

Calendar

Art lab at library

Thurs., July 6
Kacy Latham will be at the library Thurs., July 6 at 10 a.m. Her program is called Art Lab: Kids Create. There will be impromptu drama and painting. Participants are asked to wear clothes suitable for painting. Ages are second grade through fifth grade. For further information please phone the library at 940-864-2747.

Ventriloquist to visit the library

Ventriloquist Nancy Burks Worcester of Granbury will make her fourth visit to the Haskell County Library, Mon., July 10. The show is at 10 a.m. and is for all ages.

Blood drive Tues., July 11

The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will hold a blood drive Tues., July 11 from 1 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be parked at the courthouse square. Call 325-670-2880 for more information or visit facebook.com/meekbloodcenter.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 15 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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., July 15 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Homecoming

Haskell-Mattson-Rochester-Weinert 2017 homecoming date has been changed due to UIL changes in the schedule. Homecoming will be held Oct. 20-21. If you have questions, call 806-773-8715. Make your plans to attend.

Pool hours

The Haskell City Pool will be open Tues.-Sat. from noon to 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for ages 4 years to 17 years; and 3 and under free. Pool parties are two hours long and the cost is \$75 paid at City Hall. Two lifeguards are required at each party at a cost of \$20 each. Parties are after pool hours only Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call City Hall at 940-864-2333.

Summer reading

The Haskell County Library, 300 N. Ave. E, is hosting a summer reading program titled "Build a Better World" through July 27. Storytime will be held on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for ages three to first grade. The reading program will be held on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for ages second grade to fifth grade. For more information, call 940-864-2747.



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PATRIOTIC THEME-Thurs., June 29 Kenny and Wanda Thompson, back row, read and discussed the life of George Washington and why he is the father of our country. They also talked about patriotism and created a patriotic pom-pom. Attending were, front row, l-r, A.J. Davis, Grace Robledo, Julianna Davis and Jolee Hodgin; middle row, Ariana Castorena, Madyson Castorena, Sierra Castorena, Delilah Castorena, Noah Robledo, Teagan Hodgin, Ben Davis and Karston Hall.



SHARK TIME-Tues., June 27 Haskell County Librarian Marilyn Griffith, second from left, read Smiley Sharks and those attending created a shark using old newspapers. We are continuing the theme of reusing items to create something else. Attending were, back row, l-r, Halen Bauer, A.J. Davis, Izzy Gober and Braisyn Dillard; front row, Ben Davis, Achilles Martinez, Rachel Davis holding Julianna Davis.

Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program opens enrollment

The Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program is ramping up for its fourth year. This eight-month prestigious-leadership series will be packed with outstanding speakers, tours, workshops, networking and much more. The Knox County Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service and the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) are sponsoring the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program.

Each class will include curriculum elements such as communication, conflict management, dealing with difficult people/situations, diversity, leadership styles, customer service and team building to name just a few. In addition, there will be local tours of businesses, museums, and other places that make each county unique.

This class will also teach you the inter-workings of city, county and state governments, school boards, economic development and more. These tours will help participants learn more about their community and the region.

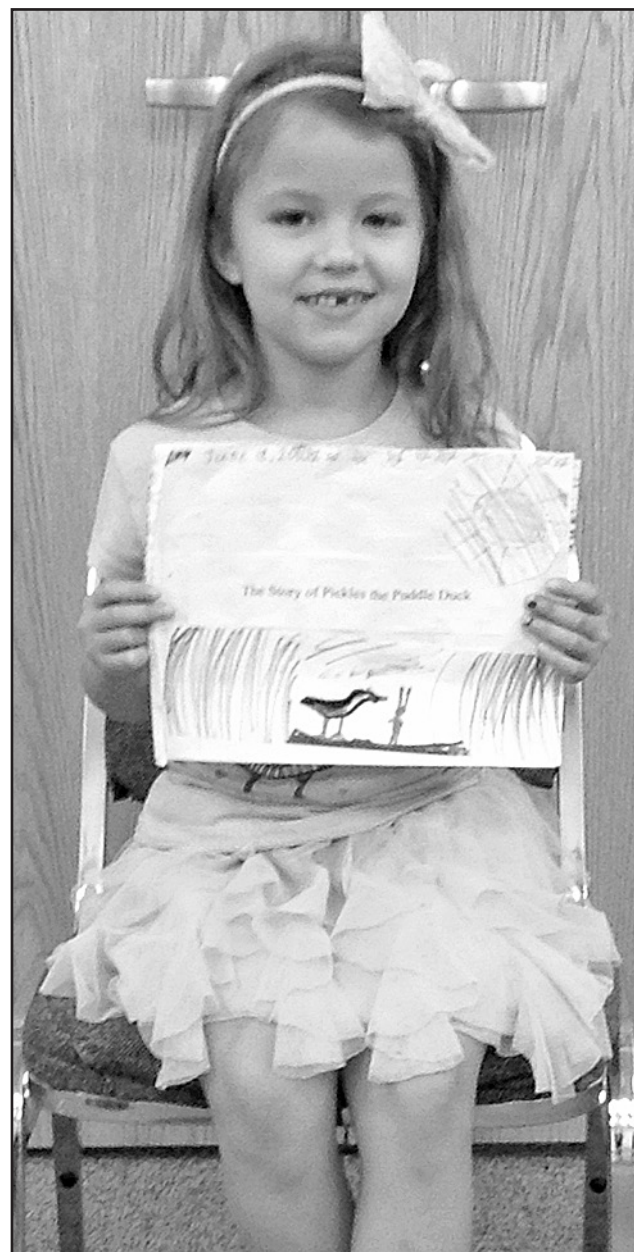
The leadership series will be open to 15 people. Those participating will attend an action-packed, team building orientation session Sept. 15. Monthly sessions will be held on the first Friday of each month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., starting in October and going through April 2018 in Knox and Haskell County. The group will take a trip to Austin in February 2018. And, each group will launch a community project upon completion of the training in April.

