

Basketball

HASKELL
JVG-B, VG-B vs Hawley
 Fri., Jan. 27, 4 p.m.
 at Haskell
7th Boys – Sat., Jan. 28
Aspermont JH Tourney
8th Girls vs Hamlin
 Mon., Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m.
 at Hamlin
7-8 Boys vs Hamlin
 Mon., Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m.
 at Haskell
JVG-B, VG-B vs Anson
 Tues., Jan. 31, 4 p.m.
 at Anson
PAINT CREEK
VG-B vs Bryson
 Fri., Jan. 27, 6 p.m.
 at Bryson
JH G-B vs Throckmorton
 Mon., Jan. 30, 6 p.m.
 at Throckmorton
VG-B vs Newcastle
 Tues., Jan. 31, 6 p.m.
 at Paint Creek
RULE
VG-VB vs Aspermont
 Fri., Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule
VG-VB vs Trent
 Tues., Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m.
 at Trent

Calendar

Last Chance

Jason Westbrook, CEA-AG, will show Last Chance videos from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Fri., Jan. 27 for those who need CEU credits. The cost will be \$10, and the videos will be shown at the Extension Office in Haskell. There will be one laws and regulation credit and two IPM credits. For more information, please contact the office at 940-864-2658.

Springboard Challenge

The ACU Springboard Challenge will be held Mon., Jan. 30 at Haskell City Hall from 6 to 7 p.m. Inventors are encouraged to bring their two minute or less pitch to the panel of judges. Winners advance to the next round which is a workshop to develop a business model. The finalist will be awarded \$15,000. Register at <http://blogs.acu.edu/springboard/competitions>.

Mud Mania

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Chamber banquet

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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/>.



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Go Indians! Go Maidens!

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Haskell Elementary students compete at UIL

Haskell Elementary competed at District UIL Contest Thurs., Dec. 1, at Hawley ISD. Haskell Elementary is very proud of these students who spent extra hours at home and

school preparing for their contests. Haskell Elementary had many winners and placed fourth in the meet.

Second grade
 Chess Puzzle: L.J. Castorena tied for third;

Ethan Camacho, Noah Robledo and Ernie Martinez (alt.).

Creative Writing: Brynlee Stocks, fourth place; Brylee Teague, Scarlett Silvas and Trinity Green (alt.).

Music Memory: Noah Robledo tied for first, Grace Robledo tied for third, Brynlee Stocks and Joselynn Tidrow; Team placed second.

Oral Reading: Grace Robledo placed fourth; Lyric Pittman tied for fifth; and Zanna Moore.

The second grade students scored a total of 54.1 points.
Third grade
 Chess Puzzle: Max Garvin placed fourth; Lane Addington, Grant Ferguson and Weston Lackey (alt.).

Music Memory: Cami Guess, Colton Gober, Matthew Gober and Weston Lackey; Team placed second.

Oral Reading: Ryan Cox placed third; Calee Pheister placed fifth; Raegan Adkins placed sixth; and Jaxon White (alt.).

Ready Writing: Colton Gober, Haelynn Logan, Max Garvin and Dallas Silvas (alt.).

Spelling: Dallas Silvas placed sixth; Colton Gober, Paige Scheets and Mason Pierson (alt.).

The third grade students scored 38 points total.

Fourth grade
 Art Smart: Caden West placed fifth; Ayden Martinez, Ezra Anderson and Kiran Bailey; Team placed third.

Chess Puzzle: Allen Alsabrook, Ezra Anderson and Valintina Sanchez.

Music Memory: Kaylee Torres placed sixth; Ada Pierson, Kayce Coleman, Kelbi Parks and Ezra Anderson (alt.).

Number Sense: Ada Pierson placed sixth; Kayce Coleman, Kelbi Parks and Ezra Anderson (alt.).

Oral Reading: Kelbi Parks tied for fifth; Kayce Coleman and Olivia Stoker.

Reading Writing: Ada Pierson, Caden West and Colt Moore.

Spelling: Colt Moore placed first; Caden West, Nevaeh Guerrero and Ada Pierson (alt.); Team placed third.

The fourth grade students scored a total of 46 points.

Fifth grade
 Art Smart: Carter Crosson, Evan Enriquez, Grady Vasquez, Rylan Alexander and Trevor Henry.

Chess Puzzle: Brody Letz placed third; Chesney Langford and Nemo Silvas.

Dictionary: Alyssa Hernandez placed first; Mia Williams placed second; Natalie Willis placed fifth; and Trevor Henry (alt.); Team placed first.

Listening: Luke Peacock placed second; Michael McBroom placed third; Trevor Henry and Tianna Austin (alt.); Team placed second.

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Rylan Alexander placed third; Lane Garcia, Savanna Camacho and Myra Cobb (alt.).

Music Memory: Joy-Anna Stout placed second; Lucas Ingram placed sixth; and Michael McBroom. Team placed first.

Number Sense: Luke Peacock placed fifth; Colton Hopkins placed sixth; Mia Williams and Lucas Ingram (alt.); Team placed second.

Oral Reading: Colton Hopkins, Lillea Olson, Michael McBroom and Harley Medford (alt.).

Ready Writing: Luke Peacock and Michael McBroom.

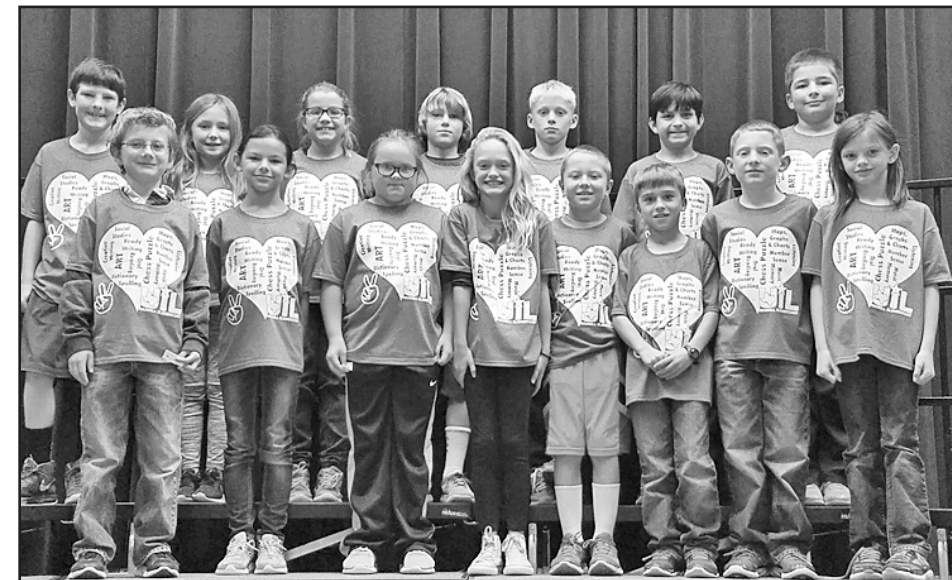
Social Studies: Tianna Austin placed fourth; Mason Caram and Nate Roewe.

