

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

ECC variety show

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will present a variety show Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center. Sandwiches will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Showtime will begin at 7:30 p.m. Scheduled to appear are The Foggy Mountain Boys, Oh Brother Where Art Thou?, The One and Only, Jeff Foxworthy, Siderbill and Crackerjack, Clowns Slappy, Miss Priss and JJ, Rerun, the Famous Clown, Dolly Parton, Ray Stevens, Elvis Presley and other celebrities. Cost of the show is \$5 or \$10 for the show and meal.

Plainview, McConnell, Bunker Hill homecoming

The Plainview, McConnell and Bunker Hill communities will hold their homecoming Sat., Oct. 1 at the Sagerton Community Center beginning with registration at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Alvin Ulmer, Rt. 2 Box 1C1, Sagerton, Texas 79548 or call 940-997-2577.

Meet the Indians

Meet the Indians will be held Thurs., Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at Indian Field following the Haskell-Baird scrimmage. Athletes will be introduced. Homemade ice cream will be served.

Spaghetti supper

Rule Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Bobcat Club will host a spaghetti supper and musical Aug. 20 at Rule High School cafeteria and auditorium. Spaghetti will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per plate. Music will be provided by the Sagerton 'Hee Haw Band' beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. For advance tickets, see any Bobcat Club or Fire Dept. member or contact Carla at City Hall 940-996-2214. All proceeds benefit Rule Fire Dept.

Spirit shirts

Haskell spirit shirts are available at a cost of \$10 from any varsity cheerleader or in Kendra Bevel's room at the high school from 8 to 9 a.m.

Homecoming 2005

The next Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming will be held Oct. 7-8. Contact Dorothy Hartsfield, 405 N. Ave. H, Haskell or by email hshessharts@cs.com.

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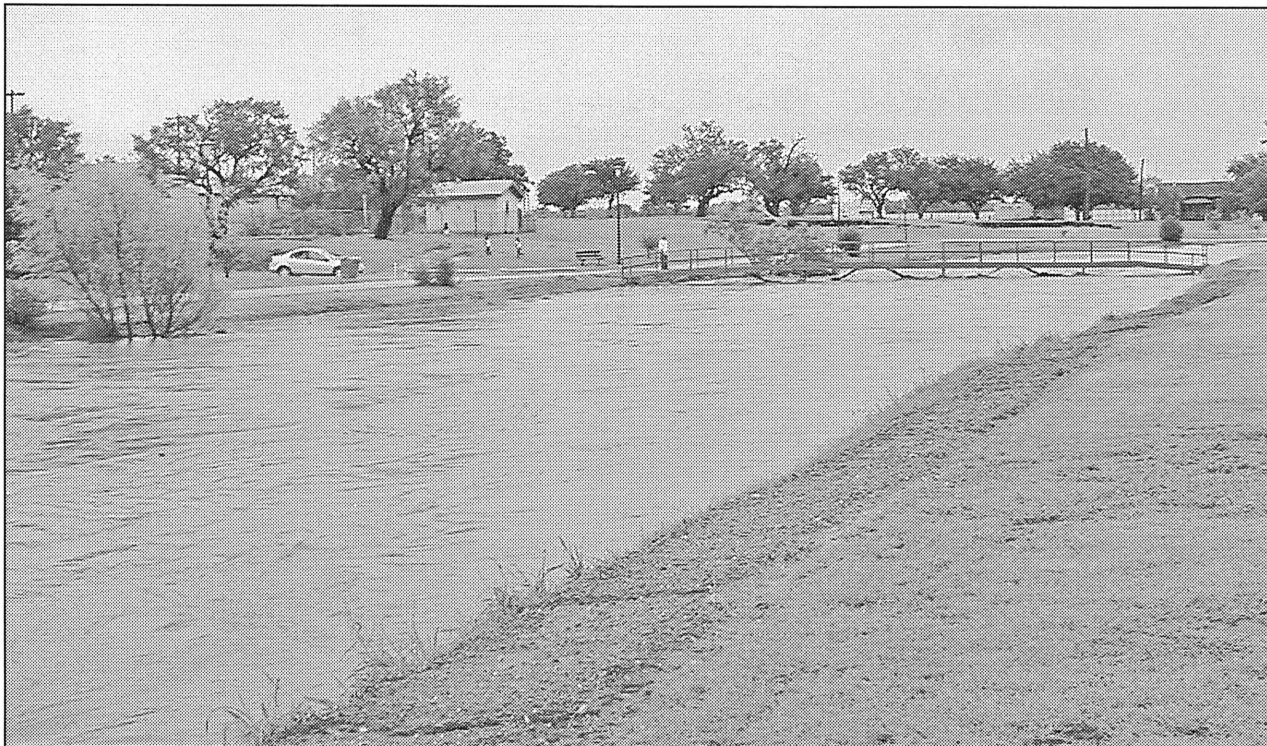
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Heavy rain and high water hit the area



HOW HIGH'S THE WATER?—Benefits of the recent cleaning of Rice Springs Creek were a realized blessing in Haskell this week as

residents of low lying areas watched the creek levels rise during the 7 to 18 inches of rainfall received over the last week.

Lookout for children and school buses

School children across the state will head back to school soon. The Texas Dept. of Public Safety reminds all drivers to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses—and to obey all traffic laws related to school buses.

Drivers also need to slow down and pay attention in school zones. Children may not be looking for oncoming traffic when they step into the roadway, so drivers must remain alert.

"Although school buses are the

safest form of transportation for students, the most dangerous time of the journey is when kids are entering and exiting the bus," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, Jr., director of the DPS. "When a school bus is loading or unloading students, the law

requires that drivers stop on most roadways."

State law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating a visual signal (red flashing lights or a stop sign). Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by an intervening space or physical barrier. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

Punishment for drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine of up to \$1,000. If a driver is convicted of this offense more than one time, DPS can suspend their license for up to six months.

"DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses," Davis said. "Drivers must slow down, obey school zone speed limits and stop for school buses to ensure the safety of Texas school children."

City seeks new manager

The Haskell City Council convened for a regular meeting, Aug. 8, with Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor pro tem, Sue Medford, Councilmen W. L. Wolf, Jimmy Roberts, Jerry Stocks and Dan Hoover, City Secretary Louetta Wallace, City Attorney Shane Hadaway, Administrative Assistant Laura Alsbrook, and seventeen Haskell citizens attending.

Mayor Ken Lane called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Dan Hoover.

A motion was approved by the council to proceed with the airport grants for the pilot's lounge, and take bids for the job.

Approval was given to pursue taking bids for the computers and software for City Hall.

Approval was given by the council for merging with the Haskell

County Club.

Police Chief Tom Bassett gave a monthly police report.

City Attorney Shane Hadaway reported working a registration of dogs pertaining to the new animal ordinance.

Mayor Ken Lane, as Acting City Administrator, reported that adjuster Brandi Morris will get the city an estimate for work on the airport pilots' lounge. He also reported that the oil well at the city dump was plugged and will be ready to take construction trash soon.

Lane said David Dodson will start work on the creek weirs on Aug. 8. He also reported that the software bought by the city was no good, and the city has asked for a price on updating present equipment and has

an estimate for the new system.

Lane said a search committee met on July 21 to start looking for a city manager. Newspaper ads were placed in Abilene, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Haskell, TML and COG.

The assisted living facility should be funded this week, Lane said, and will begin to progress into the design phase.

Lane said that after a meeting that went well with the engineers, the Capitol Fund Grant is on track, and should be funded in approximately 120 days.

