

Basketball

JV-B, V-B vs Hamlin
Fri., Feb. 10, 5:15 p.m.
at Hamlin
PAINT CREEK
V-B vs Graford
Fri., Feb. 10, 6 p.m.
at Graford
V-B vs Bryson
Tues., Feb. 14, 6 p.m.
at Paint Creek
RULE
VB vs Roby
Fri., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.
at Rule

Baseball

Indians vs Eastland
Scrimmage
Tues., Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.
at Eastland

Softball

Maidens vs Cooper
Scrimmage
Sat., Feb. 11 at Abilene

Calendar

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.

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.

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.

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@haskelltxasusa.com. For more information, please call the Chamber at 940-864-2477.



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ASHLYN BEVEL AND ALEC ROEWE
2016-17 Haskell Basketball Sweetheart and Basketball Hero



THIRD PLACE-The eighth grade Maidens placed third at the District Basketball Tournament. They beat Hawley 27-26 on a three point buzzer beater by Abby Andress during the first round, they lost to Anson the second round, and they beat Stamford 30-13 in the third place game. Team members are, front row, l-r, Ashlyn Payne, Alex Hollingsworth, Abby Andress and Calie Everett; back row, Jazlyn Rodela, Jessica Williams, Tori Hollingsworth and Tameka Johnson.



DISTRICT CHAMPS-Coach Lolo Martinez and the seventh grade Maidens won the championship at the District Basketball Tournament. They got a bye the first round, they beat Stamford 33-30 the second round, and they beat Anson 30-20 in the championship game. Team members are, front row, l-r, Brittany Andrews, Emma Roewe and Melodee Martinez; back row, Piper Smith, Jolie Torres, Delaney Hanson, Tana Manske and Kalee Benton.

Apply now for city/school places

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.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Jan. 31-Feb. 5:

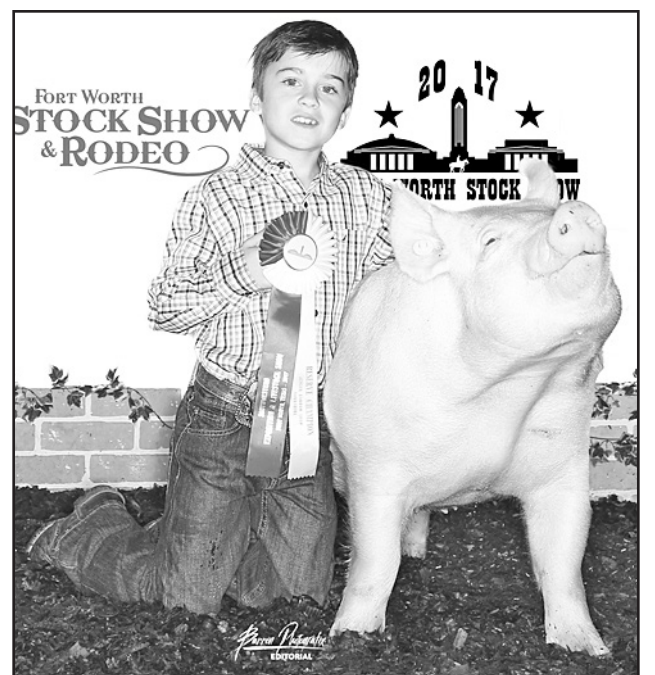
Ryan Parker, forgery.
Brandon Lee Luevano, aggravated robbery and Taylor Co. warrant indecency with a child.

John William Gardner, violation of drivers license restriction and operating an unregistered vehicle-trailer.

Twenty calls were made to 911.

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.



RESERVE CHAMP-Weston Lackey, a member of Haskell FFA, exhibited the Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow in the Junior Barrow Yorkshire Show at the 2017 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo Feb. 3.

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BOARD MEMBERS—The Haskell boys' and girls' basketball programs would like to thank the 2017 Haskell Little Dribbler board members for their generous monetary donations the past few years. Their donations helped buy two new basketball side goals in the main gym and the new wireless score clock in the main gym. We greatly appreciate your support and your willingness to serve the future Indian and Maiden basketball players. Board members are, l-r, Lolo Martinez, Teresa Martinez, Belinda Lytle, Michelle Thane and Holly Stocks.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Jan. 24 in their regular meeting place with all members present.

Judge David Davis reported that some of the lights around the top of the courthouse needed to be repaired. Commissioner Elmer Adams reported on road conditions in Precinct 2. Haskell County Sheriff Winston Stephens reported that a robbery had occurred at Allsup's in Rule.

