

Softball

Maidens vs Stamford
Tues., March 22, 5 p.m.
at Stamford

Baseball

JV/V Indians vs Hawley
Fri., March 18, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

JV/V Indians vs Stamford
Tues., March 22, 5 p.m.
at Stamford

Golf

Maidens
Baird Tournament
Mon., March 21
Indians
Baird Tournament
Tues., March 22

Calendar

Bake sale

The Great Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. C, will hold a bake sale Sat., March 19 from 10 a.m. to sold out. For more information, call 864-2981.

Garage sale

The First Assembly of God Church, 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell will hold a garage sale Sat., March 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the youth for church camp.

Food distribution

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

Food distribution

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

BBQ fund-raiser

BBQ youth fund-raiser will be held Sun., March 20 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Family Activity Center in Haskell. Donations accepted. Proceeds will help send the youth to camp. Come enjoy a meal and then attend the Easter Cantata at 7 p.m.

Easter Cantata

The Community Choir will present the Easter Cantata Sun., March 20 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Join us as we celebrate our risen Savior in song. A nursery will be provided.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, Wed., March 23 at 11:30 a.m. Haskell FCCLA students will present their state projects. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Project fair

A Project Fair will be held during the Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration in Haskell June 2-5. Start gathering your entries! For more information, call Darlene Hopkins at 256-3625.

Storm sirens

The Haskell Fire Department will conduct storm siren tests on Monday nights from 6-6:30 p.m. Siren tests will not be conducted on days that have a chance of severe weather.

Index

Obituaries..... Page 2
Weather Page 3
Out of the Past.... Page 4
Menus Page 8
Classifieds..... Page 9

Easter Cantata Sun., March 20, 7 p.m. at FBC

The Haskell Free Press

VOL. 130-NO. 11, ©MARCH 17, 2016

"The People's Choice"

10 PAGES-ONE SECTION-75 CENTS



SWING SEATS DONATED—Delilah Larned, center, donated two baby seat swings for the city park during a meeting held Mon., March 7 by the Keep Haskell Beautiful board. Accepting the donation were, l-r, Mynea Short, secretary; Scott Bearden, director; Veronica Anderson, vice president; Danny Edmond, director; and Jamie Ferguson, treasurer.

Keep Haskell Beautiful team seeks volunteers, ideas

by Caron Yates

Citizens of Haskell had the opportunity to find out what Keep Haskell Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep Texas Beautiful, is all about, at a recent town hall meeting. Approximately thirty people heard members of the board explain the purpose and goals of the group, future plans and ways everyone can help.

Combining efforts with the Betterment Committee and the Knox and Haskell County Texas Rural Leadership groups, as well as other organizations in town, the board's objective is to make some noticeable and lasting improvements in the city of Haskell.

Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates are qualifying cities, counties and communities that work toward the mission to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their communities.

The ultimate goal is to apply and receive the Governor's Community Achievement Award. With this award, comes opportunities to receive several grants. For more than two decades, Keep Texas Beautiful, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation, has awarded each year the prestigious Governor's Community Achievement Awards to ten Texas communities with the best grassroots environmental programs in the state. The competition distributes \$2 million in funding from TxDOT across these communities, with the amount based on population.

The grant distribution is based on the community's efforts in community leadership and coordination, public awareness, education, beautification and community improvement, litter prevention and cleanup, solid waste management and litter law and illegal dumping enforcement.

The board has chosen three main areas to first concentrate on. They include educational programs, beautification and community improvement of mainstreet, parks and waterways and litter preventions/solid waste.

Some of the ideas being discussed for the park area include a sand volleyball court, refurbishing the tennis court, wall ball, gaga pit, improving the walking trail, enhancing the creek with a fountain and rock sides and birdhouses. They also discussed the possibility of adding street art on buildings, a bike trail and removal and clean up of old houses, cars and lots. Some of these projects can be done quickly with relatively little expense, while others will require more time and money. An effort is being made to choose projects that will not only improve the overall appearance and appeal of our city, but also that will benefit a variety of different age groups.

That is where all citizens of Haskell, young and old alike, can help. To achieve this goal, it will take the entire community's help, serving as volunteers, team members and fund-raising. Now is the time to sign up to be a team member on any or all of the projects.

Throughout the next year, there will be many opportunities for input from the community, including ideas for projects, fund-raising, grant writing and volunteering on projects. The committee hopes to have accomplished enough of their goals, to be able to apply in February 2017 for the Governor's Award.

Officers and board members of Keep Haskell Beautiful include Christina Isbell, president; Veronica Anderson, vice-president; Mynea Short, secretary; Jamie Ferguson, treasurer; and Jill Druessedow, historian; Danny

Edmond, Steven Strealay, Bert Alvarez, Ben McGee and Scott Bearden. These members represent business owners, churches, school, leadership group members, Betterment Committee and the Chamber, as well as individuals interested in promoting Haskell.

The Keep Haskell Beautiful committee has applied to become a nonprofit (501(c)3), which will allow them to apply for grants. They want to work with the city and county to improve Haskell.

They will have a concession stand at the WHPD Car Show with lots of goodies. Plans are in the works for hosting a volleyball tournament fund-raiser on April 16 and the April 23 Chunk Ur Junk-Great American Clean-up.

Isbell says, "It is a win-win situation. Even if we don't receive the award after the first year, we still will have improved our community." For more information contact any member of the Keep Haskell Beautiful committee or find them on Facebook at keephaskellbeautiful@yahoo.com.

While you are at it, volunteer to help out in any way you can, because we all have a responsibility for the well-being of our community.

Spring UIL alignments listed

Realignment for the Spring UIL extracurricular activities for the 2016-17 school years have been announced.

The new alignment did not bring about much change for the Indians and Maidens. In fact, the baseball and softball districts remain the exact same, while cross country, track and golf will see the same opponents minus Winters High School.

In Class 2A, Haskell High School will remain in District 8 and will face

Hanson named to All-District team, Best of the Big Country list

Haskell High School senior Dylan Hanson, son of Lance and Rhonda Hanson, received two honors this past week.

He was named to the District 7-2A All-District Basketball First Team for his efforts on the basketball court.

In addition, he has been named to the Best of the Big Country student athletes list. Those chosen for this honor, were nominated by their coaches and selected by local experts. These high school seniors represent the best of the best in terms of character, leadership, teamwork and performance.

Haskell Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Grady Benton said, "Dylan has been a four-sport varsity competitor during his high school career while maintaining an A average in the classroom. His fierce competitiveness and desire for the team to do well are his greatest assets as an athlete."

Hanson was a varsity captain his junior and senior seasons in football and his senior season in basketball. He has been in the National Honor Society for two years, and is the student council



DYLAN HANSON

president, as well as ranked third in his class.

During his three-year varsity career, he compiled 7,396 total yards. This past season, he passed for 1,589 yards and twenty touchdowns, while rushing for 1,056 yards and fourteen touchdowns.

Hanson has proven himself as a trustworthy leader, all the while showing good and careful judgement and responsibility. A true team player, he is always quick to credit others who helped contribute to his success, whether that be coaches, his line or his receivers. He gives his all for whatever team he is on.

We congratulate Dylan on this well-deserved recognition.

Car Show set April 2

by Caron Yates

Whether you own a classic show car, enjoy looking at restored cars or just want something to do on a Saturday, downtown Haskell is the place to be.

The 5th annual Wild Horse Prairie Car Show/Super Saturday is scheduled for Sat., April 2 around the square in Haskell.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and will run through 11 a.m. Vehicles may be registered, for an entry fee of \$20 at the gazebo on the square.

There are some twenty-two different categories in which to enter your vehicle. They include Antique Car Pre '75, Car '76 and Up, Antique Truck Pre '75, Truck '76 and Up, Custom Car Pre '75, Custom Car '76 and Up, Custom Truck Pre '75, Custom Truck '76 and Up, Corvette '53- '83, Corvette '84 and Up, Mustang '64- '78, Mustang '79 and Up, Camaro/Firebird/Trans Am '67- '81, Camaro/Firebird/Trans Am '82 and Up, Tri 5's, Original Classic Chevy, Original Classic Ford, Original Classic Mopar, Original Classic Other, Rust Bucket, Special Interest and Unfinished.

There will be a Poker Run Cruise through town beginning at 2 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 3 p.m. In conjunction with the car show, the Haskell Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a drawing for a "Mini Vacation." You can win travel vouchers to design your own vacation getaway. To enter, just shop at participating businesses in Haskell on April 2 and receive one entry for every \$10 you spend. Bring your receipts to the gazebo on the square before 3 p.m. to enter. Drawing will be held at 3 p.m. before the car show awards. You do not have to be present to win. For more information call Mynea Short at (940) 864-2477.

There will be a Poker Run Cruise through town beginning at 2 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 3 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Betterment Association and Haskell Chamber of Commerce. For more information on the car show call Wes at (940) 256-1940 or Ben at (940) 864-4555. Last year's car show drew approximately fifty entries, and organizers are hoping for that many and more this year. This is a perfect opportunity to visit, shop the local merchants and catch a glimpse back in history through these beautifully restored cars.

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



Storm cellars to be recorded, storm sirens to be tested

The Haskell Fire Department will begin conducting storm siren tests on Monday nights from 6-6:30 p.m., according to Haskell Fire Chief Mathew Cunningham. Siren tests will not be conducted on days that have a chance of severe weather.

These sirens should not be the only warning system that citizens should rely on. Every citizen should be weather aware during storm season. It is suggested that

every household monitor the weather daily via television, internet and radio weather stations.

Should a weather event arise, the Haskell Fire Department has trained storm spotters that will be in direct contact with the National Weather Service in San Angelo for current weather updates.

Each household should make an emergency preparedness kit that is easily accessible and can be taken with you to your place of shelter. This kit should be customized to meet your personal needs and may include but should not be limited to the following:

- Prescription medications
- Infant formula
- Cash or travelers checks
- Important family documents such as insurance papers and identification in a waterproof container
- Complete change of clothing for everyone in the household
- Personal hygiene supplies
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, or other activities for children
- Water: minimum 1 gallon of water per person for 3 days
- Food: 3 day supply of non perishable food and can opener for food
- Battery powered radio or hand crank radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Dust mask
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties

The City of Haskell emergency management coordinator is working with the Haskell County emergency management office to build a storm shelter data base. This data base will help emergency responders locate you in the event of a disaster. This data base will be maintained by the city and county of Haskell and will only be used in the event of a disaster.

If you have a storm shelter and would like it registered in this data base, please fill out the form included in this newspaper. Forms have been mailed to residents of Haskell County and may also be picked up at Haskell City Hall or the County Judge's Office in the Courthouse.

