

Calendar

Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., June 1 edition of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 25 at 4:30 p.m. The Haskell Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

Masonic open house

A state wide open house for all Texas Masonic Lodges will be held Sat., May 27. Rule Masonic Lodge #954 will hold an open house Sat., May 27, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Rule, 401 Union Avenue. Bring your friends and neighbors to this event that is open to the public. Refreshments will be served by the Rule Eastern Star Chapter #989. Tours of the lodge will be given and Masonry will be explained.

Splash day

Splash day at the Haskell City Pool will be Mon., May 29 from noon to 6 p.m. Regular pool hours are Tues.-Sat. from noon to 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for ages 4 years to 17 years, and 3 and under free. Pool parties are two hours long and the cost is \$75 paid at City Hall. Two lifeguards are required at each party at a cost of \$20 each. Parties are after pool hours only Mon. through Friday. For more information, call City Hall at 940-864-2333.

Baseball summer camp

The Indian Baseball Youth Summer Camp will be held May 30-June 1. The skills camp will be held Tues., May 30 and Wed., May 31. Skills Camp for ages 9-12 will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon; and ages 13 through incoming ninth graders will be from 1-4 p.m. Pitcher/Catcher Camp will be held Thurs., June 1. Camp for ages 9-12 will be from 8:30 to noon; ages 13 through incoming ninth graders will be from 1-4 p.m. For more information, contact Coach Kevin Compton at 254-709-1671 or email kcompton@haskell.esc14.net.

WHPD BBQ Cook-off

The WHPD BBQ Cook-Off, presented by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet, will be held June 2-3. The steak cook-off is Fri., June 2 and Bloody Marys, beans, chicken, ribs and brisket will be on Sat., June 3. A corn hole tournament will be held Friday and Saturday. For more information, call Tell Stevens at 214-500-4506.

FBC Haskell VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at First Baptist Church, Haskell Mon., June 5 through Fri., June 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for completed 4 year old Pre-K through fifth grade. For a ride call 940-864-2581 by Fri., June 2.

Homecoming

Haskell-Mattson-Rochester-Weinert 2017 homecoming date has been changed due to UIL changes in the schedule. Homecoming will be held Oct. 20-21. If you have questions, call 806-773-8715. Make your plans to attend.



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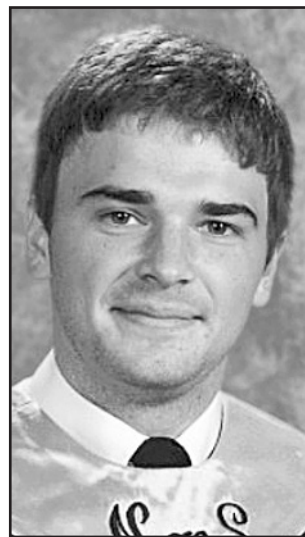
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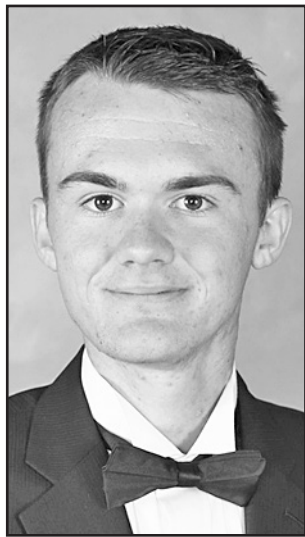
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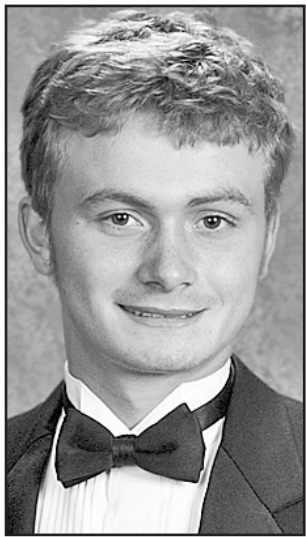
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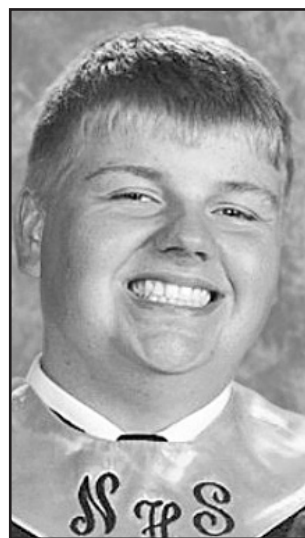
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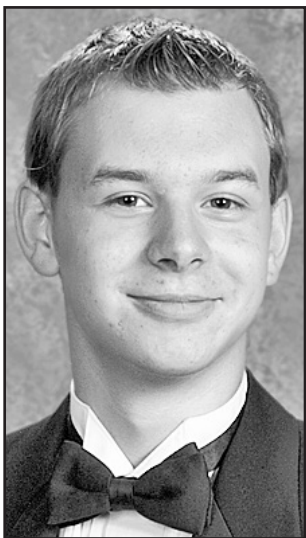
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Haskell County schools will have sixty-two seniors receiving diplomas during graduation ceremonies.

Haskell High School will graduate forty-three seniors, during commencement exercises at the Indian Gym on Friday, May 26, beginning at 7 p.m.

Those graduating are: Kylie Adams, Amber Alexander, Austin Alsbrook, Alex Alvarez, Isaiah Alvarez, Ashlyn Bevel, Laura Brown,

Lane Burson, Garrett Campbell, Macey Coker, Deann Conner, Jade Dasilva, Sam Fouts, Laura Fuentes,

Chase Gibson, Jacee Guess, Kelsey Guzman, Vicky Hertel, Hayden Hudson, Kasie Isbell, Hayden Leach,

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Shaylee Rodriguez, Alec Roewe, Alye Stewart, Caden Tatum, Payton Thomas,

Courtney Whitt, Maddey Williams, Krysta Winegeart, EZ Woods and Colton Wright.

Valedictorian is Payton Thomas, son of Joey and Tiffany Thomas. Salutatorian

is Chase Gibson, son of Chad and Kristi Gibson.

Paint Creek

Twelve Paint Creek seniors will receive diplomas during exercises to be held Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the Paint Creek gymnasium.

Graduating seniors include Devon Benitez, Angel Chavez, Sabrina Conn, Sara Edwards, Hannah Grand, Catherine Lemond,

Bryce Likes, Eugenia McTasney, Corey Mengwasser, Autumn Rogers, Buddy Trotter and Aaron Wolf.

Paint Creek valedictorian is Corey Mengwasser, son of Darla Mengwasser. Salutatorian is Catherine Lemond, daughter of Janet Smith and Danny Lemond.

Rule

Seven Rule High School seniors will receive diplomas at commencement exercises held in the Rule High School auditorium on Friday, May 26, at 7 p.m.

Graduates are Chase Helms, Devin Martinez, Ronald Mitchell, Jacob Navarrette, Austin Redden, Cole Tabb and Hunter Threet.

Valedictorian is Ron Mitchell, son of Laura Crossley. Salutatorian is Austin Redden, son of Angela and Danny Kreger.

Wild Horse Prairie Days comes to town June 2-4

by Caron Yates

The 22nd edition of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo is on its way. The big event will take place Friday through Sunday, June 2-4 in Haskell.

Organizers have once again scheduled a full weekend of fun activities.

The WHPD Ranch Rodeo was one of the first ranch rodeos sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association or WRCA. The WRCA is committed to preserving the heritage and lifestyle of the Working Ranch Cowboy.

Through the years changes have been made to the list of activities. Sammy and Casey Larned, who spearhead the event, are supported by an amazing group of workers, sponsors and competitors.

Kicking off the event will be the John Wallace Memorial Double Mugging at the Haskell County Arena on Sunday, May 28, beginning at 2 p.m. For more information contact J.W. Wallace at 864-3509 or Carl Hopkins at 864-5299.

Making its debut last year, the WHPD Project Fair will once again take place at the Civic Center. County Extension Agent Darlene Hopkins is once again heading up this event. All entries will be accepted on Thursday, June 1 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. or Friday, June 2 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, and entries will be open for public viewing from noon on Friday through 5 p.m. on Saturday. For more information call (940) 256-3625. A list of categories is located elsewhere in this week's paper.

On Friday, June 2, the WRCA team roping will take place.

On both Friday and Saturday, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., inside the Civic Center, there will be a Trade and Craft Show. As a special treat, live music will be performed by both local and outside artists during the day on Saturday. A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5-7 p.m. each night, inside the Haskell Civic Center.

The WHPD BBQ Cook-Off, presented by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet will have a welcome event and corn hole tournament beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, June 2. The steak cook-off gets underway at 7 p.m. New this year is a kid's steak cook-off (under 15 years old), sponsored by Modern Way/Ace in Haskell. Saturday's cook-off begins at 8 a.m. with categories to include brisket, ribs, Bloody Marys, chicken and beans. The corn hole tournament continues at 10 a.m. For more information contact Tell Stevens at (214)500-4506.

The main event, the rodeo, will begin at 7 p.m. both nights, with twenty ranch teams competing for top honors. Ranches on the list for Friday will be Goldsmith, Treadwell/McPhail, Whitmire Land & Cattle Co., R.A. Brown Ranch, Driver Land & Cattle, WT Waggoner Estate Inc., Pitchfork Cattle Operations LLC and Diamond H/Plus C.

