

Calendar

Leadership workshop

A Leadership Skills Workshop will be held Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for girls 14-15 to enhance or build leadership abilities. The workshop is designed to facilitate successful leadership skills into adulthood. For information, contact Helen Wilson at 940-256-2417.

Girls' athletics

All Haskell High School girls who plan to participate in the 2007-08 athletics programs need to have their physicals and other forms ready to turn in to the Girls Athletic office on the first day of school, Mon., Aug. 27. If you need forms, contact the girls athletic office.

HHS registration

Haskell High School will hold registration for returning students Wed., Aug. 15. For more information call Terry Weise at 864-8535 ext. 208.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Thurs., Aug. 16 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room in Haskell. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Blood drive

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at Haskell National Bank Tues., Aug. 14 from noon until 6 p.m. For information call, 325-670-2798.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet at the Haskell County Courthouse Fri., Aug. 10 at noon. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be present and new officers will be elected. Fund-raising activities will be discussed. All members are asked to attend.

Benefit canceled

The Friends of Old Glory School committee of Old Glory have canceled the annual fundraiser scheduled for Aug. 11. If information, call Dorothy 940-996-2179, or Florence at 940-989-3153.

HHS registration

Haskell High School students should pick up their schedule Wed., Aug. 15 at High School Auditorium. Any 9th graders who did not pick up their schedules on Aug. 14 will register from 8 to 9 a.m.; 10 grade will register from 9 to 10 a.m.; 11th grade from 10 to 11 a.m.; and 12th grade from 11 a.m. to noon.

RJHS registration

Haskell CISD Rochester Junior High will hold registration Tues., Aug. 21 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. All new and returning junior high students and parents are encouraged to attend and pick up registration packets and tour the campus. Classes begin Mon., Aug. 27. If you cannot attend, pick up a registration packet at the administration office in Haskell or call Reida Penman at 743-3260.

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Bloodmobile at HNB Tuesday

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Klose farmlands honored for years of family operation

The Texas Department of Agriculture recently recognized members of the Klose family for being accepted into the Family Land Heritage Program for having more than 100 years of continuous agricultural operation.

The Klose Farm, operated by



100 YEARS OF FARMING—Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, right, recently recognized Jerry Don and Phyllis Klose of Klose Farms at the Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin at the Capitol. Klose Farms in Haskell County was honored for their acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation.



100 YEAR AG AWARD—Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, right, recently recognized Kelly Klose and Eddie Klose, center, of The Klose Farm at the Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin at the Capitol. The Klose Farm in Haskell County was honored for their acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation.

Elton Klose, located 14 miles east of Haskell and one mile north of U.S. Highway 380, and Klose Farms, operated by Jerry Don Klose, located fifteen miles east of Haskell, have been in active operation by family members since 1904.

Frederich August Klose, born in Silesia, Prussia, near Glogau, immigrated at age 11 with his parents to the United States. He and his wife, Emma (Handke), acquired 150 acres Dec. 1, 1904 from S.L. and Lola Smith. He also acquired 200 acres in 1908 adjoining the original 150 acres; and in the 1920's, he bought an additional 300 acres elsewhere.

They had eight children, Albert Willie, Minnie Dora, Lena Martha, Herman Robert, Laura Rose, Herbert Henry, George Frederich and Felix Alfred. All of the children followed in agriculture-related jobs. Lumber was brought in by rail to Stamford and Frederich and his mule team hauled lumber to the farm from Stamford to build a home, barn, hen house and cow shed.

A family story tells of how Frederich and Emma had a hog butchered and put it in a box when they left the creek bank between Anson and Stamford where they first settled. When they arrived at their new home in Irby, they left the box on the front porch the first night, and coyotes ate half the hog.

The land was divided among Frederich and Emma's children. George and wife, Alvina Dora (Eschberger), acquired 180 acres in 1942. They bought the first tractor in the area in 1932. They had two children, Elton George and Vernell Eldora (Klose) Driver Lester. This land is now known as the Klose Farm.

Elton Klose and his wife, Ruth Ann, farm the land today, owning 113 acres of his grandfather's original 150 acres parcel. They have three children, Roy Don, Eddie Lynn and Kelly Wade.

Crops or livestock raised in 1904 were cotton, wheat, maize,

hogs, chickens, cattle and hay. In 2006 cattle, cotton, milo, maize and hay were raised.

Felix Alfred and wife, Lydia Mathilda (Moeller), acquired 1972 acres in 1942. They farmed with conservation management practices and installed terraces to prevent erosion. They also built stock tanks. They had four children, Loyd Alfred, Jerry Don, Shirley Annette and Linda Gayle.

Grandson of the founder, Jerry Don Klose, acquired land now known as the Klose Farms in 1997, and keeps the terraces plowed up to standards by control erosion. He has also enhanced the water management efforts by cleaning out and rebuilding the stock tanks. He and his wife, Phyllis, have two children, Sheila Diane and Steven Loyd.

In the community Jerry is president of the Sons of Hermann, as his grandfather was, and is a member of the Haskell County Farm Bureau, Trinity Lutheran Church and Haskell Co-op Gin.

The farm now produces cattle, cotton, milo, wheat and hay.

Making the awards to the Klose family members was Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples at the Family Land Heritage ceremony at the Capitol in Austin.

Haskell Ambulance Service receives grant

Haskell County Emergency Ambulance Service will receive a grant of \$133,000 to be used towards the purchase of a new ambulance from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Grants and Training.

The grant will help purchase a new vehicle to replace a 1997 model ambulance now in service.

Schools set registrations; back-to-school events

Haskell

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Mon., Aug. 13, Tues., Aug. 14 and Wed., Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. in the elementary office. This registration is also for any students that did not pre-register in the spring for Prekindergarten or Kindergarten and for students that have attended Haskell Elementary in the past, but did not finish the 2006-07 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. 21 and Thurs., Aug. 23. On Tues., Aug. 21 students in third grade and fourth grades will register at 5:30 and students in fifth and sixth grades will register at 6:30. On Thurs., Aug. 23 students in Head Start, Early

Childhood and Kindergarten will register at 5:30, Prekindergarten students will register from 5:30 to 7:30 and students in first and second 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. 27. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. Kindergarten through sixth grades will dismiss at 3:15 p.m. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1 p.m. the first three weeks of school (Aug. 27 to Sept. 14).

Rule schools

Rule ISD will hold registration on Aug. 22, 23, and 24 in the Rule ISD library. Parents and legal guardians of students in Pre-K through 8th grade, 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.

The registration schedule is as follows:

Wed., Aug. 22; 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., Seniors. 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., Juniors.

Thurs., Aug. 23, 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m., Sophomores. 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., Freshman.

Fri., Aug. 24, 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., Pre-K through 5th grade. 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., 8th grade. 2:30 p.m. until 3 p.m., 7th grade. 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., 6th grade.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items with them to register:

*Proof of residency in the Rule ISD district in the form of a water or electric bill

*A copy of the child's Social Security Card.

*Current immunization records.

*Any records from the child's previous school district.

If anyone has questions about registration, call Rule ISD at 997-2246 or 997-2521.

Friday night, Aug. 24 Rule ISD will be hosting "Meet the Teachers Night" for all students

and their parents from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This event is for the families who will have students in Early Childhood through 12th grade, during the 2007-08 school year.

Teachers and staff will be on hand to meet parents, register students new to the district, and answer questions regarding the upcoming school year. Elementary students are encouraged to bring their school supplies with them.