Wade Raynes has been hired as part time help in

Precinct 2.

A motion to accept the resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for community development funds; and authorizing the County Judge to act as the County's chief executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the County's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program passed.

A motion to approve the resolution approving recommendation of the engineering firm deemed most qualified to be designated as first choice for grant management services in conjunction with Texas Community development Block Grant Fund Program, the Office of Rural Affairs, Texas Department of Agriculture and authorizing the County Judge of Haskell County to negotiate an agreement for Administration services upon subsequent award of the Office of Rural Affairs Grant contract passed.

A motion to approve the resolution approving recommendation of the grant management firm deemed most qualified to be designated as first choice for grant management services in conjunction with Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program, the Office of Rural Affairs, Texas Department of Agriculture and authorizing the County Judge of Haskell County to negotiate an agreement for administration services upon subsequent award of the Office of Rural Affairs Grant Contract passed.

The estimate, submitted by Booe Commercial Roofing Inc. of \$16,100, for repairs to the roof at the Experienced Citizens Center was accepted.

Haskell Co. Gin Report

February 3, 2017
Haskell

Haskell Co. Gin.....	8,100
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	16,256
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op.....	14,500
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	17,088
Weinert	
Weinert Gin.....	8,228
Total bales	64,172

Obituaries

Judy Dunlap



JUDY DUNLAP

Graveside services for Judy Dunlap, 76, of Haskell were held Sat., Feb. 4 at Willow Cemetery with Rev. Terry Bunch officiating. Services were under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Dunlap passed peacefully at home Wed., Feb. 1 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Judith Earlene Tipton was born Feb. 8, 1940, to Earl and Charlotte Tipton of Davenport, Oklahoma. The youngest of six siblings, she often told fond stories of growing up as the baby

of the family. She married first husband, Jack Becker in Pampa in 1959, with whom she had three beautiful children. Jack preceded her in death in July of 1975.

Judy was blessed with a second love after meeting James Dunlap. They married in February of 1979, and resided in Haskell. They shared a love of western movies, antique cars, and tinkering out in the yard. Judy could often be found baking, sewing, working at Castagna & Gregg, and watching Disney movies with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Charlotte Tipton; sister, Betty Jean Waldroup; grandson, Jordon Day Wheatley; and granddaughter, Heather Nicole Becker.

Survivors include her loving husband James Dunlap; sons, Wendell Becker and wife Stephanie of Sweeney, Wayne Becker and wife Debbie of Brazoria, and Craig Dunlap of Memphis, Texas; daughter, Jacklyn

Wheatley and husband Lynn of Haskell; brothers, Jim Tipton and wife Linda of Davenport, Oklahoma, John Tipton and wife Kay of Davenport, Oklahoma, Jerry Tipton and wife Mary Ann of Edmond, Oklahoma; and sister, Janice Jackson and husband Herb of Davenport, Oklahoma; and sister-in-law, Shirley Dunlap of Haskell. She also leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to thank everyone who prayed, brought food, visited and comforted them during what has been an impossible time. All of the prayers and well wishes were felt and appreciated more than you will ever know.

"If there ever comes a day where we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever."—Winnie the Pooh

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

PD. NOTICE

Jacky Sanders



JACKY SANDERS

Funeral services for Jacky Sanders, 72, of Haskell were held Mon., Feb. 6 at First Baptist Church in Weinert with Bro. Dan Bullock officiating and Dr. Joe Arthur assisting. Burial was at Atwell Cemetery in Callahan County under the direction of Haskell Funeral Home.

Born July 4, 1944 in

Weinert, he was the son of Andrew and Sally (Alexander) Sanders. On Sept. 21, 1963, he married Sandra Isbell in Haskell. Jacky owned and operated S&S Tile Company for 40+ years, he also was a rancher during this time. He enjoyed collecting and showing classic cars. Jacky was a member of First Baptist Church of Weinert. He loved hunting, fishing, gardening and spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Andrew Cody Sanders; four sisters, Lona Mae Phelps, Eva Hardman, Martha Maupin and Scarlet Cole.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Sandra Sanders of Haskell; children, Ricky

Sanders and wife Shana of Brock; Rex Sanders and wife Mandy of Aledo; Jaclyn Sanders and Shaella of Springtown; grandchildren, Shambry, Abigail, Robert, Charolette, Keigan, Logan and Kinzler; siblings, Oman "Bud" Sanders and wife Wilma, Ethel Slade, Andy Sanders and wife Marlene, Marie Kirkland and husband B.D., Sue Cox and husband Walter and Rocky Sanders; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of dear friends.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford St. Abilene, TX 79605.

