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Dec. 27-28 in Jayton

Calendar

Society to hold quarterly meetings in 2014

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will begin having quarterly meetings in 2014. The meetings will be on the first Monday of March, June, September and December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

Al-Anon meets on Thursdays

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

Vet office open in courthouse

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

Potluck meal

The First United Methodist Church in Haskell will host an all-church potluck meal Sun., Jan. 12 following worship services. This will replace the meal planned in December during the ice storm.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club of Haskell will meet Thurs., Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Haskell County Library for a program on "The Miracle of Youth" with the program being presented by the Haskell County 4-H Club. In the business meeting to follow the program, members will vote on Outstanding Club Woman nominee, Best Progressive Study Club Program and Best Federation Program. Federation news will be presented by Dorothy Hartsfield.

AWANA to meet

The AWANA Club (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) will meet at the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, 1600 N. 1st St., Haskell on Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children must be age 5 by Sept. 1 through sixth grade. For more information call 940-864-5557.

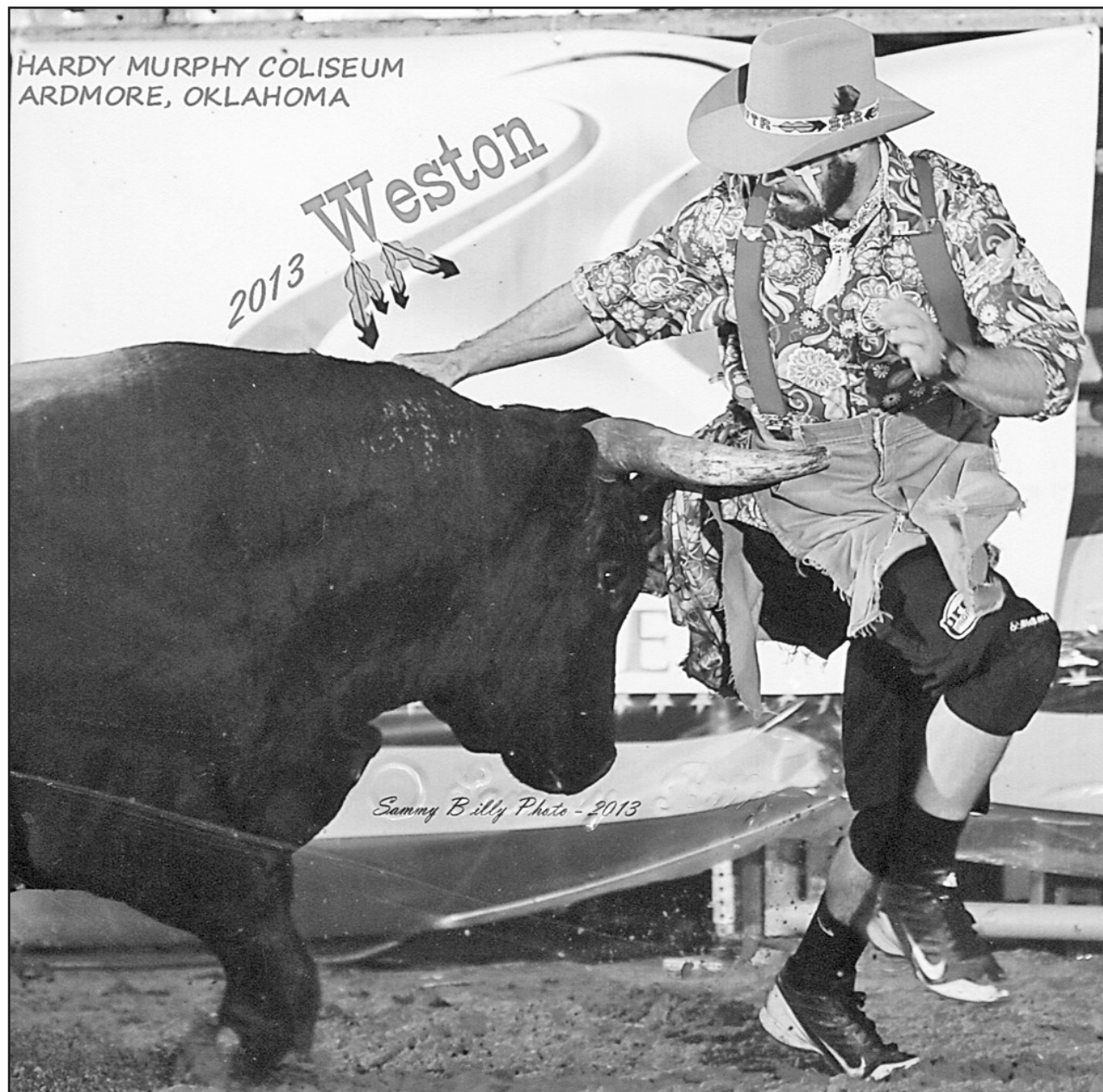
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Rutkowski is World Champion Freestyle Bullfighter



