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Calendar

Haskell to register

Haskell Secondary Schools will hold registration for all students Aug. 5 in the high school auditorium. Students grades 7-12 will receive their schedules. 7th graders will register from 9 to 10 a.m.; 8th graders from 10 to 11 a.m.; 9th graders from 11 to noon; 10th graders from 1 to 2 p.m.; 11th graders from 2 to 3 p.m. and 12th graders from 3 to 4 p.m. For more information call Jamie Davis at 864-8123.

Paint Creek School to register

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration Mon., Aug. 16. School begins Wed., Aug. 18 at 8 a.m. All classroom supplies for elementary students will be provided for the upcoming school year free of charge to students.

Paint Creek cookout

Paint Creek ISD will host a 'Meet the Teachers' cookout Mon., Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

Bake sale

The Paint Creek cheerleaders will hold a bake sale and will pump gas at Modern Way for tips Sat., Aug. 7.

Meet the teachers

Rule ISD will host 'Meet the Teachers night' for all students Early Childhood age through twelfth grades and their parents Mon., Aug. 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Teachers and staff members will meet and greet parents, register students and answer questions regarding the new school year. Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies. Supply lists are available at the Rule ISD Superintendent's office and Wal-Mart in Stamford.

Old Glory fun day

A fun day will be held Sat., Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Old Glory Community Center to benefit the fund to repair the roof of the Old Glory High School that was damaged by a recent storm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Old Glory School Committee, the afternoon will include entertainment, an auction, cake walk and concession stand. For information call 940-989-3101 or 989-3153.

Grief group to meet

For those suffering from a loss due to death or divorce, a grief group will meet the third Monday of each month beginning Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m. For more information and location, call Helen Wilson 940-256-0537.

Parenting classes

Free parenting classes are offered by the STAR program. For information and registration, call Helen Wilson 940-256-0537.

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School consolidation issue to get second vote

The school boards of Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD have each approved resolutions for the consolidation of the two districts. The two boards have also ordered elections in both districts to be held Nov. 2.

Haskell CISD school board president Mike Jordan said, "We believed the consolidation would be good for our students last year, and we see no reason that does not hold true today."

Feb. 7, Haskell CISD voters approved a local consolidation agreement with Rochester CLISD by a vote of 637 for to 100 against. On

the same election day, the local consolidation agreement vote failed in Rochester by a vote of 147 against to 128 for.

The election results in Rochester CLISD were voided by court order May 5 due to a variety of irregularities in the election process. Haskell CISD superintendent Eddie Bland said, "Once the initial Rochester CLISD election was voided we immediately began discussions with Rochester CLISD about a new local consolidation agreement."

Haskell CISD and Rochester

CLISD held a joint meeting June 7 to discuss consolidation. The two boards also discussed the possibility Rochester CLISD contracting with Haskell CISD to provide services for Rochester students in grades 7-10 during the 2004-05 school year.

"At this point we are anticipating 30 or more students from Rochester will be attending school in Haskell CISD this year," said Eddie Bland. Students in grades 7-10 would be part of the inter-local agreement, and all other students will be transfers. Rochester CLISD will be providing the transportation for the students

attending school in Haskell.

In June, the Rochester CLISD school board was presented with a petition from local voters calling for a consolidation election with Knox City-O'Brien CISD. The Knox City-O'Brien CISD school board then called an election with Rochester CLISD for Sept. 11.

The Rochester CLISD school board did not call an election to consider consolidation with Knox City-O'Brien CISD. "We believe that we must complete the process we started with Haskell CISD prior to entering into negotiations with another school district," said Tommy

English, President of the Rochester CLISD school board.

The Knox City-O'Brien CISD has filed a lawsuit in district court in Haskell County to force Rochester CLISD to call a consolidation election with their school district. A court date for this hearing has not been established.

The Rochester CLISD school board hired Billie McKeever as interim superintendent when former superintendent Steve Self resigned to take another job. According to McKeever, "We believe Haskell CISD offers the best educational opportunities for our students."

Local care home completes major project

By Mary Kaigler

Just over a year ago, Steve King, administrator of Rice Springs Care Home, announced major changes that were planned for the care home complex in Haskell.

In July last year, a massive major remodeling project was just beginning on the south wing of the nursing home, that would implement a secure unit. As of July this year, the unit is in operation and working

well, the only specialized unit in this area for both males and females with dementia, Alzheimer's Disease, memory loss, or severe confusion.

Because of this unit, which opened in October 2003, King said they have been able to draw residents and their families to Haskell from Knox, Jones and Stonewall counties. The unit has its own dining area, which helps with extra space and peaceful atmosphere for those on both sides of the care home.

With 14 patients at this time, the secure unit is at about one half of its capacity limit of 30. King said the unit is not a completely separate unit; it is just a secure unit. Residents of the unit can join the regular care home residents for entertainments, such as singing sessions and performance groups.

In the past year, the complex has also developed and implemented two other very helpful services for the Haskell community; adult day care and respite care. These programs are for people who can still remain at home with families most of the time, yet need some time away.

The adult day care service provides care and monitoring for adults when family or friends need time to be away to work, shop or just relax. "The program allows for the recipient to socialize, participate in activities and dine with the other residents in the facility for a very reasonable cost, while being cared for by the best staff in the business," King said.

Respite care has allowed people in the community to stay in the

facility for several days at a time while their loved ones vacation, attend out-of-town meetings and doctor appointments or recuperate from illness, while the staff at Rice Springs attends to the medical, nutritional and entertainment needs of the respite resident. Both the adult day care and respite care programs have provided needed breaks for local families, and improved the quality of life for all involved.

A specially designed room for hospice residents has been made possible through donations made in memory of Faye Wright. Rooms have also been set up near the hospice room for family who may want to stay near and hold a vigil for one staying in the hospice room.

The entire facility itself has seen a redecoration and modernization in the new main lobby and dining room, creating an inviting, comfortable, homelike atmosphere. Residents can now enjoy time and activities with friends and relatives on the large covered porch outside of what is now the main entrance.

The kitchen has been improved with a new modern range and two new air conditioners. In the dining room, residents are now being served on china rather than plastic plates. Spaciously placed tables are covered with cloths and are centered with flower arrangements.

With all of the changes already made, King said that not all of the changes planned are finished yet.

The center atrium is being adapted to become a large activity and conference room.

"Some of the residents and families have expressed a desire to paint their rooms a softer, more enjoyable color, and we hope to hang wall borders and updated pictures throughout the facility. We have an idea that we are trying to qualify, that would give our residents buffet-style dining and a salad bar, just like you would expect at your favorite restaurant," he said.

King, who has been a Haskell resident for almost a year, said the reason the facility is so enjoyable for its residents is due to the Haskell community's involvement with the people there.

"From its native Haskell County ownership, to local businesses and churches that donate time, services and 'goodies' to our staff and residents, it is clear that most everyone in the community supports our golden-age members. Our family council is the most active that I have ever been associated with, and their involvement is the key to the smooth operation and high quality of life our residents enjoy."

King said that 'Caring for Those Who Cared for Us,' is not just a motto for the facility. "It is what we strive to do every day, in every action, and with every new idea. Our staff is excellent at spotting what needs our residents and community have, and then moving to serve those needs. I am very proud of them."

He added that he welcomes ideas from anyone inside or outside the facility, and he invites everyone to come to visit their friends at Rice Springs Care Home.

Texas families to save during sales tax holiday

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has predicted that Texas families will save \$46.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the sixth annual sales tax holiday Aug. 6-8.

During the sales tax holiday, most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are tax-free. Shoppers can save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on back-to-school clothes for the kids and new apparel for the entire family.

Sales tax holiday Aug. 6-8

"This is a much-needed and well-deserved tax break for hard-working Texas families," Strayhorn said. "It lets families keep more of their dollars in their pockets for their families' priorities."

Since the first sales tax holiday in August 1999, Texans have saved an estimated \$193.5 million in sales tax, including \$152.7 million in state sales tax and \$40.8 million in local

sales taxes.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free Aug. 6-8 include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, sleepwear and undergarments. Items that cannot be purchased tax-free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and sports apparel that are not considered street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

"I remain hopeful that the Legislature will add backpacks and school supplies to the sales tax holiday in the future. Texans deserve a tax break to help out with the cost of items kids are required to have for school," Strayhorn said. "I also want to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include sewing supplies for families that make their clothes, and kids' safety gear such as bike helmets and car safety seats. I want to extend the sales tax holiday from three days to five days, to avoid a three-day traffic jam."

