

Calendar

Jr. High registration
Haskell Junior High registration night will be Monday night, Aug. 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Rule tree limb disposal
The City of Rule will offer tree limb disposal only Aug. 14-19 at the baseball field between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The city will not offer tree limb pick ups. Mulch will be free when available on a first come, first served basis. This is for Rule residents only. Proof of residency will be required. For more information call or go by Rule City Hall, 701 Union Ave., 940-996-2214.

4-H hamburgers

The Haskell County 4-H Club will host a hamburger fund-raiser and 4-H sign-up at the first football scrimmage in Haskell vs Seymour game Fri., Aug. 18. Tickets may be pre-purchased for \$6.00 for the meal at the county extension office or at the game. The meal will include a burger, with all the fixings, and fries. Drinks will be available for purchase through the Haskell Indian Booster concession stand. Proceeds will go toward 4-H youth scholarships/events in the community, as well as 4-H competition entries throughout the year.

Gun and knife show

The Haskell Gun and Knife Show will be held Sat., Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Rogers Cox Post 221, 507 S. Ave. E or South 6th and Ave. E in Haskell. Admission is \$5 per person. Children under 10 are free. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Big Country Wildlife Alliance

The Big Country Wildlife Alliance is in the process of accepting membership renewals for the 2017-18 hunting year. If you would like to renew and receive a landowner hunting lease license, be sure to turn your completed paperwork in to your county extension office by Aug. 21. (Landowner Hunting Lease Licenses are required by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for any landowner or outfitter who receives pay or other consideration from guests who engage in hunting on their property.) Renewal and lease license forms, along with other alliance information may be accessed at <https://haskell.agrilife.org/ag/big-country-wildlife-alliance>. For more information, contact Jason Westbrook at 940-864-2658.



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FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS—The Haskell Indians ready for an exciting season that begins Fri., Sept. began two-a-days this week. They are getting 1 against Roscoe on Indian Field at 7:30 p.m.

Hefty sentences handed down in agriculture equipment theft case

Four members of a Texas theft ring were recently sentenced to a combined 61 years of jail time for their crimes. The sentences were handed down by presiding Judge Shane Hadaway in the 39th District Court in Haskell County. The convictions are the result of an investigation conducted by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers (TSCRA) Special Ranger Scott Williamson.

In late August 2016, Williamson was notified that a John Deere tractor, valued at more than \$150,000, had been stolen from a property south of Munday, Texas. The Haskell County Sheriff's Department initiated the investigation, but quickly turned it over to Williamson after the tractor was found loaded on a semi-truck in Kendall County, west of San Antonio, Texas. Investigators believe the tractor was bound

for Mexico where it would be sold on the black market. The primary suspect in the case, James Christopher Phillips, 38, of Munday, was arrested by Kendall County law enforcement officials on an unrelated outstanding warrant.

Special Ranger Williamson began a thorough investigation with the assistance of Special Rangers Michael Barr and Tommy Charbula. The ensuing investigation identified several accomplices and additional stolen equipment. In total, Williamson recovered and returned more than \$273,000 in equipment to the rightful owners. That equipment included the 2012 John Deere tractor, a 2001 Peterbilt semi-truck and three semitrailers.

Phillips' coconspirators were identified as Ronnie Alan Phillips, 57, Roy Lee Mayes, 48 and Jonathan Levett

Reagins, 38, all of Munday. All four were charged and subsequently plead guilty to engaging in organized criminal activity, a first-degree felony. James Phillips also plead guilty to tax evasion charges for using farm diesel in a commercial vehicle.

They were sentenced as follows: James Christopher Phillips, 29 years total, 19 years for engaging in organized criminal activity and 10 for tax evasion; Ronnie Alan Phillips, 12 years; Roy Lee Mayes, 12 years; Johnathan Levett Reagins, 8 years.

All four were remanded to the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to serve out their sentences.

"Crimes like this have a huge impact on our farmers and ranchers who rely on their equipment to make a living," said Williamson. "I hope the severe sentences

in this case will serve as a warning to anyone who is thinking about stealing from our hard-working agriculture producers."

TSCRA would like to especially thank Haskell County District Attorney Mike Fouts for his outstanding support as well as District Judge Shane Hadaway for respecting the significance of crimes against agriculture producers. The cooperation of numerous state and local law enforcement agencies were vital to closing this case, and for their assistance TSCRA would also like to recognize the Haskell County Texas Sheriff's Department, Kendall County Sheriff's Department, Texas Comptroller Investigations Division, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens, Knox County Sheriff's Department and Munday Police Department.