The program costs \$275 and may be paid by the

employer or by individuals. Each participant will receive 4.8 CEUs from Vernon College. This fee includes all travel, food, a shirt, the overnight trip to Austin and all supplies.

Applications are available to Knox County residents at the Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service office in the Knox County Courthouse or downloaded at <http://knox.agrilife.org/>. For Haskell County residents, applications can be picked up at the Haskell County Courthouse at the DCOH office on the second floor or downloaded at www.haskelltxasusa.com/edc. Application deadline is Sept. 1, 2017, but sooner is better because space is limited.

For more information call the DCOH at 940-864-3424 or Knox County at 940-459-2651.

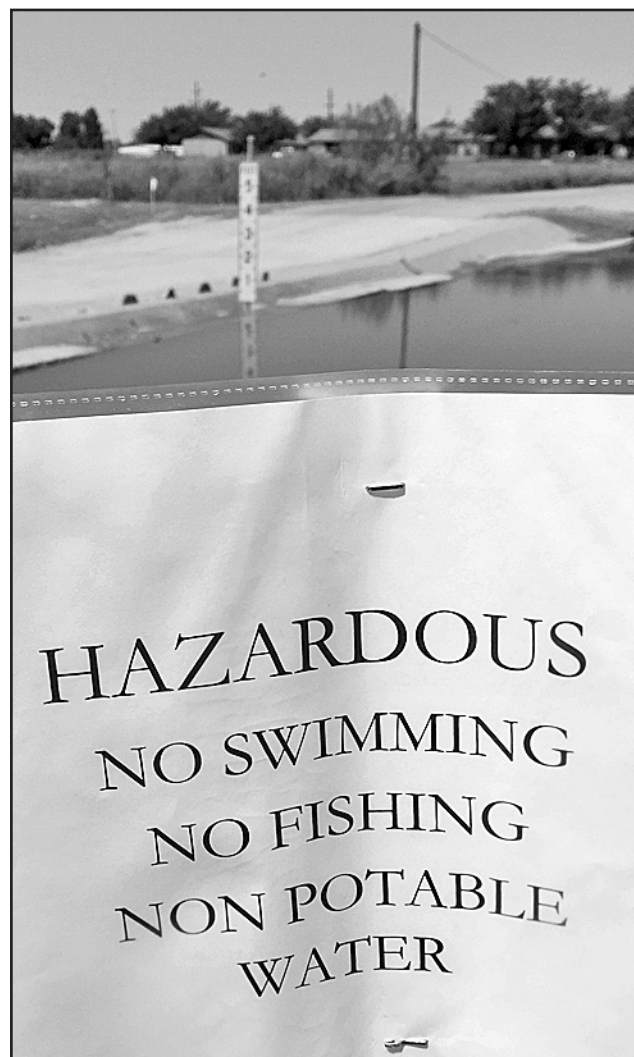


YOUNG AUTHOR-A.J. Davis wrote her own book and volunteered to read it at the library. A.J and her family are frequent visitors of the library and use its resources as well. Thank you, A.J.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June 26 through July 2:

Class B, Montague County.	Rusty Pickett, warrant DWI first.
William Burton	Sterling Kyle Bird, public intoxication.
Chandler, warrant for bond forfeiture	Thirty-four calls were made to 911.



NATURAL OCCURRENCE-The City of Haskell reports a non point source occurrence, a natural act, causing a turn over in the water in the creek that runs through town-including the park areas. This problem is due to the water sitting and taking the oxygen away from the fish, causing them to die. The water quality in the creek is being monitored by both TCEQ and the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. Meanwhile, no swimming, no fishing or consuming of the non potable water will be allowed until further notice.

FOR NEWS ITEMS OR TO SUBSCRIBE, CALL 940-864-2686

Gussie L. Billington memorial scholarship is established

Gussie Billington, who lived and raised her family in Haskell, is



GUSSIE BILLINGTON

being remembered with the Gussie L. Billington Memorial Scholarship.

The inaugural scholarship will be awarded to a member of the graduating senior class of 2018. Established by her son Tyrone Billington, the scholarship is intended to assist a student looking to continue their education after high school.

