

Activities begin around schools ~ Watch for students

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Calendar

Food drive

Haskell and Rule Girl Scouts are conducting a food drive through August 10. Donation boxes are located at local churches and businesses. The drive will benefit the Haskell Food Bank. For more information, call 940-200-1413.

VBS

First United Methodist Church of Haskell will host Waterworks! Park Vacation Bible School Sat., Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. Ages Kindergarten through fifth grade may attend. Students should wear clothing that can get wet or a swimsuit with top and bottom cover-up, slip on shoes and bring a towel. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

School schedules

Haskell High School students may pick up their schedules Fri., Aug. 8 in the auditorium as follows: 9 a.m. ninth graders; 10 a.m. tenth graders; 11 a.m. eleventh graders; 1 p.m. twelfth graders; and 2 to 3 p.m. new students to the district. New students may come prior to Aug. 8 and pick up forms to be filled out. The counselor's office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Brisket dinner

A brisket dinner, including brisket, cole slaw, potato salad, cornbread and dessert, will be served at the St. George Catholic Church Fri., Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$6.

Applicator class

The TexasAgri LIFE Extension of Haskell County will host a private applicator training and testing session Aug. 20 at the Haskell County Extension office beginning at 9 a.m. Training will continue through lunch, so bring a snack. For more information, all Wes Utley at 940-864-2658.

Paint Creek ISD to register Aug. 13

Paint Creek ISD will hold registration for all students for the 2008-09 school year Wed., Aug. 13. Come by the school office between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to complete needed paperwork. Schedules for high school students will be given at this time.



GYM START—Workers were scurrying to work the cement new multi-purpose facility being constructed at Haskell Elementary School.

Building project underway

by Caron Yates
If you have driven by Haskell Elementary in the last few weeks, you may have noticed a building project underway. A multi-purpose building complete with bleachers, restrooms, water fountains and heating and cooling is being constructed on the south end of the campus. The contract was awarded to Don Faulkner of Abilene, but is being overseen locally by Ronnie Webb, employee of Haskell CISD.

It will primarily be used for elementary physical education classes, but also may be used for Little Dribblers games or other school activities as needed.

The completed project is expected to cost about \$870,000, but is being paid for through designated building funds. Anticipated completion will be December.

In the last couple of years, the state has mandated more physical education for all elementary classes. The building being used presently for P.E., is a covered slab that later had four walls added. It had no water, toilets, heating or cooling and was not handicap accessible.

With the addition of the new building, there will now be a way to divide large P.E. classes, as well as, a place for class recess on rainy days.

Sales tax holiday set Aug. 15-17

With the rising cost of gasoline, groceries and other goods, the annual clothing sales tax holiday will help families' back-to-school budgets go farther, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said recently.

Combs announced that the 10th annual sales tax holiday will take place Aug. 15-17. During the tax holiday weekend, most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100 can be purchased tax free. The tax break applies to both children's and adults' apparel.

"We estimate shoppers will

save about \$54 million in sales tax during the sales tax holiday, including approximately \$42.1 million in state sales tax and \$11.9 million in local sales taxes," Combs said.

The shoppers' gain is not expected to have a significant impact on sales tax collections.

"Though the national economy has slowed, Texas sales tax revenue continues to grow at a healthy pace," Combs said. "Through June, state sales tax collections for fiscal 2008 were

up 6.1 percent compared to the same point in fiscal 2007. Cities' and counties' calendar year-to-date sales tax revenues were up an average of 5.1 percent."

A list of items that will be tax exempt during the sales tax holiday is available on the Comptroller's Web site at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx_98_490.html.

Combs reminds families that school backpacks and messenger bags costing less than \$100 are now included in the sales tax

holiday, but school supplies are taxable.

Since 1999, the clothing sales tax holiday has saved shoppers more than \$388 million in state and local sales taxes.

Haskell Elementary, Junior High set registration and back-to-school events

Haskell Elementary School will hold registration for new students to the district Mon., Aug. 11, Tues., Aug. 12 and Wed., August 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon 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 2007-08 school year at Haskell Elementary.

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

Registration and Back to School Night for all Haskell Elementary students will be held Tues., Aug. 19 and Thurs., Aug. 21. On Tues., Aug. 19 students in third and fourth grades will register at 5:30 p.m. and students

in fifth grade will register at 6:30 p.m. On Thurs., Aug. 21, students in Head Start, Early Childhood and Kindergarten will register at 5:30 p.m., Prekindergarten students will register from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and students in first and second grades will register at 6:30 p.m. 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. 25. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. Kindergarten through fifth grades will dismiss at 3:15 p.m.

Haskell CISD Rochester Junior High will register grades six through eight Tues., Aug. 19 in the Junior High Cafeteria. Sixth grade students will register at 5:30 p.m., seventh grade students will register at 6 p.m. and eighth grade students will register at 6:30 p.m.

Students may register any time from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. if unable to register at the scheduled time. If students are unable to attend registration, registration packets will be available at the Haskell CISD administration office, 605 N. Ave. E in Haskell.

Tours of the campus will be available for new parents and students any time during registration.

An assembly will be held in the auditorium at 6 p.m. for any parent or student to learn more about the Junior High campus and what to expect in the coming school year. Questions about the new school may be asked during this time.

For more information, contact Reida Penman or Teresa New at 743-3260 or 864-8535 ext. #400 or the administration office at 864-2602.

Rule ISD school to register

Rule ISD will host registration Aug. 21-22 in the Rule ISD library for the new school year.

Parents/legal guardians of students in grades Pre-K through eighth, 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.

Registering on Thurs., Aug. 21 will be seniors at 9 a.m.; juniors at 10:30 a.m.; sophomores at 1

p.m.; and freshman at 2:30 p.m. Registering on Fri., Aug. 22 will be Pre-K through fifth grade at 9 a.m.; eighth grade at 1 p.m.; seventh grade at 2 p.m.; and sixth grade at 3 p.m.

Parents of students who are new to the district should bring the following items to registration:

- Proof of residency in the Rule ISD in the form of a water or electric bill.
- Copy of the child's Social Security card.
- Current immunization records
- Any records from the child's previous school district.

For information about registration, call Rule ISD at

Benefit roping to be held

A benefit team roping will be held in Munday Sat., Aug. 9 at the Munday Athletic Complex to benefit Trey and Tyler Thompson and Keith Cypert to help with their medical expenses.

The trio were severely injured in a pickup/18 wheeler wreck that occurred May 18.