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

Paint Creek

Paint Creek ISD will conduct student registration Mon., August 20. Students who are new to the district and returning elementary students in grades Pre-K-8 who have not pre-registered should come to the school cafeteria between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Parents of new students should bring a drivers license, child's birth certificate, social security

card, current immunization record, and last report card.

Registration for returning students in grades 9-12 will be in the cafeteria from 1 to 3p.m. Aug. 20.

Paint Creek ISD will hold its annual "Back to School Picnic" Thurs., Aug. 23. This night of food, fun and fellowship will begin at 6 p.m.

The evening will "kick-off" with a hamburger/hot dog supper. Superintendent Donald L. Ballard will then discuss legislative and Title I updates for the upcoming school year.

Principal Kristi Exum will introduce new faculty/staff members, and PTO President Deborah Oliver will talk about events planned for 07-08.

The night will close with "Meet the Pirates/Lady Pirates" conducted by Athletic Director Michael Waggoner and his coaching staff. All families of Paint Creek students are encouraged to attend this back to school event.

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Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Homecoming

The Haskell-Mattson-Weinert-Rochester Schools homecoming will be held Sept. 21-22.

50th reunion

The 1958 class of Haskell High School will celebrate their fifty year reunion at Haskell's homecoming Sept. 21-22. The planning committee is seeking names and addresses of persons who attended at anytime during this class's school career. If you would like to be included, contact Janice Browning at 940-864-2755. Additional information will be mailed to those on the mailing list.

Class '96 reunion

The Haskell High School Class of 1996 will hold a class reunion Sept. 21-22. Contact Tonya Weatherman, 824 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Brady, Texas 76825 or tonyawweatherman@hotmail.com with current contact information.

HHS Ex-students

The Haskell Homecoming Association is seeking email addresses of ex-students. To register your email address, email Dorothy Hartsfield, secretary, at hshssharts@cs.com.

Obituaries

Holden Glen Griffin



HOLDEN GLEN GRIFFIN

Funeral services for Holden Glen Griffin, 57, of Rule were held Mon., Aug 6 at First Baptist Church in Rule. Burial was at Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Griffin died Wed., Aug. 1 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born Dec. 12, 1949 in Otto, he was the son of John and Helen Griffin. He was a lifetime resident of Rule.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and four

sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Griffin of Rule; sons, Glen and wife, Lolly of Rule, Richard and wife Stephanie of Rule, and Keith Vanderbilt of Rule; daughters, Evone LaCombe and husband, Dave of Willow, California, Tomika Griffin of Abilene, Khalilah Mason of Haskell, and April Odems of Knox City; sisters, Jessie Freeman and Elcola Talto, both of Waco; and fourteen grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

A mother's eating habits and body image affects her daughter's

A mother who has unhealthy eating habits and a poor body image can negatively impact her daughter's perspective on eating and weight, which can cause low self-esteem or endanger the health of a young girl, says Lona Sandon, a registered dietitian at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Studies have long linked a mother's and daughter's food preferences, Sandon says.

For instance, if a mother drinks milk and eats a healthy diet, her daughter's eating habits often will follow. If a mother obsesses about calories, dieting and losing weight, her daughter

will also.

"A mother who openly expresses dissatisfaction with her own weight and body image is putting her daughter at risk for disordered eating habits, such as not eating when hungry," Sandon says.

To promote healthy eating and body image, Sandon urges mothers to follow these tips, which are especially relevant as Mother's Day approaches:

Be a positive role model for your daughter by "doing" rather than "telling." Parents who eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains have children that eat them. Parents who don't eat those

foods but tell their children to do so often generate the opposite effect.

Set aside time for family mealtime. Do not discuss weight at the dinner table.

Exercise, together and separately.

Avoid using food as a punishment or a reward at mealtimes or any other time.

Keep negative thoughts about food, your body, and your child's body to yourself. Discuss concerns privately with your doctor or dietitian.

Compliment daughters on qualities other than their appearance.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 27, 2007, in the Haskell CISD Board Room, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	6.00000% increase or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000% increase or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	6.00000% increase or _____% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 200,077,045.00	\$ 245,693,709.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,407,320.00	\$ 1,683,370.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 115,914,422.00	\$ 122,678,447.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,387,590.00	\$ 682,500.00

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$985,000.00
* Outstanding principal.	

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.37000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.37000	\$2,321.61	\$6,760.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.04000	\$ 0.00410*	\$1.04041	\$1,876.90	\$6,575.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$2,049.00	\$6,981.95

*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	\$ 35,413.00	\$ 36,429.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 22,252.00	\$ 23,229.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 304.85	\$ 271.78
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (33.07)

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 \$1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04.

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)	\$1,796,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 124,714.00

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rule Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 21, 2007, in the Rule 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.

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

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	1.40000% increase or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000% increase or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.40000% increase or _____% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$53,743,322.00	\$64,626,955.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 48,570.00	\$ 28,280.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$26,911,800.00	\$27,018,886.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 41,690.00	\$ 11,064.00

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

Bonded Indebtedness

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.37000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.37000	\$2,288.00	\$6,327.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.01284	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.01284	\$1,853.00	\$6,946.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$2,072.00	\$7,184.00

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$24,504.00	\$24,631.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 12,043.00	\$ 12,164.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 164.98	\$ 142.31
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (22.67)

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 \$1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04.

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)	\$1,271,152.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

Births

Kyle and Loutina White of Haskell announce the birth of their son, Jaxon Kyle White, born July 23, weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz. He was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Jimmy and Gayle White, and J.W. and Louetta Wallace. Great grandmothers are Mattie White, Loudell Barbee and Opal Hadaway.



ATTEND REUNION—Descendants attending the Will and Bettie Mullins family reunion in July were, front row, l-r, Frank Clarkson, Kristen Grand, Kay Smith, Charlie Smith, Wanda Mullins and Barbara Clarkson. Seated row, Sharon Smith, Kyera Smith, Stephanie Smith, Maple Thomas, Mildred Offutt, Faye Campbell, Roy Amonett, Marie Brown, Royce Mullins, Willard Mullins, Marjorie Reynolds, Arvilla James and Marlin Brown. Standing, Donnie Smith, Matt Smith, Judy Anderson, Ross Anderson, Sue Holcombe, John Holcombe, Manuel Mullins, Wayne Offutt, Dalton Linton, Dale Linton, John Linton, Jennifer Linton, Michael Smith, Robbie Curry, Manny Mullins, Gaylon Amonett, Rodney Amonett, Madison Hoover and Arvil Lee Campbell.

Mullins family holds annual reunion

The grandchildren of Will and Bettie Mullins, early settlers of Haskell County, held their tenth annual reunion, Sun., July 29, at the Haskell National Bank Community Building. Fifty cousins and guests attended.

Wayne Offutt gave the invocation. Gaylon Amonett and Frank Clarkson conducted the auction of donated items to raise funds for the next reunion. Gaylon Amonett also served as master of ceremonies for the day's activities. Barbara Clarkson coordinated the communications during the year.

Of the twenty-one living (first-cousins) grandchildren of Will and Bettie Mullins, thirteen attended including Maple Thomas, Roy Amonett and Willard Mullins, all of Haskell; Mildred Offutt, Wichita Falls; Marie Brown, Farmington, New Mexico; Faye Campbell, Floydada; Manuel Mullins, Olney; Dale Linton, Midland; Marjorie Reynolds, Royce

Mullins, Barbara Clarkson, Robbie Curry and Gaylon Amonett, all of Lubbock. Second generation cousins attending were Sue Holcombe, Olney; Judy Anderson, Carolyn Griffin and Donnie Smith, all of Abilene; Arvilla James, Lubbock; Rodney Amonett, Clyde; Manny Mullins, Haltom City; Michael Smith, New York City; Wayne Offutt, Wichita Falls; and John Linton, Midland.

