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 at Roscoe
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 at Haskell
JVG-B, VG-B vs Roscoe
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PAINT CREEK
VG vs Graford
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 at Paint Creek
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 at Rule
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 at Trent
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 Tues., Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.
 at Aspermont

Calendar

Rule Chapter #989

Rule Chapter #989 will meet Thurs., Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rule Masonic Lodge Building. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Library meeting

Friends of the Haskell County Library will meet Mon., Jan. 9 at 4 p.m. in the conference room of the library.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the First Bank Texas community room when TFWC State President, Pattie Poe, of Nocona, will present a program on "Why Federation?" A business meeting will follow with officers/committee reports to follow. The club will be voting on Best Progressive Study Club Program and Best Federation Program. Federation news will be presented by Dorothy Hartsfield. All members are encouraged to attend.

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.

Weekly story time

The Haskell County Library, 300 N. Ave. E, will host a weekly story time every Friday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Any age children, with parental supervision, are invited to listen and participate in stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For more information call 940-864-2747 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/HaskellCountyLibrary/>.



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TOURNAMENT CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens were champions of the Jayton Holiday Tournament last week. Team members are, l-r, Hollyn Hadaway, C'era Taylor, Makinzie Garvin, Jordan Garvin, Taylor Manske, Courtney Whitt, Ariel Martinez, Landry Hanson and Ashlyn Bevel.

Pirates compete at district UIL meet

The Paint Creek Elementary and Jr. High participated in the UIL District Academic Meet held at Newcastle Wed., Dec. 7. Paint Creek Elementary placed fourth overall and Paint Creek Jr. High placed second overall.

Schools competing at the event were Bryson, Graford, Newcastle, Paint Creek, Palo Pinto, Throckmorton and Woodson.

Results include:

Second grade

Chess Puzzle: Adrian Castorena, first place.

Third grade

Chess Puzzle: Ethan O'Donnell, tied for third place. Team: Gonzales, Jones, O'Donnell, first place.

Ready Writing: Alyssa Anguiano, fifth place.

Spelling: Aaron Gonzales, fourth place; Ethan O'Donnell, sixth place. Team: Anguiano, Gonzales, O'Donnell, second place.

Fourth grade

Art: Natalya Mays, fourth place. Team: Mays, Walburg, Castorena, third place.

Chess Puzzle: Andrew Castorena, sixth place.

Oral Reading: Eden Graham, third place.

Ready Writing: Melanie Clary, fourth place.

Spelling: Melanie Clary, tied fourth place.

Fifth grade

Art: Cowan Rogers, first place; Zabrion Mays, fourth place. Team: Mays, Blair, Rogers, first place.

Chess Puzzle: Adrian Anguiano, third place; Phaiden Spikes and Stetson Blair, tied sixth place. Team: Spikes, Blair, Cisneros, second place.

Dictionary Skills: Hall, Baiza, Anguiano, third place.

Listening: Zaebrion Mays, third place. Team: Mays, Baiza, Rogers, third place.

Music Memory: Stetson Blair, first place.

Ready Writing: Sirena Baiza, second place; Zaebrion Mays, sixth place.

Social Studies: Phaiden Spikes, fifth place.

Spelling: Sirena Baiza, sixth place.

Sixth grade

Art: Levi Rhoads, first place. Team: Rhoads,

Stanford, Sanford, first place.

Calc. Apps.: Levi Rhoads, second place. Team Rhoads, Castillo, Sanford, second place.

Chess Puzzle: Levi Rhoads, first place; Hunter Jagers, tied second place.

Dictionary Skills: Hunter Jagers, second place; Levi Rhoads, fourth place. Team: Jagers, Rhoads, Stanford, first place.

Listening: Paige Stanford, fourth place; Gus Blair, fifth place.

Mathematics: Levi Rhoads, fifth place.

Music Memory: Kaiden Castillo, fifth place.

Number Sense: Hunter Jagers, sixth place; Levi Rhoads, second place. Team: Rhoads, Jagers, Sanford, second place.

Spelling: Levi Rhoads, fifth place. Team: Rhoads, Sanford, Jagers, second place.

Seventh grade

Calc. Apps.: Ana Hall, first place; Dylan Souther, second place; Ethan Jenkins, fourth place. Team: Jenkins, Souther, Hall, first place.

Chess Puzzle: Dylan Souther, fifth place.

Dictionary Skills: Ethan Jenkins, second place; Ana Hall, sixth place. Team: Hall, Jenkins, Souther, second place.

Maps, Graphs and Charts: Dylan Souther, fifth place. Team: Jenkins, Souther, Hall, first place.

Mathematics: Ethan Jenkins, first place. Team: Jenkins, Souther, Acosta, second place.

Number Sense: Ethan Jenkins, first place; Dylan Souther, second place. Team: Souther, Jenkins, Hall, first place.

Science I: Ethan Jenkins, first place. Team: Guadalcazar, Souther, Jenkins, first place.

Social Studies: Chris Acosta, sixth place.

Eighth grade

Art: Jasmine Boyd, first place; Steven Crain fourth place.

Calc. Apps.: Zakary Elkins, fourth place; Brett Muerer, fifth place. Team: Elkins, Garcia, Perkins, second place.

Dictionary Skills: Eric Perkins, second place. Team: Elkins, Ledbetter, Perkins, second place.

Editorial Writing: Ashton Grand, third place.

Impromptu: Zakary Elkins, fourth place.

Listening: Team: Yanez, Grand, Meurer, third place.

Maps, Graphs and Charts: Haylee Garcia, fourth place.

Mathematics: Steven Crain, fourth place. Team: Rogers, Crain, Perkins, third place.

Number Sense: Eric Perkins, fourth place.

Oral Reading: Zackary Elkins, fifth place; Brianna Yanez, sixth place.

Ready Writing: Ashton Grand, first place; Zakary Elkins, fourth place.

Science II: Zakary Elkins, second place. Team: Elkins, Grand, Garcia

Spelling: Priscilla Gonzales, third place; Ashton Grand, sixth place. Team: Grand, Gonzales, Ramos, third place.

Junior Livestock Show Jan. 12-14

The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held January 12-14, at the Haskell County Show Barn.

