

Football

HASKELL

JV-V Indians vs Seymour
Fri., Aug. 18, 6:00 p.m.
at Haskell (Scrimmage)

PAINT CREEK

Pirates vs Benjamin
Fri., Aug. 18, 6:00 p.m.
at Paint Creek (Scrimmage)

RULE

Bobcats vs ACHS
Sat., Aug. 19, 6:00 p.m.
at Rule (Scrimmage)

Calendar

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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Aug. 19 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

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.

Back-to-school event

A back-to-school event will be held Sun., Aug. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Weinert. Hot dogs and watermelon will be served. A waterslide and water balloons will be provided for the kids. Everyone is invited.



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Welcome to the Gun & Knife Show

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"The People's Choice"

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Haskell CISD has the unique opportunity to improve and upgrade facilities with a proposed bond election

by Caron Yates

Haskell CISD finds itself with the unusual opportunity to greatly improve its campus facilities at a very modest price to the local taxpayers.

Haskell CISD superintendent Bill Alcorn says we are faced with a one time shot to upgrade our school facilities by taking advantage of the tax values of the two wind farms being constructed within the school district. The tax base for these wind farms would cover approximately 65% to

75% of the more than \$21.2 million proposed bond.

Targeted upgrades include improvements that will benefit all campuses. At the elementary campus, the main building will receive new carpet and cabinets, as well as a new twelve classroom wing to replace the existing primary wings. Currently these doors all open to the outside, which causes safety concerns. It will be constructed to also provide for safety during storms.

At the junior high and

high school, a new cafeteria built next to the science building, with ample seating is part of the proposal. Alcorn says, "Having the cafeteria next to the school building will be of great benefit to our students." Also included in the plans would be a new 525 seat auditorium or theatre center, which meets University Interscholastic League specifications. This would provide appropriate facilities for One Act Play competitions, graduation ceremonies and a multitude of other events.

A new gymnasium equipped with 615 comfortable seats, a new school bus, repairs to the track, technology upgrades, moving the football field, lighting at the track and a few smaller projects are also being considered.

As the plan stands now, the football field would be moved to the middle of the track. New seating, lights, concession, etc. would be put in place at that site. The auditorium and gym would be constructed where the current football field stands.

There would also be room for a shared parking lot between the two buildings that could accommodate up to 100 vehicles.

After specific details for the bond have been completed, the Haskell school board is expected to call for the bond election to be held November 7. The entire project is estimated to be completed by the summer of 2019. Actual construction would take approximately sixteen months.

Before any phase of the project is put into action, of course, the voters would have to approve the bond election. Alcorn says, "We want our voters to be fully knowledgeable about this undertaking. We will be sending out flyers for educational purposes, as well as holding informational meetings in Haskell, Weinert and Rochester."

It is always important to have all the facts before making a major decision such as this. In the next two months taxpayers and voters in the Haskell CISD school district will be presented this information. It is hoped most will take advantage of this opportunity, and carefully consider the choice they will be asked to make in November.



INTERSQUAD SCRIMMAGE—The Haskell Indians run through offensive and defensive sets during the intersquad scrimmage held Sat., Aug. 12. The Indians will scrimmage Seymour Fri., Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at Indian stadium.

Street art mural in Bryan painted by Calina Mishay

by Caron Yates

Rule native and 2005 Haskell High School graduate Calina Kendall Johnson continues to add to her resume with a new street art mural in Bryan, Texas.

The art project in Bryan is an effort to bring "a good drive-by art gallery" to the downtown area that will represent the city's past and present.

If that sounds familiar, it's because she has recently completed murals in Haskell and Rochester, that were commissioned to represent similar ideas. The Haskell mural, a project of Keep Haskell Beautiful, is painted on the side of Texas Best Outfitters. It depicts the hands of then 98-year-old Paint Creek farmer R.V. Earles, and brings to life the city motto of Deep Roots, Bright Horizons.

