

Basketball

Indians vs Lueders-Avoca
Thurs., Feb. 16, 6 p.m.
at Haskell
practice game
Maidens vs Tahoka
Area Championship
game to be played
later this week, TBD

Baseball

Indians vs Windthorst
Scrimmage
Fri., Feb. 17, 6:00 p.m.
at Windthorst
Indians vs Jim Ned
Mon., Feb. 20, 6:00 p.m.
at Jim Ned

Calendar

Senior Angel banquet

The Senior Angel banquet, hosted by First United Methodist Church, will be held Thurs., Feb. 16 at 11:30 a.m. for the ladies of the church. The Abilene Dulcimer and Auto Harp club will provide entertainment.

Food distribution

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

Food distribution

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

Sunday lunch

The Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. First in Haskell, will host a Sunday lunch fund-raiser Sun., Feb. 19. The meal will consist of glazed meatloaf, creamy mashed potatoes, savory green beans, green salad with ranch dressing, hot yeast rolls, Coke cake and tea. Donations will be accepted.

Black History program

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. C, Haskell, will present their annual Black History program Sun., Feb. 19 beginning at 2:30 p.m. The program's theme is "For such a time as this," from the scripture Esther 4:10-16. All neighboring churches and friends are invited to attend.

Fish fry

The Trinity Lutheran Youth Group will host their annual fish fry meal Sun., Feb. 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Plates are \$8 each. Take outs are available. Worship services will be held at 10:30 a.m.

4-H shooting team

The Haskell County 4-H Shooting Sports Club will have a sign-up night and safety meeting Mon., Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. All youth in grades 3-12 that reside in Haskell County are eligible for participation and must attend a safety meeting before they are able to participate. If there are any questions or concerns please contact Steve King at 940-256-1742 or the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658.



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Good luck Maidens and Indians

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RECEIVES AWARD—Jennabeth Kimbrough, the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award presented by Experienced Citizens Center director, left, accepts Michelle Parker, Area Agency on Aging director.

Kimbrough receives Entrepreneurial Spirit Award for work at Haskell ECC

by Caron Yates

"Anything worth doing, is worth doing right," a quote credited to Hunter S. Thompson. Many of us have heard this throughout our lives, but hearing it is one thing, and actually taking it to heart is something else entirely.

When Jennabeth Kimbrough took over the reins at the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center in 2002, she resolved to do it right. Recently she was recognized for her efforts by the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

Michelle Parker, Programs Director for the Area Agency on Aging, which is a part of the WCTCOG,

presented Kimbrough with the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, during a ceremony at the center on Wednesday, Feb. 8. She praised Kimbrough for always being willing to go above and beyond to make the Experienced Citizens Center as beneficial to its users as possible. Martin, who oversees nineteen meal providers in the area, says Kimbrough has excelled by implementing new programs and working hard for community involvement.

One of the new programs that has been very successful is the Zaaz FDA machine which helps with muscle strengthening, rheumatoid arthritis, balance and exercise. The center also

offers dominoes, puzzles and music. Periodically they offer outside speakers and programs of benefit to seniors.

In addition to the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, the center and its staff were recognized for receiving a perfect score on the Annual Site Review, a task that is not easily accomplished. Kimbrough gave credit to her staff and Judge David Davis for their help in achieving this goal. There are many rules and regulations that govern its operation. Betty Hook serves as the part-time secretary, and Ken Martindale, Madisilla Villa and Bell Garcia prepare the meals. Jerry Stiewert and Bobby Jenkins are the drivers, and assist patrons in getting to and from the center. There are also several other citizens who volunteer their time delivering meals to those who cannot get out. Kimbrough says, "It really does take all of us working together to make it successful."

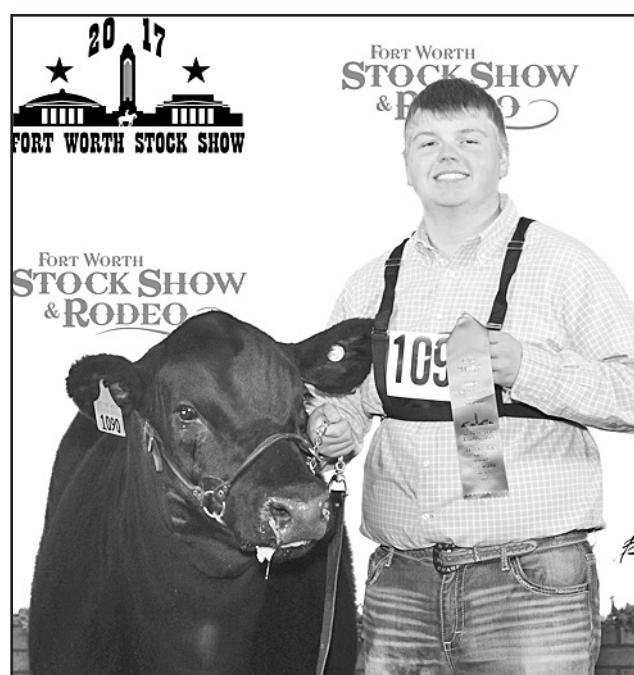
With Parker, were Karla Thompson, compliance and quality, and Krystal Martin, AAA program director. In celebration they served cake to those in attendance.

The Experienced Citizens Center, which opened its doors in January 1978, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, and serves an average of forty meals each day. They deliver thirteen to twenty meals each of those days also.

The center is funded by the Older Americans Act of 1976, Haskell County,

donations and fund-raisers. Kimbrough emphasized that while some in the community think the center is for those needing charity, that could not be further from the truth. It is a place for those who no longer can or desire to prepare their own meals, can get a hot meal for a minimal cost. It provides however, much more than just food. It is a place where seniors can come together for fellowship and visit with friends, make new acquaintances, participate in activities and share their concerns about the sick in the community.

Kimbrough encourages all senior citizens in Haskell County to join them each week to share the camaraderie, as well as a good meal. The bonus is, you don't have to clean up the kitchen afterwards.



FIRST PLACE—Chase Gibson, a member of Haskell FFA, exhibited the first place Angus Steer in the Junior Show at the 2017 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo recently.

Feb. sales tax receipts released

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$858.6 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 1 percent less than in February 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2016 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

"The cities of Houston, Midland and San Antonio saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Round Rock, Frisco and Irving saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations."