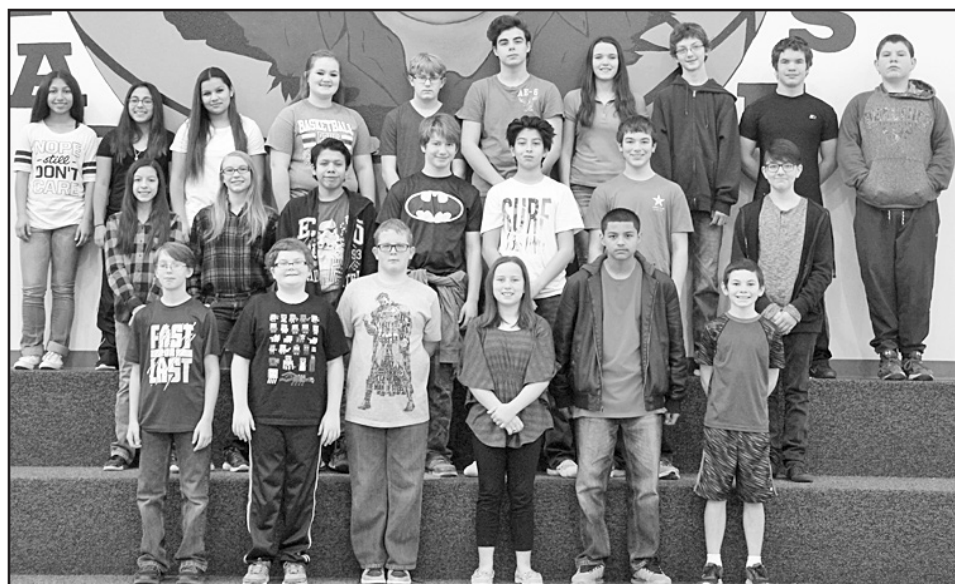
Arrival time and weigh in time for steers, heifers, lambs, goats and swine is Thurs., Jan. 12, by 4 p.m. Poultry and rabbits need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. with the rabbit and poultry show beginning at 7 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 13, the lamb show will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the goat and then swine show. The steer show is scheduled for 2 p.m., with heifers to follow.

The premium sale will begin at 11 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 14. To donate to any exhibitor, please contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658.

101 participants have entered the show this year with 181 entries. 57 participants will represent Haskell FFA, 31 will represent Haskell 4-H, Paint Creek FFA will enter 7 and Rule FFA has 6 entries. 29 pens of meat rabbits, 11 pens of chickens, 6 market lambs, 9 meat goats, 13 gilts, 102 barrows, 1 heifer and 10 steers will show during the weekend event.

Make plans to attend this year's show and support the youth of Haskell County.



PIRATE JUNIOR HIGH UIL—Paint Creek Pirate Junior High students participating in UIL events Dec. 7 include, front row, l-r, Gus Blair, Levi Rhoads, Austen Sanford, Paige Stanford, Kaiden Castillo and Hunter Jagers; middle row, Jasmine Boyd, Ana Hall, Chris Acosta Jr., Dylan Souther, Caden Guadalcazar, Ethan Jenkins and Zakary Elkins; back row, Priscilla Gonzales, Brianna Yanez, Zamantha Ramos, Tanna Ledbetter, Collin Pearson, Eric Perkins, Haylee Garcia, Ashton Grand, Brett Meurer and Steven Crain.



PIRATE ELEMENTARY UIL—Paint Creek Pirate elementary students participating in UIL events Dec. 7 include, front row, l-r, Cort Rogers, Adrian Castorena, Carissa Elkin, Colton Blair, Aaron Gonzales, Maddy Tucker, Ethan O'Donnell, Alyssa Anguiano, Harry Boyd, Chloe Pate and Zakary Jones; middle row, Katie Chavez, Audie Stocks, Zeke Cisneros, Cayden Rogers, Christian Cruz-Ramos, Evan Cisneros, Melanie Clary, Eden Graham, Natalya Mays, Alisa Walburg and Andrew Castorena; back row, Cowan Rogers, Phaiden Spikes, Adrian Anguiano, Sirena Baiza, Mark Hall, Zaebrion Mays and Stetson Blair.

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Calendar

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Operation Recovery

Operation Recovery, a faith-based 12-step meeting, will be held Fridays at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square.

TeamKID

TeamKID, for children ages 4 years old to sixth grade, meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. If your child needs a ride, call 864-2581.

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.

AWANA

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church will begin the AWANA program for children age 5 through fifth grade Mon., Jan. 9. AWANA meets each Monday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., through March, except on school holidays. Call 940-864-3004 for more information.

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.

Obituaries

Geraldean 'Jeri' Burke



JERI BURKE

Graveside services for Geraldean 'Jeri' Burke, 88, of Haskell were held Tues., Jan. 3 at Greenwood Cemetery in Gonzales under the direction of Haskell Funeral Home of Haskell.

Mrs. Burke passed away Fri., Dec. 30.

Born July 8, 1928 in Seymour, she was the daughter of Joseph Milton and Johnnie Loraine (Castleberry) Worrell. While in Gonzales, she worked for

Warm Springs Foundation Hospital as a manager for several years. After moving to Abilene, she worked as a secretary for Nick Nelson's American General Insurance Company, where she retired in 1989. On Feb. 5, 1948, she married James Hodges Burke. She was involved with TEEA, Noah Project and delivered meals for Meals on Wheels for numerous years. She attended East Side Baptist Church, and enjoyed bowling, sewing, and loved working in the yard and garden.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband James Hodges Burke; brothers-in-law Don Whitfield, Bobby Roberts and Al Bond; and nephew Gordy Bond.

Survivors include her daughter, Pat Jenkins and husband Bobby of Haskell; granddaughter, Dana Pinkston and husband Larry of Fort Worth; grandsons,

Trey Iley and wife Peggy of Gonzales, Darrell Jenkins and wife Cindi of Taylor, Glenn Jenkins and wife Becky of Meadow Lakes; great-grandchildren, Cheyann, Brianna, Dalyn, Kourtney, Karie and Cody; and five great, great-grandchildren; sister, Coleta Whitfield of Haskell; brother, Joe Worrell and wife Michele of Haskell; sister, Barbara Roberts of Haskell; niece, Carla Hannsz and husband Jerry of Haskell; sisters-in-law, Mary Francis Sunday and husband Bob of Houston, Anna Bond of Baytown; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Greenwood Cemetery, C/O Susan Barfield, 8820 North U.S. 183, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Condolences may be made at www.haskellfuneralhometx.com.

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Albert Steinfath



ALBERT STEINFATH

Funeral services for Albert Steinfath, 89, were held Thurs., Dec. 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell with Pastor David White officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

A memorial service will be held Mon., Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Plainview.