Special guests and other relatives attending were Wanda Mullins, Frank Clarkson, John James, all of Lubbock; Arvil Lee Campbell, Floydada; Marlin Brown, Farmington, New Mexico; Dalton Linton and Jennifer Linton, both of Midland; John Lee Holcombe, Olney; R.W. Anderson, Madison Hoover, Sharon and Stephanie Smith and friends David and Bryan, Matt and Kyera Smith, all of Abilene; Kay Smith, Charlie Smith, Jennifer Smith, Kristen Grand, and Erin Hise, all of Haskell.

The oldest attending cousin was Maple Thomas, 90 years old. Traveling the longest distances were Michael Smith of New York City, and Marlin and Marie Brown of Farmington, New Mexico.

The largest family group attending was the Nettie Mullins Smith descendants.

Marjorie Reynolds presented information concerning the Daughters of Texas Republic and Sons of the Texas Republic. She has completed the research for membership through the Mullins family line. Displays showing each of the Mullins family groups were posted, showing pictures of different generations. Current family pictures were also displayed.

The eleventh annual Mullins Reunion will be held Aug. 3, 2008 in Haskell.



MULLINS FIRST COUSINS—Attending the Mullins family reunion held July 29 were first cousins, front row, l-r, Maple Thomas, Haskell; Mildred Offutt, Wichita Falls; Faye Campbell, Floydada; Roy Amonett, Haskell; Marie Brown, Farmington, New Mexico; Royce Mullins, Lubbock; Willard Mullins, Haskell; Marjorie Reynolds, Lubbock; back row, Manuel Mullins, Olney; Barbara Clarkson, Lubbock; Dale Linton, Midland; Robbie Curry, Lubbock; and Gaylon Amonett, Lubbock.



MULLINS SECOND COUSINS—Mullins family second cousins attending the family reunion were front row, l-r, Wayne Offutt, Wichita Falls; Carolyn Griffin, Abilene; Judy Anderson, Abilene; Arvilla James, Lubbock; Donnie Smith, Abilene; Michael Smith, New York City; Rodney with Madison, Clyde; back row, Sue Holcombe, Olney; John Linton, Midland; and Manny Mullins, Haltom City.



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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

New Web site tracks consumer gas spending
AUSTIN—Now consumers have a way to find out if they got all they paid for at the gasoline pump.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on July 31 said the Texas Department of Agriculture is posting results of gas pump inspections on its Internet site, (www.tda.state.tx.us). Click on "public information reports."

"We want Texans to know our inspectors are on the front lines, ensuring they are receiving what they are paying for," Staples said.

The agriculture department employs 72 weights and measures inspectors who check more than 65,000 gasoline pumps a year, according to an agency news release.

If an inspector places an "out of order" tag on a pump, the station owner or operator must have the pump repaired by an agriculture department-licensed service company before the pump can be used to sell fuel.

Tested, properly operating pumps get a new seal placed by an agriculture department inspector.

More action on funding veto
The idea of getting Gov. Perry to undo his veto of \$154 million, a sizeable yet thin slice from the \$151 billion state budget, for community colleges may be gaining momentum.

Forty-seven members of the Texas House of Representatives called on Perry to restore the funding that in 2008-2009 would have been used to pay for employee health insurance at public junior and community college campuses.

Rep. Jim Dunning, D-Waco, one of the 47, went an extra step, asking House Speaker Tom Craddick to "join the call publicly and unequivocally to restore these critically needed funds and correct Gov. Perry's unwise decision."

No word yet from Perry or Craddick, but Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has already said he wants to get lawmakers and higher education people together and see what can be done to restore the funding.

Dewhurst said he wanted to head off the need for colleges to raise tuition or fees in order to make up for money lost to the veto.

Dewhurst and Craddick are joint chairs of the Legislative Budget Board, a 10-member

entity that has budget execution authority and can restore the funding.

The other eight members of the board are Sens. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, John Whitmire, D-Houston, Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo; and Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, Fred Hill, R-Richardson and Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

Judge says programs do comply

Senior U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Austin ruled July 30 that public school bilingual programs, as currently delivered in Texas, comply with federal law.

The League of United Latin American Citizens and GI Forum in 2006 asked the judge to force the state to improve education programs for limited-English students.

The ruling means those programs need not be upgraded.

Judge Justice also said low test scores and high dropout rates among Hispanics cannot be linked to the state's bilingual and English as a Second Language programs, the Associated Press reported.

Air passenger traffic sets record

The City of Austin reports that June 2007 marked the highest number of passengers in a single month traveling through Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

The airport broke the 800,000 passenger barrier for the first time, reaching 801,185, a total that is 8 percent greater than the June 2006 passenger count. The previous single month passenger record 781,855, set in May of the current year.

GOP picks Heflin for top post

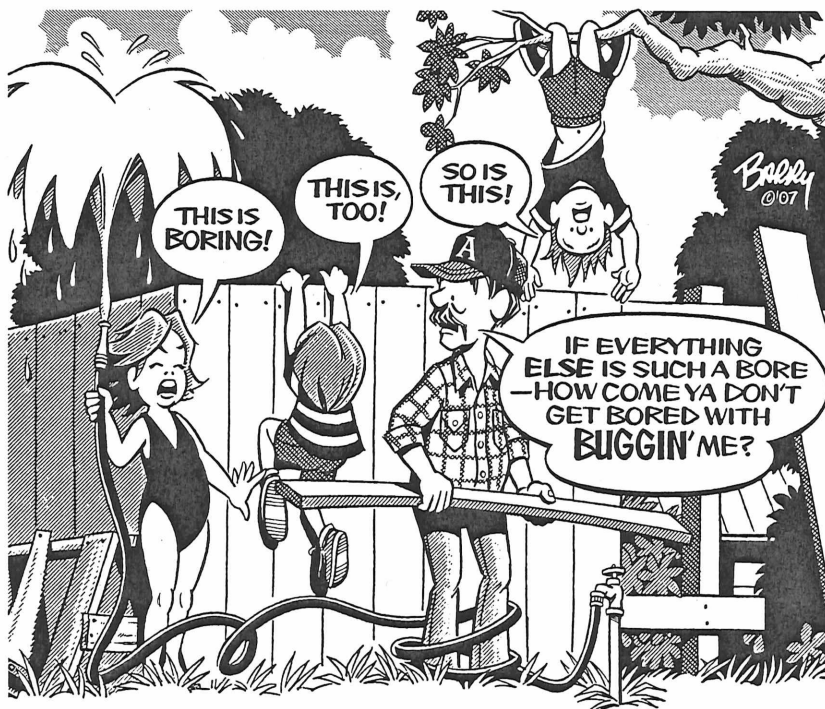
The Texas Republican Party appointed Talmadge Heflin its executive director, replacing Jeff Fisher.

Heflin, 67, was a member of the Texas House for 22 years. He lost his Houston-area District 149 seat to Democrat Hubert Vo in 2004.

State to dedicate WWII memorial

The State of Texas will pay official tribute to its citizens who served in World War II with the dedication of the Texas World War II Memorial on the grounds of the Capitol.

The dedication is set for Aug. 15 at 10 a.m.



Weather Whys

Thunderstorm Height

Q: How high can thunderstorm clouds be?

A: It's common for many cloud tops in a thunderstorm to be higher than 55,000 feet above sea level, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Clouds over that range belong in a special category. "That may be as high as they get over the U.S., but in other parts of the world, thunderstorm clouds can be even higher," he says.