The City of Haskell had a 2.83 percent decrease for February 2017 of \$55,223.59 in comparison to \$56,837.24 for February 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$95,705.04 reflect a 1.76 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$94,044.43.

The City of O'Brien had a 2.34 percent increase for February 2017 of \$640.37 in comparison to \$625.67 for February 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$922.31 reflect a 1.84 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$905.62.

The City of Rochester had a 19.82 percent decrease for February 2017 of \$844.83 in comparison to \$1,053.72 for February 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$1,379.74 reflect a 6.28 percent decrease over 2016 payments to date of \$1,472.28.

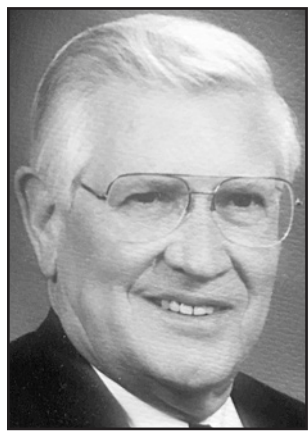
The City of Rule had a 3.66 percent increase for February 2017 of \$3,108.74 in comparison to \$2,998.96 for February 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$5,200.23 reflect a 3.86 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$5,066.54.

The City of Weinert had an 8.65 percent increase for February 2017 of \$504.69 in comparison to \$464.49 for February 2016. 2017 payments to date of \$759.71 reflect a 34.58 percent increase over 2016 payments to date of \$564.49.

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Obituaries

Robert W. 'Bob' Brock



BOB BROCK

Funeral services for Robert W. 'Bob' Brock, 83, of Big Spring, were held Tues., Feb. 14 at First Baptist Church in Big Spring with Rev. Dudley Mullins and Rev. Mark Lindsey, officiating. Interment was at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mr. Brock went to be with his Lord and Savior Thurs., Feb. 9 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

Born March 17, 1933 in Haskell, he was the son of Robert L. and Lamiza Brock and married Joan Grand Jan. 2, 1953 in Portales, New Mexico.

Bob served in the United States Army with the 25th Armored Division from 1953 to 1955, serving in Korea. He moved to Big Spring in July of 1955 and worked for Tarbox and Gossett Ford Motor Company for 11 years before purchasing the dealership in 1966. He operated Bob

Brock Ford Motor Company, adding the Lincoln Mercury franchise in 1967 and the Nissan franchise in 1987, until selling the dealership in July 2012.

Bob was an avid pilot, Dallas Cowboy fan and loved following his grandchildren in their sporting activities. He enjoyed spending time at their home in Red River, New Mexico.

Bob had been a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church for 62 years. He was also a member of the Texas Automobile Dealer Association and the National Automobile Dealer Association where he won numerous awards through the years, including the Distinguished Service Award. He also supported youth athletics through the years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert L. and Lamiza Brock; three brothers, Lonnie Brock, Ben Brock and Mabry Brock; one sister, Lela Pettit; two nephews, Ronnie Brock and Don Harris; and one niece, Janna Toney.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Brock; his son, Rondel Brock and wife, Sherry and his daughter, Kim Weeks, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Jason Brock and wife, Jayci, Brock Gee and wife, Melanie, Lance

Brock and wife, Brittany, Blake Gee and wife, Andrea, Courtney Bravo and husband, Roger and Rachel Gee and wife, Dani Belle Gee; 16 great-grandchildren, Covy and Finley Brock, Alex, Kai and Kase Gee, Riley, Reid and Audrey Brock, Lexie, Brylee, Kenyon and LeAndra Gee, Mila Bravo, Yzabele and Jisele Olivarez and Kingston Gee; one sister, June Bowen of Lubbock; and one brother, Jimmy Don Brock and wife, Barbara of Amarillo.

Pallbearers were Jason Brock, Brock Gee, Blake Gee, Lance Brock, Roger Bravo, Craig Brock, Lane Brock and Jim Harris. Honorary pallbearers were all former employees of Bob Brock Ford.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-32, Midland, Texas 79705; the American Heart Association, 10900 B Stonelake Blvd., Suite 320, Austin, Texas 78759; or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758541, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

PD. NOTICE

Mud Mania

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

Feb. 17 is the last day to add your name to the city/school ballot

by Caron Yates

Have you ever contemplated serving on the city council or school board? If so, time is drawing near to throw your hat into the ring.

The date for city elections, as well as school board elections has been set for Saturday, May 6, 2017. The first date to apply for a place on the ballot was Wednesday, January 18. The final day to add your name to the ballot is Friday, February 17 by 5 p.m. Applications to file may be obtained from the respective city hall or school administration offices.

In the city of Haskell, voters will elect three aldermen to two year terms. Positions currently held by Randy Bowers, Jason Isbell and Johnny Fuentes are up for election.

On the Haskell CISD school board, places #2 and #3, currently held by Debbie Earles and Joey Thomas, will be voted on. Both are three year terms.

The city of Rule will vote

Indians fall to Albany 39-25

The Haskell Indians traveled to the unfriendly confines of the #17 ranked Albany Lions Tues., Feb. 7. The Lions (10-0) were looking to stay undefeated in district 8-2A play while the Indians (6-5) were trying to secure a winning record in district play.

Albany started the game on an 8-0 run thanks to their solid defensive play. The Indians would only muster 1 point for the quarter—their lowest scoring quarter of the season.

In the second quarter, the Indians would find some offensive rhythm and score 10 points of their own. However, it wouldn't be enough to cut into the Albany lead as the Lions scored 13 points in the second. A buzzer beating three-pointer from Caleb Wheat pulled the Indians to within 12 points going into the half.

The Indians managed to briefly snag some second half momentum by winning the third quarter 7-6. However, Albany would respond in the fourth and outscore the Indians 10-7.

Despite the loss, Coach Tully Brown had high praise for his team's effort, "This is a group of guys who have had to fight extremely hard the last two weeks. We've managed to go 3-1 in that time and that's a huge testament to the guys in that locker room. In terms of effort, I thought tonight was no different than what we've given over the last two weeks. We just failed to execute in certain areas. You've got to tip your cap to Albany. They

had a lot to do with that. They're the best defensive team we will play all year. They're very physical and disruptive. They just made more plays than us tonight."

Haskell will wrap up their district schedule in Hamlin

on Friday night. The Indians will need to win in order to force a potential tie with Hawley for the third seed in district. JV starts at 5:00 and Varsity Boys will follow at 6:30.