Mr. Steinfath passed away Sun., Dec. 25 in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 28, 1926 in Throckmorton County, he was the son of Selma (Rueffer) and August Steinfath. Following his childhood in the Haskell area, Albert moved away to serve in the United States Marine Corps. He later attended Texas Tech University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Economics. He married Shirley Hairgrove Jan. 29, 1961 in Lubbock. Together they farmed in Hale and Swisher counties and were members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Plainview.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Selma and August Steinfath; his four brothers, Fritz, August, Henry and Willie; and his five sisters, Annie, Minnie, Selma, Alma and Frieda.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Hairgrove Steinfath; two daughters, Shirley Anne and husband Tim Burt of Lubbock, Amy and husband Karlyle Haaland of Dalhart; his son, Samuel Steinfath and his wife Terri of McKinney; his sister, Lena Steinfath of Levelland; one granddaughter, Chloe Haaland; and four grandsons, Kaleb, Josef, Eli and Adam Haaland.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Verna M. Barbee



VERNA BARBEE

Memorial services for Verna M. Barbee, 79, of Cameron will be held Sat., Jan. 7 at 11 a.m. at Faith Chapel Church in Rochester under the direction of Green-Patterson Funeral Home of Cameron.

Mrs. Barbee passed away Sat., Dec. 31 at a Cameron nursing home.

Born March 23, 1937, in Rochester, she was the daughter of Carl and Lois Martin Davidson. They preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Tumlinson and wife, Tammy of Cameron; one brother, Joe Davidson of Portales, New Mexico; one sister, Mary Hollingsworth of Rochester; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.green-pattersonfuneralhome.com.

PD. NOTICE

Ginger Howard New



GINGER NEW

Funeral services for Ginger Howard New, 65, of Amarillo, were held Wed., Jan. 4 at First Baptist Church

in Weinert. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. New passed away Sun., Jan. 1 in Haskell.

Born Oct. 11, 1951, in Haskell, she was the daughter of Melba (Kreger) and Bobby Howard, Sr. She married Lawrence E. New Dec. 30, 1987 in Amarillo. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Haskell. Ginger was the owner of Red Creek Marinades.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melba (Kreger) and Bobby Howard,

Sr.; and her husband, Lawrence E. New.

Survivors include her brother, Bobby Howard, Jr. and wife Kim of Haskell; her uncle, Glen Kreger and wife Frances of Wilcox, Arizona; her aunt, Jesse Kreger Hill of Haskell; two nieces, Mindy Howard of Temple and Kourtney Howard of Stephenville; her nephew, Rusty Howard of Big Spring; and close friends, Gary and Libby Bain and family.

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Members of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department held an election of officers Mon., Jan. 2.

Casey Moeller was elected Fire Chief. Ed Klose will serve as Assistant Chief.

A.J. Shaw, Jake Alexander and Alan Merchant will serve as

captains. Lieutenants are Stephen Wright, Donald Cunningham and Felix Rodriguez.

Kelly Bullard and Jose Contreras are the safety officers.

Stephen Wright was elected chaplain. Trustees are Bobby Scheets and Mathew Cunningham.

Mathew Cunningham will be the training officer. Eddie Klose is the assistant training officer.

Stephen Wright will serve as treasurer. Kenny Bullard will be the secretary.

Equipment managers are Chance Strickland and Tim Alexander.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

Dec. 30, 2016

Haskell	
Haskell Co. Gin.....	4,400
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	9,320
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	9,187
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	8,709
Weinert	
Weinert Gin.....	4,493
Total bales	36,109

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) is proud to announce the continuance of the Safe Room/Storm Shelter Rebate Program

WCTCOG has received additional funding for the Storm Shelter/Safe Room Rebate program. The program guidelines for Texas, is that the Safe Room Program will provide funding to single-family home owners to cover one-half the cost of installing tornado shelters/safe rooms in new or existing homes up to a maximum rebate amount of \$3,000.00 per unit installed. Safe Room/Storm Shelter reimbursement program requires that each installed unit has been certified as meeting the standards set

for tornado shelters by the National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) and the American Tornado Shelter Association (ATSA) before the rebate can be paid.

The WCTCOG has received an additional \$310,000.00 for the storm shelter/safe room rebate program. If interested in applying: fill out an application and get on the waitinglist; WCTCOG's safe room reimbursement grant program is first come first served. For an application, please go to http://www.wctcog.org/currentforms/stormshelterapp2016_fillable.pdf.

These units are intended for homes within the West Central Texas region.

Family History Fair to be held in Abilene

Are you intrigued by the adventure of discovering your family tree but don't know where to start investigating your family tree? Do you have amazing family stories but don't know how to record them for posterity?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting a Family History Fair, free of charge and open to the public, Sat., Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their Abilene church building located at 3325 N. 12th St., Abilene. Both novice and expert family history researchers are invited to attend.

Classes will cover the use of an online resource called FamilySearch.org, one of the most popular genealogical websites in the world. FamilySearch.org is sponsored by the church, and visitors to the site can search over two billion digital images and indexes of records from all over the world. These records include government and church records for births, marriages, and deaths;

Don't try to outrun that rage

The next time you're boiling mad, find a way to chill out before you hit the gym. Go for a pleasant walk instead of pounding a punching bag.

A recent study in the journal *Circulation* found that the combination of emotional stress caused by rage and the physical stress caused by an intense workout can double the risk of a heart attack. This caution is particularly so for individuals who have pre-existing heart disease.

"Whereas exercise is powerful medicine, good for you in many ways, it must be approached with prudence and sometimes initiated under medical

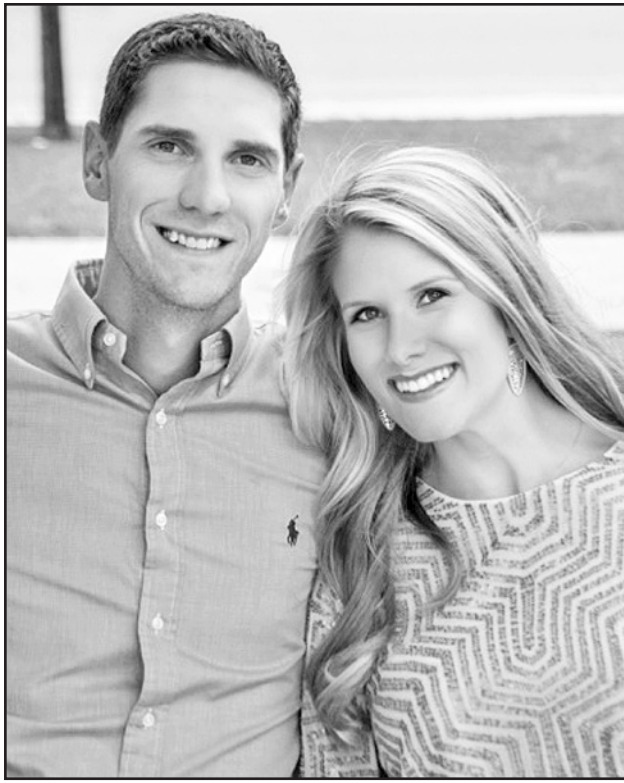
supervision," says Dr. Joseph Hill, Chief of Cardiology at UT Southwestern Medical Center and editor-in-chief of *Circulation*. "This study suggests that the confluence of multiple heart stressors can add up and predispose to harm."