If the Legislature makes her recommended changes, Strayhorn estimates Texans will save an additional \$25 million per year during the sales tax holiday.

Blagg concert set at East Side Baptist

Recording artist Matthew Blagg will be performing in a public concert Sun., Aug. 8, at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

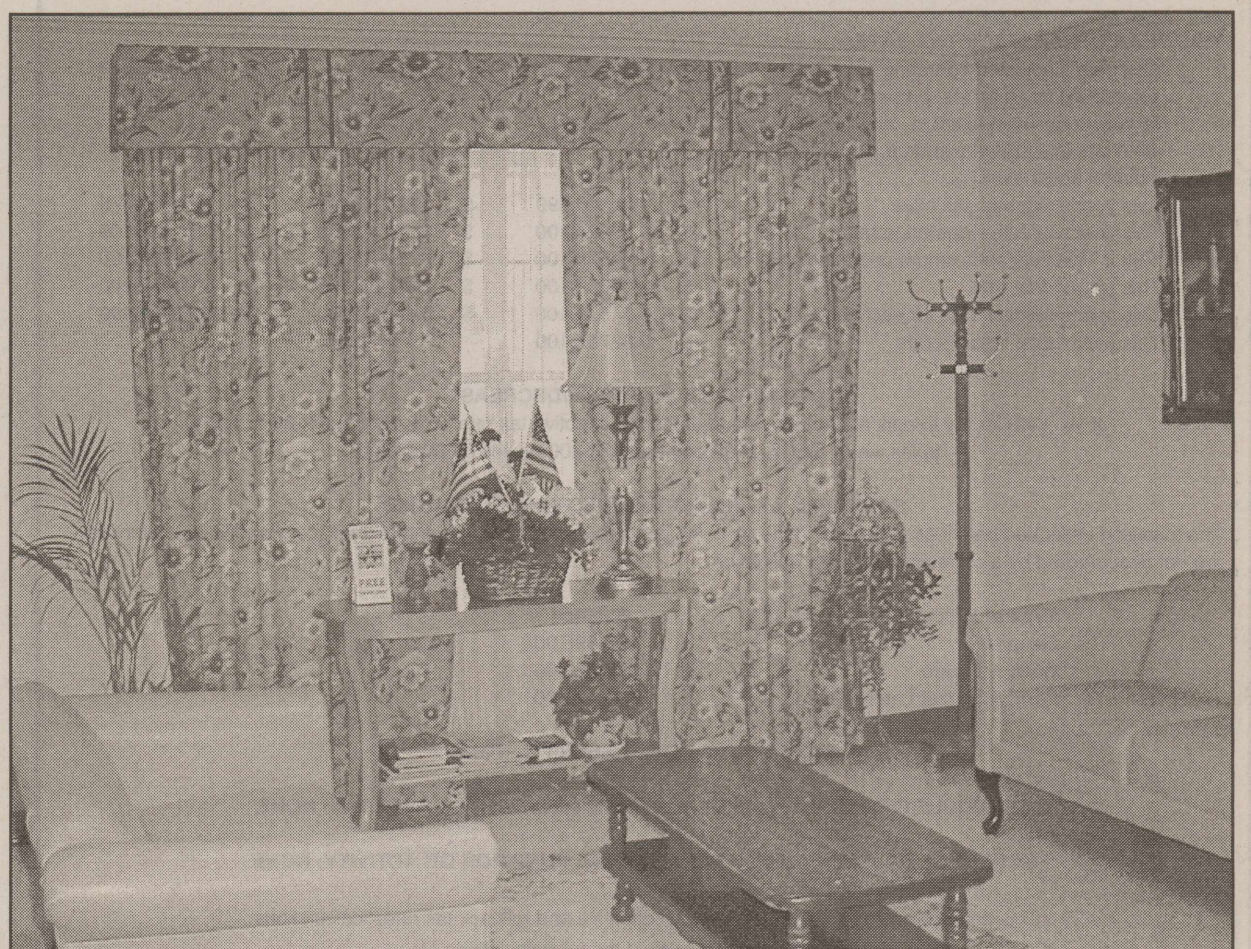
A world-class entertainer, Blagg is a singer/songwriter who has played in nearly every state in the continental U. S., as well as Europe, Canada and Mexico. His music has been described as both Pop with Gospel undertones, and Blue-Eyed Soul, getting the audience involved in the music.

"Music has such a phenomenal power to lift our souls, to cause us to pause and consider our purpose and our path here," Blagg says, adding

that it can tear down walls and build bridges between the generations, family members and cultures.

Blagg has performed in a number of well-know venues and events, such as the W. C. Handy Blues Awards, B. B. King's Blues Club in Memphis, the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Arts Festivals, The Bricktown Blues Festival, and played for the Temptations. Each year he takes his show on the road to hundreds of churches, schools, and college campuses across the nation.

There is no admission charge for the concert. A love offering will be taken.



NEW LOOK FOR CARE HOME-The main lobby of Rice Springs Care Home has taken on a new, homelike ambience after a redecoration project throughout the facility, which also saw major structural changes, making possible some additional services for residents of the home.

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VASHTI BENTON

Haskell resident turns 102

Vashti Benton of Haskell, who was 102 years-old, Wed., Aug. 4, has experienced everything in the last century that most people have only read about.

She was in her 20's during the Great Depression; in her late 40's when World War II ended, and had retired by the time Armstrong walked on the moon.

Born in 1902 near Sagerton, she worked as a housewife and Sagerton School cook. She resides at Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell.

Saying that she is most happy when everything is OK, she adds that summer is her favorite time of the year, because that is when she has her birthday.

Since she turned 100 two years ago, she has received birthday greetings from U. S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm, President George W. Bush and Texas Governor Rick Perry. On her birthday, Wednesday, she was wished "Happy Birthday" and "many more to come," by all her friends and staff of the care home.

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Obituaries

Anna Elouise Smart

Funeral services for Anna Elouise Smart, 69, of McCaulley were held Wed., Aug. 4 at McCaulley United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeff Sedberry officiating. Burial was in McCaulley Cemetery directed by Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smart died Sun., Aug. 1 in Hamlin. Born Sept. 29, 1934 in Silver Lake, she was a daughter of the late Thomas A. and Nettie Ione (Massey) Penny. She attended school in Hamlin and married James G. Smart, Jr. Jan. 19, 1951 in Hamlin. He preceded her in death Jan. 8, 2000. A longtime McCaulley resident, she was a homemaker and member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Louie Penny and Thomas Penny.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie and Rickey Jeffrey of McCaulley and Tiny and

Jim Pace of Haskell; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Janet Smart of Lometa and Kenny Smart of Aspermont; two sisters, Tiny Gibson of McCaulley and Lucille Patterson of Fort Worth; twelve grandchildren and their spouses, Stuart and Emily Jeffrey, Jamie and Tiffany Smart, Kevin and Casey Smart, Tricia and Scott Mumme, Amy Jeffrey, Abby and Jake McCullough, Riley and Megan Pace, Emily Wheat, Misti and Jason Isbell, Randall Pace, Mindy Smart and Kendal Smart; seven great grandchildren, Jordan Jeffrey, Jenna Jeffrey, Tyler McCullough, Chayce Canales, K'Lee Pace, Aubrey Isbell and Riley Mumme.

Memorials may be made to McCaulley United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 158, McCaulley, Texas 79534. PD. NOTICE

A. H. 'Johnny' Becker

Funeral services for A. H. 'Johnny' Becker, 94, of Haskell were held Fri., July 30 at First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. Truett Kuenstler officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Becker died Wed., July 28 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Dec. 25, 1909 in Aubrey, he was the son of Fred and Minnie Becker. He married Lucille Gilbert Oct. 3, 1936 in Cameron. He was full of life, loved to farm and work with his cattle, and loved to be with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Becker of Haskell; three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Jerry Davis

of Wichita Falls, Jean and Jerry Dunnam of Haskell and Kay and Gerald Ziebart of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Jamey Davis of College Station, Randy Davis and wife, Donna, and Suzanne Berend and husband, Donnie, all of Iowa Park, Ricky Dunnam and wife, Sharie, Mickey Dunnam and wife, Michelle, and Kevin Mathis and wife, Wendy, all of Haskell, Amanda Porter and husband, Jim of Lubbock; eight great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Grandsons were pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas 79521 or the donor's favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

Haskell Elementary to register

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Thurs., Aug. 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the elementary conference room. This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past but did not finish the 2003-04 school year at Haskell Elementary.

