

Good Luck Maidens

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Softball

Bi-District Playoff
Maidens vs Seymour
Game 1: Thurs., April 27
7 p.m. at Seymour
Game 2: Sat., April 29
7 p.m. at Haskell
Game 3: 30 minutes after
game 2 in Haskell
No game charge

Track

Regional Meet
April 28-29 at Odessa

Calendar

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 25 edition. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office or email jpg files to hfpnews@lycos.com. Call 940-864-2686 for details.

Housing workshop

The USDA Housing Workshop has been rescheduled for Thurs., April 27 at 6 p.m. at the Jr. High Room 96.

K registration

Kindergarten registration and screening for Haskell Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year will be Tues., May 2. New students not currently enrolled in Haskell Elementary School will be registered and screened from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the elementary office.

Garage sale

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., May 6. Deadline to register is Wed., May 3 at 1 p.m. Application forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce office or pick up from the outside box at 510 S. 2nd St. For more information, call 940-864-2477.

Piano recital

Piano students of Pam Gibson will be presented in a spring recital Sun., May 7, at 2:00 p.m. at the Haskell First Baptist Church Chapel. Students performing are Brynlee Stocks, Cami Guess, Michael McBroom, Shalee Dunnam, Kenley Cox, Alyssa Stocks, Zoe Shiplett, Garrett Waggoner and Katie Newberry. The public is invited to attend.

Mayday clean-up

The City of Haskell will hold Mayday clean-up days May 4-6. Five roll off dumpsters will be available for use across from City Hall. No tires or hazardous materials are allowed. Free landfill dumps between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. with proof of residence required (city water bill). For more information, call 940-864-2333.

Remembrance dinner

A remembrance dinner, honoring the black citizens of Haskell both past and present, will be held Sat., June 17 beginning at 1 p.m. and Sun., June 18 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center in Haskell. For more information, contact Minnie Iton 325-691-1727, Juanita Wheeler 925-439-9216 or Minister Regina Billington, 15oholyspirit@gmail.com.



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Maidens sweep Hawley for district championship

The Haskell Maidens traveled to face the Hawley Lady Bearcats in a defensive battle, Fri., April 21, in the last game of district play. Both teams were 8-1 in district, thus this game would determine the district championship.

Haskell had defeated Hawley at home in the first half of district and Albany upset Haskell in the second round of district, giving each team one loss.

For the ten veteran Maidens, this game had to seem like "déjà vu," because these two teams were in the same set up when they faced off last year in the second half of district at Hawley. In that unforgettable game, the Maidens were making a comeback in the top of the sixth when the skies opened up and the rain started coming down in sheets. The game was "called" and the Maidens went down 4-2, landing them in a tough playoff bracket.

But not today. With a strong north wind and no rain in the forecast the Maidens jumped out loud and proud from the dugout scoring two runs in the first inning. Leadoff batter, senior Krysta Winegeart, reached first on an error, stole second, and reached third on a passed ball setting her up in scoring position. Seniors Laura Fuentes, Kelsey Guzman and Freshman Lolo Alexander reached first on walks. Bearcat pitcher, Marissa Hall overthrew third in an attempt to pick off Winegeart and Winegeart scored Haskell's first run of the game setting up Fuentes in scoring position at third. While Alexander was at bat, Fuentes delay stole home making the score 2-0 Maidens.



DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens are District Champs with a 3-1 win over Hawley on the road. Team members are, front row, l-r, Julia Fuentes, Lexi Jimenez, Krysta Winegeart, Laura Fuentes, Kelsey Guzman, Gabby Masias and

Maddey Williams; back row, Jordan Garvin, Lauren Alexander, Landry Hanson, Ryanna Rodriguez, Areli Torres, Kourtney Gibson, Makinzie Garvin and Kobie Walker. They face Seymour for the bi-district title beginning tonight in Seymour at 7 p.m.

The next 4½ innings were scoreless as Hall frustrated the Maidens with 12 strikeouts in the game. The Maidens reached first three more times with walks and a hit by Alexander, but left those runners stranded. In return, Maiden pitcher, Laura Fuentes hit her spots fearlessly leading the Maidens with nine strikeouts and no walks, holding Hawley to five hits, yet those base runners were stranded as the Maiden defense held tight with 11 putouts.

Finally, in the bottom of the sixth, Hawley capitalized on two rare Maiden outfield errors in the high wind, scoring one run, but right fielder, sophomore Areli

Torres recovered throwing the ball to freshman shortstop Landry Hanson for the tag out at second base, followed by a fly ball catch by Hanson, ending the sixth.

Top of the seventh, with two outs, Maiden seniors stepped up to the plate for the fourth time. Winegeart got revenge for the line drive error that came her way in left field in the sixth, and hit a left field line drive of her own that baffled Hawley left fielder stretching Winegeart's advance to third base and scoring position.

Next, senior Gabby Mendoza was under pressure at the plate. With two strikeouts and a walk, Hall had frustrated Mendoza with

several popup foul tips. First pitch was a popup again, but the second pitch connected with a center field fly ball double that scored Winegeart and set the Maidens up 3-1 to hold tight one more half inning. And "hold tight" they did. Hawley managed one more hit, but with three strikeouts the district championship was in the books. Final score: Haskell 3, Hawley 1.

Coach John Foster, Coach Lolo Martinez and their Maidens had worked all year for this rematch knowing that Hall's high speed rise ball would be a challenge for them. Thus, they had to play clean defense, capitalize on Hawley's errors, and base

run aggressively if they got the chance and with seven stolen bases this is exactly what they did.

This is the eighth Maiden softball district championship in 13 years. The Maidens will face Seymour in the bi-district series this weekend with game 1 on Thurs., April 27 at 7 p.m. in Seymour and games 2 and 3 on Sat., April 28 at 7 p.m. in Haskell.

Let's fill the stands and the outfield with some good small town entertainment as we support our Maidens in this bi-district playoff round. There will be no gate fee required at either game.