Other helpful family history websites will be covered such as Ancestry.com, Find My Past, My Heritage, Find a Grave, Relative Finder, and Puzzilla. Instruction will also cover how to navigate U.S. Census and Native American records, and how to write a family history and effectively use journaling.

The church's commitment to help people connect with their ancestors is rooted in the church's belief that families are meant to be central to our lives and that family relationships are intended to continue beyond this life. Because interest in family history is not limited by culture, ethnicity, or religious faith, FamilySearch.org's resources, powered by the church, are available to everyone who wants to discover more about their family and their heritage, from church records in Europe to oral histories in Africa.

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Which is not to say that you have an excuse for sloth now. Years and years of population health studies have provided a mountain of evidence for the benefits of regular aerobic exercise on heart health. It's simply a matter of timing: During moments when you are in the grips of extreme emotion—anger, grief—find ways to cope other than intense exercise.



ZACHARY KITTLEY - EMILY McADA

McAda, Kittley to wed in February

Doctor Wesley and Marilyn McAda of Hallettsville are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Emily Elaine McAda, to Zachary Lin Kittley, son of Wes and Linda Kittley of Lubbock.

McAda received a Bachelor of Science degree in community health education from Texas A&M University and a Master's of Science degree in communication disorders from The University of Texas at Dallas. She will work at Trustpoint Rehabilitation Hospital as a speech-language pathologist.

Kittley received a Bachelor of Science degree in history and a Master's of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas Tech University. He is the assistant quarterback coach for the Texas Tech Red Raider football team.

McAda is the granddaughter of Ann Adix and the late Carl Adix and

William (W.E.) McAda and the late Pauline McAda all of Yorktown, Texas.

Kittley is the grandson of Shirley Rhoads and the late Eugene Rhoads and Bobby Kittley and the late Jere Kittley all of Rule.

After the February 2017 wedding, the couple plans to reside in Lubbock.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 25-Jan. 2:

Justin Ray Kiser, driving while license invalid, driving while intoxicated.

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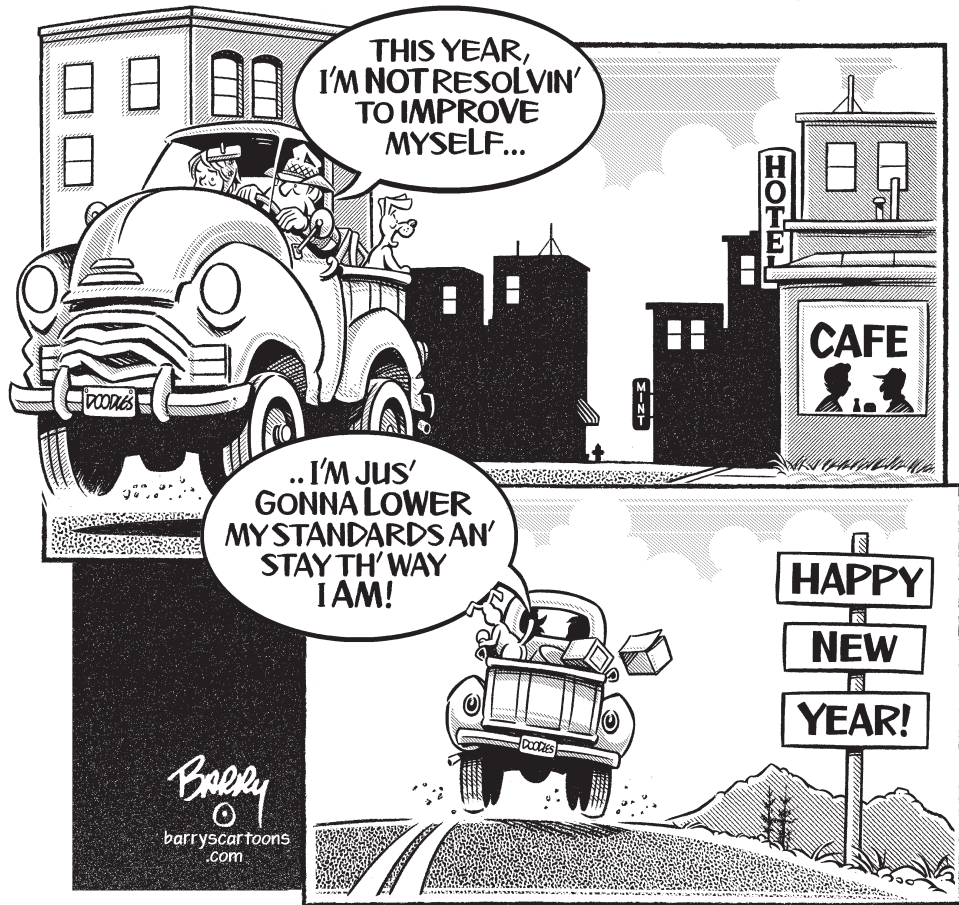
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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago January 4, 2007

Katherine Ann Thompson, daughter of Kenny and Wanda Thompson, received a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising from Texas Tech University. A 2002 HHS graduate, she graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Sorrells Station in Rule has been reopened by owner Derrell Sorrells. The Rule Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Rule High School Beta Club held a toy drive to help the Haskell County Child Welfare Board gather toys for Christmas. The twenty junior and senior students presented the toys to Cheryl Hutchinson with the Department of Human Services.

20 Years Ago January 2, 1997

Haskell County students receiving degrees during fall commencement exercises, include Tre'Ann Kitley of Rule, Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma and Bryan McCulloch of Haskell, Master of Education in School Administration.

1996 Haskell High School graduate Tyrone Thomas, has completed basic training with the U.S. Navy. The son of Lola Thomas, he is currently serving in Saudi Arabia.

Courtney Haley, daughter of DPS trooper Mike and Angel Haley of Haskell, was presented a scholarship by Haskell County Sheriff Johnny Mills, from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. She is a criminal justice major at Weatherford College.

30 Years Ago January 1, 1987

With this issue, The Free Press begins its 101st

volume. Founded January 1, 1886, it is the oldest business institution in Haskell County. Established by Oscar Martin, it is currently owned by Don Comedy.

Selina McGuire is assuming the duties as chairman of the Haskell County unit of the American Cancer Society. She replaces Evelyn Cobb, who has served in that position since 1973.

Bob Aycock, president of the Haskell County Farm Bureau, along with other county presidents from the area, visited the Texas Farm Bureau headquarters in Waco, on a one day orientation trip.

