

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-B, VG-B vs Albany
 Fri., Feb. 5, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
7-8 Girls District Tourney
 Thurs., Feb. 4 and
 Sat., Feb. 6
 at Stamford
JVG-B, VG-B vs Hawley
 Tues., Feb. 9, 4 p.m.
 at Hawley
PAINT CREEK
VG-B vs Aspermont
 Fri., Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
 at Aspermont
VG-B vs Rotan
 Tues., Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
VG-B vs Trent
 Fri., Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-B vs Lueders-Avoca
 Tues., Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m.
 at Lueders-Avoca

Softball

Maidens
Maidens vs Wylie/Cooper
Scrimmage
 Sat., Feb. 6, TBA
Maidens vs Graham
Scrimmage
 Mon., Feb. 8, TBA

Calendar

Singles Around Town

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

Chapter #989 to meet

Rule Chapter #989 will meet Thurs., Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish meal to be followed by a stated meeting. Friendship night will be observed by the Chapter.

Study Club to meet

Haskell Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the First Bank Texas. Nelwyn Beakley of Rule will present a program on being "Creative With Cards." President Julia Harrell will conduct the business meeting and Dorothy Hartsfield will present Federation News. Guests are always welcome.

Revival in Rule Feb. 21-26

The First Baptist Church of Rule will be in revival Sun., Feb. 21, through Fri., Feb. 26. Services on Sun., Feb. 21st, will be at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and other services the rest of the week Monday through Friday, will be at 7 p.m. Randy Mac and Julie McLelland will be the evangelists. All are welcome to attend. Pastor of First Baptist Church of Rule is Rev. Scott Hensley. For more information, call 940-200-0241.

Easter Cantata

The Community Choir Easter Cantata rehearsals are held every Sunday, at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Chapel. The Easter Cantata will be presented Sun., March 20. A nursery will be provided.

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Go Indians ~ Go Maidens

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INDIANS AGAINST HAMLIN—Haskell Indian #12 Alec Roewe, left, looks inside for the pass against the Hamlin Pied Pipers. Indian #22 Lane Burson, right, powers up for the two point jumper against Hamlin.



MAIDENS ON THE MOVE—Haskell Maiden #25 Jordan Garvin, left, drives past the Hamlin defender to the basket. Maiden #11 Ariel Martinez, right, on the drive in the Maidens' win over the Hamlin Lady Pipers.



Springboard Ideas Challenge coming to Haskell Feb. 23

The Springboard Ideas Challenge, sponsored by ACU's Griggs Center for Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy, has made some big changes for 2016.

Founded in 2007, the program has made a name for itself by allowing local college students and members of the community a chance to pitch their ideas to local investors and possibly walk away with thousands of dollars in startup funding and other resources. Over the last nine years, the competition has awarded more than \$400,000 in winnings to aspiring entrepreneurs.

For 2016, the program will make significant changes to the overall process.

"One of the biggest changes has been moving from a business plan to a business model competition," Karen Heflin, Springboard program coordinator, said. "A business plan, which is what we've required in the past, is a lengthy report. A business model is more of a storyboard presentation with initial research done by participants. It gives aspiring entrepreneurs valuable information before they ever launch their business,

helping them be more successful."

In 2016, the Springboard Ideas Challenge will be making it easier for entrepreneurs across the Big Country to compete. Participants will get started by presenting a two-minute elevator pitch instead of submitting a plan or written application. These first round elevator pitch events will be hosted in several cities including Sweetwater (Feb. 8), Brownwood/Early (Feb. 11), Haskell (Feb. 23), Abilene (Feb. 22) and Snyder (TBD).

Training and mentors will be available to teams that advance past the first round of the competition. These resources will help prepare contestants to take their initial idea, and transform it into a working and applicable business model that investors would be interested in.

The competition will end in May with the top three teams presenting their final business model to a group of local investors for a chance to win \$15,000.

For more information, visit acu.edu/springboard, call Heflin at 325-674-6485 or email griggscen@acu.edu.