Haskell	2	0	0	0	0
	0	1	R3	H3	E2
Hawley	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	R1	H5	E3

Weston Rutkowski is BFO World Champion

by Caron Yates

Haskell High School graduate Weston Rutkowski, son of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski of Haskell, helped set a new standard in 2016, winning the Bullfighters Only World Championship and becoming the first freestyle bullfighting tour world champion in seventeen years. After more than thirty events, Rutkowski staked claim to the most prestigious title in the sport since the 2000 season.

With the 2017 BFO season tour in full swing, Rutkowski is at the top of his game. In fact, this past weekend he showed just why he is the number one man in the game. He outlasted the field of fifteen top bullfighters at the Bullfighters Only-Ada competition. The freestyle bullfighting history inside the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada, Oklahoma, is long and some of the greatest men in the sport have earned prestigious titles in that building. Rutkowski has now added his name to the list.

"It was a good day at the office," said Rutkowski after winning. "This is my passion, my career. This is my love and I am excited anytime I can do this."

"My first bull was not one of the bulls that are particularly fun to fight," said Rutkowski, who scored 86.5 points to win his section and advance to the championship round. "He was a little older and smarter, and I got a lot of rounds out of him to keep him hooked up with me."

According to bullfightersonly.com, scores are based on a 100 point scale, and men can earn up to 50 points per fight based on their ability to exhibit control and style while maneuvering around or over an animal; a bull can earn up to 50 points based on its quickness, aggression and willingness to stay with the bullfighter. That means it is imperative that the bull remain as close as possible and stay aggressive through the 60 second bout.

Rutkowski added, "My short-round bull was one I

fought back in San Angelo." That bout took place in February and didn't end the way he wanted. The bull hooked him to the ground, and tossed him in the air. "I was pretty pumped to get the rematch with him," said Rutkowski, who scored 88 points to win the title.

Dusty Tuckness, a founding member of Bullfighters Only and one of the top freestyle bullfighters in the game, said, "Weston is always a contender and you know he is going to show up in good shape with the right mindset to win. He's self-disciplined, which is the biggest thing I like about him."

Rutkowski says, "I'm huge on physical fitness. I work out every single day. I don't have to question if I'm going to have the legs to get through it. That is vital in a sport where the opponent is much bigger, stronger and faster."

Rutkowski would like to repeat as 2017 BFO World Champion, and winning in Ada goes a long way toward

that goal. "If you want to stay on top, you have to stay motivated," commented Rutkowski. "I recently hosted a BFO Development Camp. Knowing the talent in the young guys coming up is part of it, too. I know I have to keep working harder. That's the great thing about the BFO, you're going to go up against the best guys every time."

In between BFO competitions, he works as a traditional rodeo bullfighter, whose job it is to protect bull riding cowboys from the large, agitated animals.

With a "target" on his back, it will take a lot of hard work and commitment to finish on top in the 2017 BFO tour, but Rutkowski appears to be up for the challenge.



WORLD CHAMPION—Haskell High School graduate Weston Rutkowski, earned the Bullfighters Only 2016 World Championship. He has his sites set on the 2017 title.

Photo by Todd Brewer

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STORY TIME—Haskell Student Council members, Alye Stewart, left, and Kylie Adams, right, lead the weekly story time at the Haskell County Library recently. Enjoying the story, 'Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons,' were, front row, Abe VanFleet; middle row, l-r, Hadley Turner, Brooke Turner, Julianna Davis and Ben Davis; back row, A.J. Davis.



COMPETES IN UIL—Paint Creek junior, Felicity Hannsz, placed second in District UIL Ready Writing competition and advanced to Regional UIL where she placed tenth.



LOCAL TRIATHLETE COMPETES—The USA Triathlon High School & Collegiate National Championships were held April 21-22 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Triathletes from across the country traveled to compete in the 750 meter swim, 20 kilometer bike and 5 kilometer run event. Ryan Earthman, a homeschooled junior who lives in O'Brien, finished in 11th place overall. Earthman will be representing Team USA at the ITU World Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands this September. He is a grandson of Larry and Susan LeFevre, and a great-grandson of Joyce LeFevre and Tomi May.

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Early voting is underway for city/school elections

by Caron Yates

The time for filing for a place on the ballot in both city elections and school board elections has come and gone. Now the campaigning begins.

Saturday, May 6, 2017 has been set for all city and school board elections. However early voting by personal appearance, runs from April 24 through May 2. Early voting will take place during regular business hours at the city hall of each city, as well as the respective school administration office

for the school elections.

In the city of Haskell, voters will elect three aldermen to two year terms. Incumbents Randy Bowers and Johnny Fuentes have filed, as well as Allen Morrow, Dan Hoover, Tell Stevens and Steve King.

On the Haskell CISD school board, incumbents Debbie Earles and Joey Thomas have chosen not to run for re-election. On the ballot for place #2 will be Paula Everett, who is unopposed. Rusty Stocks and Wesley Alsabrook have thrown their names in the ring for place #3. These will be three year terms.

The city of Rule will vote on three council seats. The only incumbent to file is Bob Clark, and he is joined by Jim Kowalski, Alan Beard, Lacey Russell and Delle Watkins all seeking places on the council. A fourth council

seat will be decided in a special election.

The Rule ISD school board has two three-year terms up for election. Incumbent Jeffrey Murray, along with challengers Kenny Barnett and Angela Hertel have entered the race. Incumbent Shane LeFevre chose not to run for re-election.

In the Weinert city government, places held by Stanley Hager, Bill Walker and Caron Yates are up for election. Only the incumbents have filed, so there will not be an election held.

It is important for each of us as voters, to learn what these individuals running for office have to offer or what they hope to achieve, and then of course, turn out and vote.



RESERVE CHAMPION—Ryan Cox of Haskell showed the Reserve Champion Heavy Weight York at the 2017 Houston Stock Show.