Haskell	1	10	7	7 = 25
Albany	10	13	6	10 = 39



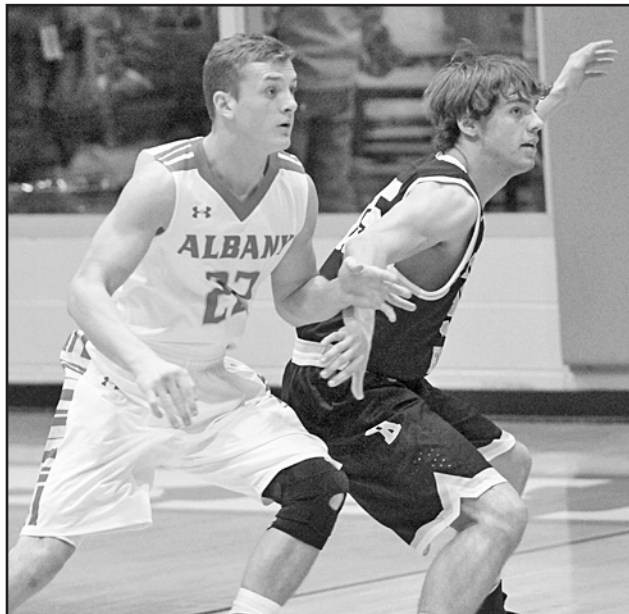
DRIVES TO THE BASKET—Haskell Indian Austin Alsabrook takes the drive all the way to the basket.



JUMP SHOT—Haskell Indian Lane Burson takes the jumper up against Albany.



GETS AROUND—Haskell Indian Tanner Thomas makes a quick move and drives past the Hamlin defender.



TRIES TO GET OPEN—Haskell Indian Rocky Haggard works to get open at the post position against Albany.

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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

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

Anthony Michael Ramirez, possession of

marijuana under 2 oz., possession of dangerous drugs and no drivers license.

Belinda Johnson, public intoxication.

Twenty-three calls were made to 911.

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Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Professional Food Manager Certification Training Course set

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

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

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Haskell Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125.00 on March 27 and March 28 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 6.

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 the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658. You may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://haskell.agrilife.org>.

EEA Club news

The Haskell County EEA met Thurs., Feb. 9, with nine members in attendance. Kathryn Schonerstedt called the meeting to order. The opening exercise was given by Joetta Burnett.

Since the December meeting was the Christmas party, minutes from the November and January meetings were read and approved. Roll call was answered to, "What was your favorite Valentine's Day?"

Geraldine Baker provided the treasury report as well as profit from the stock show concession stand.

Agent Darlene Hopkins reported on the educational program she provided to food bank recipients in January and the 4-H Food Challenge held in San Angelo. On Fridays, Hopkins will begin radio presentations entitled "Talking Agrilife," with topics of interest to the community and TEEA news. She also plans to conduct a program for kindergartners called "The Whole Grain Choo Choo Train," with hands-on activities in which kids will learn about foods and grains.

Hopkins published the first 2017 quarterly Haskell County Family and Consumer Sciences Newsletter, which includes heart health information, tips for a good night's sleep, best remedy for chapped lips, recipes and reducing food waste at home.

On March 27 and 28, Jane Rowan and Kim Miles will offer a food protection course in Abilene, which mandates that every restaurant have at least one person who handles food attend the training. Hopkins will conduct the training once a quarter here in Haskell.

The Town and Country Women's Fair will be held Feb. 21 and those interested in attending need to contact

Hopkins about travel arrangements.

Hopkins reported on the Duds to Dazzle Program and items needed for the sewing kits. Members were also given a copy of the general rules for the Wild Horse Prairie Days Project Fair, and if anyone is available to work on June 2, she needs help checking in and categorizing entries.

Schonerstedt reported that 4-H scholarship applications need to be turned in by March 15.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Alice Ballard and Joetta Burnett.

One of the 2016 state programs, Navigating Pinterest, was presented by Sue McGee. The program included how to join Pinterest, set up a profile, navigate the Pinterest home feed, create boards and save pins.

The next meeting will be held Thurs., March 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension kitchen, in which a program on Adult Bullying will be presented. Anyone is invited to attend.

AWANA

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

Support group

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.

Al-Anon

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



CLAY DOSS - EDEN THOMAS

Thomas, Doss plan July wedding

Gary and Reda Thomas of Haskell are announcing the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Eden Brooke Thomas, to Clayton Glenn Doss, son of Kenneth and Connie Doss of Clyde.

Thomas is a graduate of Haskell High School

and Abilene Christian University and teaches sixth grade math at Clack Middle School in Abilene.

Doss is a graduate of Clyde High School and remodels houses for Jeff Luther Construction.

They are planning a July wedding at The Grove in Clyde.

Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Medicare update, answers offered in AgriLife Extension webinar Feb. 22

"Medicare 2017 and What It Means for You" will be this month's topic of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Military Program webinar on Feb. 22.

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for adults 65 and older and other qualified individuals. The program accounts for medical coverage for more than 48 million Americans through expenditures of more than \$545 billion.

But many people don't completely understand what Medicare is and how it works, said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension program specialist in gerontology and health, Amarillo.

Crocker will be the presenter for the webinar and provide a broad overview of the Medicare program's Parts A and B, which was presented in the "Back to Basics: Medicare" session last year, as well as what changes are being made to the program for 2017.

The webinar will begin at 10 a.m. and is free and open to all who may be interested, but registration

is required, Crocker said. To join the session or for more information go to: <https://learn.extension.org/events/2921>.

"While the Medicare program basics remain virtually unchanged year to year, a new year always brings a few tweaks to the program," said Rachel Brauner, program coordinator with AgriLife Extension's Military Program in College Station.

The session will also provide a broad overview of the Medicare program's coordination of benefits with other programs such as Medicaid, Social Security Disability Insurance, TRICARE for Life and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits, among others.

The Military Families Learning Network Military Caregiving concentration will apply for continuing education credit from the University of Texas School of Social Work for credentialed and licensed professionals. Certificates of completion will also be available for participants interested in receiving training hours.

To access previous webinars, go to https://extensiononline.tamu.edu/courses/military_caregiving.php.

