilee**

The Rule Chamber of Commerce has announced that the Rule Jubilee will be held Sat., Sept. 22 at the Rule City Park. Contact Maxine Hertenberger for information on the flea market and the parade; Jill Brown for the road race for all ages; and Kenny Tanner for booth information.

**Rule Booster Club**

The Rule Booster Club will meet Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Rule School Library. New officers will be elected. After the scrimmage Aug. 31 against Woodson, Bobcats and new teachers will be introduced. Refreshments will be served.

**Football tickets**

Reserved seat tickets for the Haskell Indians will be on sale Aug. 27 through Sept. 4. Cost is \$25 for five home games. Tickets may be picked up at the high school office. Tickets not picked up by Sept. 4 will go on sale to the general public Sept. 5.

**Haskell school pictures**

Haskell school pictures for grades 7-11 will be taken Tues., Aug. 28 in the auditorium. Senior pictures will be taken Sat., Sept. 1 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. For information call Pam Thigpen 864-2231.

**Meet the athletes**

The Booster Club and Coach Brad Brunson invites everyone to come "Meet the Athletes" Mon., Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. at the southeast side of the courthouse. The Booster Club will host an ice cream supper for all athletes in Haskell High School and Junior High.

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## Haskell CISD receives exemplary rating



ICE CREAM FOR TEACHERS—Confetti, balloons, streamers and poppers set the gala scene as members of Haskell CISD School Board dished up dessert and entertained all Haskell teachers

and school personnel with a congratulatory ice cream and lemonade party last week in honor of the District and local campuses achieving exemplary academic status.

Congratulations to Haskell CISD, which after coming close for several years, has this year achieved exemplary academic status.

According to rankings released by the Texas Education Agency last week, not only did Haskell CISD achieve exemplary status, but also, Haskell Elementary and Haskell High School campuses received exemplary ratings.

Schools state-wide are ranked according to student performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS). TAAS is given to students in grades 3-8 and 10. To gain exemplary rating, 90% of all students and 90% of all student groups must pass TAAS.

Of the 1041 Districts in the state only 178 were rated exemplary.

For Haskell CISD, 95.9% of students passed reading, 97.1% passed math and 94.4% passed writing. For the Haskell High School campus, 95.8% passed reading, 95.8% passed math and 94.5% passed writing. For the Haskell Elementary campus 96.0% passed reading, 98.1% passed math and 94.3% passed writing.

According to Haskell CISD superintendent Billie McKeever, attainment of this goal is a reflection of hard work by students, parents and teachers. "We are pleased to receive this ranking and will work together to maintain it," she said.

## Auto arsons raise alarm in community

By Mary Kaigler

Within two days in one Haskell neighborhood, two cases of criminal arson have demolished one automobile, caused extensive interior damage to another, and raised alarm in the community.

Wed., Aug. 15, at 3:38 a.m. a Chevrolet van belonging to Robert Meinzer was burned while parked in the driveway at 1003 North Ave. K. Several neighbors heard and saw the

fire and called 911. The local fire department responded to the call; however, the vehicle was completely totaled.

Thurs., Aug. 16, at 10:32 p.m., a Chevrolet Tahoe belonging to Ricky Martin was burned while parked under the carport at 911 North Ave. K. Martin walking outside and noticing the fire, helped the fire department to contain the blaze to the interior, which

sustained heavy damage.

In an interview Monday, Haskell Police Chief Tom Bassett, said all leads are being followed up in the investigation. He said the Haskell Fire Department's quick response and cooperation has been helpful to the case. State Fire Marshal, Don Turk has been contacted and is assisting in gathering evidence on the arsons, as well as is retired Abilene Police Department forensic specialist, Glenn Lawrence. The

Texas Rangers office has been contacted and will assist with an investigation when necessary.

Chief Bassett said several burglaries of cars occurred in that area earlier in the summer. On June 15 a juvenile was arrested for five car burglaries done in the city. This did not clear all the cases, and the person involved was from an area on the south side of town. Prior to the auto burnings, there was one confirmed window peeper in the arson vicinity. This has not been confirmed as being connected with the arsons, however.

Many neighbors in the vicinity have been interviewed and contacted about leads, and have been given additional crime prevention tips. Bassett said all leads are being followed up, and both the police department and the neighborhood are taking extra measures and efforts to stop these criminal behaviors. He urged anyone suspecting criminal behavior anywhere in the community to quickly contact the police department. Stressing again the need to keep house and vehicle doors locked, brush and shrubs (possible hiding places) cleared away from doors and windows, Bassett said good lighting,

including motion-sensor lights, a dog barking, or watchful neighbors can be helpful deterrents.

Citing the fact that there is a growing local interest in establishing neighborhood crime watches, Chief Bassett said that the police will be glad to assist in getting that movement established and developed in the area. He said that once such a program is set up it would need only to consist of informal meetings of concerned neighborhood people and law enforcement representatives to network together to discuss problems, learn awareness techniques, and set up an information-alert chain of communication. With one person selected to be a liaison between the two groups, they could discuss any needs, brainstorm ideas and communicate information to the community, based on facts and not rumors.

Bassett said a neighborhood watch does not necessitate having citizen vigilantes out on patrol, or a citizen walking around all night with a flashlight. It doesn't mean giving one person in the group a set of keys to everyone's house. "But, if each person would just simply give one trusted neighbor a key, to use in case of any kind of emergency, such as an accident, fire or health problem, it would be helpful, especially to older people." He added that with "the very nature of the small-town atmosphere of Haskell, where nearly everybody knows their neighbors and who their grandparents were, we already have a good beginning for neighborhood watch. Building on this with an organized group will help."

Pointing to local law enforcement's successful summer of making drug arrests and seizures in the city and county, Chief Bassett said much of that success was due to information received from the community, and that with the community's continued help, these types of problems can be cleared up.

## County, City sales tax receipts for August show small decline

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander recently allocated \$292.1 million in sales tax revenue to 1,110 Texas cities and 119 counties. August sales tax rebates are up 6 percent compared to August 2000. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 5.5 percent ahead of 2000.

The sales tax rebates Comptroller Rylander delivered include \$270.2 million to Texas cities, up 5.9 percent compared to August 2000. Texas counties received August rebates of \$21.9 million, up 6.3 percent compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, \$95.6 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems and \$9.6 million was paid to 59 special purpose districts.

August sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in April, May

and June and reported to the Comptroller in July.

Haskell County had a 7.53 percent decrease for August, 2001 of \$39,268.73 in comparison to \$42,470.97 for August, 2000. 2001 payments to date of \$241,639.47 reflect a 8.47 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of \$222,762.14.

The City of Haskell had a 8.24 percent decrease for August, 2001 of \$35,031.42 in comparison to \$38,180.74 for August, 2000. 2001 payments to date of \$223,713.64 reflect a 9.12 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of \$204,999.99.

O'Brien had a 12.62 percent increase for August, 2001 of \$220.14 in comparison to \$195.46 for August, 2000. 2001 payments to date of \$860.17 reflect a 9.64 percent increase

over 2000 payments to date of \$784.52.

Rochester had a 13.47 percent increase for August, 2001 of \$1,016.23 in comparison to \$895.52 for August, 2000. 2001 payments to date of \$4,646.99 reflect a 6.20 percent decrease over 2000 payments to date of \$4,954.15.

Rule had a 1.41 percent increase for August, 2001 of \$2,555.80 in comparison to \$2,520.11 for August, 2000. 2001 payments to date of \$10,768.97 reflect a 6.29 percent increase over 2000 payments to date of \$10,130.84.