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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrest was reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of April 17-23:

Jeremy Wallace, assault family violence

Thirty-two calls were made to 911.

Obituaries

Joyce L. Lewis

Heaven has received another angel. Joyce L. Lewis, 81, of Haskell, passed away Fri., April 14, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was laid to rest with her husband, Charles (Chuck) Lewis in Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Born Dec. 4, 1935, she was the daughter of George M. (Happy) Bartlett and Willie Winona Roland. She lived a very happy full life. She loved life, cooking, reading her Bible daily, working search word puzzles, being with family and friends, the great outdoors, listening to the birds and nature, feeling the sun warm her, camping and fishing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; a brother; a son, John D. Adams; a daughter, Cheryl E. Herrera; and husband,

Robert M. Smith.

Survivors include her best friend, Robert B. (Tom) Thompson, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; daughters, Carolyn S. Robey and Shannon Crowley of Haskell, Kathy and husband, Glen Pennington of Rule; sisters, Doris and husband, Jim Woods of Odessa, Mary S. Neatherlin of Stamford, and Patsy and husband, Alan Daniels of Denton; grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Celebrate her life as you remember her. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to be made to Hospice, VFW, American Legion, Cancer Society or Moose Lodge. Please visit our online guest book for Joyce at www.frenchfunerals.com. PD. NOTICE

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Haskell School Board, Place 3

I am Wesley Alsabrook and I am asking for your vote for Haskell School Board, Place 3. Being a graduate of Haskell High School and having spent my entire life in Haskell County, I want our school to be excellent in all areas. I think every student deserves the chance to reach their full potential, and that is the duty of the school board to support all students and programs. As a parent, landowner, and taxpayer, I believe in efficiency, effectiveness, and getting your money's worth for every dollar spent. My only agenda is to make sure Haskell CISD continues the tradition of excellence it has always been noted for.

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS—Members of the Josselet family celebrating April birthdays were, front row, l-r, Kaden Rosbrugh, Grant Brazell, Alma Josselet Terrell and Vicki Josselet; back row, Ava Clinger, Kristin Clinger, Brenda Josselet Baccus, Cutter Medford, Danny Josselet, Misti Bartley, Kara Josselet Gleghorn, Gentry Ashenfelter and Ron Josselet.



JOSSELET REUNION 1936

129 relatives attend Josselet family reunion

On Sat., April 15, the descendants of Victor Joseph and Catherine Hugon Josselet met to reconnect with relatives at the Haskell Civic Center. 129 relatives attended the 2017 reunion. The Joel David Josselet family was the largest in attendance.

President Monty Moeller welcomed everyone. Steve McGuire offered a prayer before the meal. Moeller thanked all who had helped with food and brought auction items. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and train rides.

After a delicious meal of grilled steak, sausage, various side dishes, and fabulous desserts, the family held the business meeting. Robbie Drinnon read the minutes from the 2015 gathering.

Paula Everett had a cake made to honor the only three remaining first cousins, Berta Mae Carroll Thomas, Alma Josselet Terrell and Lucille Toliver Pickering. All April birthday relatives came forward to help blow out the candles.

Moeller announced the newest additions to the family since 2015. The youngest present was Truette Channing Ashenfelter who was only three weeks old.

Everett remembered

those who had passed since 2015 by reading a poem and having a member of the family light a candle in remembrance. Gifts were presented by Kitsie Drinnon for the following recognitions: Alma Josselet Terrell, oldest female present; Floyd McGuire, oldest male present; Mary Allison Josselet, Person who traveled farthest; and Truette Channing Ashenfelter, youngest.

Cathy Bartley gave a presentation about the 100 year heritage honor that the C. Homer Josselet family had received in November 2015. At the end of the business meeting, new officers were elected for the 2019 reunion which will be held April 20.

New officers are Van Josselet, president; Ember Josselet Medford, vice president; Robbie Drinnon, secretary, assisted by Sandy Josselet Sanford; Robbie Drinnon, treasurer; and Cathy Josselet Bartley, reporter.

The auction was led by Danny Josselet. Many items were brought by family members for the auction. A couple of big items were a rocking chair that had belonged to Victor Josselet and a Christmas quilt made by Suzanne Thomas Wollard

and Debbie Thomas Scheffel. The bidding caused many laughs and brought in money for the reunion. The meeting was adjourned and everyone was invited to come back April 20, 2019.

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REGIONAL QUALIFIER—Paint Creek sophomore, Manuel Acosta, placed first in the 800m and 1600m race at the District meet and first in both races at the Area track meet. He will run the Regional track meet April 28-29 in Whitney. He recorded a personal best time in the 1600m race at the Area track meet in Graford.

Applications sought for WHPD scholarship contest

Once again, it's time for Wild Horse Prairie Days! With that comes the WHPD scholarship contest. Things have changed over the past two years. Young men will be included along with the young ladies.

Anyone that is in a Haskell County high school or is associated with one of the participating ranches is eligible to apply for this year's scholarship. If those winning are not graduating seniors

the scholarship money will be held by their high school.

Those applying will fill out an application and go through an interview which will be held Thurs., June 1, at the Haskell Civic Center at 4:00 p.m. This is a really easy process for the chance of a nice scholarship. The sponsor meal will be held the same evening and the applicants will be introduced. The winner announced at that time. The winner will ride in

the WHPD parade Fri., June 2 and be introduced at both performances of the rodeo, June 2-3.

Attire for this event is western or something appropriate for the occasion of a ranch rodeo. Each contestant will need a sponsor, which can be parents, grandparents or a business.

Applications may be picked up from the school counselor's offices or in the Haskell County Judge's office on the second floor of the county courthouse. The deadline for applications to be turned in is May 30 at 5:00 p.m. For more information please call Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851.



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z: Cauliflower Did you know?