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Tues., Aug. 15: Kindergarten at 5:30 p.m.; first grade at 5:30 p.m.; second grade at 6:30 p.m.; third grade at 6:30 p.m.; fourth grade at 7:30 p.m.; and fifth grade at 7:30 p.m.

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To purchase tickets, call 864-2551 or go by the office on the third floor of the Haskell County Courthouse.

Tax free weekend is scheduled Aug. 11-13

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-13.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Most folks won't hear the back-to-school bell for another month, but it's never too early to take advantage

of the opportunity to save money on everything from ball caps to ballpoint pens," Hegar said. "As the father of three young children, I know how these expenses can add up."

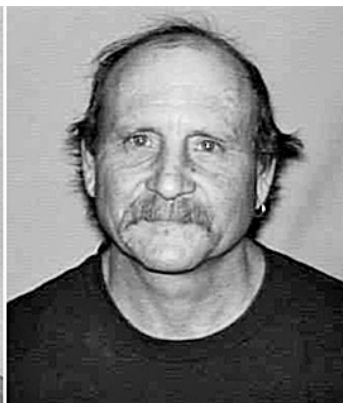
Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.



James Phillips



Ronnie Alan Phillips



Roy Lee Mayes



Recovered Equipment

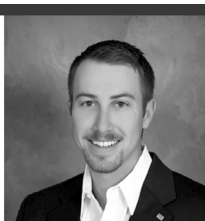
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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Texas consumers should know farmers market regulations, buying tips

While the popularity of farmers markets has grown, there is still a lot of misunderstanding about what certain terms mean and what is allowed to be sold there, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist.

"A lot of the terms used to describe foods are subject to misinterpretation and definitions may vary," said Rebecca Dittmar, AgriLife Extension program specialist for food protection management based in Kerrville. "For example, a farmers market is a designated location used primarily for the distribution and sale of food directly to consumers by farmers and other producers. But a certified farmers market is one that has met the requirements set by the Texas Department of Agriculture and has applied to become certified."

She said while the term "locally grown" is often a consumer draw, the definition adopted by the 2008 Farm Act considers a locally or regionally produced agricultural food product to be one sold less than 400 miles from its origin, or within the state in which it was produced.

"Then there's the term 'organic,' which refers to meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products from animals that are given no antibiotics or growth hormones," she said. "Organic food is produced without using most conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering or ionizing radiation." She said before a product can be labeled organic, a government-approved certifier inspects the farm where the food is grown to make sure the farmer is following all the rules necessary to meet U.S. Department of Agriculture organic standards.

On the other hand, a product labeled "natural" is one containing no artificial ingredients or added color and is only minimally processed, she explained. "Minimal means that the product was processed in a manner that does not fundamentally alter the product," Dittmar said. "And the product label must include a statement explaining the meaning of the term natural, like 'contains no artificial ingredients' or such."

She said if a meat product is labeled certified it implies that both the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Agriculture Marketing Service have officially evaluated the product for class, grade or other quality characteristics.

"However, if a product is labeled as 'certified naturally grown' that means it is certified by a nonprofit organization tailored to small-scale farmers and beekeepers," Dittmar said. "Certified Naturally Grown is an independent program not affiliated with the USDA-National Organic Program, or NOP. The CNG

producers do not use any synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides or GMO seeds, just like organic farmers, but their farms are certified by 1/3 other CNG farmers instead of a government agency."

Dittmar said some of the products allowed to be sold at farmers markets include whole, uncut produce; meat and meat products; canned items such as tomatoes, relishes, salsas and pickled squash; honey, eggs and some nonfood items. "If they are selling whole, intact, unprocessed fruits and vegetables, there is no permit required in Texas," she said. "But if selling cut tomatoes, leafy greens or melons, the producer needs to have a permit and store foods at 41 degrees or lower."

Consumers should always avoid buying bruised or damaged produce, she added. Dittmar said meats can be at farmers markets if they were slaughtered at a licensed facility and the vendor has proper permits. And jerky can be sold if from an approved source, so long as a licensed and inspected facility produced it.

"Fish can be sold if the vendor has a proper permit and the fisherman possesses a license from the Texas Park and Wildlife Department—or the fish was produced and raised in a facility that has an aquaculture license from the TDA."

She said consumers at farmers markets should make sure the packages containing meats or fish have no holes or tears and the product is being stored cold.

"In the shopping basket, keep raw meat, poultry and fish away from other foods. Place them in a plastic bag and keep it in the cart away from other foods, so the juices cannot drip on them."