Condolences may be made at www.haskellfuneralhometx.com.

PD. NOTICE

Texas selected to test autonomous vehicles

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has named Texas a national Automated Vehicle (AV) Proving Ground for the testing of connected and automated vehicle technologies. The designation establishes Texas as a leader in the research and development of new transportation technologies that could make roads safer and less congested.

"With five of the nation's 15 fastest-growing cities in Texas and our population expected to potentially double by the year 2050, Texas must be a leader in new technology that addresses transportation challenges," said Texas Department of Transportation Deputy Executive Director Marc Williams. "This partnership puts Texas at the forefront of automated vehicle technologies that likely will shape the future of transportation around the world."

Texas' booming population and economy

make it an ideal test site for automated and connected vehicle technology. This technology is increasingly being developed and tailored to address congestion and increase safety, by reducing human error. It also offers opportunities to improve how people and goods move throughout their communities and the nation at large. Testing it, in different environments and uses, is an important step in assuring these technologies will be safe and reliable.

Texas was one of 10 regions selected from an applicant pool of more than 60. Texas offers a unique statewide capability, starting with existing controlled environments on research campuses such as Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin and the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) Campus in San Antonio. Texas' additional testing environments are available in several municipal and regional areas, and

include unique settings such as barrier-separated lanes, medical districts, transit bus corridors and border crossings. These varied and unique test sites will help the USDOT develop guidelines for automated vehicle technologies.

The rapid rate at which this technology is progressing will ultimately require a formal testing plan to be developed and approved by the appropriate state and local agencies, including the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Until then, initial testing will take place on closed research proving grounds.

TxDOT joins the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), The University of Texas at Austin's Center for Transportation Research (CTR), Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) and 32 municipal and regional partners to form the Texas AV Proving Grounds Partnership.

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Applications for Financial Assistance from Operation Round Up Accepted Now through February 17

Applications for assistance from Operation Round Up, will be accepted now through February 17 at 11:00 a.m.

The Operation Round Up program, administered by volunteers on the Big Country Electric Cooperative trust board of directors, allows the cooperative and its members to partner together to provide financial assistance to those in need locally. This program is supported by co-op members whose electric bills are "Rounded Up" to the nearest dollar. The "Round Up" amount goes into the Operation Round Up fund for distribution to individuals and organizations with demonstrated financial need in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton. Applications are evaluated with the utmost confidence and funding decisions made by the trust's board of directors—your peers and neighbors—who volunteer their time, hearts and consideration to make decisions that will positively impact lives in our communities. Food needs and food banks, shelter, medical bills and health needs, rescue organizations, educational projects, child care programs and other special needs are just a few of the ways this fund helps families and groups in our local communities. Every penny stays right here at home, in the counties we serve.

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

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Haskell CISD is the recipient of a \$1000 grant from the Robert and Anita Herren Memorial Fund for Haskell, a fund of the Community Foundation of Abilene. Haskell CISD is extremely grateful for the funds and we will use them to help our band program at Haskell High.

We truly appreciate the generous gift in memory of Robert and Anita Herren.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AWARD—Kim Bassett, right, Haskell County Constable, was chosen as the law enforcement officer to receive the Rotary Service over Self award. Tammy Cunningham, Rotary president, made the presentation.

Big Country Electric Cooperative sends three to D.C.

Through the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, an annual program sponsored by electric cooperatives nationwide, three local students will join about 140 fellow Texans for the trip of a lifetime June 7-16.

Peyton Bevel of Stamford, and Jaycee and Kenna Ferguson, both of Haskell, will represent Big Country EC (BCEC) on the Youth Tour. Sarah Fouts, also of Haskell, is the runner-up. Each of these students will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from BCEC as well.

The program evolved from an idea of then-Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, an advocate of rural electrification and youth supporter, who inspired cooperatives to send area students to the U.S. capital to see their American heritage and government at work. Since 1965, electric cooperatives in Texas have participated in the nationwide program, coordinated by Texas Electric Cooperatives, the statewide association. More than 3,800 Texas students have gone on the trip since its inception.