"In 1990 in the Coral Sea off eastern Australia, some nearby weather balloons measured a thunderstorm cloud to be at least 63,000 feet high. And in the northern Australia and Indonesia area, sometimes called the 'maritime or oceanic continent,' some of the highest clouds known have been reported, several measuring from 65,000 to 72,000 feet by astronauts in the space shuttle. It can happen, but it's rare to see thunderstorms reach more than 65,000 feet."

Q: Does the height of a thunderstorm cloud affect how strong it is?

A: Yes, that is usually the case, McRoberts adds. Storm clouds that exceed 50,000 are almost always stronger than ones that are at just 15,000 feet. "The higher the cloud, the more energy and motion inside the cloud, and that's why these produce such strong winds, hail and rain," he says.

"This motion inside the thunderstorm is called an updraft. Water and ice particles within the thunderstorm rise and fall inside the storm until they become too heavy to be supported, which at that time they fall out of the storm as hail. Usually, the higher the thunderstorm, the better the chances are of it producing large hail. When you see a big thundercloud in the sky with a bright white top and the bottom of it is very dark, it is usually producing a powerful storm. When clouds reach 50,000 feet or higher, they even affect airplanes. The normal cruising range for passenger jets is in the 30,000 to 40,000-foot range. Pilots try to fly around such large storms, and this sometimes means they have to take detours of 100 to 200 miles or more."

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 7, 1997

Blake Goss, Bradley Harris and Derrick Tribbey attended basketball camp where their instructor was Andrea Patterson, who played for Indiana State University.

Mindy Howard, Turner Frierson and Missy Teague attended the Farm Bureau's Citizenship Seminar.

Haskell High School student council officers elected for the school year are Stephanie Alsbrook, vice president; Amanda Cothron, secretary; Amy Burson, reporter; and Turner Frierson, chaplain.

20 Years Ago August 6, 1987

Missy Phemister, Joy McKeever, Sheree Dumas, Lorie Alvarez, Theresa Unger and Vickie Chavez advanced to the International Open Cheerleading Championships in Nashville.

The trio, Ray Clark, R.P. Seher and Joe Josey, better known as Triple Shot, played for a street dance on the square.

Members of the City Council presented Abe Turner with a plaque in appreciation of his services to the city. Turner resigned as mayor of Haskell, after having served since 1984.

30 Years Ago August 4, 1977

John Paul Perrin, Rolling Plains PCA Board Vice Chairman of Haskell, attended the annual Production Credit Association Directors Conference.

Winners in the golf tournament held here over the weekend were David Strickland, Bob Mobley, Lewis Conn, J.B. Tabor and Allen Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leo Hill of San Antonio visited Emmy Trussell.

Geraldine Hamie of Munday, visited L.B. White.

J.L. Reed of Rochester, visited Carrie Edwards.

40 Years Ago August 3, 1967

Mrs. Norman Passmore of Hemet, California visited with her sister, Jetty V. Clare and brother, Al Hinds. Also visiting was their aunt, Mrs. Sam Wood of Killeen.

The Texas Theatre in Haskell was playing "Eight On The Lam," starring Bob Hope, Phyllis Diller, Jonathan Winters, Shirley Eaton and Jill St. John.

Aviation Electrician's Mate Third Class Randy B. Wilson, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wilson of Haskell, a member of the Attack Squadron Fifty-Six, has returned to the United States aboard the nuclear attack aircraft USS Enterprise, following an eight-month tour of duty.

Visitors in the George Moeller home were Mrs. Moeller's sisters, Mrs. Izora Landers of Tuscola, and Mrs. Alger Dean and Mr. Dean of Lawn, and Mrs. Ray Barrington of Tuscola.

50 Years Ago August 8, 1957

Carroll Wade Thompson has

accepted a position with Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Atchison and Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lytle and family of Dimmitt, returned from a vacation trip to Colorado Springs and Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Moreland Glass and children of Richmond were visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Glass.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Adams, of Louisville, Kentucky, visited in the home of his mother, Thelma Adams, and his sister, Mrs. Thurmond Bynum.

Helen Kennedy and Mrs. Earl Kennedy of Denver City, visited friends in Haskell.

100 Years Ago August 10, 1907

J.O. Jackson has purchased a farm nine miles northwest of town and will move this fall.

Muriel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Debard, got a grass burr lodged in her throat. Mr. Debard left with her for Dallas, where the burr was removed surgically. They returned home and the little girl is doing well.

F.C. Wilfong says he and four horses hobbled in a lane when Fred Bachelor passed in a automobile the other day. The horses "tore up the road" and ran about four miles ahead of the machine!

D.W. Fields and son, Paul, of the Marcy neighborhood, were in town. They reported a big rain in their section.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Badge Fraud? Robs Consumers, Peace Officers

Pro-law enforcement charities and other non-profit organizations provide critical financial assistance to the brave men and women who protect our homes and neighborhoods. While many of these organizations provide assistance to family members of officers who make the ultimate sacrifice, some unscrupulous individuals may prey on your generosity for their own gain.

Consumers and small businesses are defrauded when scammers falsely claim to be collecting donations on behalf of law enforcement or public safety organizations. In the worst cases, the money winds up in the con artists' pockets rather than going to deserving charities. This type of scam is called "badge fraud."

Badge fraud often begins with a telephone or mail solicitation carefully crafted to appeal to your

good intentions. Solicitors claim they are collecting much-needed funds for fallen police officers, fire fighters or other public safety personnel. In some cases, the charity is non-existent. In others, the charity is real, but only a small portion of your donation actually helps officers or their families.

The Office of the Attorney General will not tolerate badge fraud. In 2004, we joined forces with Harris County Attorney Mike Stafford to halt the fraudulent telemarketing practices and financial improprieties of the Texas Police Officers Alliance (TPOA).

TPOA's telemarketers promised donors that their financial gifts would provide death benefits for families of slain Texas police officers, including scholarships for their surviving children. Our investigation revealed that of the nearly \$300,000 collected by the charity, only \$500 was dispersed to

officers' families. Those meager benefits were distributed only after the Office of the Attorney General sent TPOA a civil investigative demand requesting information.

As for the claim that contributions were being used to create scholarships, the defendants failed to perform even the minimum requirements for establishing a scholarship, including notifying law enforcement agencies that funds would be available. In light of these abuses, we felt it was our duty to take legal action to protect Texas consumers.

Another common scam involves con artists who target the business community by offering to sell "advertising" in non-existent law enforcement magazines. Some small businesses have complained to our office about receiving invoices for ads that they never ordered or authorized. When business owners asked to see the ads, the sellers steadfastly refused to produce them.

Badge fraud steals money from generous Texans and hard-working peace officers. Worse, it

erodes public trust in legitimate charitable organizations. Everyone loses with badge fraud. An official-sounding organization name is a common ploy. Fraudulent charities often have names that are very similar to the names of well-known, trusted and legitimate organizations.

Charities are not generally required to register in Texas, but those that claim to benefit peace officers are subject to special provisions of the Texas Law Enforcement Telephone Solicitation Act. These charities must register with the Office of the Attorney General. In addition, the Public Safety Solicitation Act requires certain organizations to register, pay a fee and post a bond with the Secretary of State.

Registration with the SOS or with the Office of the Attorney General does not guarantee that the charity is trustworthy, however. Do not be afraid to ask for a written statement about the way your contribution will be used. A legitimate charity will welcome your interest. Let's give, but let's give wisely.