She said certain canned goods can be sold if the vendor has a manufacturer's license for the products. "Avoid buying canned goods that do not have labels or have a flawed appearance," she advised. Dittmar said honey can be sold by small- and large-scale producers, but large-scale producers should have a food manufacturer's license and offer a properly packed and labeled product. "The proper labeling information is on the Food and Drug Administration's food labeling guide," she said. "Consumers should avoid buying honey that does not have a label."

Dittmar said eggs can be sold at farmer's markets if the seller has a temporary food establishment license from the Texas Department of State Health Services or a local regulatory authority and if the eggs are kept at an ambient air temperature of 45 degrees or lower. "The eggs should be labeled as 'ungraded,' have safe handling instructions and labeling should provide the producer's name and address," she said. "They should be refrigerated as soon as possible after cleaning and sorting

to preserve internal quality and reduce the potential for bacterial growth. There are FDA, TDA and DSHS regulations for the sale of eggs."

Dittmar said if a vendor is selling frozen food, the vendor would need the proper permit and to follow the rules for that product. "Consumers at farmers markets should buy their frozen foods last and make sure items are frozen solid at the time of purchase and that the packages are not torn."

She also noted often there are non-food items for sale at these markets and those items may be sold if the entity running or regulating the market allows such vendors. "Items commonly seen include knitted items, crafts, lotions, candles, flowers and homemade jewelry," she said.

Additional information on the regulation of farmers markets in Texas can be found at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/foodestablishments/farmersmarkets/>.



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z:

Lentils

Did you know?

Lentils are available all year round. Lentils are an excellent source of folate. Lentils are high in protein and serve as a valuable part of a vegetarian or vegan diet.

Fun fact!

Lentils are a major staple food for many developing countries.

What am I looking for?

Look for whole lentils free from damage. Some lentils require soaking before cooking so read directions carefully. Wash lentils well before use.

Sweet Potato and Lentil Soup

5 cups chicken stock or 5 cups water

- 1 cup red lentils
- 3 medium onions
- 4 cups sweet potatoes
- 5 garlic cloves
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne
- ½ cup coriander, chopped
- 1 lemon
- salt and black pepper

Peel and roughly chop the onions and sweet potatoes—can be chunky. Combine with the stock or water, lentils, garlic, cumin, cayenne, and turmeric in a pot. Cover and bring to the boil. Simmer until potatoes and lentils are cooked—about 20-30 minutes. Puree the soup, adding in the coriander and the juice of the lemon. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Preparation time: 10 minutes. Cook time: 30 minutes. Serves: 6

Nutrition facts: Calories, 240. Total fat, 2.5. Cholesterol, 5 mg. Sodium, 300 mg. Total carbohydrate, 39 g. Protein, 15 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, phone 940-864-2658.

Student in the News



COREY MENGWASSER

Corey Mengwasser, Paint Creek class of 2017, received the Fort Worth Stock Show Syndicate, Jim Bob Norman Scholarship at the 89th Annual Texas FFA Convention in Corpus Christi Thurs., July 13.

4-H awards banquet

The Haskell Co. 4-H awards banquet will be held at the Civic Center Sat., Aug. 19 at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 940-864-2658. A 4-H sign-up booth will be at the Triple Threat Tournament at the park following the banquet.

Tax Free Weekend

Aug. 11 & 12

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10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission \$5.00 per person
(children under 10 free)
Persons under 18 MUST be accompanied by an Adult

Haskell School Menu

Aug. 17-18
Breakfast

1% milk, fat-free flavored milk, 100% fruit juice variety and fruit are available at every meal.

Weekly: Cereal, toast, PBJ, muffin, yogurt, cereal bar

Thursday: Sausage, egg, cheese sandwich

Friday: Biscuit, scrambled eggs

Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.

Thursday: Pizza, garden salad, carrots, apple slices

Friday: BBQ on bun, coleslaw, savory green beans, orange smiles

Rule School Menu

Aug. 17-18
Breakfast

Fruit, juice and milk are offered daily.

Thursday: Pancake wrap, yogurt

Friday: Sausage biscuit

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Thursday: Pizza, corn, tomato cup, fruit jello

Friday: Hamburger/cheeseburger, cucumber slices, baby carrots, cinnamon applesauce, cookie

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago August 9, 2007

The Klose Farm, operated by Elton Klose, and Klose Farms, operated by Jerry Don Klose were recognized by Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples at the Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin. The farms have been in continuous operation for over 100 years by the Klose family.

Cadet First Class Ryan Burgess, son of Brian and Jennifer Burgess of Haskell, graduated with honors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

20 Years Ago August 14, 1997

Texas Pharmacy Association has announced that Doyle High of Haskell, has been named 1997 Pharmacist of the Year. High has owned The Drug Store since 1970.