The events kick off in Austin, where students tour the Capitol and its visitors center, and the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Next, the students fly to Washington, D.C., and

begin a whirlwind tour of the nation's capital, visiting the Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Smithsonian Institution, memorials and more. Activities include learning about rural electrification, seeing a performance at the Kennedy Center, going on a Potomac River boat cruise with dinner and dancing, and meeting elected officials.

The trip lasts a week, but the memories and friendships last a lifetime.

The local contest topic is different each year, but Big Country EC's goal with the topic is to have the students research the co-op, or an issue that affects the co-op and/or its members. This year's topic was: Does residential solar make sense for you? Contestants were charged with putting themselves in the decision-making shoes for their household, and to then make a 3 to 5-minute video about their findings and conclusion. A total of 13 excellent videos were submitted, representing six different local schools.

For more information about the Texas Youth Tour, visit TexasYouthTour.com, find the Texas Youth Tour Alumni page on Facebook or ask Big Country EC for a copy of Your Tour magazine.



RECEIVES PIN—Dorothea Monroe, left, receives a 60 year membership pin from Haskell Lodge #241 president Jerry Don Klose.

Haskell Lodge # 241

Haskell Lodge #241 met in regular session Feb. 5 with members anxious to view the Super Bowl game, but interested also in keeping their lodge meeting in regular monthly attendance.

Discussions were held concerning activities that will benefit the lodge and encourage new membership. Ideas were shared and comments were about people, places and performances.

Dorothea Monroe received her 60 year membership pin. President Jerry Don Klose had the

honor of pinning it on her. Members are encouraged to attend meetings and tell other members about the urgent need of attendance. Fellowship is enjoyed following the business meeting and usually a shared meal, but not lingering too long.

Jerry Don Klose won the door prize, his name being drawn by Harry Koehler.

Our appreciation to Dorothea Monroe for being our hostess. Members will meet the first Sunday in March at the Monroe home, unless further notice.



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z: Black Beans

Did you know? Black beans are available all year long! Black beans are an excellent source of magnesium, a mineral lacking in most adult diets! Black beans are high in protein and serve as a valuable part of a vegetarian or vegan diet.

A fun fact is beans can be divided into two main groups: those with edible pods and those with edible seeds.

What am I looking for? Look for beans with bright pods that are firm and plump. Dried beans shouldn't be kept for more than a year.

Wash beans well before use. Avoid beans with tough pods or pods that are flimsy.

Black Bean Bagel Bites
1 cup cooked black beans, mashed

1/4 teaspoon cumin
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
8 100% whole wheat mini bagels

1 cup canned corn, drained
1 cup fat-free mozzarella

cheese, shredded
1/2 head lettuce, chopped
1 large tomato, diced

Wash your hands and clean your cooking area. In a skillet or microwave, combine beans, cumin and garlic powder. Mash thoroughly and heat on low for 1 minute. Spread 1 tablespoon of beans onto half of mini bagel. Layer bagel with corn, cheese, lettuce and tomato. Serve immediately or cover and store in the refrigerator.

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes
Serves: 16
Nutrition facts:

Calories 100, Total fat 0.5 g, Cholesterol 5 mg, Sodium 310 mg, Total carbohydrate 17 g, Protein 8 g

Check out our webpage at www.haskell.agrilife.org to print this recipe out or to view the latest Haskell County Family and Consumer Science Newsletter for even more healthy recipes and topics on nutrition, health, physical activity, parenting, and money management.

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Calendar

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/>.

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.

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.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell County 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.

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.

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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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago February 8, 2007

Mike Guess of Haskell, has been elected vice president of both First National Bank-Haskell and First National Bank-Rochester...

Gary Frierson, Haskell Indian defensive lineman, has been named to the North All-Star team playing in the Eighth Annual FCA Myrle Greathouse football game...

The Paint Creek Jr. High One Act Play won third in district competition. Named to the All-Star Cast were Haley Myers and Shana Armstrong...

20 Years Ago February 6, 1997

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation has been organized to support Haskell schools. Officers and board members of the non-profit organization are Doyle High, Andrew Gannaway, Shane Hadaway...

Members of the Haskell Math Team competed against seventeen schools

at the Stamford Math and Science Meet. HHS team members placing in the top ten were Kevin McSmith, Meg McManamon, Kristi Escobedo, Jessica Thompson, Chris McSmith, Anna Rieger and Lyle Fouts.

30 Years Ago February 5, 1987

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Brown Sr., were honored with a surprise anniversary dinner in the home of his sister Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Frizell of Stamford...