As Rochester began planning for their 110th anniversary celebration and homecoming, organizers also contacted Johnson, who is the daughter of Rochester

graduate Cindy Kendall as well as granddaughter of Lennis Tibbets, and commissioned her to paint a mural that recognizes Rochester's 110 years as a town.

Although Johnson's path from college student to professional artist was not a straight one, taking many dips and turns, she feels she has finally found what she was born to do. According to The Eagle, a Bryan newspaper, she is a professional street artist who travels across the state with her husband, Kevin, to create art that's representative of the community in which she works. Johnson said she'd been creating projects in the western part of the state, and though she has no local connection to Bryan, she was excited to make her way east to complete another project.

Street art is one of many cultural signifiers of large urban areas. Street murals can be found in cities like Philadelphia, Cleveland, Austin, Dallas or San

Antonio. Johnson says, "In those big cities, people can drive by and not give the art much more than a passing glance, but in a small town, everyone takes part in it, and it inspires them."

Anyone interested in

a mural or Johnson's art can contact her by email at Streetartbycal@gmail.com, by Instagram at Cal_calinamishayart or on Facebook at Calina Mishay.

Johnson was one of five muralists chosen from fifteen

applications for the Bryan project. Her mural is a black and white drawing of a small boy, flowers and a horse. She added a saying, "Wherever you go, go with all your heart," certainly inspiration for all who see it.



CALINA'S ART—This mural, painted by Calina Mishay Johnson, appears on a building in the Bryan/College Station area. Photo credit Infiniti Photo of College Station

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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., Aug. 8 in the regular meeting place with Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Elmer Adams, Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger present.

The monthly treasurer's report was submitted and approved.

The County Attorney will work on the rules for sale of property at The Anchor.

The County Attorney will check on the donation to the Aspermont Small Business Development Center.

A motion on the proposed tax rate increase of 7.99% was made.

Approval of the tax rate was tabled.

The dates were set for public hearings for the budget and tax rate.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Aug. 7-13:

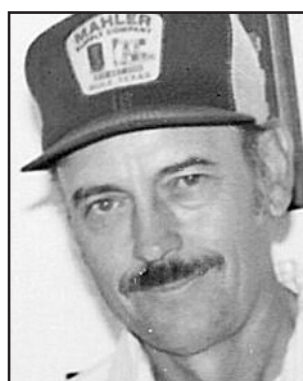
Veronica M. Blissett, failure to appear criminal mischief and bond forfeiture.

Felix Arguijo Jr., criminal mischief.

Twenty-six calls were made to 911.

Obituaries

Jimmie Dugan



JIMMIE DUGAN

Funeral services for Jimmie Dugan, 83, of Anson were held Tues., Aug. 8 at Adams-Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Anson. Interment was in Rule Cemetery in Rule under the direction of Adams-Graham Funeral Home.

Mr. Dugan passed away Sat., Aug. 5, after a lengthy, courageous battle with cancer.

Born Jan. 24, 1934 in Beeville, he was the son of Floyd Dugan and Willie Mae Bush Dugan. Jimmie grew up in the Old Glory and Rule areas. When attending church one Sunday morning he spotted a young girl who became the love of his life. He was sixteen when he married Wynell Williamson on Feb. 4, 1950. They were happily married for 54 years before

her death Aug. 21, 2004.

Jimmie was a self-taught man who was always seeking knowledge of all things about all subjects. His mechanical mind wanted to know how everything worked. Although it was in his later years when the internet became available to him, it became like an endless encyclopedia of knowledge for him to explore and how he loved listening to his favorite music on YouTube. His love of music included all types and all instruments, as long as it was not plugged into an electrical outlet. He had an immense collection of lyrics and chords and played his favorite songs for hours at a time. He was happiest when he could find someone that liked his style of music and they could jam together.

Although most people did not consider him a religious man he practiced his faith in his unique way and he loved his Heavenly Father, his wife, his family, his music and nature. Some of his favorite songs were about God's creation and he had a deep personal faith in God's love.