Spelling: Colton Hopkins placed third; Asia Billington and Molli Easterling; Team placed second.

The fifth grade students scored a total of 153 points.



SECOND GRADE—Haskell Elementary second grade students participating in UIL events are, front row, l-r, Grace Robledo, Ethan Camacho, Noah Robledo, Lyric Pittman, Joselynn Tidrow and Scarlett Silvas; back row, L.J. Castorena, Brylee Teague, Zanna Moore, Brynlee Stocks and Ernie Martinez. Not pictured is Trinity Green.



THIRD GRADE—Haskell Elementary third grade students participating in UIL events are, front row, l-r, Lane Addington, Dallas Silvas, Paige Scheets, Cami Guess, Matthew Gober, Weston Lackey, Ryan Cox and Haelynn Logan; back row, Grant Ferguson, Raegan Adkins, Calee Pheister, Colton Gober, Max Garvin, Jaxon White and Mason Pierson.



FOURTH GRADE—Haskell Elementary fourth grade students participating in UIL events are, front row, l-r, Allen Alsabrook, Kayce Coleman, Kiran Bailey and Ezra Anderson; middle row, Valintina Sanchez, Kelbi Parks, Nevaeh Guerrero and Colt Moore; back row, Kaylee Torres, Ada Pierson, Olivia Stoker, Ayden Martinez and Caden West.



FIFTH GRADE—Haskell Elementary fifth grade students participating in UIL events are, front row, l-r, Rylan Alexander, Lucan Ingram, Brody Letz, Michael McBroom, Lillea Olson, Asia Billington, Savanna Camacho, and Alyssa Hernandez; middle row, Grady Vasquez, Nemo Silvas, Evan Enriquez, Harley Medford, Tianna Austin, Chesney Langford, Natalie Willis and Mia Williams; and back row, Carter Crosson, Luke Peacock, Nate Roewe, Lane Garcia, Joy Anna Stout, Myra Cobb, Trevor Henry, Mason Caram and Molli Easterling. Not pictured is Colton Hopkins.

Filing for City/School elections underway

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

on four council seats. Serving the city presently are David Parr, Bob Clark and Kenny Tanner. These are two year terms. Voters will also elect someone to fill the one year unexpired term of Jim Kowalski.

The Rule ISD school board has two spots up for election. Incumbents are Shane LeFevre and Jeffrey Murray.

In the Weinert city government, places held by Stanley Hager, Bill Walker and Caron Yates will be on the ballot, as well as the office of mayor, now served by Ed Murphy. These seats are for two year terms.

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 24 through May 2. Early voting will take place during regular business hours at the city hall of each city, as well as the respective school administration office for the school elections.

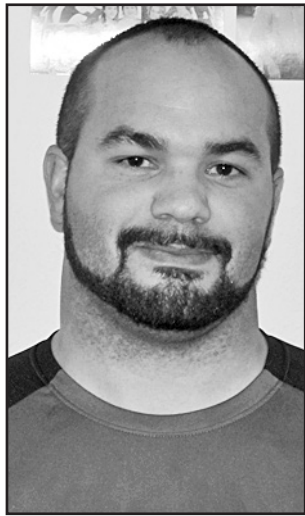
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Two Haskell County coaches chosen for All-Star Festival

The Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes recently announced the coaches for this year's Big Country Chevy Dealer's FCA All-Star Festival.

Two Haskell County coaches have been chosen for this honor.

Rule High School football coach Isiah Archer, will be a part of the coaching staff for the Blue football team, while Haskell High School girls' basketball coach Blake Eddleman, will coach the North Women's basketball team.



ISIAH ARCHER



BLAKE EDDLEMAN

Archer, in his fifth year of coaching and first year as a head coach, was raised in Matador. He went to school at Motley County High School. After graduation, he attended and graduated from West Texas A&M. From a family of seven children, Archer played on the Motley County State Championship team in 2007.

Archer has previously coached at Grandfalls-Royalty, Loop and Motley County. In his first year leading the Bobcats, Archer took his team to the first round of the playoffs, where they met a strong Crowell team. They finished the year with a 5-6 record as the district runner-up.

Haskell High School head girls' basketball coach, Blake Eddleman, has coached for seventeen years, the past five at Haskell High School. His elementary years were spent on a farm outside Silverton, until his dad went into coaching, a career

while spanned thirty-one years. The family moved to Matador through his junior high years, and then to Paducah for his high school education. Eddleman attended Vernon Regional Junior College and graduated with a bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M. He served eight years in the Marine Corps Reserves.

In addition to his years at Haskell, he previously coached at Rochester, Plains and Vernon. Eddleman has assembled an impressive record while at Haskell, with a 108-35 overall record and a 48-7 district overall record. Currently in pursuit of a fourth district championship, in two of the three previous championships, the Maidens were undefeated in district play.

Eddleman has received recognition for his efforts, including being chosen District Coach of the Year twice, as well as 2A All Big Country Girls' Basketball

Coach of the Year. In 2004, he was chosen the Texas Six-Man Coaches' Association East All-Star Head Girls' Basketball Coach.

Eddleman says, "I am excited and grateful for being named the head coach of the 2017 FCA North All-Star Girls' Basketball Team. A lot of people helped make this possible. I have been blessed the past five years with great players, great teams, two great assistant coaches in Missy Burson and Lolo Martinez, and a great summer basketball coach in Shane Hadaway."

Whether you are a young coach at the beginning of your career, or a seasoned and experienced coach, it is always nice when your efforts are recognized. We add our congratulations to these two area coaches on receiving this honor.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Jan. 16-22:

Armando Rubio, Jr., violation of protective order.

Kayla Ann Peters, motion to revoke community supervision purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor.

Aaron Andrew Eddington, judgment NISI forgery.

Billy Joe Villa, Texas parole warrant.

Mario H. Rangel Maldonado, disorderly conduct fighting.