Charles (Ike) Neal, agency manager of the Haskell County Farm Bureau, has been awarded the National Quality Award by the National Association of Life Underwriters...

Karen Croft Britzky has been named "Nurse of the Year" at M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Croft of Haskell...

40 Years Ago February 10, 1977

Drivers License Patrolman Dennis Young was recognized for his twenty-five years of service in the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. He was presented a certificate and a pin at the DPS Quarter Century banquet held in Austin.

Haskell County students earning Distinguished

Student ranking at Texas A&M University were Susan Lewis, Jack McAdoo Jr. and Jim B. Mickler.

50 Years Ago February 9, 1967

Receiving their God and Country Awards were Haskell Boy Scouts Bill Cox, Mike Dulaney, Gary Black, Randall Arend, Larry Jewell, Terry Hutson and Bobby Cobb.

Mrs. S. Hassen was the program director for the meeting of the Magazine Club. She introduced speakers Mrs. L.R. Gamble and Mrs. E.M. Frierson, who discussed the "First Ladies Mary Todd Lincoln and Bess Truman."

Betty Ozuna of Haskell was selected to be a candidate in the Queen for Latin-American Baptist Youth in Central West Texas contest.

90 Years Ago February 3, 1927

Leslie Medford and Dela Moore were quietly married in Haskell on Saturday. The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Medford...

Quite a number of the boys and girls at Weinert High School are preparing to enter the declamatory contest of the Interscholastic League. Mr. Reaves will have charge of those who do not take expression...

Cardiorespiratory fitness can be added to routine checkup

Chances are your routine checkup involves height, weight, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels, but if you've never had your cardiorespiratory fitness assessed, add that to the list, says Dr. Benjamin Levine...

Center and Director of the Institute of Exercise and Environmental Medical, jointly run by UT Southwestern and Texas Health Resources.

"Cardiorespiratory fitness represents the maximal work a person can do during exercise. It's

generally measured on a treadmill or a bike, though it can also be estimated by simple field tests, like the time someone can run or walk two miles," says Dr. Levine, who was part of an American Heart Association group that recently issued a Scientific Statement calling for physicians to make an assessment of cardiorespiratory fitness a routine part of patient care.

While there are sophisticated and precise measurements of cardiorespiratory fitness that are done in a physician's office, it's possible for individuals to get a rough estimate of their fitness on their own. There are many versions of cardiorespiratory fitness tests and calculators online.

"This measurement is so important because it shows how the heart, lungs, and muscles all work together, and it should be an element of assessment of heart disease risk along with factors like smoking history, diabetes, and hypertension," Dr. Levine says. "Decades of tests have clearly demonstrated that the ability to do aerobic exercise is strongly correlated with heart health."



VISITS AUSTIN-The Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Group visited Austin Feb. 1-2. They visited with State Representatives James Frank, left, and Drew Springer, right. Group members include, l-r, Mary Jane Buerkle, Nathan Buerkle, Maggie McGhee, Jeff Lyles, Lorrie Coop, Jimi Coplen and Laramie Letz.

Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

by Jimi Coplen, DCOH DCOH at a glance

The DCOH has been busy with several projects lately. We recently hosted the Springboard Competition (Jan. 30), the Women's Breakfast (Jan. 31), and took our Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Group to Austin (Feb. 1-2). Along with those things, we have been responding to business recruitment leads and helping Keep Haskell Beautiful with their Governor's Achievement award application.

The Springboard competition, put on by Abilene Christian University and sponsored by Workforce Solutions, held a regional competition in Haskell Jan. 30. The goal was to find entrepreneurs and help them launch their business idea. We had three future businesses competing for a chance to advance and ultimately win \$15,000. They each did a great job.

The second, quarterly Women's Breakfast was held Jan. 31 at the Women's Space. There were 10-

12 people in attendance. After breakfast we heard a great presentation by Kristi Stevens about Being Uniquely You. She gave us tips and tricks and how to stand out in your business and online marketing.

The Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Group attended a trip to Austin to cover state government. This is one of the highlights of our program. The group met with several state agencies, learning about the various programs they offer to our community as well as how they could get involved with the agency. The group also met with their State Representatives, James Frank and Drew Springer. Additionally, the group toured the Governor's Mansion as well as the Bob Bullock Museum.

The state of Texas regularly has businesses inquiring about expanding to Texas. The DCOH is actively responding to all business expansion leads that Haskell meets the requirements for. Haskell is fortunate enough to have resources such as land,

buildings, incentives, and more that help us to be competitive. Unfortunately, some businesses require things we don't have like rail service, but we work hard to promote the assets we do have and try to convince people Haskell is a good opportunity.