Cauliflower is in season from February to May and again from August to December. One serving of cauliflower contains only 15 calories and 40 percent of your daily Vitamin C. Cauliflower contains phytochemicals that may help reduce the risk of cancers.

Fun fact!

Cauliflower originated more than 2,000 years ago in the gardens of Asia Minor and the Mediterranean.

What am I looking for?

Look for cauliflower that is white or creamy in color with a compact, solid head. Keep cauliflower dry. Don't wash until ready to eat. Bagged cauliflower can be stored for up to one week in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. Avoid cauliflower that is wilted or shows bruising.

Roasted cauliflower with paprika

1 head cauliflower, cored and broken into small florets
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 ½ teaspoons paprika
Coarse salt and ground pepper

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil. Spread cauliflower on foil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast until tender and lightly browned, 20 to 25 minutes, tossing once.

Preparation time, 10 minutes. Cook time, 25 minutes. Serves 4.

Nutrition facts: Calories, 74; Total fat: 7 g; Cholesterol, 0 g; Sodium, 20 mg; Total carbohydrate, 4 g; Protein, 1.4 g.

For a copy of this recipe or more information on healthy and nutritious recipes go to www.haskell.agrilife.com or like us on Facebook at Haskell County 4-H and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Or, contact Darlene Hopkins—Haskell County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at

Student in the News

Dona Kirkes of Haskell is a member of a group from McMurry University that attended the Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol. The purpose of the event was to showcase the experiences of undergraduate students engaged in research for Texas legislators and the public through poster presentations. The program highlighted how research conducted by undergraduate students positively impacts Texas-and Texans-with the theme: Transforming Texas Through Undergraduate Research.

Kirkes, and her team, presented their poster titled "Evaluating Collagen Dependent Metastatic Breast Cancer: Development of Novel Diagnostic/Prognostic Strategies."



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Professional Food Manager Certification Training Course offered

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in six Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Texas Food Establishment Rules state that each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Haskell Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125.00 on May 22 and May 23 at the Taylor County Extension Office. Cost includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years.

Registration deadline is May 8.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied. Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
 - Improved relationships with health officials
 - Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness
- By attending the course,

foodservice managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048. You may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 26, 2007

Brennan Medford, Paint Creek freshman, has qualified for the regional track meet, with an 11.4 in the 100. He is the son of Kendell and Emily Medford.

Approximately 75 members represented Taylor's Team at the West Texas Walk for Autism Research held in Abilene. Taylor's Team raised \$19,300.

Haskell FFA advanced four teams to state, including the Range team of Diana Mauricio, Maggie Teague, Teddy Harris, Shelby Still and Tyler Reese; Dairy Foods team of Kimie Hutchinson, Ashley Meier, Tyler Rodriguez and A.J. Benton; Dairy Cattle team of Erin Hise, Cody McLemore, Ethan Frierson and Lynette Ortiz; and Poultry team of Jessica Herring, Lonnie Alvarez and Veronica Benton.

20 Years Ago April 24, 1997

Haskell County librarian Joan Strickland accepted a framed sketch of a Waco CG-4A Combat Glider, to hang in the library. Three Haskell men were glider pilots during WWII. Theo Moore, Sam Davis and Odus Akins flew supplies behind enemy lines during the war.

Greg Melton, Haskell High School principal, has been selected as "Regional High School Principal of the Year," by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals. He is currently completing his sixteenth year with Haskell CISD.

30 Years Ago April 23, 1987

The Haskell Future Homemakers of America met and installed new officers Sharla Jetton, president; Gena Decker, vice-president of programs; LaKay Gibbs,

vice-president of recreation; Wendy Smith, secretary; Kristi Brister, treasurer; and Christi Bartley, reporter.

Directors of the Haskell Industrial Foundation include Ken Lane, Franciene Johnson, Abe Turner, Bobby Hobgood, Sue Pate, Dee Larned, Ed Harris, Wilda Medford, John English, Bob Baker and Don Comedy.

The Chamber of Commerce Welcoming Committee held ribbon cutting ceremonies this week for new businesses Cecil's Country Meat Market and Grocery and Good Stuff Video.

40 Years Ago April 28, 1977

The Haskell High School golf team, coached by James Raughton, placed first in District 6-A competition. Joseph McCoy earned the gold medal for individual play in the district. Nathan Frierson placed 5th and Chris Colbert was 6th place medalist.

Connie Scheets, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scheets of Rochester, will represent this area in the State Semi-final Youth Bible Drill competition in Lubbock. She is a member of First Baptist Church in Rochester.

Attending the District Home Demonstration Association's annual meeting from Haskell County were Mrs. Hazel Smith, Mrs. Paul Fischer, Mrs. J.P. Perrin, Mrs. Carl Bailey, Mrs. Floyd

McGuire, Mrs. Tom Yates and County Extension Agent Mrs. Barbara Elliott.

50 Years Ago April 27, 1967

David Frierson, Haskell County farmer, was the recipient of the Lions and Fort Worth Press "Outstanding Conservation Award." Calvin Frierson and his son David, started their conservation program in 1949.

Weinert FHA members attending the state FHA meeting in Dallas, were Evelyn Mayfield, outgoing area officer; Kay Newton, state chorus member; Janice Sanders and Mary Yates; Mrs. Walter Hadly, advisor and Mrs. J.A. Mayfield, parent.

90 Years Ago April 28, 1927

Sagerton enterprise is fast overcoming the ravages wrought by the disastrous fire last December, which nearly wiped the business section of the town off the map. Rebuilding of several buildings is at various stages of completion.

Marjorie Whitaker of Haskell, is a senior journalism major and editor of the college weekly newspaper at Baylor College.

Several Haskell ladies were in Olney to attend the convention of the First District Federation of Women's Clubs including Mmes. J.U. Fields, Courtney Hunt, C.L. Lewis, John Oates, F.T. Sanders and R.R. English.

2017 cotton loan rate differentials announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced the 2017-crop loan rate differentials for upland and extra-long staple cotton.