Once the form is filled out and turned into Haskell City Hall or mailed to City of Haskell, 301 N. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas, a representative from the city or county will contact you and schedule a time to collect GPS coordinates of your shelter or safe room.

Obituaries

Melba Jean McNiell



MELBA McNIELL

Funeral services for Melba Jean McNiell, 71, of Snyder were held Tues., March 15 at the Primitive Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. James Anderson officiating. Interment was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family

Funeral Homes.

Mrs. McNiell passed away Wed., March 9 in Lubbock.

Born Jan. 28, 1945 in Haskell, she was the daughter of Dan Anderson and Agnes Lorene (Reed) Anderson. She was raised in Rule. On Aug. 31, 1973 in Brownfield, she married Delbert McNiell and in 1984 they made their home in Snyder. Melba enjoyed flowers, plants, woodwork, shopping, making stuff look better, loved jewelry, antiques, her puppies and skypping with her grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dan Anderson and Agnes Lorene (Reed) Anderson; two daughters, Cynthia McCann and Mona Stegall;

three brothers, Billy Wayne Anderson, Marvin Anderson and Kenneth Anderson; and sister, Leona Buker.

Survivors include her husband, Delbert McNiell of Snyder; two sons, Carrol McNiell and wife Jwan Morgan of Sweetwater, and Shannon Del McNiell and wife Jaclyn of Port Orchard, Washington; four brothers, Danny Anderson, James Anderson, Garland Anderson and Calvin Anderson; sister, Anita Yar Brough; seven grandkids; four great-grandkids; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online condolences may be shared with Melba's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Loretta 'Fern' Ross Singleton



FERN SINGLETON

Funeral services for Loretta 'Fern' Ross Singleton, 75, of Breckenridge were held Sat., March 12 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Donna Kay Cole and Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Singleton passed away Wed., March 9 in Breckenridge.

Born Dec. 11, 1940 in Abilene, she was the daughter of Alton Ara Ross and Pauline Olive (Burrow) Ross. On May 29, 1960, she married Marion Alvin "M.A." Singleton at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Rule. Fern loved to cook, sew, play the piano and enjoyed spending time with family, especially her sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alton Ara Ross and Pauline Olive (Burrow) Ross; husband, Marion Alvin "M.A." Singleton; sister, Helen Ross Lancaster; and brother, Johnny Ross.

Survivors include her two daughters, Debra Singleton of Breckenridge and Karla Starnes and husband John of Plano; son, Vance Singleton and wife Trisha of Breckenridge; six grandchildren, Kelby, Kylee and Hanna Singleton, Trent Smith, Jacob and Justin Starnes; sisters, Joyce Bailiff of Center Point, Raynell Nipper and Kenny Gayle Ross, both of Haskell, and Pam Bevel of Rochester; aunt, Imajean Davis of Abilene; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be sent in Fern's name to your favorite choice of charity.

Online condolences may be shared with Fern's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Kevin T. McSmith



KEVIN McSMITH

Funeral services for Kevin T. McSmith, 33, of Hannibal, Missouri were held March 14 at Calvary Baptist Church in Hannibal with Pastor Jeff Anderson officiating. A private graveside service for the family was held at the Grand View Burial Park in Hannibal.

Mr. McSmith died at 5:09 a.m. Thurs., March 10 at Hannibal Regional Hospital

in Hannibal.

Born April 28, 1982, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he was the son of Dr. William and Carol Hengstenberg McSmith.

Kevin graduated from Haskell High School in 2000, and from Hannibal-LaGrange University and started Prodigy Surveillance. He enjoyed playing guitar and had been a member of the Calvary worship team. Kevin has influenced many lives and will be sadly missed by family and friends.

He married Heather Hazelwood June 14, 2003, in Carlinville, Illinois, and together they have two children, Sophia and Ethan.

Survivors include his wife and two children; his parents, Dr. William and Carol McSmith of Haskell; a brother, Chris (Debi)

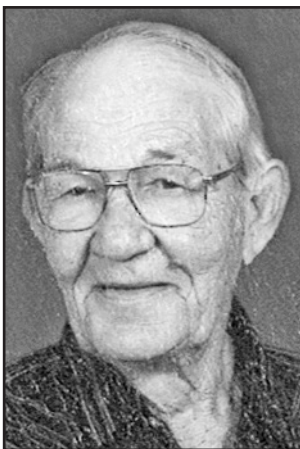
McSmith of Williamsburg, Virginia; sister, Marci Bailey of Fayetteville, North Carolina; his in-laws, Richard and Gail Hazelwood of Girard, Illinois; two sisters in-law, Patricia (Michael) Huff of Fulton, Missouri, and Aprille (Michael) Kuhur of Girard, Illinois; along with 13 nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Chris McSmith, Oran Woodworth, Mike Huff, Mike Kuhur, Gabriel Huff and Solomon Huff.

A memorial has been established for the McSmith children's future education needs. Gifts may be given to Calvary Baptist Church, McSmith Educational Fund, and notes of condolences may be sent to Calvary Baptist Church, 4605 West Ely Road, Hannibal, MO. 63401.

PD. NOTICE

Leland A. Thane



LELAND THANE

Funeral services for Leland A. Thane, 80, of Haskell were held Tues., March 15 at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell with Rev. David Johnson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Haskell Funeral Home.

Mr. Thane passed away Sat., March 12 at a local nursing home.

Born April 30, 1935 in Stamford, he was the son of the late Theophil August Wilhelm Thane and Hilma Stremmel Thane. He

graduated from Stamford High School. Leland started his career as a mechanic while farming at night, he then began farming full time. He started carpentry in 1985, owning his own business, Thane Construction. He retired in 2012.

On Nov. 1, 1953, he married Janet Sylvester Thane. She preceded him in death Aug. 26, 1989. He later married Joe Ann Lansford Thane, April 15, 1990. She preceded him in death Feb. 15, 2012. He was a member of the Jaycees in Stamford and the Sons of Hermann in Old Glory. Leland was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed playing dominos at the Experienced Citizens Center and carpentry work for his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Janet Sylvester Thane and JoeAnn Lansford Thane; daughter-in-law, Janet Wallace Thane; and grandson, Michael Halliburton.

Survivors include his children, Kerry Thane of Abilene, Jeff Thane and wife Cheryl of Midland, Marc Thane and wife Michelle of Haskell, Robbie Carpenter and wife Kay of Van Alstyne, John Halliburton and wife Mary of Gardendale, and Cynthia Culpepper and husband Richie of Haskell. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, Chelsie and Cody Polk, Josh and Tiffany Moffett, Aerial, Shalee, Haley, Brandon, Casey, Brittney, Yvonne and Lindsay; 13 great grandchildren, Tristan, Leyton, Liam, Madison, Zalend, Cameron, Selina, Josh, Legend, Bronx, Lyric, Payton and Carson; brother, Melvin Thane and wife Wanda of Abilene; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of dear friends.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell, TX 79521 or God Loves You Ministries, P.O. Box 602, Haskell, TX 79521.

PD. NOTICE

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

During the month of March, try something new from SRTC! We are waiving installation fees on new or additional SRTC television, telephone and internet services!

Stop by any SRTC office to learn more!



VERNON OFFICE
7110 US Hwy 287 E
Vernon, TX 76384
(940) 886-2217
(888) 886-2217

HASKELL OFFICE
113 N Ave. D
Haskell, TX 79521
(940) 863-1125
(888) 863-1125

SEYMOUR OFFICE
310 W California
Seymour, TX 76380
(940) 889-1125
(877) 889-1125

ask@srcaccess.net

Some restrictions may apply. Services where available. Standard installation fees waived on up to three services. All installations after the first three are \$20.

Need an Experienced Ag Lender?



When it's time to finance your farm and ranch real estate, look no further than Central Texas Farm Credit. We provide great rates and a variety of flexible loan programs.



**550 South 2nd
Haskell, Texas 79521
940-864-8565**

Part of the Farm Credit System

Haskell County Storm Shelter Registration Form

The City of Haskell emergency management coordinator is working with the Haskell County emergency management office to build a storm shelter data base. This data base will help emergency responders locate you in the event of a disaster. This data base will be maintained by the city and county of Haskell and will only be used in the event of a disaster.

If you have a storm shelter and would like it registered in this data base, please fill out the form included in this newspaper. Forms have been mailed to residents of Haskell County and may also be picked up at Haskell City Hall or the County Judge's Office in the Courthouse.

Once the form is filled out and turned into Haskell City Hall or mailed to City Hall, 301 N. 1st Street, Haskell, Texas 79521, a representative from the city or county will contact you and schedule a time to collect GPS coordinates of your shelter or safe room.

Home owner name: _____

Physical address: _____

Contact number: _____

Type of shelter: (i.e.: basement, cellar, safe room) _____

Location of shelter: _____

Size of occupancy: _____

By signing below, I understand that my shelter may be checked in the event of a disaster. I further understand that it may be an undetermined amount of time, depending on the size of the emergency, before a rescue attempt may be initiated at my location. With my signature I release the city and county of Haskell from any liability for any event that occurs due to delayed rescue.

Signature: _____

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS

Wild Horse Prairie Days to feature Project Fair

The Wild Horse Prairie Days event coming up the first weekend of June, has an added attraction this year.

New this year will be the First Annual WHPD Project Fair. Three categories including food, textile, as well as hobbies, arts & crafts will be offered for both youth and adult divisions. The age divisions are grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 and adult (19 years and older).

The WHPD Project Fair is open to all Haskell County residents and school students as well as employees/family members of participating ranch teams in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. All entries must have been made by the exhibitor within the last twelve months. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in over 120 classes.

All entries will be accepted at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center on Thursday, June 2 from 4:30

p.m. until 6 p.m., as well as on Friday, June 3 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday. Entries will be on display Friday and Saturday of the WHPD event.

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in the more than 120 different classes. Rosettes will be awarded in Youth Combined and Adult categories. Blue Rosette recipients are eligible for the Best of Show Youth Combined Award and Best of Show Adult Award. Each of the Best of Show winners will be presented a championship belt buckle and two free WHPD Ranch Rodeo tickets for the Saturday night performance.

All entries must be picked up from 5 to 6 p.m. on Sat., June 4. Only one entry per person per class, names will be displayed after judging and superintendents will have the final say in all category interpretation.

All canned foods must

be properly sealed and labeled using standard canning jars with the name of the product and date of preservation. All baked goods must be wrapped in plastic wrap and displayed on a disposable container. It is requested that a copy of your recipe be exhibited with your product. No refrigerator pies or cakes will be accepted.