People that knew Jimmie, knew he had a big heart full of love, but he also had strong

opinions about what he considered right and wrong, his food preferences, and of course his political views and he usually did not hesitate to tell you what they were. He also had expectation that you should agree with him whether you did or not.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Mike Story of Columbus, Texas; a grandson, Shannon Story of Trapper Creek, Alaska; and a special niece Helen Cook, of Albany; half-sister, Charl Dene Harrington and husband, Cecil of Ogleby.

The family would like to extend a thank you to the staff at Valley View Care Center for the wonderful care given to Jimmie during his stay there and to Hendrick Hospice for their warm and loving help. The family appreciated so much the wonderful support, understanding and love shown by all those involved.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, 1651 Pine Street, Abilene Texas, 79601 or Anson Meals on Wheels 1225 Avenue J, Anson, Texas 79501.

PD. NOTICE

Landowner hunting lease licenses due

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rule Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:45 p.m., August 29, 2017, in Rule ISD Library, Rule, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$1.17/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.00/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	4.21% increase or ____% (decrease)
Debt service	____% increase or ____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	4.21% increase or ____% (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 43,655,650	\$ 43,903,250
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 36,410	\$ 48,300
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 36,545,660	\$ 36,550,130
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 36,410	\$ 48,300

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*	\$0
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* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00*	\$1.17000	\$3,252	\$8,289
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.17307	\$ 0.00*	\$1.17307	\$2,624	\$9,140
Proposed Rate	\$1.17000	\$ 0.00*	\$1.17000	\$3,258	\$9,140

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 22,819	\$ 23,508
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 10,543	\$ 9,854
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.17	\$1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 123.35	\$ 115.29
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (8.06)

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.17000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.17000.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$915,022.78
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

"Haskell County will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.99 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

"The first public hearing will be held on **August 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse.**

"The second public hearing will be held on **August 31, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse.**

"Each of the following Commissioners and Judge voted for the tax increase, Commissioner Bill Hester, Commissioner Kenny Thompson, Commissioner Elmer Adams and Commissioner Neal Kreger. Judge David Davis was absent.

"The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Haskell County last year was \$38,302.92 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.59432 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$227.64 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

"The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Haskell County this year is \$39,296.93 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$.521881 (effective tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$205.08 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

"If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.563579 (proposed tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$221.47 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence in the taxing unit for the current year disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

"Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views."

NOTICE OF TAX REVENUE INCREASE

"Haskell County will conduct public hearings at 5:30 p.m. on August 28, 2017 and at 5:30 p.m. August 31, 2017 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Haskell County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.99 percent.

"The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of .5943 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,458,087.

"The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.521881 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,651,101.

"The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.521881 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,654,601.

"Haskell County is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 5, 2017 at Haskell County Courthouse at 10 a.m.

"The Haskell County proposes to use the increase in total tax revenue for the purpose of funding unfunded mandates passed as Legislation by the Texas Legislature and unforeseen additional expenses due to the jail closing and the price of services and equipment required to maintain the County Offices and Roads."



ANIMAL AMBASSADORS—Mon., July 31, Joy Harsh from the Abilene Zoo returned to Haskell County Library during the summer reading program. Harsh brought Animal Ambassadors Murry the turtle, Esmeralda the big lizard, Theodore the small armadillo and Sweetie the boa constrictor. She gave a brief description of each ambassador. Those attending were able to pet each one. 27 attended the event. A big thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this family program.

Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership program enrollment ends Sept. 1

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.

Alzheimer's Association offers free education program in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled, "Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters," Wed., Aug. 30, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., at the Abilene Regional Office located at 301 S. Pioneer Dr., Ste. 105, in Abilene.

As many as 5.4 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and that figure is expected to grow to as many as 16 million by 2050. Early diagnosis gives individuals the power to make choices

about their own health and future with Alzheimer's in the picture. This workshop provides attendees with an understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's disease, the benefits of early detection, as well as tips about what to do if they or someone they know exhibits signs of the disease.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended. For more information or to register, call Mindy Bannister at 1-800-272-3900 or e-mail mbannister@alz.org.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z: Mushrooms
Did you know? Mushrooms are available all year round. Mushrooms provide many B Vitamins. Mushrooms help enhance your body's immunity.

