

Softball

Maidens vs Albany
Tues., March 21, 5:00 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball

Indians vs Slaton
Tues., March 21, 1:00 p.m.
at Slaton

Calendar

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens Fridays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting beginning Fri., March 10.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 18 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Mon., March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Painting with a Twist, 4618 S. 14th St., Abilene. A light dinner will be served. Make reservations by calling Painting with a Twist at 325-268-0016. For more information, contact Risha Sanders at 325-725-4041.

Town hall meeting

Keep Haskell Beautiful will hold a town hall meeting Tues., March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of First Bank Texas. Come join us and brain storm about projects for Keep Haskell Beautiful.

Mud Mania

The Second Annual Mud Mania will be held Sat., March 25. A Mini Rod Tractor Pull will be added to the event this year. For more information, contact Tim Judd at 940-256-2133 or 940-864-2900.

Chamber banquet

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Mon., March 27. Tickets are \$15.00. For more information, please call the Chamber at 940-864-2477.

Weekly story time

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

Fourth Sunday

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

Al-Anon

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



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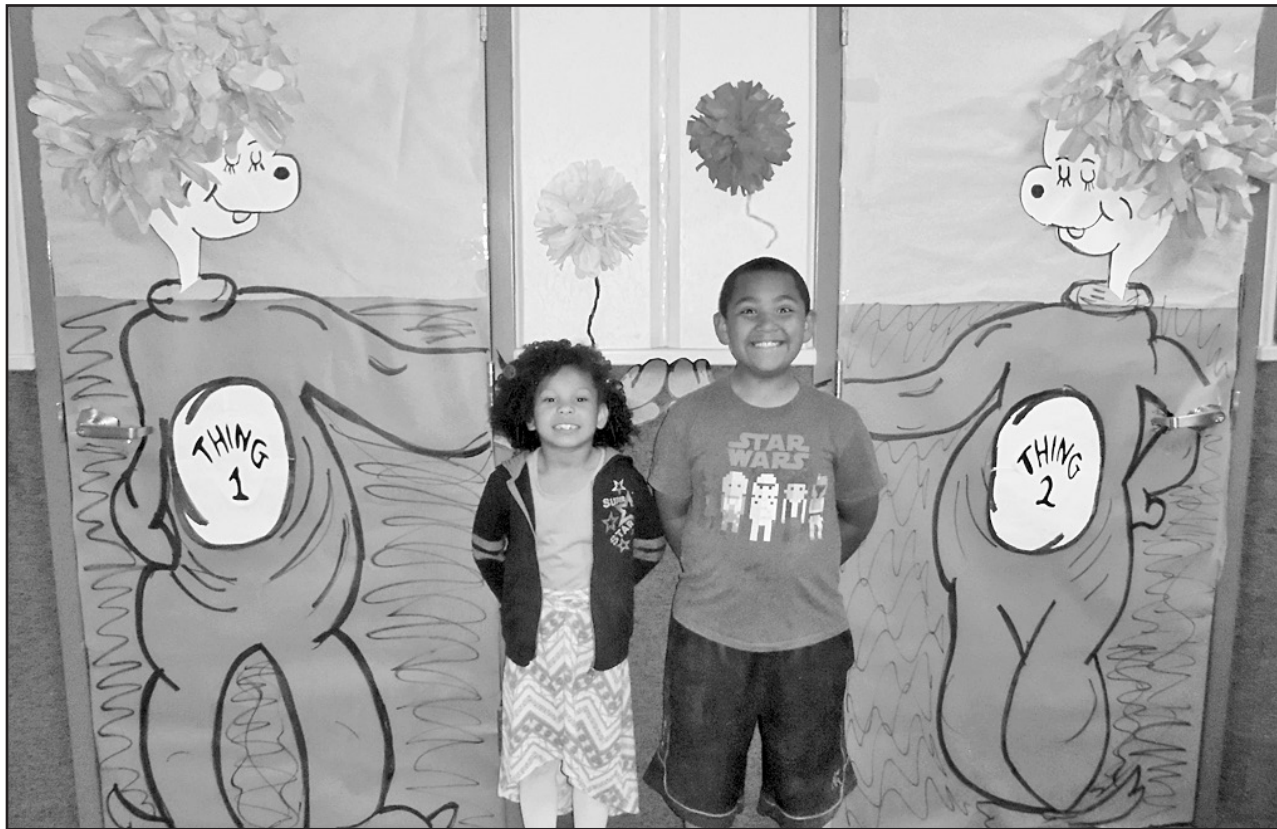
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CELEBRATES DR. SEUSS—Haskell Elementary students Khloe Green and Timothy Bolden show off doors depicting "Thing 1 and Thing 2" from Dr. Seuss's book, "The Cat in the Hat."

Dr. Seuss fills the halls of Haskell Elementary for birthday celebration

by Caron Yates

If you have been a child, had children or grandchildren, or taught children in the years since 1937, chances are very good that you know all about Dr. Seuss.

Since his first children's book, "And to Think That It Happened on Mulberry Street," was published in 1937, children everywhere have enjoyed the whimsical characters and creative stories of Dr. Seuss.

Born Theodore Seuss Geisel in 1904, he has to his credit over sixty children's books, which have sold over 600 million copies and been

translated into more than 20 languages. In addition to being an American writer, he has also been a cartoonist, an animator and an artist.

According to www.biography.com, a major turning point in Geisel's career came in response to a 1954 LIFE Magazine article that criticized children's reading levels. Textbook publishers Houghton Mifflin and Random House asked him to write a children's primer using 220 vocabulary words. The resulting book, "The Cat in the Hat," was published in 1957. The success of that book, cemented Geisel's place in

children's literature.

The week of March 2 every year is a very important time in elementary schools across the nation. Because Geisel, more commonly known as Dr. Seuss, has made such a profound contribution to children's literature, the National Read Across America adopted his birthday to emphasize the importance of reading. National Read Across America is an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association.

Haskell County schools also participated in various classroom reading activities in honor of Dr. Seuss's 113th birthday.

The west building on the Haskell Elementary campus, which houses special programs such as library, computer, music and reading intervention classes decided to go "all in" with the celebration. Since all elementary students have class several times a week in this building, the librarians Stacy Medford and Jacklyn Wheatley, along with computer teacher Debbie

Miller decorated the entire hallway with each door depicting a different book by Dr. Seuss. Interspersed were handmade flowers on the walls and ceiling. Student activity papers also lined the hallway. Medford used her talent to freehand the drawings for each door.

Although Dr. Seuss died in 1991 at the age of eighty-seven years, his gift of entertaining and educational literature continues to be discovered and enjoyed by each new generation.

Chamber banquet set Mon., March 27

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce annual banquet has been set for Monday, March 27th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

Guest speaker will be motivational speaker Kevin Tutt from Tutt and Daggis in Abilene. Entertainment will be a musical entitled Tweet! provided by Pam Gibson's 3rd grade music class from

Bobcats, Pirates named to All-District

Although basketball is now over and track has begun, several players from Paint Creek High School and Rule High School were recognized for their efforts on the court.