40 Years Ago January 6, 1977

DPS Trooper II Don Collins moved to Haskell January 1 and began duties as a patrolman in Haskell County. A 1951 graduate of HHS, Collins is married to the former Bobbie Guffey of Munday. He has been with the DPS for twenty years.

Mrs. Beulah Persons celebrated her 90th birthday with a party for family and friends, in the home of Mrs. Robbie Pitman. The widow of David Persons, she has lived in Haskell since 1928.

The Martha Class of the First Baptist Church in Rule met for their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. C.A. Jackson. Mrs. Clyde Grice gave Christmas readings.

50 Years Ago January 5, 1967

A volunteer fire department was organized at Weinert recently. Haskell Fire Chief Tom Watson and E.J. Stewart were in Weinert to assist with the organization. Officers elected were Lindo Guess, president; H.H. Grimes, fire chief; Raymond Walker, captain; and Frank Davis, driver.

Mr. Jack McAdoo, of Haskell announced that his store, the local Ben Franklin Store, will join other Ben Franklin Stores in each of the 50 states, in staging a year-long celebration commemorating the 90th anniversary of the founding of Ben Franklin Stores.

100 Years Ago December 30, 1916

Work to install a new 500 gallon capacity underground gasoline storage tank has begun at the Texas Garage. They also installed a new Bowser one stroke five gallon pump. This is the latest and most up-to-date gasoline station equipment that is manufactured.

The Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting, beginning on Friday, will be held at Munday. Several cars will be going up. Telephone the Baptist parsonage for a seat.

Berry Brazelton has been promoted to the head office of the Brazelton-Pryor Lumber Co. in Waco. He has been manager for the company here for some time, and his efforts were crowned with success.

USDA makes it easier to transfer land to the next generation of farmers and ranchers

Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Lanon Baccam announced that beginning Jan. 9, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer an early termination opportunity for certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, making it easier to transfer property to the next generation of farmers and ranchers, including family members. The land that is eligible for the early termination is among the least environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP.

This change to the CRP program is just one of many that USDA has implemented based on recommendations from the Land Tenure Advisory Subcommittee formed by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack in 2015. The subcommittee was asked to identify ways the department could use or modify its programs, regulations, and practices to address the challenges of beginning farmers and ranchers in their access to land, capital and technical assistance.

"The average age of principal farm operators is 58," said Baccam. "So, land tenure, succession and estate planning, and access to land is an increasingly important issue for the future of agriculture and a priority for USDA. Access to land remains the biggest barrier for beginning farmers and ranchers. This announcement is part of our efforts to address some of the challenges with transitioning land to beginning farmers."

Baccam made the announcement while touring the Joe Dunn farm in Warren County, located in central Iowa near Carlisle.

Dunn is the father-in-law to Iowa native and former Marine Aaron White, who with his wife, are prospective candidates for the early termination program. Baccam was joined by Farm Service Agency Iowa State Executive Director John Whitaker when meeting with Dunn and White.

"The chance to give young farmers a better opportunity to succeed when starting a farming career makes perfect sense," said Baccam. "There are Conservation Reserve Program acres that are rested and ready to be productive, an original goal of CRP. The technical teams at USDA will tell us which ones can terminate from the program with little impact on the overall conservation efforts. When they do, we'll be ready to help beginning farmers like military veteran Aaron White."

Normally if a landowner terminates a CRP contract early, they are required to repay all previous payments plus interest. The new policy waives this repayment if the land is transferred to a beginning farmer or rancher through a sale or lease with an option to buy. With CRP enrollment close to the Congressionally-mandated cap of 24 million acres, the early termination will also allow USDA to enroll other land with higher conservation value elsewhere.

"Starting the next generation of farmers and ranchers out with conservation and stewardship in mind is another important part of this announcement," Baccam said. "The land coming out of CRP will have priority enrollment opportunities with USDA's working lands conservation programs through

cooperation between the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service."

Acres terminated early from CRP under these land tenure provisions will be eligible for priority enrollment consideration into the CRP Grasslands, if eligible; or the Conservation Stewardship Program or Environmental Quality Incentives Program, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

According to the Tenure, Ownership and Transition of Agricultural Land survey, conducted by USDA in 2014, U.S. farmland owners expect to transfer 93 million acres to new ownership during 2015-2019. This represents 10 percent of all farmland across the nation. Details on the early termination opportunity will be available starting on Jan. 9, 2017, at local USDA service centers. For more information about CRP and to find out if your acreage is eligible for early contract termination, contact your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office or go online at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <http://medium.com/usda-results>.

Social Security is always evolving

By Ray Vigil
Social Security Public
Affairs Specialist
in El Paso

Social Security is always evolving to meet the needs of the American public. We're optimistic about the future and the limitless possibilities for progress.

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Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Jimi Coplen, DCOH
\$15,000 up for Grabs at
Haskell Shark Tank Event

Are you an aspiring entrepreneur in the Big Country? Would you like to win \$15,000 to help launch your big idea? If so, we have an event you need to attend. The A C U Springboard Competition helps local entrepreneurs develop their business model at an early stage and get feedback on their business ideas from local investors, entrepreneurs, and business leaders. It's like a mini Shark Tank for rural Texas.

The competition includes three phases, each designed to help your team move to the next milestone. The phases include:

1. Initial Elevator Pitch (Done in Haskell Jan. 30, 2017)
2. Training Workshop and Mentoring to create a business model
3. Business Model Competition, ending in the top 3 teams presenting at the Springboard Community Lunch April 19, 2017, for a chance to win \$15,000

Get started today by registering for the Haskell elevator pitch event held Jan. 30. All you have to do is share your idea in two minutes or less and get feedback from our judges.

Your team could end up winning \$15,000 in cash and in-kind resources to help pursue your big idea.

At the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH), we know opportunities like these are few and far between; therefore, we do not want you to miss this opportunity to turn your big idea into a reality. No idea is too small or too big to compete. You do not have to have all the details figured out initially. You just have to come with your idea. To register, call or email the Chamber of Commerce at 940-864-2477 or the DCOH at 940-864-3424. Also, check out our website for more information: <http://haskelltx.usa.com/2016/10/springboard-idea-challenge-set-january-30/>.

The DCOH would also like to help you with additional business resources on launching your big idea or expanding your business. We can help you further develop your idea, help you get resources together and also help with workforce issues. We can also put you in touch with other partners around the region who can help you with business planning, financing and more. Don't hesitate to give us a call at 864-3424.