WESTON RUTKOWSKI - 2013 WORLD CHAMPION FREESTYLE BULLFIGHTER

Weston Rutkowski of Haskell has compiled an impressive record in his rookie season as a professional bullfighter.

Rutkowski won the 2013 World Championship title in competition against the top bullfighters in the nation at the World Champion Bullfight Finals held in September at Ardmore, Oklahoma, setting an arena record with a score of 96.5 during the competition.

In addition to his World Championship title in September, he also won the bullfight competition at the National Finals Rodeo Bucking Stock Sale held in Las Vegas in December.

Rutkowski also won bullfight competitions this fall in Purcell, Oklahoma and Sulphur Springs and Liberty.

He is the son of John and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski and the grandson of the late Jack and Joy Chapman, all of Haskell.

K-9 officer Kye joins Haskell County Sheriff's Dept.

by Caron Yates

The Haskell County Sheriff's Department is now up one man, or rather one K9.

Haskell County Sheriff Chief Deputy Dan Kaszuba and his new partner K9 Kye, have completed their official training, and are now on the job together. Kye is a two and a half year old shepherd/lab mix. The Sheriff's department obtained him from the K9 Academy in Leander, Texas.

Kye was a rescue dog from a shelter in Austin and was trained at the academy for about nine months. Kaszuba spent two weeks at the academy getting to know the dog and learning to be a K9 handler. This is his first experience as a K9 handler.

Kaszuba has been in law enforcement in Haskell for over three years and has been

with the Sheriff's department for more than a year. He says, "Kye is a K9 officer, but also a narcotics and tracking dog. He lives indoors with me."

Well trained dogs have been used in law enforcement, search and rescue and the military for many years. Although previously used mostly in

larger departments, in more recent years the tremendous value and assistance they bring to a law enforcement situation, has become very apparent. Departments of all sizes, now utilize K9s.

Kye, who on the surface appears to be a good natured pet, is all business when his vest goes on. Kaszuba says,

"He knows when he is on the job, and is well trained in narcotics. We will continue training so he will stay as sharp as possible. We keep a log of every hour Kye works."

Haskell County Sheriff

Winston Stephens, Chief Deputy Kaszuba and Deputies Kenny Barnett and Justin Stewart now have an additional and very valuable resource to help in their fight against crime in our county.

Athletes named to All-District teams

Haskell Indians selected to the District 4-1A Div. I All-District teams include:

Justice Dever, Second Team Offensive Receiver;
Zach Tatum, Second Team Offensive Lineman;
Aaron Urich, Second Team Defensive Lineman;
Ryan Pace and Justice

Dever, Second Team Defensive Backs.

Rule Bobcats selected to the Six-Man Div. II District 10 All-District teams include:

Newcomer of the Year, Seattle Jackson;
Colton Rogers, First Team Offensive Utility Back;
Colton Rogers, First Team Defensive Lineman;
Seattle Jackson, First Team Defensive Back;
Seattle Jackson, First Team Utility;
Chase Potter, Second Team Offensive Receiver;
Luis Diaz, Second Team Offensive Fullback;
Jonah Caddell, Second Team Offensive Spreadback;
Paul Nieto, Second Team Offensive Special Teams Kicker;
Jonah Caddell, Second Team Defensive Back
Chase Potter, Second Team Defensive Back
Luis Diaz, Second Team Defensive Lineman;
Paul Nieto, Second Team Defensive Linebacker;
Braden Cooper, Second Team Defensive Utility.

Goodfellows Donations

The Haskell Goodfellows are accepting donations for Christmas boxes to be distributed to needy families this holiday season. Boxes will be delivered on Dec. 24 to those who have been selected to receive them. Those with donations of food, contact a Lions Club member, toys and clothing may be taken to the Haskell Fire Dept.; and cash donations may be sent to The Haskell Free Press, P. O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521.