Saturday night competitors will be Thompson Ranch, Bonds Ranch, Burns Ranch, Circle Bar, Cook Canyon, Sandhill Cattle Co., Swenson Land & Cattle Co., Tongue River, Stewart-S and Triangle Veale. The competition will be tough again this year,

as many of these teams have previously advanced to the World Finals.

A ranch horse competition will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Saturday's activities will conclude with the awards ceremony held in the Civic Center. Everyone is encouraged to attend and congratulate these teams.

On Sunday, popular cowboy preacher Jeff Gore will conduct church services beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the God Loves You Ministries building, on the

west side of the square. A barrel race competition will be held at 9 a.m.

For more information on any of the planned events or to find out how you can help, contact Sammy or Casey Larned at 864-2749.

It is through the very generous donations of the sponsors that prizes can be awarded to the winning cowboys. In addition to many other prizes, sixteen saddles donated by local and area businesses are being awarded.

These beautiful saddles are on display at First Bank Texas.

Modern Way/Ace and The Kent Companies are donating a shirt to each cowboy participating and Twisted X Boots will give five pairs of boots. In addition, Sport About of Haskell is donating five pair of Red Wing working boots.

This is a big weekend for Haskell, and you won't want to miss any of it. So round up your family and friends and come be a part of the fun at the 22nd annual Wild Horse Prairie Days.



VISITS MEMORIAL—Wilbert Klose, left, of Haskell a veteran who served during the Korean Conflict in Germany from 1950-1952 visited the newly erected Veterans' War Memorial with his great granddaughter, Lennox Mueller, daughter of Trace and Scott Mueller of Fort Worth. The Veterans' War Memorial, located on the square in Haskell, has four additional tablets to be erected before the dedication will be announced by the Progressive Study Club.

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

Rochester VoTech Center holds 'Last Strike' contest

by Susan Turner

The first annual "Last Strike" welding competition was held May 16 at the Rochester VoTech Center. Students from throughout North and Central Texas participated. Ten teams were entered in the team competition. These were Rule FFA, Rule Tech, Benjamin, Holliday, Iraan, Knox City-O'Brien, Munday, Haskell, Bowie and Throckmorton.

This timed event consisted of three team members working together to construct "h-posts" for fence building. Each team followed a set of blueprints applying correct measuring techniques, oxy-fuel cutting and saddling, and welding skills. Throckmorton FFA placed first, Bowie FFA placed second, Haskell CISD-third, and Munday CISD-fourth.

An individual competition was also held. It consisted of blueprint reading, a welding

and cutting knowledge quiz, and application of welding and cutting skills. The top award went to Mason Viegl of Holliday ISD, second to Kyle O'Bannon of Iraan ISD, third to Abel Sandoval of Knox City-O'Brien CISD, and fourth to Joslynn Harris of Benjamin ISD.

According to VTC director Monty Moeller, the first annual "Last Strike" contest was a huge success. "We had tremendous response from school districts for this contest and talented students participating. The statement I heard most often throughout the morning was that this setting was exactly what industry wants-individuals working as teams to complete a common task. This was a two hour contest and the kids had to work together under time pressures to turn out the best product. It was a totally practical application of what they have been training

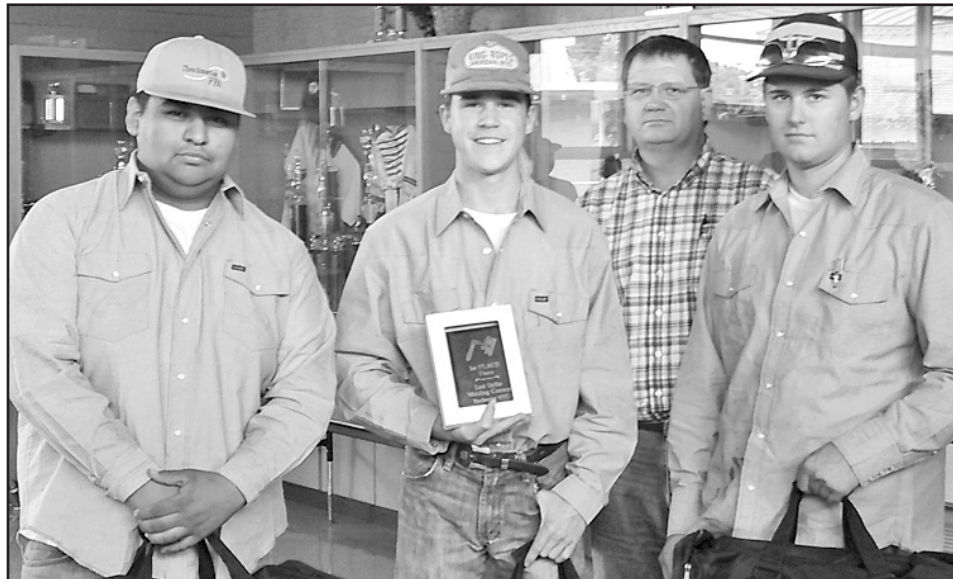
for, and the experience can be applied not only to a fencing project, but any other construction they are involved with. I think next year it will be quite a contest."

Welding contest sponsors were Larned Farms, Summit Supply, Airgas-Wichita Falls, J&M Oil Field Construction, Womans Club of Rochester, TSTC, Weinert Gin Company, Joey Thomas, Debbie Earles, Haskell Retired Teachers, Rule Banking Center, Rule Cop Gin, Meers Mercantile, Jane Short, Smitty's Auto Supply, The Drug Store, City of Haskell, Penman Supply, Creative Awards and Trophies, Vo-Tech Center at Rochester, James M. Cowser, Modern Way/ACE, Spring Market, Don Ballard and First Bank Texas-Haskell and Munday.

Team sponsors were Bill Alcorn, Rick Moeller, Don Flippin and Munday CISD.



TOP FOUR—The top four individuals placing at the 'Last Strike' welding competition held May 16 at the Rochester VoTech Center were Mason Viegl, Holliday ISD; Kyle O'Bannon, Iraan ISD; Abel Sandoval, Knox City-O'Brien ISD; and Joslynn Harris, Benjamin ISD.



FIRST PLACE TEAM—The team placing first at the 'Last Strike' welding competition held May 16 at the Rochester VoTech Center was Throckmorton ISD. Team members, l-r, are Tommy Salazar, Ben McCartney, Kraig McMillan-advisor and Ty Houston.



SECOND PLACE TEAM—The team placing second at the 'Last Strike' welding competition held May 16 at the Rochester VoTech Center was Bowie ISD. Team members, l-r, are Ed Cordero—advisor, Juan Mares, Riley Partridge and Logan Boyd.



THIRD PLACE TEAM—The team placing third at the 'Last Strike' welding competition held May 16 at the Rochester VoTech Center was Haskell CISD. Team members, l-r, are Jody Earle, Kyler Hoover and Rocky Haggard.



FOURTH PLACE TEAM—The team placing fourth at the 'Last Strike' welding competition held May 16 at the Rochester VoTech Center was Munday CISD. Team members, l-r, are Julio Sanchez, Osbaldo Carranza and David Serrato.



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RANCH HORSE COMPETITION 9 AM
RANCH HORSE COMPETITION FINALS 10:30 PM
AWARDS AT THE CIVIC CENTER

JUNE 4, 2017
BARREL RACING 9 AM
JEFF GORE, COWBOY PREACHER 10:30 AM
AT THE GOD LOVES YOU MINISTRIES, WESTSIDE OF SQUARE



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT "MY PLATE"—For the past five months, Haskell CISD Kindergarten students have been learning to use "My Plate" to eat a healthy diet. The five part Better Living for Texans (BLT) nutrition program series was presented by Darlene Hopkins, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences in Haskell County. Each monthly lesson focused on one of the five food groups that make up "My Plate." These groups are grains, fruits, vegetables, protein and dairy. Students enjoyed taste tests of various food samples of each of the food groups while discussing/learning the nutritional aspects of each group. The importance of daily exercise was also stressed.

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.

Good luck Seniors!

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

"A Matter of Balance" classes completed

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Haskell County recently offered 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" classes were a series of eight weekly classes held at the Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D in Haskell. Steve King, Administrator at Haskell

Healthcare Center, was one of the volunteer coaches as well as Darlene Hopkins, Family and Consumer Science County Extension Agent for Haskell County.

Graduates from this series of classes were Ken Lane, Dorothy Hartsfield, Franciene Johnson, Earl Quast, Roy and Fran

Martindale, Joan Frazier, Bobby Joe Lusk and Alice Ballard.

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

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z: Corn

Did you know?
 Corn is available all year round. One medium ear of corn is a good source of Vitamin C, thiamin, and folate. The phytochemicals in corn can help maintain eye health.

Fun fact!
 Corn may also help reduce the risk of certain types of cancer.

What am I looking for?
 Look for fresh husks with good green color free from decay. Corn should be eaten as soon as possible after harvest. Wash corn before use. Avoid corn with undeveloped kernels which lack color.

Grilled Spicy Corn
 2 Tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 4 ears corn with husks
 1 Tablespoon taco seasoning mix

Heat coals or gas grill for direct heat. Mix butter and taco seasoning mix. Carefully pull back husk of each ear of corn; remove silk. Spread butter mixture over corn. Pull husks back over ears; tie husks securely with thin piece of husk or string. Cover and grill corn 4 to 5 inches from medium heat 20-30 minutes, turning frequently, until tender.