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Haskell Indians

JVB Knox City Tourney
Thurs., Jan. 5 & Sat., Jan. 7
at Knox City

VB vs Anson
Fri., Jan. 6, 8:00 p.m.
at Haskell

JVB, VB vs Roscoe
Tues., Jan. 10, 5:15 p.m.
at Roscoe



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Tanner Thomas, Austin Alsabrook, Kellen Parks, Ezell Woods and Caleb Wheat; back row, Aaron Skiles, Alec Roewe, Lane Burson, Tyler Hoover, RJ Chavez and Rocky Haggard.



Maidens



HASKELL MAIDENS—Sitting, l-r, Landry Hanson, Courtney Whitt and Makinzie Garvin; standing, C'Era Taylor, Ariel Martinez, Ashlyn Bevel, Jordan Garvin, Hollyn Hadaway and Taylor Manske.

Haskell Maidens

JVG, VG vs Anson
Fri., Jan. 6, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

JVG, VG vs Roscoe
Tues., Jan. 10, 4:00 p.m.
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Maidens' basketball

Maidens fight off Lady Patriots

Haskell outscored Valley 25-12 the first half and extended their lead the second half to get the 53-32 win on Tuesday morning, Dec. 27 at the 61st Jayton Holiday Basketball Tournament. Haskell won their eighth game in a row and they improve their overall record to 15-5.

The Maidens were led offensively by sophomore C'Era Taylor with 12 points, senior Courtney Whitt 9 and freshman Landry Hanson 8. Other leading scorers

were Makinzie Garvin with 5 points, Taylor Mankse 5, Ashlyn Bevel 4, Hollyn Hadaway 4, Jordan Garvin 4 and Ariel Martinez 2.

Haskell shot (18-49) for 36% from the field, (3-14) for 21% from three point land, and (14-25) for 56% from the free-throw line. "Offensively,

I thought we did a great job sharing the ball and getting everyone involved. We also had a well balanced shot selection from the outside and inside. The girls did a really good job attacking the basket and getting their kids in foul trouble," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens forced the Lady Patriots to shoot 33% from the field and the Maidens won the rebound battle 35-17. C. Taylor and Martinez had a team high 6 rebounds each followed by Hadaway with 5, M. Garvin 4, Manske 4, Whitt 4 and Hanson 3. Leading the team in steals were M. Garvin with 3, Hadaway 2 and Whitt 2.

"Defensively, I was proud of the girls for taking away their three point shooting out on the perimeter and defending their tall girls on the inside. We also did a really good job not letting them get offensive rebounds or offensive put backs," Eddleman added.

"Overall, I thought we did a lot of good things on both ends of the court. Sometimes there can be a little rust coming out of the Christmas break, but I thought we picked up right where we left off after our last game against Stamford," Eddleman added.

Haskell	9	16	13	15	= 53
Valley	4	8	7	13	= 32

Maidens shoot down 22nd ranked Lady Hornets

The Haskell Maidens outscored the (1A) 22nd ranked Lorenzo Lady Hornets 31-16 the first half and held onto that lead the second half to get the 52-34 win on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 27 at the Jayton Holiday Basketball Tournament. Haskell improves their overall record to 16-5.

The Maidens were led in scoring by senior Ashlyn Bevel who finished with 12 points and freshman Landry Hanson with 11 points. The Maidens continue to have a well-balanced scoring attack by the entire team. Areil Martinez had 8 points, C'Era Taylor 8, Taylor Manske 5, Jordan Garvin 4, Courtney

Whitt 2, Hollyn Hadaway 1 and Makinzie Garvin 1. Leading the team in assists were Hanson with 2, Bevel 1, J. Garvin 1 and Manske 1.

Haskell was (16-50) 32% from the field, (7-19) 36% from three point land, and (13-31) for 61% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, I really like to see everyone involved on the offensive end and I thought we did that against Lorenzo. I think the girls have the attitude of not caring who scores as long as we score and that is exactly what you want on a team like ours," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens forced the Lady Hornets to shoot 33% from the field and the Maidens out rebounded them 36-15. Jordan Garvin had a team high 8 rebounds followed by Manske with 6, C. Taylor 6, Whitt 5 and Hadaway 4. Leading the team in steals were Whitt with 4, M. Garvin 3, Hadaway 2 and Hanson 2. "Defensively, I thought Ashlyn and Jordan did a great job denying their best scoring guard the ball and Courtney, C'Era, Taylor and Hollyn did an excellent job defending their twin post players. We do a lot of switching in our man to man defense so it was a great team effort by everyone on our team," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I thought we played pretty well offensively and defensively against Valley and Lorenzo. The girls did a great job preparing for these two opponents and I thought they executed well on both ends of the floor against them," Eddleman added.

Haskell	15	16	12	9	= 52
Lorenzo	3	13	5	13	= 34

Maidens win 61st Jayton Holiday Basketball Tournament

The Haskell Maidens outscored the Jayton Lady Jaybirds 29-12 the first half and 30-9 the second half to get the 59-21 win. By beating Jayton and keeping them below 37, the Maidens claimed the championship at the 61st Jayton Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Haskell won their ninth game in a row and they improved their overall record to 17-5 on the season.

Haskell was led by sophomore Taylor Manske who recorded her fourth double-double of the year finishing with a season high 22 points and 13 rebounds. Senior Ashlyn Bevel also helped lead the way offensively finishing with 11 points. Other leading scorers on the night were Landry Hanson with 9 points, C'Era Taylor 8, Makinzie Garvin 7 and Jordan Garvin 2. Leading the team in assists were Ariel Martinez with 3, M. Garvin 3, J. Garvin 2, Bevel 2 and Hanson 2.

The Maidens shot a season high (26-55) 47% from the field. They were (2-13) 15% from the three point land and (5-11) 45% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, the girls did a great job executing and making shots around the basket. They also did an excellent job pushing the ball during transition and capitalizing on those opportunities," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Haskell used tough man to man defense against Jayton forcing them to shoot (5-33) for 15% from the field. The Maidens outrebounded the Lady Jaybirds 41-15. Taylor Manske had a team high 13 rebounds followed by C. Taylor with 8, J. Garvin 6, M. Garvin 5 and Hadaway 4. Leading the team in steals were Bevel, J. Garvin, M. Garvin, Hadaway, Manske, Martinez and Whitt with 1 each.

"Defensively, I was really proud of the girls' focus and determination. We knew going into the game that we had to beat Jayton and keep them below 37 points to win the tournament. As a team, we felt like we could keep them in the 20s and the kids went out and made it happen. The girls take a lot of pride in their defense and they do a great job moving as one and helping one another," Eddleman said.

"Overall, I thought we played extremely well on both ends of the floor and it was a good way to finish off our non-district play for the year. We have won nine games in a row and momentum is a great thing to have this time of year. We just need to stay focused and stay disciplined moving forward as we start district play back up next week. We have accomplished a lot of team goals so far this year but none of them compare to winning another district championship and making a really deep playoff run. Those are the girls' main goals for this year," Eddleman added.