All textile entries must be clean and clothing on hangers. Machine division consists of items made using some type of machine, while handwork

division must be done entirely by hand.

Paintings must be finished for hanging or display and photography entries must be 8x10 in picture size and be inserted in a clear plastic sheet protector. There should be no over mat, framing or writing on the front of the poster board.

Project Fair superintendents are Darlene Hopkins and Michelle Thane. For questions or more information on specific classes for the project fair,

call (940) 256-3625.

Start now gathering your entries of handwork, clothing, canned and preserved goods, baked goods, photography and

arts and crafts projects, and the list goes on. It's just one more reason to look forward to the Wild Horse Prairie Days event in Haskell.

Tickets on sale, Hee Haw runs March 31-April 2

The dates for the annual Sagerton Hee Haw are Thurs., March 31, Fri., April 1 and Sat., April 2, 2016. Tickets for the Hee Haw program are \$5.00.

Tickets are available by calling 940-997-2688.

On Thursday night, March 31, the cafeteria will sell sandwiches, homemade pies, chips and drinks. A barbecue

plate with homemade pie and a drink will be served Friday and Saturday nights. Sandwiches will also be available on Friday and Saturday. The cafeteria will open at 5:30 p.m. and will serve until 7:00 p.m.

Music and singing will begin about 6:45 each evening and the Hee Haw program will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Visit our archives (1886-1975) at <http://collections.swco.ttu.edu>

The Haskell Free Press

Chamber lists upcoming events

by Caron Yates

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce has announced several upcoming events.

April 2 is the date chosen for the Wild Horse Prairie Day Car Show/Super Saturday. Along with the car show this year, the chamber wants to bring back "Super 2nd Saturday." It will be called "Super Saturday" and it is hoped that businesses will be open throughout the day, and perhaps offer customers some special bargains.

The chamber will hold a drawing that day about 3 p.m., before the car show winners are announced. Customers may bring their receipts to the Gazebo, from any business in Haskell with the April 2, 2016 purchase date stamped on it. Haskell Dollars, as well as a Grand Prize will be drawn from the receipts.

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for Monday, April 4th at the Haskell Civic Center. The event will kick off at 6:30 p.m. with a steak dinner and all the trimmings. Cost for the meal is \$15. Musical entertainment will be presented by the Haskell Elementary third grade class, directed by Pam Gibson.

Guest speaker will be Haskell native Julie (Roewe) Goodenough. She is the very successful women's head basketball coach at Abilene Christian University.

Tickets may be purchased from the chamber or any board member.

One of the highlights of the banquet is the presentation of the "Business of the Year" and "Volunteer of the Year."

On May 7th, the Haskell Community Wide Garage Sale will take place. For more information or to be added to the list of garage sales, contact the chamber office at 864-2477.

The twenty-first Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo will take place on June 3rd and 4th. In addition to the many activities associated with this ranch rodeo, the chamber will sponsor a BBQ Cook-off this year. For more information, contact the chamber office.

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in all these events, as they are a great way to celebrate our citizens, our businesses and our community.

Weather

by Kim Hutto
National Weather Service
Volunteer Co-op Observer
Temperature

Mon., March 7..... 52°/69°
Tues., March 8..... 52°/71°
Wed., March 9..... 48°/63°
Thurs., March 10..... 50°/64°
Fri., March 11..... 55°/65°
Sat., March 12..... 58°/67°
Sun., March 13..... 60°/78°

Precipitation

Mon., March 7..... .78" rain
Tues., March 8..... .82" rain
Wed., March 9..... .77" rain

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church presents classes

Beginning Wed., March 16, Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell will be offering classes for adults and children at 6:30 p.m.

The adult class will feature a video series called "Made In His Image: Exploring the Complexities of the Human Body." This four-session series will include sessions on "The Miracle of Birth," "The Marvel of Eyes," "Uniquely Human Hands," and "Beauty in Motion." Youth are also welcome to

attend these sessions. Pastor Morris Johnson will lead this class.

Also at 6:30 p.m., there will be a Kid's Club for children. This class will be exploring "Big Mistakes and What God Did about Them."

These classes are open to the public. A light meal of sandwiches will be available at 6:00 p.m. prior to the classes.

For more information, call 940-864-5557 or email pastor@cornerstonehaskell.org.

EEA Club news

The Haskell County EEA Club met Thurs., March 10 at the extension kitchen with eight members in attendance.

Kathryn Schonerstedt called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered to "What is a spice you use often?"

Agent DaLinda Black reported on ongoing 4-H projects as well as upcoming FCS activities, including a food protection management class with Jane Rowan and an emergency preparedness class on March 31.

Schonerstedt reported on the District 3 Spring Conference, which will be held in Montague, March 22, at the County Courthouse Annex. A catered meal will be provided and informative and fun programs are scheduled for members attending. The annual cultural arts competition is held in conjunction with the meeting and five items from Haskell will be entered, including photographs, a large hand-quilted quilt and

machine embroidered items.

Upcoming events include the Tri-County Rally Day on April 29 in Baylor County and the state conference, to be held in Plano on Sept. 13-14 at the South Fork Hotel.

Dolores Medford presented information from two programs that she attended at the state conference last September. The first was Round Robin Quilting Techniques, which was a program explaining different procedures in the quilting process. The second program, Tips for Mature Drivers, provided information on driving safely alone, obstacles drivers need to be aware of, and how to be a more alert driver. Medford administered a test on knowledge of auto parts that begin with each letter of the alphabet, and prizes were awarded for the most points.

The next meeting will be held April 14 at 2:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome to attend this time of fun and fellowship.

Easter Cantata

Haskell

Community Choir

presents

"The Champion of Love"

Sunday, March 20 • 7 p.m.

at

First Baptist Church

Haskell

Everyone is welcome!



Hoppy Easter!

New arrivals...

Hopping down the Bunny Trail!

- Colorful Flip Flops
- Spring Dresses

Check our daily New Arrivals!
You still have time to buy your Easter outfit!

\$10 - \$20 Sale Rack

Win a Gift Certificate Guess the correct number of Jelly Beans in a jar to win!
Drawing held Sat., March 26

Missy's Boutique

Affordable, Trendy and Unique!
407-A South 1st St. - Haskell
(former location of Farm Girl Diva)
Melissa Glover - owner
940-207-0049
We appreciate your business!

St. Patrick's Day is March 17

Save some "GREEN" ...
Thursday-Saturday, March 17-19

Save 25% off

regular price on
Gift Items!

25% GIFT discount does not apply to OTC Products, Health & Beauty Aids, Vitamins, Prescriptions, Watkins Products, Photo Processing, Candy, Cards, Sale Items and Home Medical Equipment. Cash & Carry. No exchanges or refunds. Some restrictions apply.

Easter - March 27

Easter Cards
Crosses Angels
Easter Basket Stuffers
Easter Gift Items
Russell Stover Candy

B-12 Patch

Increased Energy & Mental Focus



1000 mcg of Vitamin B12
One month supply
4 Peel & Stick Patches

\$19.99

Sale price good March 17-19

Bridal Registry

Mackenzie Thomas and Tyler Reese

The Drug Store

is your local source for

Home Medical Equipment!







Give us a call at
940-864-2673 or 800-962-0743
or come by to experience
our fast, friendly service at
100 S. Ave. E in Haskell.

THE DRUG STORE

Haskell • 864-2673
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Closed Sundays and Holidays

HAPPY ST. PAT'S DAY!

TH' WIND WHIPPED
AN' BLEW TH' CLOTHES,
THEY TOSSED AROUND
FOR FAIR
- BUT TH' THING
I LIKED TO WATCH
TH' MOST
WUZ DAD'S GREEN
UNDERWEAR!

Poem by Jim Edwards



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 16, 2006

Haskell coach Toby Villa, has been named Coach of the Year in District 6-A boys' basketball. Area champs, the Indians ended their season with a double overtime loss to New Deal.

Linda Calhoun, daughter of Hess and Dorothy Hartsfield of Haskell, was recently elected mayor of Red River, New Mexico. She is the first woman elected to the mayor's position in Red River.

The Haskell High School girls' golf team brought home first place in the Munday Invitational Golf Tournament. Team member Candace Brister was the first place medalist with a score of 73, while Robbyn Tribbey was the silver medalist with a score of 89.

20 Years Ago March 14, 1996

The final tally in Tuesday's Democratic Primary resulted in two runoff races. In the Haskell County Judge's race, Bill Perry and David Davis will meet in a runoff, while Kenny Thompson and Cliff Morris will go head to head for County Commissioner of Precinct 3.

Rochester Steers Matt Cinneros and Thomas Parks were named alternates to the All-Star 6-Man Football Game to be held in Lubbock at Lowrey Field.

At the Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, fifty year membership certificates were presented to Rozelle Wilkinson of Haskell, Grace

Mullen of Aspermont and Willie Geer of Rule. 25 year certificates were presented to Dorothy Myers, LaRue Reeves and Ann Therwanger, all of Munday.

30 Years Ago March 13, 1986

Fourteen new members have been inducted into the Haskell Chapter of National Honor Society. Senior members are Lynn Dewey, Lance Hanson, Tim Johnson, Michael Wallace and Pam Weise. Juniors include Kelli Gilliam, Andy Griffith, Patricia Henry, Kelly Klose, Seth Pace, Julie Roewe, Mindy Smith and Joey Thomas.

Conrad Roewe has been named chairman of the Retail Trade Association of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. Roewe, owner of The Sport-About, succeeds Donna Wilson of Video Vendor as the chairman.

Named to the 25-A All-District basketball team were Rule Bobcats Co-MVP Bobby Joe Walker, Glen Vanderbilt and Alfredo Valerio. Jamie Braly of Paint Creek also made the All-District team. On the girl's All-District team were Co-MVP Kay Fischer, Rhonda Coleman and Gina Calk.

40 Years Ago March 11, 1976

Joe Wilfong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Wilfong of Haskell, showed the Grand Champion Polled Hereford steer at the Houston Livestock Show.

Danny Wainscott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wainscott of Haskell, was

appointed a Trooper and commissioned as a law enforcement officer in the Highway Patrol Service of the Texas Department of Public Safety, at graduation exercises in Austin.

50 Years Ago March 17, 1966

Awards presented to Haskell High School athletes at the annual Booster Club All-Sports Banquet include Jack Melton, Dick Gaines Award; Bobby Watson, Most Conscientious Player; and George Sherman, Bonnie Howard and Ronnie Josselet, Jaycee Sportsmanship Awards.

Mrs. Ronnie Stewart of Weinert, was honored with a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. Johnny Earp. Hostesses were Mrs. Bill King, Helen Turnbow, Thelma Edwards, Linda Adams Lucille Adams, Erlinda Mayfield, Brenda Sanders, Wanda Hester and Marilyn Earp.