Rule High School competed in District 13-1A against Aspermont, Roby, Rotan, Trent and Lueders-Avooca. Jacob Navarette was selected Sixth Man of the Year. Named to the All-District First Team were Chase Thompson and Mason Helms. Ron Mitchell was chosen for the All-District Second Team, while Brandon Mitchell made All-District Honorable Mention.

Paint Creek High School was assigned to District 17-1A, along with Graford, Throckmorton, Newcastle, Bryson and Woodson. Named to the All-District First Team was Frankie Masias. Manuel Acosta was selected for All-District Second Team, and Ty Coleman, Zhenia McTasney and Antonio Yanez were chosen All-District Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to these Bobcats and Pirates on their individual success as they competed for their school teams.

DCOH to host USDA Home Loan Meeting

The Development Corporation of Haskell would like to invite residents, real estate agents, contractors and lenders to learn more about the USDA Direct and Guaranteed Home Loan Programs. The meeting will be held at the Haskell Jr. High building, room 96, (north end of the secondary campus) Tues., March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will focus on opportunities available for families and individuals to achieve the dream of home ownership. Families that are interested in living in rural communities and owning their own home or existing home owners that need assistance with home repairs should plan to attend.

Representative Cheryl Reed with USDA Rural Development will be available to discuss programs that offer up to 100% financing for a home purchase. Financing is available at a fixed interest rate currently at 3.25%. Very-low income households may qualify for payment assistance which brings their effective interest rate to as low as 1%. These affordable rates with no down payment make home

ownership affordable and may be less than rent.

If you are wondering if your income meets the requirements, take a look. For Haskell County the direct loan program income requirements are as follows: 1 person, \$29,450; 2 persons, \$33,700; 3 persons, \$37,900; 4 persons, \$42,100; 5 persons, \$45,450; 6 persons, \$48,850. For the guaranteed loan program the limits are as follows: 1-4 persons, \$75,650; 5-8 persons, \$99,850.

Rural Development also has home repair loans. For very-low income home owners, the interest rate is 1%. Grants are available for very-low income elderly home owners who are unable to repay a loan for health and safety hazard repairs and handicapped accessibility.

Discussion will also cover the basics of obtaining a loan, how repayment and credit affect loan qualifying, and requirement for purchasing an existing home or new construction.

For more information, please contact Jimi Coplen with the DCOH at 940-864-3424 or Cheryl Reed with USDA at 325-690-6162.



WINS COMPETITION—Evan Enriquez won a state wide essay competition held by Texas Water Utility Association with the topic "How do we keep our water safe." He was third place statewide and won a \$50 check. Russell Hamilton came to Haskell Elementary to present the check and show fifth grade students a video on how a water treatment plant works. Pictured, l-r, are Russell Hamilton, Evan Enriquez and his parents, Bette and Louis.

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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY—Rule students celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss and enjoying The Cat in the Hat were, l-r, Arena Caldwell, Jayde Leek, Natalie Murray, Lillian Penman, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Rylan Green, Haylee Stone, Ryleigh Thompson, Conner Russell, Fabian Valdez and Leslie Caldwell.



CAT IN THE HAT—Rule students celebrating the birthday of Dr. Seuss and enjoying The Cat in the Hat were, l-r, Dylan Campbell, Jason Hernandez, Skylor Kreger, Waylynn Caldwell, Leland Short, Samantha Farquhar, Kaitlyn Saffel, Kaylee Silvas, Octavious Guzman, Skylar Leek and Lacoste Navarrette.

Haskell Head Start, Pre-K and K registrations listed

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Head Start, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year on the following dates:

Mon. April 3, Head Start registration from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the elementary library. If you want to enroll your child in Head Start, it is very important that you attend this registration.

Tues. April 18, 3 and 4 year old Prekindergarten registration from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the elementary library.

Tuesday, May 2, Kindergarten registration and screening. New students not currently enrolled in Haskell Elementary School will be registered and screened from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the elementary office.

To qualify for Head Start, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on Sept. 1, 2017 and meet income guidelines.

To be eligible for enrollment in Prekindergarten, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on Sept. 1, 2017 and must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or qualify for free or reduced lunches; or be homeless; or be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States; or be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or has ever been in foster care.

However, we are hoping to offer Prekindergarten for all 4 year olds. If you are interested in this program for your child, please be sure to register Tues., April 18.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on Sept. 1, 2017. Only students registering for Kindergarten who are not currently enrolled in Haskell Elementary School need to attend registration with their parents. All students currently enrolled in Haskell Elementary School will be pulled from their class to be screened. Their parents do not need to attend registration.

PPCD (Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities) is for children ages 3 to 5 that may be developmentally delayed in areas such as learning, speech and/or emotional skills. If your child turns 3 during the 2017-2018 school year, you can call the elementary office at 864-2654 at that time to schedule an appointment to have your child screened.

Parents should bring their driver license and income verification (for Head Start only) and their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. Your child will not be able to start school in the fall until we have all these items on file.

It is possible for more children to qualify for more than one of these programs. Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

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Obituaries

Greggory Wayne Pierce



GREGG PIERCE

Funeral services for Greggory Wayne Pierce, 51, of Haskell were held Sat., March 11 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Bill Glass officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Haskell Funeral Home.

Mr. Pierce passed away Mon., March 6 in Haskell. Born Dec. 24, 1965 in Covina, California, he was

the son of David Wayne Pierce and Joan Ruth Smotherman Pierce. On Nov. 25, 2006, he married Gena Kathryn Modesti in Las Vegas, Nevada. In December of 2006, Gregg and Gena made Haskell their home. Gregg first worked at Modern Way for four years as an Assistant Manager, three years at Stripes as a Store Manager, three years at Dollar General as a Store Manager, and Spring Market as an Operations Manager. During this time, he also worked as a Relief Rural Carrier for USPS. He was a member of the Haskell Foursquare Church. Gregg enjoyed reading, watching sports, playing games and trivia. He was very competitive and didn't like to lose. Gregg also enjoyed traveling, only by car, never by plane.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; mother,

Joan Ruth Collins; aunt, Patty Smotherman; and cousin, Pam Smotherman.

Survivors include the love of his life, Gena Pierce of Haskell; daughters, Denise Thompson and husband, Chase of Canyon; Lisa Piper and husband, Harlan of Tenino, Washington; father, David Pierce and wife Frances of Ontario, California; sisters, Lara Pierce and fiancé Greig Smith of Australia; Kristin Pierce and fiancé Mike of Long Beach, California; Erin Schlanger and husband Tommy of Rancho Cucamonga, California; nephew, Noah Schlanger and nieces, Natalie and Charlotte Schlanger, and a host of dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The CJD Foundation, P.O. Box 5312, Akron, OH 44334. Online donations can be made at www.cjdfoundation.org. PD. NOTICE

Fannie May Cagle Barton

Graveside services for Fannie May Cagle Barton, 92, of Winnsboro, formerly of Brownwood, were held Tues., March 14 at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood with Rev. Jeff Gore officiating.