At the County Commissioners' Court,

Judge David Davis read a letter of appreciation from the City of Rochester for the outstanding efforts of Sheriff Johnny Mills and his deputies during the recent storm cleanup in Rochester.

Kevin Patton, son of Kenneth and Judy Patton of Haskell, received his Eagle Scout rank in a ceremony held at the First United Methodist Church of Haskell.

30 Years Ago August 6, 1987

Haskell varsity cheerleaders have qualified to advance to the International Open Championships to be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Representing HHS will be Missy Pheister, Joy McKeever, Sheree Dumas, Lorie Alvarez, Theresa Unger and Vickie Chavez.

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

having served since 1984.

Best of Show winner in the second annual Brazos West Art Festival was Shirley Counts of Abilene. First place winners in the professional division were Counts, Suzanne Davis, L.R. Jackson and Ginger Test, all of Abilene; Anita Herren of Haskell and Ann Boles of Hamlin. Viola Wilcox of Rule won first in the non-professional division.

40 Years Ago August 11, 1977

Faculty members at Weinert High School for the upcoming year will be Nell Marquart, Serena Edwards, Jimmie Cearley, Glenda Van Horn, Mary Murphy, Betty Sanders, Sue Yearly, Chet Forehand, Dickie Sloan, Mitch Van Horn and H.L. Guess.

Brenda Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hill of Haskell, will represent Haskell County Farm Bureau at the District III Queen's Contest in Iowa Park. She will be a sophomore music major this fall at Hardin-Simmons University.

Haskell Jr. High twirlers for the upcoming year will be Kim Griffith, Sheila Moeller, Kristie Hannsz, Rochie Reddell and Vickie Wallace. They attended ACU Band Camp in Abilene.

50 Years Ago August 10, 1967

A.C. (Alfred) Pierson, who has been associated with the Haskell National Bank for 47 years, the last 20 years as president, will retire at the end of the month. Roy Johnson, vice-president for the past 20 years will step-up to president. Abe Turner is returning to Haskell to serve as vice-president and secretary to the board of directors.

Diana Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis of Mattson, has advanced to the State Dress Revue to be held during the State Fair of Texas. She has been active in 4-H for six years.

Mrs. Mildred Guess took the Sunbeams from Weinert Baptist Church to Day Camp last Tuesday. Attending were Barbara Owens, Linda Yates, Cynthia and Dana Alderman, Lisa Dutton, Alvin and David Davis, Mrs. Joyce Robertson, Debra and Jeff.

90 Years Ago August 11, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Alexander are in El Paso the guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alexander.

Virgil Wilson, son of Postmaster and Mrs. John T. Wilson of our city, who has been employed in the office of the Superintendent of the R.R. office of the Santa Fe at Slaton, has been promoted to first assistant in the maintenance department, with a substantial increase in his salary.

Taste of Country

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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.

Warning issued about SSA employee impersonation scam

The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is warning citizens about a new Social Security Administration (SSA) employee impersonation scheme. SSA and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) have recently alerted citizens about an OIG employee impersonation scheme and a scheme targeting former clients of Kentucky disability attorney Eric Conn; the agencies are now receiving reports from citizens across the country about other phone calls from an individual posing as an SSA employee. The caller attempts to acquire personally identifiable information from victims to then edit the victims' direct deposit, address, and telephone information with SSA.

The reports indicate that the impersonator calls from a telephone number with a 323 area code. The

caller claims to be an SSA employee, and in some instances, tells the victim that they are due a 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of their Social Security benefits. The impersonator goes on to ask the victim to verify all of their personal information including their name, date of birth, Social Security number (SSN), parents' names, etc. to receive the increase. If the impersonator is successful in acquiring this information, they use it to contact SSA and request changes to the victim's direct deposit, address, and telephone information.

SSA employees occasionally contact citizens by telephone for customer-service purposes. In only a few limited special situations, usually already known to the citizen, an SSA employee may request the citizen confirm personal information over the phone. If a person receives a suspicious call from someone alleging to

be from SSA, citizens may report that information to the OIG at 1-800-269-0271 or online via <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

Acting Inspector General Stone continues to warn citizens to be cautious, and to avoid providing information such as your SSN or bank account numbers to unknown persons over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it. "You must be very confident that the source is the correct business party, and your information will be secure after you release it," Stone said.

If a person has questions about any communication—email, letter, text or phone call—that claims to be from SSA or the OIG, please contact your local Social Security office, or call Social Security's toll-free customer service number at 1-800-772-1213, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, to verify its legitimacy.