100 Years Ago March 11, 1916

At Mrs. Love's Variety Store, they have a novel way of demonstrating the new song hits. For every piece of sheet music, she has a phonograph record which plays the piece, thus giving music and words.

The Haskell school boys played the Stamford boys again, which resulted in a score of 16 to 11 in favor of the Haskell lads. The Haskell nine was composed of Lemmons, Robertson, Kemp, Stuart, Draper, Whatley, Fox, Neathery and Sherrill.



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Texas Agritourism Act

By Tiffany Dowell Texas A&M Agrilife Extension

As was briefly mentioned in this prior legislative recap post, Texas now has a new statute offering liability protection for agritourism operations. The Act, carried as SB 610 and now codified as Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 75A, offers important protections of which landowners need to be aware.

The statute provides that an "agritourism entity" is not liable to any person for injury or damages to an "agritourism participant" if: (1) the required signage is posted; or (2) a written agreement containing required language is obtained.

Let's break this statute down to discuss each requirement.

Definitions

(1) The act is aimed at protection persons injured while participating in an "agritourism activity." By definition, an agritourism activity is an activity on agricultural land for recreational or educational purposes of the participants, regardless of compensation.

The requirement that the property involved be "agricultural land" means that it must be land suitable for use in the production of fruit or crops grown for human or animal consumption, or plants grown for production of fibers, floriculture, viticulture, horticulture, or planting seed, or suitable for domestic or native farm or ranch animals to be kept for use or profit. This is a very broad definition—requiring only that land be "suitable for" this wide range of agriculturally related activities.

The requirement that a person be engaged in an educational or recreational activity is also important. A "recreational purpose" is defined as including hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving (including ATVs), nature study, cave exploration, water sports, biking, disc golf, walking dogs, radio control flying and other activities associated with enjoying nature or the outdoors. Again, this is an extremely broad definition.

So, for example, if a plaintiff was on a defendant's ranch land to hunt deer, that would meet the definition of an "agritourism activity" required for the statute to apply.

(2) The Act offers protection to "agritourism entities." This is defined as a person engaged in the business of providing an agritourism activity, without regard to compensation. For example, a farmer or rancher who allowed persons to

enter his or her property for recreational or educational purposes would meet this definition.

(3) The Act applies to "agritourism participants." This term is defined as an individual engaged in an agritourism activity. This means that any person who is on agricultural land for a recreational or educational purpose meets this requirement. Specifically excluded from this definition, however, are employees of the agritourism entity. So, assume a ranch allows a neighbor to come over to fish and he is injured. That neighbor would be an agritourism participant. If, however, it was an employee of the ranch who was injured while fishing, the statute would not apply.

(4) The Act applies to "agritourism participant injuries." This term is defined as "an injury sustained by an agritourism participant, including bodily injury, emotional distress, death, property damage, or any other loss arising from the person's participation in an agritourism activity." Again, this is a broad reaching definition that will allow limited liability for most damage claims.

Requirements for Limited Liability

If the above requirements are satisfied and the Act applies, an agritourism entity is not liable for any agritourism participant injuries if one of the following two options are met: (1) required signage is posted; or (2) a release including required language is obtained.

(1) Required signage. The first option in order to qualify for limited liability is for a landowner to post warning signs. Under the statute, the signs must be clearly visible on or near any premises where an agritourism activity occurs. The sign must contain the following language: *Warning: Under Texas Law (Chapter 75a, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), an agritourism entity is not liable for any injury to or death of an agritourism participant resulting from an agritourism activity.*

(2) Required release language. The alternative option is for the agritourism entity to obtain a signed written agreement from participants. The agreement must be (1) signed before participation in an agritourism activity; (2) be signed by the participant or the participant's guardian if he or she is a minor; (3) be separate from any other agreement between the participant and entity except a different warning, consent, or assumption of risk, (4) be printed in at least 10-point bold type; and (5) contain the following language: *Agreement and Warning: I understand and acknowledge that an agritourism entity is not liable for any injury to or death of an agritourism participant resulting from agritourism activities.*

I understand that I have accepted all risk of injury, death, property damage, and other loss that may result from agritourism activities.

Exceptions to Limited Liability

The limitation on liability offered by this statute is not, however, unlimited. Numerous exceptions apply. (1) As noted above, the statute expressly states it does not apply if an employee of the entity is injured.

(2) The protections do not apply if the injury

was caused by the entity's "negligence evidencing a disregard for the safety of the agritourism participant."

(3) The protections do not apply if the injury is caused by a dangerous condition of which the entity had actual knowledge or reasonably should have known on the land, facilities, or equipment used in the activity.

(3) No limited liability exists if the injury is caused by the dangerous propensity of a particular animal used in the activity not disclosed to the participant of which the entity has actual knowledge or reasonably should have known.

(4) Protections do not apply if the injury is caused by the entity's failure to adequately train an employee involved in an agritourism activity.

(5) No limited liability exists for injuries intentionally caused by the entity.

Summary and Key Take Home Points

(1) This statute offers free limited liability if the requirements are met. Any Texas landowner or occupant who allows persons to make recreational or educational use of their property should carefully review the statute and ensure its protections apply. The broad language of the statute's definitions of "agricultural land" and "recreational activity" will likely cover a number of operations. Importantly, this protection will apply to persons injured while hunting on property.

(2) Agritourism entities should comply with at least one (if not both) of the requirements regarding signage and written agreements. There are potential advantages to both. The signs could be useful if additional persons are on the property who did not sign the waiver form. For example, if your neighbor signs the required release form but then brings his wife along to hunt, the signs would be very important if the wife were injured and had not signed the form. On the other hand, the waiver form specifically states that it applies to minors, whereas the signs do not. The most prudent course would, obviously, be to have both signs and the signed document.

(3) This statute expressly states that it is in addition to other limitations of liability. Thus, protections of other statutes such as the Farm Animal Liability Act (read about that here and here) or the Recreational Use Statute (read about that here) will still apply. Again, the most prudent course would be to ensure any and all statutes that could potentially apply do apply.

(4) This statutory protection is not unlimited and may not prevent an entity from being sued. Lawsuits can certainly still be filed by agritourism participant making claims that at least one of the exceptions listed above applies. For example, an injured person could certainly file suit and argue that his or her injuries were caused by a dangerous condition of which the landowner knew. This type of allegation would likely be sufficient to allow a lawsuit to proceed into the discovery phase. Because of this, it is important that all landowners, particularly those engaged in agritourism activities, obtain liability insurance that covers the specific activities on the land.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in their regular meeting place Tues., March 8 with County Judge David Davis and Commissioners Elmer Adams, Kenny Thompson

and Neal Kreger present. Janis McDaniel, County Treasurer submitted the monthly report which was approved.

A discussion was held concerning repairing the

road leading to a tower and splitting the cost with the rest of the commissioners. All were in agreement.

Clean up day to beautify Haskell County will be held Sat., April 23.

Thomas Rodriguez will begin working full time in Precinct 4.

Debra Goodheer, auditor with Jerry Love CPA, presented the audit report of the financial statements of Haskell County. During their audit they noted certain matters involving internal control and other operational matters. Their recommendations are intended to improve internal control.

A motion to allow the sale of fireworks during San Jacinto Day on April 1 passed.

The Haskell Free Press

Established January 1, 1886
PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY
420 North First Street • P. O. Box 555
HASKELL, TEXAS 79521
Phone 940-864-2686 • Fax 940-864-2687
hfp@valornet.com

John McDougalPublisher
Lisa ShawBusiness Manager
Doris McDougalProduction
Caron YatesEditor

Periodical Paid Haskell, Texas 79521
(USPS 237-040)

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

Haskell County, one year, \$25.00.
Outside of Haskell County, one year, \$34.00.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC-Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any firm, individual or corporation will be gladly corrected upon being called to the attention of the publisher.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Haskell Free Press, P.O. Box 555, Haskell, TX. 79521-0555.

This issue mailed Wed., March 16, 2016



Clear Fork
Crime
Stoppers
1-800-222-TIPS

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

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

Charles Fair, Jr., motion to revoke Throckmorton Co. Jack Douglas Betts, motion to revoke forgery, Callahan Co. warrant.

Priscilla Alvarez, driving while intoxicated.

Raul Villa, assault.
Christy Lee Smiley, assault.

Cecilia Rodriguez, theft by check.

Twenty-four calls were made to 911.



888.678.SEED • www.americot.com

TRIPLE YOUR PROTECTION



NEW NEXGEN B2XF & XF cotton varieties – tolerant to THREE different herbicides: dicamba, glyphosate, & glufosinate.



We know it is challenging right now dealing with a low cotton price and a tight budget. We are committed to providing quality products with proven performance at affordable prices. We have dropped our seed prices \$20-\$50 a bag for the 2016 season. We appreciate your business and thank you for planting NexGen varieties.

Terry Campbell, General Manager



2016 Suggested Retail Prices

Seed Drop Zone E

	VARIETY	SEED	SEED + TECH FEE
<i>Bollgard II® XtendFlex™ Brands</i>	NG 3405 B2XF	\$149.00	\$328.80
	NG 3406 B2XF	\$149.00	\$328.80
	NG 3517 B2XF	\$149.00	\$328.80
	NG 3522 B2XF	\$149.00	\$328.80
	NG 4545 B2XF	\$149.00	\$328.80
	NG 5007 B2XF	\$149.00	\$328.80
<i>XtendFlex™ Brands</i>	NG 3500 XF	\$149.00	\$290.80
<i>Bollgard II® with Roundup Ready® Flex Brands</i>	NG 3306 B2RF	\$119.00	\$298.80
	NG 1511 B2RF	\$119.00	\$298.80
	NG 4012 B2RF	\$49.00	\$228.80
<i>Roundup Ready® Flex Brands</i>	NG 4111 RF	\$99.00	\$240.80
	NG 1551 RF	\$99.00	\$240.80
	NG 1572 RF	\$99.00	\$240.80
<i>Conventional Varieties</i>	AM UA 48	\$69.00	\$69.00

B2XF/XF/B2RF/RF/Conv. packaged in 230,000 seeds/unit; Bulk Box: 40 units; All prices and marketing offers are subject to change at any time without prior notice.

NexGen Offers Replant, Drought & Finance Programs

75% Replant Program

Drought Program

(For Dryland acres yielding less than 175 lbs per acre)

John Deere Finance Program

Prime minus 3% on seed only purchases • Prime plus 1% on seed & technology fee

(visit americot.com for complete details)

Contact your local seed dealer or Americot Sales Representative for more information!