In memory of E.B. and Allene Whorton of Rule by their daughter Mary Kay Morris.....\$25
Bread, donated by the Mike New family

In memory of Eddie Briles by the Haskell Post Office employees\$150

In honor of A.C. and Sally Boggs, R.I. and Ethel Johnson, Amy Johnson and Jennifer Johnson

by the Gene Long family\$100

Jacob & Martin LTD.....\$250

Total this week\$525

Previous total\$2010

Total to date.....\$2535



NEW K9 OFFICER-Haskell County Sheriff Chief Deputy Dan Kaszuba has a new partner, K9 Kye. Kye is well trained in narcotics, search and rescue.

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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Berry to succeed Steen as secretary of state
AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 19 announced the appointment of Nandita Berry of Houston as the 109th Texas Secretary of State, effective Jan. 7, 2014. She succeeds John Steen, who was appointed by Perry in November 2012.

As secretary of state, Berry will serve as the state's chief elections officer, the governor's liaison on border and Mexican affairs and Texas' chief protocol officer for state and international matters. The Secretary of State's Office also serves as the formal repository for official and business records, publishes government rules and regulations, keeps the state seal and attests to the governor's signature on official documents.

Berry, the governor's office noted, is "the first Indian American to fill the post." She is a senior counsel at the law firm of Locke Lord LLP. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Houston Bar Association. She is a past member of the University of Houston Board of Regents, and past board member of the Houston Zoo Inc., South Asian Chamber of Commerce, Houston Area Women's Center, and the Community Family Center of Houston. Berry received a bachelor's degree from Mt. Carmel College in Bangalore, India, a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center.

Request for aid is made
Gov. Perry on Dec. 13 issued a state disaster declaration for certain Central Texas counties following extensive flood damage related to storms that occurred from Oct. 30 to Nov. 16.

Counties named in the declaration are: Bell, Caldwell, Freestone, Guadalupe, Hays, Travis and Williamson.

Perry also requested a presidential disaster declaration, which if granted would bring in millions of dollars of federal aid. In submitting the request, Perry said, "The severe flood damage in Central Texas has affected the lives of many people and left a devastating financial burden on our local communities. I urge President Obama to grant this assistance so Texans can continue their recovery and rebuild their homes, businesses and communities."

As of Dec. 20, the White House had not made a public response to Perry's request.

Monthly revenue increases
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 11 reported that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.41 billion, up 2.8 percent compared to

November 2012.

State sales tax revenue continues to grow at a moderate pace as expected, Combs said, and sales tax collections have increased for 44 consecutive months.

Cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive December local sales tax allocations totaling \$579.6 million, an amount up 5 percent compared to December 2012, Combs said.

State recommends vaccination

With flu season on the upswing in the Lone Star State, the Texas Department of State Health Services in a Dec. 17 statement offered this tip:

Everyone six months old and older should get vaccinated; people should talk to their health care provider about the best type of flu vaccine for them; a nasal spray version is available for healthy people ages 2 to 49 who are not pregnant; and a high-dose vaccine is approved for people 65 and older.

Notably, the health department said, people should cover all coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer, and stay home if sick.

Road forum is on calendar

Texas Department of Transportation on Dec. 17 promoted the 9th annual Texas Transportation Forum, Jan. 6 through Jan. 8, 2014, in San Antonio.

TxDOT said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx will join transportation experts, government leaders and others.

Among topics to be discussed:

- Responding to emergency events in the aftermath of disasters;
- How new transportation technologies are making our lives easier; and
- Increasing Texas tourism.

DPS increases enforcement

Texas Department of Public Safety announced an increase of patrols for a 21-day period that includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The increased enforcement period started Dec. 13 and will end Jan. 2. During that period, state troopers will focus on DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, the agency said, state troopers made more than 1,200 DWI arrests and issued more than 17,600 speeding citations, more than 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations, and made 258 fugitive arrests and 211 felony arrests.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 25, 2003

Nathan Meredith, a fifth grader at Haskell Elementary, recently enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. Participants in the program accrue official riding hours to earn recognition patches and subsequent awards.

Winners in the Rule Home and Yard Lighting contest are Lee Roy Wilson, first; Joel Lane, second; and Jack Coker, third.