Mrs. Barton passed away Thurs., March 9.

Born Sept. 10, 1924 in Arlington, she was the daughter of Perry Frank Cagle and Fannie May McDonald Cagle.

Fannie was devoted to her family and to the Lord Jesus Christ. Fannie supported her husband, the late Rev. Paris A. Barton, in his ministries throughout the West Texas region. She was a longtime resident of Brownwood, prior to her move to the Pittsburg area. While living in Pittsburg, she was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Perry and Fannie Cagle; her

beloved husband, Rev. Paris A. Barton; two brothers, James Franklin Cagle and Willie Brown Cagle; two sisters, Viola Melva Cagle Phillips and Essie May Cagle Haller.

Survivors include her daughter, Kaye Derrick and husband Clifton "Kip" Derrick of Pittsburg; two grandchildren, A. Kirk Derrick and wife Tiffany of Fort Worth and Kristy Vee Waltman of San Antonio; five great-grandchildren, Cody Derrick, Alex Derrick, Rachel Marie Waltman, Austin Calvin Waltman and Hollie Kaye Waltman; a sister, Rosemary Caudill and husband Lee of Stanton, Kentucky; as well as numerous nieces and nephews in New York, Kentucky, Missouri, California and Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Fannie's memory to Jeff Gore Ministries, P.O. Box 413, Coleman, Texas 76834. PD. NOTICE

Finding the right balance in your personal finances

Not only is it important to balance your budget, but it's also crucial to find the right balance in your budget. How do these two differ? Balancing your budget means you don't spend more—however you spend it—than you bring in, while finding balance in your budget means you consciously spend no more than a predetermined amount on certain things. Budgeting is about more than paying bills—it's about determining how much you spend and on what.

A popular theory that addresses this idea is the 50-20-30 rule. It helps you build a budget using three spending categories—necessities, savings and wants. While there isn't a one-size-fits-all approach to budgeting, these guidelines can be helpful to people in many different stages of life. If you're considering using the 50-20-30 rule and want to learn more about it, the tips below can help determine if this is the right approach for you.

Let's take a closer look

To be successful at implementing the 50-20-30 rule, one must have a good understanding of what these categories mean. 'Necessities' can also be looked at as fixed costs and include rent or mortgage, public transportation or car payment, utilities, groceries and other living expenses. This category is pretty self-explanatory. These expenses are top priority and once they're paid, you move on to 'savings.'

'Savings' can be looked at as financial goals and include emergency fund savings, investments, paying off debt such as credit cards or school loans, etc. You should make these contributions and payments after you pay your essential expenses, but before

you do any other spending. It's important to note this doesn't include 401(k) or other retirement savings that are already taken out of your take-home paycheck. That's a good thing because it'll help boost your savings. Experts advise to take advantage of employer-offered retirement programs, especially if they match funds, because you don't miss money you never see.

'Wants' can be looked at as personal or flexible spending, and include the broadest range of expenses. This category is paid for solely with discretionary income and is the lowest priority on the budget totem pole. It is for things you want but don't necessarily need, such as eating out, movies, travel, cable, cell phone, internet, charitable or religious giving, gym membership and anything else that isn't 100 percent necessary for survival. Personal spending includes the most items because many things, such as internet or your cell phone, you can live without even if you don't want to so they're not technically 'necessities.' Keep in mind that if 'wants' are acquired using a credit card, the full balance should be paid each month. The fewer costs you have in this category, the more that can go to 'savings' at the end of the month and help you get ahead over time.

How to start

To start applying the 50-20-30 rule, you need a thorough and accurate understanding of your monthly finances. Start by looking at your pay stub to know exactly what you bring home each month. Next, break down 50 percent, 20 percent and 30 percent to determine your total for each category. Track every cent you spend for an entire

month, then divide it into the three categories. See where you stand on the 50-20-30 split and realize that you will probably need to do some adjusting. Be patient and give yourself a few months to get everything where it should be, but don't give up. Once you hit your 50-20-30 parameters, this will get much easier and soon become habit with a concerted effort and responsible decision making.

Why it works

The 50-20-30 approach is simple yet offers flexibility. You can bend the percentages each month to adjust your budget and make it work the best for you at any point in time. It's extremely helpful because it outlines the order you should be spending your money. It's key to remember that while no more than 50 percent of your take-home pay should go to 'essentials' and no more than 30 percent should go to 'wants,' no less than 20 percent should go to 'savings.' Any extra money you have each month can—and should—be used to boost your savings.

The simplicity of this rule means that more people will stick with it over time, which will lead them to reaching their financial goals. It allows room for everything—you will pay your bills, add to your savings and still have money left over for fun. If you're having trouble keeping to your budget, this could be a good approach to try.

The information above is provided with the understanding that the association is not engaged in rendering specific legal, accounting or other professional services. This information is intended to be a helpful guide. If expert assistance is required, the services of a professional person should be sought.



ATTENDS MEETING—Those attending the Texas Midwest Economic Development Alliance meeting held in San Saba were, front row, l-r, Cherry Kasberg (Miles), Tammie Virden (Ballinger), Mandy Walsh (Lampasas), Jimi Coplen (Haskell), Tony Guidroz (San Saba) and Kenneth Williams (Hamlin); middle row, Jessica Sutton (Brady), Kim Little (Coleman), Wendy Allen (WCTCOG-Abilene), Bryan Grimes (Ballinger) and Chuck Sowders (Strawn); and back row, Mickie Diersing (Hamlin), Rose Soliz (Hamlin), Larry McConn (Early), Guy Andrews (Brownwood) and Danny Miller (Strawn).

Coplen attends TMCN meeting

Development Corporation of Haskell Executive Director Jimi Coplen attended a meeting of the Texas Midwest Economic Development Alliance last week at the San Saba Civic Center. Economic development professionals from the Texas Midwest region met for a program entitled “Economic Development—Corporations, Methods & Projects.” The meeting concluded with an enlightening tour of the downtown San Saba business district success stories.

San Saba EDC Executive Director Tony Guidroz welcomed attendees to San Saba and served as a presenter and host for the meeting. Justin Jaworski, Executive Director of the Abilene Industrial Foundation, presented an “Introduction to Economic Development” which included the primary goals and the role of an economic development corporation. Ken Becker, Executive Director of the Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic

Development, facilitated an engaging and informative discussion with a panel of directors from various corporation types including Guy Andrews, Executive Director of the Brownwood Municipal Development District (MDD); Kim Little, Executive Director of the Coleman Economic Development Corporation (Type A&B); and Tony Guidroz, Executive Director of the San Saba Economic Development Corporation (Type B). The panelists shared the structure of their boards, the types of projects they are engaged in, and community success stories. The morning session concluded with a question and answer period with attendees.

The meeting was open to members and guests of the Texas Midwest Economic Development Alliance. The Alliance was formed in 1999 to provide educational and networking support to TMCN cities actively engaged in economic development.