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

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 10 and Thurs., Aug. 12. The schedule is: Tues., Aug. 10 at 5:30 for students in Head Start, Early Childhood, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten. 1st and 2nd grades will register at 6:30. On Thurs., Aug. 12, 3rd and 4th grades will register at 5:30 and 5th and 6th grades will register at 6:30. Parents are encouraged to attend registration with their child/children

so they can meet the teachers and fill out necessary paperwork.

Homeroom lists will be posted at the time of registration.

School begins Mon., Aug. 16. Classes will begin at 8:15. Kindergarten through 6th grades will dismiss at 3:30. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:00 the first three weeks of school (Aug. 16-Sept. 3).

Screening for Early Childhood will be held Wed., Aug. 25 and Thurs., Aug. 26. Call the elementary office at 864-2654 to schedule an appointment.

FSA to elect committee person

FSA's relationship with farmers and ranchers goes back to the 1930's. At that time, Congress set up a unique system under which Federal farm programs were to be administered locally. Farmers and ranchers who are eligible to participate in these programs elect a three-to-five-person county committee (three in Haskell County), which reviews county office operations and makes some of the decisions on how to apply the programs.

This grassroots approach gives farmers and ranchers a much-needed say in how Federal actions affect their communities and their individual operations. After more than 60 years, it remains a cornerstone of FSA's efforts to preserve and promote American agriculture.

Local Administrative Area 3 (LAA 3) is scheduled to elect a Committee person this year. LAA 3 area is the eastern one third of the county. A line running north and south that is on the west side of Weinert and approximately one fourth mile west of the Paint Creek School is the west boundary line of the area.

A committee person must reside in the LAA or be an eligible voter in the LAA where their major farming

interest is located. Eligible voters list may be reviewed in the Haskell FSA Service Center located in Haskell at 607 N. 1st East. The term of election is for three years.

Nominations will be accepted through Sept. 3 at the County Office. If you have any questions, contact Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director at 940-864-2617.

Rule ISD sets pre-registration

Pre-registration for Rule ISD will be held Aug. 11, 12, 13, in the Rule ISD library. Parents/legal guardians of students in grades K-8, and parents of all students who are new to the district for the upcoming school year are required to attend. Parents of all high school age students are also encouraged to attend.

Pre-registration schedule is as follows:
 Wed., Aug 11, Seniors, 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Juniors, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thurs., Aug. 12, Sophomores, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Freshmen, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 13, Kindergarten through 5th Grade, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 8th Grade, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7th Grade, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 6th Grade, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following four items with them to pre-registration: 1. Proof of residency in the Rule ISD in the form of a water or electric bill. 2. A copy of the child's Social Security Card. 3. Current immunization records. 4. Any records from the child's previous school district.

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

2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HASKELL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for Haskell County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,009,812.94	\$ 291,400.58	\$ 238,653.85
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,009,812.94	\$ 291,400.58	\$ 238,653.85
Last year's tax base	\$ 200,349,880	\$ 197,818,106	\$ 209,334,146
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5040/\$100	\$ 0.1473/\$100	\$ 0.1140/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,005,624.35	\$ 290,005.09	\$ 238,053.93
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 199,146,399	\$ 196,625,219	\$ 207,749,675
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.5049/\$100	\$ 0.1474/\$100	\$ 0.1145/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.7668/\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings	\$ 0.7898/\$100		
THIS YEAR'S ROLL BACK TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care)	\$ 1,005,624.35	\$ 290,005.09	\$ 238,053.93
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 199,146,399	\$ 196,625,219	\$ 207,749,675
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5049/\$100	\$ 0.1474/\$100	\$ 0.1145/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5452/\$100	\$ 0.1591/\$100	\$ 0.1236/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.5452/\$100	\$ 0.1591/\$100	\$ 0.1236/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.8279/\$100		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Haskell County adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7668 for \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$1,773.61.

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	\$ 255,595.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 403,622.00
Farm & Market Lateral Road	\$ 306,495.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE

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

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations.

You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at

HASKELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT,
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Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 07/30/04

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MR. AND MRS. JORGE MENDEZ

Jimenez, Mendez wed in Haskell

Sharon Jimenez and Jorge Mendez were married Wed., April 17 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell, with Fr. George Roney officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Jimenez, Sr. of Haskell. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jimenez, Sr. of Weinert and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Abila of Haskell.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Mendez, Sr. of Petersburg. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Garza of Austin and Maria Garza of Lubbock.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown with cathedral train, and carried a bouquet of long-stemmed lilac roses.

Maid of honor was April Abila of Vernon, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Nora Limas, Natalie Carabajal and Yvonne Young, all of Lubbock, Kelly Jimenez of Waxahachie, cousin of the bride, and Lupeita Abila of Haskell.

Best man was Edward Mendez of Lubbock, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Emilio Mendez of Canyon, brother of the groom, Jon Barnes of Lubbock, Mark Morales of Levelland, and Santos Garza and Adrian Cantu of Lubbock, cousins of the groom.

Other wedding attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Garcia and

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Garcia, all of Stockdale; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Jimenez, Jr. of Colorado City; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cantu and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garza, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Garcia of San Antonio.

Ushers were Jeremy Moore of Atlanta, Georgia and Joe Cortez of Haskell.

Candle lighters were Eric Jimenez of Waxahachie, cousin of the bride, and Leonor Mendez of Petersburg, sister of the groom.

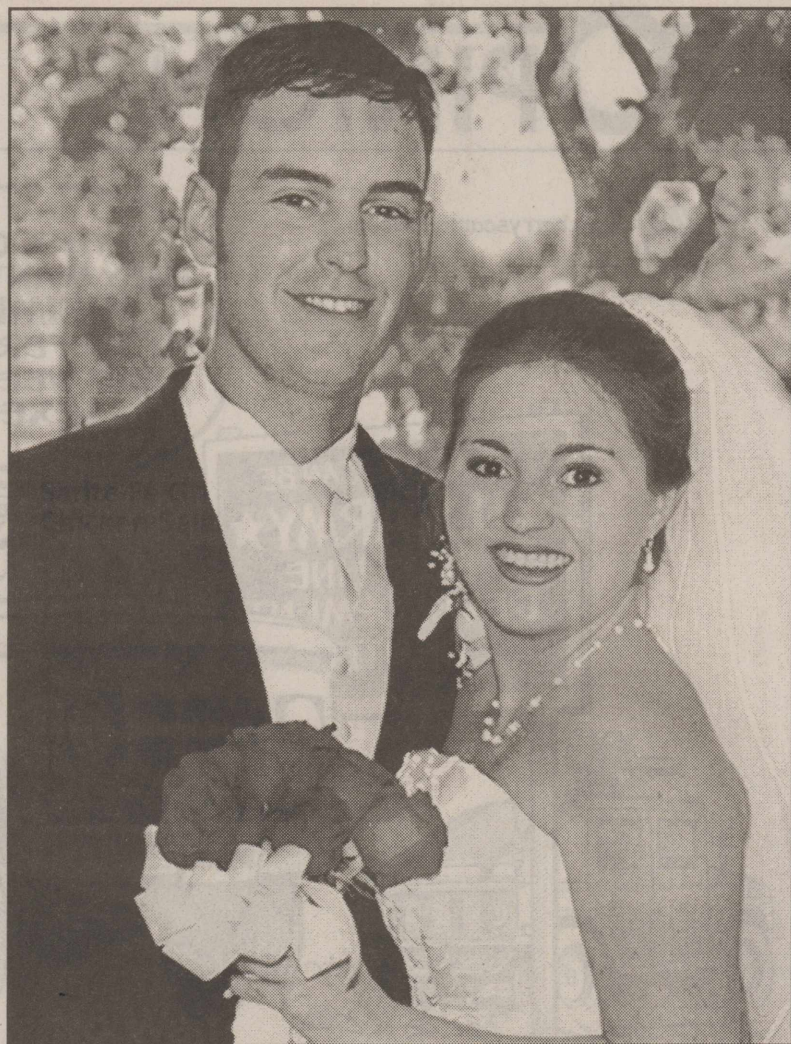
Flowergirls were Alexia Jimenez of Colorado, niece of the bride, Madilyn Williams of Haskell, Kenya Dodkins and Kendra Dodkins of Munday, all cousins of the bride.

Wedding music was provided by Nick Jimenez, Jr., brother of the bride, John Abila of Lubbock, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. J. C. Auburn of Haskell.

Lector was Linda Lane-Boise. Eucharistic ministers were Sara Cortez of Haskell and Mary Tamez of Abilene, aunt of the bride.