The airport and the prison farmland has been turned back by Joe Cothron, he said.

After the approval of paying outstanding bills, the meeting was adjourned.

Haskell County was hard hit with heavy showers and thunderstorms over the weekend, bringing flash flooding to highways, county roads and city streets, and high water in some residences across the area.

U. S. Hwy. 380 between Haskell and Rule, and State Hwy. 6, south of Rule were closed due to water flowing across the roadway. Travel in the area was discouraged. In Rule, some residents sandbagged their homes as between 7 and 8 inches of rain continued to fall Sunday. Over the last week, rainfall amounts of over 23 inches were reported in the Rule area. County wide, rainfall amounts of 10-15 inches had fallen by Tuesday morning, with more predicted.

In the City of Haskell Monday, water was rushing over the weirs of Rice Springs Creek and rising on the banks of the previously dry creek bed running through the park. One couple had to be rescued from their car when it stalled in 28 to 30 inches of rainwater flowing across a street crossing over Rice Springs Creek.

At Lake Stamford, crews were busy Monday and during Monday night helping to evacuate people as the lake level rose. By Monday afternoon, water was continuing to rise, and crews were going house to house, turning off the propane supply from tanks which were floating up in the water. Rescue workers also reported clumps of fire ants floating in the area.

On Monday morning a bulletin from the National Weather office in San Angelo reported that flood waters continue to flow into Lake Stamford, causing the lake level to climb to over seven feet. Tuesday morning they reported the level was still rising.

"The lake is our biggest worry," said Haskell County Sheriff David Halliburton on Tuesday morning. He reported that The Anchor was under water, and the lake level was continuing to rise well past the first two rows of cabins. Residents were being evacuated from all of the lake camps, including Veda's, Jeffcoat's, Earles' and those on the Stamford side.

Sheriff Halliburton said that with many roads and streets closed, the best thing for everyone to do is to watch for and heed the warning signs and not to by-pass them. Parents should also warn children not to play in the run-off water, which may contain seepage of farm chemicals or sewage tanks.

Pictures of flood related damage and events will be featured in next week's edition of the Free Press.



HIGH WATER RESCUE—Bill and Jean Jones of Haskell were rescued from their car at approximately 6:00 a.m., Mon., Aug 15., at the Rice Springs Creek crossing on North Ave L, which was covered with 28 to 30 inches of flood water after heavy rains across the county. The rescue was made by members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Dept., with support by Haskell EMS.



BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER—The turbulent water flowing under the bridge on South Ave. H and Hwy. 380 on Monday after the weekend rains, reminded Haskell residents of the danger of driving through flowing flood waters.

Obituaries

Humberto M. Soria, Jr.

Services for Humberto M. Soria, Jr., 35, of Rule were held in Patterson, California.

Humberto died Mon., Aug. 8 at his mother's residence in Patterson, California of complications after chemo therapy treatments. Surrounded by family and friends, he died peacefully. Humberto was best known for his patience, loyalty and kindness. He will be missed.

Born May 10, 1970 in San Jose, California, he was raised in the small town of Alviso, California. He was a licensed cosmetologist and worked at Martha's Beauty

Center in Haskell from Jan. 2001 until he was diagnosed with cancer, Lymphoma, in Feb. 2005.

Survivors include his parents, Felicitas Martinez and Humberto Soria, Sr., both of Patterson, California; his long time partner, Michael Duvall of Rule; his brothers, Philbert and Joseph of Patterson, California; sister, Ellie of Patterson, California; brother, Rigoberto of San Jose, California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

PD. NOTICE

Ketchup provides health benefits

It might be a good idea to put an extra squirt of ketchup on that sandwich. Lycopene, a pigment that gives red color to many fruits and vegetables, has powerful antioxidant properties that may help protect against various cancers—particularly prostate cancer—cardiovascular disease and macular degenerative disease.

Lycopene reddens crops like tomatoes, watermelon, pink grapefruit and guava. Since our bodies do not

naturally produce the pigment, it must be obtained from food sources. But unlike many other natural nutrients, the pigment is best ingested outside its natural state. Research has shown that lycopene is most easily and efficiently absorbed from processed tomato products like sauces, juice and ketchup.

Based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Guide, most adults should eat at least 2 1/2 cups of vegetables and 2 cups of fruit daily.

This level of intake may help reduce the risk of cancer and cardiovascular disease. If you are looking for health food, try the produce section in the supermarket.

Food sources with high levels of lycopene include tomato sauce, tomato juice, tomato paste, tomato puree, vegetable juice cocktail. Other sources of lycopene are raw tomatoes, watermelon, guava and pink grapefruit.

Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005 on September 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Joe Clonts, Buford Berryhill, Lyndel Lambeth, Buster Echols, Ray Lynn Hardin

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Joey Kimbrough, Joey Thomas, Leon Burkhram

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

	Last Year 1836/\$100 Adopted	This Year 1850/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.1836/\$100 Adopted	.1850/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.0014/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		0.0076%
Average appraised value	\$26,962	\$27,565
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$26,962	\$27,565
Tax on average residence homestead	\$49.50	\$50.99
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$1.49
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+0.9708%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Keep kids safe with these back to school electrical safety tips

Back to school can present challenges for parents to keep their children safe. Whether walking to school, staying home alone, enrolled in day care, or playing in the backyard without adult supervision, there are tips to help children prevent and avoid hazardous situations stemming from electricity and electrical products.

Children with working parents often come home to an empty house and are left unsupervised. It's important to check your home for hazards and point t potential hazards to your children.

- Check electrical cords for fraying and replace as needed; a frayed electrical cord could shock a child or start a fire when the child is home alone.

- Cover unused electrical outlets with protective devices and make sure there is a light bulb in every socket.

- Keep halogen lamps away from

play areas. Some halogen bulbs can reach temperatures of 1,000 degrees, and knocking them over during playtime could cause a serious injury or fire.

- Children often play outside unsupervised. Parents should remind their child about safety hazards and what to do when they encounter them.

- Go inside after the first sign of lightning or a storm approaching.

- Do not climb trees near overhead wires.

- Do not fly kites or use tall objects, such as pool noodles or ladders, around power lines.

Electrical accidents can occur anywhere and everyone should know basic procedures when dealing with such an accident. Electrical shock can cause burns, difficulty breathing, abnormal heart rhythm, loss of consciousness and death.

- Find help. If possible get another person involved and call 911; an electrical shock should not be dealt with single-handedly.

- De-energize the circuit. If you can safely turn the power off to the equipment delivering the shock, do so immediately.

- Separate the victim from the electrical source. Never pull an electrical accident victim off of the electrical source with your bare hands; use an insulator such as a dry wood broom, leather belt, plastic rope, or something similar that is non-conductive.

- Assess the situation and administer first aid, if qualified to do so.

- Do not move the victim. Keep them lying down, warm, and comfortable to maintain body heat until help arrives.

- If the victim is unconscious, put him/her on the side to allow fluids to drain.

- Make sure the victim receives professional medical attention immediately. A shock victim can experience complications and heart failure hours after the shock.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

New ID Theft Laws Help Protect Consumers

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the U.S. Victims of identity theft spend countless hours and precious resources trying to clear their names. In some extreme cases, victims have actually been jailed for crimes they did not commit. In response, the Texas Legislature has passed and Governor Perry has signed new laws to protect consumers.

The strongest and most comprehensive of these new laws is SB 122, which gives my office more authority to file suit against those who commit identity theft, including restitution to victims and fines up to \$50,000 per violation.