Criteria for the scholarship ask that the student exhibit selfless acts towards

the community, have a willingness to achieve excellence and a positive attitude towards life, all characteristics exhibited by Mrs. Billington.

The family has united to provide initial funding, but donations from the community are requested to increase the amount awarded. Donations may be sent to Haskell National Bank under Gussie L. Billington Memorial Scholarship.

Candidates may begin applying for the scholarship August 1, 2017. For more information contact Tyrone Billington at (817) 726-4514.



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Don't forget to include animals when preparing for emergencies

Pet owners are encouraged to plan for pet safety during a disaster or emergency, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

"If you need to evacuate your home due to a disaster or other emergency, it's important to also consider what you will need to do with your pet ahead of that time," said Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension specialist in emergency management, College Station. "Whether you decide to stay put or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make emergency preparations that include your pets. The most important thing to do is integrate a pet emergency plan with your family emergency plan."

Vestal said an important aspect of preparing a pet for an emergency is to make sure the pet is properly identified through up-to-date tags, including a tag with your family's address and phone number and, if possible, information on a likely evacuation location.

"You should consider micro-chipping your pet," he said. "And be sure to have a photo of your pet, including a photo of your pet with family members, in order to resolve any potential issues with establishing ownership."

Vestal said many emergency shelters do not accept pets, so pre-identify shelters and ask if they accept pets. Also identify any hotels and motels on the proposed evacuation route that will accept them.

"Check the internet and travel guides for which hotels

or motels permit pets and remember to include any local animal shelter number on your list of emergency numbers," he said. "Some shelters do have separate facilities for pets but you should check in advance and find out what they might need in the way of vet records, a kennel for holding your pet or other requirements for sheltering."

In Texas, dialing 2-1-1 will get the caller to a Health and Human Services representative who can provide additional information on sheltering, Vestal added.

Joyce Cavanagh, AgriLife Extension specialist in family and community health, College Station, said preparing a pet emergency kit is a necessary part of pet readiness.

"Some of the items you need to collect for this kit would include the pet's veterinary record and medications, a towel or blanket, at least three day's worth of pet food, bottled water, litter and a litter pan if you have cats and first-aid kit," Cavanagh said. "And be sure to take a pet carrier, leash or harness so your pet doesn't escape should it suddenly panic."

Cavanagh said pet owners should also locate where any pet boarding facilities are located in the event pets need to be relocated for a longer period of time.

"Most kennels, vets and animal shelters will want to see your pet's vaccination and medical records, which is another reason it's important

to include these in your kit," she said. "If these are not options, consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area who would be willing to host you and your pets in an emergency. Identify neighbors, friends or relatives who can care for or evacuate your pets if you can't. Also, make a list of contact information and addresses of area animal control agencies including the Humane Society, SPCA and emergency veterinary hospitals."

She said not to leave pets in the home if there's an emergency or disaster as this can put them in grave danger.

Vestal said during an emergency people should immediately bring their pets inside.

"Have paper towels, newspapers and trash bags available for sanitary purposes and feed them moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink," he said. "When pets are afraid, they often isolate themselves, so bringing them inside will help keep them from running away. Never leave a pet tied up outside during a weather emergency or other disaster."

He also recommended separating dogs and cats as the additional stress may make them act irrationally.

"Bird owners may have to take their avian friends with them in the event of an emergency," Cavanagh noted. "See about buying a food dispenser that regulates the amount of food and make sure that the bird is in a cage covered by a thin cloth or sheet."

For more on how to prepare pets for disaster or emergency situations, go to <http://bit.ly/2rwP3Lm>.

Vestal said those in more rural areas or on farms and ranches may have livestock in addition to pets, so preparations also need to be made for these larger animals.

"Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, pigs and any other large animals need to be identified and moved out of flood-prone areas," he said. "You should try and evacuate or move them if possible, so determine what your primary and secondary evacuation routes might be. Then when the time comes, secure the vehicles and trailers needed for transporting the animals."

He said be sure the relocation destinations have food, water and access to veterinary care.

"If you can't evacuate the animals, then you have to decide if you can get the larger animals into a barn or other shelter—or need to turn them outside," he said.

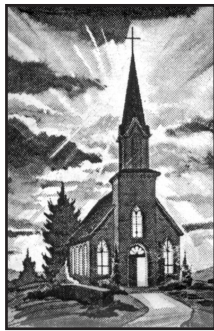
Vestal said in areas of Texas where the weather can get especially cold, livestock owners need to take additional efforts to prepare and protect their animals.

"Prevention is key in helping the animals avoid hypothermia, frostbite and other cold weather-related problems," he said. "Make sure livestock have adequate shelter, dry bedding to insulate vulnerable body parts, windbreaks to keep them protected from frigid winds and snow drifts, and sufficient food and water."

He said serious injuries and death as a result of cold weather typically occur in very young or already compromised animals, such as those with an undetected infection.