Calendar

Chamber banquet

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Mon., March 27. If you have a nomination for Volunteer of the Year or Business of the Year please send your nomination and the reason why you would like to nominate them to the Chamber, P.O. Box 316, Haskell 79521 or email to chamber@haskelltx.us. For more information, please call the Chamber at 940-864-2477.

Weekly story time

The Haskell County Library, 300 N. Ave. E, will host a weekly story time every Friday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Any age children, with parental

supervision, are invited to listen and participate in stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For more information call 940-864-2747 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/HaskellCountyLibrary/>.

Fourth Sunday

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

TeamKID

TeamKID, for children ages 4 years old to sixth grade, meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. If your child needs a ride, call 864-2581.

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by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z:

Blackeyed Peas 1 (4 ounce) jar pimento peppers, drained
Did you know? 1/4 onion grated
 Blackeyed peas are available all year long! 2 cloves garlic, minced
 Blackeyed peas are a good source of Vitamin A and folate! Blackeyed peas also contain high levels of protein. 1 tablespoon bottled Italian dressing
 A fun fact is tradition says to eat blackeyed peas on New Year's Day to bring good luck! 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
 1/4 teaspoon dried cilantro
 Mix blackeyed peas, corn, pimento pepper, onion, garlic, Italian dressing, coriander and cilantro in a large bowl until well combined.

What am I looking for?

Look for peas with bright pods that are firm and plump. Dried peas shouldn't be kept for more than a year. Wash peas well before use. Avoid peas with tough pods or pods that are flimsy.

Cold Black-Eyed Peas and Corn

1 (15 ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained
 1 (15.25 ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
 Preparation time: 10 minutes
 Cook time: 0 minutes
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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
February 15, 2007
Long-time Veterans Service Officer Durwood Livengood was recently recognized with a plaque for serving the past twenty years as the Haskell County Service Officer.

Haskell CISD has received two grants from the Learn and Serve America: S.T.A.R.S. of Texas Grant Program. Grant writers are Debbie Miller and Paula Everett.

Amber Bingham, a Haskell High School senior cheerleader, has been chosen to participate in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic. Cheering for the north team, she is the daughter of Scott and Sylvia Bingham.

20 Years Ago
February 13, 1997
The Rule Lady Cats are district champions after defeating Throckmorton 41-36. Lezlie Jenkins led

the scoring with 12 pts., followed by Amy Hisey with 10, Kalilah Mason with 7, and Deborah Wilson with 6.

At the Haskell County Jr. Livestock Show, Ryan Byrd won the Senior Showmanship Award, while Amy Turner received the Junior Showmanship Award.

Presenters at the Haskell High School Career Fair included Haskell exes Patrick Perez, Bo Watson, Trey Burson, Don Kretschmer, Dr. Michael Felker, Nancy Toliver, Sharon Bird, Melisa Robison, Susan Blanks, Wallace Cox and Lanny Ivy.

30 Years Ago
February 12, 1987

Joseph Andress was Grand Champion and also a first place winner in the Pinewood Derby races held in Sweetwater. Haskell Cub Scouts made a clean sweep at the Sweetwater contests with Casey Thompson and Brian Brzozowski winning their age divisions.

The Paint Creek girls basketball team are district champs and have a 20-4 record for the season and 6-0 in district. Scorers for the team are Kay Fischer, Rhonda Coleman, Gina Calk, Sharlene Grisham, Sophie Gonzales, Rachelle Morgan and Mary Martinez.

Derrell Sorrells was elected to a second term as president of the Rule Chamber of Commerce.

40 Years Ago
February 17, 1977

Recognized at the Haskell High School All-Sports Banquet were Kelvin Marshall, football; Chris Colbert and Gary McAdams, boys' basketball; Sherry Everett, girls' basketball; Kem Kemp, Red Howard Award; and Marshall, track.

Linda Yates has been named Weinert High School 1976-77 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow. The daughter of Tom and Alice Yates of Weinert, she is now eligible for the state and national contests.

HHS concluded their basketball season with a win over the Munday Moguls. Kem Kemp led the Maidens with 38 points in the 61-53 win. Gary McAdams was high point with 21 points as the Indians won 52-50.

50 Years Ago
February 16, 1967

Receiving their Eagle Scout Badges during a Court of Honor were Randell Arend, Mike Kierepka, Jack Smith, Larry Hartsfield and Gary Black. Ed Smart is the Scoutmaster of Troop 36.

Elwood Bruton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bruton of Weinert, has been promoted to captain in the U.S. Air Force. Captain Bruton is a KC-135 Strato Tanker pilot. He is a member of the Strategic Air Command.

Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Kupatt of Rule attended the 15th joint annual convention of the Texas Federation of Cooperatives.

90 Years Ago
February 10, 1927

Gus Cliff of this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cliff, has received notice to report at Mineral Wells, at which time the Dallas Steers of the Texas League begin their spring training. Young Cliff gained quite a reputation as a pitcher during his high school days.

Jones, Cox & Co., local distributors of the RCA radio receiving sets, have been staging a novel demonstration this week. A large model loud speaker was hooked up with one of their receiving sets and placed on the sidewalk in front of the store, where the program could be heard by passersby.



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

Texas cattle fever ticks are back with a vengeance

Texas cattle fever ticks, which made Texas longhorns the pariah of the plains in the late 1800s, are once again expanding their range with infestations detected in Live Oak, Willacy and Kleberg counties, said Texas A&M AgriLife experts.

As of Feb. 1, more than 500,000 acres in Texas are under various quarantines outside of the permanent quarantine zone.

Dr. Pete Teel, Texas A&M AgriLife Research entomologist at College Station, said the vigilance and cooperation of regulatory agencies, namely the Texas Animal Health Commission and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Animal and Plant Health Service, in collaboration with the livestock and wildlife industries are needed to detect, contain and eliminate cattle fever ticks.

Because there is no cure for tick fever, a series of quarantine levels are used to prevent animal movement and the spread of a fever tick infestation, and to permit animal treatments for tick elimination. For an explanation of these quarantines see <http://bit.ly/2jkkqTNX>.

"We've been responding to calls for several weeks now stemming from this outbreak," said Dr. Sonja Swiger, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service veterinary entomologist at Stephenville.

"Most of Texas has been shielded from this problem for so long that there is little memory of what it took to be able to enjoy the benefit," she said. "Now when producers are confronted with the issue without knowledge of the history and biology and risks associated with cattle fever, they are overwhelmed."