The law, which goes into effect Sept. 1, 2005, requires businesses to implement and exercise reasonable procedures to safeguard their clients' information. If an information security breach occurs, they must notify Texans whose sensitive personal information was, or was reasonably believed to be, acquired by an unauthorized person.

SB 122 requires peace officers to create a written report whenever a consumer alleges being a victim. Consumers will be able to present those reports to credit reporting bureaus to help clear their names. Identity theft victims will also be able to ask state district courts directly to issue orders reflecting that they were victims of identity theft.

HB 1098, meanwhile, addresses the problem of "phishing." In these types of scams, criminals create bogus websites that look like those of legitimate businesses but are actually traps meant to steal personal and financial information. HB 1098 bans the practice of creating bogus websites and sending bogus e-mails for the purpose of deceiving someone into revealing personal information.

HB 1130 says a person or a business cannot require disclosure of Social Security numbers as a requirement for receiving goods and

services unless the business person has a privacy policy in place, shares the policy with the customer, and maintains the privacy of all collected Social Security numbers. One of the major problems that victims face in the wake of identity theft is obtaining new credit. The Texas Legislature has addressed this issue. Under SB 99, credit issuers may not deny credit to someone simply because he or she has been a victim of identity theft (victims must have filed a criminal complaint over the theft). The credit issuer can deny credit to an identity theft victim on other grounds, such as poor repayment history.

Consumers should also take steps to protect themselves from identity theft. Shred all documents that contain personal information, such as pre-approved credit offers, insurance forms and financial statements. The information in these documents could be used by an identity thief to open accounts and incur debts in your

name.

It's important that you review your bank and credit card statements carefully each month. Discovering identity theft within one month can drastically reduce your monetary loss and damage to your credit.

Warning signs of identity theft include unexplained credit card charges or bank account withdrawals. You may stop receiving bills and other mail, or start receiving credit cards you did not apply for. Another warning sign is that you may be contacted by a collection agency about a debt you do not owe, or you may be denied credit due to unauthorized debts.

If believe you are a victim of identity theft, file a report with your local police department or sheriff's office. You should also contact the fraud department of any one of the three major credit bureaus and place a fraud alert and credit freeze on your credit file.

Leadership course deadline is Aug. 31

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Haskell County

The quality of leadership in each Texas community heavily influences the ability to devise and implement successful community development and economic development strategies. In recognition of this fact, more than 30 agencies, organizations, private businesses and individuals with an interest in revitalizing rural Texas have formed an alliance to develop and deliver Texans in Leadership throughout the state.

Beginning Sept. 7, the Rolling Plains Rural Leadership Program (RPRLP) will be offering a leadership course for anyone who aspires to be a leader, or a more effective leader in their local community. The ultimate goal is to increase the number of trained leaders to serve in local leadership positions in rural Texas.

RPRLP is an innovative program designed to train and promote a network of leaders aggressively involved in the economic and community development of Haskell, Jones and Stonewall Counties and the communities within. The leadership program will provide perspective to the participants understand the assets, needs and resources of the area. This

will provide a team framework to discover the solutions for meeting the area's unique challenges.

The RPRLP program is a seven-session commitment. The group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month starting in September. Each session will last from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and include classroom time as well as on-site tours of each community. The focus of the sessions will include a Program Orientation and Challenge Course, Communication Skills and Data Gathering, Motivation and Effective Meetings, Leadership Styles and Team Building, Panel of Current Leaders and Sources of Assistance, Problem Solving and Conflict Management, and Strategic Planning.

Graduates of RPRLP will be encouraged to use the knowledge and skills they have learned to improve their communities while assuming positions of responsibility. Anyone from Haskell, Jones and Stonewall Counties is eligible to attend. Employers are encouraged to send employees they feel would benefit from the course.

Rolling Plains Rural Leadership is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension-Haskell and Jones counties, Four Winds Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc., and Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.

Deadline to enroll in the Rolling Plains Rural Leadership program is Aug. 31. The program is limited to the first 30 applicants. Enrollment applications and registration information may be obtained at the Haskell County Extension office located at 101 S. Ave. D. in Haskell or by calling the Haskell County Extension Office at (940) 864-2546. More information may be obtained by contacting Jane Rowan, CEA/FCS at the Haskell County Extension Office.

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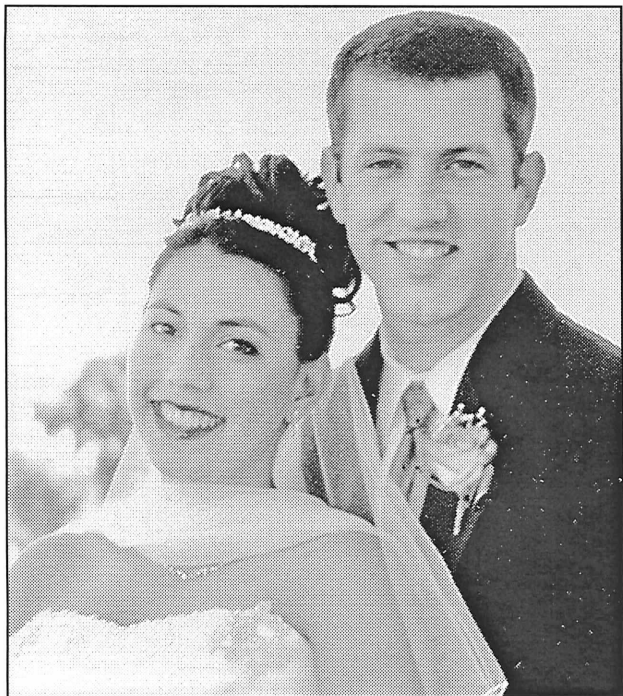
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Honeyman, Livengood married in California

Priya Honeyman and Justin Livengood were married June 19 at Seven Oaks Country Club in Bakersfield, California, with Pastor Joon Han of Lake Avenue Church, Pasadena, California, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Vasantha and Jim Coker and Doug Honeyman of California.

The bridegroom is the son of Steve and Siri Livengood of Stamford, and grandson of Fern Livengood and the late Homer Livengood, and Willie and Doris Boedeker of Stamford.

Matron of honor was Kavi Simpson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Angie Barkin, Dawn Crawford and Connie Winterstein of California.

Serving as best man was Drew Livengood of Greenville, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jack Wong, Jimmy Hudson, Taylor Simpson, all of California, and Lance Jones of Kingwood.

Ushers were David Manoharan of Florida and Vivek Chetty of California. Ring bearer was Samuel Manoharan and flower girl was Masha Alyakrinskaya.

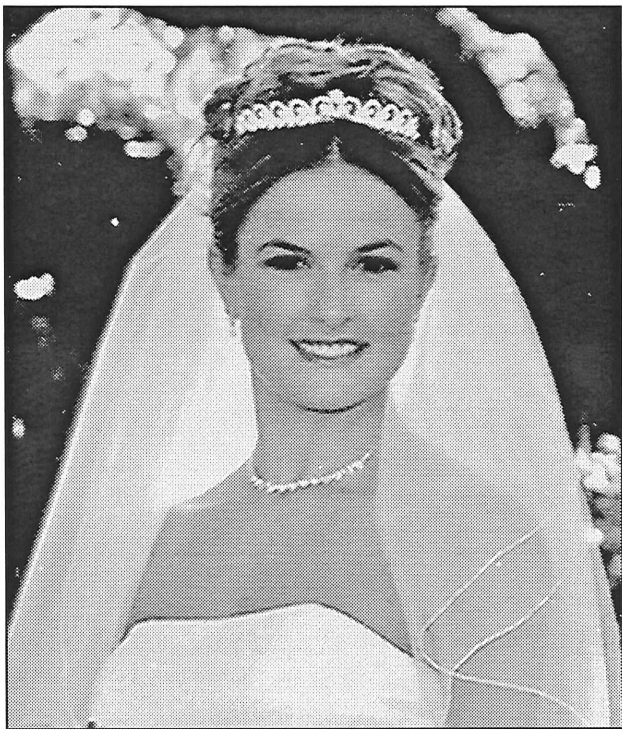
Testimonies about the bride and

groom were given by Jennifer White and Jimmy Hudson. Worship songs and special music were presented by Monica Lee, Tim Seo, Kavi Simpson and Justin Livengood.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Bakersfield High School, and the University of California at San Diego. She is a Masters student in intercultural studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and teaches English at Premier Academy. She has worked two years in East Asia.

The bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Stamford High School, and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. He received an MA degree in intercultural studies from Biola University in La Mirada, California. He is facilitating an international awareness project focusing on Central Asia, where he worked for two years, and is a sales representative for Lanier Worldwide, Inc.

Following a wedding trip to Los Cabos, Mexico, the couple will reside in Pasadena, as they continue training and plans to return overseas to work in Central Asia.



MRS. MICHAEL ROBERT HARSANY

Aycock, Harsany wed in Weatherford

Jennifer Lee Aycock and Michael Robert Harsany were married May 21 at Chandor Gardens in Weatherford, with Pastor Stan Allcorn, of Pioneer Baptist Church in Abilene officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aycock of Abilene. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odis T. Smith of Haskell, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Aycock,

Sr. of Abilene.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Angela Valentine of Abilene.

Serving as best man was Todd Mezeske of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Bell ringer was the bride's nephew, Zachry Valentine of Abilene.

Following a wedding trip to Acapulco, Mexico, the couple resides in Wakeman, Ohio.

Hawkins, Vaughn families hold reunion

The 24th annual Hawkins-Vaughn family reunion was held Aug. 5-7 at the Lake Stamford Marina with 62 family members and seven guests in attendance.

Friday evening those attending brought sandwiches, played games of dominoes and cards and enjoyed visiting.

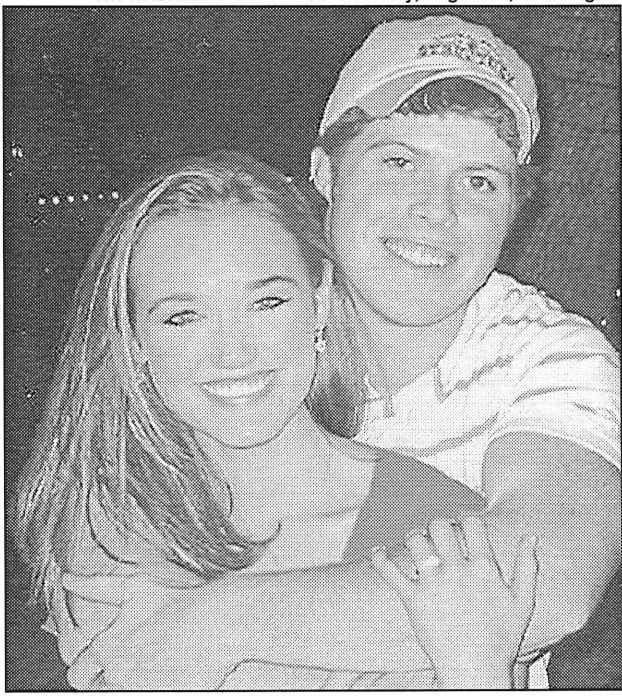
Saturday's donut breakfast was followed with fishing. The auction was held after a lunch of hamburgers and trimmings. A quilt made by Margaret and Melissa was given to Bobby Hawkins of Lewisville.

Attending were Dolan and Karon Vaughn of Panhandle; James and Shirley Hawkins of Wichita Falls; Garry and Yvonne Huffhines of Dimmitt; Brian and Paula Huffhines and M'Lissa Huffhines and Amanda, all of Amarillo; Ronnie Vaughn and Kelby Vaughn, both of Lueders; Carroll and Glenda Towell of Abilene; Justin Towell and friend of Grapevine; Phillip and Floradean

Cockerell of Temple; Jimmy Cockerell and Barbara of San Angelo; Darlene and David Conn, Cody and Julie Cochran, Aubree and Dalton, all of Aspermont; Joey and Shelly, Stacy, Taylor and Kristy, all of Burnett; Terry Hawkins and Lisa Dominguez of Marble Falls; Glendon Hawkins, Sandy and Toby of Lincoln, Arkansas; Bobby Hawkins of Lewisville; Alonzo Jimenez and three daughters of San Saba; Russell, Kerri, Taylor and Blake of Lubbock.

Attending from Haskell were Margaret and Creora Tatum; Sammy and Peggy, Michael and Britney Hawkins; Christopher, Melissa, Zachery, Garrett, Taylor and Kristlyn Tatum; Gary and Vickie Hawkins; David, Denice, Sabrina and Amber Conn; and Joyce Hawkins.

Guests were Lee and Nell Magby and son of Muleshoe; Shelby, Heather and Bobby Scheets of Haskell.



BRAID SHARP - JEFF BLANKS

Sharp, Blanks engaged

Roy and Rebecca Sharp of Abilene have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Autumn Braid Sharp to Jeff Blanks, son of Terry and Susan Blanks of Haskell.

The bride-elect graduated from Abilene Christian University in 2004, with a degree in communications.

She is employed in Abilene as a news anchor with KTXS TV.

The prospective bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Haskell High School, and is completing his MBA in accounting and finance at Abilene Christian University.

A wedding is planned for Dec. 18 in Abilene.



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'Just in Case' is EEA topic

After a July vacation, the Haskell County EEA Club met Aug. 11 at the Haskell County Extension Office, with eleven members and County Agent Jane Rowan attending.

Guest speaker was Molly Dudensing, who gave a program on "Just in Case," a program to donate homemade pillowcases to the Noah Project.

During a business session, plans were finalized for the State TEEA Convention to be held in Waco Sept. 13-15.

It was announced that those who purchased birthday calendars will receive them within the next two weeks.

The next meeting of the club will be on Sept. 8.

We would like to express our thanks for the many kind acts shown towards us during the passing of our beloved Mother and Nanny. Thanks to everyone for the beautiful flowers, food, calls, cards and concern that was sent our way. It was all very uplifting.

Dr. Wayne Cadenhead, we thank you for the personal touch that you always gave over the years. Especially on the day of her passing.

Thank you to Dr. Bill McSmith and the staff of Haskell Memorial Hospital for the special care you gave her.

Thank you to Charles Blair and Tim Jennings for the wonderful memories you shared at her service.

And we would like to send a heartfelt thanks to Gean Blair. You were always such a good friend to all of us, especially to Mother. Your kindness can never be repaid. You were a ray of sunshine on the cloudiest of days.

Our Mother was most definitely one of a kind. Her strength and character was truly amazing, but her love of family was unstoppable. We were all very blessed to have her in our lives.

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DRIVE SAFELY!

SCHOOL'S OPEN!

School kids are everywhere, so drive with care!

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

That leaves it up to you as a driver, to be extra careful around school yards, neighborhood play areas and departing school buses.