Books will open at 9 a.m. followed by an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. A live auction will begin at 10:30 a.m.

997-2246 or 997-2521.

Rule ISD will host 'Meet the Teachers Night' for all students and parents on Fri., Aug. 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for all families who have students in Early Childhood through twelfth grades during the 2008-09 school year.

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

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

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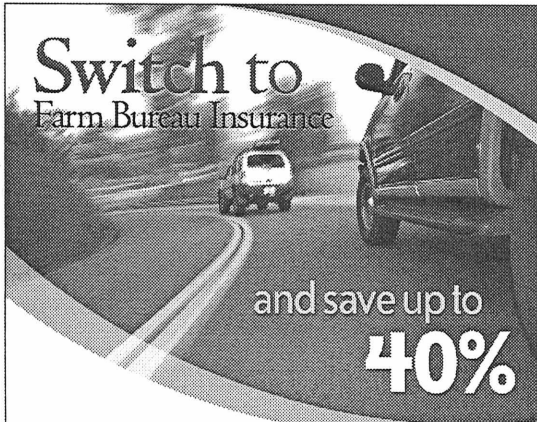
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NOTICE

The Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 21, 2008 at 135 N. Munday Ave., Munday, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2008. The proposed tax rate is 0.0239 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District by 0.0%.



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Fair entries due Aug. 8

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

The fall show season is fast approaching. If you are a 4-H member and have an animal project, entries for the West Texas Fair and Rodeo in Abilene and the State Fair of Texas are due in the Haskell County Extension Office Fri., Aug. 8 by 4:30 p.m.

Entry forms are available at the Haskell County Extension Office, located at 101 South Ave. D in Haskell. For answers to questions on animal projects, or the upcoming fairs and shows, call Wes Utley, Haskell County Extension Agent-Ag at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

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Obituaries

Robert M. 'Bob' Wilson

Funeral services for Robert M. 'Bob' Wilson, 74, of Dana Point, California were held Thurs., July 31 at First Baptist Church in Rule. Graveside services and burial were at Rule Cemetery.

Mr. Wilson died Sat., July 19 in Dana Point, California.

Born April 4, 1934 in Knox City, he attended grades 1-12 at Rule Independent School. He attended Texas A&M University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering. He was a member of the TAMU corps of cadets becoming commanding officer of his unit his senior year. He enjoyed telling favorite stories of fond remembrances of his Rule and TAMU school days and friendships.

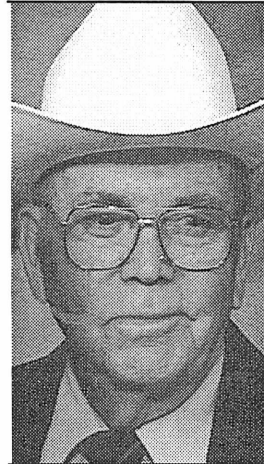
He resided in Rule, Haskell, College Station, Louisiana, Colorado, Hamlin, Snyder, Dana Point,

California, and Kingwood, retiring in Dana Point. He worked for Sun Oil Company, General Crude Oil Company, Mobil Oil Company and as an independent drilling engineering consultant. He had many human successes in his life. For this man, these paled in comparison to the joy he had in knowing and loving the Lord and being a member of His kingdom.

He was the grandson of Haskell County pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Wilson of Rule and Judge Oscar and Mary A. Oates of Haskell.

Survivors include his loving wife of 49 years, Suzanne Wilson; his sister, Mary Leach of Houston; two children, Scott Wilson of La Quinta, California and Cynthia Miller of Austin; and six grandchildren, Mylea, Stuart, Zachary, Collin, Juliana and Ethan.
PD. NOTICE

Dennis G. Young



DENNIS YOUNG

Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Young died Fri., Aug. 1 in Abilene.

Born May 3, 1916 in New Hope, Arkansas, he was the son of Melvin and Lela Young. He married Mildred Carson in Dierks, Arkansas and they were happily married for 64 years until her death in 2006. In 1941, Dennis and Mildred moved to Lubbock, where they lived until Dennis joined the Navy during World War II and was stationed in Astoria, Oregon. After the war, they moved back to Lubbock and Dennis became a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper. The couple moved to Haskell in 1952. In 1978, after 27 years of service with DPS, Dennis retired. He was a member

of the American Legion and was a 50 year Mason. He belonged to the Free Will Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mildred; a son, Jerry Dale; and two brothers, Denver and Dwayne Young.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Dickie Sloan of Rochester; three sisters, Irene Crisp of Bradenton, Florida, Dorothy Lee Birdwell of Lubbock, and Bettye Bullard of Anson; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

The family is especially grateful to Windcrest Alzheimers Care Center in Abilene where Dennis lived the last two and a half years of his life and to Sears Methodist Hospice.

Donations may be made to the donor's favorite charity.
PD. NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 a.m. on August 29, 2008, in the Haskell Consolidated Independent School District Administration Office, 605 N. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

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

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	0.00000% increase or 0.00000% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000% increase or 0.00000% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.00000% increase or 0.00000% (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	\$ 245,693,709.00	\$ 298,406,416.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,683,370.00	\$ 20,440,640.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 122,678,447.00	\$ 117,795,546.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 682,500.00	\$ 312,860.00

* "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	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$1,566.00	\$3,482.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.25000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.25000	\$1,595.00	\$3,453.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$1,500.00	\$3,454.00

*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	\$ 36,429.00	\$ 37,416.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 23,229.00	\$ 24,103.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 271.78	\$ 282.01
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 10.23

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 858,293.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 91,148.00

Clarence Arnold Meier



CLARENCE MEIER

Funeral services for Clarence Arnold Meier, 74, of Haskell were held Tues., Aug. 5 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction Holden-McCauley

Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mr. Meier died Sat., Aug. 2 at Haskell Healthcare Center.

Born Oct. 18, 1933 in Jones County, he was the son of Arnold and Frieda Meier. He married Joan Darden Aug. 22, 1953 in Haskell. The couple farmed in Jones County until 1954 and then moved to Haskell where Clarence first worked for the Texas Highway Department. In 1954, Clarence was inducted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in California until 1958. After being honorably discharged from the service, they moved back to Haskell where he worked for the Texas Highway Department for 39 years. He was once an active member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell and was a Royal Ambassador youth leader. He was a member of the Haskell American Legion for several

years. Fishing, gardening, playing the guitar and singing were his favorite pastimes. He cherished his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and one grandson, Ryan Meier.