Teel said the historic cattle drives from Texas to railheads in Missouri and Kansas in the late 1800s brought unwanted attention when local cattle died of a strange fever associated with the arrival of Texas cattle.

"Texas cattle fever was ultimately linked to ticks brought along by the Texas longhorns," Teel said. "These ticks were appropriately named Texas cattle fever ticks, due to their ability to transmit a fever-causing agent from infected to uninfected cattle."

By 1906, Teel said, it was determined these ticks and Texas cattle fever were found throughout 14 southern states and were limiting the economic development of the region. It was also discovered that procedures separating cattle from these ticks was essential to disease prevention and tick elimination.

"State and federal eradication programs with industry support began in 1906 and slowly eradicated the disease by eliminating these specific ticks from the eastern seaboard to the Texas-Mexico border, a task

declared completed in the 1940s," he said. "A permanent buffer zone was created and has been maintained ever since along the international border from Del Rio to the mouth of the Rio Grande to prevent re-establishment of ticks from Mexico where both ticks and pathogens remain."

Since the 1970s, there have been periodic incursions of these ticks into Texas. One such incursion is happening now, requiring quarantine and eradication to prevent their spread, he said.

"However, the success of this program has protected our cattle industry from the risks of disease outbreaks by preventing contact with the tick vector for so long that most people do not remember the tremendous effort and significant benefits, and are often unaware that this risk still exists," Teel said.

"Decades of changes in land-use, brush encroachment, expansion of native and exotic game, diversification of animal enterprises and variation in climatic cycles are contributing to new challenges in keeping this problem at bay."

How risky is the disease? Teel said the Southern Region of the U.S. is home to more than 400,000 cattle operations producing a third of all fed cattle in the country. This region is the original distribution location of these ticks before the eradication program, and climate modeling indicates it would still support these ticks today.

Mortality in cattle without prior exposure to the disease is estimated to range from 70-90 percent. There are no protective vaccines and no approved drugs to treat sick animals in the U.S., he said. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated that if eradication of these ticks had not occurred, cattle industry losses across the southern U.S. today would be about \$1 billion annually.

The technical name for Texas cattle fever is bovine babesiosis, a name related to the organisms that infect the red blood cells of cattle. It is their destruction of the red blood cells that results in anemia, fever and death, Swiger said.

"There are two closely related tick species capable of transmitting these pathogens, one called 'the cattle tick,' Rhipicephalus (Boophilus) annulatus, and the other called 'the southern cattle tick,' R. microplus," she said. "Both of these tick species and associated pathogens were introduced to the Western Hemisphere on livestock brought by early explorers and settlers from different parts of the world."

The origin of the cattle tick is the Mediterranean area where climates are relatively temperate, while the southern cattle tick is from the tropics of the Indian sub-continent. Thus, they were both successful in adapting to the southern

climates of the U.S., as well as similar climates in Mexico, Central and South America, Teel said.

Teel said fever ticks remain on the same animal through their larval, nymphal and adult stages all the way through until the blood-engorged females drop off the host animal. Once off the host, females lay from 2,500-4,000 eggs, and then die. The males remain on the animal to mate with more females. It takes 20 days from the time the larvae arrive on the host animal until the first females start dropping off with the most females leaving the host at about Day 25. So, animal movement during this period allows ticks to be dropped into new locations.

"A successful hatch depends on moderate temperatures and high relative humidity more common to tree and brush covered areas than to open meadow or grass habitats," Teel said. "If ticks pick up the pathogen from their host during blood feeding, the pathogen is passed through the egg to the larvae of the next generation. No other tick species in the U.S. are capable of transmitting the pathogen of Texas cattle fever."

"Cattle are the preferred host and back when cattle were basically the only host, the ticks were much easier to control," he said. "Today white-tailed deer and several exotic ungulates including nilgai antelope serve as hosts. Nilgai, an imported exotic species that have naturalized in much of South Texas, are native to India and were historically noted as a host animal for the southern cattle tick in India. So what we've done is bring both the ticks and nilgai together again."

While there are many challenges to optimizing tick suppression where there is a mix of cattle, wildlife and feral ungulate hosts, Teel said research and technology development are providing new tools to meet these challenges.

"AgriLife Research and the USDA's Agricultural Research Service are collaborating to discover new and improved methods of detecting and eliminating cattle fever ticks," he said. "These efforts include mining sequences of the DNA of both tick species to discover sites to disrupt functions such as tick feeding or egg laying, to identify targets for new pesticides, or genetic approaches for tick suppression or prevention of pathogen transmission."

"There is evidence that the manure of tick-infested cattle contains detectable differences in chemical makeup compared to non-infested animals and may provide for improved methods of tick detection," he said. "And, the complex interactions of tick-host-habitat-climate relationships through simulation modelling are currently being investigated to improve tactics and strategies for tick elimination where both wildlife and cattle are involved."

To learn more, Teel and Swiger recommend using Tick App, a free smartphone application available at <http://tickapp.tamu.edu>, and the Texas Animal Health Commission's website at <http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/code>. For information on tick treatment options, tick quarantine and associated regulations, as well as the latest updates on current quarantines.

Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Christina Isbell Keep Haskell Beautiful president Adopt-A-Highway

The original Adopt-a-Highway program began right here in Texas in 1985. Since then, it's grown into a nationally and internationally recognized litter-prevention effort, saving taxpayers' dollars and keeping our rights of way clean. Adopt-a-Highway currently has more than 3,800 participating groups across the state, and we salute those thousands of individuals who dedicate their time to actively make a difference and keep Texas beautiful.

Get Involved

It's our volunteers who keep this Texas-born program going strong, and your help is needed now more than ever. Participation is simple:

- You adopt a two-mile stretch of highway for a minimum of two years. Note: Interstate highways are not eligible for adoption.
- You agree to pick-up litter four times per year (more in some areas due to heavy traffic).
- Adopt-a-Highway signs will be posted with your group's name at your adopted section.
- Adopt-a-Highway will provide your volunteers with safety vests, litterbags and safety training.
- You bask in the glory of claiming a piece of Texas pride.

Who Should Adopt?

Individuals, families, youth organizations, businesses (large and

small), civic and non-profit organizations, religious groups, fraternities, sororities, schools... everyone should take pride in our beautiful state and Adopt-a-Highway.