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FSA seeks proposals for new conservation initiative

Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) is asking federal, state and local agencies as well as private or non-profit organizations to submit proposals for a new 500,000-acre Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) program to improve habitat for high-priority wildlife species nationwide. Nearly 40,000 acres have been allocated to Texas.

"The State Areas for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative provides an opportunity to develop grassroots conservation projects to address high priority wildlife needs through habitat restoration," said Glenn R. Brzozowski, Executive Director for the Haskell County FSA. "This initiative further extends the positive environmental impacts of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)." With more than 36 million acres enrolled, CRP is the nation's largest, voluntary private-lands conservation program. CRP practices improve water quality, air quality and wildlife habitat.

SAFE will enable the public, producers, state and federal agencies, non-profit conservation organizations and others to propose areas where new CRP acreage may be established to address the habitat needs of endangered, threatened or high-priority fish and other wildlife

species. In addition, conservation practices currently offered under CRP can be fine-tuned under SAFE to improve, connect or create higher-quality habitat to promote healthier ecosystems in areas identified as essential to effective species management.

Proposed SAFE acreage located in counties that have reached the CRP acreage enrollment cap of 25 percent will not be considered. All proposed acreage for CRP enrollment under the SAFE program must have been cropped or meet FSA's definition of "farmable," four of six years during the period 1996-2001. Proposals should include a thorough description of the proposed project, identify the targeted species and should outline project monitoring and evaluation plans.

Brzozowski emphasized that individual landowners interested in proposing a SAFE plan should consider partnering with other landowners or special-interest groups in order to increase the number of acres proposed for enrollment because approved SAFE plans must, at a minimum, result in a county-wide impact on restoration of habitat for the target species.

"A good proposal will encompass a sizeable geographic area and include not only the target species, plantings and

related details, but will offer a monitoring plan that indicates how success will be tracked; the plan will also provide a baseline for where we're at today as well as a vision of where we want to be in the future with regard to species restoration," said Brzozowski.

Interested entities can submit a SAFE proposal to the local FSA Office or directly to the Texas FSA State Office attention: Sammy Orange, Conservation Chief, P.O. Box 2900, College Station, Texas 77841. The deadline for receipt of SAFE proposals is Aug. 13, 2007.

All SAFE proposals received by Texas FSA will go through a two-tier review process at the state level before being submitted to the national FSA office in Washington, D.C. on or before Nov. 1.

If the proposed SAFE area is approved, eligible landowners within the SAFE area may enter into new CRP contracts with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). Approved program participants will receive an annual CRP rental rate equivalent to soil rental rates for the county plus an annual maintenance payment.

Also, the producer is eligible for cost-share assistance of up to 50 percent of eligible practice installation costs. In addition, producers will be eligible for a one-time payment of \$100 per acre signing Incentive Payment. Producers may also receive a practice incentive payment equal to 40 percent of the eligible establishment costs of the practice.

For SAFE proposal details, format and protocol, contact the Haskell County FSA at 940-864-2617 or visit the national web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on "Conservation Programs."

2007 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HASKELL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2007 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.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	Farm to Market/ General Fund Flood Control Special Road/ Fund Fund Bridge Fund		
	Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,114,644.72	\$ 315,267.39
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,114,644.72	\$ 315,267.39	\$ 258,583.33
Last year's tax base	\$ 215,316,353	\$ 212,921,593	\$ 224,028,384
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5171/\$100	\$ 0.1479/\$100	\$ 0.1153/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,111,514.51	\$ 314,216.21	\$ 258,220.33
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 221,932,933	\$ 219,534,263	\$ 230,482,389
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.5008/\$100	\$ 0.1431/\$100	\$ 0.1120/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.7559/\$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)	\$ 1,111,514.51	\$ 314,216.21	\$ 258,220.33
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 221,932,933	\$ 219,534,263	\$ 230,482,389
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5008/\$100	\$ 0.1431/\$100	\$ 0.1120/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5408/\$100	\$ 0.1545/\$100	\$ 0.1209/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.5408/\$100	\$ 0.1545/\$100	\$ 0.1209/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.8162/\$100		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Haskell County adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7559 for \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$4,761.50.

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	\$ 60,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 280,000.00
Farm & Market Lateral Road	\$ 200,000.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: NONE
SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NONE

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

You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at
HASKELL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT,
604 North First Street, Haskell, Texas

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

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,056 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., Aug. 4, according to B.D. Rainey, reporter.

393 steers, 300 heifers, 363 cows and bulls were sold. 81 sellers and 32 buyers were present.

Cows: fat, 46-51; cutters, 53-58; canners, 35-45.

Bulls: bologna, 62-68, feeders, 85-93.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 162-174; 300-400 lbs., 140-162; 400-500 lbs., 138-148; 500-600 lbs., 121-138; 600-700 lbs., 110-121;

700-800 lbs., 97.50-110; 800-up lbs., 95-97.50.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 125-136; 300-400 lbs., 124-143; 400-500 lbs., 117.50-124; 500-600 lbs., 109-117.50; 600-up lbs., 93-109.

Bred heifers: medium frame 650-850.

Bred cows: young to middle aged 750-950; aged or small, 500-650.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 1000-1250; aged or small, 750-900.

Steer clinic set

by Wes Utley

CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

The Haskell County 4-H will sponsor a show steer clinic Sat., Aug. 11 at the Haskell County Fair Grounds. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Topics will include selection, feeding, fitting, and showmanship. Speakers for the clinic are some of the best people in the industry, including J.D.

Ragland, Floyd Co. Extension Agent and Brad Schnitker, Cargill Animal Nutrition.

The clinic is open to all 4-H and FFA students. Participants are allowed to bring one steer. Space is limited to the first 50 participants.

For more information, contact Wes Utley at the Haskell County Extension office 940-864-2658.

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NOTICE
Haskell County Commissioners voted August 6, 2007 in a called meeting to raise employee salaries by 3%. The list of elected officials salaries is listed below.

	2006/07	3.00%	2007/08
County Judge	27,272.00	819.00	28,091.00
Comm. Precinct #	22,500.00	676.00	23,176.00
Comm. Precinct #2	22,500.00	676.00	23,176.00
Comm. Precinct #3	22,500.00	676.00	23,176.00
Comm. Precinct #4	22,500.00	676.00	23,176.00
Tax A/C	23,401.00	703.00	24,104.00
County Clerk	23,401.00	703.00	24,104.00
Treasurer	25,291.00	759.00	26,050.00
Justice of Peace	23,401.00	703.00	24,104.00
District Clerk	23,401.00	703.00	24,104.00
County Attorney	32,400.00	972.00	33,372.00
Constable	15,069.00	452.00	15,521.00
Sheriff	30,624.00	919.00	31,543.00



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Are you really ready for retirement?

You have waited 40 years for this day. You've cleaned out your desk, received the obligatory retirement party and the gold watch. You're ready to walk out the door and begin enjoying the good life—retirement. And, you have determined how you are

going to afford retirement, right? According to the recent 2007 Retirement Confidence Survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute (ERBI) and Matthew Greenwald & Associates, nearly half of all workers saving for retirement have savings that fall below \$25,000.

Forty percent of survey respondents said they are not currently saving for retirement and 25% said they have no savings at all, retirement or otherwise.

According to ERBI, men should have accumulated a nest egg 12 times their income by the time they retire. A woman, because of higher life expectancy, should have 14 times her income. That's more than \$1 million for a woman earning \$82,000 a year.