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Some types of mushrooms are poisonous so leave the gathering to the professionals.

What am I looking for?
Look for young mushrooms that are small to medium in size. Mushrooms are best when used on the day of purchase. Avoid overripe mushrooms (shown by wide open caps). Also avoid mushrooms with discolored caps.

Stuffed Mushrooms
1 pound (about 10-12) large white mushrooms, cleaned and dried with paper towels

2 tablespoons chopped chives or thinly sliced green onion tops

2 tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise

3 tablespoons fat-free sour cream

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

5 tablespoons Italian seasoned bread crumbs

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

2-3 drops hot pepper sauce, optional

Preheat broiler. Spray a

baking sheet with nonstick spray. Trim the mushroom stems. Cut off stems, chop, and reserve. Lay the mushrooms, rounded side down on a baking sheet. In a small bowl, combine 1/3 cup mushroom stems, chives, mayonnaise, sour cream, cheese, bread crumbs, vinegar and hot pepper sauce. Stir well to mix. Stuff each mushroom with the cheese mixture. Broil 2 inches from the broiler until the stuffing begins to brown, about 2-4 minutes. Serve warm.

Preparation time, 15 minutes. Cook time, 2-4 minutes. Serves, 10-12.

Nutrition facts: Calories, 41. Total fat, 2 g. Cholesterol, 3 mg. Sodium, 159 mg. Total carbohydrate, 5 g. Protein, 2 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.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
August 16, 2007

Terri Klose was recently presented the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Service to the Farm Service Agency and agriculture, by the Texas Association of County Office Employees during the state convention held in Austin.

Competing at the Texas Pedal Pushers Association State Championship Pull were John Anderson, third in 7 year old division; Levi Grand, second in 12 year old division; and Jackie Klose, second in 10 year old division.

Haskell Fire Chief Bill Steele and fireman Steven Wright answered questions at the National Night Out. Approximately 40 attended the

Night Out at the fire station.

20 Years Ago
August 14, 1997

AMSCO Steel, which operates in Altus, Oklahoma and Wichita Falls, has opened a yard in Haskell, dealing in all aspects of special order steel fabrications. It is located on East Hwy 380.

HHS students Mindy Howard, Turner Frierson and Missy Teague attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 2017 Citizenship Seminar held in San Angelo.

Sagerton's eldest citizen, Mrs. M.Y. Benton, celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday when her children treated her to dinner out in Stamford.

30 Years Ago
August 13, 1987

Returning lettermen on the Haskell Indian

football team are Patrick Perez, Chan Guess, Derrick Billington, Mark Young, Paul Harvey, Fred Shaw, Stephen Brockington, Michael Mendoza, Louie Torres, Matt Lane, John Halliburton, Marty Martinez and Bo Watson.

Marine Lance Cpl. Sterling W. Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bradford of Haskell, recently completed the Radio Fundamentals Course. He joined the Marine Corps in 1984.

Ellen Rieger of Haskell, was the winner of the trip to the Bahamas, given away at the Summer Sizzler in Haskell.

40 Years Ago
August 18, 1977

The Rule Jubilee Day was a great success with a total of thirty-three floats in the parade. In the "tobacco spitting" contest Sam Turner won first in 15 and up division and Richard De Los Santos won first in the 0-14 division. In the "black-eyed pea shelling" contest first place winners were Barbara Oliver, 0-14 group; Debbie Tanner, 15-40 group; and Maxine Herttenberger, 41 and older group.

Leading Haskell ISD this year will be superintendent R.K. Sams, elementary principal Bill Jones, junior high principal James Lanier and high school principal Bill Blakley.

50 Years Ago
August 17, 1967

Army Captain Doyle Jetton, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Jetton of Haskell, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding meritorious service while assigned as commanding officer of Headquarters Battery, 2nd Howitzer Battalion of the division's 17th Artillery serving in Vietnam.