Simplify: Grilling adds a smoky flavor to these cobs of corn, but you can get similar results by cooking corn on the stove-top. Spread the seasoned butter on the corn just before serving.

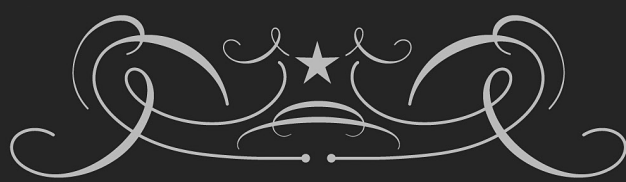
Preparation time, 10 minutes; cook time, 30-40 minutes. Serves 4.

Nutrition facts: Calories, 175; Total fat, 7 g; Cholesterol, 15 mg; Sodium, 170 mg; Total carbohydrate, 27 g; Protein, 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. Also, contact Darlene Hopkins—the Haskell County Extension Agent for Family

and Consumer Sciences at 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell, Texas, phone 940-864-2658.

The Gospel side of ELVIS
 STARRING THE BLACKWOOD QUARTET
CHURCH IN THE PARK
 Haskell United Methodist Church will hold a service on May 28th at the City Park Pavillion and everyone is welcome!
 11:30 am - 1:00 PM - Hot Dog Lunch
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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago May 24, 2007

Area schools have announced their top graduates. Valedictorians and salutatorians include Stephanie Grand and Kristen Martinez at Haskell High School; Teddy Harris for Rochester High School; Paula Isbell and Malinda Brueggeman at Paint Creek High School; and Matthew Turner and Kortney Kupatt at Rule High School.

Serving as Haskell FFA

officers for 2007-08 will be Ethan Frierson, Kayce Wilcox, Shelby Still, Paige Adams, Miranda Johnson, Lauren Newton, Kimie Hutchinson, James Williams, Tyler Reese and Cody McLemore.

Varsity cheerleaders at Haskell High School for the upcoming year will be Destini Cooke (mascot), Hanna Wallace, Haley Chavez, Clarissa Walker, Bailey Fillmon, Lauren Newton, Vanessa Glass,

Ashton Rutkowski and Bri Torres.

20 Years Ago May 22, 1997

Haskell Indians named to the District 9-2A Baseball All-District First Team were Joe Salinas, Corey Breckel, Will Trammell, Jim Crawford and Timmy Masias. Chancey Pogue was unanimously named Most Valuable Player, while Greg Rodriguez and John Adam Abila were listed on the second team.

Named Mr. and Miss Pirate are Jodie Reel and Amy Barbour. They were recognized at the Paint Creek High School Awards Banquet.

Melissa Long was recognized by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce with the "Extra Mile Award," for her work as Floyd County Home Extension Agent. The Haskell High School graduate is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. B.O. Roberson of Haskell.

30 Years Ago May 21, 1987

About 150 people attended the annual Parent-Member Banquet of the Haskell High School FFA. The Chapter members voted Patrick Burson as Star Greenhand. Given the Star Chapter Farmer Award were Dalyn Gilly and Brad Bevel.

Indians placing at the state track meet included Mark Young, first in 800; Stephon Brockington, third in 200; Fred Shaw, fourth in the 100; Johnny Castillo, Shaw, Brockington and Young, second in the 1600 relay; Joel Torres, Derrick Billington, Brockington and Shaw, third in the 400 relay.

40 Years Ago May 26, 1977

Top graduates in Haskell County schools are Mona Bledsoe and John Cox, Haskell High School; Eddie Brass and Wes Kittley, Rule High School; Betty Newsom and Eddie Bland, Rochester High School; Linda Yates and Deb Robertson, Weinert High School; and Tammy Peiser and Kenneth Buerger, Paint Creek High School.

Leading cheers at Haskell High School for the 1977-78 season will be seniors Edith Jordan, Connie Liles and Sherrie Everett; juniors Sarah Cox and Renaë McBroom; and sophomore Cheryl Conner.

Delbert Dodds, an All-Area basketball player from Paint Creek High School, has signed a letter of intent to play for Tarleton State University. He is the son of Paint Creek superintendent Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Dodds.

50 Years Ago May 25, 1967

Andy Gannaway and Penny Darnell, Haskell junior high students, are recipients of the coveted American Legion Award, given each year to an outstanding boy and girl.

Friends and relatives packed the Weinert Baptist Church to pay their last respects at the funeral of Marine Lance Cpl. Dennie Lee Johnson, who was killed in action while serving in Vietnam. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Johnson of Weinert.

90 Years Ago May 26, 1927

R.I. Johnson has purchased the tin shop business of Pinkerton Bros. and will have charge of this part of the business in the future.

The West Side Singing Convention met at the First Baptist Church in this city and a splendid program was arranged. The house was filled to overflowing.

The Sayles teachers, Mr. and Mrs. McLeroy, entertained their pupils with a moonlight social.



Texas A&M 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.

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.)

A Day in Rochester set Sat., June 3

"A Day in Downtown Rochester," hosted by Rochester Neighborhood Watch, will be all day Sat., June 3, in Rochester.

Activities include a city-wide garage sale, bake sale, ice cream freeze-off, chuck wagon, trade booths and vendors, music all day, dance, and concession stand. The Classic Collection Warehouse,

the Rochester Museum and The Yellow Rose Event Center will all hold open houses. A quilt show will be hosted by Rochester Museum, Inc.

For more information, or to inquire about being a vendor, call Lonnetta Farrar at 940-743-3446, or visit the Rochester, Texas or Rochester Museum Inc. pages on Facebook.

Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Jimi Coplen, DCOH Help Wanted: Finding a Job

Being a business owner is hard work for many different reasons. Finding and keeping good employees tops the list as the number one problem for most business owners. At the same time, there are also job seekers having a hard time finding a job.

One of the things we do at the Development Corporation of Haskell is connect people looking for work with employers needing workers. Many times, businesses do not want to put their jobs online or in the newspaper because they simply do not have time to sift through applicants who don't meet their requirements. This makes it impossible for job seekers to know who is hiring, and it makes it impossible for employers to find good people.

We would like to help both employers and job seekers find a good match. While I wish it was as easy as swiping left or right, it isn't that simple. We try to keep our ears open and most of what we do is word of mouth. Employers are encouraged to let us know if they are looking. We will ask them if we can put it on our Facebook page and also let them know about people who have told us they are looking for work.

We encourage job seekers to like our Facebook page (haskelltexasusa) and check out jobs that we post. We also try to post articles about

companies who are looking for work-at-home employees. This is a great way to live in Haskell, America, and work for a big company.

Other great websites for job seekers are www.workintexas.com and www.indeed.com. Some of our employers may be based in other areas and they will utilize these tools to post jobs. As always, check your local newspapers. This is still one of the best ways to find local jobs. Also, if you are interested in working for a particular company, check their website regularly for job postings.

If you are interested in finding a good job, make sure you are a good employee. It is important to have good references from your previous employer. It is important to show up on time, work hard, dress appropriately, have good hygiene, and be drug-free and have reliable transportation. Employers don't have time to babysit because they are busy running a business. They need to know you can be trusted and you are going to do the job they have hired you to do.

Workforce Solutions in Abilene has a multitude of information for job seekers. If you are in need of your GED, resume building, interviewing skills and more, they can help. Check out their website at https://www.workforcesystem.org or give them a call at 800-457-5633. For more information, call the DCOH at 940-864-3424.

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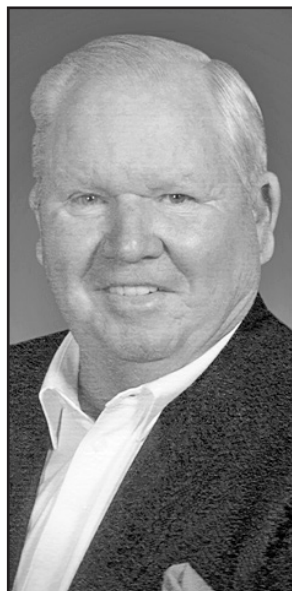
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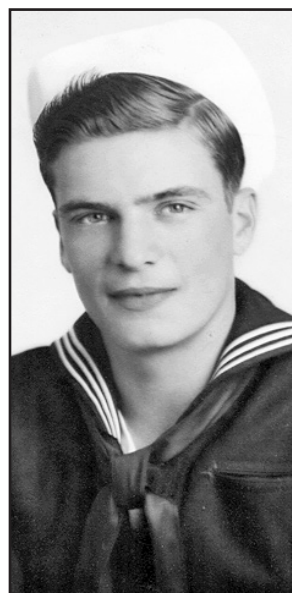
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Memorial Day, let's pause a moment from our daily lives, our comfort, our peace and our freedom, to remember the men and women who fought and died so that we may enjoy the privilege of being Americans. Proudly, we honor all the people of our armed forces, from all wars. Their courage was our greatest triumph, their sacrifice our greatest loss.

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MEMORIAL DAY



SIGNED WITH McMURRY—Haskell Maiden Laura Fuentes, front center, signed to play softball with McMurry last week. Joining her at the signing ceremony were members of her family, front, left, J.J. Fuentes and Julia Fuentes, right; and her parents on the back row, Jeremy and Trisha Fuentes.