CARTER SMITH | *Americot, Southwest Sales*
325.268.6801 • csmith@americot.com



www.americot.com | 888.678.SEED | [facebook.com/AmericotNexGen](https://www.facebook.com/AmericotNexGen)

As of November 1st, 2015 no dicamba herbicide product has been approved for commercial in-crop use with Bollgard II® XtendFlex® Cotton. If a federal dicamba label is not imminent or has not been approved for commercial in-crop use by June 1st, 2016, the Bollgard II XtendFlex Cotton technology fee will be adjusted and republished to be the same as Genuity® Bollgard II® with Roundup Ready® Flex cotton.

DO NOT APPLY DICAMBA HERBICIDE IN-CROP TO Bollgard II XtendFlex Cotton in 2016 unless a dicamba herbicide product is approved that is specifically labeled for that use in the location where you intend to make the application. Contact the U.S. EPA and your state pesticide regulatory agency with any questions about the approval status of dicamba herbicide products for in-crop use with Bollgard II XtendFlex Cotton.

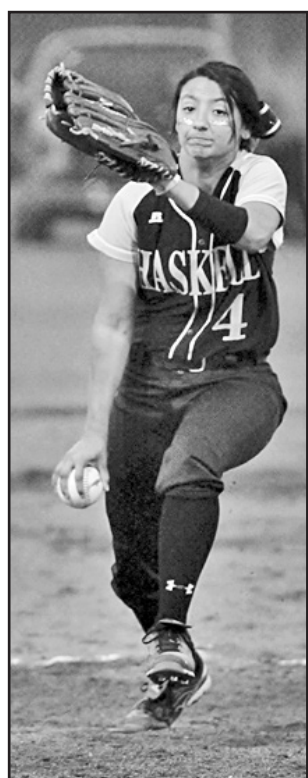
IT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL AND STATE LAW TO MAKE AN IN-CROP APPLICATION OF ANY DICAMBA HERBICIDE PRODUCT ON BOLLGARD II XTENDFLEX COTTON UNLESS THE PRODUCT LABELING SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZES THAT USE.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW PESTICIDE LABEL DIRECTIONS. Bollgard II® XtendFlex® cotton and XtendFlex® cotton contains genes that confer tolerance to glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides, dicamba, the active ingredient in M1691, and glufosinate, the active ingredient in Liberty® brand herbicides. Roundup® brand agricultural herbicides will kill crops that are not tolerant to glyphosate. Dicamba will kill crops that are not tolerant to dicamba. Glufosinate will kill crops that are not tolerant to glufosinate. Contact your Monsanto dealer or refer to Monsanto's Technology Use Guide for recommended Roundup Ready® Xtend Crop System weed control programs. Bollgard II®, Genuity Design®, Genuity Icons, Genuity®, Respect the Refuge and Cotton Design®, Roundup Ready®, Roundup® and XtendFlex® are trademarks of Monsanto Technology LLC. LibertyLink® and the Water Droplet Design® is a registered trademark of Bayer. Americot® and NexGen® are registered trademarks of Americot, Inc.

Maidens' softball

Jordan Garvin stars as Maidens defeat Albany, 11-1

A superb effort by freshman, Jordan Garvin spurred the Maidens to an 11-1 win in five innings



MAIDENS' PITCHER—Laura Fuentes on the mound for the Maidens against Albany.

over Albany Tues., March 8. Garvin made Maiden softball history blasting two home runs in the home park in the same game for the Maidens. Garvin went 2-3 in the game with five RBIs and two runs scored. Garvin homered in the first and third innings. Albany couldn't get



MAKES THE PLAY—Haskell Maiden Ryanna Rodriguez with the scoop on third, sends the ball to first base for the out.

anything going as long as Hannah Foster was on the rubber. Foster gave up just three hits, allowed no earned runs, walked two and struck out five during her four innings of work. Laura Fuentes closed the game in the fifth with 1 strikeout and 1 hit.

Additional offensive highlights included Krysta Winegeart hitting 2/3 with 1 RBI and Ryanna Rodriguez 2/3. The Maidens are now 2-0 in district play.

Haskell	3	0	3	4	1
			R11	H9	E3
Albany	0	0	0	1	0
			R1	H4	E3

Maidens muster 3 hits, drops 9-1 contest to Colorado City

Haskell	1	0	0	0	0
			R1	H3	E1
C. City	0	7	0	0	0
			R9	H12	E1

Maidens defeat Post, 12-2

HR: Krysta Winegeart, Jordan Garvin, Ryanna Rodriguez

TB: Hannah Foster 3, Krysta Winegeart 4, Laura Fuentes, Julia Fuentes 2, Jordan Garvin 6, Ryanna Rodriguez 4, Areli Torres

RBI: Krysta Winegeart 3, Laura Fuentes 2, Gabby Mendoza, Julia Fuentes, Jordan Garvin 2, Ryanna Rodriguez, Areli Torres

SB: Hannah Foster 3, Julia Fuentes

Haskell	4	2	6
			R12 H12 E1
Post	0	0	2
			R2 H5 E2

Maidens lost 7-1 to Snyder on Thursday at Snyder, despite a total of four hits

Snyder's B. Garcia, H. Morris and C. Guterrez combined for five hits and four RBIs.

The game's last lead went to Snyder thanks to a first inning rally that saw three runs cross the plate on two singles.

Snyder got two-run rallies

in the second inning and the fourth. In the second, Snyder scored on an RBI double by J. Alavos, scoring Garcia.

The lone run of the game for the Maidens crossed the plate in the fourth inning on an error.

Haskell	0	0	0	1	
			R1	H4	E2
Snyder	3	2	0	2	
			R7	H8	E3

Maidens defeated Snyder JV, 19-0

Haskell	12	7
		R19 H9 E0
Snyder JV	0	0
		R0 H0 E4

Maidens run rule Eula, 13-3, in the rain

The Haskell Maidens squeezed in a district game, Fri., March 11 against the Eula Lady Pirates. The game was scheduled to be played at Eula, but the rain had been falling in Eula all morning so the game site was switched to Haskell with an early start at 3:30.

The Maidens took control with 4 runs in the first including a 2RBI home run by Krysta Winegeart, her first ever on the home field. Kelsey Guzman followed with a double and Jordan Garvin hit Guzman in with a triple.

The second inning added 8 more runs as Maddey Williams hit a 2RBI single down the third base line.

Then the rain started falling. For the game to be considered "complete," the teams would need to make it to the fifth inning before getting "called" due to weather. With two runners on base, and a 12-1 lead, Coach John Foster made the decision to speed the game up by having his two base runners step off their bags for automatic "outs" to end the inning.

The top of the third got interesting. Laura Fuentes was in the circle for the

Maidens. To this point she had allowed only 4 hits and no runs by the Lady Pirates. With the rain coming down steadily, and drying balls between pitches the Lady Pirates were 3 up and 3 down. Again the Maidens took three quick outs, bunting while standing on home plate, to hurry the game to the fifth inning.

By the fourth inning it was raining hard. Fuentes walked two finding it difficult to put a spin on the ball, but the Maiden defense only allowed one run and got one Lady Pirate in a "pickle" getting her out at second. And again, in the bottom of the fourth, Foster instructed his girls to get outs at the plate to hurry play into the fifth inning, the score now 12-2.

In the top of the fifth, the Lady Pirates managed another run before Williams executed a double play at second as the field began to get soggy. Finally, in the bottom of the fifth, Julia Fuentes ended the game with a double and scored on a passed ball ending the game in a 13-3 mercy rule. The Maidens are now 3-0 in district play and meet the 2015 State Semifinal Hawley Lady Bearcats, also 3-0, on Tues., March 15 at Haskell.

The Eula game scheduled on April 8 will be played at Eula.

Haskell	4	8	0	0	1
			R13	H12	E1
Eula	0	1	0	1	1
			R3	H4	E1

Maidens lose to Ft. Stockton, 6-2

Jordan Garvin did her best to change the outcome, but Garvin couldn't will the Maidens past Ft. Stockton as the Maidens lost 6-2 in four innings at Snyder on Sat., March 12.

Garvin put together a nice outing. She held Ft. Stockton hitless over one

inning, allowed no earned runs, walked two and struck out none.

Ft. Stockton was sparked by Natvdad and Corral, who teamed up for four hits and four RBIs.

The game's last lead went to Ft. Stockton thanks to a first inning rally that saw two runs cross the plate on an error and a RBI single by Villareal.

Ft. Stockton added four more runs in the bottom of the second. Natvdad doubled, scoring Bueuo, Byrd and Luna to start the inning. That was followed up by Corral's double, scoring Natvdad.

Two Maidens crossed the plate in the top half of the third, making the score 6-2. A RBI double by Kelsey Guzman and a passed ball sparked the Maidens' rally. Ryanna Rodriguez flew out to end the Maidens' threat.

Haskell	0	2	0	0	
			R2	H4	E3
Ft. Stock.	2	4	0	0	
			R6	H9	E0

Maidens outlasted Kermit on Saturday after four lead changes, squeaking out a 5-4 win at Snyder

The Maidens finally managed to grab the lead after a strong fifth inning. The Maidens went up for good on a RBI single by Maddey Williams off Haley, plating Jordan Garvin.

Laura Fuentes led the Maidens' offensive threat, as she got on base three times in the game.

The bottom of the first saw the Maidens take an early lead, 2-0. The Maidens' rally started when Garvin singled. The scoreboard lit up again for the Maidens when Fuentes scored on a RBI single by Garvin.

Haskell	2	0	0	0	3
			R5	H2	E1
Kermit	0	1	0	3	0
			R4	H10	E2



HOME RUN—Haskell Maiden Jordan Garvin with a high five from Coach John Foster as she rounds third base on her second three run homer of the game.

Indians' baseball

Indians fall to Breckenridge, 1-6

The Haskell Indians traveled to Breckenridge on Tues., March 8 to take on the Buckaroos. The Indians faced the Buckaroos for the second time this season. The previous meeting saw the Bucks take the game 4-0.

The Indians started sophomore Kyler Hoover on the mound. He pitched two scoreless innings allowing 1 hit while striking out 2.

The Tribe would struggle at the plate versus a very good left-handed pitcher. Breckenridge would score 1 run each in innings 2, 3 and 4 and then get 3 in the bottom of the 6th. Aaron Skiles and

Rocky Haggard would come in and each pitch two innings before giving away again to Hoover for a second time.

The Indians committed three errors in the game allowing 3 unearned runs. "We did a good job facing another great team from a 3A school. I like how our kids come out and compete each and every time we step onto the field. Now that our preseason is over we will go to work to start district off with a win and play our way to our goal, a district championship," said Coach Jeremy Kirk.