The E.D. Alliance is

one of several programs conducted by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN), an organization of “communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone.” The regional organization sponsors a number of networking events during the year as well as projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

TMCN Member cities are Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Jacksboro, Jayton, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Saba, Santa Anna, Seymour, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

For more information about TMCN visit the website www.tmcn.org.

Haskell National Bank receives award

Haskell National Bank proudly announces it is once again a top performer, earning a coveted 5-Star rating from BauerFinancial, the nation’s premier bank rating firm. A five-star rating indicates that this bank excels in areas of capital adequacy, profitability, asset quality and much more. Haskell

National Bank has earned and maintained this top rating for 100 consecutive quarters, earning it even higher accolades. Haskell National Bank is a ‘Best of Bauer’ bank for maintaining a 5-Star rating for 25 continuous years or longer.

“Haskell National Bank is a prime example of a

community bank excelling at what a community bank was meant to do,” explains Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial. “It employs locally, thereby having the same personal investments in the community as its customers; it makes decisions locally, often for neighbors and friends; and it focuses on quality as opposed to quantity. That focus has paid off for both Haskell National Bank and for its community.”

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Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

‘A Matter of Balance’ to help older adults reduce their risk of falls

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Haskell County is offering a free program designed to reduce the risk of falls, increase physical activity and sustain longer independent living among older adults. “A Matter of Balance” is an evidence-based program that uses volunteer coaches to teach participants how to overcome their fear of falling, increase their strength and balance and improve their environment.

Each year, one in every three adults age 65 and older falls, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Falls can cause moderate to severe injuries, such as hip fractures and head traumas, and can increase the risk of early death. Surveys on “A Matter of Balance” have found that 97 percent of participants are encouraged to increase their physical activity upon completion of the program.

“A Matter of Balance” is a series of eight weekly classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Tues., March 21 until

May 9 at the Haskell County Extension Office 101 S. Ave D in Haskell. Space is limited so first come first served registration deadline by March 17.

Steve King, Administrator at Haskell Healthcare will be one of the volunteer coaches as well as Darlene Hopkins, Family and Consumer Science County Extension Agent for Haskell County.

For more information or to register for the free classes in Haskell County, contact Darlene Hopkins at 940-864-2658 or darlene.hopkins@ag.tamu.edu.

Donations for Haskell County All-Night Party being sought

Haskell County parents are proud to announce the annual Haskell County All Night Party for Haskell, Paint Creek and Rule high school students.

The party will be held

Sagerton Hee Haw tickets now on sale

Same Crew, New Show!

The annual Sagerton Hee Haw is back at it again, making jokes and bringing laughter to the community.

The show dates are March 30-April 1. Tickets are \$5 each.

Dinner is available for purchase. The community center cafeteria opens at 5:30 p.m. and closes at 7.

Thursday’s menu includes sandwiches, chips, pie and drink. Cost is \$5.

Menu items on Friday and Saturday include BBQ plate (or sandwich plate), pie and drink (about \$10).

The Hee Haw band will begin the music around 7:00 p.m. The show starts at 8:00 p.m.

Come early to have a family dinner and to socialize with the community.

For tickets call or text Michelle at 1 (936)-662-4263. If she is unavailable, please leave a message with your contact information and she will get back with you at her earliest convenience.

For any questions or comments, please email us at SagertonHeeHaw@gmail.com. Please “Like” and “Follow” us on our Facebook page @SagertonHeeHaw.

at the Haskell Civic Center Fri., May 26 following graduation. This will be a drug and alcohol free party designed to keep students safe on graduation night. Historically, over 80% of all Haskell County high school students have attended.

In order for this party to be a success, help is needed in the form of cash donations. Donations pay for the use of the Haskell Civic Center, the disc jockey, food and refreshments, games and a \$50 cash gift for every senior who stays at the party the entire time. At this time donations of food, beverages or door prizes are not needed.

Please mail any donations

to Haskell County Parent Organization, P.O. Box 163, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Donations are encouraged to be in by March 24 so that plans and activities can be finalized.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

March 13, 2017

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O’Brien Co-op.....final 19,822

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EEA Club news

The Haskell County EEA Club met Thurs., March 9, at the extension kitchen with seven members in attendance.

Kathryn Schonerstedt called the meeting to order and roll call was answered to “What is one thing you hope to accomplish this year?”

After a business meeting, Agent Darlene Hopkins reported on several 4-H activities. She stated that 40 participants attended “A Fresh Start to a Healthier You” in February at the local food distribution. She also stated that the My Plate nutrition program, Veggie Pals and the Fruit Friends, was presented to kindergarten students. A grant has been received for the Learn, Grow, Eat and Go program for fifth graders, which matches everything they need to know for the STAAR test. Help is needed to register entries during the Wild Horse Prairie Days project fair, and she will need volunteers June 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 and if possible, Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

4-H students are busy with sewing projects, a shooting and archery program, and photography projects. Hopkins stated that

A Matter of Balance series of eight classes will be offered March 21 through May 2, with registration deadline March 17th. This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls and increase activity levels.

Upcoming events are the Spring Conference scheduled for March 23 at the Civic Center in Decatur, Tri-County Rally Day on March 28 at the First Baptist Church in Munday, and the state convention on September 12-13, at the Horseshoe Bay Resort, with a theme of “The Great Outdoors, Wildflowers, Lakes and Wildlife.”

The state program “Adult Bullying” was presented by Dolores Medford. Different types of bullying were discussed as well as techniques to effectively handle bullying situations. For a hands-on activity, Schonerstedt demonstrated how to make Easter egg trees and provided materials for each member to create their own Easter egg ornament.

Refreshments were provided by Janet Fish and Lena Tidwell.

The next meeting will be April 13 at 2:00 p.m. at the Extension Office kitchen. Anyone is welcome to attend.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 15, 2007

HHS graduate Jennifer Comedy-Holmes and her husband Staten, of San Antonio were among 24 archers who qualified during the 2007 World Indoor Team Trials, to represent the United States at the 9th FITA World Indoor Championships in Izmir, Turkey.

Members of the Rule basketball teams named to the 14A All-District roster were Kendra Scheets, Defensive Player of the Year; Kyna Scheets and Brittnee Brannam, first team; Stephen Pace, Defensive Player of the Year; Jonathan Rincon, Sixth Man; Jay Spitzer and Kyle Simpson, first team; and D.J. Hall, C.J. Saucedo and James Wolfe, second team.

20 Years Ago March 13, 1997

Pete and Swede Kittley of Rule received the Man and Woman of the Year during the Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet. Pete was born and raised in Rule, while Swede is a native of Minnesota. They met during WWII.

Kevin Patton, a freshman at Haskell High School, won a second place medal for bridge construction at the State Science Olympiad Meet in Austin. He is the son of Kenneth and Judy Patton.

The Grand Champion entry in the Haskell Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest was submitted by Tiffany Byrd, Rochester sixth grader. Second place went to Tamara Taylor, Rochester

sixth grader, and third place was Kristen Martinez, Haskell second grader.