Survivors include two sons, Royce Meier and Dwayne Meier, both of Haskell; three grandsons, Christopher Meier, Justin Meier of Haskell and Dillon Meier of Tennessee; one granddaughter, Ashley Meier of Haskell; one great grandson, Spencer Somons of Abilene; two sisters, Evelyn Becker of Plugerville and Elsa Lange of Round Rock; and one sister-in-law, Jerene Baker of Stanton.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 101 Summit Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.
PD. NOTICE

PB&J sandwich substitutes

Classic PB&J sandwiches banned from your lunch table? Consider another butter.

Nothing says kids' lunches more than peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches.

But with more schools banning the lunchbox staple be-

cause of peanut allergy concerns, brown-bagging it has gotten a bit trickier.

Nutrition experts at UT Southwestern Medical Center say parents don't need to reach for the cold cuts.

"Spreads made from other

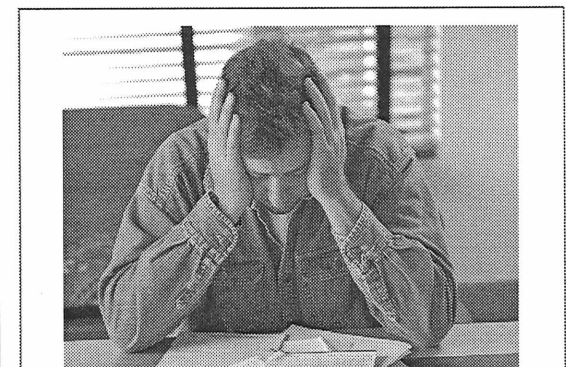
nuts or seeds provide a nutritious alternative to peanut butter," says Joyce Barnett, a registered clinical dietitian at UT Southwestern.

She recommends that parents give the following spreads a whirl.

Almond butter—This nut butter is high in protein and is a great source of potassium. Research has shown that almonds, which are tree nuts, can help reduce the risk of heart disease as well as total cholesterol levels.

Soy nut butter—Made from soybeans, soy nut butter generally has as much fiber as its peanut counterpart. It's free of peanuts and tree nuts, but children with soy allergies should avoid it.

Sunflower seed butter—Another spread created for kids with peanut allergies, sunflower butter is free of peanuts and tree nuts. A 2-tablespoon serving has more than one-third of a child's daily magnesium and vitamin E requirements.



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Reception to honor Holley birthday

Dora Holley will be honored Sat., Aug. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Haskell in celebration of her 100th birthday.



DORA HOLLEY

From covered wagon to cyber space, Holly has been witness to it all. She remembers well the many wars from World War I to present. She was a young lady during the Roaring Twenties, when women got the right to vote prohibition and Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Her first car ride was in 1920 when Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grissom took her to their home to baby sit their children. She was married with small children during the Great Depression when work and food were scarce, and she can tell you what she was doing when the A-Bomb was dropped, Kennedy was assassinated, Armstrong walked on the moon and 9-11.

Born Aug. 8, 1908, she was the first white child born in Indian Territory in the Animas Valley of New Mexico. She was the oldest child of Johnnie Emma Johnson and William Jepsy Carruth's eight children. All but one brother is living. At the age of two, her family left their half dugout home and moved to Haskell to farm. She always preferred being outside and loved helping her papa work on their farm. However in 1918, the cotton played out, and the family packed their covered wagon, hitched up the mules, Shorty and Maude, and traveled to Ranger where work could be found in the oil field. The covered wagon was their home during the summer, but they lived in a tent when the weather turned cold. The next year Haskell had 'the best cotton crop you have ever seen,' and the family moved back

to pull bolls.

She married Walter Thomas Holley in 1925. They were married 31 years and had four children, Joyce White of Jacksboro, Dorothy Blair (deceased), Tebo Holley (deceased), and Bill Holley of Clyde. They owned and operated East Side Grocery from 1947-55. Dora, who had worked hard all her life, said the hardest part of running the store was wearing shoes. In 1957, she went back to the store as an employee where she worked until her retirement in 1975.

She will quickly tell you the best thing that ever happened to her was becoming a Christian. But she declines to discuss the worst thing saying, "I only think of the good things; that's how I stay happy." Her advice to young people is, "Stay in church!"

Holley is surprised by her longevity. She says she never expected to be here this long. However, when asked for her secret to long life she replied, "I don't think I've done what I'm here for yet. That's why the Lord hasn't taken me home."

Buy proper shoes

Buying proper shoes puts young feet on healthy path

As parents and children ready for another school year, UT Southwestern Medical Center orthopaedists have some suggestions for reshodding the young ones.

Wear at the toe or seams of footwear is a sure sign it's time for new shoes. Other indicators include excessive wear to the midsole and heels, says UT Southwestern orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Michael VanPelt.

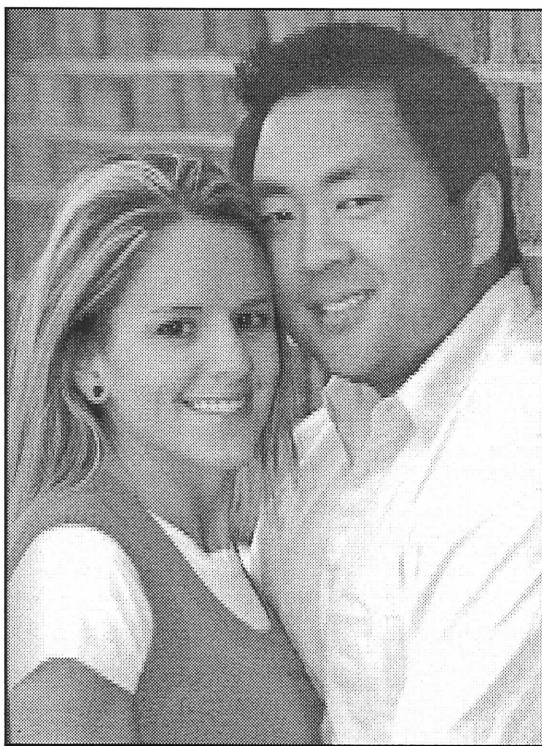
Most people's feet aren't exactly the same size, so one new shoe may feel different from its mate, but neither should feel too tight, Dr. VanPelt says. Measure both feet and ensure shoes fit the larger of the two. A good rule of

thumb while shopping is to allow at least one finger's width from the end of the longest toe to allow room for growth.