A reception was held at the Haskell Civic Center, with music by Mariachie Mi Tierra of Lubbock. Dance music was provided by Grupo Cadenda of Bovina.

Following a trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



MR. AND MRS. LEE NEAL PETTY

McManamon, Petty wed

Meg Amanda McManamon and Lee Neal Petty were united in marriage July 10, at Little Chapel of Brookhollow in Ransom Canyon, with Greg Rake officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Betsy McManamon of Haskell and Pat McManamon of Galveston. She is the granddaughter of George and Helen Fouts of Haskell and Jack McManamon and the late Lucille McManamon of Galveston.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Petty of Midland, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders of Ransom Canyon and Mrs. Gerald Petty of Midland.

Maid of honor was Amber Futch of Waco. Bridesmaid was Shannon Clark of Lubbock.

Serving as best man was Brian Petty of Lubbock, brother of the

groom. Groomsmen were Tap Giblin of Lubbock and Gus Gonzalez of Quemado. Ushers were Evan Petty of Midland, brother of the groom, Dan Fouts and Tom Fouts of Lubbock, cousins of the bride.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Haskell High School and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a degree in Multidisciplinary Studies. She will teach eighth grade English at Slaton Independent School District.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Grady High School and is attending Texas Tech University, majoring in Landscape Architecture. He is employed with Innovative Landscapes in Lubbock.

Following a wedding trip to Red River, New Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



SHANE LEFEVRE - JULIE SAPPINGTON

Couple to wed Sept. 4

Larry and Susan LeFevre of Rule, have announced the engagement of their son, Shane, to Julie Sappington, daughter of Tommie and Eualane Sappington of Saint Jo.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Marie and the late David Sappington of Nocona, and the late Eual and Minnie Talley of Saint Jo.

She is a graduate of Saint Jo High School and Tarleton State University, with a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. A former Pre-K/Kindergarten teacher at Prairie Valley ISD, she will be teaching at Sundown ISD.

Grandparents of the prospective bridegroom are Delbert and Joyce LeFevre of Sagerton, and A. D. and Tomi May of Rule.

He is a graduate of Rule High School and McMurry University, with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He is a teacher and former coach at Sundown ISD.

A wedding ceremony is planned for Sept. 4, at the First Baptist Church in Saint Jo, with a reception to follow at the Carpenter Shop in Nocona.

After a week's cruise in the Caribbean, the couple plans to reside in Sundown.



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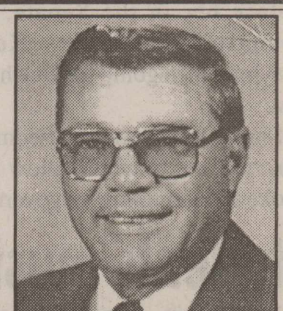
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Written By
James E Rodgers, CPA



IRS UPDATE

Here's a quick rundown of recent IRS activity.

Flex accounts can pay for over-the-counter drugs. The IRS will now permit taxpayers with flexible spending accounts and other employer health reimbursement plans to use those funds to buy over-the-counter drugs such as aspirin, flu medications, allergy pills and cold medicines. Over-the-counter drugs still will not qualify as itemized medical deductions.

Mileage rates increased for 2004. The standard mileage rate for business driving increased to 37.5 cents a mile, effective January 1, 2004. In other good news, the IRS will not permit businesses to use the standard mileage rate if no more than four vehicles are used. Previously, a business had to keep track of actual expenses, such as gas, repairs, and insurance, if more than one vehicle was used.

Tax numbers adjusted for 2004. Adjustments are made to many tax numbers each year, the result of tax law change and inflation. Among the changes that you need to factor into your tax planning for this year are the following:

- The top estate tax rate drops to 48%, and the amount exempt from tax increases to \$1.5 million.
- The deduction for qualified higher education expenses increases to \$4,000 this year, up from last year's \$3,000 maximum. For those with incomes too high to qualify for this deduction, a new \$2,000 deduction for college expenses is available if income doesn't exceed \$80,000 (\$160,000 for joint filers).
- The kiddie tax threshold increases from last year's \$1,500 threshold to \$1,600 for 2004.
- The business equipment expensing limit increases to \$102,000.
- Retirement plan contribution limits increase to \$13,000 for 401(k)s and to \$9,000 for SIMPLEs. With catch-up contributions, those 55 and older can contribute \$16,000 to a 401(k) and \$10,500 to a SIMPLE.

For details or for assistance with any of your tax concerns, please contact our office.

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ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 9

11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Meatballs, mushroom gravy, scalloped potatoes, English peas, sliced onions, carrot salad, yeast rolls, cherry cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 11

Lunch—Chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, garden salad,

sliced onions, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 13

Lunch—Hamburger steak with onion gravy, cheese potatoes, pinto beans, pickles, buttermilk biscuits, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee
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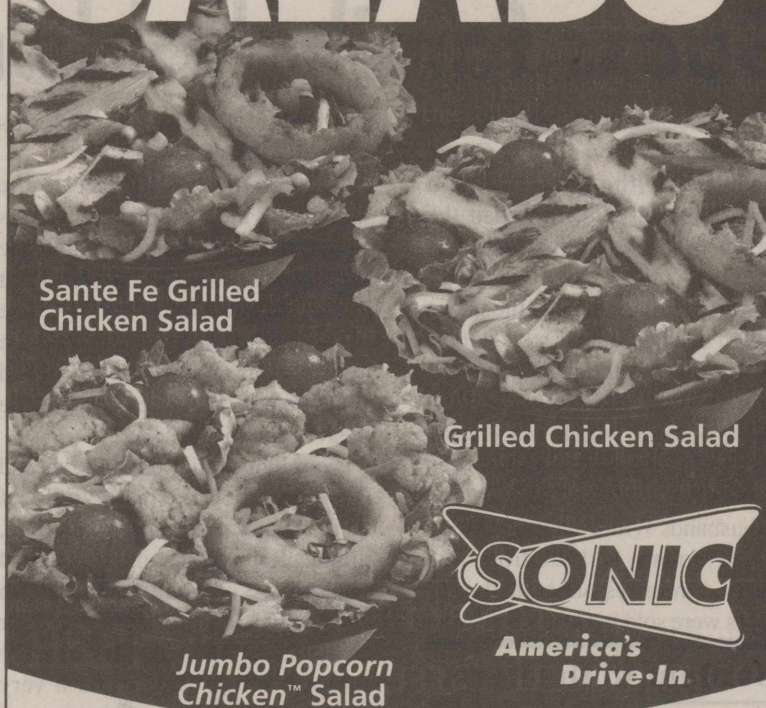
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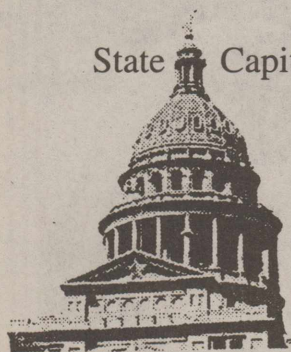
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Sharks, bacteria dampen Texas coastal trips

AUSTIN—At the height of the summer tourist season on the coast, sharks and a little known bacteria are making Texans nervous about getting in the surf.

Two shark bites have been reported along the upper coast and along the mid coast three people are suffering from the effects of Vibrio bacteria exposure.

Even so, the Texas Department of Health says the rise in Vibrio cases is not unusual.

"Vibrio is not new to the world, and it's not new to Texas," said TDH epidemiologist Linda Gaul. "But some precautions are in order."

TDH has confirmed 20 cases of Vibrio illness since March, including three deaths. Texas averages 36 cases a year, Gaul said.

The bacteria lives in warm coastal saltwater and can be introduced into the body through open cuts or sores. Vibrio also can be contracted from eating raw seafood such as oysters.

The basic precaution is to keep any cuts or sores well-covered if getting in salt water, and to not eat uncooked shellfish, especially if you have diabetes, a weakened immune system or liver disease.

Another name on the dance card...

Latest gubernatorial candidate said to be thinking about the '06 primary is U.S. Rep. Chris Bell (D-Houston), who lost a re-election try in his legislatively realigned district.

Bell talked about his plans in a breakfast speech at the Democratic National Convention last week in Boston. He said whether he runs in the Democratic primary depends on whether U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison decides to retire from Washington and seek a new address at 11th and Colorado in downtown Austin.

If Hutchison opts for a try at the Governor's Mansion, the buzz has Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst running to replace her in the Senate, with Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn then going for Dewhurst's post.

Singer-writer Kinky Friedman of Kerrville continues to blow cigar smoke about running for governor as

an independent, with (he says cigar-in-cheek) Willie Nelson as head of the Texas Rangers. Friedman's also mentioned Nelson as agriculture commission, but that's an elected office.