30 Years Ago March 12, 1987

Kathleen Kutch, daughter of Tom and Myrtle Kutch of Rule, showed the reserve champion barrow during the Duroc Show at the Houston Livestock Show.

Top of Texas Tumblers winning gold medals at the District 4 acrobatics meet in Plainview were Brittany Bartley, Mik Everett, Jason Hobgood, Megan Jones, Micca Jordan, Wesley Lefevre, Christy Mathis, Tenille Mathis, Brooke McGuire, Misty McMeans, Sherry Mueller, Heather Stewart, Latisha Trussell, Crystal Watson and Debbie Watson.

The Haskell High School Future Homemakers held their regular meeting, with Kim Nemir, Kip Nemir and Ronnie Bailey speaking to the group on the problems of drugs and alcohol.

40 Years Ago March 17, 1977

About 40 riders were on hand to assist in the 10th Annual Trail Drive, sponsored by the Haskell Livestock Action. Led by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sargent and Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kemp, the steers were driven from the Ken Lane farm south of town to the auction barn.

The Haskell Indian Band has won a Sweepstakes in UIL competition for the second year in a row. Band director Wendell Gideon has led the band for the past 13 years. The last Sweepstakes won by a Haskell band was in 1962, under the direction of Frank Porter.

50 Years Ago March 16, 1967

Eddie Stewart, Mattson eighth grader and son of Mrs. Janice Stewart, won the Haskell County Spelling Bee. Runner-up was Haskell seventh grader Darlene Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Abbott.

Indians selected for the District 5-AA All-District Basketball team were Doug Bartley, first team; Ray Herren, second team; John Stark and Charles Gibson, honorable mention. Maidens named were Toni Greene, first team; Catherine Josselet and Kathy Burson, honorable mention.

90 Years Ago March 17, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kemp and little son, Billy, visited her mother, Mrs. R.W. Blackman of Graham, and also visited the stock show last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Crawford and family have returned from a combined business and pleasure trip; Mr. Crawford to a cotton meeting in Dallas and Mrs. Crawford visited a number of florists in the interest of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Cates, in addition to running a dairy, find time to care for baby chicks. They are now setting the eggs at Crawford's Hatchery and are having fine luck with them.



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Wild Horse Prairie Days Project Fair General Rules

CATEGORIES

- Food: Youth and Adult
 - Textile: Youth and Adult
 - Hobbies, Arts & Crafts: Youth and Adult
 - Ag Mechanics: Students only
- #### GRADE/AGE GROUPS
- Youth: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12
 - Adult: 19 years of age and older

Open to Haskell County residents and/or school students and the employees/family members of participating ranch teams in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo, Haskell, June 1-4, 2017.

For more information, or questions, please call Darlene Hopkins, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Haskell County Extension Agent-FCS, at 940-864-2658.

GENERAL RULES

1. All entries will be accepted at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center on Thurs., June 1 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., or on Fri., June 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday. Entries will be open for public viewing at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Fri., June 2 until Sat., June 3 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Entries must be left on display from Fri., June 2 until 5:00 p.m. the afternoon of Sat., June 3

3. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded to each class.

4. Rosettes will be awarded in Youth combined category and the Adult category. Blue rosette recipients are eligible for the Best of Show Youth Combined Award and Best of Show Adult Award, as determined by the judges. Each of the WHPD Project Fair "Best of Show" winners will be presented a championship belt buckle and two free WHPD Ranch Rodeo tickets for the Saturday night performance at 5:00 p.m. - Sat., June 3 at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center.

5. Entries must be picked up from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sat., June 3. We are not responsible for any articles left in the building after closing time of the Fair on Sat., June 3, at 5:30 p.m.

6. All entries must have been made by the exhibitor in the last 12 months.

7. Only one entry per person per class.

8. During the judging, the name will not be displayed. The name will be displayed after judging.

9. All canned foods must be properly sealed and labeled using standard canning jars with the name of the product and date of preservation.

10. All baked goods must be wrapped in plastic wrap and displayed on a disposable container. It is requested a copy of your recipe be exhibited with your project. We are not responsible for your dishes.

11. No refrigerator pies or cakes will be accepted.

12. All Textile entries must be clean; clothing must be on hangers.

13. Paintings must be finished for hanging display; framing and mounting will not be judged.

14. If rules are not followed, entry will not be placed.

15. Category superintendents will have the final say in all category interpretation.

16. Machine Division consists of items made using some type of machine, (i.e. sewing machine, embroidery machine, etc.)

17. Handwork Division—must be made by hand, no machine work.

18. Photography entries must be 8"x10" in picture size and must be inserted in a clear plastic sheet protector. No over mat, framing or writing on the front.

19. Grand Parent's Brag:

Photograph must be a recent picture of your grandchild or grandchildren, no other person should be in the photo. Minimum size is 5"x7," only one photograph may be used. A short composition of 100 words or less stating why you think your grandchild is the smartest, cutest and best entry. Composition must accompany the photograph. The name, address and age of each child, as well as the grandparent's name, address and phone number, should be on the back of each entry.

20. Ag Mechanics is open only to Haskell County students. Haskell CISD, Paint Creek ISD, Rochester VoTech Center, Rule ISD and Haskell County home schooled students are eligible for participation. Students defined as Kindergarten through recently graduated high school seniors. Students may enter as an individual or group project only in the Ag Mechanics Category. Judging will be based on workmanship, quality of work, design—including practicality, degree of difficulty, finish, safety of equipment, documentation is optional—but suggested—i.e. plans, bill of materials, photos, etc.

Categories and Divisions TEXTILE CATEGORY (PURPLE)

Machine division

1. Clothing
2. Home accessory
3. Quilts
4. Wardrobe accessory
5. Recycled projects
6. Machine embroidery
7. Baby items
8. Blankets
9. Pillows
10. Pillow cases
11. Other

Handwork division

- (Items displayed in this division must use some form of textile i.e. fabric, yarn or fiber)
12. Home accessory
 13. Quilts
 14. Crocheted articles
 15. Knitted articles
 16. Needlepoint
 17. Counted cross stitch
 18. Embroidery
 19. Applique
 20. Latch hook
 21. Decorated t-shirts, sweat shirts, caps and shoes
 22. Holiday decorations
 23. Tye dying
 24. Puppets
 25. Recycled projects
 26. Jewelry
 27. Wardrobe accessory
 28. Weaving
 29. Blankets
 30. Fashion story board
 31. Other

FOODS CATEGORY (GREEN)

Baked goods division

32. Cookies (1 dozen)
33. Cakes
34. Cupcakes (1 dozen)
35. Candy (1 dozen)
36. Yeast bread
37. Quick bread
38. Pies
39. Decorated cakes
40. Prepared mixes
41. Decorated foods (edible food art)
42. Specialty foods
43. Other