Andrew Wat McLister, failure to appear child support Knox Co. warrant.

Thirty-four calls were made to 911.

Student in the News

Kadie Beth McCord of Haskell was named to the University of North Texas President's List for the 2016 fall semester.

To be named to the President's List, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK—Rule High School students named Students of the Three Weeks are, l-r, Del Fritzier, Joseph Chavez, Karleigh Hertel, Jysela Alvarez, Josh Blake, Christina Moore and Hunter Threet.



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Obituaries

Mary Beth Hunt



MARY BETH HUNT

Funeral services for Mary Beth Hunt, 61, of Haskell were held Fri., Jan. 20 at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell with Rev. J.C. Amburn officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family

Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Hunt passed away Tues., Jan. 17 in Abilene.

Born Nov. 4, 1955 in Lubbock, she was the daughter of Tommie Gean (Clements) Baugh and Joe Wayne Haste. She married William Hunt Nov. 27, 1981 in Haskell. She lived in Haskell for 20 years and was a LVN. Mary Beth was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. She liked to make jewelry, crafts, and spend time with her grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Tommie Gean Baugh; her father, Joe Wayne Haste; and her step-mother, Maxine Haste.

Survivors include her husband, William Hunt of

Haskell; three daughters, Mandi Johnson of Haskell, Sara Williams and husband Noah of Haskell, and Michelle Hunt of Haskell; a son, Michael Hunt and wife Cindy of Lamesa; three granddaughters, Shayla, Saleka and Aaliyah Hunt; four grandsons, Taylor Stephens, Blaze Johnson, Blake and Brody Hunt; a great-granddaughter, Jazareah Michelle Hunt; three brothers, Gregory Baugh, Sam and Kelly Haste; two sisters, Kathy Baugh and Kimmy Mason; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

PD. NOTICE



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z: Beets

Did you know?

Beets are available all year long. Beets provide a good source of folate, manganese and potassium. Beets contain beta-carotene which helps support eyesight. A fun fact is that the ancient Romans were the first to cultivate beets.

What am I looking for?

Look for beets rich in color, firm round, and smooth over most of the surface. Choose small beets with stalks still intact. Avoid beets with long scaly areas around the top. Also avoid wilted, flabby beets which have been exposed to the air too long.

Beet Dip

1/2 pound red beets (1

large), peeled and coarsely chopped

1 large scallion, chopped
1/4 cup (packed) chopped fresh spinach

8 ounces nonfat cream cheese

2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons snipped chives

In bowl or food processor, pulse beets, scallion and spinach until finely chopped. Add nonfat cream cheese, lemon juice and salt, and process until well-blended, leaving some texture in dip. Transfer to bowl and stir in chives. Serve as a dip with crackers or as a spread on toasted French bread.

Preparation time: 20

minutes

Serves: 6-8

Nutrition facts: Calories: 55; Total fat: 0.5 g; Cholesterol: 3 mg; Sodium: 335 mg; Total carbohydrate: 6 g. Protein: 6 g

Don't forget—MyPlate at <http://www.choosemyplate.gov> suggests making half your plate fruits and vegetables.

Always remember to "FIGHTBAC!" as in fight bacteria at <http://www.fightbac.org>

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STORY TIME—The story read during the weekly story time at the Haskell County Library recently was “Momma’s Little Duckling.” Readers attending and making a duckling puppet were, l-r, Julieanna Davis, A.J. Davis and Ben Davis. They were joined by Haskell County Librarian Marilyn Griffith.



NEW SEATING—Haskell County Librarians, l-r, Paula Garcia and Marilyn Griffith, show off new chairs that have been purchased by the Friends of the Library. The library staff, along with the Friends of the Library, invite patrons to come, read at their comfort and enjoy the new seating area. The donation, by the Friends of the Library, is greatly appreciated and the library staff wishes to thank them for their involvement and generosity.

Lon McMillin recognized by Bill Hart Memorial Legends

The Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame has announced its 2017 class. Included this year will be a former star at Haskell High School.

The Hall of Fame banquet will be held Monday, May 1 at the Abilene Convention Center. The diverse Class of 2017 includes a pair of state championship football coaches, a state champion quarterback, a high school and collegiate star, a father-son combo who were both national pole vault champions, a state champion Golden Gloves boxer, a three-sport standout at Abilene High and the “Godfather of Professional Poker.”

Long before Doyle Brunson won the World Series of Poker, becoming the first player to win \$1 million in tournaments and being inducted into the Poker Hall of Fame, the former Longworth (Fisher County) and Sweetwater resident had made an impressive mark as a gifted athlete as a basketball and track star at Sweetwater and Hardin-Simmons University.

Joining Brunson in this year’s class are the late Larry Wartes, who won state championships as the football coach at Stamford in 1958 and 1959; Abilene High graduate Steve Lineweaver, who won four state titles as the head coach at Commerce and Eules Trinity; Mary Bolden-Washington, a state champion track star at Hamlin and the University of Texas; former Brownwood and Texas Tech quarterback Jimmy Carmichael who helped the Lions win two state championships; former Abilene High three-sport standout Trey Forkerway, who is now a regional scouting supervisor for the Chicago Cubs; and former Taylor County commissioner Jack Turner, who was a standout Golden Gloves flyweight boxer in his career.

For the fourth straight year, the Hall of Fame board of directors will recognize

two Bill Hart Memorial Legends Award recipients, who competed before 1950. To be recognized posthumously are Charles Norris Shira from Hamlin and Lon McMillin of Haskell. McMillin was a multi-sport standout in football and track at Haskell High School. He won a state lightweight Golden Gloves title in 1938.

Tickets for the banquet are now on sale. Individual tickets are \$65 each. Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$800 and include the champion reception prior to the banquet. Tickets can be purchased online at bigcountryhalloffame.org or by calling (325) 668-3685. Proceeds from the banquet will go to college scholarships. Twelve \$1,000 college scholarships will also be awarded again this year at the banquet to graduating student-athletes from the 19 counties in the Big Country.

The Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame is open to the public free of charge during business hours at the Abilene ISD administration building

at 241 Pine in Abilene. The newest inductees will bring the list of former athletes and coaches from the 19-country Big Country area to more than 150 who have been inducted into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame.

EEA Club news

The Haskell County EEA Club met Thurs., Jan. 12, at the extension kitchen with eight members in attendance.

Kathryn Schonerstedt called the meeting to order and conducted a brief meeting to finalize plans for the stock show concession stand. Each member stated food and drink items they would bring and hours they would work. Hostess for the meeting was Kathryn Schonerstedt.