New district assignments released by UIL

by Caron Yates

The University Interscholastic League this week, released the realigned district assignments for Texas high school football and basketball for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

Earlier the UIL announced the conference cutoff numbers, which saw no changes for the three Haskell County schools. Haskell High School remains in 2A-Division II, while Paint Creek and Rule continue as 1A, Division II.

Changes in classifications, often bring changes in district assignments. There will be 185 2A schools, with ninety-three Division I schools having 158 to 220 students

and ninety-two Division II schools having 105 to 157 students.

For Haskell High School Region 2, 2A, Div. II, District 7, will see four of the same teams as last year. Travelling north for district play, the Indians will meet Electra, Munday, Petrolia, Archer City and Quanah. Hamlin moved to Region I, District 4 and Seymour moved up to Div. I. Coach Grady Benton stated, "The realignment sent a familiar opponent in Archer City and a new opponent in Quanah into an already very competitive District 7-2A. We are surrounded by very talented and well coached football teams. Our

main concern is controlling the controllable and that is making sure we are ready for the opportunity. We look forward to the challenge."

Haskell basketball teams are now Region I, District 8, which includes Albany, Anson, Hamlin, Hawley, Haskell, Roscoe Collegiate, and Stamford. Winters moved to District 6. Vying for the Class 2A state championship will be 202 schools, divided into four regions and thirty-two districts.

Class 1A is reserved primarily for six-man football

with 139 schools across four regions and sixteen districts. Cutoff numbers for 1A, Div. I are 59 to 104.9, while Div. II is 58 and below. There will be 232 schools competing in Class 1A basketball.

The Paint Creek Pirates and the Rule Bobcats will again try for the District 10, 1A, Div. II six-man title. They are joined by Aspermont, Lueders-Avoca and Throckmorton.

In basketball, District 13-1A will include Aspermont, Lueders-Avoca, Roby, Rotan, Trent and Rule.

Paint Creek has moved to Region 3, District 17, 1A and will see action against Bryson, Grafard, Newcastle, Throckmorton and Woodson.

Reassignments for other sports and academic districts will be released in the order of their seasons.

While coaches are scrambling this week to finalize a schedule for non-district and district games, players, fans and coaching staffs are feeling the excitement as they look forward to a new season of competition.

Applications to file for city, school elections accepted

by Caron Yates

Political candidates are certainly grabbing the headlines on the national level these days. However, on a local level, it is also time to start thinking about our city government and school board elections.

The date for city elections, as well as school board elections has been set for May 7, 2016. If you intend to run as a candidate, you have until 5 p.m. on February 19 to apply. Applications to file for a place on the ballot may be obtained from the respective city hall and school administration offices.

In the city of Haskell, voters will elect two

aldermen to two year terms. Council seats held by Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow will be up for election. The mayor's position will also be on the ballot this year.

On the Haskell CISD school board, places #1 and #6, currently held by Joel Torres III and Tyke Meinzer, will be voted on. Both are three year terms.

The city of Rule will vote on two council seats, along with the mayor's position. Serving the city presently are Mayor Jerry Cannon, Patrick Pace and Bobby Robinson.

The Rule ISD school board has three spots up for election. Incumbents are Wade Gomillion, Elana Mathis and Theresa Baiza.

In the Weinert city government, places held by Cherie Dutton and Mary Murphy will be on the ballot. These seats are for two year terms.

The Rochester city council seats now served by John Hicks and Juan Herrera will be up for election as well.

If you have not registered to vote, you may want to do so as soon as possible. Early voting by personal appearance, runs from April 25 through May 3. Early voting will take place during regular business hours at the city hall of each city, as well as the respective school administration office for the school elections.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Jan. 25-31:

Dalton Cole Kaye, criminal mischief Tom Green Co. warrant.

Weather

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

Mon., Jan. 25 31°/60°
 Tues., Jan. 26 30°/57°
 Wed., Jan. 27 28°/46°
 Thurs., Jan. 28 33°/67°
 Fri., Jan. 29 33°/77°
 Sat., Jan. 30 36°/82°
 Sun., Jan. 31 44°/68°

Lora Ashley Taylor, possession of controlled substance methamphetamine.

Joshua Charles Marrero, public intoxication.

Jason Lee Barnes, assault family violence.