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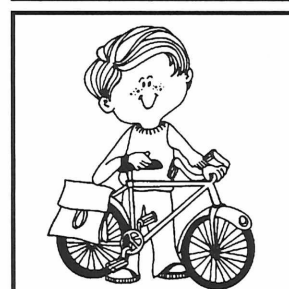
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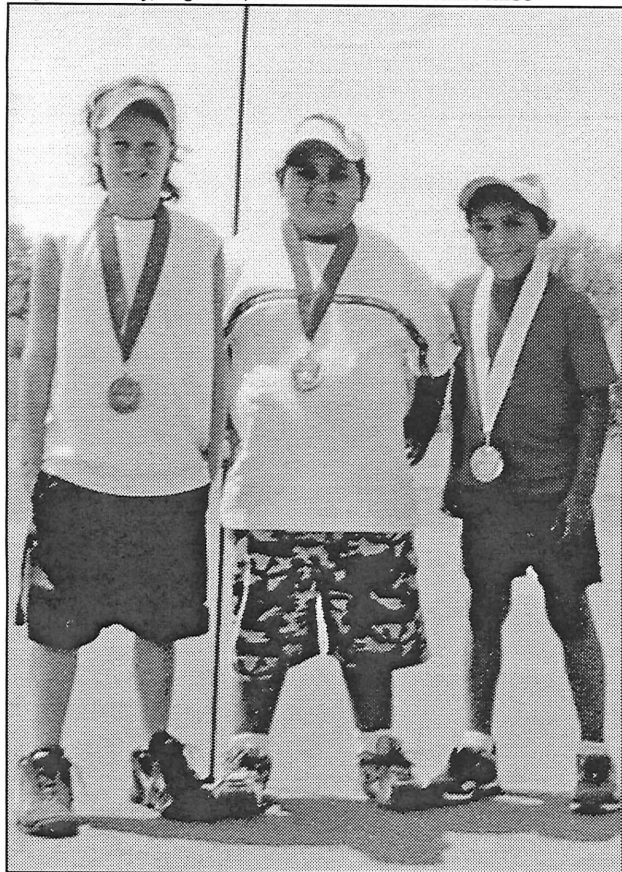
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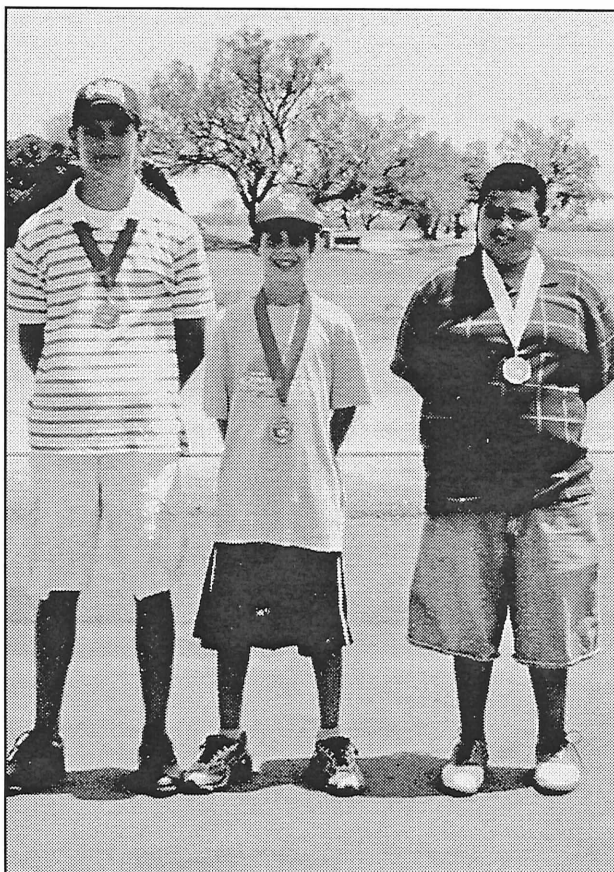
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JUNIOR GOLFERS—Winners in the 8-10 age group at the Junior Golf Tournament held at the Haskell County Country Club Mon., Aug. 1 were: l-r, 1st, Cameron Montgomery; 2nd, Jacob Hernandez; and 3rd, Drevon Barrios.



JUNIOR GOLF WINNERS—Winners in the 14-15 age category at the Junior Golf Tournament held at Haskell County Country Club, Aug. 1, were: l-r, 1st, Callen Pittman; 2nd, John English; and 3rd, Jacob Rodriguez.

FSA to promote increasing quail habitat

Bobwhite quail enthusiasts in Texas may no longer wonder where all the quail have gone, thanks to the efforts of USDA's Farm Service Agency and its many partners.

"All species seem to have their dedicated devotees, but no game species seems to provoke more enthusiasm than bobwhite quail," said Glenn R. Brzozowski, County Executive Director of the Haskell County Farm Service Agency.

Northern bobwhite quail are a native species with a historic range in the Midwest and Southeast areas of the country. The birds are a valued inhabitant of farm landscapes, an important aspect of rural culture and are a key element to the heritage of hunting.

However, the northern bobwhite quail population has declined dramatically over the last quarter-century. Their habitat is disappearing due to urbanization, increased grassland cultivation and a transitioning of once grassy fields into woods and forests—a process called succession.

To underline the bird's importance, the Farm Service Agency, which has the largest conservation partnership involving private land in the United States, is paying private land owners in 35 states, including Texas, to set aside land for quail habitat. The

Conservation Reserve Program's Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat Initiative introduced a conservation practice intended to create 250,000 acres of early successional grass buffers along agricultural field borders.

To date, more than 48,000 acres have been enrolled nationwide. The Farm Service Agency estimates this nesting and brood-rearing cover will increase bobwhite quail numbers by three-quarters of a million birds annually. Planted buffers will also benefit reptiles, amphibians, aquatic species and upland birds, many of which are being considered for listing as endangered species. In addition, the initiative will reduce soil erosion and protect water quality by trapping field sediments and nutrients.

The quail population in each of the "select" states has been studied; and organized efforts by wildlife groups and sporting organizations are underway to boost quail populations. Study results all point to one thing—the need for more wildlife habitat.

"If there is one thing quail lovers agree on, it's that FSA's Conservation Reserve Program has provided the necessary funds for farmers and landowners to create habitat for these desirable upland birds," said Brzozowski.

USDA estimates that through the Northern Bobwhite Quail Habitat

Initiative, CRP will provide \$125 million in payments to participants through 2007, when the overall statutory enrollment limit is expected to be reached. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and 32 state fish and wildlife agencies are providing technical, monitoring and evaluation assistance.

The Farm Service Agency has partnered with Quail Unlimited, the Southeast Quail Study Group, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey Federation and other conservation groups, as well as local conservation districts, to provide outreach, technical expertise and other assistance.

As a result of this unique

partnership and success seen thus far, the Northern Bobwhite Quail Initiative was chosen to be one of 30 case studies to be presented at the White House Conference for Cooperative Conservation later this month in St. Louis. The project contact and conference presenter is Donald McKenzie, Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative Coordinator, 501-941-7994, wmidm@ipa.net.