The differentials, also referred to as loan rate premiums and discounts, have been calculated based on market valuations of various cotton quality factors for the prior three years. This calculation procedure is identical to that used in past years. The Commodity Credit Corporation adjusts cotton loan rates by these differentials so that cotton loan values reflect the differences in market prices for color, staple length, leaf, extraneous matter, micronaire, length uniformity, and strength.

The 2017-crop differential schedules are applied to the 2017-crop loan rate of 49.49 cents per pound for the base grade of upland cotton and 79.77 cents per pound for extra-long staple cotton. The 2014 Farm Bill stipulates that the upland cotton loan rate ranges between 45 to 52 cents per pound, based on the simple average of the adjusted world price for the two marketing years preceding sowing of the ensuing year's crop. The loan rate provided to an individual cotton bale is based on the quality of each individual bale as determined by Agricultural Marketing Service classing measurements.

The tables of these loan rate differentials are available on the FSA website at <http://go.usa.gov/3W8tV>. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Erik Dohlman at 202-720-4284 or by email at Erik.Dohlman@wdc.usda.gov.

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.



AR TRIP—Rule first graders' celebrated reaching their AR goals with a trip to Abilene Thurs., April 20. Ellen Rieger's class enjoyed learning about Texas history at Western Heritage Day at Hardin-Simmons University. Students had a pizza lunch at Mr. Gatti's, followed by an afternoon of fun and games. Attending were, front row, l-r, Tyreike Vanderbilt, Cheyenne Guzman, Jazmin Amaya and Lezli Manske; and back row, Keagen Vasquez, Hannah Hertel, Savannah Farquhar, Kynzleah Hertel and Emma Vance.



ATTEND CONCERT—Rule Kindergarten and first grade students attended the Steven Fite concert in Abilene Tues., April 18. Attending, l-r, were first grade students, Lezli Manske, Emma Vance, Hannah Hertel, Savannah Farquhar, Keagen Vasquez, Jazmin Amaya, Kynzleah Hertel, Tyreike Vanderbilt and Cheyenne Guzman; and Kindergarten students Rose Stuart, Marley Thomas, Miracle Stuart, Henry Pennington, Jayden Scheffler, Teddy Graciano II, Casen Thompson, Rylan Johnson, Lucas Pippin, Parker Foil, Mario Sandoval, Elijah Nicholson, William Penman and Justin Caldwell.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE—Rule students receiving awards for perfect attendance for the fifth six weeks were Pre-K Amanie Graciano, Achilles, Martinez, Jazlyn Perales and Brayden Vance; Kindergarten, Layne Hertel and Lucas Pippin; first grade, Hannah Hertel, Kynzleah Hertel, Lezli Manske, Emma Vance and Tyreike Vanderbilt; second grade, Leslie Caldwell, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Natalie Murray and Fabian Valdez; third grade, Samantha Farquhar, Jason Hernandez, Katlyn Saffel and Leland Short; fourth grade, Kyle Adkins, Juan Hernandez, Kyleik Mason and Julio Tapia; fifth grade, Donna Green, Astrid Guzman, Michael Holt, Timothy Moore, Geneva Pauley and Shelby Saffel.

Rehab trail ride slated at Circle S Ranch April 29-30

The Circle S Ranch in Haskell County will host this year's Trail Ride for Rehab benefitting The West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The Circle S Ranch is owned and operated by the Sanders family. Jacky and Sandra Sanders were both Haskell county natives that saw their dreams come true by

establishing the Circle S Ranch. This year's ride will be a memorial ride in their honor.

The ride will be held April 29-30 with early arrivals on Friday the 28th. The ride will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and ride to a lunch site for a break, then continue in the afternoon arriving back to camp in time to get ready to enjoy a meal, an auction and a little story or two from Cowboy Poet Red Steagall. Sunday will have a church service after breakfast and a short ride until noon.

The ride benefits the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and their mission to provide outpatient therapy to

residents of the Big Country. The Rehab wants to thank our sponsors who make events like this possible and continue to support our mission. Sponsors for this year's ride are Total Feeds, Central Texas Farm Credit, RVOS Insurance, Larned's Sale Center, Thomas Hicks Construction, Subway, Nelson Farm and Ranch, Sovereignty Abstract and Title, Stamford Insurance, The Drug Store of Haskell, Wheat Energy Services, Ekdahl Real Estate and Key City Veterinary Clinic.

For more information go to WestTexasRehab.org or call Archie Jobe at 325-660-8334.

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.

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/>.

Support group

The Jones County Alzheimer's Association Support Group meets the second Monday of the month at 4 p.m. at Country Elegance, 1700 Columbia St., Stamford. For information, contact Patsy Richards at 325-773-5511.

Storm sirens

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



PIG KISSES—Rule principal, Tim Holt, right, made good on his promise to place a big 'ole smooch on a pig if the secondary campus could raise \$100 for an incentive attendance reward. The secondary students came through and were witness to the event. Holding the reluctant pig is its owner, Bobby Jo Nieto.

Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Mynea Short
Chamber Manager
Community-wide garage sale

The community-wide garage sale is Sat., May 6.

•Sign your garage sale up at the chamber office.

•Sign up closes Wed., May 3 at 1:00 p.m.

•Garage sale participants will pick up their yard sign on Fri., May 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

•Sat., May 6 at 7:30 a.m.—Time to shop! Pick up your map to all the garage sales at the gazebo on the square.

The garage sale is

advertised in the area papers, The American Classifieds and KVRP. We invite everyone that is not having a garage sale to come out and shop. Shop not only the garage sales, but check out Haskell's great businesses around town and all they have to offer.

The Chamber appreciates all who participate in the garage sales and all the shoppers. Don't forget that May 6 is also election day, so don't forget to go vote!

If you have any questions please feel free to call the chamber at 940-864-2477.