Weinert had a 34.45 percent decrease for August, 2001 of \$445.14 in comparison to \$679.14 for August, 2000. 2001 payments to date of \$1,649.70 reflect a 12.83 percent decrease over 2000 payments to date of \$1,892.64.

## Commissioners renew MHMR contract

During a meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court, Aug. 13, the county's contract with the Helen Farabee Regional Mental Health and Mental Rehabilitation was renewed.

County employee Amy Stewart was taken off probationary salary status and put on regular salary status.

Reconvened for an afternoon session, the court discussed the new fiscal budget with elected county officials.

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## Vera classes to meet August 31

"Back to the Fifties" sponsored by the Vera Classes of 1956-61, will be held at the Vera Community Center (15 miles west of Seymour on US 82), Fri., Aug. 31. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., it is planned as a night of fun and remembering.

The step back in time, open free to all, will begin with hotdogs, pizza, soda pops, popcorn and visiting. The program will begin at 8:00. Everyone is invited to wear their fifties clothes. The grand finale will be special guest, Michael Merrill, who will perform tunes from the '20s to 2001, and a special 'tan Elvis act.'

### GAS UTILITIES DOCKET NO. 9180 PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, dated November 25, 1997, TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission was ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas to file for a reconciliation proceeding to demonstrate that its gas costs were reasonable and necessary for the period of November 1, 1997, through October 31, 2000, and to show that it has complied with certain limitations on its gas purchasing practices. On July 16, 2001, TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission, an operating unit of TXU Gas Distribution, a division of TXU Gas Company ("Company") in order to comply with requirements set forth in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664, filed the required reconciliation.

Persons with questions or who want more information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission, at (214) 812-2223. A copy of TXU Gas Distribution-Transmission's filing is available for inspection during normal business hours, at the Company's business office located at 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons who wish to intervene in this proceeding should contact the Railroad Commission of Texas, Office of General Counsel, Docket Services, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is September 14, 2001.

## Tips for applying to college online

As more and more admissions departments are allowing - even encouraging - students to fill out online applications, applying to college can seem almost as easy as sending an e-mail.

You can go straight to a college's Web site to apply, rather than waiting for a form to arrive in the mail. You don't have to worry about your messy handwriting or inability to use a typewriter. And neatness is no longer a concern - you can't accidentally spill a cup of coffee on an online application.

Still, there are some pitfalls to watch out for, warns Ted O'Neill, Dean of College Admissions at the University of Chicago and a nationally known admissions expert.

"Electronic communications is characterized by both speed and informality," says O'Neill. "It seems very ephemeral, but a college application is not an ephemeral document. Thinking of that way can hurt your chances of admission."

Before you hit the "send" button, O'Neill says, here are some key points to consider:

- Do take the application essay seriously. You will probably need to write several drafts before your essay is ready to submit. Remember, it's not an e-mail, so don't be tempted to use sentence fragments or colloquial language.

- Do proofread your work carefully. Even minor proofreading errors make a poor impression on admissions officers. Since it can be difficult to spot errors on-screen, print your completed application and proofread the hard copy.

- Don't limit your communication to electronic media. If you need to

ask questions or discuss special problems, feel free to contact the admissions office by phone or letter.

- Don't submit the same application to a number of different colleges. "You wouldn't do that if you were looking for a job," says O'Neill. "Just as every company is different, every college is different. When students apply to the University of Chicago, we want to know they're writing to us."

- Don't wait until the very last day to submit your application. Online communication may be instant - but not if your computer crashes or the

server is down.

- Don't worry about whether your application was received. Many colleges will issue you a password so you can check the status of your application online.

- Don't rely entirely on the Web for information - choosing the right college is much too important. Be sure to request a college brochure (known as a "viewbook"), which will include more information than the college's Web site. Even better, visit the colleges that interest you, says O'Neill: "A virtual tour is no substitute for a real tour."

## Children should eat five servings of vegetables and fruits a day for better health

Children today are faced with a wide array of food choices - many of which are not very nutritious.

In fact, according to research in the *Archives of Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine*, only one in five children eat the USDA-recommended five or more servings of fruits and vegetables each day.

"It's important for parents to start teaching their kids good eating habits early on," said Elizabeth Pivonka, a

registered dietitian and president of the Produce for Better Health Foundation. "Researchers are finding that children who eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables every day are helping themselves toward a healthier future. Fruits and vegetables give kids vitamins, minerals and other nutrients that help protect them against disease and help maintain a healthy weight."

Getting kids to eat fruits and

vegetables may be easier than you think. For example, according to the USDA Food Guide Pyramid for Young Children, a half-cup of one of kids' favorites - tomato-based pasta sauce - equals a full serving of vegetables.

Here are a few tips to keep handy when preparing meals or snacks. More recipes and tips can be found at [www.eat.com](http://www.eat.com).

- Use pasta sauce on fun-shaped pasta, bagel pizzas or as a dip for raw veggies.

- Instead of chips, keep a bowl of fruit or vegetables in the refrigerator or on the counter for snacking.

- Blend fruit with milk and ice for a delicious milkshake.

- Make fruity cream cheese by mixing low-fat cream cheese and canned peaches or pineapple in the food processor.

- Top cereal, pancakes or french toast with fresh fruit.

- Use updated recipes for pasta favorites which skip time-consuming steps and require few ingredients.

## Dealing with child's illness before school

It's time to go to school in the morning and your child has a tummyache or a headache. Is it time to call the doctor, or is there another problem? One of the biggest dilemmas parents face is whether a child's illness is physical or if it's related to some other issue.

Doctors say the first thing parents should do is look for symptoms. Check for fever, coughing or vomiting. Has anyone else in the family been sick? Is there anything going around your community? Once you've ruled out physical illness, try to find out what else is going on in your child's life. Is there a test that day or some other stressful event, like a music recital or a game? Or do these headaches and tummyaches generally happen on Monday morning? Your child could be stressed about school in general, a teacher he or she fears, or a bully.

But even if you're pretty sure the cause is more mental than physical, doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say you shouldn't tell your child his symptoms aren't real. Your child probably really feels sick, no matter what causes the symptoms. Reassure your child

that sometimes feeling nervous or upset can make him feel ill, but don't give in to the desire for a sick day. Avoiding the situation just makes the anxiety worse. Instead, look for ways of helping your child cope with stressful situations, like studying with him for tests or teaching him to deal with bullies.

## Summer heat makes living miserable for allergy sufferers

It's summertime and the living isn't easy for allergy sufferers, especially those who live in warmer parts of the country.

Summertime is pollen time in many parts of the country, bringing misery to allergy sufferers. Problems caused by summertime heat just make matters worse. Ozone pollution, which forms when car exhaust reacts with heat and sunshine, can make allergy sufferers even more miserable. If you're already having trouble breathing, ozone makes it even more difficult to breathe.

Allergy specialists at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas say the best thing you can do is stay indoors during the hottest part of the day when ozone is worst. Change your air conditioning filters regularly so they'll be more efficient at trapping allergy-causing pollens.

Unfortunately, pollen is often at its peak early in the morning, one of the cool times of the day when ozone tends to be lower. Schedule your outdoor activities for times when you can breathe most easily and listen to your body. Take it easy when you start having trouble breathing.

One danger of allergies is that they can lead to sinus infections if nasal secretions build up in your sinus cavities and become breeding grounds for bacteria. A sinus infection will cause pressure and pain in the forehead or cheeks that are more intense than you usually feel with allergies. If the pain persists for more than seven days, see your doctor. You can help avoid sinus infections by not smoking and avoiding smoky environments, washing your hands frequently, drinking plenty of fluids and taking allergy medication as prescribed by your doctor.