"Sudden livestock deaths and illnesses should be investigated so steps can be taken to protect the remaining animals," Vestal said.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Faith tells us to preserve our heritage of freedom

We're living in a land that's free,
Because throughout our history
Our founding fathers' legacy
Established the machinery
By which our nation came to be
A system of democracy,
Where we're allowed to disagree
With governmental policy,

And thus our ingenuity
And enterprise provide the key
To progress and prosperity;
A model for the world to see.
Our house of worship makes this plea:
To pray for all humanity,
While we preserve eternally
Our precious land of liberty.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

<p>—HASKELL—</p> <p>East Side Baptist Church Terry Bunch, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a.; 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p>Christian Church Sun. 10:45 a.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Lutheran Church Rev. David White, pastor Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p>Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p. 607 S. 7th, Haskell</p> <p>First United Methodist Church Rev. David Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p. Wed. 6 p. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>First Assembly of God Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>St. George Catholic Church Father Angelo Consemينو Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p>Church of Christ Philip Sims, minister Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.; 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Trinity Baptist Church Larry White, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p>Hopewell Baptist Church Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell</p>	<p>Greater Independent Baptist Church Ollie Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell 940-863-4405</p> <p>New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p>First Baptist Church Ollie Pierson, pastor Juddson Smith, Family Life Pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p>Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 5 p., Wed. 6 p. 1600 N. First St., Haskell</p> <p>God Loves You Ministries Mark Wallace, pastor Church Service 10 a.m. West side of square, Haskell</p> <p>—WEINERT—</p> <p>First Baptist Church Dan Bullock, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p. Weinert</p> <p>Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sunday 11 a.m Weinert</p> <p>—ROCHESTER—</p> <p>Church of Christ Mitchell Greer, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m. West on Main Street, Rochester</p> <p>First Baptist Church Terry Moffett, Interim 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</p> <p>Union Chapel Baptist Church Clovis Dever Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. Rochester</p>	<p>Faith Chapel of Rochester Randy Hollingsworth, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m. Hwy. 6, Rochester</p> <p>—SAGERTON—</p> <p>Sagerton Methodist Church Cory Graham, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton</p> <p>Faith Lutheran Church Anna Robbins, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sagerton</p> <p>—RULE—</p> <p>First Baptist Church Scott Hensley, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p. 1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p>Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule</p> <p>Church of Christ Paul Leonard, minister Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 811 Union, Rule</p> <p>Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegas Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p. 500 Elm Street, Rule</p> <p>Sweet Home Baptist Church Russell Stanley, pastor Sunday 10 a.m. Gladstone Ave., Rule 940-997-2296</p> <p>West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. Clovis Dever Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p> <p>—PAINT CREEK—</p> <p>Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek</p> <p>—O'BRIEN—</p> <p>O'Brien Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p. O'Brien</p>
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Ryan Earthman wins first place overall in triathlon



WINS FIRST PLACE—Ryan Earthman participated in the Easy Rider Triathlon Sat., June 24 at Buffalo Springs Lake in Lubbock. Competing in the 1500 meter swim, 40 kilometer bike and 10 kilometer run, under cool and windy conditions, Earthman finished first place overall.



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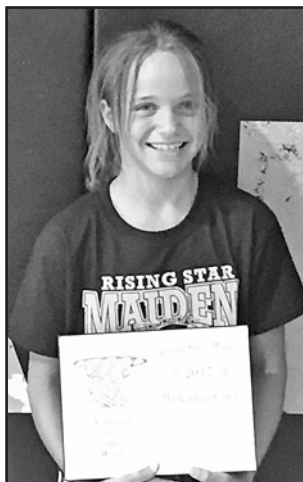
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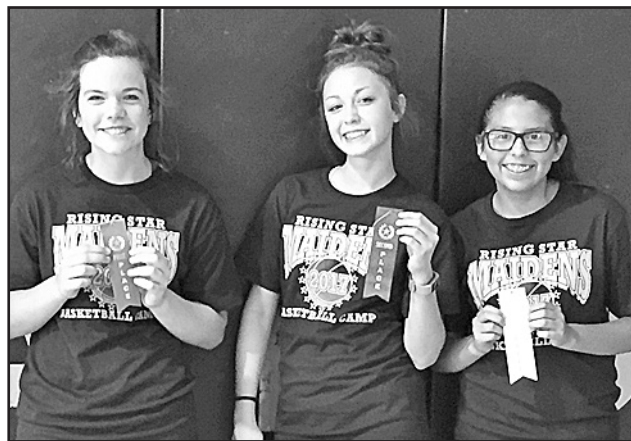
2017 Rising Stars Maiden Basketball Camps



JUNIOR DIVISION—First through third grade division team members include, l-r, Rebekah Cunningham, Lyric Pittman, Brylee Teague, Hanna Martinez, Brynlee Stocks, Grace Robledo and Tessa Eddleman.



KAYCE COLEMAN
Junior Division
Camper of the Week



HOT SHOT WINNERS—Senior Division, l-r, Alyssa Stocks, first place; Madilyn Moore, second place; and Desiree Silvas, third place.