Down on the farm...

This fall, the Texas Department of Agriculture will mark the 30th anniversary of its Family Land Heritage Program.

Since 1974, the department has recognized 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties that have been in the same family for a century or more.

In addition to being able to prove 100 years of ownership to qualify for recognition, families much have at least 10 acres generating a minimum of \$50 in agricultural sales a year. If the farm covers less than 10 acres, sales must amount to at least \$250 annually.

Deadline for submitting applications for the 2004 class of honorees is Nov. 15. For more information, see the department's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or call 512-463-2631.

Grants target air pollution...

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality awarded \$80.89 million in pollution reduction grants that will remove more than 13,000 tons of ozone-producing nitrogen oxide (NOx) from Texas air. That is equivalent to removing NOx emissions from 182,500 cars per day.

The grants are funded under the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan. The reductions will help ensure that Texas will meet federal Clean Air Act deadlines.

Projects include:

- Houston-Galveston area, 43 projects, \$36.4 million
- Dallas-Ft. Worth area, 93 projects, \$29.6 million
- Austin area, 43 projects, \$6 million
- Beaumont-Port Arthur area, seven projects, \$2.2 million
- San Antonio area, five projects, \$2.5 million
- Corpus Christi area, four projects, \$1.9 million
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- El Paso area, two projects, \$457,018.

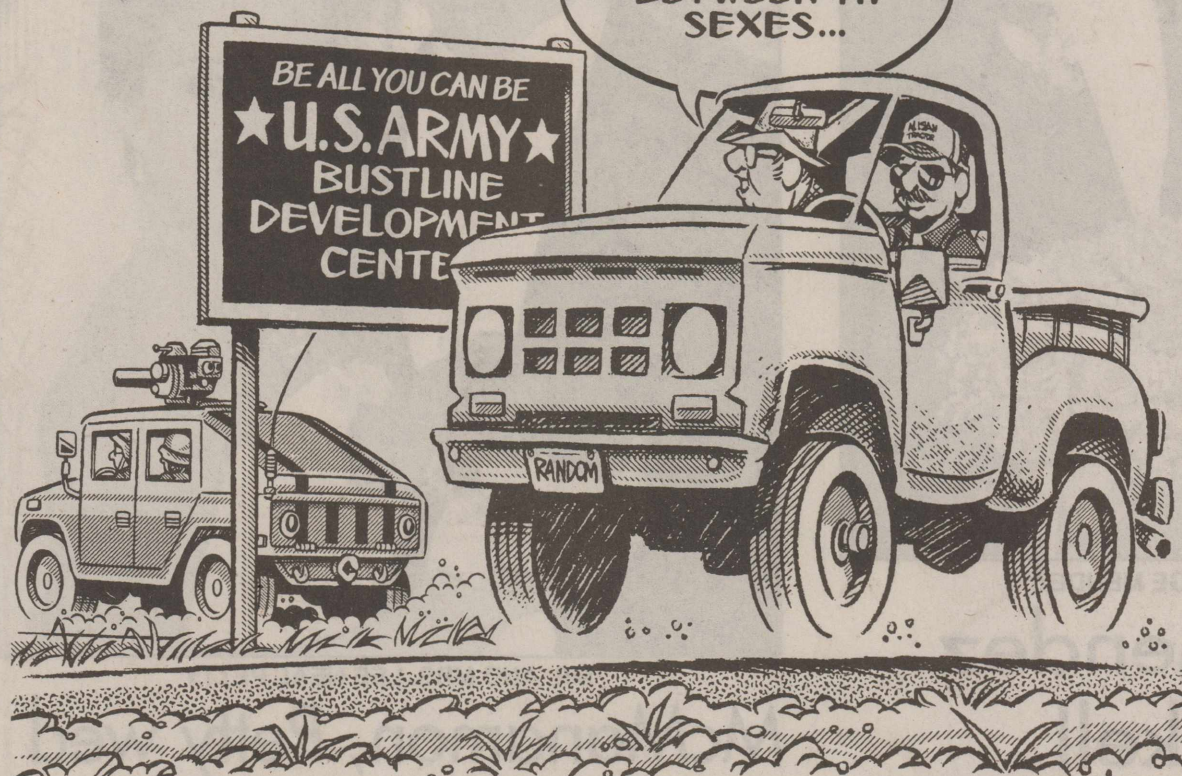
Students must have vaccinations

In the past, some schools have allowed out-of-compliance students a 30-day grace period to start getting the required vaccinations. But this school year, that provisional enrollment will not be granted unless the student has received at least one dose of each required vaccine series and is not overdue for a vaccine dose. State immunization requirements

dictate that school students be vaccinated against nine illnesses: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella (chickenpox).

For more information on scheduled immunization clinics please call Texas Department of Health at 325-773-5681.

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From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Who is this Mystery Reader?

I was born at my grandpa's house in Tulia.

I have been married 15 years. I have four children; one son and three stepchildren.

I attended schools in Lubbock and college at East Texas State and Texas Tech University.

No one knows that I once competed in the Miss Lubbock Contest.

My favorite TV show is "Everwood."

I like all types of music, except Rap, but mostly the 40's and 50's.

My favorite song is "What A Friend We Have in Jesus."

I like to read, cook and visit friends.

My favorite reading materials are novels or history.

My favorite food is Italian, eaten with friends.

My favorite place in Texas is the Hill Country. My favorite vacation spot in the world is London, England.

My best quality is coping; making lemonade when life deals me lemons.

My worst quality is impatience with people who don't do their best.

I hate it when people pretend to be something that are not.

The person from history I'd most like to talk with is Winston Churchill.

For me, the best thing about Haskell is friendly people.

Who am I? Watch next week for the answer.

Update

Last week's Mystery Reader was Dorothy Hartsfield, who at age twelve or thirteen, once skinny

dipped in a farm tank with friend Raynell Royal, and they were spied on by the friend's future husband, Jake Whitaker. Although they were too young to date at that time, Raynell later married Jake and they lived in Coleman for many years.

Dorothy met and married Haskell native, Hess Hartsfield, 55 years ago, after WWII, and except for three months lived in Texarkana, they have lived in Haskell. Hess also served in the Korean War.

The couple has three children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Son Larry is a professor at Fort Lewis University in Durango, Colorado. Daughter, Linda Calhoun, is a registered nurse, works in real estate and has several retailing establishments in Red River, New Mexico. Son Dan is an attorney with Baker Botts Law Firm in Dallas.

The oldest grandchild is in Vermont; one grandchild is in school at Washington State University and in September, will go to Ghana, Africa, to teach English; one is enrolled in New York University; one is enrolled in North Western University in Evanston, Illinois; one is at Western State University in Gunnison, Colorado; one is married and living in Red River, New Mexico; one is in high school and one lives and works in Durango, Colorado. The two great grandchildren are in Vermont.

Dorothy opened the Carousel gift and specialty shop in Haskell in 1984 because of her love and concern

for an exceptional great nephew who had cerebral palsy. In trying to find games, toys and activities he could use and enjoy, she searched the wholesale markets, and became interested in the idea of a retail outlet for a variety of unusual items. In the last twenty years the Carousel has become a successful fixture on the Haskell business scene.

Earlier in their marriage Dorothy got her real estate and insurance licences, and worked with Hess in his real estate and insurance business, which he began in 1964. She owned Haskell County Abstract until 1972.

Dorothy says she loves to play any game, especially bridge. She is an active member of the Progressive Study Club. She and Hess are members of the Church of Christ.

The couple likes to travel, and they have just returned from a trip to the New England states and down the Eastern Seaboard.

Saying that she would like to sit down and talk with the late John F. Kennedy, Dorothy said she would like to tell him about her mother, Beulah, 'Ma' Toliver, who lived to be 100 years old and was always more than pleased to tell everyone that she was a confirmed Democrat, through thick and thin.

It's a Thought

"We should not forget those acts of courage with which men have lived. A man does what he must—in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures—and that is the basis of all human morality." —John F. Kennedy "Profiles in Courage"

Guess family holds reunion

The descendants of Rebus B. and Emily Belle Weaver (Ma) Guess gathered at the old Mattson schoolhouse July 24, to revisit the area where the family first settled in Haskell County.

From the schoolhouse, the group traveled one half mile east, down the field turnrow, to the location of the country store and Vontress Post Office, both of which Ma Guess' mother, Matilda Weaver, operated in her home from 1908 to 1932. She and her husband, Will Weaver, came to Haskell County in 1907 from Bell County. Groceries, shoes, and some clothes were sold in the country store

Student in the news

Haskell resident Nathan Meredith participated in Threshold, a summer program for gifted children entering kindergarten through tenth grade, held at Hardin-Simmons University.