The meeting was

Upcoming events listed by Chamber

by Mynea Short
Chamber Manager
January 30—
ACU Springboard Challenge will be held at Haskell City Hall from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

What is a Springboard Challenge? Have you ever thought in your mind of an invention, actually put it together and now use it. If so, bring your invention, a two minute or less pitch on what it is/how it works to the judges on the 30th of January. The judges will pick the winners to advance to the next round which is a workshop to help you develop your business model. The workshop helps you prepare for the Community Semi-Finals where the winners from all the communities give their pitch. A week later is the finals where the winner will be announced and awarded \$15,000. That is the Springboard Challenge in a nut shell.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago

January 25, 2007

Haskell High School Maidens' coach David Middleton reached a goal many never achieve, when the Maidens won over Stanton this week. After forty years of coaching, he has now recorded 800 wins.

The Haskell Indians defeated Stanton 56-40. Leading the scoring for the Indians were Weston Rutkowski, 23 pts.; Travis Adams, 16 pts.; D.J. McCulloch, 7 pts.; and Greg Guzman, 4 pts.

20 Years Ago

January 23, 1997

HHS graduate Kimberly Cheek, daughter of Dan and Earlene Griffith of Paint Creek, has been elected to the executive board of the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented. A teacher for the Wylie Independent School District, she will serve as the Region XIV director on the TAGT Executive Board.

Weinert High School graduate Kathy Hager, daughter of W.R. and Joyce Hager of Weinert, has been promoted to the position of Vice-President, Public Affairs for Santa Fe Energy Resources, a Houston-based independent oil and gas company.

Aunts and nieces of Agnes Oliphant gathered in Pampa recently to quilt, something they do at least twice a year. Attending from Haskell were Oleta Bowers, Lorene Nichols and Sue Conner.

30 Years Ago

January 22, 1987

The Rochester Steers placed four players on the 6-Man All-State Football Team. Seniors John Wyatt, end and Richard Shaver, punter were selected for the offensive team. Named to the defensive team were Larry Reid, lineman and Paul Ortiz, safety.

Girl Scouts from Troop 318 receiving badges of achievement are Crystal Motley, Mary Cowperthwait, Mandi Pope, Heather Hobgood, Jennifer Comedy, Christy Cadenhead, Brandi Briles, Amy Cunningham, Veronica Barrios, Nacole LeFevre and Sharron Jimenez.

Evelyn Cobb, local H&R Block owner, received an Award of Excellence plaque, while attending the H&R Block convention in Arlington.

40 Years Ago

January 27, 1977

The Board of Trustees of the Haskell ISD has hired Don Flippin as head football coach. He comes with 16 years experience as a coach in Hale Center, Dallas, Ballinger and Iowa Park.

Serving as officers for the Haskell County Fair Association are Bud

Turnbow, president; Bill Comedy, first vice-president; C.A. Thomas, second vice-president; and Ted Elliot, secretary/treasurer.

50 Years Ago

January 26, 1967

Joyce Cook, a HHS senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, is Haskell High School's 1967 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. She is drum major for the Indian Band, president of FHA; and a member of the National Honor Society and the Owl Club.

The home of Mrs. Cliff LeFevre was the scene for the meeting of the Stitch and Chatter Club. Attending were Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. Harvie Jordan, Mrs. M.Y. Benton, Mrs. Etta Leach and Mrs. R.O. Gibson, Sr.

Air Force Master Sergeant Grady L. Brown, son of Mrs. Jim Fouts of Haskell, is taking part in the President's People to People program by helping to teach English phonetics

to Thai students in Korat, Thailand.

90 Years Ago

January 20, 1927

The county Interscholastic League Meet will be held at Haskell, with the following event directors in charge. They are Rochester superintendent A.F. McMinn, general director; Weinert superintendent J.F. Odor, declamation; Haskell superintendent H.D. Neff, debate; Sagerton superintendent O.C. Southall, spelling; Miss Artie West of Rule, essay writing; county superintendent Minnie Ellis, director of rural schools; J. Luther Watson of Rule, athletics; and J.W. Todd of Rochester, arithmetic.

John Aaron, a well known farmer of the Howard community, has returned from Austin, where he took the Pasteur treatments for 21 days. Mr. Aaron was bitten by a mad dog, which was shown to have rabies.



by Jimi Coplen, DCOH
Quarterly Women's
Breakfast

On January 31st from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. a Women's Breakfast will be held at The Women's Space in Haskell. A light breakfast will be served and a presentation made by Kristi Stevens on Marketing Tips & Tricks. We know ladies are busy, so we invite you to come for all or part of the event.

The Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) and the Chamber of Commerce are dedicated to helping all businesses succeed in Haskell. However, we have singled out one group that we are focusing on quarterly—professional women. Our goal is to provide value to these ladies with professional development, networking and even philanthropy. We want to encourage these ladies to build relationships, build business and build community.

We hope through professional development, we can help businesses become stronger, be more solvent and even expand if they so choose. Our short educational presentations are a way to get good information out to the right people. We also want to let them know that the Chamber and the DCOH are here to help them.

Building relationships is still the best business model for building any business. Through the women's breakfast, we want to provide

a platform for ladies to network with one another. Many times we see the same people each day, run in the same circles and it is hard to meet people outside of that. This provides an avenue to do so. It also serves as a way to share ideas, cross-promotion and more.

Philanthropy—a big word that already describes the heart of most of the women in Haskell. Through these quarterly events, we hope to encourage that volunteer spirit. As we build our skill set and we network with other people, we become more and more involved. This leads to giving back and serving the community, which in turn builds relationships, business and so on.

Join us on Jan. 31 at The Women's Space for The Women's Breakfast. For more information, contact the DCOH at 864-3424 or the Chamber at 864-2477.

January sales tax receipts listed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$647.4 million in local sales tax allocations for January, 4.9 percent more than in January 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio continue to see significant increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said.

The City of Haskell had an 8.8 percent increase for January 2017 of \$40,481.45 in comparison to \$37,207.19 for January 2016.

The City of O'Brien had a .71 percent increase for January 2017 of \$281.94 in comparison to \$279.95 for January 2016.

The City of Rochester had a 27.79 percent increase for January 2017 of \$534.91 in comparison to \$418.56 for January 2016.

The City of Rule had a 4.17 percent increase for January 2017 of \$2,091.49 in comparison to \$2,007.58 for January 2016.