In addition to financial planning, be sure to take care of the practical issues. Even though you have years of living ahead of you, you also need to prepare for the inevitable. Hopefully, you've already prepared your will, but just in case you have not, take care of this situation now! You don't want the state to decide what happens to your estate. It would probably be wise to hire an attorney rather than rely on one of the do-it-yourself fill-in-the-blanks computer software programs. While the computer method may appear to be cost-effective, the forms may be out-of-date and may not conform to the laws of your state.

While you're at it, go ahead and have a professional prepare a durable power of attorney and why not throw in a medical power of attorney as well. Both will allow you to designate a family member or friend or other person of your choice to act on your behalf should you become mentally or physically incapacitated. Without those designations, your family may have to go to court and pay needless court costs and fees to settle your estate.

Most all of us have life insurance policies to help ease the financial burden on our loved ones in the event of our death. Now that you're retired, you may want to reconsider whether you need all of that life insurance protection. The kids are grown and living on their own. You want to ensure that your spouse has plenty of money to live comfortably and that there is enough insurance to pay debts

and funeral expenses. Unless you just want to leave large sums of money to your survivors, you may want to think of keeping a life insurance policy that provides minimum coverage.

When seniors are seeking financial advice, they should secure the services of a Certified Financial Planner rather than individuals representing themselves as financial counselors. Anyone can become a financial counselor by taking an inexpensive correspondence course and passing a multiple-choice exam, making them less qualified to dispense sound financial advice. Certified Financial Planners, on the other hand, have had years of coursework, passed difficult tests and extensive background checks. Be sure you trust your

financial advisor and do not succumb to abusive sales techniques.

While financial planning is essential to a great life after retirement, personal planning is also important. For the past 30-40 years, you've awakened to that obnoxious alarm clock blaring in your ear every workday. Now that you're retired, you don't have to get up at a certain time each morning. You don't have to get up at all and that might be a problem. You will need something to fill your life. Whether it be traveling, spending time with family and friends, pursuing your hobbies or volunteering in the local community, you need a plan to fulfill your days. You've worked hard and now it's time to relax and live life to its fullest!

Harrell family meets for reunion

Thirty-eight were in attendance at the Harrell family reunion at noon Sat., Aug. 4 for fun, food and fellowship. Friday night, 33 attended and enjoyed games of bingo and prizes.

Those attending the Friday and Saturday activities were guests Lois Ann and Cracker Ballard, Marie Culbreth, Doris Ann Taylor Harrell, Molly Agraz and Ernest Strain.

Family members traveled from Fort Worth, Las Vegas, Porter and Albuquerque. Traveling the farthest distance from Albuquerque were Robin,

Melissa and Madeline Cardero with Madeline being the youngest descendant in attendance. Her grandparents are Carol and Rich Trueblood, and great grandparents are Frances and Jimmy Bowen.

The oldest in attendance was Martha Ann Hough of Porter.

Traveling the farthest to attend were Patricia and Chuck Martin of Las Vegas, Nevada. She is the daughter of Jeralene and Pete Thompson.

The next annual reunion will be held next July 25-26 in Haskell.

Workshop set to help teen girls

The STAR program is offering a workshop for girls 14 to 15 years of age beginning Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The primary focus of the leadership skills workshop is to help girls become confident, self-directed, self-sufficient leaders by offering them opportunities to develop their inner assets, to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families and their communities. Through supportive conversation circles, personal goal-setting, mentoring and a variety of activities, the girls gain important skills

including listening to and understanding view points of others, communicating clearly, thinking critically, goal-setting and sound decision making. The girls develop social, emotional and intellectual tools to help them avoid negative traps. Instead, they create a positive life vision, develop success skills, serve as community role models and access the resources they need to achieve in school, a career and life.

For more information, contact Helen Wilson at 940-256-2417.

Feet need TLC, too

On a car, the only parts on the road are the tires. On the human body, the only parts usually on the ground are the feet. But while even the best radial tire wears out over time, our feet need the best care to last a lifetime.

"Foot care is important, as is the care of any highly functioning part of the body," said J. Marshall Devall, D.P.M., assistant professor of surgery with the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and podiatrist at Scott & White.

"Difficulties with the feet—or poor care and/or lack of attention once a problem occurs—often causes severe pain, disability, and loss of job and quality of life. Most people do not show their feet, so they tend to lack the care and attention that their hands and fingers receive, for example. People usually place far too much emphasis on their shoe gear when it comes to maintenance of the feet rather than the foot itself."

For people spending significant time on their feet, Dr. Devall recommends shoes with ties, rigid heel counters (back of the heel) and a firm sole from the heel to the ball of the foot. When the shoe is held and sole bent up in half, it should only bend from the ball of the foot up at the toes, not anywhere else along the sole. The shoes also should be lightweight (preferably not

leather) and breathable.

"Hands down, running shoes are usually the best constructed, most lightweight and stable heel/sole construction available for those on their feet a lot," Dr. Devall said.

The seasons also can play havoc with your feet. In summer, increased perspiration means change socks more frequently and rotate shoes so they can dry out. Sandals and backless shoes can cause more calluses on the heels, and women wearing polish constantly need to re-apply frequently and have regular pedicures to prevent fungus.

In winter, Dr. Devall advises moisturizing in the colder climates with dry air. Polish should be left off and nails kept clean and dry inside a closed shoe.

Above all, consult your physician or a podiatrist if you're experiencing painful feet.

"Podiatrists these days are being trained the best and most thoroughly of any medical practitioner with regard to foot problems and concerns," Dr. Devall said. "Podiatrists are specialists, but we don't treat foot problems without respect for the rest of the body. We work with the primary or referring physician to manage problems through biomechanical, medical and surgical treatment."

NOTICE OF 2007 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of O'Brien, City of Rochester, and City of Rule and Haskell Memorial 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	\$ 11,292.85	\$ 28,412.25	\$ 48,125.90	\$769,288.80
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 11,292.85	\$ 28,412.25	\$ 48,125.90	\$769,288.80
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,131,925	\$ 3,363,140	\$ 10,134,928	\$214,773,029
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.5297/\$100	\$0.8432/\$100	\$0.4743/\$100	\$0.3578/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:				
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 11,290.79	\$ 28,358.00	\$ 48,069.96	\$ 768,191.05
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 1,947,325	\$ 3,312,230	\$ 9,976,441	\$221,177,514
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.5798/\$100	\$0.8561/\$100	\$0.4818/\$100	\$0.3473/\$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)	\$ 11,290.79	\$ 28,358.00	\$ 48,069.96	\$ 768,191.05
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 1,947,325	\$ 3,312,230	\$ 9,976,441	\$221,177,514
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.5798/\$100	\$0.8561/\$100	\$0.4818/\$100	\$0.3473/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$0.6261/\$100	\$0.9245/\$100	\$0.5203/\$100	\$0.3750/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.0000/\$100	\$0.0000/\$100	\$0.0000/\$100	\$0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$0.6261/\$100	\$0.9245/\$100	\$0.5203/\$100	\$0.3750/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of O'Brien adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.5798 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$2.26.
 If the City of Rochester adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.8561 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$6.25.
 If the City of Rule adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4818 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$9.41.
 If the Haskell Memorial Hospital District adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.3473 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2006 taxes by \$1,139.29.

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	\$400.00
City of Rochester - General	\$0.00
City of Rule - General	\$0.00
Haskell Memorial 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: 07/31/07

Connect to Customer Choice

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

TDHCA Utility Bill Help and Other Assistance www.tdhca.state.tx.us/assist_energy.htm
 TDHCA Home Repair Assistance and Weatherization www.tdhca.state.tx.us/assist_repair.htm
www.aeptexas.com

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Traffic safety tips for back to school driving

With the start of the new school year, students are once again rushing to be on time, parents are getting them on their way, and drivers are going about their business—all could heed some advice on safety. This is a critical time of the year. Drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to having children on and near the road particularly at rush hours. And, both children and their parents need to go back into their

good traffic safety habits.