HSU began offering this program over 25 years ago. Threshold has been recognized throughout the state as an exemplary enrichment program.

and before its closing, gas was pumped by hand.

The family then traveled to the location where Belle and Rebus Guess raised their family, north of the Mattson schoolhouse, on a farm that is still in the Guess family. The parade of travelers then visited the Roberts Cemetery where Matilda and Will Weaver and Rebus and Belle Weaver Guess are buried.

Four living children of Rebus and Belle Guess, LaVern Mayfield of Weinert, LaVera Hummel of Sterling, Illinois, Rebus Guess of Haskell and Lindo Guess of Weinert, shared with the younger family members their memories of the land, how the store and post office came to be a very active spot for a number of years, and how they lived and entertained themselves back then. The other living child, Rita Guess Hughes, lives in Haskell Healthcare Center. Deceased children of Belle and Rebus Guess are Mabel Guess Derr, Bailey Guess, Otie Guess Mayfield, Imogene Guess Brown, Little R. B. Guess and Bob Guess.

The family then gathered at the Bevers House in Haskell, where good times continued and a feast was enjoyed. Listening skills and memories were tested later in a game of Family Trivia.

Traveling the farthest was LaVera Hummel of Illinois. Oldest was LaVern Mayfield, and the youngest was Cooper Naredo.

Attendees were Ann and Bobby Therwhanger; Teresa Therwhanger; Bill Bailey; LeeAnn Guess, Matthew, Kellie and Henry Guess; George and Couilla Cunningham; Tiffen and Erlinda Mayfield; Deborah and Madison Mayfield; Jeff Teague; LaVern Mayfield; LaVera Hummel; Rebus and Leora Guess; Brian and Jennifer Burgess; Tommy, Kim, Aubrey, Crissy and Cash Bassett; Pat and Sue Henry; Mike and Beth Guess; Steve Guess; Paul, Stephanie and Cooper Naredo; Madilyn Guess; Lindo and Sarah Guess; Joey and Caron Yates; Hal and Cindy Guess; Shannon, Heather, Brenley and Burgen Waters; Heath Guess; Cristi, Cayleigh and Carson Little.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 4, 1994

54 years ago Haskell's John Kimbrough carried the ball as an all-American fullback for Texas A&M and was inducted into the Southwest Conference Hall of Honor.

Eric Brandon Barbee, great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monse Jr. of Sagerton and Mrs. Allie Mae Anderson of Rule, was named Mr. Sundown High School and student of the month.

Estalynn Liles, Alice Yates and Lou Gilly participated in the Family and Community Education (FCE) Cultural Arts Retreat at the Texas 4-H Center in Lake Brownwood.

20 Years Ago August 2, 1984

Attending the 55th annual Firemen's Training School at Texas A&M University from Haskell were Tom Watson, Don Comedy and Clayton Neal. Watson and Comedy both served as instructors at the annual school.

Haskell County winners in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Rolling Plains-3-4-H Record Judging were Chad Ballard in Achievement and Jill Jennings in Foods and Nutrition.

Mindy Ballard won a special award for the best cotton outfit and Michelle Scoggins won top seamstress in the younger division in Rolling Plains District 4-H Fashion Show at the Paducah Public School.

30 Years Ago August 1, 1974

The first load of maize harvested in the area was brought in by Carl W. Rastetter to the Circle 7 Grain Company. Rastetter's 30-acre field was producing approx. 1300 lbs. per acre.

Shawn Chambers won first place trophy in barrels and second place in flags, and Debbie Aycock won first place in poles at the Playday sponsored by the BVRA in Knox City.

Shawn Chambers, James Hopkins, Tina Morris and Susie Hopkins of Haskell were named all-around champion performers in the Stamford Junior Sheriff's Posse second annual youth rodeo.

40 Years Ago August 6, 1964

Airman Third Class Frances D. Foil, formerly of Haskell, graduated from the technical training course for USAF dental specialists at Gunter AFB, Alabama.

Chester Jones of Haskell was the recipient of an "outstanding and sustained superior performance" award from an agency within the Department of Defense in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Alfon Peiser, mother of four boys, ages 2 to 5, was chosen Young Homemaker of the Year in Haskell.

50 Years Ago August 5, 1954

Mrs. W. H. Crawford, resident of Haskell since 1927 and the mother of John Crawford of this city, observed her 99th birthday.

Donnie J. Solomon, seaman U. S. Navy, of Haskell participated in naval and amphibious "war games" off the coast of Southern California. Frank D. Montgomery, Seaman Apprentice U. S. Navy, of Haskell appeared with the Treasure Island chorus in a memorial service held at the California State Legion Convention.

Mrs. Joyce H. Jeter and Mrs. Mary Eleanor McCollum, Homemaking teachers in Haskell High School returned from Lubbock where they had been attending Texas Technological College.

100 Years Ago August 6, 1904

D. M. Winn arrived home from Old Mexico, where he had been looking after some land and mining interests.

Sam Pierson arrived from Emory with his household effects and will become a citizen of Haskell.

W. S. Fouts and family and B. R. Buchanan and family, the latter of Stonewall County, came from a fishing trip on Paint Creek. They caught all the fish they wanted and also found several bee trees which provided plenty of sweetening.

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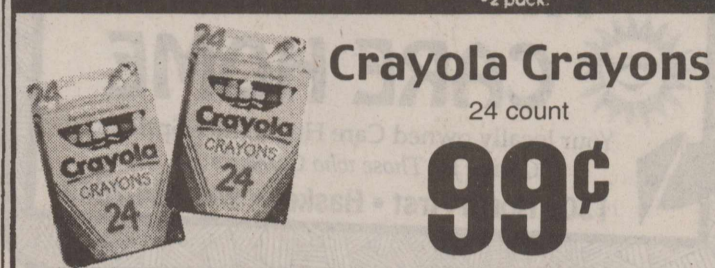
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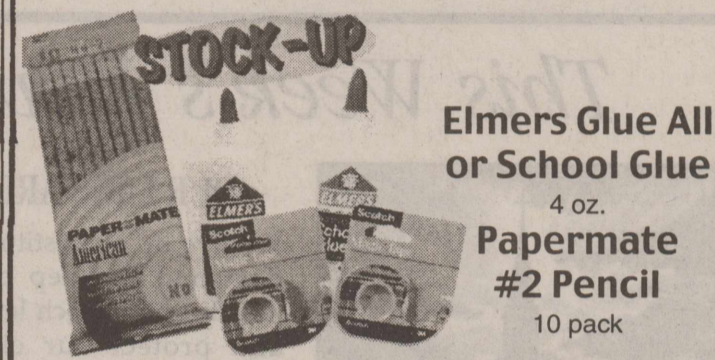
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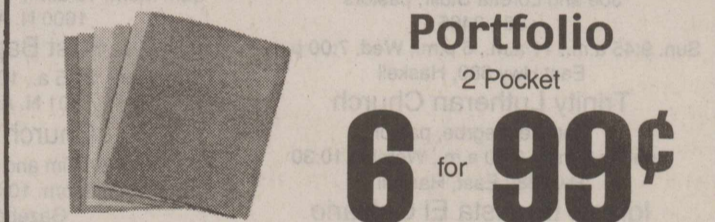
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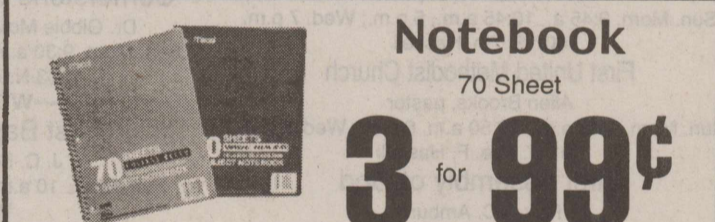
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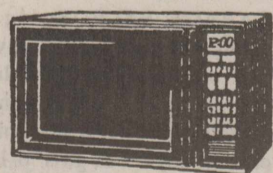
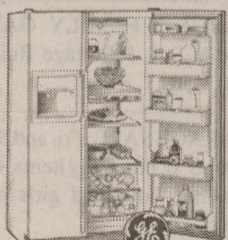
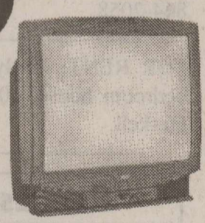
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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

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Christopher and Melissa Tatum and family along with Joyce Hawking visited in Lewisville with the family of Bobby Hawkins. They attended a Ranger game on Saturday night. Terry Hawkins and his friend,

Lesia of Marble Falls met them there. They also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Michael McFadden of Fort Worth while there.