SENIOR DIVISION—Fourth through ninth grade division team members include, front row, l-r, Kayce Coleman, Lillea Olson, Paige Scheets, Raegan Adkins, Kelbi Parks and Cami Guess; back row, Ysabella Nava Fernandez, Desiree Silvas, Nakebra Taylor, Alyssa Stocks and Madilyn Moore. Not pictured is Jay'Lynn Hatley.



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Senior Division
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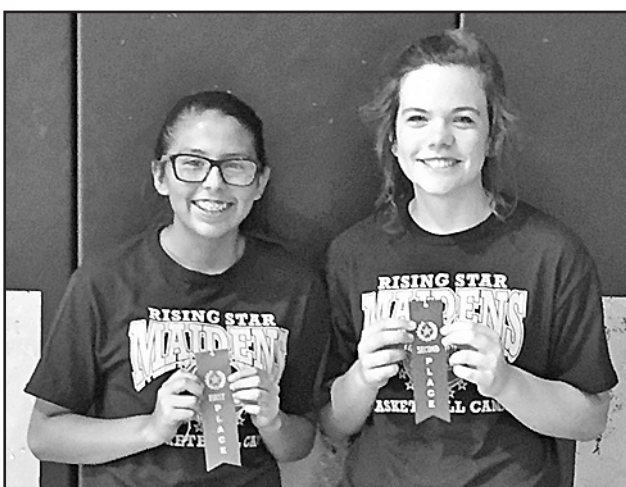
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FREE THROW WINNERS—Senior Division, l-r, Ysabella Nava Fernandez, first place; Alyssa Stocks, second place; and Madilyn Moore, third place.



LAY-UP WINNERS—Senior Division, l-r, Desiree Silvas, first place; Alyssa Stocks, second place; and Jay'Lynn Harley, third place (not pictured).



HOT SHOT WINNERS—Junior Division, l-r, Kayce Coleman, first place; Raegan Adkins, second place (not pictured); and Kelbi Parks, third place.

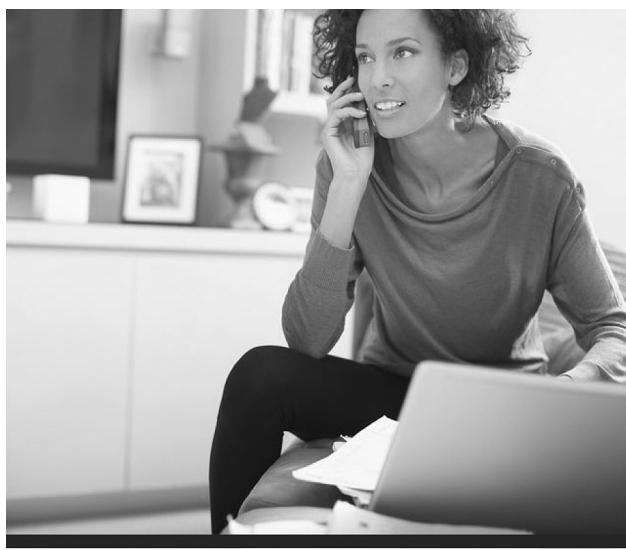


LAY-UP WINNERS—Junior Division, l-r, Kayce Coleman, third place; Cami Guess, second place (not pictured); Kelbi Parks, first place.



FREE THROW WINNERS—Junior Division, l-r, Kelbi Parks, first place; Cami Guess, second place (not pictured); and Kayce Coleman, third place.

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Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. A practice session will be held the Thursday before the Jubilee.

Operation Recovery

Operation Recovery, a faith-based 12-step meeting, will offer two meetings—an 'early bird' meeting on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and an evening meeting on Fridays at 7

p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square.

Fourth Sunday

The public is invited to attend a fourth Sunday celebration at Hopewell Baptist Church, 908 N. Ave. A in Haskell, featuring a special speaker each fourth Sunday of the month.

Support group

The Jones County Alzheimer's Association Support Group meets the second Monday of the month at 4 p.m. at Country Elegance, 1700 Columbia St., Stamford. For information, contact Patsy Richards at 325-773-5511.

OPINION



DPS: Leaving children in vehicles can be deadly

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is warning residents that warmer weather places children at greater risk of injury or death if left unattended in a vehicle. Every year children die from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle or entering a vehicle unnoticed. Such negligence could lead to criminal charges. A child should never be left unattended in a vehicle. "Tragically, children needlessly die every year because they are left unattended in vehicles," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Members of the public can do their part to keep kids safe by notifying emergency personnel if they witness

a child alone or in distress inside a vehicle—regardless of the weather. Parents and caregivers should be aware of the dangers." According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. In addition, young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult. DPS offers the following tips for preventing vehicular heatstroke deaths and injuries:

- Teach children not to play in vehicles and make sure to place the keys out of reach when not being used.
- Always check the back seats or cargo areas of your vehicle before walking away.
- Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the vehicle. For example: leave your bag, lunch or cell phone in the back seat with the child's car seat.
- Call 9-1-1 if you see a child alone in a car, and emergency personnel will provide guidance.
- If a child goes missing, open the doors and trunks to every vehicle in the area. Many heatstroke deaths occur when a child accesses a parked car unnoticed.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 5, 2007

Jonathan Hisey of Rule, was a member of the Texas Tech Meat and Animal Evaluation Judging Team that won the National Competition in Oklahoma City. He is the son of Danny and Melinda Hisey of Rule.