The City of Weinert had a 155.02 percent increase for January 2017 of \$255.02 in comparison to \$100.00 for January 2016.



ATTEND CONTEST—Five students from the Vocational Technical Center at Rochester attended the Fort Worth Stock Show to participate in the Agricultural Mechanics Contest Jan. 15. Students attending were, l-r, Jody Earle, Zachary Overmyer, Abel Sandoval, Joslynn Harris and Thomas Baker.



SECOND PLACE—Winning second place with their project were, l-r, Abel Sandoval, Zachary Overmyer and Thomas Baker of Knox City/O'Brien CISD. The Rochester VoTech students show off the 10 foot trailer they helped build.

Rochester VoTech students attend Ag Mechanics contest

The Vocational Technical Center at Rochester took five students to the Fort Worth Stock Show to participate in the Agricultural Mechanics Contest Sun., Jan. 15.

The purpose of the show is to provide an opportunity for Texas 4-H and FFA members to display projects constructed in agricultural mechanics labs, to promote the development of skills in agricultural mechanics through competition, to recognize accomplishments in the area of agricultural mechanics and to provide an opportunity for public appreciation of this important phase of Texas 4-H and FFA Youth Programs.

Students are judged on various criteria which include workmanship of the project construction, design and materials used to construct the project, documentation of the design, materials, cost and building the project, degree of difficulty that it took to build the project and how they explain and present their knowledge of the project to the judges.

While at the show, students had the opportunity to meet other FFA and 4-H students that had built projects and speak with potential employers. Students were able to view projects that were constructed by students from all over Texas, thus gaining more knowledge in the agriculture mechanics area.

Zachary Overmyer, Abel Sandoval and Thomas Baker, from Knox City/O'Brien High School, showed a 10 foot trailer that they had built along with Kris Stanford and received a red ribbon.

Jody Earle, from Haskell High School, showed a metal picnic table that he, Jonathan Primm and Rocky Haggard had built and received a blue ribbon.

Joslynn Harris, from Benjamin High School, showed a chicken coop

that she, Rick Hilario and Jackson Meador had built and received a blue ribbon.

The Vo-Tech Center plans to take these students as well as additional students and projects to the San Angelo Agricultural Mechanics Show Feb. 14-16.



FIRST PLACE—Joslynn Harris, from Benjamin High School and a VoTech student at Rochester, shows off a chicken coop that she helped build. The project won a blue ribbon.



FIRST PLACE—Jody Earle, from Haskell High School and a VoTech student at Rochester, shows off a picnic table that he helped build. The project won a blue ribbon.

Calendar

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.

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.

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 meets in Stamford

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.

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BASKETBALL '17

Indians



Haskell Indians

JVB, VB vs Hawley
Fri., Jan. 27, 5:15 p.m.
at Haskell

JVB, VB vs Anson
Tues., Jan. 31, 5:15 p.m.
at Anson



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

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HASKELL MAIDENS—Sitting, l-r, Landry Hanson, Courtney Whitt and Makinzie Garvin; standing, C'Era Taylor, Ariel Martinez, Ashlyn Bevel, Jordan Garvin, Hollyn Hadaway and Taylor Manske.

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BAILEY ANN TOLIVER

Toliver listed on All-State Volleyball team

Bailey Ann Toliver, a junior at Wylie High School, has been selected as a member of the All-State Girls' Volleyball team.

Toliver is the daughter of Julie and Sam Toliver. She is the granddaughter of Cindy and Rudy Raughten of Roscoe and Nancy Toliver of Haskell.



WORDS OF ADVICE-The VoTech Center of Rochester would like to thank entrepreneur Bud Walker, left, of Haskell for advice and encouragement on how to start your own business.

Rule School Menu

Jan. 30-Feb. 3
Breakfast

Fruit, juice and milk are offered daily.

Monday: Waffles, bacon

Tuesday: Biscuit, ham, scrambled eggs

Wednesday: Donuts, sausage

Thursday: Sausage, egg, cheese sandwich

Friday: Breakfast burrito, hash browns

Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Pizza, baby broccoli

bites, baby carrots, mixed fruit
Tuesday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich, garden salad, tomato-cucumber cup, snowball salad

Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo, Tuscan vegetables, breadsticks, carrot coins, apple, cookie

Thursday: Mascot chicken bowl with roll, green beans, pineapple d'lite

Friday: Fish sticks, Texas toast, coleslaw, baked beans, oranges

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 30-Feb. 3
Breakfast

1% milk, fat-free flavored milk, 100% fruit juice variety and fruit are available at every meal.

Weekly: Cereal, toast, muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers, cheese stick

Monday: Pancakes, sausage

Tuesday: Breakfast pizza

Wednesday: Biscuit, scrambled eggs, sausage

Thursday: Sausage kolache, yogurt

Friday: Egg and cheese sandwich

Lunch

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

Monday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potato, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll

Tuesday: Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, garden salad, California veggies, sliced peaches, pudding

Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla, corn, lettuce and tomato garnish, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce

Thursday: Texas chili, cornbread, tiny tomato cup, broccoli bites, orange smiles

Friday: Sloppy Joe sandwich, oven fries, cucumber dippers, cookie, fresh fruit

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 30-Feb. 3
Breakfast

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

Monday: French toast

Tuesday: Cinnamon roll

Wednesday: Blueberry muffins, yogurt

Thursday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast

Friday: Kolache

Lunch

Milk, juice and fruit are served daily.

Monday: Tacos, pinto beans, salad, salsa, fruit cocktail

Tuesday: Hot dogs, chili, ranch style beans, green apples

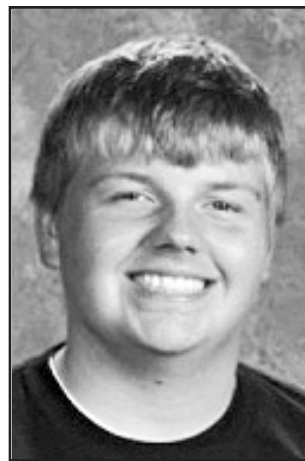
Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, salad, salsa, applesauce

Thursday: Sloppy Joes, fries, veggie cups, cookie

Friday: Nachos, refried beans, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, apples

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

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



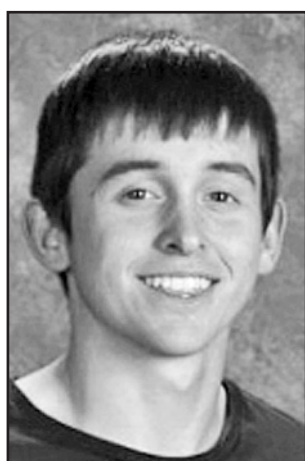
CHASE GIBSON



VICTORIA HERTEL



LUPE OLVERA



KELLEN PARKS

Students visit Rotary Club

Chase Gibson is the son of Chad and Kristi Gibson of Haskell.