The descendants of the I. T. Briscoe family held their family reunion Saturday with 30 attending from Midland, Abilene, Wichita Falls, Snyder, Rule, Nugent and Haskell.

Annie Blair celebrated a birthday on Sunday. Attending were Nathan, Alice, Aerial, Bobby and Charae Muhle, Charles and Gean Blair, Vickie Hawkins, Eric Blair and Sherita Tidrow.

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GARAGE SALE: Sat., Aug. 7, 8 a.m. 506 N. 7th. Clothes. 32p

GARAGE SALE: 1206 N. Ave. G. Aug. 6-7, 8 to 6. Beanie Babies, VCR tapes, clothing, computer, scanner, jewelry, other items. 32p

GARAGE SALE: 1101 N. Ave. D. 8 to noon. Lots of clothes, toys, baby stuff, etc. 32c

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GARAGE SALE: Furniture, copy machine, fax machine, typewriter, computer, misc. office stuff, high chair, youth bed, jeans, dishes, linens, antique living room set and other. 406 and 408 N. 1st. Fri., Aug. 6, 8 to 6 and Sat., Aug. 7, 8 to 5. 32p

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HUGE GARAGE SALE: Sat., 8 to noon. Clothes, electronics, home decorations, baby items, misc. 1801 N. Ave. F. 32p

GARAGE SALE: Sat., 8 to 3. 706 S. 2nd. Everything must go. Clean sweep. 32p

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This Week's Devotional Message:



OUR LAWS ARE THE BEST PROTECTION OF OUR FREEDOM

We live by a constitution; a set of laws designed to keep order, define the jurisdiction of each level of government, and protect our citizens from any unwarranted intrusion into their lives by government itself. It is firm but also flexible, so that it can be amended by a majority demand to meet any need that arises. The concept of it did not originate with modern

man, but in the Bible, you will learn that at your house of worship, which you were allowed to choose because of this document. We owe all of our rights to our country's laws, which were patterned after God's Scriptural decrees, and we must do whatever is necessary to preserve them for ourselves and for future generations, as it was done all through our history.

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- HASKELL**
- East Side Baptist Church**
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- New Vision Family Worship Center**
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Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Renniegrbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 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. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Park**
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion
- Cornerstone Baptist Fellowship**
Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
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- ROCHESTER**
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Steve Willis, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
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Jackie Brem, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Rochester
- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester

- First United Methodist Church**
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Melissa Bemis, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
- First United Methodist Church**
Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegs
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK**
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN**
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Milton McManus, pastor
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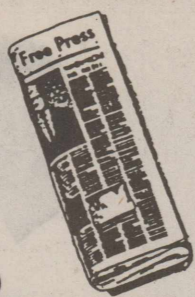
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Public Notices

NOTICE

The City of Haskell will be accepting bids for a 5-year lease on approximately 84.9 of farmland located at the Haskell Municipal Airport. Bids will be accepted until August 18, 2004 at City Hall. The Haskell City Council will accept or reject bids at the regular City Council meeting on August 23, 2004.

The City of Haskell reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 31-32c

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 118.025 a Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Haskell County Commissioner's Courtroom, 1 Ave. D, Haskell, Texas to consider a plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's records archives. 32c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Haskell Housing Authority will be accepting bids to repair one burn damaged apartment. Deadline for bids will be Aug. 9, 2004. The Haskell Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or refuse any bid. Details, apply at 702 S. Ave. H in Haskell, Texas. 32c

PUBLIC NOTICE

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT RENEWAL FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. WQ0013616001 APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.

City of O'Brien, P. O. Box 38, O'Brien, Texas 79539, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TPDES Permit No. 13616-001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 20,000 gallons per day. The current permit also authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater via irrigation

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The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, statement of basis/technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at O'Brien City Hall, 1002 Grand Central Avenue, O'Brien, Texas 79539.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to

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A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing

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list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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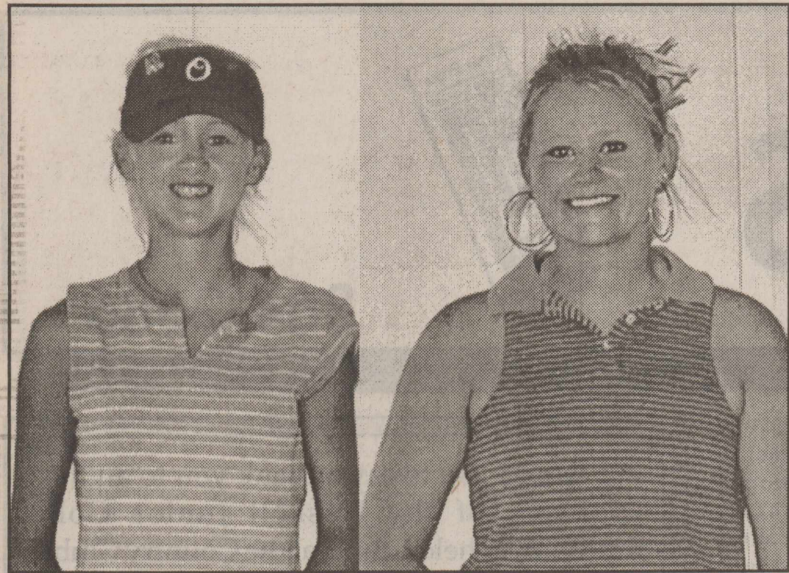
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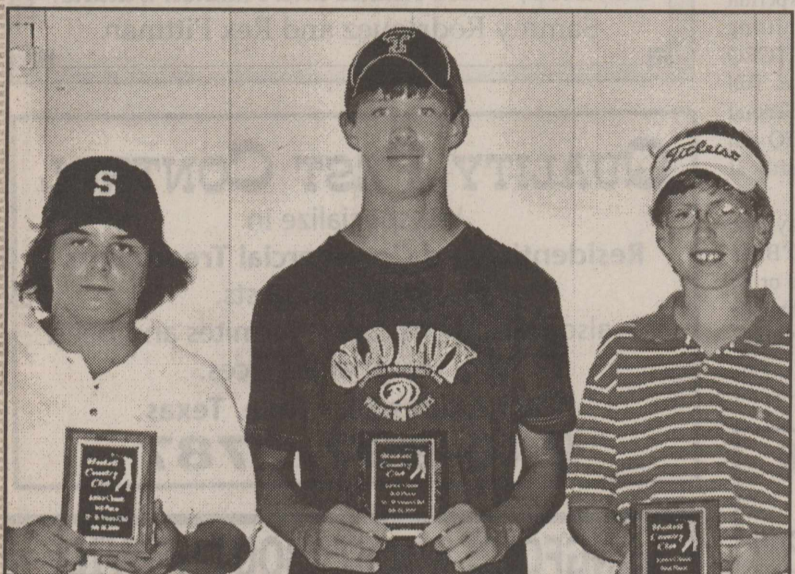
TOP GOLFERS—Winning first place in their age groups at the Haskell Jr. Golf Tournament were: l-r, Girls 13-15 year-old, Katie McElroy (104), Olney; and Girls 16-18 year-old, Keely Sullivan, Throckmorton.



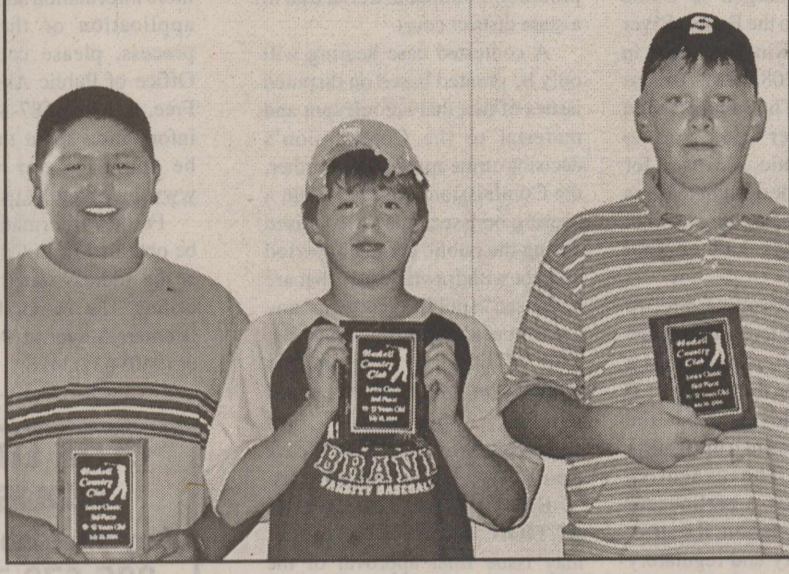
WINNING GOLFERS—Placing in the Girls 11-12 year-old group at the Haskell Jr. Golf Tournament were: l-r, 1st, Halli Betts (50), Olney and 2nd, Victoria Thane (53), Stamford.