## Hepatitis C

People with hepatitis C can pass the potentially fatal virus on to others in a number of different ways.

"Things like dirty tattoo needles or sharing IV drug needles with someone who is infected with the virus can increase the risk of exposure," said Dr. Rise Stribling with The Liver Center at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital in Houston. "Helping someone who is bleeding can also put someone at risk."

Hepatitis C is a virus that is primarily transmitted through blood or blood exposure and causes inflammation of the liver. The virus could be in a person's system for 20 to 30 years before they develop cirrhosis or scarring of the liver. It takes about 80 to 90 percent of the liver to be affected before a person would see changes in the way the liver works.

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Here's a partial list of God's anointed pastors and ministers that are scheduled to speak God's word throughout God's revival every night at 7 p.m.: Minister Gene Ward, Liberty COGIC, Knox City; Pastor S. Blackwell, Greater Independent Baptist Church, Haskell; Pastor Suzann Townsend; Pastor Kyle Gullledge, O'Brien Baptist Church; Pastor-Evangelist William Hodge, Haskell; Pastor Bill Glass, New Covenant Foursquare Church, Haskell; Pastors Sam and Camellia Wade, Munday & Aspermont; Pastor Renee Glass, New Covenant Foursquare Church, Haskell; Pastor Glen Swartzendruber, First Assembly of God, Idalou; Brother Andy Barnard, Knox City; Minister George Washington, Liberty COGIC, Knox City; Pastor Rob Harrison, Weinert Foursquare Church; Pastor-Evangelist Rita Sawyer, Dallas; Pastor Robert Hogin, Elm Church, Wichita Falls; Pastor Dolan Brinson, First United Methodist Church, Rochester; Pastor Sequoia Reynolds, Knox City; Pastor-Evangelist Blain Ingram, River of Life Church, Lovington, N.M.; Deacon Julian Estrada, Santa Rosa Catholic Church, Knox City & Rhineland; plus many more pastors are signing up and coming to the call of God! So, if you love Jesus and you want to hear what He has for you, come hear these anointed pastors and ministers of God give their message-in the name of Jesus! So, come every night and get revived! Until the Lord concludes this revival of God!

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# Local Kingdom Hall finished in four days

By Mary Kaigler

When the group of five to six hundred professional construction people, men and women, arrived in Haskell, Thurs., Aug. 16, to build a new meeting place for the congregation of about 24 members of Jehovah's Witness, they found a concrete foundation and some wall studs waiting for them. By the time they left Haskell three days later on Sunday evening, the new building was erected, complete and ready for occupancy.

To say that the remarkable feat

of construction done at 16th Street and Ave. J. was due to excellent planning and execution of the plans seems almost to be an understatement. A "hard-hat" tour of the job site revealed an unbelievable amount of work being done in any one area by several different crews involved in several different stages of construction. Although often working within the close proximity of only a foot or two of one another, there was an evident camaraderie and enjoyment of friendship among them.

According to Gene Knauss, a

member of the Witness movement's Texas Regional Building Committee #1, and one of five men elders that are in each Regional Committee representing the Watch Tower Bible Society, the smooth construction process has evolved to the fine art it is because of a willingness on the part of individuals to work congenially together in the compressed scheduling that is necessary, and a love for one another and devotion to their cause.

Every aspect of the operation is

finely tuned and is under one of the work area committee overseers, who in turn have many assistants assigned to them. Responsible for their work area, each keeps an account of all operations of their particular group. Some of the specific work areas are: accounting; security and safety; attendance; bricks; cabinets; cleaning; concrete; food service; electricity; engineering; HVAC (heating and cooling); paint; plumbing; purchasing; quality control, real estate; carpenters; trucking; wallpaper; sound system, etc.

Among the many large trailers brought in to the job site were those housing electrical and sound materials, toilets and showers, scaffolding, security office, accounting and purchasing departments, and a food service kitchen featuring a walk-in cooler and commercial-size oven, where three meals a day were prepared and served by a cook and staff (who even turned out fresh-baked sesame-seed hamburger buns made from scratch.)

The construction group had its own ambulance, shuttle vans for moving the people to and from their cars and travel trailers, a refreshment pavilion, large fans for moving hot, summer air, and a group of young people who distributed cool drinking water to the workers.

According to Knauss, the volunteer group is like a close family who loves to get together and see one another again at each of the job sites around the state. The concept of the Watch Tower Regional Building Committees began in Oklahoma and has now been adapted in locations all over the world, he said.

Dale Dellinger of Fort Worth is the supervisor of all Texas Regional Building Committee projects. A coordinator representative is sent to each construction site. Kevin Elliott of Waco was coordinator of the Haskell project. Otis Debose of Haskell is the local building chairman.

Among the cities represented by the Haskell Kingdom Hall project crew were Marshall, Jefferson, Sulphur Springs, Gilmer, Longview, Tyler, Burleson, Arlington, Dallas, Weatherford, Seymour, Richardson, Colorado City, Rowlett, Henderson, Waco, Grand Prairie, Athens and Oklahoma City. In all, about 1,500 volunteers are signed up to go on various building projects, said Gene Knauss. Each one of them has been active in the public ministry of the Jehovah's Witness organization.

Each group participates in constructing one building project each month. As soon as a project is finished, all work-area trailers are inventoried and restocked, ready to go again.

Some projects are larger than others, with Haskell's being one of the smaller. The group from Regional Committee #1 is scheduled to do a larger project next month in Bowie.

Using the Haskell congregation's existing building as an entry foyer, with a rest room and a storage room for the printed materials the group distributes as part of its ministry, an auditorium was added seating about 100.

Knauss said that the Haskell congregation was aided greatly in their part of the cost of the building by a congregation in East Texas, one of 250 congregations that are assigned to each Region. "And that wasn't from what you'd call a neighboring congregation," he added. "This generosity just exemplifies what we are told in John 13:35; "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if

you love one another."

Knauss expressed a great deal of appreciation for the people of the city of Haskell for the many ways they helped and befriended the large group of volunteers who came last week. "The city park helped us with our parking, the grocery stores, hardware store and many other businesses were helpful, and individuals in the neighborhood

were so kind and gracious to let us use space for our vehicles," he said.

The next construction destination for many of the group that left Haskell Sunday afternoon will be in Houston. But it won't be to build a meeting hall. "We are going to help restore the homes of a lot of our brothers there who suffered flood damage this spring," Gene Knauss said.



DAY ONE ON THE JOB—With only three more days to finish building the new meeting place for the Haskell congregation of Jehovah's Witness, volunteer workers began to build on the concrete slab.



FINISHING TOUCHES—Laying the final bricks and roofing shingles, crews of volunteers from around the state neared completion on the Kingdom Hall in Haskell, which was constructed in four days.

## Local probation officers attend conference Aug. 5-8

The Texas Probation Association (TPA) held its 2001 Legislative Conference at the Multi Purpose Events Center in Wichita Falls. Adult and juvenile probation officers from around the state of Texas, including the Haskell County CSCD and the Haskell County Juvenile Probation Department, participated in the conference Aug. 5-8.

The conference provided a variety of sessions for officers to attend. Dr. Bob Dawson provided training on the legislative changes affecting probation officers as a result of laws passed in the 77th legislative session. Distinguished speakers from the adult and juvenile discipline conducted sessions on current trends in the criminal justice field, including officer safety, court testimony,

supervision of sex offenders, substance abuse treatment, interstate compact and victim services. Included in the program were a series of management workshops for supervisors. In addition to training, participants had the opportunity to

attend a variety of planned evening activities.

For more information contact the Haskell County CSCD at 940-864-3627 or the Haskell County Juvenile Probation Department at 940-864-8910.