Haskell DPS Trooper Brody Moore received an award for Criminal Interdictions, while Littlefield DPS Trooper Will Pace, earned the award for Fugitive Felony Arrests. He is the son of Sam and Twyla Pace of Haskell.

Darlene Walton Brandon of Paint Creek, graduated with an Associates Degree in Culinary Arts from The Art Institute of Dallas.

20 Years Ago July 5, 1997

Haskell County students listed on the A Honor Roll at Tarleton State University are Kim Gilly of Haskell, Mikeana (Wilcox) Jeffrey of Rule and Christy Mathis of Sagerton.

Haskell County 4-H members participating in the District 3 4-H Horse Show were Morgan Cox, Cassie Lamb, Hegan Lamb, Heath McCulloch and Levi Terry.

Cox qualified to advance to the State 4-H Horse Show.

Completing the Rolling Plains Rural Leadership Program from Haskell County were Dan Byerly, David Davis, Dickie Greenwood, John Hicks, Joey Kimbrough, David Middleton, Carol Posey and Sam Watson.

30 Years Ago July 2, 1987

Grace and Denton Atchison celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their daughter and family.

Navy Seaman Jeffrey Denson has completed recruit training at Orlando, Florida. A 1975 Rule High School graduate, he is the son of Raymond and Lucy Denson, Jr., of Rule.

The Haskell Pony League team left no doubt about its first place standing in district with a 14-7 defeat of Jayton. Jay Miller went all the way on the mound as the winning pitcher, and also hit a home run. Rodney Johnson had a hit in each of his four plate appearances.

40 Years Ago July 7, 1977

Riva Hitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hitt

of Rochester, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Texas Tech University.

Haskell students attending the Ranger Junior College Basketball Camp were Sharla Drinnon, Cam Klose, April Turner, Tina Morris, Shannon Lane, Leann Turnbow, Lisa Jones and Melinda Blakely.

County Clerk Jenny Brazell reported marriage licenses were issued this week to Dieter Hutchinson and Leisa Reynolds, Bobby Howard and Kim Hager, Raymond Rodela and Dawn Bird, Mike New and Teresa Jenkins and Larry Short and Linda Hilliard.

50 Years Ago July 6, 1967

Boy Scout Troop 36 spent the week at Camp Tonkawa working on merit badges and rank. Earning Eagle Scout Bronze Palms were Larry Hartsfield, Mark McCoy, Jack Smith and Randell Arend. Gold Palm recipients were Johnny Stark and Gene Hester.

There were 19 young people from Weinert Baptist Church attending the music rally at Goree this week. On the program was a quartet composed of Judy Gray, Alexia Mayfield, Mary Yates and Janice Rainey. Alexia also sang a solo.

R.V. Reynolds of Washington D.C., a native of Haskell, will be the speaker at a Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Fly-In" breakfast at the Haskell airstrip. He is the assistant administrator for General Aviation Affairs, serving the growing needs of general aviation.

90 Years Ago July 7, 1927

The Baptist Sunday School team won an easy game from the Christians, when "Skeet" Mays, doing mound duty for the Baptists, pitched the first no-hit, no-run game of the season in the local league.

E.H. Melton and Alice Strickland, both of Rochester, were married here at the courthouse. Justice of the Peace R.P. Simmons officiated.

Miss Ruby Fitzgerald has returned from Seymour where she has been for the past two months.

Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Jimi Copen, DCOH

Business recruitment is always something the DCOH is working on. In the past, the DCOH has been successful at a variety of different businesses that have been recruited to Haskell. Some have been successful and continue to be in business today. Some of the businesses have closed due to owners passing away. And, some businesses simply do not make it because being in business is hard work. Other businesses were so successful they were sold and moved to different locations. New business is part of the ebb and flow of all communities, and the DCOH continues to look for businesses to move, start-up or expand in Haskell.

One way the DCOH works is to identify gaps in the community. We look for things that are missing: retail gaps, service gaps, manufacturing gaps. For example, Haskell does

not have an eye doctor, or optometrist. That is a gap, or a service that people drive out of Haskell to find. We then have to evaluate if that type of business could be supported in a community this size. Then, we have to find a market or people in that field, and show them that a gap exists here. Then, we must convince them that there is an opportunity in Haskell to start a business. The process can be fun, but long and much patience is required!

Did you know that the old Monsanto building used to be owned by the DCOH, and it housed a small motor home manufacturer? This gentleman sold his company and went to work with his brother in Stephenville building horse trailers. The DCOH then recruited Delta Pine, a cotton breeding company, and sold the building to them. They later became Monsanto. When Monsanto opened their megacenter

in Lubbock, it absorbed the Haskell research center, leaving the building for sale once again. With the help of the DCOH, it was most recently purchased by Steele Fire & Apparatus to expand their business. They are one of Texas' leading manufacturers of brush trucks, tankers and skid units. We are proud to have them doing what they do in Haskell.