Susan Denise Dormier, assault causing bodily injury and driving while license invalid with previous conviction, Throckmorton Co.

Travis Bryan Hicks, forgery.

Stephanie Rene Kohout, forgery.

Silvio Kunhe, injury to elderly and criminal trespass.

Thirty calls were made to 911.

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Indians' basketball

Indians fall to Anson, 32-41

It has been the flu of the season for the Indians (8-12, 2-6) as they took yet another lead over their opponent into the break and were unable to come out on top at the final buzzer. A 4-point halftime lead for the Indians wasn't enough, as the Indians fell to the Anson Tigers (5-3) on Tuesday night Jan. 26 in Anson, 32-41.

Alec Roewe took control for the Indians in the first quarter scoring four of the 7 points for the Indians. The second quarter would be the big one for the Indians as they would score 13 points and have a four point lead at the break. Kyler Hoover and Caleb Wheat led the second quarter charge. Hoover would get two big points put back in the basket and Wheat would drain a 3-pointer late in the quarter.

However, the woes continued in the third quarter for the Indians. Anson would come out of the locker room and go on a 6-0 run before Hoover got another offensive rebound and put back in the bucket for 2 points. The Indians would only score 8 points to Anson's 13 which erased the 4 point lead and put the Tigers up by 1.

Haskell would try to make a late run against the Tigers, but could never get the ball to fall when needed and would be outscored 12-4 in the fourth quarter, giving Anson yet another win over Haskell this season.

Coach Tate Thompson had this to say about the game, "Again we struggled to put the ball in the basket in the third quarter. Our season has been made on the third quarter as in most of our losses this year, we have led going into halftime. It is a hump that we will have to get over quickly to keep our playoff chances alive."

The Indians were led in scoring by Hoover with 9, Wheat with 6, Roewe with 5, Kellen Parks with 4, Aaron Skiles, Lane Burson, Chase Gibson, and Rocky Haggard each with 2.

Haskell	7	13	8	4	= 32
Anson	10	6	13	12	= 41
JV Indians	54	32			

Area Basketball scores

Boys
Paint Creek 45, Trent 42
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Priddy 15, Trotter 12, Acosta 7, Lopez 6 Yanez 5.

Girls
Trent 72, Paint Creek 32
 Scoring for Paint Creek: McTasney 15, Jenkins 9, Lemond 8.

Lueders-Avoca 67, Paint Creek 18
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Lemond 6, McTasney 5, Edmonds 3, Jenkins 4.

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Obituaries

Zilda Benavides



ZILDA BENAVIDES
 Funeral mass for Zilda Benavides, 55, of Haskell was held Thurs., Jan. 28 at St. George Catholic Church in Haskell with Father Angelo Consemينو officiating.

Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes. Rosary was held Wednesday evening, Jan. 27 at the funeral home.

She passed away Mon., Jan. 25 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

Born July 2, 1960, she was the daughter of Amandor M. Benavides, Sr. and Angelica (Perez) Benavides.

She lived in Denton most of her life and moved to Haskell in 2011. She enjoyed dancing.

She was preceded in death by her father, Amandor Benavides, Sr.

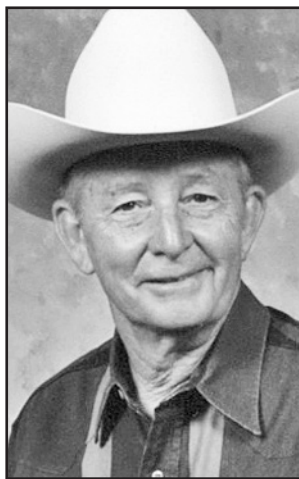
Survivors include her mother, Angelica Benavides

of Haskell; three sons, Javier Tafolla, Bennie Tafolla and Valintine Tafolla; two daughters, Rosalinda Martinez and Amelia Tafolla; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild on the way; two sisters, Elsa Rodriguez and husband Amado, and Emlyn Escobedo and husband J.R.; four brothers, Amador Benavides, Jr. and wife Linda, Pablo Benavides, Joe Benavides and Hilbert Benavides; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online condolences may be shared with the Benavides family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Rollie H. Sheppard, Jr.