### NOTICE

The NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY will hold a meeting at 11:00 a.m. on August 29, 2001 at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2001. The proposed tax rate is 0.1841 per \$100 of value.

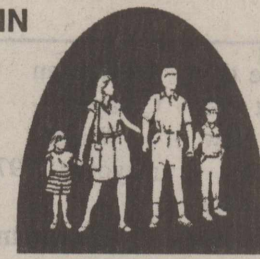
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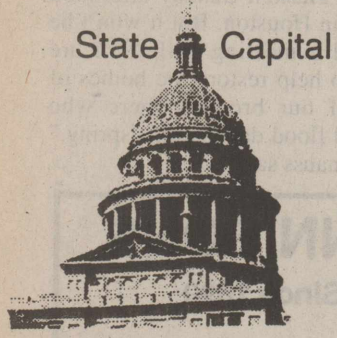
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# OPINION



State Capital

## HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — It may be the dog days of summer, but for state workers, Aug. 31 is New Year's Eve.

The pay raise approved by the Legislature last spring goes into effect Sept. 1, giving 200,000-plus state employees either an extra \$100 a month or a 4 percent hike, whichever is higher.

Many state employees choose the last day of August, which precedes the first day of the state's fiscal year, as their official retirement date.

New hires also tend to take up their new positions on Sept. 1.

One of those starting a new job will be the next director of one of the largest state agencies, the Department of Transportation.

Picked by the three-member Transportation Commission on Aug. 15 as the successor of the retiring Wes Heald was Michael Behrens. The 53-year-old engineer previously held the third-ranking job in the agency.

Behrens has been with TxDOT since 1971.

At the Department of Public Safety, the state law enforcement agency that protects the roadways TxDOT builds, the highest-ranking retiree this year is Senior Capt. Bruce Casteel, head of the Texas Rangers.

Casteel has been commander of the Texas Rangers since Sept. 1, 1996 and a Ranger since 1967.

His successor has not yet been selected.

### AG's race shaping up

Another personnel change this month does not involve a state agency, but it could in the long run.

Austin Mayor Kirk Watson resigned his office Aug. 14 to run for attorney general.

The 43-year-old Democrat is the first member of his party to announce for the race against

Republican incumbent John Cornyn.

Watson was elected as mayor in 1997.

### By the mile insurance

Down the road, Texas motorists may be able to save as much as \$300 a year on their car insurance.

Effective Sept. 1, a law will be on the books enabling insurers to offer automobile coverage based on the number of miles driven.

A lot of Texas grandparents may soon be saying, "Where was this when my kids were teen-agers?"

For those who don't drive much, the by-the-mile insurance will save some money. The best analogy is comparing this new concept to the way we pay for electricity—based on usage.

Seniors, people who carpool and families with more than one vehicle will benefit from this new method of coverage.

But don't rush out looking to buy a mileage-based policy. The Department of Insurance still has to develop rules for such a program, and no timetable for implementation has been announced.

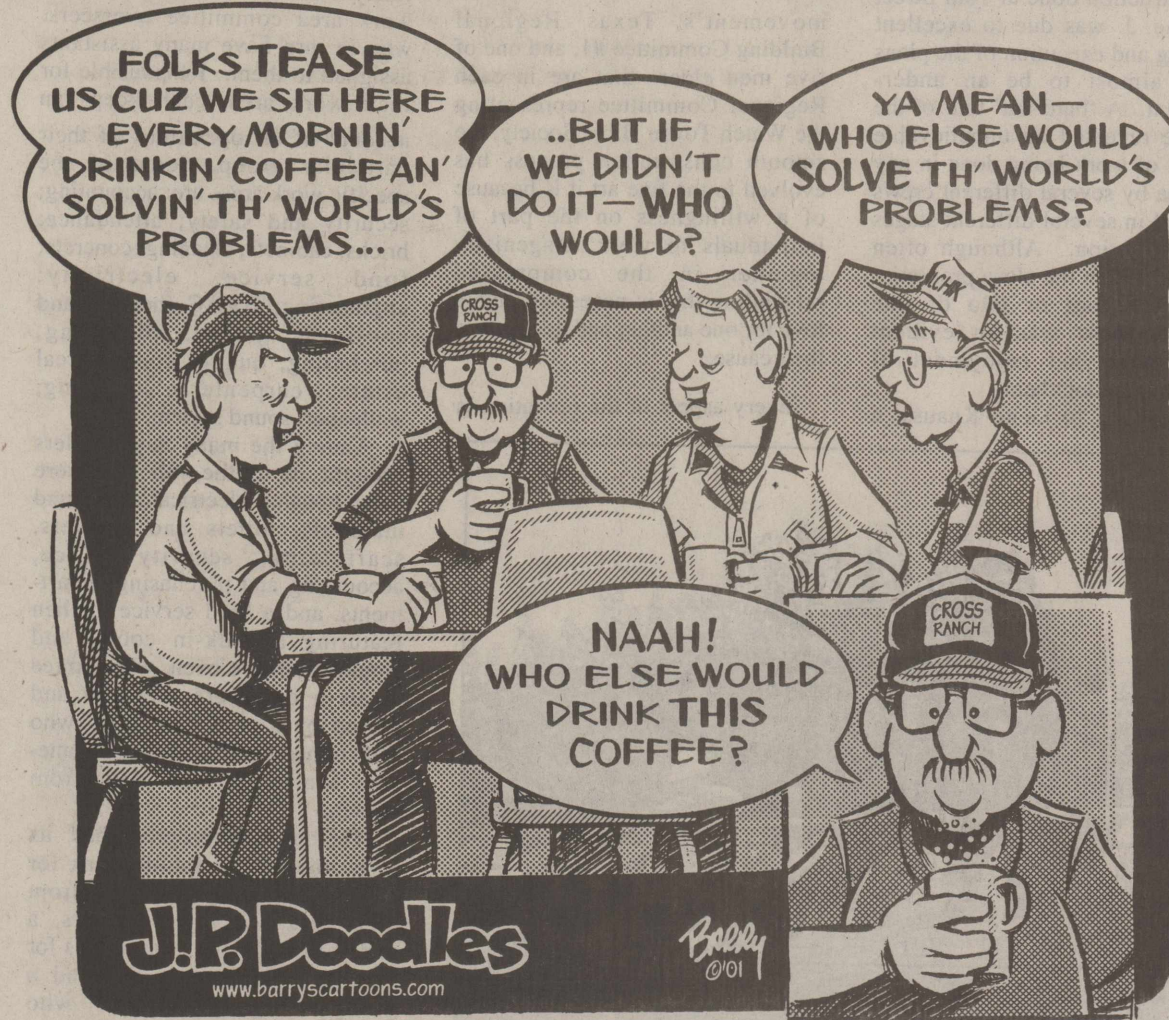
### Watch the water

The Department of Health is warning Texans to be careful when swimming in fresh water after two youngsters died from amoebic meningoenophthalmitis.

The children contracted the amoeba, which enters through the nasal passage and attacks brain tissue, while swimming in Lake Palestine and Lake Hawkins.

The organism is common in fresh water, but it tends to proliferate when temperatures are high and water levels drop.

When swimming in fresh water, especially if doing any diving, a person should wear ear and nose plugs.



## Ask the AG

By John Cornyn, Attorney General

**Q:** I heard about your settlement with Publisher's Clearing House. I bought magazines for years hoping I would win. Can I get any of my money back?

**A:** My agency sued Publishers Clearing House (PCH) in 1999, charging that the company misled consumers into believing they had already won a sweepstakes contest or that buying magazines would improve their chances of winning. Our investigation showed that most of the victims were elderly senior citizens.