The fifth annual Haskell Soup Kitchen, sponsored by the Haskell CISD and Haskell County Commissioner's Court, is scheduled again this year. Last year over 200 people were served a warm healthy meal free of charge.

20 Years Ago December 30, 1993

Haskell native Ronald Hilliard of Odessa, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Texas Army National Guard, during a ceremony held at historic

Camp Mabry in Austin. He is the son of Elmer and Bernice Hilliard of Haskell.

Kelly Wallace Reid of Haskell, is among 28 new members of the Iota Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at West Texas A&M University. She is a senior special education major.

Nancy Toliver was surprised by her children with a retirement party. She has spent thirty years in education, which includes work as a classroom teacher, diagnostician and school counselor.

30 Years Ago December 29, 1983

A record breaking cold spell struck Haskell, and other parts of the country last week. The spell of constant freezing stretched for a period of over 200 hours and broke records across the state.

Nancy Lynn Kimbrough of Haskell, graduated with honors from Tarleton State University with a BBA degree in office administration.

Congressman Charles Stenholm has announced that Frederick Lee Barnett of Haskell, has been included in a slate of nominees to the United States Service Academies.

40 Years Ago December 27, 1973

Herman Marcus employees were paid with silver dollars on the first H-M payroll in Haskell County. Officials helping to distribute the silver dollars were R.C. Couch Jr., Royce Williams, R.W. Herren, Royce Adkins and Abe Turner. The first shipment to Dallas was sent this week.

Gloria Darnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Darnell of Haskell, will travel to London, England with a Study Abroad Program. Working to complete a Master's Degree at Sam Houston University, she is a detective with the Irving Police Department.

Jeannine Isbell and Don Comedy were married in a ceremony at the Paint

Creek United Methodist Church. She is a Paint Creek graduate, and teaches second grade at Rochester school. He graduated from Throckmorton High School and is employed at the Haskell Free Press.

50 Years Ago December 26, 1963

Favorites chosen by the student body at Haskell High School include Wanda Nixon, Basketball Sweetheart; Wayne Perrin, Basketball Beau; Dollie Norton, Band Sweetheart; Eddie Smart, Football Hero; Sharon Robertson, Football Sweetheart; Johnny McCollum, FHA Beau; and Ruby Kaye Alvis, FFA Sweetheart.

The Mattson 4-H Club had several members who won 4-H pins at the annual Haskell County 4-H banquet held in Haskell. They include: Achievement, Linda Brueggeman; Clothing, Debbie Campbell and Diana Davis; Dress Revue, Kathy Hager; Electric, Janice Moeller and Susan Weise.

100 Years Ago December 27, 1913

Saturday morning about 2 o'clock, Night Watchman Lemmon discovered the Commercial Hotel on fire. It seems a lantern left at the head of the stairway fell on the floor and perhaps exploded. The night watchman prevented what could have been a disastrous fire.

The 8-room modern residence with two acres above Haskell High School, known as the J.J. Stein residence is for sale. Original cost of land and improvements, \$6350. Price for the next 10 days, \$2000.



It's hard to have happy holidays when you're arrested for drunk driving

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

This holiday season, Haskell law enforcement will be out in force and cracking down on drunk drivers throughout the region with aggressive Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement. The sad reality is that Texas continues to lead the nation in drunken driving fatalities, and the holiday period is especially dangerous.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent

Jason Westbrook, Haskell CEA-Ag, reminds drivers that the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign runs from now until Jan. 1.

The death toll from drunk driving significantly increases during the period from Christmas to New Year's Day. According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Texas DWI fatalities during the holiday season Dec. 1-31, 2012, resulted in 96 fatalities. But not everyone dies in a crash. Many live

with lifelong, debilitating injuries as a result of their own drunk driving or that of a complete stranger.

The consequences and costs are significant if you are caught driving while intoxicated, costing you \$17,000 or more, the loss of your driver license, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses.

Even a little holiday cheer can impair a person's driving. Plan ahead if you are going to drink alcohol. The message is out there, but it only works if you join our efforts this holiday season by pledging to give or be the gift of a sober driver. Find out how to pledge at soberrides.org. Other tips include:

- Designate a non-

drinking driver before festivities begin.

- Keep taxi cab phone numbers handy if your city has cab service, and dial one when you're ready to leave.

- Make arrangements to call someone you trust to pick you up.

- Spend the night where you are.