Canned, preserved or novelty goods division

44. Vegetables
 45. Pickles
 46. Jellies
 47. Jams, preserves, butter and marmalades
 48. Sauces
 49. Salsa
 50. Relishes
 51. Mixes in a jar
 52. Dehydrated meats
 53. Dehydrated fruits and/or vegetables
 54. Dehydrated herbs and spices
 55. Fresh produce
 56. Other
- #### HOBBIES, ARTS & CRAFT CATEGORY (PINK)
- ##### Craft division
57. Beadwork
 58. Small woodwork
 59. Large woodwork
 60. Decoupage

61. Ceramics
62. Braiding
63. Holiday decorations
64. Small leathercraft
65. Large leathercraft
66. Sculpting
67. Goldworks/silverworks
68. Models
69. Weaving
70. Tin punch
71. Small metal project
72. Large metal project
73. Plasters
74. Stenciling
75. String art
76. Paper picture art
77. Recycled projects
78. Scrap books
79. Home accessory
80. Duct tape item
81. Jewelry
82. Puppets
83. Collages
84. Foam art
85. Masks
86. Electrical
87. Wardrobe accessory
88. Science projects
89. Clay projects
90. Diorama
91. Popsicle stick art
92. Kitchen accessory
93. Mosaics (other than paper)
94. Paper mache
95. Mobiles
96. Puzzles
97. Collections
98. Bits
99. Spurs

100. Tack hardware (i.e. conchos, buckle, etc.)

101. Livestock equipment

102. Boy Scout derby cars

103. Horticulture

104. Other

Photography division

105. Nature & landscape/seascape
106. People
107. Domestic animals
108. Architecture
109. Wildlife, birds or insects
110. Plant/flora
111. Still life/ food, etc.
112. Collages/story board
113. Special effects/elements of design
114. Sports and rodeo/fair
115. Sunrise or sunset
116. Grandparent's brag
117. Other

Art division

118. Charcoal
119. Pen and ink
120. Water color
121. Pastels
122. Acrylic
123. Oil painting
124. Painting and fabric
125. Pencil
126. Crayon
127. Computer art—computer generated
128. Computer art—mouse drawn
129. Marker
130. Map colors
131. Tempera
132. Finger paint
133. Paint by number
134. Chalk
135. Mixed mediums
136. Posters
137. Educational exhibit/display poster
138. Preprinted coloring book page
139. Other

AG MECHANICS CATEGORY (BLUE) (STUDENTS ONLY)

140. Ag machinery and equipment (tractor mounted or pulled, shop tables and equipment, truck and tractor accessories)
141. Livestock equipment (gates, panels, livestock handling equipment, livestock feeding and watering equipment, livestock housing)
142. Outdoor recreational and convenience (smokers, cookers, fryers, fire pits. Outdoor furniture, picnic tables, other yard conveniences, dog houses and kennels)
143. Indoor recreational and convenience (furniture, beds, gun cabinets, etc.)
144. Wildlife equipment (feeding equipment, traps, stands, blinds, etc.)
145. Trainers (bumper pull and gooseneck)
146. Small metal and/or wood projects
147. Large projects (metal or wood buildings, etc.)

Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Mynea Short Chamber Manager Shopping local

A small town business is part of the heartbeat of our community because money spent at local businesses goes right into our town.

When you shop at our local stores, you are putting money into the pockets of local workers who may be your neighbors or family members. And that income will likely be spent in town, making a chain reaction.

Lots of retailers often offer merchandise with uniqueness and one of a kind items you can't find anywhere else. These items may bring people from out of town to shop so it gives our community identity. Sometimes customers don't always remember the name of the store per say but they remember it is located across from the courthouse on the gazebo side.

Small businesses are usually the ones who give back to local schools and community events. So,

by shopping at our local businesses you are indirectly helping our town kids, organizations, community events and etc. This is always a win-win deal!

Most all of our businesses are not only owned, but also managed by the owner and someone you have grown up with, known for years or maybe a new friend. They are invested in continuing or building relationships with community members. These days, shopping is as much about the product that you are buying as it is about the relationships between the customers and the business. This in turn gives our town a sense of community.

Haskell is very fortunate to have amazing businesses. They are helpful to the customer and their needs and always willing to go above and beyond to meet your needs. We thank all of the businesses in our town for being the heartbeat and for all they do to help our community be the best it can be!

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Aubrey Cruz

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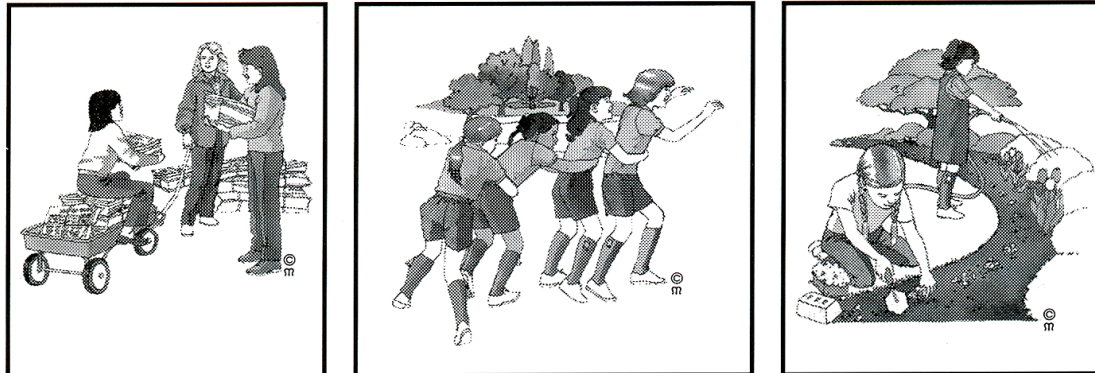
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Maidens' softball

Rodriguez drives in four as Haskell Maidens defeat Eula

Four runs batted in from Ryanna Rodriguez helped lead the Haskell Maidens past Eula 14-4 Tues., March 7. Rodriguez drove in runs on a double in the first, a single in the third and a walk in the fourth.

The Maidens secured the victory thanks to eight runs in the third inning. Haskell scored on a walk by Makinzie Garvin, a single by Maddey Williams, a single by Julia Fuentes, a walk by Jordan Garvin, an error, and a single

by Ryanna Rodriguez. Haskell took an early lead in the first inning. Rodriguez doubled on a 2-0 count in the first inning, scoring one run. Eula evened things up at two in the bottom of the second inning. With one out in the second inning Madison Milliorn drove in one run when she singled.

The Maidens took the lead for good with eight runs in the third inning. In the third, Williams singled off of Paris Rock, driving in one run; Fuentes singled off of Rock, driving in one run; Rock

walked Garvin to drive in a run; there was an error, scoring two runs; and Rodriguez singled off of Rock, driving in two runs. The Maidens had 14 hits in the game. Williams, Rodriguez, Fuentes, Kelsey Guzman and Areli Torres each collected multiple hits for the Maidens. Rodriguez and Williams each managed three hits to lead the Maidens.

Milliorn led Eula with two runs batted in. She went 2-for-2 on the day.