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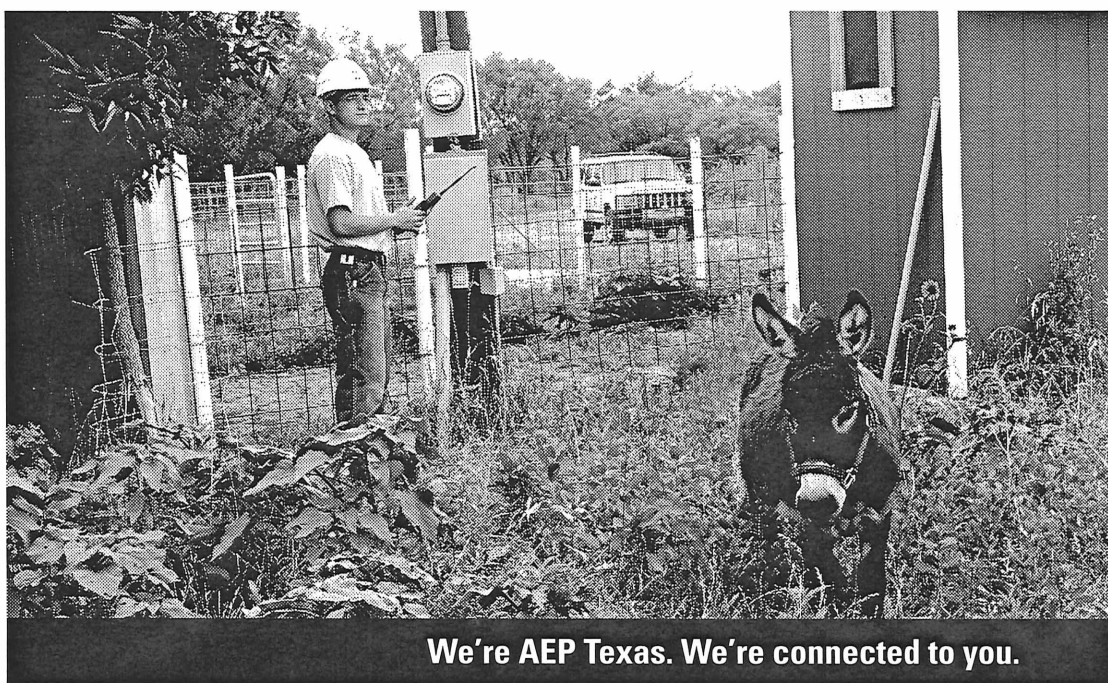
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What causes coronary artery disease?

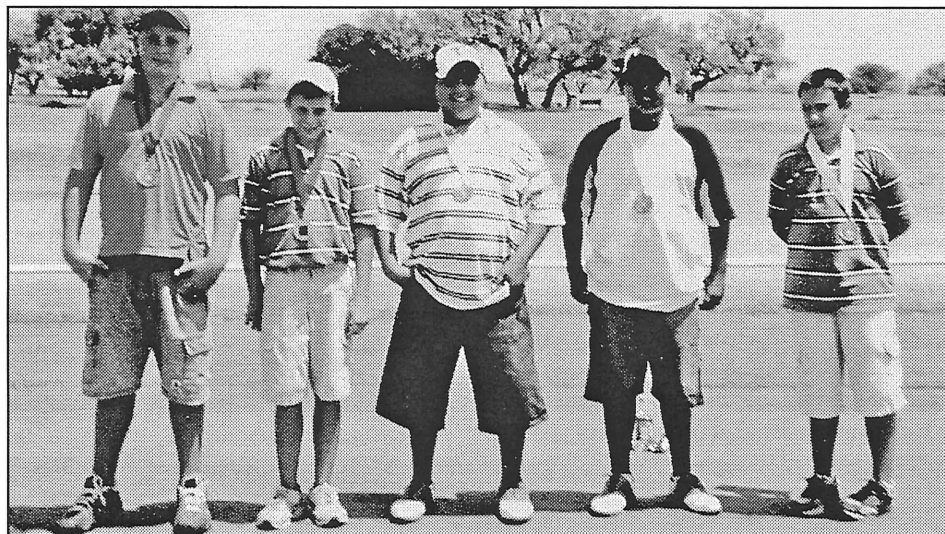
Cholesterol and other material can collect on artery walls, causing the arteries to narrow. This condition, called **atherosclerosis**, prevents the passage of normal amounts of blood through the arteries. As a result, two events can occur: (1) these deposits build up over time until they clog the artery so that little or no blood can pass; or (2) blood cells cling to the rough deposits, forming a clot (**thrombus**). The thrombus may grow until it completely blocks the artery, or it can break away and travel to a smaller artery, where it lodges, completely closing off circulation.

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GOLF TOURNEY WINNERS—Placing in the age 12-13 age category at the Junior Golf Tournament held at the Haskell County Country Club, Mon., Aug. 1, were: l-r, 1st, Nick Wiles; 2nd, Matt Porter; 3rd, Scotty Rodriguez; 4th, Simon Rodriguez; 5th, Krui Porter.

Cypert family holds reunion

The descendants of Ivy and Clara Stovall Cypert met for their annual family reunion at Fort Phantom Lake near Abilene with 81 in attendance. Oscar Cypert, 88, was the oldest and Braelyn Waters, 7 months, the youngest. A family portrait was taken of all those in attendance before supper on Saturday. The last such portrait was taken in 1991.

Special guests were descendants of Isom Newton Cypert of Wayne County, Tennessee including his granddaughter and her husband,

Virginia (Cypert) and Al Kelley of Florence, Alabama and his great-granddaughter Nancy (Hook) and Roland Mullins of Mount Vernon, Kentucky. They traveled the farthest distance to attend the reunion.

Those attending from the family of the late T.B. and Annabelle Cypert were Janice and Jeff Glazner; Tom, Renee, Byron and Ruby Cypert with friend Chris Bramlett. Oscar and Hazel Cypert had their family Melvin Cypert, Kylie Kingston and Kristen Rodriguez; Cathy and Richard Albus,

Angela and Alan. Ralph and Frances Cypert had their family, Sue Liles, Taylor Payne; Randy and Sharon Cypert, Justin and Kelli.

Rowena and Bobby Hester hosted the event with their family, Jerry and Wanda Hester, Paul, Laurie, Ashton and Seth Irby; Billy Wayne and Sheila Hester; Wayne and Tricia Hester, Micah and Reese; Michael Hester; Shelly, Patrick and Trinity Hall.

Bobby and Dard Cypert attended from Littlefield; Alice and Toby Yates had their family, Joe and Caron Yates, Dusty and TJ; Mary and Ed Murphy, Shanna, Kevin, Bracken and Toby White; Lane Murphy and friend, Amy Jackson; Linda, Ricky, Taylor and Tanner Wade.

Billy Paul and Donna Cypert attended with Teresa, Montie, Kayla and Kameron McAfee. Dorothy and Gene Brown attended along with their family, Judy and Donnie Voss, Danny and Sherri Brown, Cindy and Hal Guess; Brenley, Bergen and Braelyn Waters and Heath Guess.

The next reunion is planned for the last full weekend in June, 2006 at Fort Phantom Lake.

Druessedow family meets

The descendants of Henry and Henrietta Druessedow held their first "Cousins Reunion" July 24 at the Haskell National Bank Community Building.

Hosted by Sandra McGary and Cynthia Hudson, activities included a brunch and snacks, games of Spinner and Marbles and remembering the good times of years gone by. A barbecue dinner was enjoyed.

Those attending were: Bobby and Denise Druessedow, Jr. of Aledo; Twylia and Harold Waldon, Sandra

and Bobby McGary, Bobby and Barbara Druessedow, Sr., all of Abilene; Dale Fischer of McGregor; Marilyn Johnson of East Tawas, Michigan; David and Jeretta Fischer of Bettendorf, Iowa; Carolyn Sagebiel of Seguin; Gary Druessedow of Haskell; Andy and Judy Kline of San Antonio; and Cynthia and Johnny Hudson of Pilot Point. Special guests were Lilly Peiser and Henrietta Fischer of Haskell.