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Best wishes Seniors of 2017!



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Stay hydrated in warm weather

When you are out during warm weather exercising or doing work, it is important to stay hydrated. Staying hydrated is a key part of staying healthy. Consuming an adequate amount of fluids helps to maintain body functions, including those of your heart, brain and muscles. Fluids also serve to carry nutrients to your cells, keep your temperature normal, digest food, flush bacteria from your bladder and prevent constipation.

However, when temperatures rise, getting enough fluids is even more important whether you're playing sports, traveling or just outside in the sun, according to the American Heart Association. In fact, your body needs more fluids when you are more physically active, are running a fever, or are experiencing vomiting or diarrhea.

So how much water should you be drinking daily?

Doctors at Harvard Medical School recommend that healthy people should get 30 to 50 ounces of water per day, which translates to about 4 to 6 cups or 1 to 1.5 liters.

And the U.S. Dietary Guidelines recommends that people avoid sugar-sweetened drinks from their

diet overall, or at the very least, that they limit the amount of sugary drinks they consume. In addition to water, milk is also a good option to help in hydration.

You can try these tips offered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to add more water to your fluid intake:

- Infuse tap water with flavor by adding foods such as berries, cucumbers, mint leaves, lemons or limes. Slightly mashing berries and mint leaves before adding them will make the water even tastier.

- Freeze ice cube trays with berries to add to water to keep it cold.

- Freeze some freezer-safe water bottles for ice-cold water all day long.

- Choose water instead of other beverages when eating out. This not only will save you money, but you will also lower your caloric intake.

- Choose water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages, which can also help you manage your weight. Substituting water for one 20-ounce sugar-sweetened soda will save you about 240 calories.

You can also increase your fluid intake by consuming foods with high water content.

In addition to helping to fulfill your fluid needs, such foods can provide needed

nutrients including vitamins, minerals, protein and fiber. Nationwide, an estimated 22 percent of our water comes from our food intake, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Fruits such as watermelon, strawberries, grapefruit, cantaloupe, peaches, pineapple, cranberries, oranges, raspberries, apricots, blueberries, plums, apples, pears, cherries, grapes and bananas are high in water content.

Vegetables such as cucumbers, lettuce, zucchini, radishes, celery, tomatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, eggplant, peppers, spinach, broccoli, carrots, peas and white potatoes also provide water to help you stay hydrated.

But how will you know if you are getting enough fluids? According to the Cleveland Clinic, signs of dehydration include fatigue, loss of appetite, flushed skin, heat intolerance, light-headedness, dark-colored urine and dry cough.

A great way to avoid dehydration is to consume fluids before you get thirsty. So remember to grab a water bottle each morning and keep it with you all day long!

Source: Ohio State Extension Chowline, CDC, and American Heart Association.

Operation Round Up applications now accepted

The Operation Round Up program, administered by volunteers on the Big Country Electric Cooperative trust board of directors, allows the cooperative and its members to partner together to provide charitable financial assistance to those in need locally. This program is supported by co-op members whose electric bills are "Rounded Up" to the nearest dollar. The

"Round Up" amount goes into the Operation Round Up fund for distribution to individuals and organizations with demonstrated financial need in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton.

Applications are evaluated with the utmost confidence and funding decisions made by the trust's board of directors—your peers and neighbors—who volunteer their time, hearts and consideration to make decisions that will positively impact lives in our

communities. Food needs and food banks, shelter, medical bills and health needs, rescue organizations, educational projects, child care programs and other special needs are just a few of the ways this fund helps families and groups in our local communities. Every penny stays right here at home, in the counties we serve.

Applications, instructions and FAQs are available at bigcountry.coop, just look for the Operation Round Up logo. Please contact Sarah McLen at 325-776-3803 or at smclen@bigcountry.coop with any questions.

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Haskell County All Night Party 2017
 2016-2017 HS & COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY

HASKELL CIVIC CENTER
FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2017
10 PM TIL 3:30 AM

\$10 ADMISSION at the door for Underclassman and guests

Seniors admitted free

Breakfast served at 3:00

→ NO ONE ADMITTED AFTER MIDNIGHT
 → NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINK ALLOWED
 → ONCE YOU ARE SIGNED IN, IF YOU LEAVE, YOU CAN'T COME BACK

FOOD
Knockerballs;
Sand Volleyball,
Ping Pong, Poker,
Games,
Live DJ/Dance

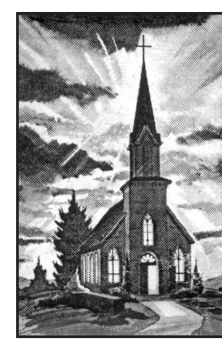
You will have to sign in when you enter and sign out if you leave before 2:00. Chaperones will be patrolling the buildings and the grounds at all times. This is an alcohol-free, drug-free celebration. You will be asked to leave if necessary.

GIFTS:

All SENIORS present at breakfast will win a prize —prizes include Roku or Apple tv, wireless printers, microwaves, Mini Keurings, and TVs!!

Underclassman will have chances to win various gift certificates/cards.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Let's honor those who risked everything for our freedom

The survivors of the battles that were fought to maintain our freedom were fortunate enough to return to us, although many of them suffered permanent injuries in the process. Moreover, even those who came home with their bodies intact have had to resume their interrupted lives scarred with the memories of their nightmare experience. However, it is unlikely that

anyone ever wanted to go to war, and those who did so acted out of what they considered a duty to their country. We should be grateful to them and show them every consideration in return for the sacrifices which they made for us. Let us further honor them by attending our house of worship, the choice of which they helped to preserve for all the rest of us.

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
- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert
- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Terry Mofect, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
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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May sales tax receipts reported by Comptroller

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$787.8 million in local sales tax allocations for May, 2.6 percent more than in May 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

"The cities of Irving, Round Rock, Dallas, San Antonio and Odessa 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 2.72 percent decrease for May 2017 of \$50,787.81 in comparison to \$52,210.06 for May 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$218,877.72 reflect a 3.84 percent decrease over 2016 payments to date of \$227,629.31.

The City of O'Brien had a 92.07 percent increase for May 2017 of \$666.74 in comparison to \$347.13 for May 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$2,332.62 reflect a 65.02 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$1,413.46.

The City of Rochester had a 25.33 percent decrease for May 2017 of \$743.28 in comparison to \$995.55 for May 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$3,415.96 reflect a 1.66 percent decrease over 2016 payments to date of \$3,473.76.

The City of Rule had a 6.16 percent increase for May 2017 of \$3,104.65 in comparison to \$2,924.24 for May 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$12,171.37 reflect a 2.96 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$11,821.06.

The City of Weinert had a 37.55 percent increase for May 2017 of \$744.65 in comparison to \$541.33 for

May 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$2,154.85 reflect a 42.24 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$1,514.91.

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 Itson 325-691-1727, Juanita Wheeler 925-439-9216 or Minister Regina Billington, 15oholyspirit@gmail.com.

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.



FOOD DRIVE—The Haskell Post Office collected 676 lbs. of food during the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, hosted each year by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Among those helping with the drive were, I-r, Dacia Dolloff, Layne Norman, Santos Baiza and Michael Almendarez. Other postal workers helping with the local food drive and not pictured are Lindly Perry, Cynthia Tibbets, Norva Smith, Deward Gordy and Teresa Briles.

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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office, 1601 Bryan Street, 38th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201, not later than June 9, 2017. The

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non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portions of the application file will be made available upon request. 21c

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formally protest and oppose the proposed branch establishment and participate in the application process may do so by filing a written notice of protest with the Texas Department of Banking, 2601 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78705-4294 within the fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication, together with a filing fee of \$2,500. The protest fee may be reduced or waived by the Banking Commissioner upon a showing of substantial hardship. 21c

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STATE BOUND—Haskell Indian golf team members, l-r, Kellen Parks, Michael Benavides, Alec Roewe, Reed Roewe, Taylen Sossaman and Coach Tully Brown were headed to state to seek a medal in their third trip to Austin in three years.

Indian golf team plays in state tournament May 22-23

by Coach Tully Brown
 “The five minute drive from the Ratliff Ranch Golf Links to Odessa seemed like an hour. We couldn’t get away from there (Ratliff Ranch) fast enough,” said Coach Tully Brown when asked about the first round of play at the Boys Regional Golf Tournament.

Roewe began to reminisce about last season and how similar their first round scores were. This was not unfamiliar territory for the Indian golf team. The team had qualified for the state tournament the previous two seasons after coming from behind at the regional tournament.

The Indians calmly reassured one another that the second round would be better and that they had a chance to climb out of the fourth place hole they had dug.

The Indians left the course anxious to leave the wind, the dirt, and the high scores in the rear view mirror. As they pulled out of the parking lot, the silence in the car was deafening. Players were picking the sand from their ears and eyes all while trying to figure out how things fell apart.

As destiny would have it, the Indians showed up to the course on day two with a renewed sense of purpose and reversed their fortunes by knocking off a remarkable 23 strokes.

It took all five Indians (Alec Roewe, Kellen Parks, Michael Benavides, Reed Roewe and Taylen Sossaman) to accomplish the feat. The strength of this team is its depth and its resiliency. When one player shoots bad, there’s usually someone to pick up the slack. When circumstances are overwhelming, the Indians have not been easily overcome.