ROLLIE SHEPPARD, JR.
 Funeral services for Rollie H. Sheppard, Jr., 78, of Rule were held Sat., Jan. 30 at Stacy-Wilkins Funeral

Home Chapel in Goldthwaite with Rev. Stewart Farrell officiating. Burial with full military honors was held in the Big Valley Cemetery in Mills County under the direction of Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home of Goldthwaite.

Mr. Sheppard passed away Mon., Jan. 25 in Haskell.

Born Oct. 16, 1937 in Eunice, New Mexico, he was the son of the late Rollie H. and Vera Doggett Sheppard. He was a retired Chief Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy, and later retired from the Texas Dept. of Corrections in 2002.

He was preceded in death

by his parents, Rollie H. Sheppard, Sr. and Vera P. Doggett Sheppard and two sisters, JoAnn Sheppard and Mary Bailey.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara of Rule; brother, Dean Sheppard of Abilene; two daughters, Kelly Burrow of Coleman and Jamie Sheppard of Fort Worth; one grandson Gary Wayne Geeslin of Coleman; a great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in Rollie's memory to the Goldthwaite Masonic Lodge #694, Goldthwaite, TX 76844.

PD. NOTICE

Virgie 'Don' Thompson



DON THOMPSON
 Memorial services for Virgie 'Don' Thompson, 71, longtime resident of Haskell, were held Fri., Jan. 29 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Pastor Rob Harrison officiating. Services were under the direction

of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Thompson passed away Wed., Jan. 27 at Gibson Healthcare Center.

Born April 8, 1944, in Haskell County, he was the son of Amos Thompson and Donnie Irene (Logsdon) Thompson. Don married Caren (Haynes) Thompson Sept. 24, 1977, in Haskell. He enjoyed fishing, refurbishing bicycles, and raising calves and chickens.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos Thompson and Donnie Irene (Logsdon) Thompson; step-father, Justin Puschel; and

one sister, Darlene Elmore.

Survivors include his wife, Caren Thompson of Haskell; daughter, Jessica Sorley and husband Calvin of Rule; son, Jeffrey Thompson of Abilene; sister, Patricia Tollett of the Houston area in Texas; four grandchildren, Chase Thompson, Ragen Thompson, Callie Sorley and Brandon Mitchell; four honorary grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online condolences may be shared with the Thompson family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Anita Louise Mullino Murray



ANITA MURRAY
 Anita Louise Mullino Murray passed away Tues., Jan. 19 in Bryan.

Born Sept. 30, 1937 in Knox City, she was the daughter of George Felix Mullino, Jr. and Ermine Alvis Mullino of Rochester. Her grandparents, George Felix and Ida Blanche Ogle Mullino and Vestus and Lissie

Carr Alvis, were early day Haskell County settlers. Her maternal great-grandfather was Reverend Isaac Newton Alvis who pastored several Baptist churches in Haskell County.

Anita graduated from Rochester High School in 1956. She attended Hardin-Simmons University where she met John Peter (Pete) Murray of Arlington. Pete and Anita were married April 12, 1958 at First Baptist Church in Rochester. They were married 55 years and had two daughters. Pete passed away May 4, 2013 in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

In 1970, Anita graduated from Texas A&I University in Kingsville and then began a 20 year career in education. She was devoted to her

husband and her daughters, as well as her extended family and friends.

She was predeceased by her brother, George Alvis Mullino.

Survivors include two daughters, Melissa Murray Stevenson and husband, Curt, of Austin, and Melanie Murray Gerzik and husband, Glenn, of Bryan; a grandson, Benjamin Gerzik, who is a student at the University of Texas in Austin; a sister, Ginger Mullino Leflar and husband, Bill, of The Woodlands; and a sister-in-law, Sharon Reid Mullino of Rochester.

Memorial contributions in Anita's memory may be made to an animal shelter or a food bank of your choice.

PD. NOTICE

Students in the News

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2015 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the

Dean's List, students must be enrolled full time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the honor

roll include: Ashley R. Adams, Maci M. Colley, Morgan L. Frierson, Kayla B. Gibbs, Jacie L. Klose and Ashlee M. Short, all of Haskell and Andrew K. Hertel of Rule.