- Step up and step in—don't let friends drive if they've been drinking. Give someone a gift by being their sober, designated driver.

For information on free alcohol awareness programs available through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Watch UR BAC program in College Station, go to www.watchurbac.tamu.edu or call 979-862-1911.

Haskell Nat'l Bank earns 5-Star award

Bauer Financial, Coral Gables, Florida congratulates Haskell National Bank, Haskell, on its 5-Star Superior rating. This rating (based on Sept. 30, 2013 financial data) indicates that Haskell National Bank is one of the strongest banks in the nation; a dependable and financially sound community bank.

Perhaps even more impressive is the fact that Haskell National Bank has earned this highest 5-Star rating for 87 consecutive quarters. Having maintained a 5-Star rating for this length of time earns Haskell National Bank an even more elite designation as a "Sustained Superiority Bank." Only seven percent of the nation's banks have earned Bauer's top rating

for so long and with such consistency.

"While banks may look alike on the surface, community banks, like Haskell National Bank, are community partners," notes Karen L. Dorway, president of the rating firm. "By keeping deposits local and focusing on the success of the communities in which it does business, Haskell National Bank has thrived where other banks have faltered."

Since its inception in 1890, Haskell national Bank has been committed to providing the best of baking to its community. Its two branch offices are conveniently located in Abilene and Haskell. Haskell National bank is a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

I've just come home from the 2013 Haskell Junior and High School Christmas concert held in a local Haskell church, and it was a wonderful musical experience! Under the skilled baton of Mike Aston young men and women from the Haskell schools gave a very special musical gift to the community and surrounding area.

Having attended a fair number of these concerts in the past, I've never seen a larger crowd of listeners (400 more or less) and just over 100 students in the two bands. The quality

and musicianship of the players, both young and more experienced, was over the top.

Haskell is indeed fortunate and blessed to have a director as competent and committed as Mr. Aston. And kudos are also in order for his able assistant, Teresa New. And the support from the parents and other school personnel is also to be commended!

In the future if you have opportunity to hear the Mighty Haskell Indian Band, do yourself a favor and be there. You'll be glad you did!

Thanks from a long-time devoted fan,
Ford Cole

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CHRISTMAS CAROLERS—Rule Elementary students sang Christmas carols for the residents from the Haskell Healthcare Center and Majestic Senior Living Center Wed., Dec. 18. The students went to the Haskell Healthcare Center and Majestic Senior Living Center Wed., Dec. 18. The students sang Christmas carols for the residents from the elementary Christmas program held at the school Dec. 17.



BEAUTIFUL MUSIC—Beautiful Christmas music last week brought by the voices of students in filled the halls of Majestic Senior Living Haskell Kindergarten through fifth grade from Rule Schools.



CAROLERS—Rule Girl Scout Troop 7230 sang Christmas carols at Majestic Senior Living Haskell last week. Their leaders are Lisa Saffel, Theresa Baiza and Misty Fritzier.



HOLIDAY MUSIC—The Pre-K through fifth grade holiday music at Majestic Senior Living Haskell students of Paint Creek School sang beautiful last week.



RULE BOBCATS—2013-2014 Rule High School boys basketball team includes, front row, l-r, Chase Helms, Michael Perez and Devin Martinez; back row, Brandon Cooper, Chase Potter, Gabriel Baiza, Colton Rogers, Jonah Caddell and Coach Joshua Conner.

Woman's Club of Rochester

The Woman's Club of Rochester met Wed., Dec. 4 for a regular meeting. Club members met at the bank building. Attending were Jane Short, Betty Ruth White, Mary Johnston, Verlene Stegemoeller, Linda Parsons, Elaine Glover, Teresa Scoggins, Regina O'Neal, Sammie Loper, Sharon Mullins, Alice Ballard, Francis Clark, Sandra Fry and Mary Jenkins.

After the members met at the bank building, they traveled to the home of Dolan and Sharon Brinson for the meeting and lunch. The home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. A variety of dishes were brought by members

of the club and furnished by the hostesses. The club members were entertained as they ate by Dolan playing a variety of selections on the piano. After members enjoyed the delicious meal, the meeting was called to order by Linda Parsons.

She gave a short program relating to the season. After the program, fellowship was enjoyed.

The next meeting will be Jan. 8. The club will meet at the bank building and hear a speaker from The Drug Store in Haskell bringing a program on "The Amazing World of Medicine." The speaker will answer any questions members might have regarding medicines that they take.