Haskell	14	15	13	17	= 59
Jayton	7	5	4	5	= 21

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 9-13 Breakfast

Milk, juice, graham crackers, fruit and cereal are served daily.

Monday: Kolache

Tuesday: Omelet

Wednesday: French toast

Thursday: Cinnamon toast

Friday: Biscuit, sausage

Lunch

Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.

Monday: Taco salad, pinto beans, salad, applesauce

Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, English peas, rolls, peaches

Wednesday: Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, oranges

Thursday: Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, peaches

Friday: Hot dogs with chili, chips, carrots with ranch dressing, cookies

Monday: Sausage roll, yogurt

Tuesday: Cheese omelet wrap

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza

Thursday: Cinnamon roll, bacon

Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal. Sandwich available daily at elementary.

Monday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll, fruit cup

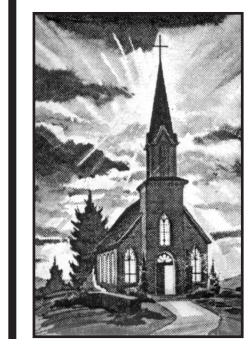
Tuesday: Meat and cheese tostada, zesty cucumbers, salsa, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, rosy applesauce

Wednesday: Pizza choice, garden salad, vegetable medley, orange smiles

Thursday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, coleslaw, sweet potato fries, apple slices

Friday: No school

This Week's Devotional Message:



It's about time – for faith to make your life count

How soon the days and years will pass In church, your faith will show you how

We know beyond a doubt; To make each moment last

Like sand within the hourglass, Enough to do some good right now,

The time is running out. Before it joins the past.

Of course we can't reduce its speed, You'll learn you have so much to give,

But to a great extent, As time alone will tell;

By doing any kindly deed And so, it's not how long you live;

It can be wisely spent. What matters is, how well!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

Terry Bunch, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a.; 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell

Christian Church
Sun. 10:45 a.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell

Church of God
Bruce Ray, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Sun. 9:45 a, 10:45 a, 5 p; Wed. 7 p
607 S. 7th, Haskell

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

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

St. George Catholic Church
Father Angelo Consemينو
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a, 10:30 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
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; Wed. 6:30 p
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

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

New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church
Ollie Pierson, pastor
Judson 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

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 5 p., Wed. 6 p.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
Weinert

First Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church
Jim McCurley, 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; Wed. 7 p
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy. 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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
Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a, 10:40 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
940-997-2296

West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a, 11 a, 5 p, 6 p, Wed. 6 p
O'Brien

Rule School Menu

Jan. 9-13 Breakfast

Fruit, juice and milk are offered daily.

Monday: Pancakes, bacon

Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich

Wednesday: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage

Thursday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Corn dog, tator tots, baked beans, broccoli

bites, apple-pineapple delite

Tuesday: Nacho grande, refried beans, salsa, lettuce/tomato garnish, cucumber

dippers, tomato cups, pears, lime sherbet

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, fries, veggie cup, lettuce/tomato garnish, mandarin oranges

Thursday: Country pot pie, salad, fruity jello

Friday: Hot dogs, corn chips, baby carrots, crunchy broccoli salad, grapes, cookie

Get replacement Social Security tax forms online with ease

**By Ray Vigil
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist
in El Paso**

It's that time of year again. Preparing for tax season can seem overwhelming. Some forms and paperwork might be difficult to track down. If you misplaced your Benefits Statement or haven't received it by the end of January, we've made it easy for you to go online to request a replacement with my Social Security.

An SSA-1099, also called a Benefit Statement, is a tax

form Social Security mails each year in January to the more than 60 million people who receive Social Security benefits. It shows the total amount of benefits received from Social Security in the previous year so people know how much Social Security income to report to the IRS on their tax return.

For noncitizens who live outside of the United States and received or repaid Social Security benefits last year, we'll send form SSA-1042S instead. The forms SSA-1099 and SSA-1042S

are not available for people who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

If you currently live in the United States and need a replacement form SSA-1099, we have a way for you to get a replacement quickly and easily. Go online and request a replacement form with a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. Online replacement forms are available beginning Feb. 1, 2017.

Every working person in the U.S. should create a my Social Security account. The secure and personalized features of my Social Security are invaluable in securing a comfortable retirement—for today and tomorrow.

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Big Country Electric Cooperative announces annual Youth Tour Contest

For students to win a trip to Washington, D.C., Big Country Electric Cooperative holds a contest for high school students each year, and the winning students get to attend the Government-in-Action Youth Tour in June.

Students: Here are 10 reasons to apply today!

1. It's free. Big Country EC completely covers the cost of Youth Tour for the contest winners. That's airfare, hotel accommodation, meals and attractions—everything!

2. It's fun. You'll spend days touring the most popular attractions in D.C., including memorials, monuments and museums. You'll go on a dinner and dancing cruise on the Potomac River, attend a performance at the Kennedy Center and explore an important city. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you don't want to miss!

3. You get to travel. You get to leave your summer job, siblings and routine behind for a 10-day trip!

4. You meet new people. More than 1,700 teens from across the nation attend Youth Tour, including about 140 from Texas, sponsored by electric cooperatives all over the state. You'll make new friends as you travel and experience the nation's capital with your fellow students.

5. You get a classic American experience. Washington, D.C., is a place like no other. It's rich in history and heritage. That's why Youth Tour was created more than 50 years ago, inspired by then-Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, to give youths the opportunity to discover "what the flag stands for and represents."

6. You learn a lot. You'll be surrounded by museums and attractions that focus on science, art, history, space, American

culture and so much more. There's a lot to take in, but you'll return home with a ton of newfound knowledge.

7. You can gain leadership experience. All Youth Tour participants can apply to be on the national Youth Leadership Council. One student is selected from each state, and all members of the YLC return to D.C. in July for a leadership workshop through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

8. You can make your voice heard. During Youth Tour, you'll get to spend a day on Capitol Hill and meet with your congressional representatives and their staff members. That means you'll get face time with some of the most powerful people in the nation and an opportunity to talk about issues that are important to you and your community.

9. You can put Youth

Tour on your college application and résumé. If you're planning to continue your education after high school, Youth Tour can help make you stand out. It offers experiences that can shape your college application and essays, and your career path.

10. You connect with opportunity. Youth Tour alumni get plugged into the co-op community and are in a great position to learn about scholarships, internships and jobs offered through the electric cooperative network.

Did those 10 reasons convince you? To apply, eligible entrants must:

- Be a current tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grader at a school in Big Country EC's service area (Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties).