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HASKELL MAIDENS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



HASKELL MAIDENS—Members of the 2017 Haskell Maidens' softball team are, front row, l-r, Franzi Lutz, Laura Fuentes, Kelsey Guzman, Gabbi Mendoza, Maddey Williams and Krysta Winegeart; back row, Coach John Foster, Kourtney Gibson, Julia Fuentes, Lexi Jimenez, Makinzie Garvin, Landry Hanson, Kobie Walker, Areli Torres, Jordan Garvin, Ryanna Rodriguez, Lauren Alexander and Coach Lolo Martinez.

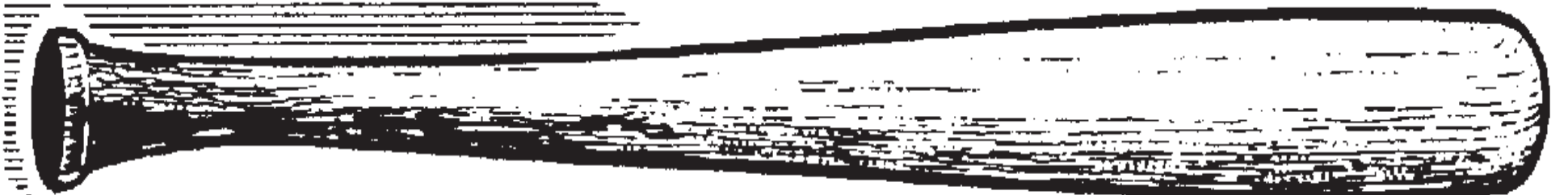
Maidens vs Seymour Lady Panthers Bi-District Playoff Series

Game 1: Thurs., April 27, 7:00 p.m. at Seymour
Game 2: Sat., April 29, 7:00 p.m. at Haskell
and Game 3 (if needed) follows game 2.

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Haskell School Menu

May 1-5
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: Eggs and cheese sandwich

Students visit Rotary Club



AUTUMN ROGERS

Autumn Rogers, a Paint Creek High School senior, participates in cross country, One Act Play, FFA, basketball, UIL and received her CNA license through the VoTech CNA class. After graduation, she plans to attend South Plains College.



BUDDY TROTTER

Buddy Trotter, a Paint Creek High School senior, participates in basketball, track, One Act Play, UIL and serves as VP of senior class. After graduation Trotter plans to attend Texas Tech University.

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, breadstick, garden salad, California veggies, sliced peaches, pudding
Wednesday: Mexican combo plate, corn, lettuce and tomato garnish, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Beef teriyaki sandwich, baked potato chips, tiny tomato cup, broccoli bites, orange smiles
Friday: Popcorn chicken, roll, oven fries, cucumber dippers, cookie, fresh fruit

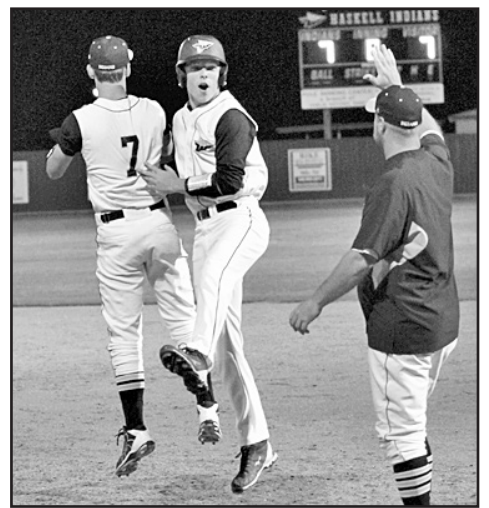


HONOR ROLL—Receiving awards for the Rule Superintendent's Honor Roll are, first grade, Jazmin Amaya, Savannah Farquhar, Lezli Manske and K.K. Vasquez; second grade, Arena Caldwell, Madisyn Hollabaugh, Jayde Leek, Natalie Murray, Conner Russell and Haylee Stone; third grade, Kaitlyn Saffel; fourth grade, Diego Amaya; fifth grade, Shelby Saffel.



HONOR ROLL—Receiving awards for the Rule Principal's Honor Roll are first grade, Cheyenne Guzman, Hannah Hertel, Emma Vance and Tyreike Vanderbilt; second grade, Leslie Caldwell, Lillian Penman, Ryleigh Thompson and Fabian Valdez; third grade, Dylan Campbell, Samantha Farquhar, Octavious Guzman, Jason Hernandez, Skylor Kreger, Skylar Leek, Lacoste Navarrette, Leland Short and Kaylee Silvas; fourth grade, Juan Hernandez and Jelena Alvarez; fifth grade, Astrid Guzman and Geneva Pauley.

Indians' baseball



INDIANS DEFEAT ANSON—Haskell Indian Evan Green, left, throws the runner out at first base in the Indians' win over Anson. Teammate Rocky Haggard celebrates with Tyler Hoover after Hoover's walk off single to defeat Anson 8-7 in the eighth inning.

The Haskell Little League brought a little magic to the Indians

It was Little League appreciation night last night, and the boys from summer were there in force at Coker Field to watch the Haskell Indians defeat Anson 8-7 on Tues., April 18 thanks to a walk-off single. The game was tied at seven with Haskell batting in the bottom of the eighth when Tyler Hoover singled off of Soliz, driving in one run.

The Indians earned the victory despite allowing Anson to score six runs in the first inning. Anson's big inning was driven by a triple by Soliz, a triple by Mitchell, a single by Peirson, two errors and a walk by Thomson.

Haskell answered back in the first when Koby Compton legged out a single. Peyton Smith, the courtesy runner stole second and third. Then put up the first run with an RBI by Evan Green, driving in Smith.

In the bottom of the fourth, Riley Sloan started the Indians off with a single, followed by another single by Rocky Haggard. Kellen Parks drove in a RBI with another single. Baccus then loaded the bases with walks and hit Koby Compton to bring another run for Haskell.