"Ill-fitting shoes can not only pose problems in proper foot development but can also lead to leg or back pain due to poor posture," says Dr. VanPelt.

Also, it's best to shop for shoes in the afternoon or evening, because feet naturally swell during the course of a day.

For children, avoid backless shoes, as well as footwear with high heels, which pose greater potential for injury and can hamper proper foot development. Look for soles that will provide good traction and shoes with good arch support.



REBECCA FISCHER - ROBERT HASKIN

Fischer, Haskin to marry Sept. 20

Jeretta and David Fischer of Bettendorf, Iowa are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Jeannine, to Robert Martin, son of Dennis and Roberta Haskin of Bloomington, Minnesota.

Fischer is a 2001 graduate of Pleasant Valley High School, Bettendorf, Iowa. She graduated from University of Iowa in May 2008 with a master's degree in nursing and healthcare practice. Haskin graduated from John F.

Kennedy Senior High School in 1997 in Bloomington, Minnesota. He graduated from University of Wisconsin at Madison in 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in Finance. He is employed by Huron Consulting Group in Chicago, Illinois.

The couple plans to marry Sept. 20 in Bettendorf, Iowa and to reside in Chicago, Illinois.

Fischer is the granddaughter of Henrietta Fischer of Seguin, formerly of Haskell.

Births

Brett and Mandy Lewis are announcing the birth of their daughter, Addison Grace Lewis, born June 24, 2008 at 2:45 a.m. in Weatherford weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. She was 19 in. long

Grandparents are Brian and Vicki Adams and Uncle Travis of Haskell; and Lee and Sue Lewis of Huntsville.

Great grandparents are Faye

Bledsoe of Haskell and Jim Bledsoe of Milton Freewater, Oregon; and Elmer and Linda Adams of Weinert

When Addison was born, she had a two great great grandparents living: a great great grandmother Earmal Bevel who has since passed away, and a great great grandfather Jay Richardson of Huntsville.

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Aug. 11

Lunch-Porkie meatballs and tomato gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee

Wed., Aug. 13

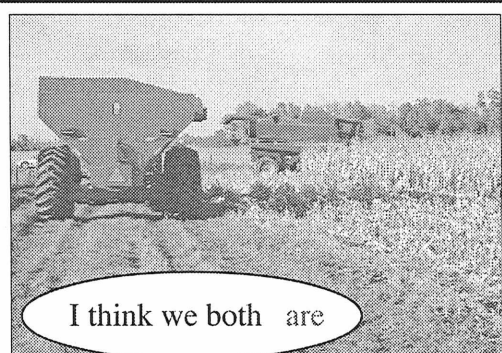
Lunch-Goulash and rice, blackeyed peas, club spinach, bread slice, lemon cake, milk,

tea, or coffee

Fri., Aug. 15

Lunch-Sausage and kraut, potato salad, pinto beans, sliced onions, garlic toast, milk, tea, or coffee

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



I think we both are

There was this farmer and his son out doing the chores. The son asked his Dad, "Why do you always invest your money with the bank in town? There are other places out there advertising some pretty high rates."

The father replies, "Are those rates guaranteed?"

The son says, "No."

The father asks, "Do those others places loan money for agriculture?"

The son says, "No."

The father says, "The bank in town loans us the money to plant our crops. Investing in those other places would be like planting seeds you didn't even know would grow in someone else's field."

The son says, "Ya know, Dad, I think you're getting smarter as I get older."

The father says, "I think we both are."

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Baby Shower Registry

Heath and Whitney (Wallace) Pinkerton

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Governor Perry presses for more disaster aid
AUSTIN—President Bush on July 24 granted Gov. Rick Perry's July 23 request for a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration as Hurricane Dolly walloped South Texas.

The declaration helps pay for emergency expenditures that occurred before, during and after the hurricane. But, Gov. Perry said, the declaration does not cover hurricane-related individual or business losses.

Perry wrote again to the president on July 31, to speed "individual assistance" to people whose homes were damaged but not covered by insurance and "public assistance" to fund the repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed public facilities or infrastructure.

Thousands of South Texans remained without power and hundreds were staying in temporary shelters, as of Aug. 1.

State releases mansion tape clips

Newspapers and broadcast media stations requested copies of videotapes recorded by governor's mansion security cameras on the night of June 8, when the governor's mansion was gutted by fire.

The Texas Department of Public Safety initially denied the requests, arguing that the videotapes relate to a pending criminal investigation and should not be released. The Texas Attorney General's Office sided with the DPS and the videotapes were kept under wraps.

However, on July 29, state and federal investigators made two video clips from the videotapes available to the public and offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

One video clip shows a man walking on a sidewalk near the mansion. Another video clip shows a man running on a different sidewalk near the mansion.

The video clips and still images can be viewed at the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us.

Indicted men turn themselves in

A Schleicher County grand jury on July 22 indicted five men, all members of the polygamist sect that occupies the Yearning for Zion Ranch near Eldorado.

On July 28, the men surrendered themselves to the Schleicher County sheriff.

The Texas Attorney General's

Office published their names and the charges against them:

- Raymond Merrill Jessop, 36, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.

- Allan Eugene Keate, 56, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.

- Michael George Emack, 57, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child, a first-degree felony; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.

- Merrill Leroy Jessop, 33, charged with one count of sexually assaulting a child and bigamy, both first-degree felonies; possible sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison on each count.

- Lloyd Hammon Barlow, 38, charged with three counts of failure to report child abuse, a class B misdemeanor; possible sentence of up to six months in prison and a fine of \$2,000 per count.

Also indicted was sect leader Warren S. Jeffs, 52, who is a Utah prison inmate convicted of two counts of being an accomplice to rape. Jeffs is serving two consecutive sentences of five years to life.

An anonymous allegation of domestic violence and sexual abuse prompted San Angelo State District Judge Barbara Walther to order the seizure and custody of more than 400 ranch children in early April.

State appellate courts overturned Walther's order and the children were returned to their parents in early June.

Education ratings are released

The Texas Education Agency released accountability ratings for schools and campuses on Aug. 1. The agency also released dropout and completion rates for districts and schools serving students in grades seventh to 12th.

More Texas school districts and campuses earned the state's two highest ratings, exemplary and recognized, in 2008, the TEA reported.

Statewide, the graduation rate for the 290,662 member class of 2007 was 78 percent. Between ninth grade and the end of 12th grade, 11.4 percent of the members of this class dropped out of school.