The DCOH has also been active in helping Keep Haskell Beautiful apply for a \$90,000 grant provided by Keep Texas Beautiful. This group has worked hard all year long to meet very specific requirements of this grant application. The DCOH (and many others) helped pull all this information together to provide a competitive grant application. This grant will help continue the efforts to make Haskell a better place to live and work.

The DCOH wants to thank everyone who goes above and beyond to make Haskell what it is. We applaud you for your hard work and dedication. The DCOH will continue working hard for you! If you have any questions, please call us at 940-864-3424.

Interest rates present opportunities and challenges for consumers

In December the Federal Reserve raised interest rates for just the second time in the last seven years. While the details of how much and when the Fed changes interest rates are subject to the speculation of economists, one thing is certain: a rise in interest rates has a definite effect on consumers. And, with the Fed signaling its intent to raise rates several more times throughout 2017, consumers should consider the potential impact that a rising interest rate environment can have on their wallets. These tips are intended to help you do just that.

What do rising rates mean in the big picture?

When banks make loans or pay interest for deposits in a savings account, they determine the interest rate by using the Federal Reserve rate as a baseline. Therefore, when the Federal Reserve's interest rates go up or down, the amount that banks charge for a loan or pay on deposits can go up or down as well.

With interest rates at or near 0% over the last several years, those looking to save money have received very little interest for their savings. Meanwhile, those who have borrowed money have been able to do so relatively inexpensively.

Rising rates will make it more attractive to save money because banks will pay a higher interest rate on savings deposits (although rates will likely stay at historic lows in the short term). Those looking to borrow money should expect to pay more than they have in recent history. Therefore, if you're looking at financing

consumer purchases like automobiles, furniture or appliances, you'll want to move soon to get ahead of additional interest rate increases.

How do rising rates affect my credit card?

For many credit cards, the interest you pay on balances carried over from month to month is variable. This means that, when the Federal Reserve rates rise, the amount of interest charged by your credit card company can rise along with them.

For this reason, paying off your credit card debt is the best plan of action to avoid significant impact from rising rates.

However, if paying off your credit card is a longer-term goal, then now is the time to look for a low-interest or fixed-rate option to transfer your balances elsewhere. Contact your local community bank to ask about options to transfer all of your variable rate balances to a fixed rate loan. Then, you can begin the process of paying down balances without worrying about increases in interest charged by your credit card company.

Looking to sell or purchase a home?

If you are interested in selling your home, rising rates might benefit you in the short term. If consumers are anticipating increasing mortgage costs, then they will be motivated to purchase your home sooner rather than later in the year. The longer you wait to put your home on the market, however, the more likely your pool of potential buyers will be affected by higher loan costs, potentially affecting what they'll be willing to pay

for your home. If you're buying a home, the same rules are in play. The sooner you buy a home in the calendar year, the less you're likely to pay in interest.

Finally, if you haven't refinanced your home during the extended period of low interest rates, now may be the last chance to capitalize on the historic lows. This is particularly important if you have a balloon or variable rate mortgage which is subject to increasing rates to follow the Federal Reserve.

What about student loans? Federal student loans rates are fixed so, if you have a federal loan, you won't be affected by rising rates. However, if you have a private student loan, you should contact your lender to find out whether your rate is fixed or variable.

The Federal Reserve's increase in rates is not anticipated to be sudden or dramatic so, if you find you're in a variable interest rate private loan, you should have plenty of time to shop some options for refinancing student debt into a fixed rate loan.

While rising interest rates signal an overall positive turn in the economy, they do have definite impacts on consumers. For consumers who have entered the workforce in the last seven years, the shift to a rising rate environment can be hard to understand. But, with a little foresight and planning, you'll be positioned to insulate yourself from the harshest impacts of rising rates. And, hopefully, you'll be able to enjoy some of their benefits with greater interest on your hard earned savings.

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Maidens

8-2A District Champs



DISTRICT CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens are the 8-2A district champions. Team members are, l-r, Delaney Hanson, Coach Lolo Martinez, Emma Roewe, Jordan Garvin, Head Coach Blake

Eddleman, Ariel Martinez, Taylor Manske, Courtney Whitt, Ashlyn Bevel, Landry Hanson, Hollyn Hadaway, C'Era Taylor, Makinzie Garvin, Coach Melissa Burson, Kailee Benton and Melody Martinez.