Senior, Alec Roewe finally broke the silence when he said, “We’ll shoot better tomorrow. We always shoot better the second round.”

Making the state tournament for three consecutive years is something that has never been done at Haskell—until now. Earning a medal at the state contest is also a feat that has yet to have been accomplished, but don’t tell that to these Indians. They’re not interested in what has happened, only in what WILL HAPPEN.

Alec Roewe and Kellen Parks will play at the tournament for the third straight year while Reed Roewe and Michael Benavides are making their second trip in as many years. Sophomore Taylen Sossaman is making his first appearance.

The mood suddenly changed. “It was like someone opened a window in a stuffy room,” said Coach Brown.

The tournament begins Mon., May 22 and concludes Tues., May 23. See next week’s edition for the results of the 2017 state golf tournament.

Kellen Parks, Alec Roewe, Michael Benavides and Reed

Study Club holds salad luncheon

Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., May 11, at the Beaver House Bed and Breakfast on the patio in Ruby Turner’s garden, where they enjoyed a salad luncheon. Following a garden theme, the table was decorated with gardening items and seed packets.

President Julia Harrell welcomed members and guests. Prayer was led by Ruby Turner and pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Judy Burnett. Members enjoyed a “Sing Along” with the theme, “Oh, the Places We Love to Go.” Songs were sung from various countries of France, Italy, Mexico and United States. Members then adjourned for the salad social.

In the business meeting that followed, the treasurer’s report was given, as well as other reports. The annual spaghetti supper fund-raiser hosted by the club will be held Fri., Oct. 20. Meals on Wheels volunteers were named. Welcomed to the club was new member Nancy Morales.

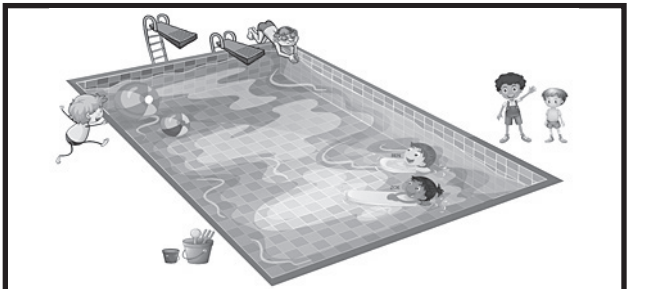
Serving as hostesses for the evening were Ruby Turner and Evelyn Cobb. The club adjourned for the summer and will begin meeting in the fall on Thurs., Sept. 14.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

No arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff’s Office during the week of May 15-21:

Twenty-nine calls were made to 911.

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City Pool Splash Day

City of Haskell Grand Opening

The Haskell City Pool will host Splash Day Mon., May 29 from noon to 6 p.m. Regular pool hours are Tues.-Sat. from noon to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults; \$2 for ages 4 to 17 years old; ages 3 and under are free. Pool parties may be held after pool hours Tuesday-Saturday. Parties are two hours and require a minimum of two lifeguards at a cost of \$20 each.

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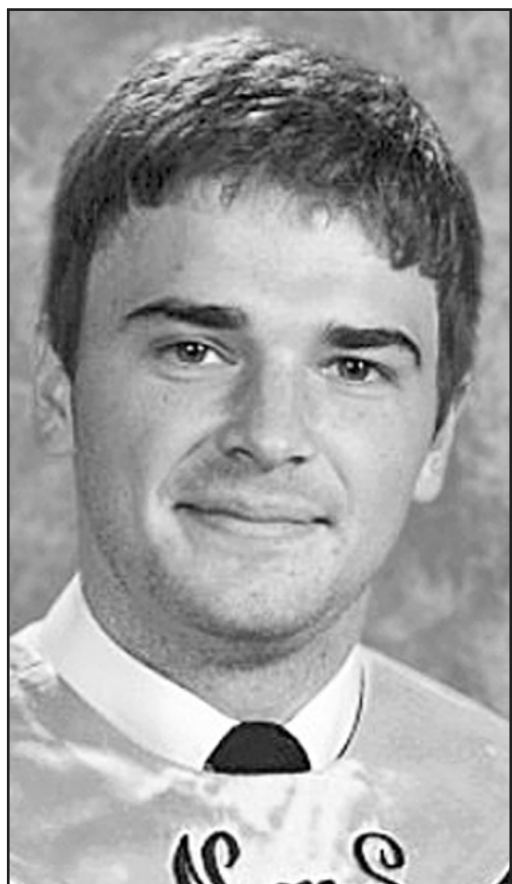
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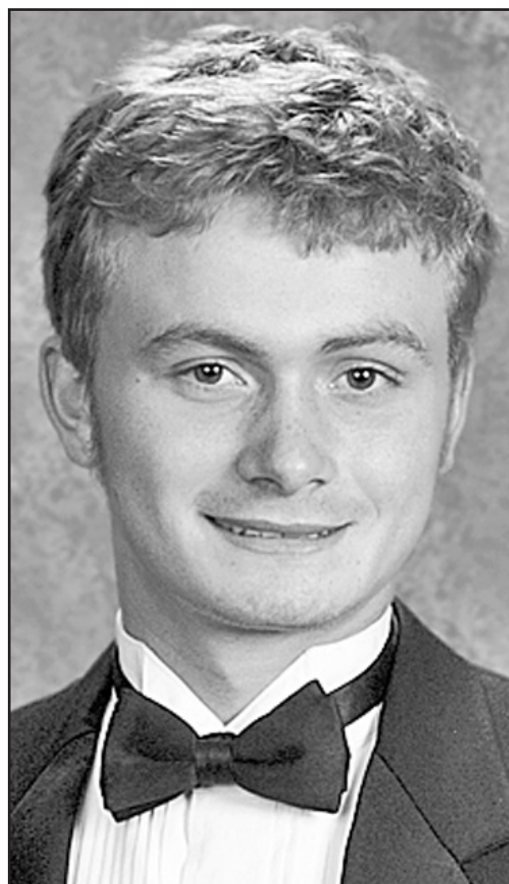
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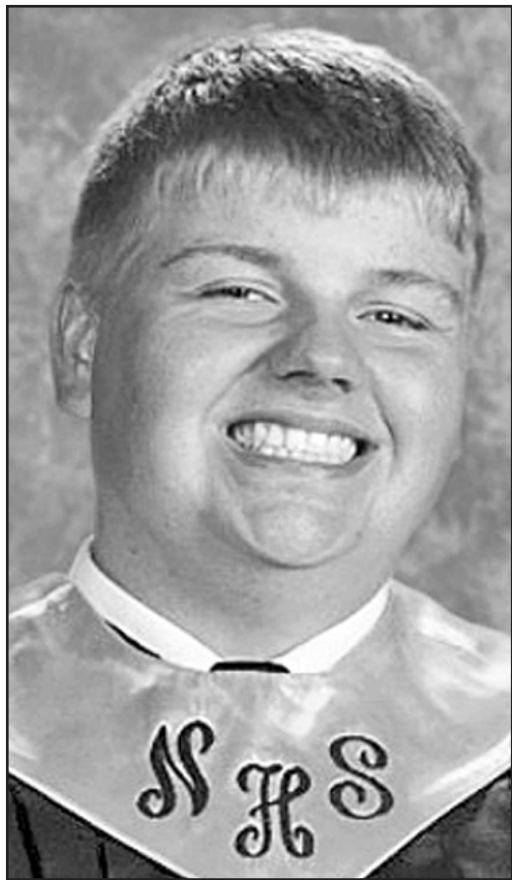


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Legacy Banquet honors top five grads

by Caron Yates

As Haskell Elementary fifth graders sang about sailing the sea of life with ambition and hard work, family and friends gathered to encourage and congratulate a group of Haskell High seniors at the eleventh annual Legacy Banquet, hosted by the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation.

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation's 2017 Legacy Banquet was held Thursday, May 18 at the Haskell Memorial Civic

Center.

The Educational Foundation, which was established in December 1996, began as the heartfelt desire of Doyle and the late Roberta High. Reflecting on their blessings, the High's began searching for a way to give back to the community. The idea of the foundation began to take form. A group of business leaders, school administrators and other interested persons met and quickly determined the benefit, to local teachers and students, of establishing such a nonprofit foundation.

The purpose is to promote scholastic excellence and innovation at Haskell CISD. In addition to the Legacy Banquet, the foundation annually presents scholarships to graduating seniors and

mini-grants to classroom teachers.

Master of Ceremonies and foundation board member Bud Walker welcomed parents, grandparents, teachers, students, school board members, business men and women and special guest Doyle High, to the eleventh annual Legacy Banquet. First United Methodist Pastor David Johnson then offered the invocation.

Entertainment was provided by Haskell Elementary fifth graders, as they presented "Pirates, the Musical." Students were directed by music teacher Pam Gibson, and assisted by teachers Jennifer Roewe, Kristi Gibson, Kamron Arce, Debbie Miller and principal Jim Lisle.

The Legacy Banquet, presented in memory of Roberta High, honors the top five Haskell High School seniors, and they in turn honor a teacher who has made a significant difference in their education.

After a meal catered by Modern Way and professionally served by twelve Haskell Junior High eighth graders, the Legacy students were recognized for their many accomplishments and activities and were presented with a certificate for a laptop computer.