He attends First United Methodist Church, Haskell.

At Haskell High School, he is active in football, FFA meat judging, UIL Academics and National Honor Society.

He was a three-year varsity football captain, three time state qualifier in FFA meat evaluation, served as NHS president, named Mr. HHS, named to the THSCA first team All-State Academic Football and a six time regional qualifier in UIL.

He enjoys raising and showing steers, drinking Dr. Pepper, watching The Office, and hanging out with his friends.

He plans to attend Texas Tech University, and pursue an Agriculture-related career and move back to Haskell.

Victoria Hertel is the daughter of Kevin and Kim Hertel of Haskell.

She attends Trinity Lutheran Church.

At Haskell High School, she is active in band and ag.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University as a psychology major.

Maria Guadalupe 'Lupe' Olvera is the daughter of Maria Elsie Olvera of Haskell. She is Catholic.

At Haskell High School, she is active in FCCLA.

She enjoys writing, reading, video editing and photography.

She plans to attend Texas A&M in Texarkana as a psychology major.

Kellen Parks is the son of Thomas and Wendi Parks of Haskell.

He attends the Methodist church.

At Haskell High, he is active in football, golf, basketball and baseball.

He was named first team All District football, second team basketball, first team baseball, back to back Best Appearance.

He plans to attend Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

Family fishing day, winter star party

As part of an annual rainbow trout stocking program conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD), Fort Griffin State Historic Site will be stocking their fishing pond three times with rainbow trout this winter. They have already stocked the pond with 400 trout in December and will be stocking the pond two more times in January and February. In an effort to help the public take advantage of this new fishing opportunity, they will be hosting their second family trout-fishing day Jan. 28 and then a final trout-fishing day Feb. 18.

According to Michael Homer Jr., TPWD Fisheries Biologist, "rainbow trout are relatives of salmon and do not naturally occur in Texas. Rainbow trout require cold temperatures to survive. In most areas of Texas where rainbow trout are stocked, high temperatures prevent them from reproducing as well as surviving the warm seasons, though some have survived in the tailrace of Canyon Reservoir. The only self-sustaining population of rainbow trout in Texas is found in McKittrick Canyon in the Guadalupe Mountains."

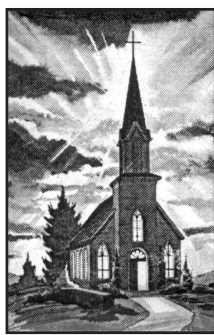
A Fort Griffin staff member will be available Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide instruction and assistance for children who attend the family-fishing day. In addition to the unique opportunity to fish for rainbow trout, there will also be golf carts available for those visitors who want to take a self-guided tour of their historic military fort, and there

is camping available across the highway from the fort and fishing pond.

If you are especially adventurous, the fort will also be hosting their annual winter star gazing party the same evening of the Jan. 28 family fishing day activities. There will be local astronomers there with their telescopes and other viewing equipment ready to share their knowledge and eyepieces with you. The weather is always a factor in any astronomy related activities, therefore be mindful that the star gazing party is canceled if the sky is overcast. However, if it happens to be cold, but clear to mostly clear then they will continue on as planned. To combat the potential cold, they plan to host the star party in the parking area of the visitor center and have the visitor center open as a place to warm back up. In addition, there will be hot cocoa available for those who need a little extra help getting warm.

The cost of general admission will grant you and your family complete access to the fort, hiking trails, family trout-fishing day activities, and the winter star gazing party. Since Fort Griffin is a state historic site under the Texas Historical Commission (THC), the annual TPWD state park pass is not valid for admission to Fort Griffin. For more information about Fort Griffin State Historic Site, to make camping reservations, or to learn more about upcoming events, please visit www.visitfortgriffin.com or call 325-762-3592.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Every prayer should contain a word of gratitude

When we pray, we are communicating with God; and we should do this at least twice a day: in the morning to ask for the strength and ability we will need for whatever the day might bring, and at bedtime to give thanks for this divine help and guidance. There is no reason to give God a 'shopping list' of our material desires, for He is already aware of our needs and

will grant the things that are right for us. At your house of worship you will learn the proper words of the prayers that conform to your faith; but whatever they say, the principle still applies. When we develop the habit of expressing our gratitude for even the little things, we will learn to decrease our desires and be all the more appreciative of the blessings which we already have.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—

East Side Baptist Church

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

Christian Church

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

Church of God

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

Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Iglesia Bautista

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

First United

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

First Assembly of God

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

St. George

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

Church of Christ

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Trinity Baptist Church

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

Hopewell Baptist Church

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

Greater Independent

Baptist Church
Ollie Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
940-863-4405

New Covenant Foursquare

Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church

Ollie Pierson, pastor
Juddson Smith, Family Life Pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Wed. 6:30 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship

Baptist Church
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 5 p., Wed. 6 p.
1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries

Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell

—WEINERT—

First Baptist Church

Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
Weinert

Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m
Weinert

—ROCHESTER—

Church of Christ

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

First Baptist Church

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

Union Chapel Baptist Church

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

Faith Chapel of Rochester

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

—SAGERTON—

Sagerton Methodist Church

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

Faith Lutheran Church

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

—RULE—

First Baptist Church

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

Primitive Baptist Church

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

Church of Christ

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

Primera Iglesia Bautista

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

Sweet Home

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

West Bethal

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

—PAINT CREEK—

Paint Creek

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

—O'BRIEN—

O'Brien Baptist Church

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

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Area Basketball scores

Boys Paint Creek 67, Woodson 58

Scoring for Paint Creek: Acosta 21, Masias 14, Coleman 11, Trotter 11, McTasney 10.

Lueders-Avoca 70, Rule 68

Scoring for Rule: B. Mitchell 17, Fritzler 16, R. Mitchell 14, Thompson 13, Helms 9.

Girls Lueders-Avoca 50, Rule 47

Scoring for Rule: Crane 13, Fritzler 12, Manske 11, Hertel 5, Moore 4, Gray 2.