Twylia Waldon and Bobby Druessedow, Jr. will be the hosts for next year's reunion.

Study Club studies city improvements

In a continuing project of seeking improvements for the city, members of the Haskell Progressive Study Club attended a called meeting Aug. 11, to hear Texas Department of Transportation representative Bill Leach of Abilene discuss improvements that could be made to portions of the city square and other possible areas.

Of primary interest to the club women is the cleaning up and beautification of Rice Springs Creek, which runs through Haskell, and is historically well documented as being used as a watering place for Indians, animals and early settlers.

At the meeting it was pointed out that federal funds are available for such environmental improvements, and that area towns have applied and been approved for the grants for improvements. Examples of this can be viewed at Ft. Phantom Hill, Ft. Griffin, the Albany Courthouse, a Hike and Bike Trail in Albany, and even at Frontier Texas! in Abilene.

Leach pointed out that proposals to TxDOT for the improvements must be presented at the proper time when a "call" is published in area newspapers. There must be a relationship to highway transportation, he told the group, such as in Haskell's situation, a problem of run-off drainage from local streets and highways is a concern. Another important factor to be considered in obtaining a grant is that 20% of the funding must be from a local source.

Leach said the proposal must be well documented by professional companies, and that TxDOT will supply the names of the firms.

"Haskell has an opportunity to establish itself as a vibrant community with a special natural resource that only a few areas in West Texas have," he said.

The local club, which is a member of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, has made community improvement one of their primary projects. The club hopes to raise community consciousness to the

need for action while opportunity exists, and for making an informed, decisive plan and following through with a dedicated passion for obtaining and bringing about a major addition to the beauty of the community.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Haskell County Water Supply District #1 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2005 on August 25, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Weinert Ex-Student Building in Weinert, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Melvin Vojkufka, Lavata Burgess, Barry Walker
AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT: Mike Cox

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

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	.0502/\$100	.00498/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.0004/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-0.0080%
Average appraised value	\$26,179	\$25,337
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average taxable value	\$26,179	\$25,337
Tax on average residence homestead	\$13.14	\$12.62
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$-0.52
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-0.9604%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rule ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 30, 2005, in the Rule ISD High School Library, Rule, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,194	\$4,873
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5154	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5154	\$2,123	\$4,944
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,349	\$5,174

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$23,720	\$24,098
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$8,720	\$9,098
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$130.80	\$136.47
Increase in Taxes		\$5.67

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.5341. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.5341.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,512,093
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00

Assessment notices mailed by TBWEF

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central eradication zone, which includes Haskell County. The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation. Payment is due Sept. 15, but a two percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment

by Aug. 31. Like last year, all cotton acres planted in the zone are subject to the assessment. To aid RPC growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current. "For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a ten percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of one percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and

who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month. Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts. For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at 866-672-2800.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 526 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 13, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 38 sellers and 30 buyers were present. Cows: fat, .50-.56; cutters, .48-.59; canners, .40-.48. Bulls: bologna, .65-.75; feeders, .84-.95; utility, .62-.69. Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.40-1.75; 300-400 lbs., 1.30-1.55; 400-500 lbs., 1.20-1.38; 500-600 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 600-700 lbs., 1.05-1.18; 700-800

lbs., .97-1.10; 800-up lbs., .82-1.05. Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.60; 300-400 lbs., 1.20-1.35; 400-500 lbs., 1.10-1.25; 500-600 lbs., .95-1.14; 600-up lbs., .75-1.10. Two loads 750 pounds at 1.06-1.05. Bred heifers medium frame, 825-950. Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 900-1080; aged or small, 675-850. Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 950-1300; aged or small, 825-1100.



This Week's Devotional Message:



BE SURE YOUR CHILDREN'S VOCABULARY INCLUDES THE WORD 'NO'

It's time to send our children off to school again, to prepare them for the world they must one day confront. The school will do a good job of this, but your cooperations is also needed in order to make sure that they don't learn the wrong things. As everyone knows, we are living in an era where drug abuse is rampant, and the children are being lured into this trap at a shockingly early age. Don't fail to warn them about this, as a part

of their preparation for the new school year, for it can be vastly more important than their clothes or books. Moreover, you can reinforce your efforts by enrolling them in the Sunday school at your house of worship. With all this, you can rest assured that the vocabulary your children develop in school will include the proper use of the word 'NO,' as the password to a happier, healthier and longer life.

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- HASKELL**
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- Christian Church**
Dusty Garrison, minister
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- Trinity Lutheran Church**
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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**
Rev. Daniel Echols, 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**
Jim Yates, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 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.
114 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**
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
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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**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
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 Fellowship Baptist Church**
Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- WEINERT**
- First Baptist Church**
J. C. Baker, pastor
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Weinert
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Weinert
- 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
- First Baptist Church**
Fred Garvin, interim pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
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Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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- SAGERTON**
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Terry O'Rear, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Deborah Nissen, pastor
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
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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**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.m.
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Births

Carl and Darlene Hopkins of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Colton Shawn Hopkins, born Mon., Aug. 1 at 9:55 a.m. at Abilene Regional Medical Center weighing 8 lbs. .08 oz. He was 20 1/2 inches tall. Grandparents are Gertrude Hopkins of Haskell and Jim and Linda Draper of Lubbock.

Parents are Hillary Paige Anderson and Derrick Joshua Drake. Maternal grandparents are William Timothy and Pamela Kay Hollingsworth Thompson. Great grandmother Nancy Sue Garner Hollingsworth. Aunts include Jessica Anderson Roberson and Kendall Renee Thompson. Uncles are William John Weston Thompson and Zachary Tyler Thompson. Cousin is Reilly Paige Roberson of Kaufman.

Jim and Margo Hollingsworth of Rule announce the birth of their great granddaughter, Lily Kay Drake, born Tues., Aug. 9 at 1:26 a.m. at Charlton Methodist Hospital in Dallas weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. She was 20.5 inches tall.

Paternal grandmother is Cheryl Delaine Duncan Alford. Great grandparents are Robert Eugene and Cora Sue Hill Duncan, all of Kaufman.

Haskell School Menu

August 22-26 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Breakfast pocket
Wednesday: Cereal, 1 pop tart
Thursday: Sausage biscuit
Friday: Blueberry muffin
Lunch
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice of entree or baked potato with cheese

and ham.
Monday: Chicken fajitas, cheese, bell peppers, onions, pinto beans, tortilla chips, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, corn, orange wedges
Wednesday: Corn dogs, baby carrots, ranch dressing, macaroni and cheese, ranch style beans, brownie
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, fried okra, green beans, breadstick, sliced pears
Friday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, french fries, cherry shape up

Paint Creek School Menu

August 22-26 Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal or grilled cheese sandwiches
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls or donuts
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Cereal or toast
Lunch
Milk is served daily.

Monday: Spaghetti, salad, green beans, garlic bread, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, rolls, salad, applesauce cake
Wednesday: Burritos, refried beans, salad, salsa, fruit cups
Thursday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, bread, jello
Friday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cheese, cookies

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., August 22
11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Goulash and rice, Harvard beets, English peas, garden salad, sliced onions, apple cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., August 24
Lunch—Sloppy joes on bun, pinto beans, mac and cheese salad, potato

chips, onions, pickles, fruited jello, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., August 26
Lunch—Swiss steak, cream potatoes, green beans, buttered corn, yeast rolls, banana split cake, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA

ARE YOU MAKING THESE 401(K) MISTAKES?