Complete statistics can be found at www.tea.state.tx.us.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 6, 1998

The Haskell Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and hospital staff honored the Haskell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary with an appreciation dinner. Ruby Martin, Oleta Cornelius, Debbie Kreger, Don Kreger, Jessie Couch, Betty Lefevre, Alma Counts, Margie Cardwell and Charles Swinson were honored for contributing 1000 volunteer hours to the Auxiliary.

Roger Wilson, an LVN at Rehab Center in Wichita Falls, is the son of Nellie and Louis Wilson. He wrote an assignment in his Geriatric Class at Vernon Regional Junior College, "Nellie Wilson is son's hero."

The Hawkins-Vaughn family reunion was held at the American Legion building.

20 Years Ago August 11, 1988

Andy Gannaway was chosen by the National Cotton Council's industry-wide section committee to participate in the 1988-89 Cotton Leadership Program.

Lisa Jones Whiteley, a 1981 graduate of Haskell High school and a 1985 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a BFA in art, received a bachelor of science degree in education from Lamar University.

Haskell winners at Camp Tonkawa were Bobby Gonzales, most improved archer; Joseph Andress, first in archery; and Harrison Druesedow, first in obstacle course.

Doc and Vannah Carmack celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

30 Years Ago August 10, 1978

Rosemary Kimbrough will be representing Haskell in the Miss Texas Universe Pageant.

Haskell had up to 18 inches of rainfall which caused the most natural disaster in the history of Haskell. The home of two sisters, Beulah McFaddin and Eula Arend, washed from its foundation and floated about 60 feet downstream.

The FDA opened a one stop center for disaster victims in Haskell.

The Tom Watson Gospel Singers entertained the residents of Rice Springs Care Home.

Tommy Robison, sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Robison of Haskell, will represent Texas in AAU Junior Olympics in Lincoln, Nebraska.

40 Years Ago August 8, 1968

Haskell High students, Rhonda Woodard, Janice Medford and Jim Kemp attended the High School Drama Workshop at Texas Tech.

Kenneth Campbell was top man at the Haskell Speedway.

Airman Richard L. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Riley, was promoted to Sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Callaway celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Scotty Griffin, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Harris of Haskell, was featured in the annual biographical compilation "Outstanding Teenagers of America."

Warrant Officer Burnam J. Barnett Jr., received the silver

wings of an Army aviator.

50 Years Ago August 7, 1958

Major John Haskamp graduated from the Communications Electronics School, Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Matthews and children spent the weekend in Gustine with relatives.

Four new residents moved into Haskell, H.T. Christopher, W.C. Kimbler, W.R. Evans and Mrs. Bobby Faries.

The Haskell County Golf Association reported on the work being done the new golf course. The No.1 fairway has been almost cleared and No. 8 fairway is now being cleared.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Henry and daughters of San Antonio visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dowdy and daughters.

100 Years Ago August 8, 1908

J. McGuire, a railroad man in Southern Mexico, is visiting his brother, G.B. McGuire.

H.L. Sherrill of Temple was here looking after his interest.

Ella Logan of Graham is visiting Pearl Grissom.

Dr. W.A. Kimbrough has moved his office from the Terrell Drug Store on the southwest corner, to the new Pinkerton Building on the north side of the square.

Minadel Davis, Annice McKelvain, Eula Poole, Annie Lydia Hughes, Emma and Mary Nicholson and Sibyl Collins returned from Stamford, where they attended the BYPU encampment.

Cotton Market Weekly

By Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

July 31, 2008

The summer doldrums continued as the cotton market appeared to simply mark time this week. Traders wiled away their time by keeping an eye on domestic and international weather and pondering the possible impact on the global supply picture.

With heavy rain and winds up to 100 miles per hour, Hurricane Dolly hit Texas near the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV) and moved inland on July 23. Due to the storm, the cotton crop in the LRGV, where the first cotton of the season is normally harvested, may be a total loss.

Observers said approximately 92,000 acres of cotton in the region were awaiting harvest when driving rains and high winds smashed the open cotton bolls to the ground. Even if the bolls had remained on the plants, the quality of the cotton probably would have been severely diminished. In the meantime, analysts said the loss, while devastating for local producers, will have only a short-term effect on the market.

The High and Rolling Plains of Texas also are under close cotton market surveillance. Given the varied interpretations of how beneficial the hit-and-miss West Texas thunderstorms were in July, it is difficult to assess the condition of the crop there. The general consensus is that some of the estimated 3.8 million acres planted to cotton in the region likely will be abandoned while the remaining acreage could finish the season with above-average yields.

"It's such a mixed bag in West Texas that I don't think anyone is going to have a good handle on a crop estimate for the area until September's crop report from the USDA," an analyst said.

Across the world, the monsoon season is not arriving in India as producers there had hoped. India is the United States' largest cotton competitor and is working to make inroads to sell more cotton to China than American producers. The late monsoon season has resulted in a large number of unplanted acres, and a short crop in India could bode well for U.S. producers as world cotton supplies would tighten.

"If India's cotton totals come up short, it could really make things volatile on the upside for prices to producers," a market observer explained.

In other news, USDA reported net export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 36,800 bales in the week ended July 24. The figure was 33 percent lower than the previous week and 29 percent less than the four-week average. Major buyers were Indonesia, Vietnam, Turkey and India. Net sales of 166,100 bales for delivery in 2008-09, which begins Aug. 1, were mainly for Turkey, India and China.

Export shipments of 253,500 bales were down two percent from the previous week and 14 percent from the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Mexico, Thailand and Indonesia.

"This is the next to the last export sales report for the 2007-08 cotton marketing year," an analyst said. "To meet USDA's current export estimate, 925,000 bales will have to be exported over the last two reporting weeks, and we're not going to make it. USDA will have to lower their estimate by several hundred-thousand bales, ultimately forcing U.S. carryout stocks to be higher," he explained.

Meanwhile, spot cotton sales were lower in the week ended July 31 as online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas totaled 3,105 bales compared to 7,708 bales the previous week. Average prices ranged from 62.98 to 66.07 cents per pound versus 63.19 to 67.10 cents per pound one week ago.

AG files legal action against petroleum wholesaler for shortchanging drivers

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott took legal action July 31 against Petroleum Wholesale, L.P., after an investigation by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) found that The Woodlands-based company's gas stations routinely failed to pump the amount of fuel its customers actually purchased.