Grasslands conservation program expanded to small-scale producers

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced that USDA will accept over 300,000 acres in 43 states that were offered by producers during the recent ranking period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Grasslands enrollment with emphasis placed on small-scale livestock operations. Through the voluntary CRP Grasslands program, grasslands threatened by development or conversion to row crops are maintained as livestock grazing areas, while providing important conservation benefits. Approximately 200,000 of the accepted acres were offered by small-scale livestock operations.

"Producers of all sizes are interested in USDA's Conservation Reserve Program," said Dolcini. "This latest round of CRP Grasslands enrollment,

where much of the acreage comes from small-scale livestock operations, shows that our nation's family farmers and ranchers can have a big impact on environmental conservation."

The most recent ranking period closed on Dec. 16, 2016, and included for the first time a CRP Grasslands practice specifically tailored for small-scale livestock grazing operations to encourage broader participation. Under this ranking period and for future periods, small-scale livestock operations with 100 or fewer head of grazing cows (or the equivalent) can submit applications to enroll up to 200 acres of grasslands per farm. Larger operations may still make offers through the normal process. USDA met its goal of 200,000 acres under this small-scale initiative. The new practice for small-scale livestock

grazing operations encourages greater diversity geographically and in all types of livestock operations. Visit <http://go.usa.gov/x9PFS> to view the complete list of acres accepted by state.

Participants in CRP Grasslands establish or maintain long-term, resource-conserving grasses and other plant species to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. CRP Grasslands participants can use the land for livestock production (e.g. grazing or producing hay), while following their conservation and grazing plans in order to maintain the cover. A goal of CRP Grasslands is to minimize conversion of grasslands either to row crops or to non-agricultural uses. Participants can receive annual payments of up to

75 percent of the grazing value of the land and up to 50 percent of the cost of cover practices like cross-fencing to support rotational grazing or improving pasture cover to benefit pollinators or other wildlife.

USDA selects offers for enrollment based on six ranking factors: (1) current and future use, (2) new farmer/rancher or underserved producer involvement, (3) maximum grassland preservation, (4) vegetative cover, (5) environmental factors, and (6) pollinator habitat. Offers not selected in a ranking period are rolled over into the next ranking period.

Small livestock operations or other farming and ranching operations interested in participating in CRP Grasslands should contact their local FSA office. To find your local FSA office,

visit <http://offices.usda.gov>. To learn more about FSA's conservation programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation.

Throughout the Obama Administration, USDA has generated thousands of critical partnerships to conserve and protect our natural resources on working landscapes, while enrolling a record number of acres in conservation programs. Seventy-percent of the nation's land is owned and tended to privately, and America's farmers, ranchers and landowners have willingly stepped up to address the growing impacts of a changing climate. With USDA's support, they work to implement voluntary practices that improve air and water quality, prevent soil erosion and create and protect wildlife habitat. Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers

make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect land and water on over 400 million acres nationwide. Read more about USDA's record conservation outcomes under this Administration at Caring for our Land, Air and Water: Preserving Precious Natural Resources for Tomorrow.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

January 20, 2017	
Haskell	
Haskell Co. Gin.....	6,200
Haskell Co-op Gin....	13,156
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	12,403
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	14,021
Weinert	
Weinert Gin.....	6,626
Total bales.....	52,406

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Garage Sale

LARGE GARAGE SALE: Sat., Jan. 28, 9 a.m. til 7:30 Addison Dr., Haskell. Lots of young girls' and women's clothing, some men's clothing, lots of home decor and everything else but the kitchen sink. 4p

Help Wanted

WES-T-GO is now accepting applications. Apply in person at store. 400 N. Ave. E. 3-10c

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT (AVISO DE FECHA LIMITE PARA PRESENTAR SOLICITUDES PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA)

Notice is hereby given that applications for a place on the Rule Independent School District Regular Election Ballot may be filed during the following time: (Se da aviso por la presente que las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta de la Eleccion Regular de Rule Independent School District se pueden presentar durante el siguiente horario:)

Filing dates and times: (Fechas y Horario para Entregar Solicitudes)

Start date: January 20, 2017. End date: February 17, 2017. (Fecha Inicio) (Fecha

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Limite) Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday (Horario de la Oficina)

Physical address for filing applications in person for place on the ballot: (Direccion a fisica para presentar las solicitudes en persona para un lugar en la boleta)

1100 Union Avenue Rule, Texas 79547

Address to mail applications for place on the ballot (if filing by mail): (Direccion a donde enviar las solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta (en caso de presentar por

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SALE OF SURPLUS INVENTORY

Rule Independent School District is accepting bids on a 2005, Z-71 Chevy Tahoe. The vehicle can be viewed at 1100 Union Ave, Rule, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14 and must be turned in at the

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Superintendent's office. The board will review the sealed bids on Thursday,

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February 16 and have the right to accept or reject any and all bids. 4-5c

For Rent

2 HOUSES FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Fully furnished kitchen, washer/dryer. Very clean and nice. 1204 N. Ave. G and 1004 N. Ave. H. 864-3859. 51tfc

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Hanson Paint and Body Shop in Haskell needs experienced employee. Apply in person. 1tfc

DRIVER WANTED:

Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc. is seeking applicants for the position of full-time driver for the Double Mountain Coach Rural Public Transportation System. Applicants must have an excellent driving record. Experience in transporting passengers is preferred. Any driver training such as Defensive Driving, Passenger Assistance, CPR/First Aid, etc. is a plus. The ASBDC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer; all applicants will be given equal consideration regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation or belief. The ASBDC, Inc./Double Mountain Coach maintains a Drug Free Workplace and Drug-Alcohol Policy Testing Program. Position will remain open until filled. For more information or to receive an application you may contact Gail Ray at 940-989-2239 or 989-3538. 2-4c

Public Notices

NOTICE

Paint Creek ISD is accepting bids for a Vulcan propane stove. The stove is 36 in. X 60 in. with six burners, a flat grill, and two ovens (one oven needs a thermostat). Bids may be delivered in person to 4485 FM 600, Haskell, or mailed to Paint Creek ISD, Sealed Bid, 4485 FM 600, Haskell, TX 79521. Bids are due by noon on February 2nd and will be opened at noon on February 6th. Bids must contain name, amount of bid and contact number in a sealed envelop. The stove is available for viewing. Please call for appointment 940-864-2868. The Board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. 3-4c

PUBLIC NOTICE

HASKELL COUNTY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Haskell County is giving notice of the County's intent to submit Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application for a Community Development Fund grant request of up to \$275,000.00 for water system improvements on behalf of Paint Creek Water Supply Corporation. The application is available for review at County Courthouse during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con David Davis, Juez del Condado en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado, (940)