Haskell High School twirlers for the upcoming '67-'68 season are Linda Riley, Donna Gordon, Belinda McKelvin, Patricia Toliver, head twirler Suzie Montgomery and drum major Paula Terrell.

Earning bachelor's degrees from North Texas State University during summer commencement are Perry Pogue, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Pogue, Jr.; Leslie Wooten, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wootan; and Randy Turnbow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Turnbow.

90 Years Ago
August 18, 1927

Haskell's first bale of cotton from the 1927 crop arrived in town and was ginned by the Farmers Gin Company. The bale was brought in by O.H. Andress, farmer living about five miles south of town on the C.D. Grissom farm.

According to a communication from John F. Odor, superintendent, the Weinert school will open the 1927-'28 term Monday, August 22 at 9 a.m.

Mae and Faye Free of this city are conducting the music for the Sweet Home Baptist Church across the river from Rule.



LET'S GO PIRATES—The Paint Creek Pirates under the leadership of Coach Evan Cardwell are getting ready for some football. They scrimmage Benjamin at Paint Creek Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. and Woodson at Paint Creek Sat., Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. before the regular season kicks off Fri., Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. against Vernon Northside at Pirate stadium.

Golf tournament to benefit Children's Cardiomyopathy

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.

Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

Triple Threat tournament to be held this Saturday

by Christina Isbell
Keep Haskell Beautiful president

On Sat., Aug. 19, Keep Haskell Beautiful (KHB) will hold the First Annual Triple Threat Tournament at the Haskell City Park. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. and the tournament starts at 5 p.m. The Triple Threat includes volleyball, cornhole and horse shoes. Participants can enter to play individual tournaments or all three for a chance to win \$600 sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet.

How Triple Threat works (official full rules can be found at <http://haskelltxasusa.com/keep-haskell-beautiful/>)

For a chance to win the grand prize and be the Triple Threat Tournament (TTT) winner, a team must enter in all three tournaments: 6 volleyball (3 women, 3 men); 2 of the 6 must enter in cornhole and a different 2 enter in horse shoes. Teams must be decided at entry. Teams entered in TTT will be marked and color coded for scoring purposes. Points will

be awarded to participants in the TTT and tallied at the end of all 3 tournaments. The team with most points wins grand prize and are winners of the TTT. In case of a tie breaker, a volleyball game will be played.

Participants may enter individual tournaments without entering the TTT. Cost to enter is \$60 for volleyball, \$20 cornhole and \$20 for horse shoes. Each tournament has prizes, first place winners of volleyball will receive awards made by and sponsored by Steele Fire Apparatus; first place cornhole winners will receive 4 tickets and a parking pass to a Texas Rangers game sponsored by First Bank Texas and first place winners of horse shoes will win \$110 in local gift cards sponsored by the City of Haskell.

The Haskell 4-H will have a booth offering sweets for sale. A portion of the funds will go to KHB scholarship fund. KHB will have hamburger baskets, which will include chips and a drink for \$6.

For more information please go to <http://haskelltxasusa.com/keep-haskell-beautiful/> or see us on our Facebook page.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.



Texas 4-H allows youth to explore interests, prepare for future

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 4-H year began Aug. 15 with the official statewide kickoff Sept. 1, said Dr. Toby Lepley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service statewide program specialist, 4-H Youth Development, College Station.

"4-H allows youth to explore their path for a strong future," Lepley said. "It doesn't matter where they live or what they want to be when they grow up, in 4-H young people can make friends, have fun and try new things with the help of caring adults."

Lepley said youth in 4-H gain lifelong skills in areas such as communication, teamwork, leadership, decision-making and organization. In Texas, youth in kindergarten through second grade can join Clover Kids. Youth in third to 12th grades and those 8 years old before Sept. 1 can join 4-H. More than 550,000 youth in all 254 counties of the state participate in Texas 4-H each year.

"Participants can join

4-H for \$25 or less," he said. "And there's early registration starting Aug. 15 for youth with early September fairs."

This year, Texas 4-H celebrates a milestone anniversary of 110 years providing positive youth development experiences for the young citizens of the state. In Texas, the youth organization is administered by AgriLife Extension, with offices in 250 counties.