Farm estate workshops

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Seven Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Workshops are scheduled during January in the Panhandle featuring Dr. Wayne Hayenga, professor emeritus and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist from College Station.

These seminars will provide participants with information on tax and estate planning matters to assist in making difficult decisions, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo.

Hayenga is an agricultural economist and attorney who works with farmers, ranchers and family owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning, Jones said. He will give a thorough analysis of relevant income and estate tax rules as they affect families and agricultural businesses.

"These seminars are helpful to married couples in that they discuss estate administration and tax reporting requirements for the surviving spouse," Jones said. "They are also useful for potential executors and trustees and helpful to all who want to make their estate settlements less burdensome to their loved ones."

No pre-registration is required. The following is a schedule of times, dates and locations:

- 6-8 p.m., Jan. 20, O'Laughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt St., Spearman.
- Noon-2 p.m., Jan. 21, Carson County War Memorial,

500 Main St., Panhandle.

•6-8 p.m., Jan. 21, AgriLife Extension office for Randall County, 200 Brown Road, Canyon.

•1-3 p.m., Jan. 22, AgriLife Extension office for Deaf Smith County, 903 14th St., Hereford.

•6-8 p.m., Jan. 22, Moore County Community Building, 1600 Maddox St., Dumas.

•12:30-2:30 p.m., Jan. 23, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo. Blvd., Amarillo.

•6-8 p.m., Jan. 23, Donley County Activity Center, 4430 State Highway 70, Clarendon.

Topics will include:

- The Will: What all is needed?: Selection of executor, paying debts and taxes, "Share and share alike?," and "Do I need a trust?"

- A living trust: Managing property to take "care of," not "give to" people. Avoiding guardianships and many other benefits.

- Passing on an active farm or ranch: Tips for keeping the business going.

- Power of attorney: What if they don't work? Health care power of attorney. Living wills.

- Taxes: Estate tax, generation-skipping tax, gift tax, income tax and Social Security tax.

- Property in different states—avoid probate.

- How Not to Let My Kid's "Ex" Mess With Me.

For more information, contact Jones at 806-677-5667 or 806-681-5145, or by email at DLJones@ag.tamu.edu.

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KOURTNEY HOWARD

Haskell FFA attends banquet

A strong Haskell FFA presence was felt at this year's Double Mountain District FFA Banquet. The event, held at the Hawley High School auditorium, brought together all 11 of the district FFA Chapters.

Presiding over the banquet were the district FFA officers, two of which are Haskell FFA members. For the past year, Reagan Hadaway has served as the district vice president, and Crissy Bassett has served as the district treasurer.

The evening was filled with award recognitions, talent competitions, officer elections and, of course, the opportunity to socialize with students from other schools.

Kourtney Howard of Haskell was elected to serve on the 2013-2014 district officer team as the Parliamentarian. Crissy

Bassett was chosen to represent the district as a candidate for an Area II officer position.

Haskell FFA Chapter and the Double Mountain District have once again had an extremely successful year and are looking forward to opportunities that await in 2014.



LUCY CARMICHAEL



MEGHAN GLOVER

Students visit Rotary Club

Lucy Carmichael is the daughter of Hew and Beth Carmichael of Haskell.

She attends Bethel Assembly in Anson.

At Haskell High School, she is a varsity cheerleader, is a member of National Honor Society and Student Council, and participated in FFA and band.

She won the Breed Champion Duroc at the Fort Worth Livestock Show in 2013; was a state qualifier and placed at the FFA LDE and CDE contests; was a member of the sweepstakes awards/state honor finalist band; won the Light Weight Dark Cross Division Champion at Houston Stock Show.

She enjoys showing pigs, snowboarding and hunting.

She plans to attend Texas Tech or Abilene Christian University majoring in

business marketing.

Meghan Glover is the daughter of Chad and Melissa Glover of Rochester.

She attends the Church of Christ in Rochester.

At Haskell High School, she is a varsity cheerleader, is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, band and FFA.

She is a class favorite, FFA president, member of the sweepstakes band all four years, and a state qualifier for CDEs in FFA.

She enjoys helping her mom with trade shows and showing pigs.