Memorial Adoptions

Individuals and groups can adopt sections of roadway to memorialize individuals who have died as a result of a collision on the state highway system. The recognition sign may include the phrase "in memory of," the name of the person in whose memory the section is adopted, and the name of the adopting group. Please contact an Adopt-a-Highway coordinator for more information.

Why Adopt?

- Texas is growing by leaps and bounds, and the surging population means more cars on our roadways and, unfortunately, more trash.
- Although nearly 90 percent of litter on Texas highways is removed by paid contractors, volunteer efforts significantly reduce litter cleanup costs and save taxpayers money.
- It's a free, easy way for groups to help beautify their communities.
- Motorists respond. Seeing volunteers at work resonates with would-be offenders.

Application

Interested in participating in the program? Go to <https://www.txdot.gov>, search for Adopt-A-Highway, read all the guidelines and apply; or you can contact our local TxDot office or Keep Haskell Beautiful for more information.

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Calendar

Vet office open

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

Operation Recovery

Operation Recovery, a faith-based 12-step meeting,

will be held Fridays at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun. A practice session will be held the Thursday before the Jubilee.

BASKETBALL '17

Indians



Haskell Indians

**Indians vs
Lueders-Avoca
Thurs., Feb. 16, 6 p.m.
at Haskell
(Practice Game)**



HASKELL INDIANS—Front row, l-r, Tanner Thomas, Austin Alsabrook, Kellen Parks, Ezell Woods and Caleb Wheat; back row, Aaron Skiles, Alec Roewe, Lane Burson, Kyler Hoover, RJ Chavez and Rocky Haggard.



Maidens Bi-District Champs



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens are bi-district champions. They defeated Eldorado 46-30 Mon., Feb. 13 in Coleman. Team members are, front row, l-r, Braelyn Bevel, Landry Hanson, Ashlyn Bevel, Jordan Garvin, Melodee Martinez and Kailee

Benton; back row, Hannah Martinez, Coach Lolo Martinez, Delaney Hanson, Emma Roewe, Hollyn Hadaway, Coach Blake Eddleman, Taylor Manske, Courtney Whitt, Ariel Martinez, Makinzie Garvin, C'Era Taylor and Coach Missy Burson.

**Area Championship Game
Haskell Maidens vs Tahoka Lady Bulldogs
Game to be played later this week, TBD**

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Haskell Feeds**

Haskell School Menu

Feb. 20-24 Breakfast
1% milk, fat-free flavored milk, 100% fruit juice

variety and fruit are available at every meal. **Weekly:** Cereal, toast, muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal

crackers, cheese stick **Monday:** Sausage roll **Tuesday:** Cheese omelet wrap

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza **Thursday:** Waffles, sausage **Friday:** Cinnamon roll, bacon

Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal. Sandwich available daily at elementary.

Monday: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll, fruit cup **Tuesday:** Meat and cheese tostada, zesty cucumbers, salsa, lettuce and tomatoes, refried beans, rosy applesauce

Wednesday: Pizza choice, garden salad, vegetable medley, orange smiles **Thursday:** Frito pie, baby carrots with ranch, corn, salsa, lettuce and tomato garnish, peaches, cookie

Friday: Cheeseburger or hamburger, hamburger garnish, coleslaw, sweet potato fries, apple slices

2017 brings retirements age changes

Every worker's dream is having a secure retirement to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Social Security is here to help you secure today and tomorrow. Part of that commitment is ensuring you have the most up-to-date information when you make your retirement decisions.

"Full retirement age" refers to the age when a person can claim their Social Security benefits without any reduction, even if they are still working part or full time. In other words, you don't actually need to retire from your work to claim your full benefits. Also note that waiting until you're 70, if you can, will bring you a higher monthly benefit. The choices you make will affect any benefit your spouse or children can receive on your record, too. If you claim benefits early, it will reduce their potential benefit as well as yours.

As the bells rang in a new year, they also rang in changes in 2017 for people considering claiming Social Security retirement benefits. For people who attain age 62 in 2017 (i.e., those born between January 2, 1955 and January 1, 1956), full retirement age is 66 and two months.

Full retirement age was age 65 for many years. However, due to a law passed by Congress in 1983, it has been gradually increasing, beginning with people born in 1938 or later, until it reaches 67 for people born after 1959.

You can learn more about the full retirement age and find out how to look up your own at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html.

There are some things you should remember when you're thinking about retirement.

You may start receiving Social Security benefits as early as age 62 or as late as age 70. The longer you wait, the higher your monthly benefit will be. Your monthly benefits will be reduced permanently if you start them any time before full retirement age. For example, if you start receiving benefits in 2017 at age 62, your monthly benefit amount will be reduced permanently by about 26 percent.

On the other hand, if you wait to start receiving your benefits until after your full retirement age, then your monthly benefits will be permanently increased. The amount of this increase is two-thirds of one percent for each month—or eight percent for each year—that you delay receiving them until you reach age 70.

If you decide to receive benefits before you reach full retirement age, you should also understand how continuing to work can affect your benefits. We may withhold or reduce your benefits if your annual earnings exceed a certain amount. However, every month we withhold or reduce increases your future benefits. That's because at your full retirement age we will recalculate your benefit amount to give you credit for the months in which we reduced or withheld benefits due to your excess earnings. In effect, it's as if you hadn't filed for those months. You can learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/whileworking.html.

If you pass away, your retirement date can affect the benefit amount your surviving loved ones receive. If you started receiving retirement benefits before full retirement age, we cannot pay the full amount to your survivors. Their benefit amount will be based on your reduced benefits.

You can learn more by visiting our Retirement Planner at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire.

Rule School Menu

Feb. 20-24 Breakfast

Fruit, juice and milk are offered daily.

Monday: Pancakes, bacon **Tuesday:** Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage

Wednesday: Sunrise sandwich

Thursday: Breakfast strudel, yogurt

Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Corn dog, tots, baked beans, broccoli

bites, apple-pineapple d'lite

Tuesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, soup, cucumber dipper, pears, tomato cup, lime sherbet

Wednesday: Burritos, salsa, corn, veggie cup, salad, Mandarin oranges

Thursday: Salisbury steak, brown gravy, biscuit, roasted potatoes, salad, fruity jello

Friday: Hot dog, chips, baby carrots, broccoli salad, grapes, cookie

Paint Creek School Menu

Feb. 20-24 Breakfast

Milk, juice, graham crackers, fruit and cereal are served daily.