The score remained 4-6 until the bottom of the sixth. Haskell loaded the bases with two hit batters and a single by Kellen Parks. Koby Compton got hit again bringing in

another run for Haskell.

Anson added another score in the top of the seventh inning, making the score Anson 7, Haskell 5.

In the bottom of the seventh, Ezell Woods and Riley Sloan both walked. Woods stole third base. On the steal, the catcher for Anson overthrows third base and Woods scored. Sloan went to third. Kellen Parks picked up an RBI when he popped out to the shortstop. Sloan went home on the pop-up to tie the game.

Haskell held the Tigers in the top of the eighth. In the bottom half of the inning, Reed Roewe got to first on error by the shortstop. Roewe made it to third on the sacrifice by Koby Compton. Tyler Hoover hit a walk-off single to left field scoring Roewe.

Haskell had ten hits in the game. Evan Green and Kellen Parks each collected multiple hits for the Indians.

Haskell	1	0	0	2	0
Anson	2	2	1	R8	H10
	6	0	0	0	0
	0	1	0	R7	H5

Indians fall to Hawley on walkoff

The Haskell Indians fell to Hawley 3-2 Fri., April 21 on the final play of the game. Hawley was down 2-1 in the bottom of the twelfth inning when Culp singled off of Rocky Haggard, driving in one run.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Hawley pitchers struck out 17, while

Haskell sat down seven.

Hawley took an early lead in the first inning. A wild pitch by Evan Green scored one run for Hawley.

Stokes earned the win for Hawley. He threw seven innings, giving up one run, eight hits, striking out 12, and walking one. Rocky Haggard took the loss for the Indians. He went one and two-thirds innings, giving up two runs, two hits, and striking out three.

Evan Green started the game for Haskell. He threw ten innings, allowed one run, seven hits, and struck out four.

Haskell had 15 hits in the game. Haggard, Reed Roewe, Green and Alec Roewe each collected multiple hits for the Indians. Haggard led Haskell with four hits in five at bats and led the Indians with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with eight stolen bases.

Hawley collected nine hits. Jones, Culp and Ornelas each collected multiple hits for Hawley. Hawley was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Stokes made the most plays with seven. Hawley stole 11 bases during the game as four players stole more than one. Stokes led the way with four.

The Indians' final game is Mon., April 24 vs the district leading Albany Lions. It is also Senior Night.

Haskell	0	0	0	0	0
Hawley	1	0	0	0	1
	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

April sales tax receipts reported

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$620.2 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 4.9 percent more than in April 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

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

The City of Haskell had

a 4.44 percent decrease for April 2017 of \$37,266.87 in comparison to \$39,000.95 for April 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$168,089.91 reflect a 4.17 percent decrease over 2016 payments to date of \$175,419.25.

The City of O'Brien had a 119.94 percent increase for April 2017 of \$353.47 in comparison to \$160.71 for April 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$1,665.88 reflect a 56.22 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$1,066.33.

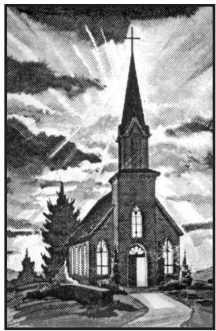
The City of Rochester had a 44.08 percent increase for April 2017 of \$640.62 in comparison to \$444.61 for

April 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$2,672.68 reflect a 7.84 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$2,478.21.

The City of Rule had a 10.70 percent decrease for April 2017 of \$1,708.54 in comparison to \$1,913.32 for April 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$9,066.72 reflect a 1.90 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$8,896.82.

The City of Weinert had a 145.16 percent increase for April 2017 of \$410.39 in comparison to \$167.39 for April 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$1,410.20 reflect a 44.84 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$973.58.

This Week's Devotional Message:



The Bible Cannot Help You Unless You Read It

Since man first learned to put his thoughts down on something like paper, there have been innumerable books written containing advice on how to live a good life; but none has ever come even close to the Bible, with its divinely inspired words of wisdom, for all the guidelines we will ever need. Copies of it are available at any bookstore, starting at very reasonable prices; but getting

people to BUY it has never been much trouble. The real problem lies in getting them to take the time to READ it. If you don't already own a copy of this priceless work, obtain one that is appropriate to your faith and start reading it, a little at a time. It will give you a better understanding of your faith; and as a result, your entire life will be a much more rewarding experience.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

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

Christian Church

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

Church of God

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

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Iglesia Bautista

El Calvario

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

First United

Methodist Church

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

First Assembly of God

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

St. George

Catholic Church

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

Church of Christ

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Trinity Baptist Church

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

Hopewell Baptist Church

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

Greater Independent

Baptist Church

Ollie Johnson, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

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.
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Rochester VoTech Center campus hosts annual open house

by Susan Turner

The Rochester Vocational Technology Center Campus opened its doors to VTC partners, prospective students, VTC Co-op school district personnel, Texas State Technical College and Vernon College representatives and members of the Rochester community Wed., April 19.

VTC Director Monty Moeller, Ag Mechanics instructor Dallas Willis, Certified Nurse's Aide instructor Katherine Shannon and current VTC students gave tours of VTC facilities and gave demonstrations of instructional resources of the VTC campus.

Ag mechanics students presented an impressive display of award winning projects completed for statewide competition. Prospective students did hands-on activities to learn about the opportunities available at the VTC center.

Haskell CISD Superintendent Bill Alcorn gave the initial welcome to the large crowd in the Rochester School Cafeteria. VTC Director Moeller offered his welcome and expressed thanks to district administrators, counselors, school board members, school bus drivers, business and industry partners and the VTC advisory committee. Thanks were given to volunteers who prepared and served the meal for open house. These were Bart Parham, Don

Flippin, Don Ballard, Daryl and Sharon McGhee, Janet Moeller, Mollie Moeller, Roger Moeller and Paula Everett.

Director Moeller expressed his appreciation for Bailey Toliver Chevrolet who sponsored the meal and to Linda Short of The Drug Store of Haskell, who donated bottled water.