People do not always understand how economic development works. Through these articles, we hope to give you a glimpse into this world of business recruitment, retention and expansion. The DCOH is working for Haskell, and we hope to continue to do so for many years. If you know of anyone wanting to start or expand a business in Haskell, don't hesitate to give us a call at 940-864-3424.

As always, you can follow our Facebook page at haskelltexas.usa.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
The 2017 Haskell Girls Basketball Shootout was a huge success. I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, coaches, players, and everyone else who volunteered their time to make this year's Shootout a huge success once again. On behalf of all the Maiden basketball players over the past 8 years, I would like to say a special

thank you to Shane Hadaway for being the Shootout Director for the eighth and final year and a special thank you, as well, to Amanda Hadaway for all her help along the way. We greatly appreciate your service and commitment to the Maiden basketball program!

Blake Eddleman
Haskell Head Girls
Basketball Coach

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.



Vegetables A to Z: Grape tomatoes Did you know?

Grape tomatoes are available all year round but are best from June to October. Grape tomatoes are an excellent source of Vitamin A and Vitamin C. Grape tomatoes are also a good source of potassium.

Fun fact!

Grape tomatoes originated in Southeast Asia.

What am I looking for?

Select ripe tomatoes that are well formed, smooth, and free from blemishes. Look for overall rich red color and a slight softness. Wash tomatoes well before use. Avoid tomatoes that are overripe or bruised.

Roasted Grape Tomatoes
4 cups grape tomatoes

3 garlic cloves, peeled
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium bowl add the grape tomatoes and 3 garlic cloves. Drizzle with 3 tablespoons of olive oil and sprinkle with salt, pepper.

In a 9 by 13-inch glass baking dish, place the tomatoes and garlic cloves, ensuring they are in just 1 layer. Roast for 20 minutes, and then stir. Add 2 to 3 tablespoons of hot water, if too dry in appearance. Return to the oven and cook for 20 to 30 more minutes.

When ready, the tomatoes will have begun to shrivel

and the liquid in the dish should have thickened. Serve hot from oven.

Preparation time: 5 minutes. Cook time: 50 minutes. Serves: 8.

Nutrition facts: Calories: 60. Total fat: 5g. Cholesterol: 0 mg. Sodium: 590 mg. Total carbohydrate: 4 g. Protein: 1 g.

For a copy of this recipe or more information on healthy and nutritious recipes go to www.haskell.agrilife.com or like us on Facebook at: Haskell County 4-H and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Also, contact Darlene Hopkins-the Haskell County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell, Texas; phone 940-864-2658.

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Withdrawal process begins for WOTUS Rule sought to clarify which waterways covered under Clean Water Act

The Trump administration moved Tues., June 27 to roll back an Obama administration policy that protected more than half the nation's streams from pollution but drew attacks from farmers, fossil fuel companies and property-rights groups as federal overreach.

The 2015 regulation sought to settle a debate over which waterways are covered under the Clean Water Act, which has dragged on for years and remained murky despite two Supreme Court rulings. President Donald Trump issued an executive order in February instructing the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to rescind or revise the Obama rule, which environmentalists say is essential to protecting water for human

consumption and wildlife. In a statement, the agencies announced plans to begin the withdrawal process, describing it as an interim step. When it is completed, the agencies said, they will undergo a broader review of which waters should fall under federal jurisdiction.

"We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses," EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said, adding that the re-evaluation would be "thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public."

Environmental groups denounced the move, saying it would remove drinking water safeguards for one in three Americans while jeopardizing thousands of streams that flow into larger rivers and lakes, plus wetlands that filter pollutants and soak up floodwaters.

"Clean water is vital to our ecology, our health and our quality of life," said John Rumpfer, senior attorney with Environment America. "Repealing the Clean Water Rule turns the mission of the EPA on its head."

The EPA and the Army Corps said dismantling the Obama rule would not change existing practices because the measure has been stayed by the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati in response to opponents' lawsuits.

The proposed repeal is the latest in a series of Trump moves to undo President Barack Obama's environmental legacy, including withdrawal from the Paris climate change accord, rescinding the Clean Power Plan that sought to curb carbon emissions from coal-burning power plants and reversing a moratorium on leasing federal lands for coal mining. Trump also has proposed deep cuts in

the EPA budget. No one disputes that the 1972 Clean Water Act allows federal agencies to regulate navigable rivers and lakes. Less certain is the status of some 2 million miles of headwaters and streams that flow only part of the year—60 percent of the river and stream miles in the Lower 48 states—plus 20 million acres of wetlands that aren't directly connected to large waterways.

Under the Obama interpretation, those waters are protected. Business groups and some Republican state officials—including then-Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, now Trump's EPA chief—filed suit, contending the regulation gave federal officials too much authority over waters that don't cross state lines or have a clear link to waters that are covered.

The regulation was in effect for a short period in 2015 before the appeals court issued a stay. Those

legal challenges are still pending.