Students then paid tribute to their chosen special teacher. Through entertaining narratives, each senior told of the positive influence their selected mentor has had in their school experiences.

Lane Burson, son of Jimmy and Missy Burson, honored teacher, coach and mom Missy Burson; Sam Fouts, son of Mike and Kris Fouts, recognized the influence of math teacher Jerry Cannon; Chase Gibson, son of Chad and Kristi Gibson, paid tribute to teacher Dusten Mackey; Hayden Hudson, son of Jolie Hudson, conveyed his appreciation to teacher and high school counselor Belinda Lytle; and Payton Thomas, son of Joey and Tiffany Thomas, honored retired fifth grade teacher Sherry Adams.

The Haskell Educational Foundation is proud to provide a forum to honor outstanding achievement and to honor the life changing influence that educators have on young lives. It is only possible, however, through the generous support of the community, both individuals and businesses, as well as support from the school district personnel and administration.

Continued success of the foundation is only attainable through donations of community members, alumni and others who care about the Haskell CISD school system, its teachers and its students. Anyone may contribute to the cause through monetary donations in memory or in honor of an individual, or by purchasing bricks in memory or honor of someone. Donations may be sent to Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 305, Haskell, TX 79521.

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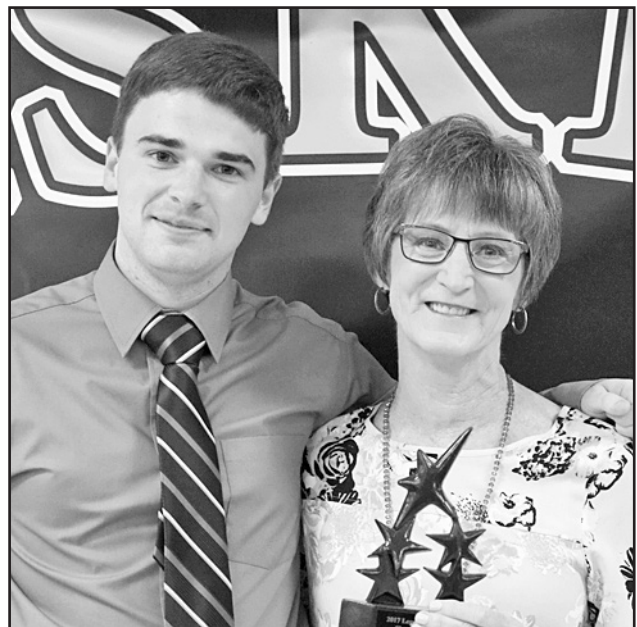
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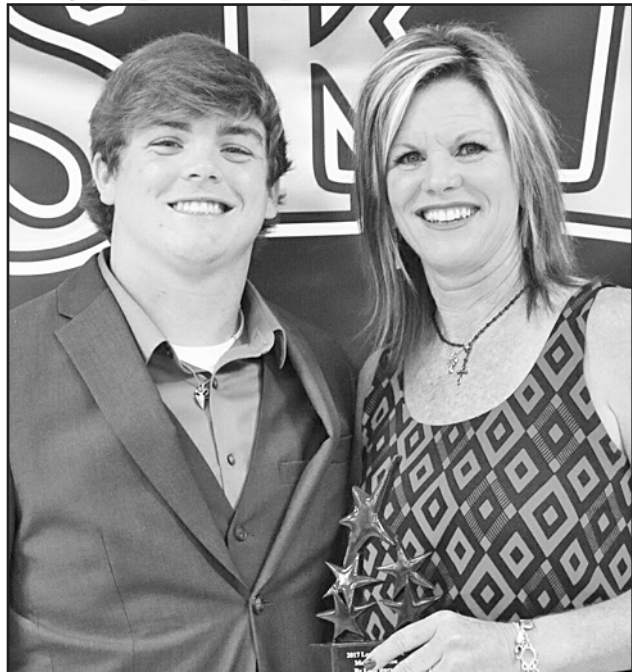
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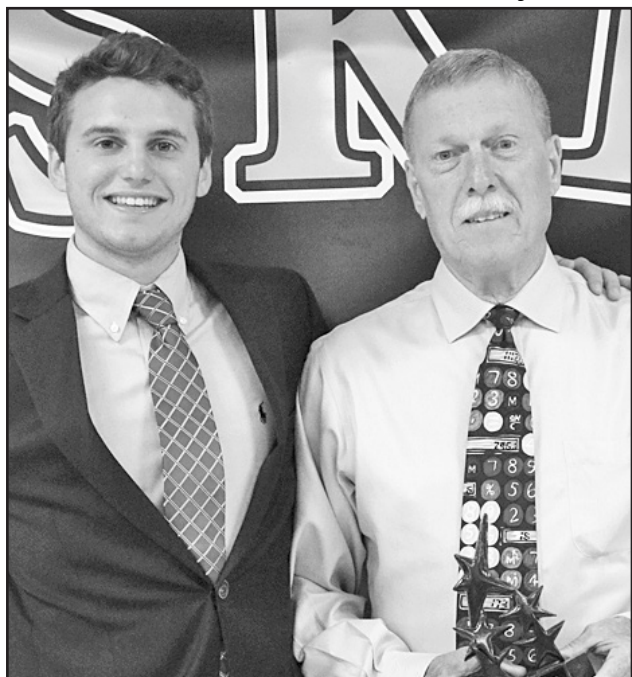
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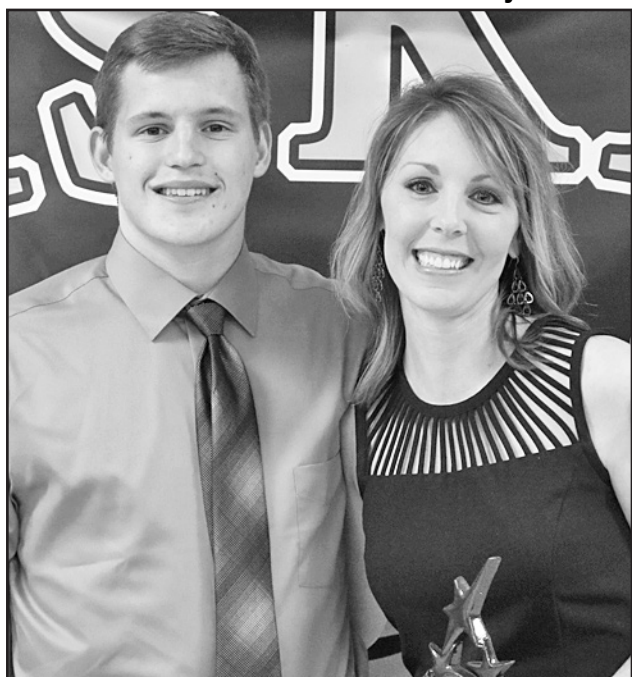
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WHPD scholarship applications due May 30

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.



SIGNED WITH McMURRY—Haskell Maiden Krysta Winegeart, center, signed to play softball with McMurry last week. Joining her at the signing ceremony were, Eddie Winegeart, left, and Dannette Smith, right.

Good Luck, Class of '17!