Haskell	0	0	0	0	0
			R1	H8	E3
Breck.	0	1	1	1	0
			R3	H8	E0

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at hfpnews@lycos.com or hfp@valornet.com

The Indian and Maiden golf teams hosted a tournament Wed., March 9 at the Haskell Country Club.

The Indians put up a season best team score of 337, led by junior Alec Roewe, with a career best of 78. Not only did he help his team to a first place finish, but he also had the best score of the tournament to finish at first place individually.

A. Roewe's score was followed up with an 84 by Michael Benavides, an 88 by Dylan Hanson, a 92 by Kellan Parks, and a 92 by Reed Roewe to round out team scoring. The Indians also had two golfers compete as individuals, Mexico exchange student Will Ocana shot an 84, and freshman Josue Hernandez shot a 112. Ocana and Benavides finished tied with an 84 and silver medals.

The Maidens also competed at the tournament and had a great showing for their first tournament of the season. The Maidens were led by senior Destiny Benavides with a 97, to place third overall for the tournament. Benavides was followed by junior Ashlyn Bevel with a

112, junior Macy Coker 129 and freshman Taylor Manske with a 131, for a team total of 473.

The Indians will return to the course again over spring break March 16 at Shady Oaks Country Club in Baird. This tournament will be hosted by Jim Ned High School.

The Maidens will return



TEES OFF—Senior Dylan Hanson tees off at the Haskell Country Club, where the Indians were the gold medal team.

to the course again March 23 at Shady Oaks in Baird. This tournament will be held by Baird High School. The



SILVER MEDAL—Haskell Indian Michael Benavides tees off in the Haskell Golf Tournament, where he tied for the silver medal.

Indians will follow this meet on the following day in the same location.



BRONZE MEDAL—Haskell Maiden Destiny Benavides was the bronze medalist on the ladies side of the tournament at the Haskell Country Club.



Our goal is customer satisfaction. - Melodie

AT **First Bank** ★ Texas
YOU'RE NOT JUST ANOTHER DOLLAR IN THE VAULT

www.go2fbt.com

Abilene, Baird, Clyde, Haskell, Mid-Cities, Munday and Stamford



MEMBER FDIC



We will always greet you with a smile at the drive-thru window. - Patty



FiberMax[®]
cotton

**\$81/A
MORE
THAN THE
COMPETITION.**

HIGHER QUALITY. BIGGER YIELDS.

Year after year, FiberMax[®] varieties consistently deliver high quality and high yield. In fact, they can earn you an average of \$81* more per acre than the competition. So why risk planting something else? Trust the cottonseed you know will earn you more.

Talk to your favorite FiberMax retailer today.

*Based on four years of data from 2012 through 2015.

©2016 Bayer CropScience LP, 2 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Always read and follow label instructions. Bayer, the Bayer Cross and FiberMax are registered trademarks of Bayer. For additional product information call toll-free 1-866-99-BAYER (1-866-992-2937) or visit our website at www.FiberMax.com

CR0316FIBMAXA264V00R0 A-28332-1

Haskell School Menu

March 21-24 Breakfast
Milk variety and 100% fruit juice; and muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers and cheese stick are offered at every meal.
Monday: Chicken-n-waffles or cereal variety and toast
Tuesday: Breakfast club or cereal variety and toast
Wednesday: Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage or cereal variety and toast
Thursday: Sausage kolache, yogurt or cereal variety and toast
Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.
Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, baked potato, glazed carrots, oranges, roll
Tuesday: Pizza, garden salad, Key West vegetable, sliced peaches, chocolate or vanilla pudding
Wednesday: Mexican combo plate, Spanish rice, salsa, corn, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Teriyaki beef sandwich, baked potato chips, broccoli bites, garden salad, strawberries and bananas
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

March 21-25 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits, eggs
Tuesday: Pancakes
Wednesday: Cinnamon roll
Thursday: Sausage and egg sandwich
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit
Tuesday: Meatball subs, carrots, salad, fruit
Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, apples
Thursday: BBQ on bun, coleslaw, beans, oranges
Friday: No school

Texas takes aim at Zika virus

The Texas Department of State Health Services has ramped up efforts to protect people from Zika virus and is urging people to follow mosquito precautions.

“Mosquito season is approaching, and the number of travel-related cases continues to inch up for Texas. It’s only a matter of time before Zika virus is locally transmitted here by mosquitoes,” said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner.

While there is no evidence of local transmission by Texas mosquitoes now,

state health officials have quickly implemented Zika virus prevention plans in anticipation of increased mosquito activity and the potential for local mosquito transmission. Zika virus is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes can be found in Texas, particularly urban areas in the south and southeast portions of the state, but can live anywhere humans are present.

Texas has confirmed 18 cases of Zika virus disease. Seventeen of those are related to travel abroad to areas with active Zika transmission. One case, from Dallas County, was likely the result of sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad.

State action

Texas is now testing for Zika virus at its public health lab in Austin. Current state lab capacity is up to 135 human specimens per week, and capacity across the state is increasing as local labs add testing capability in anticipation of a possible surge in demand. This testing, called polymerase chain reaction or “PCR” testing, is used to detect Zika virus in human specimens collected less than seven days after illness onset. The PCR test is considered confirmatory for the presence of Zika virus. Specific testing guidance is available at www.TexasZika.org.

Texas is also adding the more complex serologic testing for Zika virus. The benefit of serologic testing is that it can detect Zika infection in people who may not have had symptoms, and the test can be conducted up to 12 weeks after a person is infected. A positive serologic test result requires confirmatory testing to definitively pinpoint Zika because it can cross-react with other viruses, such as dengue.

Texas is working with local officials in the Rio Grande Valley area to monitor mosquito activity and conducted spot trapping in the area in February, which yielded no *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes. The Rio Grande Valley is considered to be a potential area of increased risk of Zika virus transmission. DSHS is urging communities to consider expanding their surveillance in coordination with local mosquito control efforts.

The agency’s Birth Defects Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch is analyzing historical microcephaly data to better

understand patterns, trends and causes of microcephaly in Texas. Microcephaly is a birth defect that may be linked to Zika virus infection in other parts of the world. Texas also is implementing the “rapid ascertainment” of microcephaly, which means the condition will be closely monitored going forward for Zika virus and other causes.

The Governor’s 31-member Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response, directed by Dr. Hellerstedt, met in Austin March 9 to discuss infectious disease prevention, and Zika was part of that discussion.

Texas is urging health care providers to be aware of and consider Zika virus as they see patients. State health officials are actively coordinating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local officials about surveillance, testing and mosquito control. Texas is educating the general public about Zika in English and Spanish through its new website www.TexasZika.org.

“We’re focusing on urging people to strictly follow the guidance to prevent the disease,” Dr. Hellerstedt said. “We need everyone on board, helping to cut down mosquito populations and avoid mosquito bites as we head into spring.”

Take action in communities

DSHS sent a letter to local leaders asking for help in protecting people from the Zika virus and outlining steps to prevent or delay Zika virus transmission by local mosquitoes. Eliminating potential mosquito breeding areas, especially near homes and communities, is an effective way to protect against all mosquito-borne diseases including Zika. These are the recommended actions local leaders can take to help protect communities from Zika virus:

- Initiate or enhance monitoring and surveillance of mosquito activity.
- Accelerate mosquito abatement efforts.
- Develop a local contingency plan for mosquito abatement and surveillance; plan for additional control measures if needed.
- Encourage people to report illegal dumpsites and standing water, and respond quickly to these complaints.
- Implement efforts to clean up illegal dumpsites and collect heavy trash.
- Keep public drains and ditches clear of weeds and trash so water will not collect.
- Treat standing water with larvicide (such as mosquito “dunks”) when it cannot be drained and the water will be present for more than seven days.
- Conduct neighborhood outreach about precautions themselves and their

families from mosquito bites.

Take action around homes

DSHS suggests the following steps people can take in and around their own homes to help reduce potential mosquito breeding habitats:

- At least weekly, empty or get rid of cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water.
- Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water.
- Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs.
- Change water in pet dishes daily.
- Rinse and scrub vases and other indoor water containers weekly.
- Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times a week.
- Maintain backyard pools or hot tubs.
- Cover trash containers.
- Water lawns and gardens carefully so water does not stand for several days.
- Screen rain barrels and openings to water tanks or cisterns.
- Treat front and back door areas of homes with residual insecticides if mosquitoes are abundant nearby.
- If mosquito problems persist, consider pesticide applications for vegetation around the home.

Avoid mosquito bites

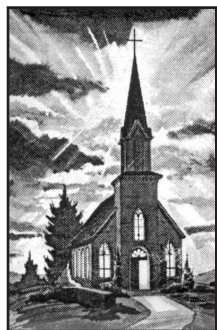
People living or traveling to areas with active transmission should carefully follow steps to avoid mosquito bites while there and for at least seven days after leaving the area. Precautions include:

- Wear insect repellent.
- Cover up with long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Keep mosquitoes out with air conditioning or intact window screens.
- Limit outdoor activities during peak mosquito times.

Zika virus is primarily spread to people through mosquito bites. The virus also can be spread from mother to unborn child or to her newborn around the time of birth. Spread of the virus through blood transfusion and sexual contact also has been reported.

The disease can cause fever, rash, muscle and joint aches and red eyes but also has been linked to the birth defect microcephaly and other poor birth outcomes in some women infected during their pregnancy. The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for several days to a week, and hospitalizations are rare. A small number of cases of Guillain-Barré syndrome, a paralysis disorder, also have been linked to Zika virus infection. Most people exposed to Zika virus won’t develop any symptoms at all. There is currently no vaccine or treatment for the virus.

This Week’s Devotional Message:



The legend of St. Patrick has come down to us in such a form as to make us concentrate on its more whimsical aspects rather than its serious message. The greeting card racks sprout shamrocks and little men in green suits. Regardless of our ethnic backgrounds, we all become “Irish” on that day and don green garments. Hibernian melodies emanate from the radio stations.

With all of that, we tend to forget the story of St. Patrick’s perilous journey to Ireland to persuade the people to go and worship God, and that under much safer conditions we could do the same thing. So, when you go to your House of Worship, try to bring a friend or neighbor with you, and you’ll both receive the blessings that St. Patrick spoke of so long ago.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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

First United Methodist Church
Rev. David Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p. Wed. 6 p.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

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

Church of Christ
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell

First Presbyterian Church
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
940-863-4405

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

First Baptist Church
Ollie Pierson, pastor
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
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
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 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

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

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

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

—RULE—
First Baptist Church
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ
Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule

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

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

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

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

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

Rule track results

The Rule Bobcats and Lady Bobcats participated in the Knox City Six-man Invitational last week.