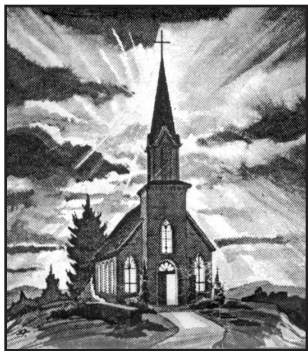
She plans to attend South Plains College then transfer to Texas Tech University, majoring in retail management pursuing a career in fashion retail with a goal of owning a boutique.



HASKELL FFA MEMBERS

This Week's Devotional Message:

Let the New Year introduce a whole new way of living



It's only another night, followed by a day the same length as all the others. However, December 31st is an arbitrary dividing line between one year and the next, a part of the necessity for keeping track of time along with the days, weeks and months. We have further drawn attention to it with elaborate revelry, culminating at the stroke of midnight; and for some of us, followed the next day by a state of remorse and a determination to mend

our ways. We begin every new year in this manner, with a list of sweeping reforms designed to correct all our faults at once; a task usually beyond human compliance. However, if we would just be sensible about both our actions and our expectations, none of this would be necessary. In fact, a regular trip to our house of worship can be far more effective than all those futile efforts at atonement. Try it and see for yourself.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

HASKELL

- East Side Baptist Church**
Shawn Smith, Youth & Worship pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7:00 p.m.
714 North First East, Haskell
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Rev. David White, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
- Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
- First Assembly of God**
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- St. George Catholic Church**
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 7 p.m.
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.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., 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
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Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
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Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. 7 p.m.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
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- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
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West on Main Street, Rochester
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Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
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- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy 6, Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Cory Graham, pastor
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Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
- RULE**
- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
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1001 Union Ave., Rule
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Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
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Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
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Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 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.m.
O'Brien

Student in the News

Haley Chavez of Haskell was named to the Provost's Honor Roll at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls for the Fall 2013 semester.

A student who completes a semester schedule of at least

12 semester hours in one semester with a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.99 and no grade lower than C will be included on the Provost's Honor Roll. The student cannot have semester grades of I, WF or NC.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Dec. 16-23:

Laura Lei Crossley, motion to revoke forgery of a financial instrument state jail felony.

Timothy Scott Pierson, motion to revoke possession of marijuana.

Timothy Carroll Nichols, motion to revoke firearm in possession.

Dale Warren Myers Jr., possession of controlled substance one to four grams meth.

Colby Tate Clark, driving while intoxicated first offense.

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CAUSE NO. 11,909 THE ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK and THE ESTATE OF SHARON SISK, DECEASED. Plaintiffs vs. CAROLYN WILLIAMSON AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RANDY K. WILLIAMSON, DECEASED Defendants CENTRAL TEXAS FEDERAL LAND BANK, FLCA, Defendant IN REM ONLY

IN THE 39TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS TO CAROLYN WILLIAMSON and the Unknown Heirs, Representatives, Successors and Assigns of RANDY K. WILLIAMSON, Deceased:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Plaintiffs' Original Petition of CHRISTIE WOODS, in her capacity as the Dependent Administrator of the ESTATE OF DYRAL J. SISK, DECEASED, and in her capacity as the Successor Independent Administrator of the ESTATE OF SHARON SISK, DECEASED, Plaintiffs, was filed

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against RANDY K. WILLIAMSON, deceased, and CAROLYN WILLIAMSON, Defendant, on May 22, 2012, and Plaintiffs' First Amended Original Petition on June 18, 2012, in the 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas, and is numbered Cause No. 11,909, and entitled "The Estate of Dyrall J. Sisk and The Estate of Sharon Sisk, deceased, Plaintiffs, vs. Randy K. Williamson, deceased and Carolyn Williamson, Defendants, and Central Texas Federal Land, Defendant IN REM ONLY." This lawsuit is a partition suit requesting the Court to order a jointly owned 261.0 acre tract of land partitioned in kind or by sale.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiffs' interest which will be binding upon you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Haskell, Texas, this 18th day of November, 2013.

Penny Young Anderson Clerk of the 39th Judicial Court Haskell County, Texas Debbie Gresselt, Deputy 49-52c

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Carolyn Graston Printed Name of Filing Officer (Nombre en letra de molde del Oficial de Archivos) Signature of Filing Officer (Firma del Oficial de Archivos) Date Posted (Fecha archivada) 51-52c

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SERVE AT PARADE—Haskell Lions members, l-r, John Hicks, Linda Haynes and Ellen Rieger prepare to distribute hot chocolate at the Haskell All Star Christmas Parade held Dec. 14.