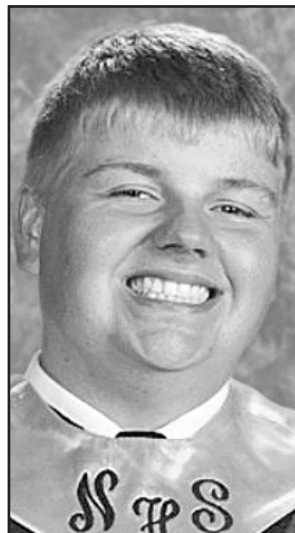
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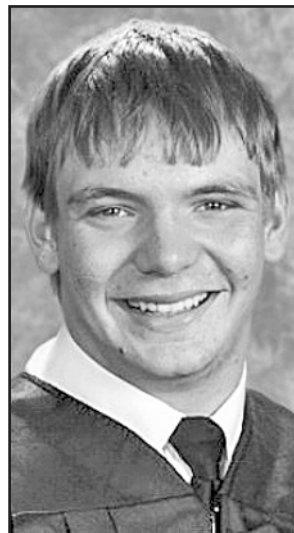
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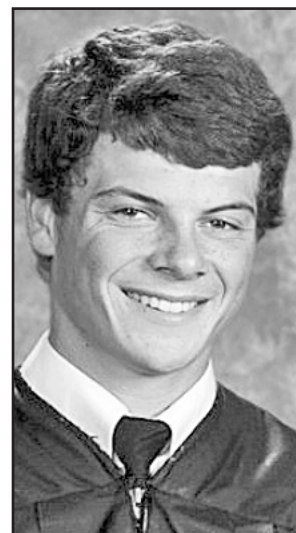
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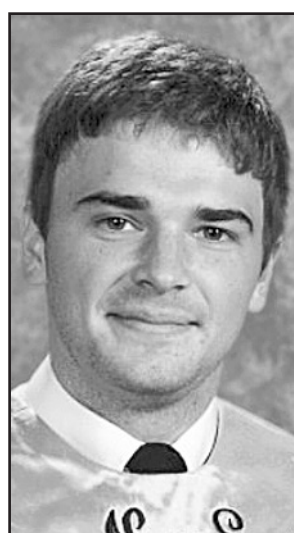
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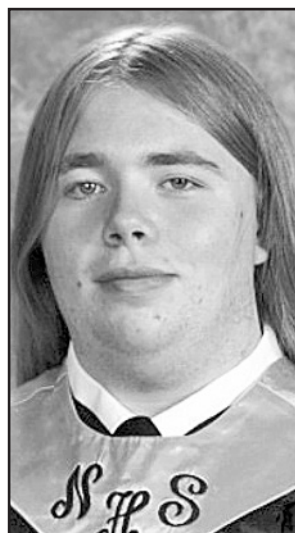
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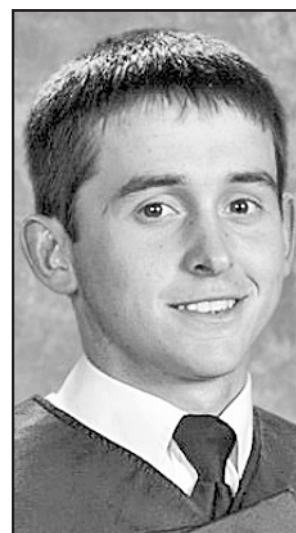
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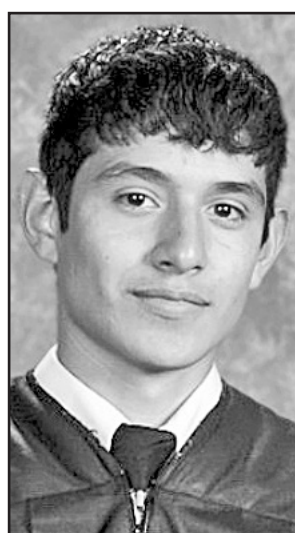
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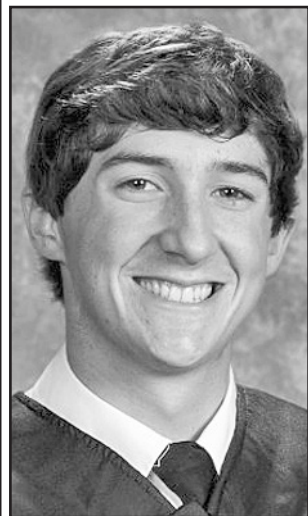
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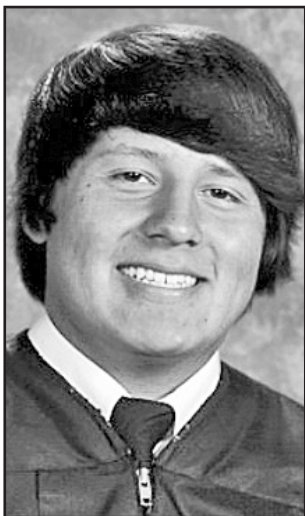
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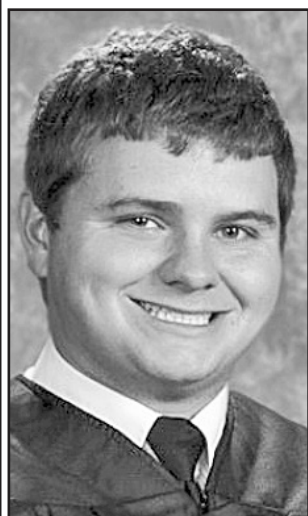
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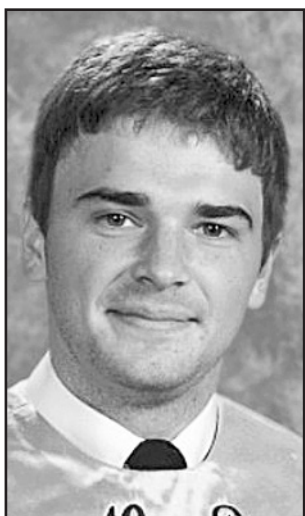
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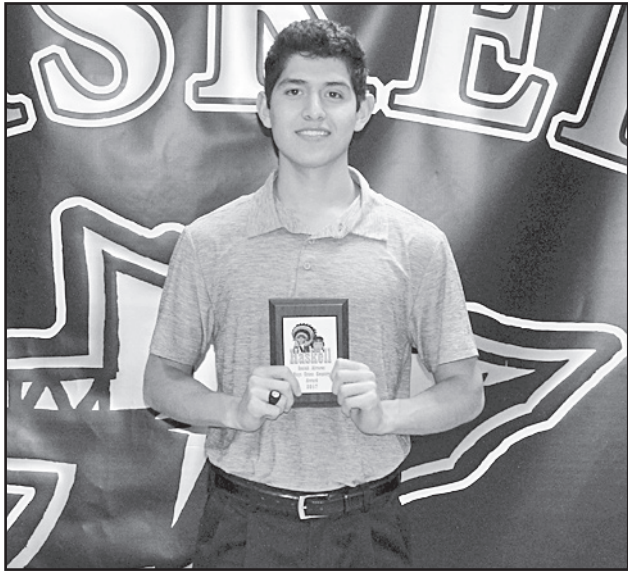


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Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

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 offer two meetings—an 'early bird' meeting on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and an evening meeting on Fridays at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square.

Music Jubilee

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

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TAYLOR MANSKE
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HOLLYN HADAWAY—Booster Club Award
Most Conscientious Female Athlete

Alzheimer's Association offers free program in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled, "The BASICS: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease,"

Wed., May 31 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at St. James United Methodist Church, in Abilene.

Perhaps you have noticed possible signs of Alzheimer's disease in yourself or someone you love. Or maybe you know someone who has been recently diagnosed. This workshop is intended for anyone who would

like to learn more about the disease and related dementias, as well as resources available to those living with the diagnosis.

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

Student in the News

Dona Kirkes from Haskell has been named to the Spring 2017 Dean's List at McMurry University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Al-Anon

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

Storm sirens

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

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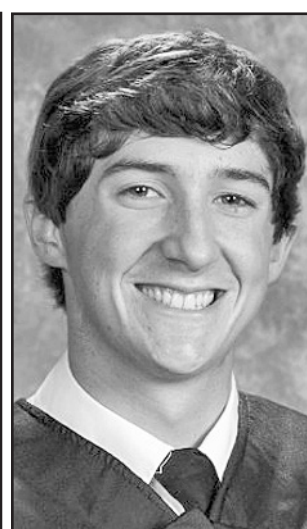

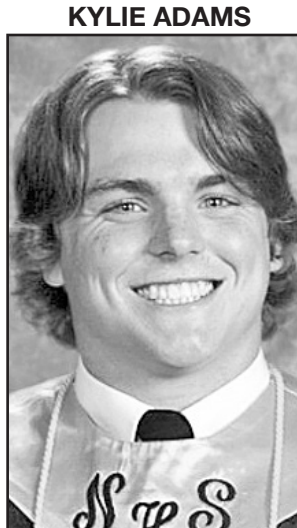
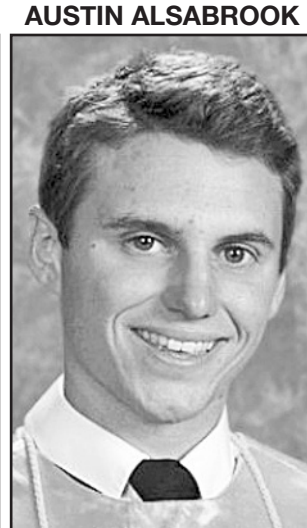
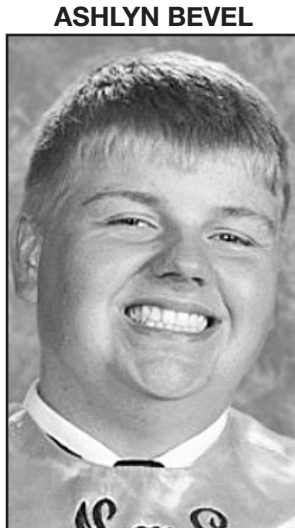
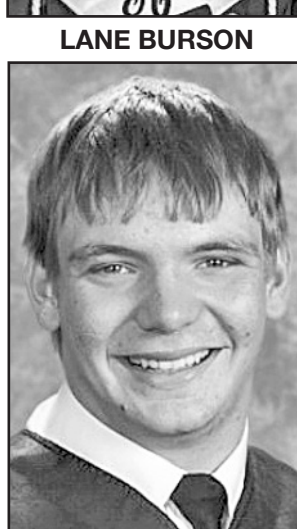

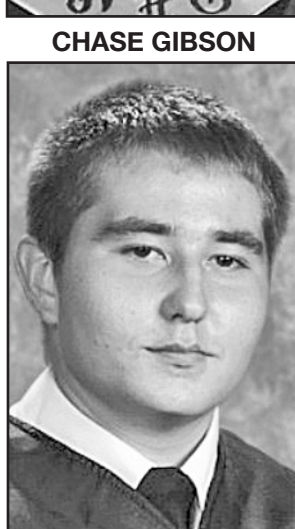
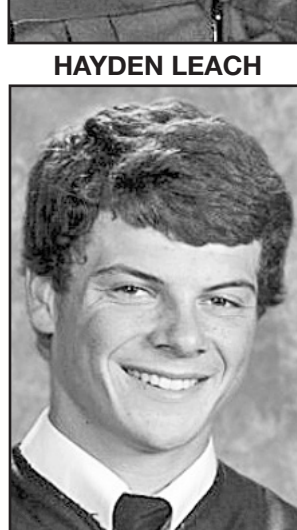

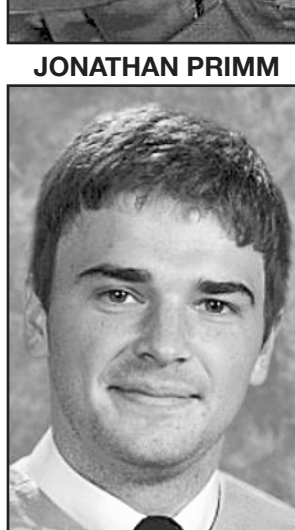
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Capital Farm Credit awards scholarship

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In addition to various scholarships given through colleges and universities, as well as other methods, each of Capital Farm Credit's branch offices across the state is awarding at least one \$1,000 scholarship.