Director Moeller then recognized special guests Denton Bates of the Development Corporation of Haskell; Haskell Mayor John Gannaway; school administrators and counselors from Benjamin, Haskell, Knox City-O'Brien, Munday and Rule ISD; Rachel White of the Vernon College Nursing Program; Steve King and Joseph Logsdon of Haskell Healthcare Center; Rene Rhalston, dual credit coordinator of TSTC West Texas; Wendy Nickelson, diagnostician and Jennifer Caddell of the Haskell-Knox Education Cooperative; and Haskell CISD school trustee candidate Paula Everett of the Haskell Education Foundation and trustee candidate Wesley Alsbrook.

Moeller then broke the prospective students into groups according to their interest in either ag mechanics training or CNA training. Students and guests were given ample time to tour the campus and hear of the opportunities available through the VTC program and how these opportunities

help students achieve their goals following high school graduation. Students can start immediately to earn a good wage and lay a solid foundation for advanced careers in these areas. Representatives presented guidelines for pursuing vocational training and the responsibilities and expectations of students. The personal experiences they shared told of the immediate impact these careers can have. I was able to sit in on the CNA presentation where health care professionals shared accounts of the difference they make every day in the lives of their patients. In return, there is a very positive impact patients return to the lives of caregivers. These professionals also pointed out that healthcare remains

an essential part of our communities regardless of the rise and fall of economics.

A delicious hot dog lunch was enjoyed in the cafeteria at noon. Recognitions were made during this time, and a video of VTC activities was shown.

Don Ballard explained the "Last Strike" Welding Contest to be hosted by the VTC Tues., May 16. This unique contest will provide competition for three person teams from the same school building an H brace from a blue print. Entry fee is \$30.00. Contestants are to bring their own welding and cutting rig. If students do not have this equipment, it can be provided for them. An individual contest will also be held. This contest consists of two students

maximum from each school. The competition will involve cutting and using a blue print, arc welding and a test. Entry fee is \$15.00 per student. Additional contests may be added. Contestants must register by May 1 by email to Dallas Willis at dwillis@haskell.esc14.net (903-393-3273) or Monty Moeller at mmoeller@haskell.esc14.net. Additional information may also be had from these contacts.

Following lunch, rotations continued. These included woodworking/wood and metal project construction/nail driving contest; CNC demonstration, plasma cutting, GMAW (wire welding); oxy-fuel cutting and SMAW welding.

Thanks to the vision and

dedication of personnel involved the Rochester VTC impacts students every day. The support of its leadership, its cooperative school districts, its partners and the community at large is key to continuation and success. In combining resources, unlimited opportunity is provided for students, equipping them to succeed far beyond high school graduation.



COMPETITION WINNERS—The Rochester VTC Open House featured a nail driving competition this year for prospective students. Edgar Araujo, left, of Munday CISD was Top Driver. Second place went to Jacob Lopez, center, of Knox City-O'Brien CISD and third highest award went to Caleb Barrientez of Benjamin ISD.



PRIZE WINNER—The Rochester Vocational Technology Center hosted students interested in Certified Nurse's Aid training and Ag Mechanics training at its annual open house Wed., April 19. Cassidy Correll of Benjamin ISD won the Littman II stethoscope door prize, donated by Haskell Healthcare Center, drawn for by prospective CNA students.

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Public Notices
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Crown Equipment Co., P.O. Box 1394, Weatherford, TX 76086 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a reservoir productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn formation, Ramm Unit, well number 1A. The

well is located 14.5 miles Southwest of Haskell in the Sagerton (Strawn Sand) field in Haskell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the sub-surface depth interval from 4,800 to 4,900 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
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Maidens' softball



MAIDENS VS ANSON—Haskell Maiden Julia Fuentes, left, slides safely to third base against Anson. Maiden Maddey Williams, right, makes a great catch in the air for the out against Anson.



MAIDENS VS HAWLEY—Maiden Landry Hanson, left, takes the throw from home looking for the tag against Hawley. Maiden senior Laura Fuentes, right, steals home under the tag to put the Maidens on the board in the 3-1 win over Hawley, earning the Maidens the district championship.

Maiden seniors shine in last district home game

Tues., April 18 was Senior Recognition Day as the Maidens played their last regular season game on the home turf against the Anson Lady Tigers. Six seniors will graduate including pitcher/shortstop, Laura Fuentes, catcher Kelsey Winegeart, centerfielder Gabby Mendoza, second base Maddey Williams and exchange student Franzi Lutz from Germany.

The Maidens were victorious, winning 13-5 in 6 1/2 innings. Collectively, the Maidens had 10 hits while Anson had 7.

Winegeart caught two fly balls in her final home game. Mendoza went 2/4 with two doubles. Guzman was 1/3 and continues to be a "brick wall" behind the plate. Williams was in on five defensive plays at second base, caught two nasty fly balls, a line drive, dove to stop a hard hit grounder and made the last out of the game. Fuentes started the game in the circle facing each batter twice with four strikeouts,

Al-Anon

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

one walk and only four hits. Underclassmen, Lolo Alexander and Jordan Garvin both hit 2/3. The Maidens have one district game left to play at Hawley on Friday with whom they are tied for first, each with one loss.

Haskell	2	2	6	1	0
	2	0	R13	H10	E4
Anson	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	R5	H7	E2

Operation Recovery

Operation Recovery, a faith-based 12-step meeting, will offer two meetings—an 'early bird meeting on Fridays at 9 a.m. and an evening meeting on Fridays at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—Athletes moving on to regionals in track and field for Rule ISD are, l-r, Chase Thompson in the 100, 200, 400 and high jump events; LeAnn Manske in triple jump and 100; and Mason Helms in the mile and 2 mile.

Haskell to register Kindergarten

Haskell Elementary School will have registration and screening for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year Tues., May 2. 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 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 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.

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