"Whatever a young person's interests, there is a 4-H experience for them," Lepley said. "Youth involved in 4-H can get hands-on experience in public speaking, science, robotics and technology, cooking and healthier eating, photography, performing arts, fashion, caring for animals and nature."

He said 4-H places equal importance on character development and community service.

To see what 4-H projects are available, go to <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/>.

Lepley said those interested in 4-H can contact their local AgriLife Extension office with questions and to find out where area clubs meet.

Contact information on

AgriLife Extension county offices can be found at <https://agrilifepeople.tamu.edu/extensionLists/counties>. A Texas 4-H contact request form can be found at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/register/>.

"We hope with the start of the new 4-H year, even more youth will enroll in Texas 4-H and take advantage of the many opportunities this wonderful organization has to offer," Lepley said.

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.

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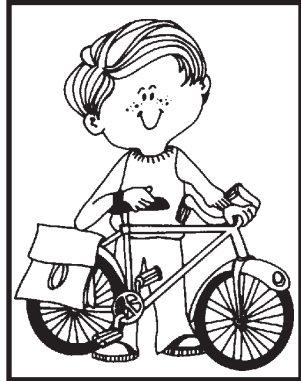
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School kids are everywhere, so drive with care!

School's back in session and in the excitement of the new school year, many school-age children, especially the young ones, may forget to look both ways when crossing the street or exiting the school bus.

That leaves it up to you as a driver, to be extra careful around school yards, neighborhood play areas and departing school buses.

Remember, let's all slow down and give our children the chance they deserve.

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EARTHMAN COMPETES—Ryan Earthman, an 18 year old from O'Brien, competed at the USA Triathlon Age-Group National Championships in Omaha, Nebraska Sat., Aug. 12. The event consisted of a 1.5 km open-water swim, followed by a 40 km bike ride, and ended with a 10 km run. He finished in eighth place in the 19 & Under age-group, and was thankful for all the encouragement from back home. Earthman will represent Team USA at the ITU Age-Group World Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands this September.



GAINS YARDAGE—An Indian gains yardage in the intersquad scrimmage held Sat., Aug. 12.

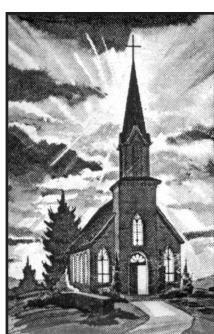
Paint Creek School Menu

Aug. 21-25 Breakfast
Milk, juice, fruit, cinnamon toast and cereal are served daily.
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Chicken n biscuit
Wednesday: Biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon
Thursday: Pancake wrap, yogurt
Friday: Biscuit and sausage

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Taquito with cheese

sauce, charro beans, seasoned corn, salsa, seasonal fruit, Spanish rice
Tuesday: Chili cheese combo, veggie cups, mixed fruit
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, salad
Thursday: French bread pizza, seasoned corn, bell pepper cups, jello
Friday: Hamburgers, cucumber slices, carrots, cinnamon applesauce, cookies, garnish

This Week's Devotional Message:



Be sure your children's vocabulary includes the word 'No'

It's time to send your children off to school again, to prepare them for the world they must one day confront. The school will do a good job of this, but your cooperation is also needed in order to make sure that they don't learn the wrong things. As everyone knows, we are living in an era where drug abuse is rampant, and the children are being lured into this trap at a shockingly early age. Don't fail to warn them about this,

as a part of their preparation for the new school year, for it can be vastly more important than their clothes or books. Moreover, you can reinforce your efforts by enrolling them in the Sunday school at your house of worship. With all this, you can rest assured that the vocabulary your children develop in school will include the proper use of the word "No," as the password to a happier, healthier and longer life.