Tips for Walking or Biking to School

- Walk with a friend
- Pay attention to all traffic signals. Never cross the street against a stop light.
- Cross only at cross walks, and never run into the street from between parked cars.
- Look left, right, and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street, and continue to

check each direction.

•Make sure drivers see you by making eye contact with them.

- If riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to school, always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic. Walk your bike if crossing a street.

Tips for School Bus Riders

- Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.
- Line up facing the bus, not along side it.
- After getting off the bus, move out of traffic.
- Wait for the bus driver to signal you to cross the street. Walk away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.

Tips for Parents and Drivers

- Everyone should wear a seatbelt and children should be in age and size appropriate car seats.
- Stay focused on driving and don't be distracted by kids in the car or with other activities.
- Slow down in school zones. Driving just 5 MPH over the speed limit increases both the risk of hitting a child and the severity of any injuries.
- You never know if children crossing the street are paying attention, so remain stopped until the child has crossed not only your lane of traffic, but the adjacent lane as well.
- Never pass a vehicle that has stopped at a crosswalk, as they may be waiting for someone to cross.

Sales tax holiday set August 17-19

Comptroller Susan Combs reminds Texas families that the annual sales tax holiday for clothes and shoes has changed to the third Friday, Saturday and Sunday in August. This year, the tax-free weekend runs Aug. 17-19.

"The Legislature voted to change the date of the sales tax holiday because schools are opening later in many districts," Combs said. "Most families take advantage of the sales tax holiday to buy back-to-school clothes for the kids."

During the sales tax holiday, most children's and adults' clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 is exempt from state and local sales taxes. This year, for the first time, school backpacks costing less than \$100 may be purchased tax free, but shoppers must pay tax on all other school supplies.

More information about the sales tax holiday, including a list of tax-free items, can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us.

Research builder

Before hiring a builder or remodeler, make sure to do some research first. It can help you make a sound, informed decision.

A good place to start is the Texas Residential Construction Commission's Web site www.texasrcc.org.

Here, you can find out if your

builder/remodeler is registered as required by state law and in good standing with the commission. You can also find out if the builder/remodeler has ever been disciplined by the commission, how many homes or projects they've registered and if any of their homes have been inspected for alleged defects.

•Do not pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing, even if it is on the other side of the street.

•Use extra care in areas where children may enter the road from between parked vehicles or other things that block drivers' view of the road. And, watch out for bicycles.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Haskell County General will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.75% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 17, 2007 and August 20, 2007 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room, Haskell, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:
FOR: Kenny Thompson, Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Don Smith, Tiffen Mayfield, David Davis
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	% (increase)	.06% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase)	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase)	.06% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$352,320,842.00	\$454,438,799.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,968,547.00	\$ 2,237,650.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$215,321,830.00	\$223,188,713.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,941,797.00	\$ 1,255,780.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.5171 per \$100 per value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.5572 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.0401 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate for the preceding tax year	7.75% Increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changed in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$32,089.00	\$32,932.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$32,089.00	\$32,932.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$165.93. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$181.39. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be at increase of \$15.46 in taxes.

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

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Haskell County Precinct Roads will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.75% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 17, 2007 and August 20, 2007 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room, Haskell, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:
FOR: Kenny Thompson, Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Don Smith, Tiffen Mayfield, David Davis
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	% (increase)	10.5% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase)	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase)	10.5% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$352,320,842.00	\$454,438,799.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,968,547.00	\$ 2,237,650.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$223,959,631.00	\$231,757,969.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,965,777.00	\$ 1,275,580.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.1153 per \$100 per value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.1242 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.0089 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate for the preceding tax year	7.75% Increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changed in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$32,089.00	\$32,932.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$32,089.00	\$32,932.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$37.00. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$40.90. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be at increase of \$3.90 in taxes.

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- ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
- *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Haskell County Farm to Market will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.75% percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 17, 2007 and August 20, 2007 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioners Court Room, Haskell, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:
FOR: Kenny Thompson, Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Don Smith, Tiffen Mayfield, David Davis
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	% (increase)	15.2% (decrease)
Debt service	% (increase)	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% (increase)	15.2% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$352,320,842.00	\$454,438,799.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,968,547.00	\$ 2,237,650.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$212,937,420.00	\$220,789,533.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,939,307.00	\$ 1,255,270.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$0.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.1479 per \$100 per value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$0.1594 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.0115 per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate for the preceding tax year	7.75% Increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changed in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$32,089.00	\$32,932.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$29,089.00	\$29,932.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$43.02. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$47.71. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be at increase of \$4.69 in taxes.

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- ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
- *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Taxpayers amnesty deadline is Aug. 15

Comptroller Susan Combs today reminded taxpayers that the tax amnesty program, Project Fresh Start, ends Aug. 15.

taxpayers to clear up unpaid, underreported or overdue taxes without fear of penalty or interest," Combs said. "Project Fresh Start is also a great

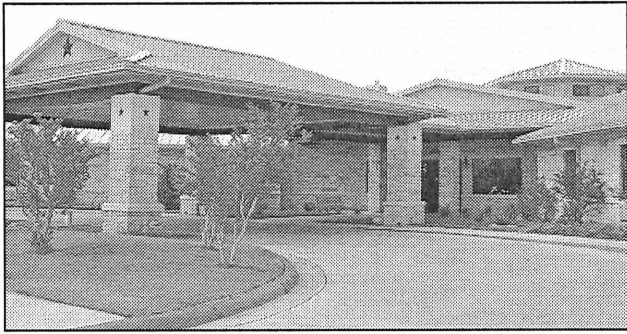
opportunity for businesses operating without tax permits to begin meeting their tax responsibilities." The 60-day tax amnesty began

June 15. It applies to taxes and tax reports originally due before April 1, 2007.

The Project Fresh Start amnesty period applies to sales tax, franchise tax and all other state and any local taxes and fees administered by the state Comptroller, except unclaimed property and Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessments. Eligible taxpayers include those who did not file a required tax return or report; misrepresented, understated or omitted any tax liability on a past report; or erroneously claimed tax credits or tax deductions.

The amnesty does not apply to assessments already identified by the Comptroller, taxpayers currently under audit or review and taxpayers the Comptroller has already contacted about an audit or possible tax deficiency.

The Project Fresh Start Web site at www.freshstart.texas.gov offers complete details about how to participate in the tax amnesty, or taxpayers may call 800-252-1390 or contact the nearest Comptroller field office. Field office information, tax permit applications and tax forms are available on the Web site.



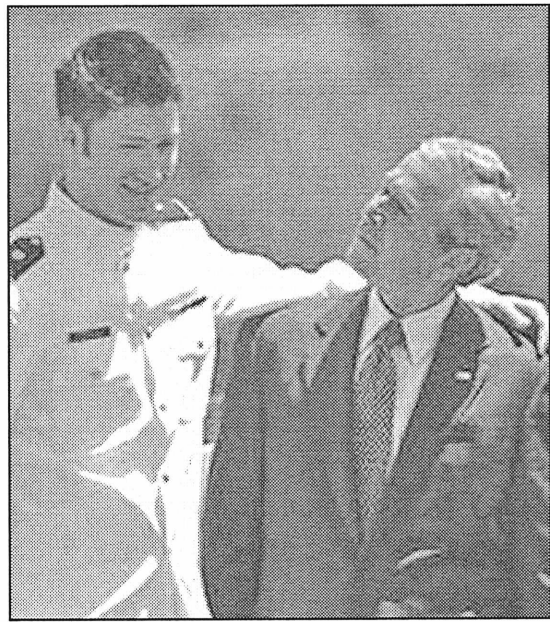
A time will come when your loved one will require special care. When that time comes, Kent County Nursing Home in Jayton will be there for you and your loved ones. Beds are available at this time. Kent County Nursing Home is both a Private Pay and a Medicaid facility. Private Pay rates are \$2,350 per month. A two week short stay program is also available at \$490.