"Texans are paying record gas prices, and when they purchase a gallon of gas, they expect to

receive a full gallon," Attorney General Abbott said. "Today's enforcement action charges the defendant with shortchanging Texas drivers at the pump. Thanks to a thorough investigation by Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, the Office of the Attorney General is prepared to hold any wrongdoers accountable for violating the law."

Petroleum Wholesale, which operates Sunmart Travel

Centers & Convenience Stores in several states, is charged with violating the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) by maintaining fuel pumps that were improperly calibrated in a manner that benefited the company financially. From July 18-20, TDA inspectors conducted Operation Spotlight, a concerted effort to test approximately 1,700 Sunmart pumps. The investigations revealed that 985 pumps were dispensing less than a full gallon of gas or diesel fuel. Fifteen Sunmart stations had 100 percent of their pumps calibrated in the company's favor.

"Fair and honest businesses fuel the \$1 trillion Texas economy," Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "We will not tolerate a renegade company defrauding our consumers. It hurts families struggling in these challenging economic times and casts an unwarranted dark shadow over the business community. I commend Attorney General Abbott for his quick action on this serious matter, and I look forward to working with him to see all deceptive practices are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

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Church groups participate in summertime mission trips

by Caron Yates

Summertime for many is a relaxed, carefree time. It's a time to spend on vacations or reunions with family and friends. For several citizens of Haskell and the surrounding area, it is also a time to think of others. Not only think of others, but take action.

During the month of July, two different church groups made mission trips to Mexico. They stepped out of their comfortable, cool homes and traveled many miles south to a very hot, dry area. A group of twenty-two people from Iglesia Bautista El Calvario (Calvary Baptist) spent July 14 through July 17 holding revival services and vacation bible school in San Carlos and Los Alamos. Each day they made a two hour round trip to reach remote churches where they taught bible classes, crafts and other activities for children, teens and adults. This area is of special interest to the Calvary mission group, especially their pastor, Bro. Art Flores, Jr. His father, Bro. Flores, Sr. is a longtime missionary, serving that region since 1980. This was the tenth year for the church's mission effort. The church held fundraisers and accepted donations to help with expenses.

First Baptist Church of Haskell also sponsored a group of twenty-one adults and teens on a mission trip to Mexico. Individuals from Haskell were joined by others from Aspermont,

Rotan, Anson, Trent, Clyde, Graham and Jacksboro. For the week of July 20 through July 26, they held vacation bible schools simultaneously in Nava and Teyac each afternoon and also night services in Nava, which is south of Eagle Pass. During the twenty-five years the church has participated in the trip, many things have changed. The mission, however, for both churches remains the same, touching the lives of others by providing bible schools and evangelical services for churches too small to hold their own. This year Jim Garcia, a former pastor at Calvary Baptist, joined the group as the evangelist for the evening services. A unique aspect of this mission trip is that the local citizens actually teach the school. Planning, materials, transportation, support and snow cones were provided by the visiting group.

On a more individual basis, Jamie Caldwell, Kim and Nathan Meredith and John Foster traveled even further south and a little east to Honduras and Haiti.

Caldwell, a nurse practitioner living in Weinert, was part of a medical/dental mission trip to Colohete, Honduras. She and two other Texans joined a group of about forty medical professionals from Mississippi. This was the tenth year Caldwell has had the opportunity to make the mission trip. She said, "We saw 3,000 patients in four days,

pulled 600 teeth and wrote 12,000 prescriptions." The government somewhat restricts what the group can do, but the Honduran people are always so very appreciative of the care they receive. While the medical aspect is, without a doubt, very important, they also minister to the spiritual needs of the people. The families attended services each night before the clinics were held. At the clinics, family packs containing toiletries and backpacks filled with school supplies were given to each family. Honduran children are not allowed to attend school without a backpack.

Want to be a part of this effort? Caldwell requested, "When you are buying this year's school supplies, please buy an extra backpack. You can drop it off at the First Baptist Church." The goal is to have as many as possible to hand out next year.

Kim and Nathan Meredith, along with John Foster, flew to Haiti to be a part of the National Evangelistic Crusade. The Haskell Church of Christ help sponsor a radio program, an orphanage in CapHaitian and a school for training pastors. While there, they assisted in vacation bible school, passed out Bibles, attended the crusade and a special ceremony for the orphanage. The Meredith family has sponsored, for several years, two individuals working to complete their education. Part of the trip for Meredith was to

make contact with the students and attend to school details. One of the students is in medical school and the other is studying to become a medical technician.

There were a few hurdles to overcome during the trips, including occasionally losing water and electricity, blowouts, required passports needed to cross into Mexico and a last minute change of lodging for one group. As Yuvi Cadenhead pointed out, "The Lord always provides a way around the problems."

Regardless of the specific area visited, all groups reported that while they went to help others, they themselves received rich blessings from the experience. Caldwell added, "You don't realize just how much you have, until you visit people who have so little."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rule Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 21, 2008, in the Rule Independent School District 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	0.00000% increase or 1.05000% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000% increase or 0.00000% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.00000% increase or 1.05000% (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	\$64,626,955.00	\$77,484,743.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 28,280.00	\$ 229,730.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$27,018,886.00	\$31,262,064.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 11,064.00	\$ 186,812.00

* "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	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$2,141.00	\$6,992.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.11085	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.11085	\$2,382.00	\$6,842.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$2,396.00	\$6,974.00

*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	\$24,631.00	\$25,586.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 12,164.00	\$ 13,004.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 142.31	\$ 152.15
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 9.84

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,494,561.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 25, 2008, in the Paint Creek ISD Superintendent's Office, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17000/\$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	0.02250% increase or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00000% increase or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.22500% 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	\$ 106,125,189.00	\$ 115,671,942.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 492,520.00	\$ 194,900.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 35,891,685.00	\$ 37,876,173.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 442,110.00	\$ 164,725.00

* "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	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$3,068.00	\$7,020.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.17423	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17423	\$3,528.00	\$6,561.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00000*	\$1.17000	\$3,404.00	\$7,026.00

*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	\$ 25,356.00	\$ 25,897.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 12,170.00	\$ 12,730.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 142.39	\$ 148.94
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 6.55

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

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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)	\$ 584,060.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

Weather Whys

Double Rainbows
 Q: How are double rainbows formed?
 A: A double rainbow—the correct term is secondary rainbow—occurs in the same way as the