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Wichita Brazos Musuem

Plans are nearing completion for the annual February meal to benefit the Wichita Brazos Museum. The date of the meal is Feb. 14. The menu will be baked turkey, ham, sausage, potato salad, slaw, pinto beans and an assortment of homemade pies. Serving time is from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

As usual, there will be a silent auction with numerous items to bid on including handmade articles, antiques

and a variety of gifts donated by area businesses and individuals. The silent auction begins at 11:00 a.m. Door prizes will also be given at 30 minute intervals. Donations for the silent auction and door prizes will be appreciated.

Following the meal, the remaining food will be sold.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. the day of the meal. There are many exhibits and there is surely something that will

claim your attention. Check out the new exhibits on display!

So plan to be in Benjamin at the memorial building on Valentine's Day for a good meal, a chance to win a nice door prize and bid on any gift you might like to have, plus visit with friends you haven't seen in a while.

For more information call 940-459-2229, Monday through Friday afternoons, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Order the of Eastern Star

Order of Eastern Star, District 2, Section 7, held a School of Instruction Wed., Jan. 27, in the Eastern Star Temple in Abilene. Hosting the event were the Chapters of Queen Esther #833, Abilene #30 and Rule #989.

Conducting the school were officers Jerre Lucas-Worth Grand Matron of Shertz, Susan Dormady of Midland, Sandy Alford

of Amarillo and Oleta Cornelius of Rule. Honored guest was Billy Clabaugh, Worthy Grand Patron of Carthage.

School began at 8:45 a.m. with a break for lunch, followed by the afternoon session. Members registered from various cities all over the state of Texas with attendance being reported at 52.

A world wide organization, their office is in Washington D.C. with the Texas office being located in Arlington. It is a fraternal organization which works with many projects to benefit all mankind. General Grand Chapter which met in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 2015, voted to have a major project this year of service dogs for veterans.

Food certification training course to be held in Abilene

by Jane Rowan
CEA/FCS, Taylor Co.

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 6 Americans will become sick, 128,000 will become hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

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

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Nolan Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125.00 on March 21 and March 22 at the Taylor County Extension Office. Cost includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is March 7.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer

satisfaction

- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and lawsuits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with

government regulations

- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

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

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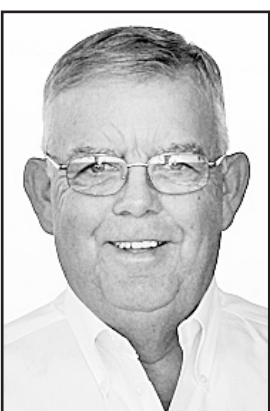
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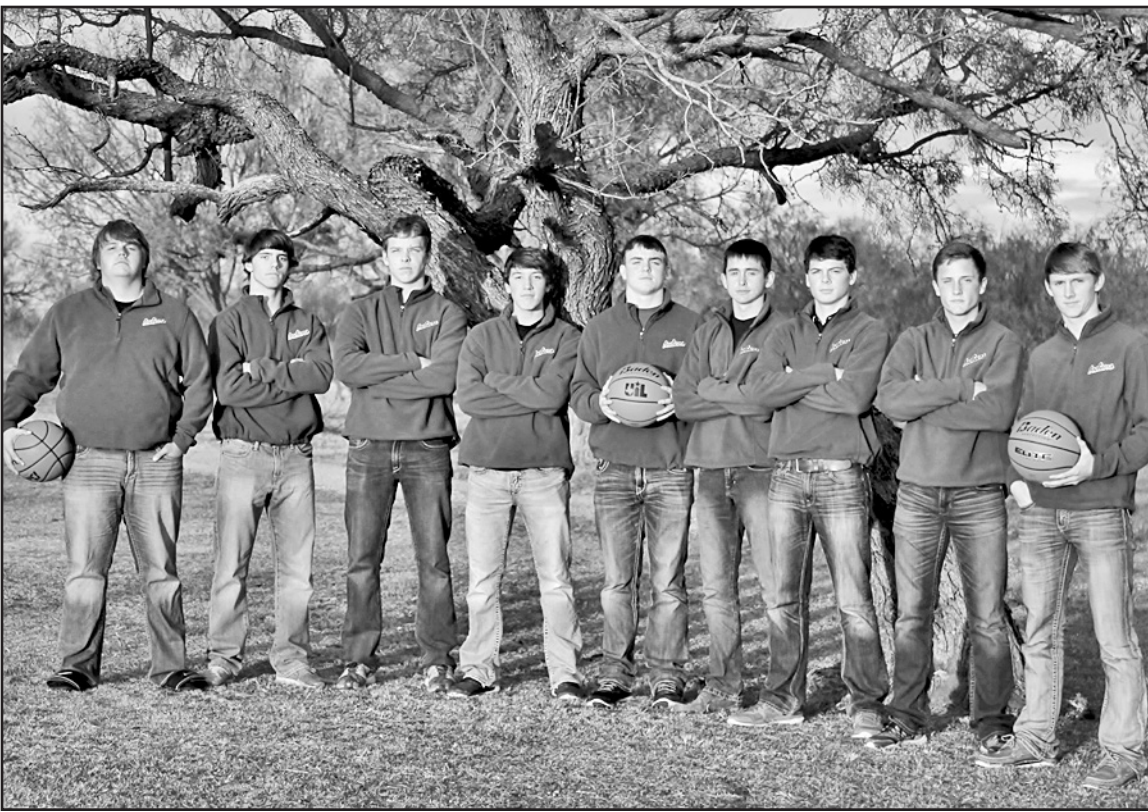
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Basketball