Haskell	1	1	8	4	0
			R14	H14	E2
Eula	0	2	0	0	2
			R4	H5	E2



MAIDENS DEFEAT EULA—Haskell Maiden Makinzie Garvin, left, eyes the ball before connecting for a base hit against Eula. Maiden Jordan Garvin, right, takes first base in the Maidens' 14-4 win over Eula.

Maidens' track



MAIDENS' TRACK—Haskell Maiden Hollyn Hadaway, left, earned points for the Maidens placing fourth in both the 3200 meter and 1600 meter runs at the Breckenridge track meet. Maiden Kara Stout, right, competes in the long jump at the Breckenridge track meet.

The Haskell Maidens competed at the Breckenridge track meet Thurs., March 6. Results include:

Discus: Lauren Alexander, fourth place; C'era Taylor, fifth place.

Long jump: Valerie Andrews, fifth place.

High jump: Kobie Walker, fifth place.

Sprint relay: seventh place (by tenths of seconds between Haskell and third place).

800 relay: third place

Mile relay: third place

100 hurdles: Courtney Gibson, sixth place.

3200: Franzi Lutz, first place; Hollyn Hadaway, fourth place.

1600: Hadaway, fourth place

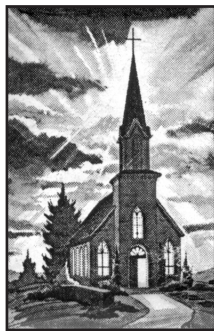
Maidens were the third

place team (tied with Hamlin) but were only beat by two big schools—Brock and Breckenridge.



TAKES THE GOLD—Despite a big fall after being tripped on the first lap of the 3200 meter run, Haskell Maiden Franzi Lutz fought back to take the gold in Breckenridge.

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 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 Consemio
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Ollie Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
940-863-4405
- New Covenant Foursquare**
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Baptist Church**
Ollie Pierson, pastor
Juddson Smith, Family Life Pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 5 p., Wed. 6 p.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
Weinert
- Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—
- Church of Christ**
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Jim McCurley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy. 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE—
- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista**
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
500 Elm Street, Rule
- Sweet Home Baptist Church**
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
940-997-2296
- West Bethal Baptist Church**
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule
- PAINT CREEK—
- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek
- O'BRIEN—
- O'Brien Baptist Church**
Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.
O'Brien

Rule School Menu

March 20-24 Breakfast
Fruit, juice and milk are offered daily.
Monday: Sausage biscuit
Tuesday: Breakfast boat
Wednesday: Waffles, sausage
Thursday: Stuffed bagel
Friday: Dutch waffle, bacon

Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Taquitos with queso, charro beans, salad, cinnamon apples
Tuesday: Meatball sub, tots, veggie cup, orange, pudding
Wednesday: Pizza, salad, tomato cup, fruit cup
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, broccoli, apple
Friday: Corn dog, baby carrots, peaches, Rice Crispy treat

Haskell School Menu

March 20-24 Breakfast
1% milk, fat-free flavored milk, 100% fruit juice variety and fruit are available at every meal.
Weekly: Cereal, toast, muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers, cheese stick
Monday: Pancakes, sausage
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Biscuit, scrambled eggs, sausage
Thursday: Sausage kolache, yogurt
Friday: Egg and cheese sandwich

Lunch
Milk variety is available at every meal. Sandwich available daily at elementary.
Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll

Tuesday: Spaghetti bowl, breadsticks, garden salad, California veggies, sliced peaches, pudding
Wednesday: Mexican combo plate, corn, lettuce and tomato garnish, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Texas chili, cornbread, tiny tomato cup, broccoli bites, orange smiles
Friday: Sloppy Joe sandwich, oven fries, cucumber dippers, cookie, fresh fruit

ECC Menu

Mon., March 20
Sauerkraut, wieners, new potatoes, squash, veggies, garlic bread, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Wed., March 22
Tacos, pinto beans, salad on side, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

Fri., March 24
Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, chips, picante sauce, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

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

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of March 6-12:

Thomas Bivins, criminal trespass, burglary and possession of marijuana. Twenty-two calls were made to 911.

Calendar

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 vasa@yahoo.com.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion

Hall in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. A practice session will be held the Thursday before the Jubilee.

Operation Recovery

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

TeamKID

TeamKID, for children ages 4 years old to sixth grade, meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at

the First Baptist Church in Haskell. If your child needs a ride, call 864-2581.

AWANA

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

Support group

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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 2nd day of March, 2017, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 11310. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Navarrette, Tony. Legal description: 1. Lots Seven (7) and the South Half (S/2) of Lot Eight (8), Block Fifty-two (52) of the Original Town Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 12,001. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Evans, Linda Individually And As Heir Of Williamson, F.A., Deceased. Legal description: 2. A 1.5 acre tract of land out of Tract 4A, Richard Hall Survey No. Sixty-Six (66), Abstract A00156, Haskell County, Texas; being more particularly described by metes and bounds referred to in the Affidavit recorded in Volume 178, Page 3, incorporated herein by reference.

Cause No. 12,131. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Livingston, Stephen, Et Al. Legal description: 3. Lot Three (3), Block Thirteen (13), Original Town Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

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Cause No. 12,149. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Eaton, Jay Bob, Et Ux. Legal description: 4. A 9.55 acre tract of land located in the North Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Feet (N378') of the West 1,100.6 Feet of Section Eleven (11), Block Fourteen (14), Abstract One Hundred Eighty-One (181), Haskell County, Texas; being more particularly described by metes and bounds as referred to in a General Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 559, Page 709 of the Official Public Records of Haskell County, Texas, such description being incorporated herein by reference.

Cause No. 12,163. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Benavides, Mike. Legal description: 5. Lots Five (5), Six (6) and Seven (7), Block Four (4), Pinkerton Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. 6. Lots Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Blocks One (1), Two (2) and Three (3); Lot Eight (8), Block Four (4); all of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8); all of lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6), Block Ten (10), all located in Pinkerton Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 12,225. Styling: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Moseley, Jerry D., Et Al. Legal description: 7. A 0.2200 acre tract of land located in Lot Three (3), Abstract Two (2), Subdivision No. One Hundred Thirty (130) of the Peter Allen Survey, Haskell County, Texas; being more particularly described by metes and bounds in that certain Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 557, Page 91 of the Official Public Records of Haskell County, Texas; such description being incorporated herein by reference. 8. The North Twenty Feet of Lot One (1) and 43.5 Feet of Lot Two (2), Block One (1), J.L. Baldwin Addition No. Two (2) Original Town 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 4th day of April, 2017, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the South door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas. Levied on the 2nd day of March, 2017, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 12 percent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of each jurisdiction.

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County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

Levied on the 2nd day of March, 2017, as the property of said defendants, to satisfy the judgment rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest, at 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 2nd day of March, 2017. Winston Stephens Sheriff Haskell County, Texas By: Chris Keith, Deputy 10-12c

Registración para los programas Head Start, Pre-Kinder, y Kinder

La escuela primaria de Haskell tendra registraci3n para los programas Head Start, Pre-Kinder y Kinder para el a1o escolar 2017-2018 en las siguientes fechas:

El lunes, 3 de abril- registraci3n del programa Head Start desde las 9:00-1:00 en la biblioteca primaria de Haskell.