"A big part of our mission is to help rural areas grow and thrive by providing farmers and ranchers with the capital they need to make their businesses successful," said Ben Novosad, chief executive officer. "We're also proud to help build the next generation of agricultural producers through our scholarship program. By supporting Texas' youth, we're helping invest in the vibrancy of rural communities throughout Texas."

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Mini-grants awarded for seven classroom programs



CLASSROOM GRANT RECIPIENTS—Haskell CISD teachers receiving classroom “Mini-grants” from the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation were recognized at the annual Legacy Banquet. Teachers are, l-r, April Colley, Jacy West, Laurie McBroom, Susan Cox and Pam Gibson. Not pictured are Monty Moeller and Jodi Andress.

by Caron Yates
The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation, which was established in 1996 by a group of educators, business men and women, and other interested citizens, has had the privilege over the past twenty-one years, of assisting teachers in their efforts to go “above and beyond” the state mandated curriculum.

The foundation’s goal is to fund creative educational projects. Each year, all teachers at Haskell CISD are encouraged to put their creative ideas into action and apply for funds in the form of mini-grants. Since its inception, the foundation through generous community support, has awarded over \$35,000 to support and assist classroom teachers as they develop innovative programs and projects that meet needs other programs miss.

This year the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation was pleased to fund seven mini-grants. Two of the mini-grants went to high school teachers. Monty Moeller, director of the Vocational Tech Center located on the Rochester campus, received a grant to help purchase welding and wood-working materials and supplies. The goal of the Vo Tech Center is to produce young men and women that have “hands-on” skills in the areas of welding, carpentry, wood and metal construction, electricity, plumbing, small engine repairs, automotive and tractor maintenance and safety in all areas. Moeller says, “Our hope is to give our students the edge in the technical and industrial fields.”

Haskell High School FCCLA teacher Laurie McBroom used her grant to continue the campus beautification project. The money was used to plant

and maintain flowers and shrubs around the high school campus, as well as assist with the flower beds on the kindergarten wing at the elementary campus. The project will also be used in a competitive event for FCCLA students.

Jodi Andress, junior high social studies and RTI reading teacher, requested a mini-grant to purchase a projector screen, audio books, earphones and CD players to use with the books. She used these items for reading intervention for struggling readers, to help improve their reading skills.

Junior high language arts teacher April Colley, requested a mini-grant to take her sixth grade class to the Holocaust Museum in Dallas. It is the culmination of two units of study on the Holocaust and the persecution of the Jews in Poland. The goal is for students to see and experience in person, the things they have read.

At the elementary level, music teacher Pam Gibson received a grant which allowed third and fourth grades to attend the “Discover Music Concert Series” performed by the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra. Music has been determined to impact the development of students and enhance their abilities, as well as improve a child’s listening, speaking, memorization and concentration skills.

Susan Cox, kindergarten teacher, requested a grant to provide kindergarten students an opportunity to explore a world of fantastic learning with Stephen Fite and Funtastic School Day concert. Fite has an extraordinary talent and spark to reach young children through his songs and dance, as well as exposing them to the arts. He integrates math and reading skills into the concert.

The final mini-grant

went to fourth grade teacher Jacy West, who purchased the Countdown to Writing STAAR curriculum. The curriculum will be used to allow more opportunities to see reading passages with revise and editing questions that are similar to the STAAR writing test, which in turn will increase the success on the STAAR

testing. It will allow more individual assessment of student’s needs in this area of study.

The Educational Foundation expresses appreciation to all those who have so generously supported its efforts. Without the contributions of those who believe in providing the very best

educational opportunity for our students, the mini-grants would not be possible. Interested donors are encouraged to continue this support through gifts, endowments, brick purchases, memorials or contributions in any amount. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 305, Haskell, TX 79521.

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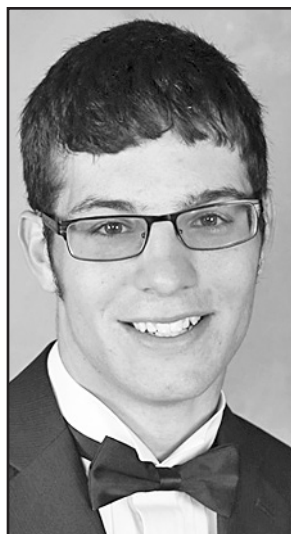
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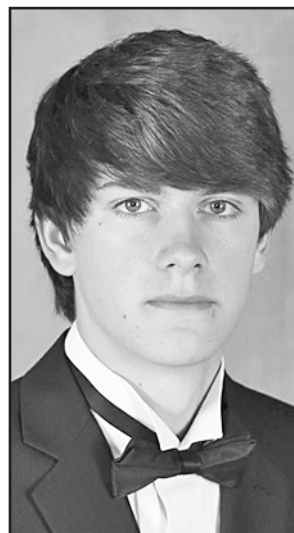
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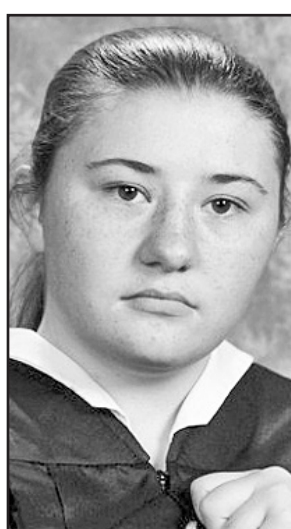
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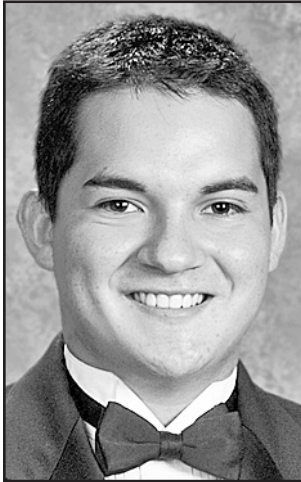
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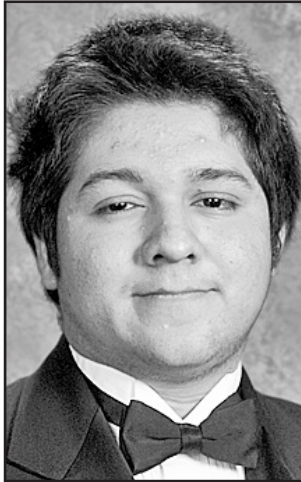
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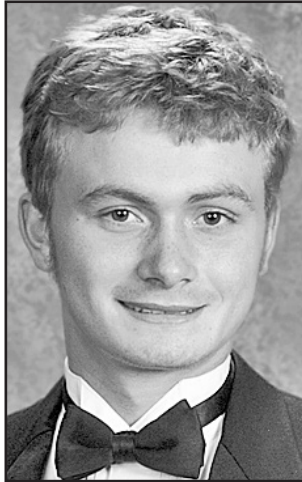
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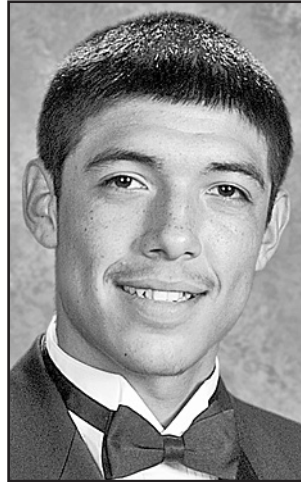
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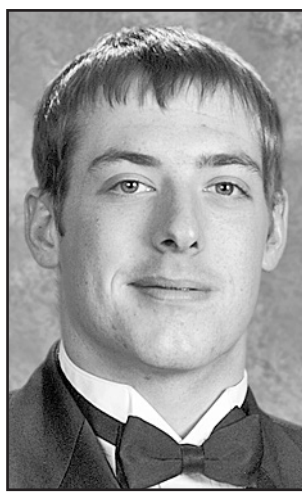
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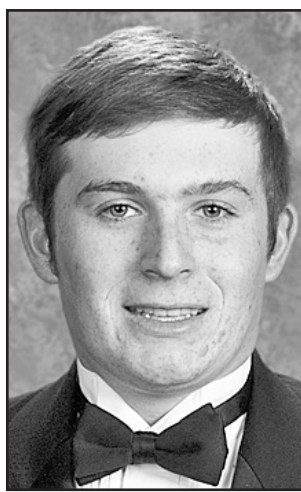
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