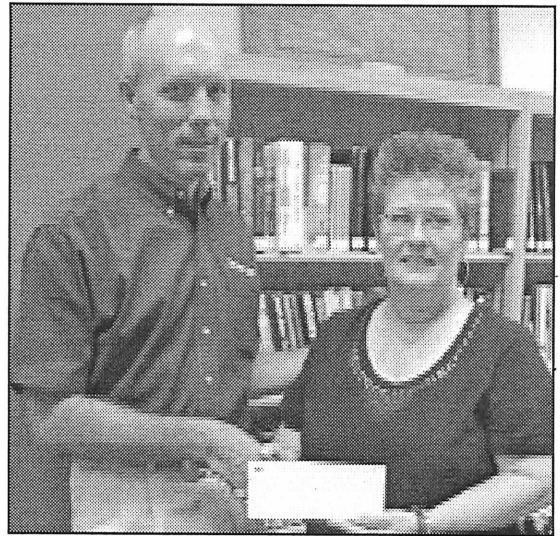
rainbow in front of it, but the only difference is that two reflections are coming from the same area of rainfall, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. “You need just the right angle to see

two rainbows,” he explains. “The secondary rainbow is always a little bit fainter in appearance because the sunlight is reflected internally twice by the same raindrop. Also, notice that

the colors will always be reversed in a secondary rainbow. This is again caused by the way the light is reflecting off the raindrops.”
 Q: Is rain always needed to form a rainbow?

A: Yes it is required, says McRoberts. “For you to see a rainbow, the sun always has to be behind you and you must be facing an area of rainfall with the sun at your back,” he adds. “When sunlight strikes the area of rainfall, the light is scattered from the raindrop and it produces colors of the spectrum, from light purple or violet to red. Raindrops lit up by sunlight produce a spectrum of colors caused by bending of the light, so a different angle to the rainbow can produce different colors to your eyes. You can create a rainbow yourself by taking the garden hose and turning it on, and with the sun at your back, create a water spray. If you look at the spray at just the right angle, you will see the spectrum of lights form—a rainbow. Areas of the country that have high amounts of rainfall, such as Hawaii and Florida, naturally will have the most rainbows.”

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This Week's Devotional Message:



WHEN YOU VISIT GOD'S WILDERNESS, KEEP IT CLEAN

Whenever you pay a visit to the home of friends or relatives, you naturally remember your manners and do your best to keep the place as neat and clean as possible. By the same token, if your plans take you to a wilderness or camping area, this is also a good place to remember your manners. It's really a form of "love thy neighbor," because you do this out of considerations

for others who may share the place with you. Another reason is that you are God's guest there. In any wilderness area you can see all that beauty which He has provided for your enjoyment. Think of it as an outdoor extension of your house of worship, and respect it as you would any place where you are an invited guest. In this case, the 'guest room' is all God's creation.

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- HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
 Dr. Jim Heflin, interim 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
 Philip Sims, minister
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
 Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
 Larry White, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
 Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
 Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
 Greg Gasaway, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Wind
 C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
 203 S. 1st East, Haskell
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 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

- WEINERT—
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
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 West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
 Joseph Barrett, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/
 Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester

- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
 Clovis Dever
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester

- SAGERTON—
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 Stephania Gilkey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
 Curtis Baker, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
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- RULE—
First Baptist Church
 Russell Stanley, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule
Primitive Baptist Church
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
Church of Christ
 John Greeson, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
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 Tom Long, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule

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 Alfa y Omegs
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Larry Neal, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Clovis Dever
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule

- PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
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SUMMER TAX NEWS: INCREASED MILEAGE RATES AND TAX LEGISLATION

Summer is often a slow season for taxes, but this year there are some important developments.

•**Increased mileage rates.** Responding to the recent increase in gas prices, the IRS has made a midyear adjustment to the standard mileage rates, the simplified method for deducting the cost of driving for business, medical services, or a job-related move. These higher rates will apply for the second half of 2008 (July 1 through December 31); the previous rates will still apply to driving for the first half of the year (January 1 through June 30).

The first-half rate for business use of a vehicle is 50.5 cents a mile; the rate has been raised to 58.5 cents a mile for the last half of 2008.

The rate for driving a vehicle to obtain medical services or to relocate in a job-related move was increased from the first-half rate of 19 cents a mile to 27 cents a mile for the second half of 2008.

The rate for driving in connection with charitable activities remains at 14 cents a mile for the entire year. That rate is set by law, not by the IRS.

Using standard mileage rates is available in many, but not all situations. For information about how these rate adjustments affect your tax situation, give our office a call.

•**Tax legislation.** Two pieces of legislation that included tax provisions were passed earlier this summer. The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 affects those in farming, the timber industry, horse racing, and a narrow range of other taxpayers.

The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 affects active military personnel, veterans, reservists, and certain other taxpayer groups. The law relaxes the qualification requirements for stimulus rebate checks for military families and provides other tax breaks for the military.

These two laws have little that apply to the general taxpaying public; however, there are revenue increases that could be of interest to some. For more information, please contact us.

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NOWHIRING:HaskellCounty Supervision and Corrections Department Saturdays only. High school graduate or equivalent. Must have valid Texas D.L., pass background check, drug screening. Responsible for supervising community service workers. Leadership and people skills a must. Applications may be picked up at 1301 N. 1st, Haskell, Texas. No phone calls. 32c

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Public Notices

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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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Haskell School Board report

The board of trustees of the Haskell CISD held a regular board meeting Thurs., July 29 at the Haskell CISD administration office. All trustees were in attendance.

President Felix Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Toby Villa and Tommy English spoke during the time allotted for public comment.

A motion was made by Debbie Earles and seconded by Joey Thomas to hire Region XIV Education Service Center to begin the search for a new superintendent.

Board minutes were approved for the June 26 and July 7 meetings. Check payments, financial report and budget amendment for maintenance and day care were also approved.

All three principals gave updates on their individual campus activities. Discussion of changes to handbooks, homework policies, dress code, lunch charges, building repairs, cell phone use and student registration was held.

The board called for closed session to discuss personnel resignations and possible approval of salary schedule for paraprofessional and ten and eleven month employees.

In open session, Thomas made a motion, seconded by Terri Klose, to approve a slight increase in school lunch charges to help offset the deficit lunch budget.

A motion was made by McGuire and seconded by Turner to allow the interim superintendent to hire at will employees, including paraprofessionals.

Joey Kimbrough made a motion, seconded by Earles, to approve code of conduct and student handbooks for the 2008-09 school year. Superintendent will have input on changes.