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.
201 N. Ave. F, 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
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- 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
Juddson Smith, Family Life Pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- 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
- Weinert Foursquare 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**
Terry Moffett, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy. 6, Rochester
—SAGERTON—
- 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

Haskell School Menu

Aug. 21-25 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
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Chicken-n-biscuit
Wednesday: Biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon
Thursday: Pancake wrap
Friday: Cinnamon roll K-12, biscuit Pre-K, sausage

Lunch
Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: Taquitos and queso, charro beans, corn, salsa, fruit, fruit crisp K-12
Tuesday: Chili cheese combo, fresh veggie cup, mixed fruit
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, garden salad K-12, apple slices
Thursday: Pizza, corn, bell pepper strips K-12, fruity gelatin
Friday: Cheeseburger with garnish, cucumber slices, baby carrots K-12, cinnamon applesauce, cookie K-12

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.

Rule School Menu

Aug. 21-25 Breakfast
Fruit, juice and milk are offered daily.
Monday: Pancakes, bacon
Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich
Wednesday: French toast, sausage
Thursday: Oatmeal and cinnamon toast
Friday: Breakfast burritos, hash browns

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pork chops, mashed

potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots, roll, strawberries and bananas
Tuesday: Spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, California veggies, fruit, pudding
Wednesday: Chicken wings, multigrain chips, celery, carrot sticks, oranges, brownie
Thursday: Chicken quesadillas, rice, corn, refried beans, salsa, salad, peaches
Friday: Sloppy Joes, French fries, broccoli bites, fruit choice

Haskell Co. DA Dispositions

Case Dispositions

Felony Court Haskell County Texas Months of June and July, 2017

Alexis Holmstrom. Offense: Possession of controlled substance/ drug free zone (F-3). Plead True to motion to adjudicate. Sentenced to 5 years confinement Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division plus fine and court cost.

Loriann Cornelius. Offense: Possession of controlled substance (SJF). Plead guilty. Sentenced to 2 years confinement Texas Department of Criminal Justice State Jail Division. Probated 3 years, fine plus court cost and restitution.

Gary Roley. Offense: Driving while intoxicated—third or more (F-3). Plead guilty to motion to revoke probation. Sentenced to 6 years confinement Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division plus fine and court cost.

William F. Brueggeman. Offense: Unauthorized use of motor vehicle (SJF). Plead guilty. Sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication plus fine and court cost.

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PRACTICING PLAYS—The Paint Creek Pirates are working hard learning their plays. Their new season begins Fri., Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. when they host Vernon Northside at Pirate stadium.



MOVES TO THE OUTSIDE—Haskell Indian offense takes it around the outside for plus yardage at the intersquad scrimmage.



WORK OUT—The Paint Creek Pirates listen as their coach gives instruction. The Pirates will scrimmage Benjamin at Paint Creek Fri., Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

Calendar

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.

Taste of Country

The Noah Project's Taste of Country/Silent Auction will be held Tues., Sept. 19 at the Haskell Civic Center. Tickets are \$15. The auction will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. To purchase tickets, call 864-2551 or go by the office on the third floor of the Haskell County

Courthouse.

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.



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ACCEPTING BIDS

Haskell County will be accepting sealed bids for the building and acreage acquired by the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department just outside the city limits of the City of Haskell on south Business Highway 277. The property is legally described as the A00490 H and TC RR. SUR NO. 2, 0 BLK 1 Tract 13 - 1 acres. Physical address is 1300 S. Ave. E. It is listed as property #4011 with the

Haskell County Appraisal District. There is a 40 ft. x 80 ft. building located on the property with an extra thick concrete slab for industrial work. Bids will be accepted until noon on Friday, August 25, 2017. Bids can be delivered to the County Judge's office located on the second floor of the Haskell County Courthouse. Bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled Haskell Fire Department meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell Fire Department. For questions concerning this bid please contact Haskell Fire Chief, Casey Moeller at 325-668-2033 or Haskell County Judge, David Davis at 940-864-2851. We reserve the right to refuse any and all bids. 33-34c

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1707 N. AVE. G-3/2. \$139,500
973 US HWY 277-3/2. \$139,900-REDUCED
706 N. 18TH ST.-5/4.5. \$289,900-REDUCED
8851 FM 2163-5/3 on 6 +/- Ac., \$309,000-REDUCED
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1405 N. AVE. H-2 or 3/2. \$42,500-REDUCED
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Commercial Property
Commercial Space for Lease - Multiple Units Available

Kassidy Martin joins Central Texas Farm Credit's Haskell office

Central Texas Farm Credit recently hired Kassidy Martin as a loan officer in the Haskell branch office. This office serves Baylor, Haskell, Jones, Knox and Stonewall counties.