Kent County Nursing Home

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Kathy Lisenbee, Administrator

Student in the News



GRADUATE—President George W. Bush, right, congratulates Cadet First Class Robert Ryan Burgess during graduation ceremonies held May 23 at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Cadet First Class Robert Ryan Burgess graduated with honors Wed., May 23, from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

During commencement exercises, graduates of the Class of 2007 received their commission as Ensigns in the U.S. Coast Guard from President George W. Bush, and will serve a minimum of five years.

A 2003 graduate of Haskell High School, Burgess is the son of Brian and Jennifer Burgess of Haskell.

Out of 6,000 applications 305 were admitted into the Class of '07, and 228 graduated.

During four rigorous years of education and military training in the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, Cadets are exposed to many aspects of the Coast Guard service. They spend weeks on the Eagle, a 300 foot long, three-masted sailing ship under 21,350 square feet of sail. Today's Eagle, built in 1936 by Adolf Hitler as a training vessel for German Naval Cadets, is the largest Tall Ship flying the Stars and Stripes.

Following World War II, the ship was taken as a war prize by the United States, commissioned into U.S. Coast Guard service,

and sailed from Bremerhaven, Germany to its new home in New London, Connecticut. Endurance and courage are challenged as cadets face the elements on the sails and rigging several stories above the deck.

Burgess also served on the 210 foot cutter, Decisive, which enforces Marine law and engages in drug intervention in the Gulf of Mexico. Other assignments included Coast Guard Sector port security in San Diego, as well as trips to Aruba and Bermuda, and engineering trips to New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Alaska.

Burgess's first tour of duty will be Coast Guard Sector in Charleston, S.C.

This Week's Devotional Message:

GOD IS WHEREVER YOU MAY GO



Even though your faith and your church have their regular place in your daily walk of life, do you remember to include them in your vacation plans? Whatever highway you travel, God is there to provide you and your loved ones with His unfailing guidance and protection, if you will only reach out and avail

yourself of it. He is everywhere, in the beauty of all the mountains, lakes and valleys of this world which He created, and so are His churches. You can easily find them anywhere throughout the land. Remember that God never takes a vacation from you; don't take a vacation from Him!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

- 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**
Richard Barr, minister
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- Church of God**
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Tom Long, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.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. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- Mission Revival Center**
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Greg Gasaway, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Church in the Wind**
C.C. Curran, pastor
Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
203 S. 1st East, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
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Fred Garvin, pastor
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
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Sun. 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. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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- First United Methodist Church**
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Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
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Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
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- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
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1001 Union Ave., Rule
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Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
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Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
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- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
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Households receiving food stamps or AFDC will automatically qualify if the current case number is provided on the application.

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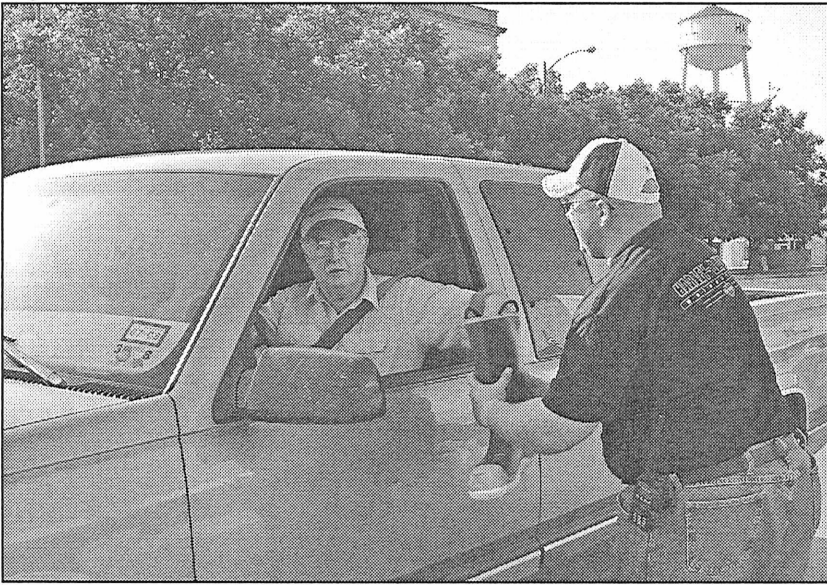
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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a special called meeting, Fri., Aug. 3 at the City Hall.

Those attending were Mayor Ken Lane, Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Medford, Councilmen Lonnie Meredith, Bob Smith, Randy Bowers and Chan Guess, and City Administrator, Brandon Anderson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Mayor Lane, and the invocation was given by Councilman Smith.

The Mayor adjourned the council into executive session at 7:06 to discuss deliberation regarding real property.

The Council returned to general session at 8:09 a.m.

Upon returning to general session, any action for items discussed in the executive session were addressed.

Councilman Meredith made the motion that the Council enter into discussion to bid out the

prison for sale to any company interested, which would allow for needed expansion and increased jobs for the facility. The motion was approved.

Councilwoman Medford's motion was unanimously approved to allow Randy Hise to go and talk to the employees at Emerald; contact Emerald's attorney, Hull Youngblood; contact any interested buyers; and also to start looking for a lawyer to handle the possible bid.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a regular session July 24 with all commissioners and the county judge present.

Bill Steele, fire chief, met with the court to discuss the housing of equipment from the Forestry Service. Steele stated the Forestry Service will pick up all loaned equipment if the

equipment is not housed in a heated building. The Fire Department is trying to raise the money for a building. The Economic Development Corporation has agreed to allow the Fire Department to temporarily use a building at the prison for inspection purposes only.

A contract with the Texas

Department of Family Protection Services was approved.

A resolution on the STEP program regarding the Sagerton Water Project was passed.

A motion to request agreement with the City of Haskell to do dispatching in the amount of \$40,000 was passed.

ECC Menu

Mon., Aug. 13

Lunch—Hamburger patties, creamy potatoes, black-eyed peas, apricot cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 15

Bingo at 10:30
Lunch—Beef spaghetti, buttered corn, green beans, sliced onions, garlic toast, lemon cake, milk, tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 17

Lunch—Sloppy Joes on a bun, pinto beans, onions, pickles, potato salad, jello, cookie, milk, tea, or coffee

NOTICE

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 16, 2007 at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2007. The proposed tax rate is 0.0255 per \$100 of value.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. on August 20, 2007, in the Superintendent's Office, Paint Creek School Building. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	1.13100% increase or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	9.60400% increase or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	1.13100% increase or _____% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 65,835,382.00	\$ 106,125,189.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 507,787.00	\$ 492,520,492.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 35,735,468.00	\$ 35,891,685.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 447,457.00	\$ 442,110.00

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

Bonded Indebtedness

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.37000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.37000	\$4,374.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.02956	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.02956	\$3,200.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$3,281.00

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 24,406.00	\$ 25,356.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 11,430.00	\$ 12,170.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 156.60	\$ 142.39
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (14.21)

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 \$1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04.

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.

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