Response to Tuesday's announcement largely fell down party lines, with congressional Republicans hailing the move.

The rule "would have put backyard ponds, puddles and prairie potholes under Washington's control," said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. "I applaud the Trump administration for working to remove this indefensible regulation."

The Trump administration's proposed withdrawal will require a 30-day public comment period, after which EPA and the Army Corps would have to consider the reaction and the make a final decision—which likely will draw suits from groups that favor the regulation.

In his executive order, Trump instructed the agencies to redesign the rule in keeping with a 2006 opinion by the late

conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. He interpreted federal jurisdiction narrowly, saying only "relatively permanent, standing or continuously flowing" waters or wetlands with a surface connection to navigable waterways are entitled to federal protection.

"Farmers and ranchers across this country are cheering," said Zippy Duvall, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He said the Obama rule was "a federal land grab designed to put a straitjacket on farming and private businesses across this nation."

Rhea Suh, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council, said withdrawing the rule "would make it easier for irresponsible developers and others to contaminate our waters and send the pollution downstream. We'll stand up to this reckless attack on our waters and health."

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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met at the regular meeting place Tues., June 13 with all members present.

The County Treasurer's and the Experienced Citizen Center monthly reports were approved.

Haskell FFA State qualifying speakers Kameryn Mathis and Sarah Fouts gave their speeches for the court. Soil and Water Conservation was the topic of the speech given by Mathis. Natural Resources was the topic chosen by Fouts.

Randy Teague from Air Evac spoke on the cost of membership to Air Evac for county employees. The information will be considered for the budget next year.

The lease agreement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife for boat storage for Nov. 1, 2017 through Oct. 31, 2018 at a cost of \$50 per month (\$600 yearly) was approved.

The grant for the National Incident Based Reporting System for the Sheriff's Office was approved.

Jerry Cannon was appointed to the Haskell Memorial Hospital board.

Robbie Peiser, Jan Gannaway and Reida Penman were re-appointed to the Haskell Memorial Hospital board.

Kitsie Drinnon will be paid \$100 per month with a supplement check out of the Pre-trial Diversion Program fund.

The contract will not be

executed for the assignment and assumption agreement by Emerald Correctional Management, LLC, assigning to Haskell County all services for detainees of ICE housed at Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center or the amendment of the Inmate Telephone Services Contract with Securix Technologies, Inc. assigned to the county by Emerald Correctional Management, LLC reflecting all the terms and conditions of the Master Services Agreement regarding the delivery of telephone services by Securix to ICE detainees housed at Rolling Plains Regional Jail and Detention Center.

Line item transfers were approved.



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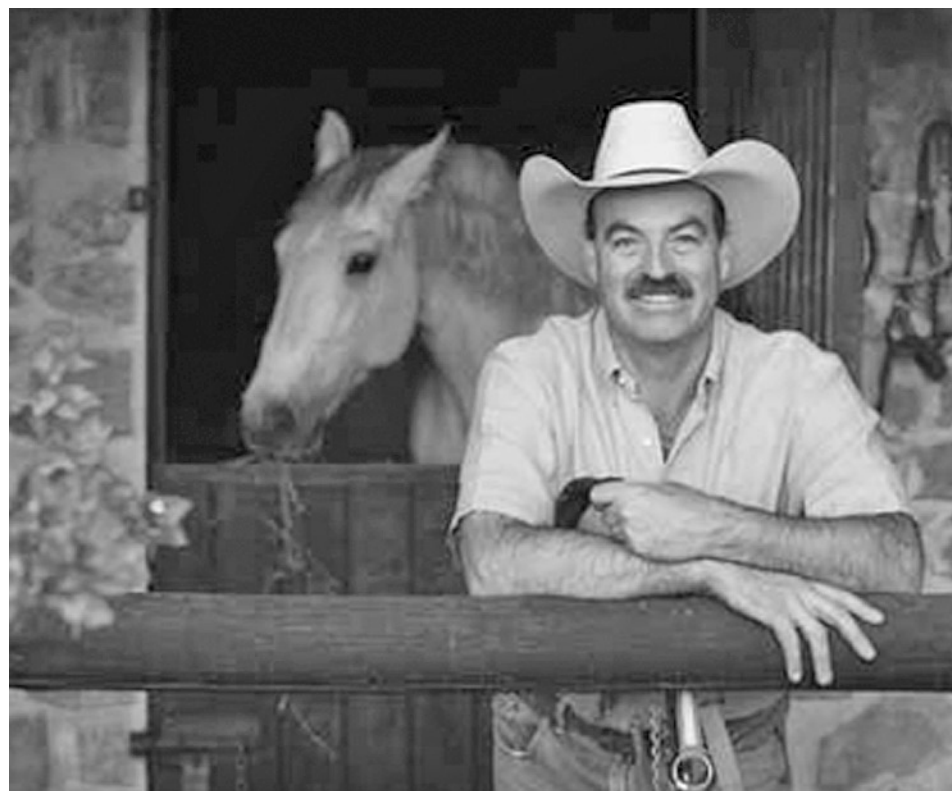
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Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.