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1208 N. PAWNEE, RULE-2/1. \$42,000-**NEW**
811 N. 3RD, MUNDAY-3/2. \$54,900-**REDUCED**
341 N. H. MUNDAY-2/1. \$39,900-**REDUCED**
11624 FM 617 ON 80 +/- AC.-2/2. \$175,000-**PENDING**
500 CARDIFF AVE, RULE-3/2. \$42,000-**REDUCED**
704 SUNNY AVE., RULE-3/1. \$57,500-**NEW**
1212 ADAMS, RULE-3/2. Clean, move in ready. \$32,000-**NEW**
703 N. 16TH, RULE-3/2 on corner lot. \$62,900-**NEW**
841 S. 5TH ST., MUNDAY-3 or 4/2. \$32,000-**NEW**
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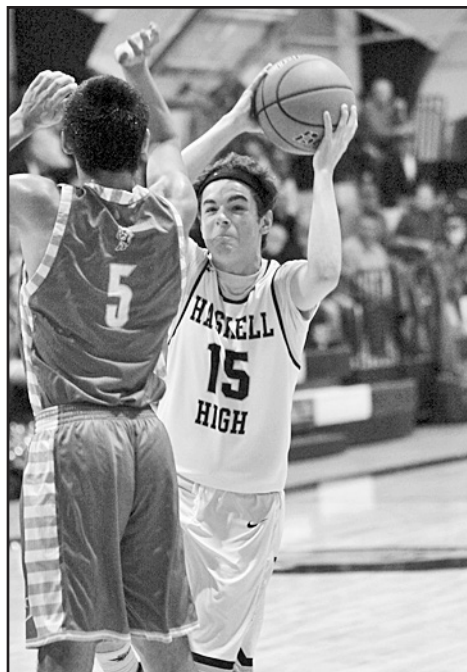
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BATTLES FOR SHOT—Haskell Indian #15 Caleb Wheat battles in the paint for a shot.



HEADS TO THE BASKET—Haskell Maiden Jordan Garvin beats the defender on the dribble heading to the basket.



UP FOR POINTS—Haskell Maiden #5 Taylor Manske, left, puts in two points in the Maiden's win against Hamlin. Maiden #3 Landry Hanson, right, goes up for a jumper against Hamlin.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS—Coach Lolo Martinez and the 7th A Maidens won the 2017 Micah Lindstrom Basketball Tournament at Clyde Junior High this past Saturday. They beat Early 41-7, Jim Ned 42-5 and Ballinger in the championship game 47-21. Team members are, front row, l-r, Kailee Benton, Emma Roewe, Jolie Torres and Melody Martinez; back row, Brittany Andrews, Tana Manske, Delaney Hanson and Piper Smith.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners Court met Tues., Jan. 10 with all members present.

Monthly and quarterly reports were submitted by the County Treasurer Janis McDaniel. Haskell County Agent Darlene Hopkins reported that she had received the Food Protection Management and Food Handlers certifications. She is now able to go on site and train individuals in safe food handling procedures.

The court is searching for a new company to service the elevator.

Hand rails for the inside stairs of the courthouse must be installed to make the courthouse ADA compliant. The court is pursuing that project.

Wages for the employees at the Experienced Citizens Center were raised to \$9.25 per hour from \$8.25 per hour.

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.

REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS January 31, 2017

is the deadline to pay your 2016 taxes at the appraisal district before penalties and interest are added. All payments post-marked by January 31, 2017 will not have to pay penalty and interest. All payments received in office or postmarked **after** January 31, 2017 will have to pay penalty and interest. You may pay with cash, check or money order at the appraisal district. Credit cards can be accepted online at www.haskellcad.org for an additional fee.

On January 30 and January 31, we will only be accepting payment of taxes. Please hold other questions until February 1.

Maidens' basketball

Maidens sweep the Lady Pipers

The Haskell Maidens took on the Hamlin Lady Pipers 14-8 (4-3) last Tuesday night, Jan. 17 at home in a pivotal District 8-2A match-up. The Maidens outscored the Lady Pipers 17-8 the second quarter and slowly pulled away to get the 52-34 win. Haskell won their fourteenth game in a row and they move to 22-5 overall and 7-0 in district play. The Maidens are currently ranked ninth in the State in class 2A by TGCA and 22nd by TABC.

Haskell had three players in double figure scoring. Freshman Landry Hanson had 15 points, senior Ashlyn Bevel had 11 points and sophomore Taylor Manske had 10 points. Other leading scorers on the night were Courtney Whitt with 6 points, Jordan Garvin 4, Makinzie Garvin 4 and C'Era Taylor 2. Leading the team in assists were Bevel with 2, Hanson 2, Manske 2 and Ariel Martinez 1.

The Maidens shot a season high (19-38) for 50% from the field. They were (5-13) for

38% from three point land and (9-19) for 47% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, I thought our shot selection was good and I was really proud of our season high shooting percentage from the field. We definitely need to do a better job of not turning the ball over, because that can really hurt us once we get into the playoffs and the margin of error starts to tighten up," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens dominated the Lady Pipers in rebounding 35-15 and they forced them to shoot (11-34) for 32% from the field. "Defensively, I thought we did a great job against their two best players (Van Cleave and Malone). They finished with a combined 8 points. Our post defenders did a great job defending those two kids and our guard defenders made it tough on their guards getting them the ball," Eddleman said.

Leading the team in rebounding was sophomore C'Era Taylor with 10 rebounds followed by Manske with 7, Whitt 4,

Hanson 3, J. Garvin 3 and Martinez 3. Hanson had a team high 4 steals followed by Manske with 3, C. Taylor 3 and Bevel 1.

"Overall, I thought it was a good hard fought district win. They made us work a little bit and I definitely believe we made each other better moving forward. Coach Kristy Sullivan does a great job with her teams every year. They are well coached and they play tough man to man defense."

Haskell 11 17 12 12 = 52
Hamlin 10 8 8 8 = 34

"I would like to thank Amanda Hadaway and everyone else who helped, donated, and contributed to the success of the Breast Cancer Awareness Auction Fund-raiser," Eddleman added.

The Junior High Maidens took on Albany at home this past Monday night. Coach Lolo Martinez and the seventh grade won 48-9 and Coach Eddleman and the eighth grade put up a competitive fight but ended up losing 35-22.

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