Bi-District Game

Haskell Maidens vs Eldorado Lady Eagles

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Maidens' basketball

Maidens fight off the Lady Tigers

The Haskell Maidens made the short drive down the road last Tuesday night, Jan. 31 to take on the Anson Lady Tigers 16-12 (5-5) in District 8-2A action. Haskell got off to a slow start the first half, but finished strong by outscoring Anson 38-12 the second half to get the 52-23 road win. The Maidens won their seventeenth game in a row and they remain undefeated in district play. They move to 25-5 overall and a perfect (10-0) in district.

Haskell was led by junior Makinzie Garvin who finished with 11 points, 7 steals, 2 rebounds and 2 assists. "I thought Makinzie had a great all around game on both ends of the floor. She gave us a spark that we desperately needed," head coach Blake Eddleman said. Once the Maidens got rolling on offense, it was a collective effort. C'Era Taylor had 9 points, Ashlyn Bevel 8, Jordan Garvin 8, Courtney Whitt 6, Taylor Manske 4, Ariel Martinez 3, Landry Hanson 2 and Hollyn Hadaway 1. Leading the team in assists were Hanson with 4, M. Garvin 2, Bevel 1 and C. Taylor 1.

Haskell was (15-43) 34% from the field, (5-23) 21% from behind the three point arc, and (17-26) 65% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, we just did not shoot the ball well and we were not very patient the first half. We did a much better job the second half. Our shots began to fall and we did a much better job of being more patient and getting the ball inside the paint," Eddleman said.

The Maidens made it tough on the Lady Tigers offensively forcing them to shoot (5-23) for 21% from the field. "Defensively, I was very proud of the girls. They did a good job in our man to man defense and 1-2-2 half court trapping defense.

We changed defenses a little bit the second half to help speed up the game and get some easy transition points," Eddleman said.

Haskell won the rebound battle 30-23. Sophomore Taylor Manske once again led the team in rebounds with 6 followed by Whitt with 5, J. Garvin 4, Hadaway 4, Hanson 4 and C. Taylor 3. Leading the team in steals were Makinzie Garvin with a season high 7 steals followed by her sister Jordan Garvin with 5, Hanson 3 and Manske 2.

"Overall, it was a pretty strange game for a little while. Anson has hung their hat on pressing and playing an up tempo game for the past three years in non-district and district play. They decided to do the complete opposite against us the second round of district. They dropped back into a passive 1-2-2 zone and they were extremely patient on offense."

"We made some adjustments throughout the course of the game and things slowly began to work out in our favor. I was very proud of all the girls. They stayed the course and did whatever was needed to get the tough road win," Eddleman added.

Coach Melissa Burson and the JV Maidens continue to roll through their district competition. They defeated Anson 39-18. They stay undefeated at 25-0 overall and (10-0) in district. They are two wins away from achieving a perfect season.

Coach Eddleman and the eighth Maidens traveled to Hamlin this past Monday afternoon. It was a close battle from start to finish, but the Maidens ended up falling late 32-28.

The Maiden basketball season is quickly coming to an end for the Junior High teams and the JV team. If you have not had a chance to watch these young ladies,

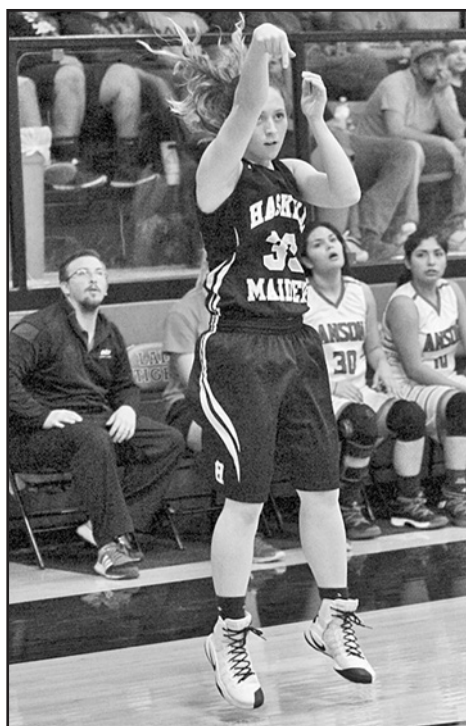
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Maidens roll past Plowgirls on Senior Night

The Haskell Maidens and their two seniors Ashlyn Bevel and Courtney Whitt got their 20th district home win in a row by defeating the Roscoe Plowgirls 76-45 on Senior Night this past Friday, Feb. 3. The district home winning streak dates back to their freshman year. Haskell outscored Roscoe 42-18 and they continued to roll the second half to protect home court for the last time this season. The 21st ranked Maidens move to 26-5 overall and 11-0 in district 8-2A.