El martes, 18 de abril- registraci3n de pre-kinder, edades 3 y 4, desde las 9:00-1:00 en la biblioteca de la escuela primaria de Haskell.

El martes 2 de mayo- registraci3n y calificaci3n de Kinder, para los estudiantes nuevos que no est1n incribidos en la escuela primaria de Haskell, desde las 9:00-10:00 o a la 1:00-2:00 en la oficina de la escuela primaria de Haskell.

Para calificar para el programa Head Start, un ni1o debe de tener 3 o 4 a1os de edad en o antes del primero de septiembre 2017, y cumplir con los requisitos de ingresos.

Para ser elegible para inscribirse en pre-kinder, el ni1o debe de tener 3 o 4 a1os de edad en o antes del primero de septiembre 2017, y debe ser incapaz de hablar y comprender el idioma ingl3s, o calificar para almuerzos gratis o a precio reducido, o ser ni1o sin hogar, o ser el hijo de un miembro activo de las fuerzas armadas de los estados unidos, o ser hijo de un miembro de las fuerzas

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armadas de los estados unidos que result3 herido o muerto mientras que estaba en servicio activo, o alguna vez ha sido ni1o adoptivo. Sin embargo, esperamos ofrecerles a pre-kinder para todos los ni1os de 4 a1os de edad. Si usted est1 interesado en este programa para su hijo, por favor aseg1rese de registrar el martes, 18 de abril.

Para el kinder, un ni1o debe de tener 5 a1os de edad en o antes del primero de septiembre 2017. S3lo los estudiantes que van a inscribirse en kinder y que no est1n actualmente inscritos en la escuela primaria de Haskell, necesitan de atender el registro con sus padres. Todos los estudiantes que est1n incrios en la escuela primaria de Haskell, les haremos sus calificaci3nes durante sus clases. Sus padres no necesitan atender el registraci3n.

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Si es posible que algunos ni1os califican en m1s de uno de estos programas. Llame a Peggy Adams en el 864-2654 si usted tiene alguna pregunta.

Haskell CISD no discriminan en base de sexo, discapacidad, raza, color, edad u origen nacional en sus programas educativos, actividades, o empleo como lo requiere el T1tulo IX, Secci3n 504 y T1tulo VI. 11c

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ATTEND OPEN HOUSE—Rochester VoTech Mechanical/Welding students attended the TSTC Breckenridge Campus Open House Feb. 24. They are, front row, l-r, Jody Earle, Jonathan Primm, Zachery Overmeyer, Kristopher Stafford, Ricky Hilario Jr., Ronald Mitchell, Jackson Meador, Jacob Navarrette, Casey Stiewert, Rinaldo Chavez, Joslynn Harris, Abel Sandoval, Osbaldo Carranza, Julio Vitolas and Thomas Baker; back row, Brandon Mitchell and Mason Helms.

Rochester VoTech students make career decision choices

The Vocational Technical Center of Rochester—Welding/Mechanical students recently attended the TSTC Open House at the Breckenridge Campus Fri., Feb. 24.

Students were able to visit with TSTC instructors in many different areas including Computer Programming, Cyber Protection, Computer Technicians, Wind Energy,

Automotive and Diesel Technology, Automotive Repair, Electrical Linesman, Chemical Dependency Counseling, Environmental Science, Plumbing and in the Welding Industry.

High school seniors spoke with counselors and some applied to TSTC and will begin school in the fall. Students obtained information on enrollment requirements, financial aid,

and living arrangements.

A total of eight senior students from the Welding/Mechanical VoTech program have applied to TSTC in the Welding, Plumbing, Electrical Linesman, and Automotive/Diesel programs. Two students are currently U.S. Military enrollees.

Others are planning to go directly into the local workforce. Benjamin student Casey Stiewert has enrolled in the TSTC Lineman Program and Joslynn Harris in the Welding program. Knox City/O'Brien students Abel Sandoval and Zachery Overmyer are enrolled at TSTC for Welding and Thomas Baker in the Automotive program. Munday students Julio Vitolas is enrolled in Plumbing and Osbaldo Carranza enrolled in Welding. From Rule Jacob Navarrette has enrolled in the TSTC Lineman Program.

Several from the Certified Nurse Assistant program of the Rochester VoTech Center, have enrolled in the Vernon College School of Nursing in pursuit of an LVN certification.

From the morning class, three students who are currently CNA certified, will further their education through Vernon College. They are Avery Frausto and Courtney Whitt of Haskell and Elissa Hacker of Knox City/O'Brien.

First year VoTech CNA students are preparing for the CNA certification exam. Two of these from the afternoon class are Rebeca Carranza and Ariana Nunez of Munday. They have enrolled in the Vernon College School of Nursing. Another VoTech CNA student is currently working in a local care home.



GOING TO VERNON COLLEGE—Rochester VoTech students, all CNAs planning to attend Vernon College in pursuit of LVN degrees, are, l-r, Avery Frausto and Courtney Whitt of Haskell, and Elissa Hacker of Knox City/O'Brien.



PREPARING FOR EXAMS—Rochester VoTech students, l-r, Rebeca Carranza and Ariana Nunez of Munday are preparing to take the CNA certification exam.

March sales tax receipts listed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$619.7 million in local sales tax allocations for March, 5.8 percent more than in March 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Austin saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of McAllen and Sugar Land saw noticeable decreases."

The City of Haskell had a 17.12 percent decrease for March 2017 of \$35,118.00 in comparison to \$42,373.87 for March 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$130,823.04 reflect a 4.10 percent decrease over 2016 payments to date of \$136,418.30.

The City of O'Brien had an uncomparable change

for March 2017 of \$0.00 in comparison to \$390.10 for March 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$1,312.41 reflect a 44.91 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$905.62.

The City of Rochester had a 16.21 percent increase for March 2017 of \$652.32 in comparison to \$561.32 for March 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$2,032.06 reflect a .07 percent decrease over 2016 payments to date of \$2,033.60.

The City of Rule had a

9.15 percent increase for March 2017 of \$2,157.95 in comparison to \$1,976.96 for March 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$7,358.18 reflect a 5.36 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$6,983.50.

The City of Weinert had a .66 percent decrease for March 2017 of \$240.10 in comparison to \$241.70 for March 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$999.81 reflect a 24.01 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$806.19.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Thurs., March 2 in an emergency called meeting with all members present.

The Commissioners discussed where to house county inmates after the closing of the local county jail. Transportation of inmates was also discussed. Commissioners will continue to work with Young, Jones and Fischer Counties about housing and make a final decision on Tues., March 7.

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., March 7 in a special called meeting with County Judge David Davis and Commissioners Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger present.

In a discussion leading to a possible contract for the housing of county inmates, Judge Davis discussed contracting with Young, Jones and Fischer Counties. He suggested sending letters to all three with Haskell County's intentions. A motion to contract with all three counties passed.

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