HASKELL INDIANS—Members of the Haskell Indians basketball team include, l-r, Chase Gibson, Rocky Haggard, Kyler Hoover, Aaron Skiles, Lane Burson, Kellen Parks, Alec Roewe, Kadin Seeliger and Dylan Hanson.

Haskell Indians

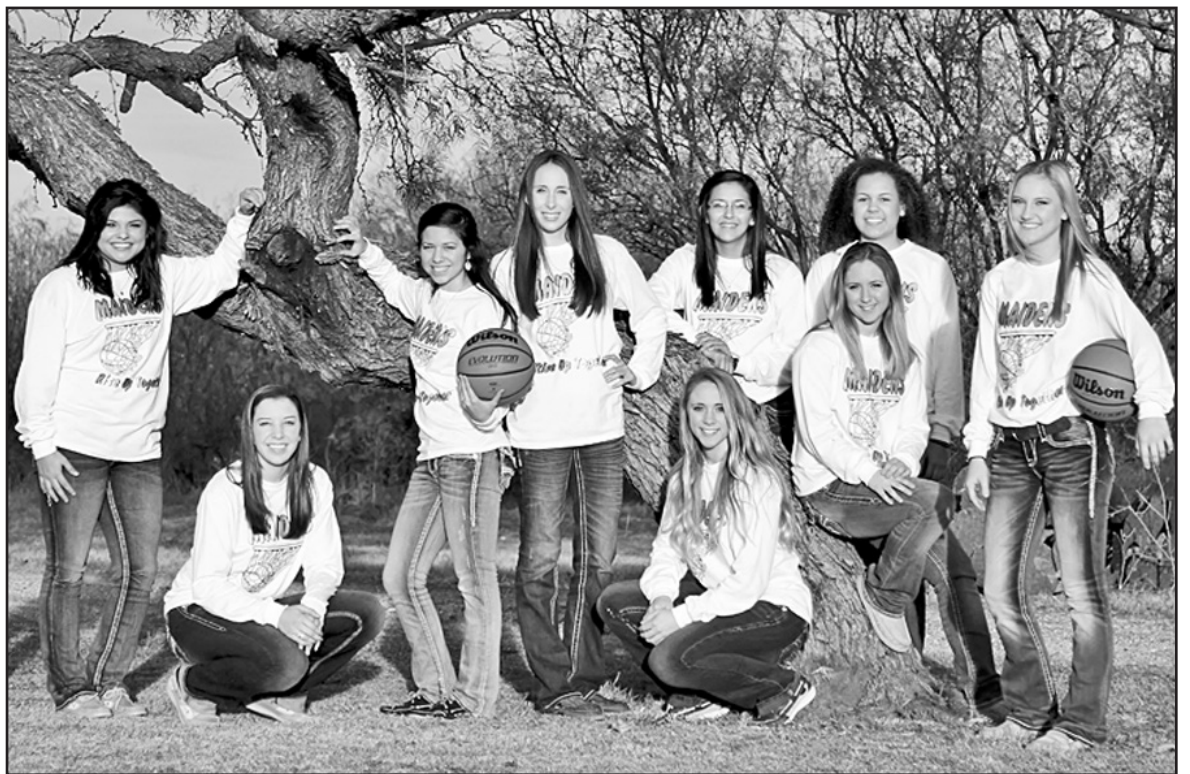
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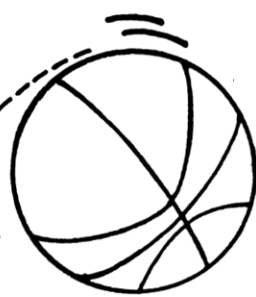