Martin joins the lending cooperative with three years of Farm Credit experience. A native of Tullia, she is a graduate of Texas A&M University where she obtained a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics with an emphasis in finance and real estate.

"We are excited to have Kassidy join the Central Texas Farm Credit team," says Dale Bullinger, Haskell branch president. "Her experience with rural financing will be instrumental in continuing our mission to provide consistent and reliable credit for farmers and ranchers in our area."

A come and go meet and greet event will be held Thurs., Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center pavilion to introduce Kassidy to the community. Lunch will be served and door prizes



KASSIDY MARTIN

and giveaways will be offered. Please RSVP to Vicki Adams by Sept. 1 via email at vicki.adams@ranchmoney.com or by phone at 940-864-8565.

Central Texas Farm Credit is a member of the nationwide Farm Credit System, financing farm and ranch land, agribusiness operations, rural land and homes, and recreational property in its 20-county area. Headquartered in Early, the 100-year-old cooperative has branch offices in Brady, Early, Coleman, Comanche, Haskell, San Angelo and San Saba.

Take time to be heard, attend local conversation program meeting, Aug. 18

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Haskell County and the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their Fiscal Year 2018 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting Fri., Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Haskell USDA Service Center.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to bring together conservation stakeholders to discuss conservation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources.

The meeting also

updates attendees on recent conservation efforts and allows for an opportunity to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investments can continue to benefit Haskell County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private lands are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Cody Mathis, district conservationist, at 940-864-2617 ext. 4 or visit the NRCS web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

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Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., Sept. 7 issue of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., Aug. 31 at 4:30 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., Sept. 4 for Labor Day.

Pool hours

The Haskell City Pool will be open Sat., Aug. 19, Sat., Aug. 26 and Sat., Sept. 2 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for ages 4 years to 17 years; and 3 and under free. For more information, call City Hall at 940-864-2333.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Haskell Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., August 29, 2017, in Haskell CISD Administration Office, Haskell, TX. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	1.1413/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	.02101/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	1% Increase	0.000% Decrease
Debt service	___% Increase	1% Decrease
Total expenditures	3% Increase	0.000% Decrease

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 191,818,385	\$ 216,366,405
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 411,750	\$ 519,420
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 164,463,905	\$ 188,375,255
Total taxable value*** of new property	\$ 316,340	\$ 511,480

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$84,018
*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.05*	\$ 1.22	\$3,509
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.14130	\$.02101*	\$1.16231	\$3,504
Proposed Rate	\$1.14130	\$.02101*	\$1.16231	\$3,504

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$38,858.99	\$44,030.60
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$22,123.85	\$28,306.29
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.17	\$ 1.14130
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 238.60	\$ 323.06
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 323.06

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

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

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$902,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$109,088

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Paint Creek Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., August 28, 2017, in the Paint Creek Board Room, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, TX 79521. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.17/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$.22/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	30% Increase	___% Decrease
Debt service	100% Increase	___% Decrease
Total expenditures	56.5% Increase	___% Decrease

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 219,666,250	\$ 178,107,350
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 35,140	\$ 352,010
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 216,988,670	\$ 322,128,840
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 35,140	\$ 298,590

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

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$3,645,000
*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.04242	\$ 0*	\$ 1.04242	\$16,409
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$2.94343	\$ 0*	\$ 2.9434	\$16,135
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17	\$.22*	\$ 1.39	\$14,848

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$16,402	\$15,561
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$12,292	\$11,314
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.0424	\$ 1.17
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$126.92	\$132.37
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 5.45

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.39. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.39.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0