In June of this year, Texas and 25 other states settled the lawsuit with PCH. Under the terms of the settlement, Publishers Clearing House must apologize for the harm caused by its deceptive marketing practices. The settlement also contains safeguards to protect future consumers by making it clear that making a purchase does not help their chances of winning the sweepstakes. In addition:

- PCH is prohibited from making any deceptive or misleading statements or omissions. PCH is also barred from implying anything that it would be prohibited from saying directly.
- PCH may not discriminate between consumers who order magazine subscriptions and those who do not.
- PCH must pay \$1 million in civil penalties and \$19 million in restitution to consumers who were deceived by its past marketing practices. In addition, the company will pay \$14 million to Texas and the states involved in the litigation to cover the cost of the lawsuit and administering the restitution program.

If you believe you were harmed by the marketing practices used by Publisher's Clearing House, you

may file a complaint through my agency's Consumer Protection Division (CPD). For more information about the complaint process and to obtain a consumer complaint form, contact CPD at (800) 621-0508. You can also fill out the form online by visiting the consumer protection section of our Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

**Q:** When I received my phone bill, I was shocked to find a \$50 charge for a collect call from Mexico I know I didn't accept. The bill shows that a company called ZPDI billed me for these charges. I heard you have taken legal action against this type of collect call charges. Is there any way I can get my money back?

**A:** The Office of the Attorney General has heard from hundreds of consumers, primarily with Hispanic last names, who were charged \$50 or more for collect calls from Mexico. Many consumers reported that the person making the call claimed to be a relative and often used the same last name to convince the consumer that the call really was from a long-lost relative. Only after accepting the call did consumers realize they didn't know the caller.

In other cases, consumers were billed for collect calls that supposedly took place when there was no one home to answer the phone. Charges for these calls were high also, often as much as \$50.

After receiving and investigating hundreds of complaints, my office filed a lawsuit against Southwest Telecom, Inc., a long distance company based in Austin, Texas. According to our lawsuit, Southwest Telecom paid agents in several states and Mexico to place long distance collect calls to consumers. In addition, my office has filed an assurance of voluntary compliance (AVC) with Zero Plus Dialing, Inc. (ZPDI), the company that provided billing services for Southwest Telecom. Consumers who were billed for these calls would often see the ZPDI logo on their phone bills.

As part of the AVC, ZPDI will reimburse all consumers who were wrongfully billed for collect calls originating in Mexico. Consumers have until September 25, 2001 to file a complaint with my office to request reimbursement. Consumers can request a complaint form by calling (800) 252-8011 or by visiting our Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

## Get off to a good start; don't skip breakfast

In the rush to get out the door, do not forget about breakfast.

"Breakfast is important because it refuels the body, supplying needed glucose or blood sugar," said Dr. Ann Scheimann, a nutrition and gastrointestinal physician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "Studies indicate that children who eat

breakfast tend to have better concentration and perform better in school."

Skip the donuts and soft drinks, which provide empty calories and a short-lived energy spurt. Instead reach for variety and a balanced meal—even if it is a non-breakfast item. Select low-sugar cereals topped with fruit and low-fat milk; instant oatmeal with fruit, raisins or nuts; bagel with cream cheese, toaster waffle with fruit; an egg sandwich; cheese and crackers; or even leftover pizza.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:  
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## From Out of the Past

From the files of  
The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago  
August 22, 1991

Bill Wilson Motor Co. employees celebrated the firm's 46th birthday. Tommy Watson, John Watson, Delight Jones, Bill Shaw and L. C. Whitaker have a total of 174 years service with the firm.

Fred Robert Rike of Haskell received an M. Ed degree in physical education from the University of Texas at Tyler. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Rike.

The 25th annual Haskell County Fair has been dedicated to Kim Crawford.

20 Years Ago  
August 20, 1981

Philip Martin, R. N., has been named Director of Nurses at Haskell Memorial Hospital by Administrator Bud Comedy.

Sammy Larned has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1981 by the United States Jaycees.

Mrs. Joe Clark of Sagerton has returned from a two week tour of Europe. She and Mrs. Hilda Neumann of Old Glory went with the Progressive Farmer Tour.

Sixty-five descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. John F. Thomas, Sr., early-day settlers of Haskell County met for their annual reunion in the Community Bank Building.

30 Years Ago  
August 26, 1971

The seniors of Haskell High School elected officers recently. They are: Steve Guess, president; Forrest Mayfield, vice-president; Nancy Kay Middleton, secretary; and Pam Colbert, reporter.

A new business, "The Water Bed Shoppe," opened for business in Haskell his week on the west side of the square in the building formerly occupied by Laura's Yarn Shoppe, 510 N. Ave. E.

Mrs. S. Hassen and Raja returned last week from a three and one-half week's trip to Lebanon, the birthplace of Mrs. Hassen and the late S. Hassen.

40 Years Ago  
August 24, 1961

A Haskell Marine, H. A. Sherman Jr. recently won the honor of being top man in sharp shooting in his platoon on the rifle range at Camp Matthews, Calif.

C. O. Davis of Rule is the new president of the Home State Bank at Rochester. Earl Alvis, vice president and cashier, has been made manager of the bank.

Joe Earles, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Earles and 1956 graduate of Paint Creek High School, will receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Abilene Christian College, Abilene.

50 Years Ago  
August 23, 1951

Three Haskell youths, Billy Charles Matthews, Abe Turner and Temple Williams will enter the first Abilene Invitational Open Swimming and Diving meet at the VFW pool in Abilene.

Haskell County's first bale of cotton from the 1951 crop was brought to the Duncan Gin in Haskell Monday by Lee Weldon Norman, from his farm six miles south of Rule.

Two young people from the Haskell First Methodist Church, Nelda Vaughter and Truett Craft, will be among the 125 delegates from Texas churches attending the Methodist National Youth Convocation at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, next week.

90 Years Ago  
August 26, 1911

A. R. Couch, cashier of the Weinert State Bank and W. A. Bergfeld were here on business Tuesday.

Miss Docia Winn has returned from Alvin, Galveston and other South Texas points where she spent the summer.

Misses Carrie and Frances Sherrill are visiting Mildred Foster and Nellie Jones of Rule.

J. T. Therwhanger of the north side was in the city Thursday and reports that he has cotton that will make a quarter bale to the acre.