Monday: Dutch waffles, bacon

Tuesday: Omelet, toast

Wednesday: Waffles, sausage

Thursday: Breakfast pizza **Friday:** Kolache

Lunch

Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.

Monday: Chicken Parmesan, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit cup

Tuesday: Tacos, pinto beans, salsa, salad, applesauce

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, oranges

Thursday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, cookies

Friday: Corn dogs, tator tots, veggie cup, fruit

ECC Menu

Mon., Feb. 20

Hamburger steak with brown gravy, ranch beans, new potatoes, garlic bread, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Wed., Feb. 22

Tacos, pinto beans, salad on side, misc. dessert, tea

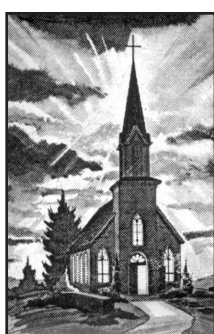
or coffee

Fri., Feb. 24

Enchiladas, pinto beans Spanish rice, chips, picante sauce, misc. dessert, tea or coffee

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

This Week's Devotional Message:



For a real education, take time to read your Bible

In that busy life of yours, so rigidly apportioned among work, home maintenance, TV, PTO meetings or whatever, try to find time to read your Bible; even if it's only one chapter at a time. It contains a great many elements for our education and well-being. It's history, with the story of the earliest days of the world, faithfully handed down through the generations. It's geography, inviting fascinating comparison between

the Middle East and Mediterranean lands, then and now. It's a prescription for better living, with its rules for behavior toward our fellow human beings. It's a great comfort, bringing us guidance and solace in times of trouble or sorrow. All in all, it's the world's most perfect collection of writings, and if we know how interesting and helpful it can be, we will somehow manage to find the time for it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

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

Christian Church

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

Church of God

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

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Iglesia Bautista

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

First United

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

First Assembly of God

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

St. George

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

Church of Christ

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

First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

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.
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Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
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—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester

First Baptist Church

Jim McCurley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester

Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy. 6, Rochester

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church

Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ

Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
811 Union, Rule

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home

Baptist Church
Russell Stanley, pastor
Sunday 10 a.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
940-997-2296

West Bethal

Baptist Church
Rev. Clovis Dever
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek

Baptist Church
Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Paint Creek

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a, 5 p, 6 p, Wed. 6 p
O'Brien

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS: TO LISA JONES WHITELEY, IF LIVING, AND IF NOT ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR OWNERS OF MINERAL INTERESTS UNDER THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY:

GREETING: You and each of you, are commanded to appearing by filing a written answer to Plaintiffs, NOVO EXPLORATION CORPORATION AND EDWARD PATTON, JR.'S, Original Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty two (42) days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 20th day of March, 2017, before the Honorable District Court, 39th Judicial District, Haskell County, Texas, at the Haskell County Courthouse in Haskell, Texas.

Said Plaintiffs' Petition was filed on February 6, 2017, in Cause No. 12,284. The name of the parties to the suit are:

NOVO EXPLORATION CORPORATION AND EDWARD PATTON, JR., Plaintiffs vs. LISA JONES WHITELEY, and the unknown heirs of LISA JONES WHITELEY and all of the unknown heirs of the mineral interest under the herein described land, being those persons first above named and to whom it is directed as Defendants:

The nature of the suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: An action requesting the appointment of Receiver of the undivided mineral interest owned by said Defendant in and to the oil, gas and other minerals under the below described tract:

80 acres of land, more or less, being out of the West part of Section No. 34, Block 1, H & T C R R Co. Survey, Patent No. 59, Patent Vol. 6, Certificate 847, Abstract No. 537, Haskell County, Texas, being the same land described by metes and bounds as "TRACT TWO" in Warranty Deed dated November 26, 2013 from Lisa Jones Whiteley, et al. to Michael E. Adkins and wife, Delanie Adkins, recorded in Volume 619, Page 704, Official Public Records of Haskell County, Texas, and all being the same land described in Warranty Deed dated December 15, 1955 from C.A. Wheeler and wife, Gertrude Wheeler to West Lawn Homes, Inc. recorded in Volume 250, Page 58, Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas;

and which undivided interest is described as follows: LISA JONES WHITELEY An undivided one half (1/2) interest.

The place and residence of said Defendant is unknown and that said Defendant has absented herself for at least five (5) years from the State preceding the filing of this action and has not paid taxes on such interest within said five (5) year period.

The Plaintiffs hold valid and existing oil, gas and other mineral leases covering portions of the mineral ownership of said land except as the mineral ownership

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owned by said Defendant. That unless a Receiver is appointed to execute an oil, gas and mineral lease on the minerals owned by said Defendant that Plaintiffs will suffer substantial damage and injury and Plaintiff possesses no other adequate remedy to prevent the same.

That such Receiver so appointed shall under orders of the Court have the power and authority to execute and deliver to a Lessee an oil, gas and mineral lease on such outstanding mineral interest upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Court.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such Petition should they desire to do so. The officer executing this citation shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of said court of the office in Haskell County, Texas, on February 6, 2017.

Debbie Gressett District Clerk 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, Texas
Sonya Hernandez, Deputy 6-9c

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 6, 2017 for the purpose of: Three (3) Aldermen.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 301 South 1st Street. Recommended but not required between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 24, 2017 and ending on May 2, 2017, April 24, 2017 and May 2, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Cindy Walker, P.O. Box 1003, Haskell, Texas 79521. Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 2017.

Issued this the 23rd day of January, 2017.

ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA MUNICIPIOS

Por la presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo una elección el Mayo 6, 2017 con el propósito de: Tres (3) Regidores.

Por la presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en 301 calle 1 Sur. Entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el Abril 24, 2017 y terminando el Mayo 2, 2017, April 24, 2017 and May 2, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Cindy Walker, 301 calle 1 Sur, Haskell, TX 79521. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse papr el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el Abril 25, 2017.

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/s/Mayor John Gannaway
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
STATE OF TEXAS
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NUMBER 36154 APPLICATION
Weinert Gin, Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 36154, which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin located at 100 North Breustedt Street, Weinert, Haskell County, Texas 76388. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.32361&lg=99.67167&zoom=13&type=r.