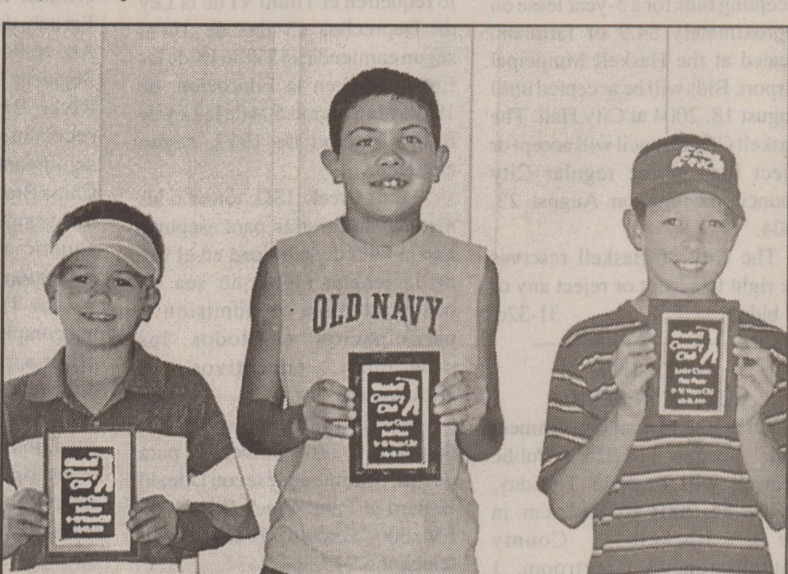
TOP GOLFERS—Placing in the Boys 16-18 year-old group at the Haskell Jr. Golf Tournament were: l-r, 2nd, Jaryd Baldwin (77), Haskell; 1st, Logan Scarlett (75), Throckmorton; 3rd, Cade Betts (83), Olney.



WINNING GOLFERS—Top players in the Boys 13-15 year group at the Haskell Jr. Golf Tournament were: l-r, 3rd, Mack Symack (87), Seymour; 2nd, Callen Pittman (85), Haskell; and 1st, Kyle Dickerson (77), Anson.



WINNING GOLFERS—Taking trophies in Boys 11-12 year-olds at the Haskell Jr. Golf Tourney were: l-r, 3rd, Scottie Rodriguez, Haskell; 2nd, James Williams, Haskell, and 1st, Nick Wiles, Seymour.



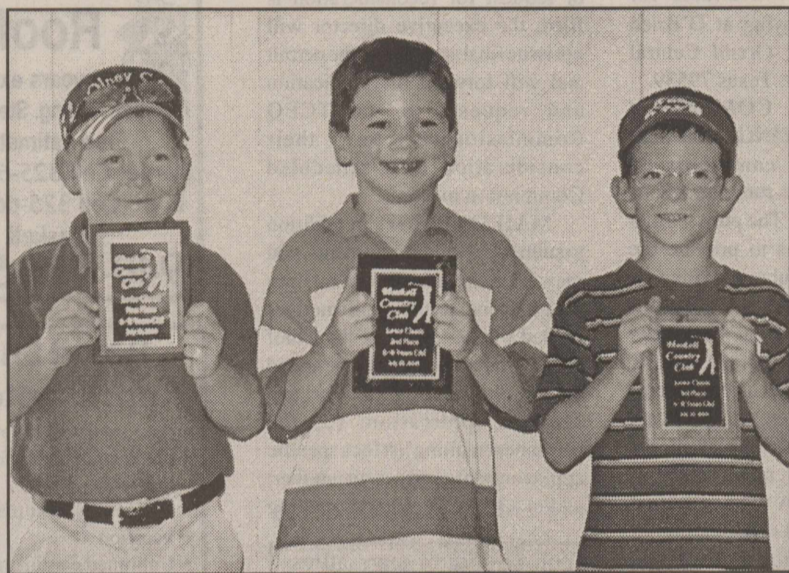
JUNIOR GOLFERS—Winning trophies in the Boys 9-10 year-old group at the Haskell Jr. Golf Tournament, were: l-r, 3rd, Taylor Thompson (59), Throckmorton; 2nd, Haegan Hutchinson (57), Knox City; and 1st, Todd Meador (51), Aspermont.

Tournament held for young golfers

Forty young golfers participated in the Haskell Jr. Golf Tourney held July 22 at the Haskell Country Club. Winners in the events were:

Girls 16-18, 1. Keely Sullivan, Throckmorton.
Boys 16-18, 1. Logan Scarlett, Throckmorton; 2. Jaryd Baldwin, Seymour; 3. Cade Betts, Olney.
Girls 13-15, 1. Katie McElroy, Olney.
Boys 13-15, 1. Kyle Dickerson, Anson; 2. Callen Pittman, Haskell; 3. Mark Symack, Seymour.
Girls 11-12, 1. Halli Betts, Olney;

2. Victoria Thane, Stamford.
Boys 11-12, 1. Nick Wiles, Seymour; 2. James Williams, Haskell; 3. Scottie Rodriguez, Haskell.
Girls 9-10, 1. Macy Miles (62), Stamford.
Boys 9-10, 1. Todd Meador (51), Aspermont; 2. Hagen Hutchinson (57), Knox City; 3. Taylor Thompson (59), Throckmorton.
Boys 6-8, 1. Brody Odell (25), Graham; 2. Tanner Thompson (29), Throckmorton; 3. Trey Meador (40), Aspermont.



YOUNG GOLFERS—Proud winners in the Boys 6-8 year-old group at the Haskell Jr. Golf Tournament, were: l-r, 1st, Brody Odell, Graham; 2nd, Tanner Thompson, Throckmorton; and 3rd, Trey Meador, Aspermont.

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NOTICE OF 2004 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of O'Brien, City of Rochester, and City of Rule and Haskell Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	City of O'Brien	City of Rochester	City of Rule	Haskell Memorial Hospital Dist.
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:				
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 11,033.34	\$ 26,915.78	\$ 48,356.89	\$ 757,368.93
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 11,033.34	\$ 26,915.78	\$ 48,356.89	\$ 757,368.93
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,288,575	\$ 3,535,950	\$ 9,694,673	\$ 200,616,586
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.4821/\$100	\$ 0.7612/\$100	\$ 0.4988/\$100	\$ 0.3775/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 11,030.57	\$ 26,915.65	\$ 48,305.20	\$ 755,389.54
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)				
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,182,028	\$ 3,532,382	\$ 9,658,531	\$ 199,207,084
(after subtracting value of new property)				
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.5055/\$100	\$ 0.7619/\$100	\$ 0.5001/\$100	\$ 0.3791/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 0.5207/\$100	\$ 0.7848/\$100	\$ 0.5151/\$100	\$ 0.3905/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 11,030.57	\$ 26,915.65	\$ 48,305.20	\$ 755,389.54
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,182,028	\$ 3,532,382	\$ 9,658,531	\$ 199,207,084
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5055/\$100	\$ 0.7619/\$100	\$ 0.5001/\$100	\$ 0.3791/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5459/\$100	\$ 0.8228/\$100	\$ 0.5401/\$100	\$ 0.4094/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.5459/\$100	\$ 0.8228/\$100	\$ 0.5401/\$100	\$ 0.4094/\$100
STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE				
If the City of O'Brien adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.5055 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$2.77.				
If the City of Rochester adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7619 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$0.13.				
If the City of Rule adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.5001 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$51.67.				
If the Haskell Memorial Hospital District adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.3791 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2003 taxes by \$1,979.39.				
SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES				
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.				
Type of Property Tax Fund	Balances as Listed			
City of O'Brien - General	\$ 600.00			
City of Rochester - General		\$ 0.00		
City of Rule - General			\$ 0.00	
Hask. Mem. Hosp. Dist.				\$ 0.00
SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE				
SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE				
SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NOT APPLICABLE				
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at HASKELL CO. APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 604 North First St., Haskell, Texas.				
Name of person preparing this notice: Kenny Watson Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 07/30/04				