HASKELL MAIDENS—Members of the Haskell Maidens basketball team include, l-r, Destiny Benavides, Taylor Manske, Ariel Martinez, Hollyn Hadaway, Jordan Garvin, Courtney Whitt, Mackinzie Garvin, C'Era Taylor and Ashlyn Bevel.

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Early voting for March primary set Feb. 16-26

by Caron Yates

The ballots have been set for the March Primary and now it is up to the registered voters to decide who will proceed to the November general election.

There are many contested races on the federal, state and local levels. At present, there are still several republicans seeking the office of president, in addition to several democrats who have filed.

We will also be voting on a new U.S. Representative for District 19, since our current representative, Randy Neugebauer, has announced his retirement. Running for this position are nine republicans. In addition, voters will be deciding on Railroad Commissioner, Supreme Court Justices for places 3,5 and 9, and three judges on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

On the state level, Haskell County voters will help elect a member of the State Board of Education for District 15, our State Senator in District 28 and the State Representative for District 68. All three are unopposed and will appear in the Republican primary.

In Haskell County, there are three contested races, including Haskell County Sheriff, Commissioner Precinct 1 and Commissioner Precinct 2. On the Democratic ticket, incumbent Sheriff Winston Stephens has filed for reelection, while Chris Rogers will appear on the Republican ballot.

They will go head to head in the November general election. Commissioner Bill Hester is being challenged by Fritz Buerger for the Pct. 1 position. They are both running on the Republican ticket. Two republicans, Dale Carroll and Scott Langford, as well as democrat Elmer Adams, have filed for the unexpired term of Pct. 2 Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield, who has resigned.

Also filing, but drawing no opponent, are Mike Fouts, District Attorney; Kris Fouts, County Attorney; Connie Benton, Tax assessor-collector; Kenny Thompson, Commissioner Precinct 3; and Kim Bassett, Haskell County Constable Pct. 1.

The primary election for both parties will be held March 1, 2016. Early voting runs Feb. 16 through Feb. 26, and will take place at the Haskell County Courthouse.

You may only vote in one primary, either the Republican or Democratic, but not both. In the November general election, all registered voters are eligible to vote, regardless of the primary in which they voted.

If necessary, a Primary Run-off Election will be held May 24, 2016, and the general election is scheduled for November 8, 2016.

As Americans, we have an obligation to be a part of the process, which has helped make our country great. That process includes being registered, being informed and then voting.

Texans can help fight crime, terrorism through tips to state website

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to remain vigilant with respect to potential crime and terrorist activity in their communities, and to report suspicious behaviors to the department's iWATCH website at www.iwatchtx.org. The iWATCH program was created as a partnership between communities and law enforcement, and utilizes citizen-sourced tips related to criminal activity.

"In the wake of the terrible tragedies in Paris, we are reminding Texans of the important role they can play in helping law enforcement combat those intending to do harm to others," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Texas faces the gamut of threats to public safety from organized crime to potential terrorist plots, and DPS works around-the-clock with our local, state and federal partners to keep our residents safe. Because truly effective crime fighting depends on a united effort between law enforcement and the public, we urge Texans to always be watchful, and report to iWATCH or their local authorities any illegal or suspicious activities they witness."