Results include:
Bobcats
Team score: 10. Rule 29 points.
High jump: 4. Thompson, 5-4.
Long jump: 6. Thompson, 18-9.
Triple jump: 2. Thompson 38-5.
110 hurdles: 3. Navarette, 19.34.
100: 1. Thompson, 11.52.
Lady Bobcats
Team score: 8. Rule 8 points.
Triple jump: 2. Manske, 30/10-3/4.

Rule School Menu

March 21-25 Breakfast
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Sausage kolache with yogurt
Tuesday: Cheese omelet wrap
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Waffles with sausage
Friday: No school

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, strawberry cup, roll
Tuesday: Meat and cheese tostada, salad, refried beans, rice, applesauce
Wednesday: Pizza, veggie medley, salad, apple slices
Thursday: Soft tacos, baby carrots, salad, Mexicali corn, orange, cookie
Friday: No school

Sonic Drive-In
1402 N. Ave. E
864-8533
Randy Phelps, Manager

Steele Fire Apparatus
Hwy. 380 East • 864-2208

Modern Way Food Store
1202 N. Ave. E • 864-3763

HANSON PAINT & BODY SHOP
207 S. 1st • 864-3631
Professional Auto Body Repair
Glass Installation • 24 Hour Wrecker Service

Rule Co-op Gin & Elevator
301 Adams • Rule • 996-2421

Smitty's Auto Parts
107 N. 1st East • 864-2607



Shop The Haskell Free Press CLASSIFIEDS



940-864-2686

ALL DEADLINES MONDAY AT NOON • hfpnews@lycos.com

940-864-2686

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Hanson Paint and Body Shop in Haskell needs a full time employee. Experienced preferred, but would train right person. Apply in person. 50tfc

NURSES UNLIMITED, INC. is seeking attendants in the Haskell area to assist clients in the home with personal care, meal prep and light housekeeping. Part time. EOE. 1-888-859-0640. 10-11c

CNAS & WEEKEND RN: Immediate openings for professionals with State certification or license. We offer a competitive salary and benefits available for full time employees. EOE. For more information, please call Steve or Gale 940-864-8537 or apply in person: Haskell Healthcare Center, 1504 N. First St., Haskell. 11-12c

DIRECTOR OF NURSING. Interim opportunity. Estimated duration 2-4 weeks. Immediate opening for DON to oversee nursing services and provide direct quality care in our skilled nursing facility. 2 years experience as RN preferred, but will consider experienced RN new to the DON role. Also prefer LTC facility and supervisory experience. Must be familiar w/rehab, therapy, comprehensive nursing practices and Texas regulatory requirements. Salary negotiable. We can offer competitive salary. EOE. Contact Steve King: 940-864-8537 or 940-256-1742 (preferred). Haskell Healthcare Center, 1504 N. First St., Haskell, TX 79521. 11-12c

Public Notices

Survey, Abstract No. Six Hundred Sixty-Three (663) and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as referred to in a Special Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 569, Page 324 of the Official Public Records of Haskell County, Texas such description being incorporated herein by reference.

3.GEO:R02076.Lot Two (2) Block Thirteen (13), Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

4. GEO: R02967. Lot Three (3), Block Thirteen (13), Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

5. GEO: R02077. The South Half (S/2) of Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8), Block Twenty-Eight (28), Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of April, 2016, which is the first Tuesday of said month, as the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 4th day of March, 2016, as the property of said

Public Notices

defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, as 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

"All bidders must now display proof of compliance with 34.015 of Texas Tax Code."

Given under my hand this 4th day of March, 2016.

Winston Stephens Sheriff Haskell County, Texas By: Harry Steen, Deputy 10-12c

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. is seeking candidates from Haskell County to serve on its Board of Directors. Candidates must be willing to work toward meeting the needs of the Low-Income persons of our six (6) county service area. The Board of Directors meets quarterly, or as may

Public Notices

be directed by the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs. All interested persons should contact Patti Sedberry at 940-989-3538 by 4:00 p.m. March 21, 2016.

An election will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the County Judge's Office in the Haskell County Courthouse, located in Haskell, Texas. The purpose of this election will be to elect a new member to the Board of Directors of the Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. All interested Haskell County residents are

Public Notices

encouraged to participate. 10-11c

Decker Electric

TECL#22826
Marty Decker
Electrical Contractor
Master Electrician
325-261-2372
906 N. Ave. K • Haskell

FOR RENT

45' Man \$250 per day
Lift
Dump Trailer \$75 per day
Bobcat & Bucket \$125 per day
Forks \$25 per day
Digger 9" & 12" Auger \$50 per day
Tree Sheer \$75 per day
Steele Fire
940-864-2208

EXPERT AUTO WORK
REASONABLE RATES

See us for all your auto mechanic needs. 20 years experience. We do it right the first time.
US 277 South • Haskell

CALL US TODAY (940) 864-2665

HASKELL COUNTY REALTY

VIEW ALL OF OUR PROPERTIES AT
www.haskellcountyrealty.com

Haskell, TX Aspermont, TX

Langford

Scott Langford
(940) 256-0535
Owner

Realtors & Anchors

Tim Pearson (940) 256-0874 Jason Langford (940) 256-1741

RIKE

REAL ESTATE LLC

Megan Cox, Owner/Broker
Melanie Grindstaff, Agent
415 S. First St. • Haskell, TX 79521
940-864-2411 325-370-6572
www.rikerealestate.com

FARM & RANCH
85.84 +/- AC. E OF ROCHESTER-\$1550/Ac.-PENDING
63.7 +/- AC. SOUTH OF ROCHESTER-. \$1550/Ac.-PENDING
56.7 +/- AC.-Just outside the city limits of O'Brien. \$800/Ac. Located close to Highway 6-NEW
162.9 +/- AC. NW HASKELL CO.-Ideal dryland farm on CR 188. \$1050/Ac.-NEW
219.5 +/- AC. WEST OF O'BRIEN -Dryland farm amongst pivots. \$1050/Ac.-NEW
79.54 +/- AC.-Good irrigated farm land off of CR 185. New pivot. \$1650/Ac.-NEW
158.6 +/- AC.-Irrigated farm west of O'Brien on CR 185. \$1650/Ac.-NEW
380 +/- AC. SE KNOX CO.-Mainly cultivated with new fences, dozer work, working pens, water wells and a current cash lease. \$1350/Ac.-REDUCED
135 +/- AC. STONEWALL CO.-SE of Old Glory, current 10 yr. CRP contract. \$1100/Ac.-REDUCED
48.2 +/- AC. NORTH OF RULE-Nice, smaller farm made up of old CRP. \$1300/Ac.-NEW
18394 CR 4180, KNOX CO.-Over 3200 sq. ft. 3/2 home on 412 acres. \$585,000-PENDING
231.1 +/- AC.-Prime Haskell Co. dryland farm located on FM 618. \$1200/Ac.-REDUCED
355 +/- AC.-On Hwy. 6 and FM 1225. Good balance of cultivation and pasture. \$950/Ac.-REDUCED
30 AC. WEST OF O'BRIEN ON 2229-\$1500/AC
160 +/- AC. NW HASKELL CO.-All pasture, great hunting potential. \$1000/Ac.

HASKELL RESIDENTIAL
821 HWY. 380W-4/2 on almost 6 ac. with a pellet stove. \$182,000-NEW
306 N. AVE. G-3/3 with office, open floor plan and double garage. \$117,500-NEW
121 HWY. 380 W-3/2 on 3.5 ac. dual living areas and master ensuite. \$224,900-NEW
808 N. 16TH-3/3 with office, large shop and many upgrades. \$155,000-NEW
703 N. AVE. L-4/3 and 2 half baths. Exquisite home on 1 ac. Contact for more information.
1706 N. AVE. H-Well maintained 3/2 with double garage on corner lot. \$77,500-NEW
1407 N. AVE. E-Historic 4/2 with shop and excellent parking \$190,000-NEW
1507 N. AVE. F-4/2 with large bonus room on corner lot and original hardwoods. \$144,500-REDUCED
406 S. AVE. H-3/2 with dual living areas. \$62,500-PENDING
703 N. AVE. E-Large 4/3.5 with a pool. \$212,500-NEW
131 CR 412-Newly remodeled 3/2 on 2 ac. right outside of the city limits. \$139,900-PENDING
308 S. AVE. L-New 2/2. \$39,000-REDUCED
203 N. AVE. M-3/1 w/metal roof. \$49,900-PENDING
801 N. AVE. F-3/2 open floor plan. \$89,900-REDUCED

BIG COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL
220 S. 12TH AVE, MUNDAY-3/3 with fireplace, a block from the school. \$76,500-NEW
530 MAIN ST., MUNDAY-3/2 with two living areas on a corner lot. \$67,500-NEW
530 YALE, STAMFORD-2/2 fixer upper or investment property. \$30,000-NEW
415 W. LAKE DR., HAMLIN-3/2 with hardwood floors and a new roof. \$25,000-NEW
401 S. HILMAR, WEINERT-3/2 on large corner lot with sunroom. \$58,000-NEW
2605 FM 1661, SAGERTON-4/2 on 3.5 +/- Ac. with hardwood floors. \$62,000-PENDING
909 RAILROAD, ROCHESTER-3/2.5 on over 4 ac. of land with a small orchard. \$189,000-NEW
600 N. MUNDAY, MUNDAY-Quaint 2/1 on corner lot with covered parking. \$29,900-NEW
159 FM RD 2976, LAKE STAMFORD-2/2 lake front property. \$25,000-NEW
18394 CR 4180, KNOX CO.-Over 3200 sq. ft. 3/2 home on 412 acres. \$585,000-PENDING
608 SUNNY AVE, RULE-\$59,900-SOLD
1008 SE 5TH ST., KNOX CITY-3/2 with great storage. \$59,900-REDUCED

COMMERCIAL
707 S. AVE. E, LIFESPAN-Stand-alone comm. building with ample parking. \$47,500-NEW
419 S. 1ST ST. WILD HORSE TRADING POST-Thriving business on downtown square including real estate and inventory-NEW
621 5TH ST., RULE-BOBCAT CAFE-2500 sq. ft. turnkey bldg. with newer roof. \$29,900-REDUCED
551 US HWY 277, MACIAS BALLROOM-Over 9000 sq. ft. multi-use building. \$212,500
412 N. 1ST, YESTERDAY'S MEMORIES-Comm. bldg., living quarters and large upstairs. \$49,500-REDUCED
7734 HWY. 6-Rule Drive in theater on 4 ac. Many amenities. \$49,900-REDUCED
Texas REALTORS®