A. J. Hill has accepted a position with the I. P. Carr Dry Goods Company and began work this week.

# Slow down in school zones

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### Keeping an Eye on Texas

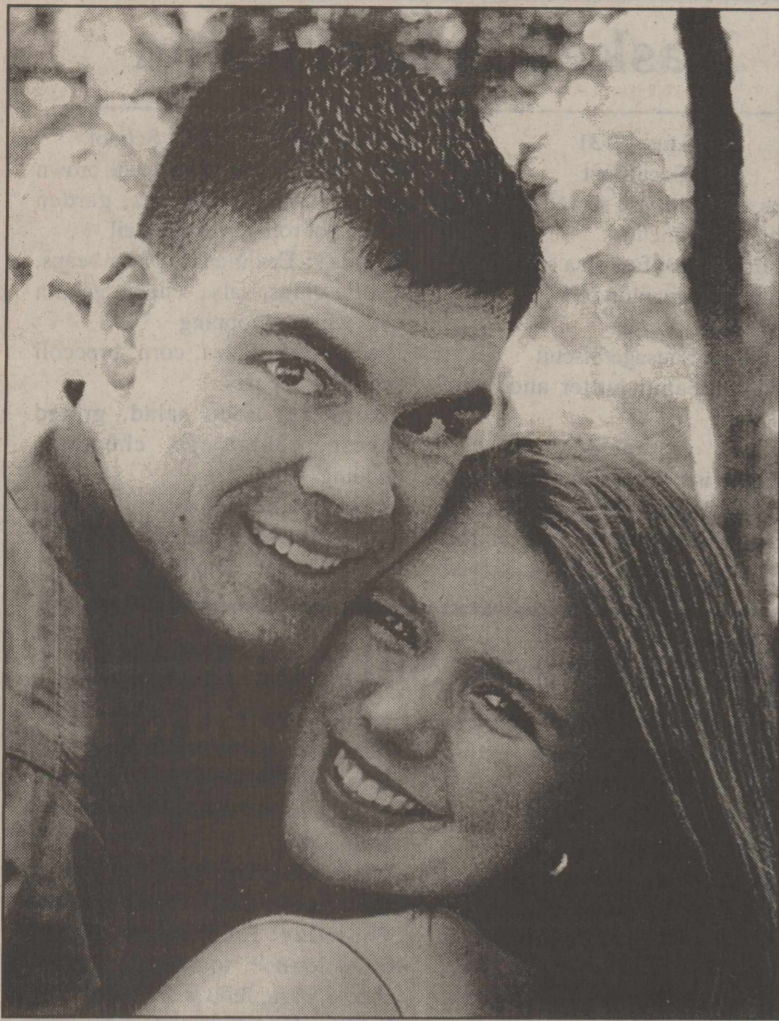
## What's Cropping Up In Texas?

The Texas produce industry contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the state's economy.

### TEXAS PRODUCE FACTS

- Texas farmers grow more than 45 commercial fruit and vegetable crops.
- Texas growers produce the first tree-ripened apples of the year.
- Approximately 1,500 acres of blueberries are grown primarily east of I-45 from Beaumont to Texarkana.
- Texas growers provide the first domestic crop of spring onions on the U.S. market.

Sources: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)) and the Texas Department of Agriculture.



BRIAN BELL - MOLLY WOOTTON

## Wootton, Bell to marry Sept. 8

Molly Wootton of Denton and Brian Bell of Amarillo plan to marry Sat., Sept. 8.

Penny Darnell Wootton of Denton and David Wootton of Grapevine are parents of the bride-elect. Doris Darnell of Haskell is the grandmother of the bride-elect. Wootton is attending the University of North

Texas and is employed by Instruktion Corp.

Bill and Virginia Bell of Amarillo are the parents of the prospective groom. He is a graduate of the University of North Texas and is employed by Verizon in the logistics department.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Hyrum and Jean Richards have returned home after visiting sons, the Danny Richards and the Scott Henshaws in Casper, Wyoming; friends, John and Carol Holland in Oregon; sons, the John Richards and the Brady Henshaws in Albuquerque, N. M. and friends, Jim and Sharon Phillips in Garfield, N. M.

Jean Palmer of Morton was in town. She and Faye Gray attended church services at First Baptist in Weinert on Sunday.

Darlene Conn, Julie Cochran and friend Jerry went to Austin Thursday to visit John Conn and take care of business. They also visited Darlene's brother, Johnny Hawkins and family,

in Jarrell.

Visiting with Vivian Roberson at the Haskell Healthcare Center were her granddaughter Lisa and her daughter of Wichita Falls. Lisa's daughter has recently moved to Wichita Falls where she is teaching this year.

Monday night Deniece Conn's mother, Doris Carroll, and brother, Doug, of Weinert came over to wish her a happy birthday and bring gifts.

## Hospital

### Admissions

Eula Arend, Haskell  
G. A. Roberts, Jr., Old Glory  
Zenoble Wright, Haskell  
Kathryn Mitchell, Haskell  
N. J. Worley, Knox City

### Dismissals

Eureda Campbell

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## Births

Tim and Kelly Layman of Haskell are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Skylar Rein. She was born July 10 at Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 1/4" long.

Skylar Rein was welcomed home by sisters, Alexis, Lindy, Lacy and Hope.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wallace of Haskell.



MR. AND MRS. GERALD MCCOY

## McCoys celebrate 50th anniversary

Gerald and Mary Nell McCoy of Haskell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 19 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The event was hosted by their sons, James and wife, Debbie McCoy of Abilene, Joseph McCoy of Portland, Oregon, and John and wife, Kris McCoy of Nacogdoches.

Gerald was born Dec. 28, 1927 in Stith and Mary Nell was born July 4, 1930 in Noodle. They were married Aug. 20, 1951 in Merkel.

He is a retired teacher and high school principal. She is a retired

nurse and housewife. They are members of the Church of Christ.

The couple has seven grandchildren.

Grandchildren attending included Jama Lee, Mackenzie, Jividen, and Molly McCoy, all of Abilene; and John Patrick II and Summer McCoy, both of Nacogdoches.

Joseph's fiancée, Amber Lavender of Portland, Oregon, also attended.

Others attended from Muskogee, Okla., College Station, Granbury, Dallas, Sweetwater, Merkel, Abilene, Stamford, Hurst, Wichita Falls and San Antonio.

## 1940's bunch holds second reunion

The 1940's Bunch second annual reunion was held Sat., Aug. 11 at the First National Bank Building in Haskell. Donuts and coffee were served early in the morning. The group had lunch at Burkett's Restaurant. The afternoon was spent picture taking, reminiscing, catching up on news of each other since the last reunion. The 1940's Bunch were a group of kids who ran around together in the early 1940's.

Attending were John Hamilton, Stephenie Hamilton, Melissa Hamilton and William Burdick, all of Houston, Earnest Martin of Granbury, Beryl (Giddens) Hendrix and Bonnie (Robeson) McNatt of Breckenridge. Dollie (Robeson)

Fulbright and Judy Fulbright, both of Arlington, Bill and Robbie Pool of San Angelo, Marion Helen (Robeson) Pierce of Old Glory, Elizabeth (Wilson) Byrd and Marguerite (Clark) Gauntt, both of Rochester.

Frances (Hamilton) Clark of Wichita Falls, LeeRoy and Frances (Wade), Allene Wilson, Melvin and Margie (Green) Fannin and Kittie (Robeson) Howell of Rule, Ophelia (Wade) Newsom, Jack and Velma (Sharp) Lusk, Joe and Joyce (Sego) David and Judy (Martin) Anderson, all of Haskell.

The third reunion will be held in early June of 2002 at the same location.



RICK PHEMISTER - EMMALEE BIVINS

## Bivins, Phemister to wed in Sagerton

Emmalee Bivins and Rick Phemister, both of Haskell have announced their engagement to be married Sat., Oct. 6.

The wedding will be held in Sagerton at the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark, grandparents of the bride-elect.

The bride-elect's parents are Don

and Patsy Bivens of Valley View. She is employed at CellularONE of Haskell.

Max and Doris Jean McMeans of Haskell and Wayne and Linda Phemister of Austin are parents of the prospective groom. He is an owner of Heads or Tails Western Wear of Haskell.

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Now is the time to learn in-school medication practices

Now is the time for parents of children with asthma, diabetes or other chronic childhood conditions to learn in-school medication rules and create an "action/management plan" for medicating and monitoring their children in school, says Dr. Patty Hicks, assistant professor of pediatrics at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"The family should communicate fully with the school nurse to make delivery of medication and management of a chronic disease in the child's life as seamless as possible," Hicks says.

For children with asthma, many schools already use plans that can be customized for each child's medical

needs and can specify conditions requiring notification of parents and health-care providers. The plan is tied to use of a peak-flow meter, which gauges blockage of the child's respiratory passages, providing an early warning system, Hicks says.

The written plan specifies when an inhaler or other medication actions are to be taken by the child, based on the child's score on the peak-flow meter.