In addition to the attacks in Paris, France, senseless attacks have also occurred closer to home in recent years, including tragic shootings at Fort Hood, and a shooting incident in May of this year in Garland, Texas. Concerned citizens can visit the website to fill out a report, which includes contact information and specifics about a particular incident. A report usually takes fewer than five minutes to complete, and once submitted, each report is reviewed by law enforcement analysts. The website also lists a phone number for possible anonymous reports.

Here are some examples of behaviors and activities to report:

- Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package is left behind.
- Cars or trucks are left in no-parking zones at important buildings.
- Chemical smells or fumes that are unusual for the location.
- People requesting sensitive information, such as blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know.
- Purchasing supplies that

could be used to make bombs or weapons, or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

• Taking photographs or videos of security features, such as cameras or checkpoints.

DPS urges residents who see something unusual to simply speak up. Preparations for terrorist attacks may often be seen, but rarely reported. When in doubt, report the suspicious activity through iWATCH. For more information on the iWATCH program or to submit a report, visit www.iwatchtx.org. To make an anonymous report, individuals can contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972. (iWATCH is not designed to report emergencies. If a situation requires an emergency response, call 911.)

Reports to iWATCH can also be made through the DPS Mobile App. The app is currently available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store: (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/texas-dps/id902092368?mt=8>) and for Android users on Google Play: (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microassist.texasdps&hl=en>).

The iWATCH website is part of the DPS Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division (ICT), which serves as the central clearinghouse for the collection, management, analysis and dissemination of law enforcement and homeland security intelligence in Texas. This DPS intelligence strategy is essential to proactive, preventive and effective law enforcement operations to combat crime and terrorism.

The intelligence strategy encompasses a variety of other programs, including the multi-agency Texas Joint Crime Information Center, which provides around-the-clock analytical assistance to more than 1,500 local law enforcement agencies; Counterterrorism Analysis Program; State Intelligence Assessment Program; Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive and Sex Offender programs; Operation Drawbridge border camera program; Missing and Exploited Children Unit; Interdiction for the Protection of Children Program; Gang Analysis Section; and Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource Tracking and Assessment Program. ICT also offers direct case support for Texas Rangers, and assistance in investigations involving cartel, gangs, human trafficking and sex offenders.


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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., Jan. 11 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Jill Druessedow and Councilmen Randy Bowers, Jason Isbell and Dan Hoover in attendance. Councilman Allen Morrow was not present.

Larry Cunningham was appointed to the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority board.

Steve Alsabrook and Felix Rodriguez were appointed to the Haskell Housing Authority board for two year terms beginning Jan. 1.

Police Chief Scott Kennedy was appointed Code Enforcement Officer replacing City Manager Edward Hansen.

City manager Edward Hansen gave the administrative report.

Scott Langford SEEKS ELECTION FOR Haskell County Commissioner Precinct 2

Hello, I'm Scott Langford. I am 57 years old, and I am a lifelong resident of Haskell County, as well as, my wife, Betsy Opitz Langford. We raised our family here in Haskell. Our son, Jason Langford, daughter-in-law, Monica Buerger Langford, and grandson, Liam, reside in Haskell. Our daughter, Jodi, her husband, Mat Graven, granddaughter, Chloe, and grandson, Wyatt, live in Clyde. We have been richly blessed by, not only our immediate family, but by my family roots that go back several generations here in Haskell County.

Most people associate me with the oilfield, and rightly so. Beginning at the age of sixteen, I worked on a roustabout truck, then stepped up to drilling, and from there to production. I have more than forty years experience in the oil industry. I am fortunate to be able to live in Haskell all these years. After leaving Hunt Oil Company in 2001, I went into the oilfield construction business. Even though I have sold the construction end of the business, I still own and operate a testing and anchor service, contract pump wells, and see after production of wells. With that being said, I will use my construction skills and business experience to serve you well as commissioner, both in the country, as well as, in the courthouse.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you as the next county commissioner of Precinct 2. On March 1st, vote for **Scott Langford**, Republican candidate for **County Commissioner Precinct 2.**

Thank you!

Pd. for by Scott Langford



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