Calendar

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

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.

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 Experienced Citizens Center 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.

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.

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NEW SEASON—The Haskell Indians are getting ready for some football! They begin the season with a scrimmage against Seymour Fri., Aug. 18 on Indian Field at 6 p.m.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of July 31-August 6:

Aaron Andrew Eddington, motion to revoke community supervision forgery.

Ronald Dwayne Dodd, theft of property \$750 or more, less than \$2,500.

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Casen's Crew for Children's Cardiomyopathy set Aug. 26

by Caron Yates

While it began as a tribute and celebration of what would have been Casen Riley's first birthday, the annual event has evolved into a major fund-raiser for Pediatric Cardiomyopathy.

In memory of Casen Riley and in support of all families affected by Cardiomyopathy, the 8th Annual Casen's Crew for Children's Cardiomyopathy is scheduled for Sat., August 26, at the Maxwell Golf Course in Abilene.

The six month old son of Casey and Heather (Steele) Riley, both graduates of Haskell High School, passed away in March 2010, after being diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Cardiomyopathy, is a chronic disease of the heart muscle that can present in four forms. In children, the disease can be either acquired or inherited. It is estimated that 30,000 children have this

disease. This "silent disease" is the leading cause of sudden deaths and heart transplants in children under the age of 18. Because the disease may present itself without obvious symptoms, it often goes undiagnosed. Unlike other congenital heart conditions, there is no surgical treatment or cure that can repair the damaged heart or stop the progression of the disease. More research is essential.

All proceeds go to the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation and families affected by the disease. Since its beginning in 2002, the CCF, a non-profit organization, has grown into a global community of families, physicians and scientists focused on improving diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for children with cardiomyopathy. CCF is involved in all aspects of the disease from research and education to patient support, awareness and advocacy.

Every dollar counts and every dollar makes a difference. This disease remains severely underfunded by federal sources and pharmaceutical companies, given its severity. However, with CCF-funded research, progress is being made in understanding and improving survival rates for children with Cardiomyopathy.

Searching for a way to honor and remember their precious son, the Rileys in 2010 organized a fund-raiser to help raise awareness of this disease. Over the past seven years, they have raised over \$69,000 for cardiomyopathy.

This year the Rileys are holding Casen's Crew Golf Tournament. It will be held at the Maxwell Golf Course, located at 1002 S. 32nd in Abilene. The desk opens and cart pick up begins at 7 a.m. The Shotgun Start is at 8 a.m. The entry fee of \$75 per individual or \$300 per foursome will include a t-shirt, goody bag, green fee, cart, range balls and a hamburger meal. A Hole in One wins a new 2017 GM vehicle, sponsored by Lawrence Hall of Abilene. Cash awards for first, second, third, closest to #9 and longest drive on #10, will be presented after the meal. Register by August 18th, to ensure you get a T-shirt.

Events such as this are only successful with the help of individual and corporate sponsors, the

many participants and, of course, the wonderful volunteers. Last year, even with six inches of rain the night before, two hundred people attended the fund-raiser, and \$15,500 was raised for the cause. A portion of the funds went to the CCF, while the remainder went to help a family whose lives are affected by Cardiomyopathy every day.

The Rileys are very appreciative of the past support they have received and look forward to another successful fund-raiser for a very important cause. For registration forms, more information on the event, information on the Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, Casen's Story or how you can help support this cause, visit www.casenscrew.com or call Heather Riley at (325) 370-6379.

KHB to host Triple Threat Tournament Sat., Aug. 19

Keep Haskell Beautiful will host a Triple Threat Tournament Saturday, August 19th from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Haskell City Park.

Events scheduled will include a volleyball tournament, with teams of six. Entry fee is \$60 per team and the first place team will receive trophies made and sponsored by Steele Fire & Apparatus.

The second competition will be a horseshoe tournament. With an entry fee of \$20 per team, teams of two will compete for a first place prize of four tickets to see the Texas Rangers play. Prizes are donated by the City of Haskell.

The triple threat will be a cornhole tournament. Entry fee is also \$20 for teams of two. First place winners will receive four

tickets to see the Texas Rangers, donated by First Bank Texas.

Teams are encouraged to enter one or all three competitions, with the team having the most points from all three events winning a cash prize.

All events will take place at the park in Haskell. It is recommended that teams bring tents and chairs. A concession stand will be available.

Registration opens at 4:30 p.m. or you can pre-register online at www.haskelltx.us. For more information call (940)207-1729.

This will be a great opportunity for competitors and observers as well, to aid the efforts of Keep Haskell Beautiful, which is working to make Haskell better in many different areas.

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