- Students' parents/guardians do not have to be members/customers of Big Country Electric Cooperative in order to compete in and win the Youth Tour contest.

- Submit application form to Sarah McLen via email to smclen@bigcountry.coop or fax to 325-776-2246. Application form may be downloaded online at bigcountry.coop, click on Youth Tour link.

- Once your application is received, you will receive an email with a link to the BCEC Youth Tour 2017 closed group to post your video. Videos will only be available to the group of Youth Tour participants, not the public.

- Submit a video on the topic: Does residential solar make sense for you?

We want you to put yourself in the decision-making shoes for your household and make a video about your findings and conclusion. This is a hot topic and there is

a wealth of information available for you to research.

Be unique, be creative, learn something and have fun!

- Video must be posted by 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 26, 2017.

The three winning contestants will be chosen to represent BCEC on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. on June 7-16, 2017. An alternate will also be chosen in the event a winner cannot make the trip. Each winner and the runner-up will also receive a \$1,500 scholarship from Big Country Electric Cooperative!

Find your reason to compete and win!

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.



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Public Notices

COMBINED PROCUREMENT OF ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATION/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Pre-Award and Post-Award PUBLIC NOTICE
Haskell County is seeking to develop an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2017/2018 Community Development Fund for water system activities on the behalf of Paint Creek Water Supply Corporation associated to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the County is separately soliciting (A) proposals from Administrative Consultants for Application Preparation and Project Administration and (B) qualifications from Texas-Registered Engineers to provide engineering services associated to Application Preparation and Project Implementation. Firms and/or individuals should have past experience with federally funded programs. Please submit a proposal of

services and/or a statement of qualifications to:

Judge David Davis
Haskell County
1 Avenue D
Haskell, Texas 79521

Submittals for these services shall be at the County no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 17, 2017, which is at least ten (10) days after this publication and contact dates of RFP/Q. The same firm will not be awarded contracts to provide both services. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises,

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NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Knox, Baylor, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Haskell, Young, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Mitchell, Nolan, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Comanche, Erath, and a portions of Taylor, Borden, and Archer counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning January 9, 2017. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Rolling Plains Cotton & Agricultural Conference

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Haskell and Jones Counties will hold the Rolling Plains Ag Conference Thurs., Jan. 19 at the TCR Bunkhouse located at U.S. Hwy. 277 in Stamford.

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. followed by the program starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the program is \$10, which includes lunch.

3 CEU's will be available. 1 IPM, 1 Drift and 1 Laws and Regulations will be given.

Great information will be available at the program. Please take advantage of this time to ask our specialist any questions you have related to your production needs.

A RSVP for a head count on the meal is needed by Fri., Jan. 13 to the Haskell County Extension office 940-864-2658. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions you might have.

Program topics and presenters include:

- Updates on New Herbicide Technology and Optimizing Inputs by Gaylon

Morgan, State Extension Cotton Specialist-College Station

- Cotton Variety Trial Discussion by Gaylon Morgan, State Extension Cotton Specialist-College Station; Steve Estes, County Extension Agent-Jones County; and Jason Westbrook, County Extension Agent-Haskell County

- Grain Sorghum Production & Management by Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist-Lubbock

- Managing the Sugarcane

Aphid and other Field Crop Pests by Charles Allen, Extension Entomologist-San Angelo

- Commodity Market Projections for 2017 by Bill Thompson, Extension Economist-San Angelo

- Future of Farm Policy and New Farm Bill by George Knapek, Extension Economist, Agricultural & Food Policy Center-College Station

- Pesticide Laws and Regulations by Texas Department of Agriculture-Lubbock

Indians' basketball

Indians down two ranked opponents at the Jayton Holiday Tournament

The Indians traveled to Jayton Dec. 27-28 for the 61st Annual Jayton Holiday Classic.

The action started on Tuesday after a five day layoff mandated by the UIL. The Indians opened the tournament with #seven ranked New Home Leopards.

The Indians started the contest off slowly and the holiday rust was apparent. The Indians would only manage nine points in a first half that saw both teams struggle to find any type of offensive rhythm. However, the Indians responded in the second half and quickly erased a 10 point halftime deficit. Rocky Haggard, Aaron Skiles and Kellen Parks jump started the Indian offense in the third quarter

by scoring 5, 6 and 7 points respectively. In the end, the Indians comeback attempt would fall just short with a final score of 47-43. New Homes Billy Castro led all scorers with 26 points.

Next up for the Indians was the #22 ranked Hornets from Lorenzo. The Indians would get out to a hot start in the first frame and take a seven point lead into the second quarter.

Lorenzo would respond in the second quarter, outscoring the Indians by two. Alec Roewe kept the Indian offense afloat in the second quarter by chipping in 10 points of his own. Defense would be the difference in the game in the third quarter—a quarter in which Lorenzo only managed 5 points.

The defensive presence of Lane Burson, Kyler Hoover and Rocky Haggard would turn the Hornets

away at the rim time after time. The trio finished the game with 5 blocked shots collectively.

The Indians would find a little bit of breathing room in the fourth quarter and slowly pull away from the Hornets. The Hornets managed to keep the Indians off balance all-night long by applying constant full court pressure and switching between half-court defenses, but it wouldn't be enough. Haskell would go on to win by a final score of 49-40. Kellen Parks (15) and Alec Roewe (10) would lead the Indians in scoring.

The Indians capped off the two-day gauntlet with the host team (18th ranked Jaybirds). The Indians would benefit from an extremely hot start from

beyond the arc going 3-5 from long distance in the first quarter. Aaron Skiles connected on all three of his first quarter 3-point attempts and the Indians would coast into halftime with a not-so-comfortable seven point lead.

Jayton, staying true to form, would explode for 18 third quarter points and take a 4 point advantage into the final quarter of play.

However, the Indians would respond in the fourth quarter by upping their defensive effort and limiting the Jaybirds to only 6 points. The Indians outscored Jayton 13-6 in the final quarter of play to walk away with a hard-fought 3 point victory. The Indians were led in scoring by Kellen Parks (13) and Aaron Skiles (12).

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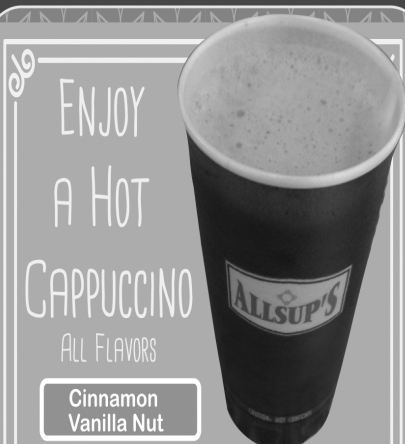
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