A motion to approve the salary schedule for paraprofessionals, as well as, ten and eleven

month employees was made by McGuire and seconded by Turner. Kimbrough abstained.

The board approved the bid by Mark McGhee for the Rochester property block 14, Lots 11 and 12. Motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Turner.

The superintendent reported on dates set for budget training and meetings to approve the budget. He reported the elementary multi-purpose building was in day 60 of a 240 day contract and day care must be out of their present building by Aug. 25.

In the Service

Army Sgt. Wade C. Cothron has been mobilized and activated for deployment overseas to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Cothron, a Chinook helicopter flight engineer with three years of military service, is assigned to the 4th Aviation Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Killeen.

He is the son of Connie Cothron of Haskell.

The sergeant graduated in 2003 from Haskell High School, and received an associate degree in 2005 from Texas State College at San Angelo.



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Brain injuries in sports

As student-athletes take to the field with the resumption of school, the risk of brain injury from collisions also returns, says Dr. Ramón Díaz-Arrastia, a neurologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Helmets can help reduce the risk, Dr. Díaz-Arrastia says, but athletes must also resist the urge to return to the game once they've suffered an injury from a blow to the head. Even one blow can injure brain cells, making them more vulnerable to a second injury, even if the second hit is mild.

"The risk of increased injury with repeated blows is something that's getting more and more attention from neurologists and athletic trainers," he says.

Other common sources of brain injuries are accidents from driving carelessly, drinking and driving, or from school-day biking without a helmet, Dr. Díaz-Arrastia says.

Belly fat can equal heart disease

Recent medical research has linked belly fat with higher risk for cardiovascular disease. As it's difficult to specifically target belly fat, however, anyone trying to rid themselves of extra pounds around the middle should strive for overall weight loss, say physicians at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"A key concept in weight loss is to ensure you burn more than you eat, meaning total calories have to end up negative for the day," says UT Southwestern cardiologist Dr. Amit Khera. "Reducing portion sizes, reading labels and making smart food choices can go a long way toward weight loss."

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2008 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN HASKELL COUNTY

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for Haskell County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,250,506.31	\$ 316,564.67	\$ 260,068.97
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,250,506.31	\$ 316,564.67	\$ 260,068.97
Last year's tax base	\$ 223,303,875	\$ 220,898,695	\$ 231,885,131
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5592/\$100	\$ 0.1431/\$100	\$ 0.1120/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,248,164.74	\$ 315,945.83	\$ 259,647.26
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 240,838,303	\$ 238,561,113	\$ 249,583,863
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.5182/\$100	\$ 0.1324/\$100	\$ 0.1040/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$ 0.7546/\$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)	\$ 1,248,164.74	\$ 315,945.83	\$ 259,647.26
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 240,838,303	\$ 238,561,113	\$ 249,593,863
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5182/\$100	\$ 0.1324/\$100	\$ 0.1040/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5596/\$100	\$ 0.1429/\$100	\$ 0.1123/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.5596/\$100	\$ 0.1429/\$100	\$ 0.1123/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.8148/\$100		

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If Haskell County adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7546 for \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$3,382.12.

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	\$ 177,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$ 300,000.00
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.

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Title: Chief Appraiser Date prepared: 07/30/08

NOTICE OF 2008 PROPERTY TAX RATES

This notice concerns 2008 property tax rates for the following taxing units: City of O'Brien, City of Rochester, City of Rule, Haskell Memorial Hospital District, City of Haskell and City of Weinert. 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.	City of Haskell	City of Weinert
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:						
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 11,295.21	\$ 28,633.19	\$ 48,216.19	\$ 773,997.86	\$ 280,505.90	\$ 13,593.09
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 11,295.21	\$ 28,633.19	\$ 48,216.19	\$ 773,997.86	\$ 280,505.90	\$ 13,593.09
Last year's tax base	\$ 1,947,965	\$ 3,342,962	\$ 9,977,491	\$ 222,546,146	\$ 58,475,257	\$ 2,834,838
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.5798/\$100	\$ 0.8561/\$100	\$ 0.4818/\$100	\$ 0.3473/\$100	\$ 0.4797/\$100	\$ 0.4795/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:						
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 11,294.30	\$ 28,606.26	\$ 48,071.55	\$ 772,704.04	\$ 280,339.88	\$ 13,590.79
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 2,362,185	\$ 3,461,279	\$ 10,418,377	\$ 239,973,579	\$ 59,719,965	\$ 2,947,531
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.4781/\$100	\$ 0.8264/\$100	\$ 0.4614/\$100	\$ 0.3222/\$100	\$ 0.4694/\$100	\$ 0.4610/\$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)	\$ 11,294.30	\$ 28,606.26	\$ 48,072.55	\$ 772,704.04	\$ 368,212.20	\$ 13,590.79
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,362,185	\$ 3,461,279	\$ 10,418,377	\$ 239,973,579	\$ 59,719,965	\$ 2,947,531
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.4781/\$100	\$ 0.8264/\$100	\$ 0.4614/\$100	\$ 0.3222/\$100	\$ 0.6165/\$100	\$ 0.4610/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5163/\$100	\$ 0.8925/\$100	\$ 0.4983/\$100	\$ 0.3479/\$100	\$ 0.6658/\$100	\$ 0.4978/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100	\$ 0.0000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.5163/\$100	\$ 0.8925/\$100	\$ 0.4983/\$100	\$ 0.3479/\$100	\$ 0.5129/\$100	\$ 0.4978/\$100

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE

If the City of O'Brien adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.4781 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$0.91.

If the City of Rochester adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.8264 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$26.93.

If the City of Rule adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4614 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$144.64.

If the Haskell Memorial Hospital District adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.3222 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$1,293.82.

If the City of Haskell adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4694 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$166.02.

If the City of Weinert adopts a 2008 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.4610 per \$100 of value, taxes would DECREASE compared to 2007 taxes by \$2.30.

SCHEDULE A - UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balances as Listed					
City of O'Brien - General	\$3,938.15					
City of Rochester - General		\$1,000.00				
City of Rule - General			\$0.00			
Haskell Memorial Hosp. Dist.				\$0.00		
City of Haskell					\$103,000.00	
City of Weinert						\$8,022.00

SCHEDULE B - DEBT SERVICE: NONE

SCHEDULE C - EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: CITY OF HASKELL \$87,872.32; OTHERS, NONE

SCHEDULE E - TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY: NOT APPLICABLE

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