The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 17, 2017. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Abilene regional office, and the Haskell County Courthouse, 1 Avenue D, Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Abilene regional office of the TCEQ.

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The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: alterations, amendments, permits by rule, and changes in emission factors. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT
You may submit public comments, or request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

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A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property

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relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commissioner may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety,

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and zoning are outside of the Commissioner's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about the permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Weinert Gin, Inc., P.O. Box 128, Weinert, Texas 76388-0128 or by calling Mr. J. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 615-1102.

Notice Issuance Date: January 24, 2017 7c

NOTICE

The City of Rule is accepting sealed bids for contracted cemetery maintenance work at the Rule Cemetery. The contract runs from 04/01/2017 through 03/31/2018. Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 01, 2017. For more info, go by Rule City Hall, 701 Union Ave., Rule, Texas, or call 940-996-2214. Bids may also be mailed to City of Rule, Attn: Cemetery

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Maintenance Bid, P.O. Box 607, Rule Texas 79547. The City of Rule reserves the right to refuse or accept any bid. 5-8c

NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club Registration Permit

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Renewal by Cluck's Sport Club, Inc. DBA Broken Arrow Bar and Grill to be located at 1006 S. Ave. E, Haskell, Haskell County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Michael S. Whitt, President; Rosylin D. Whitt, Vice-President; Michelle R. Espinoza, Treasurer/Secretary. 7c

Thank you for all the beautiful flowers, cards, food, gifts, visits and prayers in memory of Tammy. We want to thank Haskell Funeral Home, Haskell Healthcare Center, East Side Baptist Church and the wonderful ladies that provided the meal. Thank you to Bro. Tony Grand for the wonderful service.

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Maidens' basketball

Maidens finish undefeated in District 8-2A

The Haskell Maidens traveled to Albany last Tuesday night, Feb. 7 to take on the Lady Lions and finish up District 8-2A play. Haskell outscored Albany 30-8 the first half and continued to be the dominant team the second half to get the 56-20 district win. The

20th ranked Maidens won their nineteenth game in a row and they earned their third Undefeated District Championship in the past five years. Haskell finished the regular season with an overall record of 27-5 and a perfect (12-0) in district.

The Maidens were led offensively by junior Makinzie Garvin with 11 points and senior Ashlyn

Bevel with 10 points. Once again, Haskell had a well balanced scoring attack. Courtney Whitt had 9 points, C'Era Taylor 7, Jordan Garvin 6, Taylor Manske 4, Ariel Martinez 3, Hollyn Hadaway 2 and Landry Hanson 2. Leading the team in assists were freshman Landry Hanson with 4, Bevel 2, Manske 2, J. Garvin 1, M. Garvin 1 and C. Taylor 1.

Haskell was (20-59) 33% from the field, (5-29) 17% from behind the 3 point arc, and (11-19) 57% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, I thought we did a lot of good things. We did a good job finishing around the basket and getting to the free-throw line. I thought we shot too many three pointers. I would prefer our three point attempts to be around 16-22," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens forced the Lady Lions to shoot (5-30) for 16% from the field. "Defensively, I thought we played well for the majority of the game. We were disappointed that we gave up 8 points the fourth quarter to Albany. It is going to be so important in the playoffs that we get four shut down quarters (below 10 points a quarter). It takes a lot of discipline, focus and determination, but we will have to do it in order to win and advance in the playoffs. We will only go as far as our defense and rebounding take us," Eddleman said.

Haskell won the rebound battle over Albany 44-20. Sophomore C'Era Taylor had a team high 8 rebounds followed by Bevel with 7, J. Garvin 6, Hadaway 6, Manske 6 and Whitt 6. Leading the team in steals was Makinzie Garvin with 2 and her sister Jordan Garvin with 2, Hadaway 2, Hanson 2 and Manske 1.

"Overall, I was very proud of the girls for getting the win and officially earning their Undefeated District Championship. They prepared hard and worked hard throughout these twelve district games. I thought they showed a lot of

maturity and determination. They had the utmost respect for every opponent and they prepared hard for every game during the first and second round. We are excited about the upcoming playoffs and we are hoping to make a deep run. We just need to defend, rebound, take care of the ball, and shoot well from the field and free-throw line," Eddleman added.

Haskell	11	19	12	14	= 56
Albany	4	4	4	8	= 20

Coach Missy Burson and the JV Maidens finished their amazing year with a perfect 27-0 overall record and 12-0 district record. "I am so proud of this group of girls and Coach Burson. They had a special year and it is something they will always remember. It is very hard to do what they did and I commend them for their remarkable success. I am really going to miss watching them play and compete. They complimented each other extremely well on both ends of the floor," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Jr. High Maidens traveled to Merkel last Monday afternoon to finish up their basketball season. Coach Lolo Martinez and the Mix B Maidens lost the first game. Then, Coach Martinez and the seventh Maidens got a big comeback win 28-22. Finally, Coach Eddleman and the eighth Maidens lost a close one 26-19. "Coach Martinez and I are very proud of all the Jr. High Maiden basketball players. We really enjoyed coaching them and it was a lot of fun. We appreciate all of their hard work and all the support from their parents," head coach Blake Eddleman said.



THREE POINTS—Haskell Maiden Makinzie Garvin drops the three pointer against Albany.



DRAWS A FOUL—Haskell Maiden Courtney Whitt powers up under the basket against Albany and draws a foul.



GOES FOR THREE POINTS—Haskell Maiden Ariel Martinez goes up for three points in the Maidens win over Albany.

City Council report

The Haskell City Council met Mon., Jan. 9 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Jill Druessedow and council members Randy Bowers, JoNell Roberts, Johnny Fuentes and Jason Isbell present.

DCOH board members appointed were Lonnie Meredith, Randy Hise, Bud Walker, Megan Cox and Denton Bates. This action did not affect their term of office.

Benmark Supply was approved for the in-kind labor related to the pond project.

City Council meeting times were moved from 6

p.m. to 7 a.m. beginning in February. The matter will be revisited in six months.

The City accepted the building at 106 N. Ave. D from Joe Williams for back taxes due on the property.

City landfill hours were changed to 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reports were given by Jan Gannaway for the Civic Center, Scott Kennedy for the police department, and Janet Moeller for the public works department and City Administrator.

Michael Lindsey asked the council for help with the electric bill at the Little League baseball field.

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