Each year, the day after labor Day is celebrated as "401(k) Day," a day to highlight the importance of retirement plans. How will you be celebrating 401(k) Day this September? Here's a suggestion: Take out your last account statement, and give yourself credit for avoiding one of the biggest blunders often made by fellow workers—not contributing. A recent study found that more than 30% of eligible participants fail to contribute to a 401(k) plan. You might want to spend part of the day making sure you're steering clear of other mistakes, too. For instance.

- Missing out on the benefits of diversification.** Directing your 401(k) investments into a variety of stock and bond funds can enhance portfolio growth. But remember, having multiple funds is not necessarily the answer. Instead, check that the holdings within funds differ.
- Another area to watch:** If your employer makes matching contributions in the form of company stock, keep an eye on the amount you own as a percentage of your total assets. Less concentration in any single investment typically means less risk.
- Taking only part of what your employer offers.** Your boss wants to give you a raise. Are you going to turn it down? Of course not. Yet that's essentially what happens when your 401(k) contributions are not enough to let you take full advantage of the amount the company will match. Find out how much your employer offers. Then bump up your contributions to maximize how much you'll receive. This strategy provides a double benefit by lowering taxable income and increasing your potential future payout.
- Being complacent.** Time has a way of changing things. For example, when some investments appreciate faster than others, a particular class of assets can dominate your 401(k) account. Review and revise asset allocations at least annually to maintain a balance that fits your investment goals. Another item to monitor every year: rising limits for regular and catch-up contributions. Be sure you're increasing your contributions to take advantage of any change in the amount you're permitted to put into a 401(k).

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August sales tax receipts show small increases

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has said the state collected \$1.45 billion in sales tax revenue in July, and she sent local governments \$466 million.

"With just weeks remaining in the 2005 fiscal year, sales tax revenue is running 5.9 percent higher than the same point in FY 2004," Strayhorn said.

August sales tax allocations to local governments are up 8.1 percent compared to August 2004. Strayhorn sent cities, counties, transit systems

and special purpose taxing districts \$466.1 million in local sales tax. So far this calendar year, sales tax allocations to local governments are running 7.3 percent higher than last year.

Strayhorn sent sales tax payments of \$317.9 million to Texas cities, up 8.9 percent compared to last August. Calendar year to date, city sales tax revenues are up 7.5 percent compared to 2004. Sales tax payments of \$26.6 million went to Texas counties, 3.9 percent higher than last August. So

far in calendar year 2005, county sales tax allocations are up 8.8 percent compared to last year.

In addition, \$13.3 million in sales tax revenue went to 97 special purpose taxing districts, .54 percent more than in August 2004. Ten local transit systems received \$108.3 million, up 7.7 percent compared to a year ago.

July state sales tax collections are up 14.5 percent compared to July 2004.

July state sales tax revenue and August allocations to local governments represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Haskell County had a 2.36 percent increase for August 2005 of \$39,162.93 in comparison to \$38,258.69 for August 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$266,675.67 reflect a 11.15 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$239,918.71.

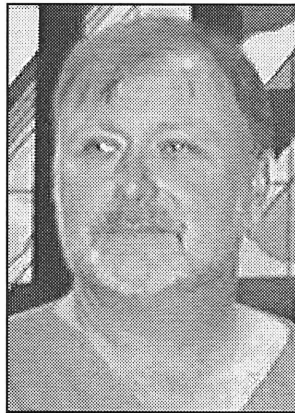
The City of Haskell had a .84 percent increase for August 2005 of \$35,014.62 in comparison to \$34,721.09 for August 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$247,666.95 reflect a 11.68 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$221,748.96.

The City of O'Brien had a .22 percent increase for August 2005 of \$84.88 in comparison to \$84.69 for August 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$432.50 reflect a 41.83 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$743.55.

The City of Rochester had a 23.76 percent increase for August 2005 of \$1,275.19 in comparison to \$1,030.30 for August 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$5,268.10 reflect a 1.99 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$5,375.15.

The City of Rule had a 4.82 percent increase for August 2005 of \$2,324.21 in comparison to \$2,217.26 for August 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$11,618.32 reflect a 5.92 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$10,968.10.

The City of Weinert had a 125.97 percent increase for August 2005 of \$464.03 in comparison to \$205.35 for August 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$1,689.80 reflect a 56.03 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$1,082.95.



RICK DECKER

Decker graduates

Vernon College Department of Vocational Nursing Program, Seymour campus held a pinning ceremony Thurs., Aug. 11 in the Calvary Baptist Church in Vernon.

The vocational nursing program is a one-year program that prepares students to take the licensing exam for vocational nurses. After passing the exam, a vocational nurse can give direct patient care with the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. Among 12 graduates from 2004-05 Seymour class was Rick Decker of Haskell.

Students in the News

Melody Kennedy and Justin Teague of Haskell were among 1136 students who received the designation of Distinguished Students for the Spring 2005 semester at Tarleton State University.

To be named to the Distinguished Student list, freshman and sophomore students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 with no grade lower than C. Junior and senior students must be in good standing with the University and have a minimum grade point average of 3.50 with no grade lower than C.

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Commissioners lift burn ban

At the regular meeting of the Haskell County Commissioner's Court, Mon., Aug. 8, members addressed a number of items including the lifting of the burn ban for 30 days.

"In lifting the ban the court wants to encourage all who will to have controlled burns to do away with some of the grass, weeds, etc., that are fuel for fires," said County Judge David Davis. "If this does not work we will put the burn ban back on."

In other business, the court approved allowing the West Texas Council of Government and T. Dale Isbell to use the County Library for adult education classes as many times as needed after regular library hours.

Motions were approved to pay all bills presented to the court on that day; accept the County Treasurer's monthly report; run water lines from the street sidewalk to the interior court house sidewalk; adopt the resolution of the National Incident Management System Incident Command System; and not to purchase the old Medford Buick-Pontiac building for storage at the price quoted.

Present at the meeting were: Judge Davis; Commissioners, Johnny Scoggins, Pct. 1; Tiffen Mayfield, Pct. 2; Kenny Thompson, Pct. 3; Bobby Smith, Pct. 4; and County Clerk, Rhonda Moeller.

Variety show set

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will present their 4th annual Variety Show Sat., Aug. 27 at the Haskell Civic Center.

Food will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone with a talent, silly, cute or serious, is invited and welcomed to join the fun of the "Celebrity Show" fund-raiser, which will feature "take-off" interpretations of the "Foggy Mountain Boys," "Oh, Brother, How Art Thou?" and the famous "Jeff Foxworthy," along with Sider Bill & Cracker Jack, clowns Slappy, Miss Priss, and J. J. Also,

the famous "Rerun" will be on hand, along with "Dolly Parton" and other "celebrity" appearances by "Ray Stevens" and the one and only "Elvis Presley."

Show planners report they have received some great items for door prizes as well as cash donations from local merchants. Anyone who has not been contacted, but would like to donate something, is asked to call 854-3875. The items will be picked up.

Also needed are volunteer workers to help set up tables and chairs, serve food and clean up the kitchen.

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

The Haskell CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 2005, in the Haskell CISD Administration Building, 605 N. Ave. E, Haskell, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,520	\$5,828
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$2.0686	\$0.0000 *	\$2.0686	\$3,654	\$4,768
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0000 *	\$1.5000	\$2,579	\$4,425

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district. This comparison table was calculated by combining the 2004-05 attendance and tax collection date for both Haskell CISD and Rochester CLISD.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$35,893	\$34,605
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$20,893	\$19,605
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$313.40	\$294.08
DECREASE in Taxes		\$19.32

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.6090. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.6090.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,852,059
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0.00

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