"This approach takes the guesswork out of when to administer what medication and when to disrupt normal activities," Hicks says. "Perhaps best of all, action plans help educate the children on how to manage their own disease."

Haskell School Menu

Aug. 27-31 Breakfast

Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Monday: Breakfast on a stick Tuesday: Cinnamon roll Wednesday: Cereal Thursday: Sausage/biscuit Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich

Lunch

Salad bar is offered Tues. and Wed. at the Secondary campus. Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served

daily at the Elementary School. Monday: Salisbury steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, garden salad, hot rolls, fruit cocktail Tuesday: Enchiladas, pinto beans, tortilla chips, salsa, cherry gelatin with whipped topping Wednesday: Pizza, corn, broccoli and cheese, pears Thursday: Taco salad, grated cheese, cantaloupe, chocolate pudding Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato slices, pickles slices, French fries, chocolate chip bars

Paint Creek School Menu

August 27-31 Breakfast

Milk and juice served daily. Monday: Cereal, toast, jelly Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy Wednesday: Eggs and bacon Thursday: Sausage on a stick Friday: Pancakes

Lunch

Milk served daily. Monday: Spaghetti, green beans,

salad, corn, garlic bread, pears Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, tator tots, gravy, carrots, salad, bread, chocolate pudding Wednesday: Soft tacos, beans, rice, corn, cheese, salad, vanilla pudding Thursday: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, okra, Jello with fruit Friday: Corndogs, baked beans or green beans, carrots, brownies

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 27

Lunch-German sausage, potato salad, green peas, cake, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Wed., Aug. 29

11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

Lunch-Chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, cabbage slaw, brownies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Fri., Aug. 31

Lunch-Steak with gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables, Rosemary Bennie's salad, peaches, bread, milk, tea or coffee

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

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

This Week's Devotional Message:



FAITH CALLS ETIQUETTE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MARRIAGE

Etiquette is a rather old-fashioned word about which many books and newspaper columns have been written by the experts on it. In keeping with the times, they describe the rules for nearly every social situation. However, very little has been said about the manners of a married couple toward each other. Sadly, it is this lack of basic domestic courtesy that so often leads

to divorce, because the marriage partners fail to show enough respect for each other's opinions and make no effort to reach a compromise. Perhaps a talk with the clergyman at the House of Worship can provide the answer which is so seldom found in the etiquette books. A marriage is usually performed at the altar of God, and this may well be the best place to save it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church: David Page, pastor. Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Christian Church: Dusty Garrison, minister. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Church of God: Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021. Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church: Gary Bruns, pastor. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30. Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario: Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
First United Methodist Church: Shane Brue, pastor. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
First Assembly of God: Rev. J.C. Amburn. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
St. George Catholic Church: Father Michael Melcher. Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
Church of Christ: Brett Anderson, minister. Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Henry Chisholm, temporary supply. Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Baptist Church: Rev. Kenneth Blair. Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Hopewell Baptist Church: John Lewis, pastor. Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

- Greater Independent Baptist Church: Samuel Blackwell, pastor. Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
New Covenant Foursquare: Bill and Renee Glass, pastors. Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Mission Revival Center: Rev. William Hodge. Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
First Baptist Church: Kevin Hall, pastor. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Church in the Park: Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend. Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

- Faith Chapel of Rochester: Katherine Byrd, minister. Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
First United Methodist Church: Dolan Brinson, pastor. Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

SAGERTON

- Sagerton Methodist Church: Tommy Wilson, pastor. Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Faith Lutheran Church: Deborah Nissen, pastor. Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

RULE

- First Baptist Church: Scott Hensley, pastor. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Primitive Baptist Church: Dale Turner Jr., pastor. First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Church of Christ: John Greeson, minister. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
First United Methodist Church: Shane Brue, pastor. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Primera Iglesia Bautista: Arturo Jr. Flores. Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sweet Home Baptist Church: Bill Trice, pastor. Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
West Bethal Baptist Church: Rev. Robert Sweet. Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

PAINT CREEK

- Paint Creek Baptist Church: Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.

WEINERT

- First Baptist Church: Chris Powell, pastor. Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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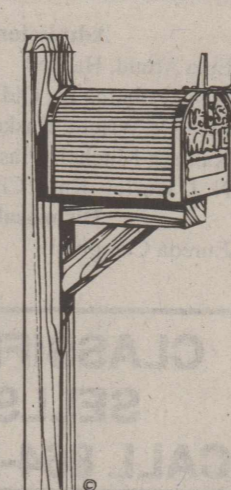
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- Church of Christ: Steve Willis, minister. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
First Baptist Church: Troy Culpepper, pastor. Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Union Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. Clarence Walker. Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 738 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 18, according to Gary Tate, reporter. Light cattle 1-4 higher; stockers steady-2 higher. Feeders steady-1 higher. Jersey, longhorns, Holsteins, knots, cripples, bad eyes and goons \$5-\$30 less than figures quoted! Cows: fat, .37-.44; cutters, .40-.48; canners, .20-.35. Bulls: bologna, .50-.58; feeder, .68-.79; utility .42-.52. Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.00-1.50; 300-

400 lbs., 1.00-1.20; 400-500 lbs., .95-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .88-1.00; 600-700 lbs., .85-.95; 700-800 lbs., .78-.90; 800-up lbs., .67-.82. Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .95-1.25; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.05; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.00; 500-600 lbs., .80-.95; 600-up lbs., .68-.88. Bred Heifers: medium frame, 500-625. Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 550-675; aged or small 475-600. Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 750-875; aged or small, 650-750.



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# Living trust scams target senior citizens

Living trusts sales are a growing area of consumer fraud. It is estimated that thousands of consumers lose between \$500 and \$5,000 each year through unnecessary living trust purchases.

According to the State Bar of Texas Communications Department in Austin, living trusts are generally established by people attempting to avoid probate, the legal process that transfers a

person's assets after death. When a living trust is established, assets are immediately transferred to the trust, and the trust is considered owner of the assets.

For Texans with properly drafted wills who do not own property in another state, a living trust is usually unnecessary. "While living trusts meet the needs of some consumers, they are not the best options for everyone," says Texas Young Lawyers Association

President, Amos Mazzant of Sherman. "The cost of creating, funding and administering a living trust outweighs the benefits for many people."

Con artists often mislead senior citizens to believe that living trusts help reduce death taxes and avoid creditors, contested wills and guardianship expenses. Some sales people falsely claim that probate requires excessive time and money and that a living trust is the only way to avoid probate.

When planning an estate, consumers should take sufficient time to make decisions, realizing that legitimate advisors will not encourage a hasty decision. Seniors should speak to a trusted and knowledgeable source before making a commitment, and avoid responding to offers they do not fully understand.

Consumers should be cautious of businesses that promote living trusts through free seminars and estate analyses, telemarketing, direct mail, door-to-door sales and advertisements without describing the pros and cons of selecting a living trust.

If a living trust appears to be a consumer's best option, it should be drafted by a licensed Texas attorney with expertise in estate planning to ensure that the document is tailored to meet state law requirements. A trust prepared by an attorney will generally cost less than the prices charged by sales representatives.

Anyone who believes they have been a victim of a living trust scam should call the State Bar of Texas at 800/204-2222. While non-attorneys are not subject to State Bar rules, they may be practicing without a license.

In conjunction with the State Bar of Texas, The Texas Young Lawyers Association has created a pamphlet, *Living Trust Scams and the Senior Consumer*. Printed in English or Spanish, it can be obtained free by calling the State Bar Communications Department at 800/204-2222, ext. 2610.

## Students in the News

Charissa L. Huff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Huff of Snyder, was among the 150 graduating seniors who received diplomas in commencement exercises at Harding University July 28. Majoring in math, Huff received the Master of Education degree. Before enrolling in Harding University, she attended Haskell High School.