Dodson Concrete Construction
Commercial - Residential
David Dodson
704 N. Ave. F • Haskell
940-864-2038
Over 30 Years in the Business
FREE ESTIMATES

HELEN FARABEE CENTERS
A community Behavioral Health & Intellectual Disabilities facility ~ Serving 19 counties in Texas ~ Seeks qualified applicants for position in Haskell.
Case Manager I (#979): This position assists consumers in making informed choices educating them on community resources and assists with assessing services. Performs uniform assessments and updates treatment plans and schedules and/or completes diagnostic updates in accordance with consumer need and required standards. Provides on-going outpatient services to consumers as needed. Provides face-to-face assessment and crisis intervention services to any person requesting help or presenting a crisis. This position will be required to serve on-call after regular business hours, for which compensation is provided. The incumbent should have knowledge and skills in assessment, diagnostics, treatment planning, and community support services for children, adults, and geriatric persons with mental illness; as well as knowledge of psychotherapeutic medications and basic casework skills.
Applicants for these positions, as well as all other Helen Farabee Centers job opportunities, may view position descriptions, educational requirements, and salary ranges, plus submit applications and resumes online at www.helenfarabee.org, at WorkInTexas.com, or at your local Texas Workforce Services office.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF HASKELL &

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 4th day of March, 2016, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11,822. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. McNelly, David. Legal Description: 1. GEO: R03091. Lots Two (2) and Three (3), Block A, Allison Subdivision #1 to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 12,131. Styling Haskell County Appraisal District v. Livingston, Stephen. Legal Description: 2. GEO: R01563. A 157.0 acre tract of land, more or less, being a part of Subdivision No. One (1) of the E.J. Parker

Like what you're reading?

We'll send it to you each week for just \$25 a year. (in Haskell County)

Yearly Subscription Rates
\$25 a year in county
\$34 out-of-county

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Clip and Mail Coupon, Along with Check or Money Order to:
The Haskell Free Press
P. O. Box 555, 420 N. First, Haskell, TX 79521

AUCTION
Thursday, March 24, 2016 — Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATED: From Aspermont, Texas (Stonewall County): 2 Miles East & North on F.M. Hwy. 1263 then 1/4 Mile West To Douglas Air Strip.
JERRY DOUGLAS ESTATE & JOE HOLLAND – OWNERS
For Info Telephone: Bill Meador (806) 269-4919 or Joe Holland (940) 200-0039 or Five Star Auctioneers: Jim Summers (806) 292-2149. Log Onto Our Website For Complete Listing: www.5starauctioneers.com
Due to the death of Jerry Douglas and Joe Holland retiring from farming, the following will be sold at public auction.

TRACTORS, COMBINES, HEADERS, GRAIN TRUCKS, COTTON STRIPPERS, SPRAY COUPE, SPRAY EQUIPMENT, FARM EQUIPMENT, TRAILERS, TANKS, IRRIGATION, TRACTOR, TOOLBAR MAKEUP, LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT, SHOP EQUIPMENT, NON CLASSIFIED

JIM SUMMERS(806) 864-3611
Owner (10006) (HOME)

JIMMY REEVES(806) 864-3362
Owner (HOME)

DONNA TODD(806) 292-1990
(Secretary) (CELL)

Five Star Auctioneers
WEB SITE: WWW.5STARAUCTIONEERS.COM
ANSWERING SERVICE: (806) 296-0379 — P. O. BOX 1030 — PLAINVIEW, TEXAS 79073-1030
Terms of Sale: Cash, Personal or Business Check, Cashier's Check — NOTE: Please Bring Your Own Check Book. All Accounts Settled Day of Sale — If You Have Not Established Yourself With Our Company, Please Bring Bank Letter. We Must Have a Copy of Your Texas Ag and Timber Number on File or Sales Tax Will be Charged. (Non-Texas Residents Must Also Provide a Texas Ag and Timber Number)
WINCH TRUCK AVAILABLE ON SALE DAY • BRING YOUR TRUCK OR TRAILER

Five Star Auctioneers
5
PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

5
PLAINVIEW, TEXAS

USDA helps peanut producers rebuild after company bankruptcy

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced that USDA has begun making final payments to peanut producers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Mississippi, helping to restore nearly 100 percent of the value of their peanuts after the bankruptcy of a peanut sheller and licensed warehouse operator.

"These farmers played by the rules, they honored their contracts, but because of circumstances outside their control, were put in a difficult position, which is why USDA stepped in on their behalf," said Dolcini. "This action illustrates how the basic protections of the 100-year-old U.S. Warehouse Act can still provide important safeguards for farmers today."

More than 83,000 tons of peanuts were stored by the warehouse operator, Clint Williams Company, and its affiliates, the Texoma Peanut Company, Clint-Co Peanut Co. and the Clint Williams Co.-Western Division, which filed for bankruptcy in November 2014. Farmers had pledged more than 81,700 tons of peanuts as collateral to receive USDA marketing assistance loans. The loans provide interim financing so that producers can store peanuts and meet cash flow needs without having to sell crops during harvest, when market prices

are low. Peanut producers potentially lost thousands of dollars when delivery contracts were not honored by the failed company and the peanuts remained in storage.

Under the United States Warehouse Act, USDA is responsible for protecting all depositors in the licensed storage facilities, including ineligible producers or those who chose not to receive loans. USDA entered into an agreement with the new warehouse owners to provide for additional storage time for an orderly sale of peanuts, plus incentives to encourage sales of peanuts pledged as collateral. The agreement also provided an initial 85 percent payment to producers that sold peanuts with the remaining amount to be paid after any shortages and the bond claim were resolved. With the USDA successfully receiving the entire bond, the final payments are now being made to producers.

The United States Warehouse Act, now in its 100th year, provides agricultural producers with high-quality storage of farm products to allow marketing throughout the year. Warehouse operators who volunteer to participate are licensed by USDA as meeting federal standards for storing commodities, such as grains, cotton and peanuts, and agree to unannounced

inspections of sampling, weighing and grading. The United States Warehouse Act fosters national uniformity in the handling and ownership documentation of U.S. farm products, promoting consumer protection and quality control in

the domestic and world marketplace. Approximately 47 percent of all commercial commodity warehouse space is licensed under the act.

To learn more about the warehouse services provided by FSA, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/daco.

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at hfpnews@lycos.com or hfp@valornet.com



Calendar

Chamber banquet to be held April 4

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Mon., April 4 at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be presented by Pam Gibson's third grade music class. Julie Goodenough, ACU's head women's basketball coach, will be the guest speaker. The Business of the Year and the Volunteer of the Year will be announced. Banquet tickets are \$15.

Singles Around Town

Singles Around Town is a non-denominational fellowship of singles dining out together on Thursdays between 6 and 7 p.m. For the month of March, dining will be at the Double A. For more information, call Pam Heezen at 940-863-4225 or Tommy Butler at 940-207-0205.

Hee Haw

The Sagerton Hee Haw will be held March

31-April 2. Tickets are \$5 and are available by calling 940-997-2688. Music and singing will begin about 6:45 p.m. and the program begins at 8 p.m.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., March 22 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash building, 2500 S. Willis, Abilene. A light meal will be served. For more information, contact Shelley Hughes at 325-669-6271 or Emily Meador at 325-864-3902.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at HTS in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun.

TeamKID

TeamKID will be held Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for 4 year old Pre-K students through sixth grade at First Baptist Church in Haskell. Drop children off at west parking lot door of main building. Call 864-2581 if your child needs a ride.

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.

Al-Anon

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

Deadlines

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

March sales tax receipts listed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced that he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$585.6 million in local sales tax allocations for March, 0.7 percent less than in March 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

"Energy-centric cities, such as Odessa, Midland, Corpus Christi and Houston, continued to see decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Other areas of the state helped to somewhat offset those losses, as cities such as Austin and Dallas

Ag field day

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Haskell will host a 2 hour forage field day Mon., April 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kenneth Baker Farms east of Weinert. 33 varieties of forage are being tested for forage weight yields as well as other grain varieties that are being tested. 2 CEU's will be given at this program, 1 IPM and 1 General. Texas A&M Agrilife Extension wheat specialist Dr. Clark Neely will speak at the field day. Jason Westbrook will leave the extension office at 1:00 p.m. for those who would like to follow him to the meeting site. Please take advantage of this time to ask the wheat specialist any questions related to your forage production needs. There will be no cost for the meeting. For more information, call Westbrook at 940-864-2658.

Steer/lamb/goat tags

Orders for steer tags are due by April 11. The cost of the steer tags is \$12.00. Lamb or goat tags needed for the State Fair of Texas are due April 11. The cost of lamb and goat tags is \$10.00. Please let your County Extension Agent or Ag. Science Teacher know how many tags for 2017 your student will need. For more information contact the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658.

saw moderate increases in allocations."

Haskell County had a 6.46 percent increase for March 2016 of \$45,153.85 in comparison to \$42,411.81 for March 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$147,147.21 reflect a 3.42 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of \$142,273.65.

The City of Haskell had a 10.38 percent increase for March 2016 of \$42,373.87 in comparison to \$38,385.88 for March 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$136,418.30 reflect a 4.54 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of \$130,489.29.

The City of O'Brien had a 100.00 percent decrease for March 2016 of \$0.00 in comparison to \$156.04 for March 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$905.62 reflect a 22.58 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of

\$738.76.

The City of Rochester had a 12.53 percent increase for March 2016 of \$561.32 in comparison to \$498.79 for March 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$2,033.60 reflect a 12.57 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of \$1,806.39.

The City of Rule had a 37.50 percent decrease for March 2016 of \$1,976.96 in comparison to \$3,163.17 for March 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$6,983.50 reflect a 17.76 percent decrease over 2015 payments to date of \$8,491.96.

The City of Weinert had a 16.24 percent increase for March 2016 of \$241.70 in comparison to \$207.93 for March 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$806.19 reflect a 7.88 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of \$747.25.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rhineland, Texas

Annual Parish Sausage and Fried Chicken

DINNER

SUN., MARCH 20

Serving 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$12 Adults & Take-Out

\$6 Children (under 12)

To Order Bulk Sausage

Call Billie 940-256-2973 or

John 940-256-3113

The Country Store will be selling homemade baked goods and arts and crafts items.



Handing over keys of a vehicle can be scary to parents of teenagers, Let us at Verizon give you peace of mind!

With Weego Jump Starters never be "alone" when broken down, stranded or in a bind. Kits come with car jumper cables, phone chargers, laptop chargers, and much more!



With Verizon Hum set boundaries, speed controls, track vehicles and much more all through an app on your smart phone!