SERVE HOT CHOCOLATE—Haskell Lions Club members, l-r, John Hicks, Linda Haynes and Ellen Rieger served hot chocolate at the Haskell All-Star Christmas parade Sat., Dec. 14.



ENJOYS CHRISTMAS ART—Majestic Senior Living Haskell residents were visited by Haskell Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Mon., Dec. 9 as they worked together to make homemade Christmas ornaments. Red ribbons were woven through wreaths made from mini-pretzels. Gingerbread men, made from paper sacks, were decorated at the table. Members who participated were Breiana Bell, April Brown, Shady Blue Dunlap, Victoria Kucera and advisor Fonda Newton.



Maidens basketball

Maidens take handle on Lady Bulldogs 66-24

Junior Reagan Hadaway scored a game high 19 points and Junior Crissy Bassett added 17 as the Maidens beat Ranger for the second time this year 66-24. Haskell improves to 10-4 on the season. "I thought Crissy had a great all around game especially scoring the ball. I thought she played up to her potential and that is what we will need in district play," Haskell head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Other leading scorers in double figures were Juniors Jacie Klose with 13 points and Kenzie Shelton with 10. Klose had a team high 7 assists followed by Hadaway with 5 and Pierce 3. Hadaway led all rebounders with 14 followed by Bassett with 8, Shelton 8 and Klose 5. Leading the team in steals was Klose with 7, Hadaway 3 and Jacee Guess 2.

"Overall, I thought we played really well offensively and defensively. The girls shot the ball well from the field and much better from the free-throw line. It was nice to see them get rewarded for the work they put in this week on their shooting," Eddleman said.

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Ranger 4 6 8 6 = 24

Scoring: Hadaway 19, 2. Bassett 17, Klose 13, Shelton 10, Pierce 4, Amos 2, Wilhite

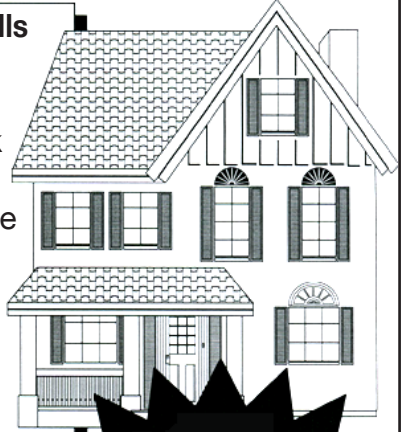
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Area Basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 66, Ranger 24

Scoring for Haskell: Hadaway 18, Bassett 17, Klose 13, Shelton 10, Pierce 4, Amos 2, Wilhite 2.

JV: Haskell 45, Ranger 17

Boys

Haskell 44, Roscoe 38

Scoring for Haskell: Bell 14, Silvas 10, Martinez 5, Meinzer 6, Smith 4, Hanson 3, Weise 2.

JV: Haskell 25, Roscoe 22

Haskell 85, Ranger 54

Scoring for Haskell: Bell 33, Silvas 18, Martinez 9, Hanson 7, Meinzer 6, Winterstein 4, Colley 4, Weise 2.

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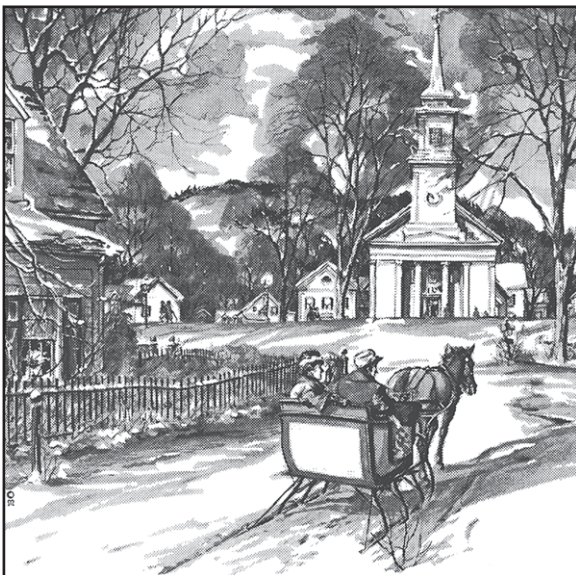
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