Misty Denise McMeans of Haskell was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2001 semester at Abilene Christian University. To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

McMeans recently graduated from Abilene Christian University.

# Getting out of the car? Take your kids with you

It's the hottest part of the summer and the living isn't easy for infants and toddlers put at risk by parents, baby sitters or other care-takers who ignore the hazards of summer heat, says an emergency room pediatrician at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

While trying to save children ravaged by heat after being left alone inside vehicles, Dr. Susan Scott, assistant professor of pediatrics, has grown increasingly frustrated with people who don't learn from past tragedies.

"Never leave them in a car. Not even for a minute with the windows 'cracked,'" she says.

Depending on location, outside temperature, direct or indirect sunlight and the windows, a car's interior temperatures can shoot up past 120 degrees Fahrenheit in less than five minutes. For children, that's hot enough to cause death, brain damage or other severe injuries from hyperthermia, seizures and dehydration - also in a matter of minutes, she says.

## Coming Events

### Plainview-McConnell-Bunker Hill homecoming

F. A. Ulmer is upgrading addresses of alumni for the upcoming Plainview-McConnell-Bunker Hill homecoming. Addresses may be submitted to Ulmer at Route 2 Box 1C1, Sagerton, TX 79548 or by calling 940-997-2577. The homecoming will be held Sat., Oct. 6 at the Sagerton Community Center.

### Early Childhood classes offered

Screening and registration for Early Childhood classes will be held Thurs., Aug. 23 and Fri., Aug. 24 at Haskell Elementary. To be eligible, children must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2001. If you feel your child may be delayed in learning, speech and/or emotional skills, please call the elementary office at 864-2654 to make an appointment for your child to be screened. Bring the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization card.

### Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. at the Longs Indoor Arena in Abilene. For information call J. W. Wallace 864-3509 or Tim Layman 864-8500.

### Homecoming

Haskell, Mattson, Weinert Homecoming will be Oct. 19 and 20. Addresses are now being updated. Please send changes to Haskell, Mattson, Weinert Homecoming, Box 32, Haskell, Texas 79521. Addresses are needed from the following class representatives: 1936, 1942, 1945, 1954-58, 1964-65, 1967, 1970, 1972, 1976, 1979, 1982, 1987-88, 1990-92, 1994, and 1996-97.

# Dan and Tom Fouts receive ULL awards

Tom Brady Fouts, a graduate of Haskell High School, has received a Texas Interscholastic League Foundation award.

He received The Campbell Foundation of Abilene award. This year the Campbell Foundation of Abilene awarded ten awards to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Fouts competed in Calculator Applications at the 1999 and 2000 UIL Academic State Meets. He participated in UIL Band - Marching, Concert & Sight Reading. He was active in National Honor Society, Student Council, Texas Boys State, FFA and Spanish Club. He played tennis, golf, football and was on the football Academic All-State 1st Team. He was on the Academic A+ Team and graduated third in his senior class.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in architecture.

Dan Jeffrey Fouts, a graduate of Haskell High School, has received a

Texas Interscholastic League Foundation award.

Fouts received one of 20 Spalding Sports Worldwide awards. The Spalding Sports award was awarded to 20 students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

He competed in Calculator Applications at the 1999 and 2000 UIL Academic State Meets. He participated in UIL Mathematics, Marching Band, football, tennis and golf throughout his high school career. He was National Honor Society president, student council vice-president and Senior class vice-president. He was involved in Texas Boys State, FFA and Spanish Club. He was Salutatorian of his graduating class and was Academic All-State, First Team in football.

Fouts plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in mechanical engineering.

Tom and Dan are sons of John and Bonnie Fouts of Haskell.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

## NOTICE

The ROLLING PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on August 30, 2001 at 135 North Munday Avenue, Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2001. The proposed tax rate is 0.0284 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the ROLLING PLAINS UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT by 0.00%.

### 2001 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HASKELL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2001 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
<b>LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 909,715.00	\$ 291,575.00	\$ 236,796.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 909,715.00	\$ 291,575.00	\$ 236,796.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 200,642,683	\$ 197,812,143	\$ 209,739,754
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.4534/\$100	\$ 0.1474/\$100	\$ 0.1129/\$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 908,107.44	\$ 290,910.77	\$ 236,671.36
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 213,956,981	\$ 211,225,411	\$ 222,683,927
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.4244/\$100	\$ 0.1377/\$100	\$ 0.1062/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.6683/\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	\$ 0.6683/\$100		
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLL BACK TAX RATE:</b>			
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)	\$ 908,107.44	\$ 290,910.77	\$ 236,671.36
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 213,956,981	\$ 211,225,411	\$ 222,683,927
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.4244/\$100	\$ 0.1377/\$100	\$ 0.1062/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.4583/\$100	\$ 0.1487/\$100	\$ 0.1146/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.4583/\$100	\$ 0.1487/\$100	\$ 0.1146/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.7217/\$100		

#### STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Haskell County adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.6683 for \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$5,326.21.

#### 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	\$ 254,997.67
Road & Bridge	\$ 205,812.03
Farm & Market Lateral Road	\$ 170,450.04

#### SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

#### SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE

#### SCHEDULE D - STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE (FOR COUNTIES)

The Haskell County Treasurer certifies that Haskell County has spent \$7,650.00 in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 2001, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Haskell County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

#### 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.

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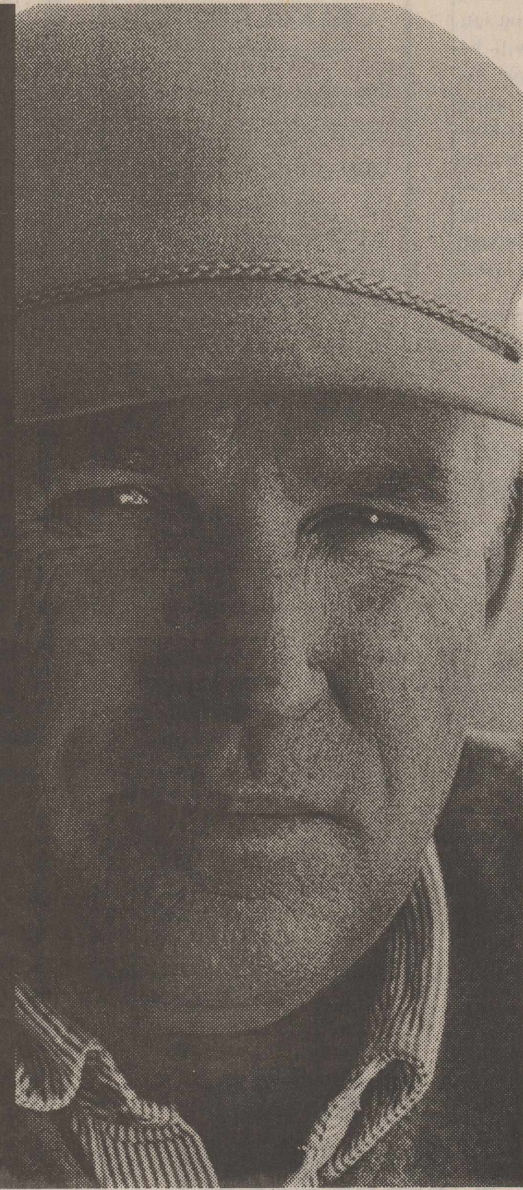
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Texas electric cooperatives have been providing power to Texans since 1937. As coops, we are non-profit and member-owned. To learn more about deregulation visit us at our web site, or call your local Smart Choice cooperative.



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