The Maidens were led offensively by a host of players. Junior Makinzie Garvin had a season high 17 points, senior Courtney Whitt had a career high 14 points, junior Hollyn Hadaway had a season high 13 points and senior Ashlyn Bevel had 10 points. Haskell had a lot of players contribute to their season high 76 points. C'Era Taylor had 8 points, Jordan Garvin 6, Landry Hanson 5 and Taylor Manske 4. Senior Ashlyn Bevel capped off her last home game with her first career double-double finishing with 10 points and a career high 10 assists. Other players that led in assists were Manske with 3, Ariel Martinez 2, Hanson 2 and Hadaway 1.

Haskell shot (28-83) 33% from the field, (9-36) 25% from behind the 3 point arc, and (11-19) 57% from the free-throw line. "Offensively, I really liked the pace that we played at and the girls did a great job getting extra possessions through offensive rebounds. We shot a season high 83 attempts and that really contributed to our season high 76 points. We have a lot of players that can score the ball and they are all capable of leading the



MAIDENS DEFEAT ANSON—Haskell Maiden Makinzie Garvin, left, drops a nothing but net three pointer against Anson. Maiden Jordan Garvin, right, drives past the Anson defender in the Maidens' win over Anson.

team in scoring on any given night," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

The Maidens gave up a district high 45 points and a district high 40% field goal percentage to the (1-10) Plowgirls. Roscoe shot (14-35) for 40% from the field and (13-23) for 57% from the free-throw line. "Defensively, I was very disappointed and not happy about our play on that end of the floor. We lacked focus, discipline and effort. We had too many players getting beat off the dribble, we had too many defensive rotations, and we had too many players doing their own thing. We will only go as far as our defense and discipline takes us in the playoffs," Eddleman said.

Haskell once again won the rebound battle 49-24. Sophomore Taylor Manske led the way with 14 rebounds followed by Hadaway with 8, C. Taylor 8, J. Garvin 6 and Whitt 6. Leading the team in steals were Jordan Garvin with 3 and her sister Makinzie Garvin 2, Hadaway 2 and Manske 2.

"Overall, it was an exciting night for our team and I was really happy for our two seniors. Ashlyn got her first career double-double and she had a career high

10 assists. Courtney had a career high 14 points. It is pretty awesome when stuff like that happens for kids on Senior Night. They are great kids and they have played a huge part in our programs success over the past 4 years. They stepped up every year and always did what was best for their specific team for that specific year. I care about them very much and they will be greatly missed," Eddleman added.

Haskell	22	20	13	21	= 76
Anson	9	9	10	17	= 45

Coach Melissa Burson and the JV Maidens continue to march on and roll through their competition. They beat Roscoe 57-23. They move to an impressive 26-0 overall and 11-0 in district. They will look to complete their perfect season at Albany on Tues., Feb. 7. If you have not watched them, this will be your last chance.

Coach Lolo Martinez and

the seventh Maidens won the district tournament. They received a bye the first round, they beat Stamford 33-30 this second round, and they beat Anson in the championship game 30-20. If you have not watched them, you have one more chance. They play at Merkel on Mon., Feb. 6.

Coach Eddleman and the eighth Maidens got third place in the district tournament. They beat Hawley 27-26 on a three point buzzer beater by Abby Andress during the first round, they lost to Anson in the second round, and they beat Stamford 30-13 in the third place game. This group of girls has really improved throughout the course of the year. They will finish up their season at Merkel on Mon., Feb. 6. If you have not watched them, you have one more chance.

Player of the week

Haskell Maiden Makinzie Garvin was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Top 10 Tues., Feb. 7.

Garvin, a junior guard, played roughly 16 minutes in games against Anson

and Roscoe producing a combined 28 points, nine steals, five rebounds and two assists. She shot 6 of 12 from the 3-point line, aiding the Maidens in the two district victories.



SENIOR ATHLETES—Haskell Indian and Maiden seniors were recognized at the last home game of the season Friday night, Feb. 3. They will be greatly missed and it has been a pleasure watching all their years representing the black and gold. Seniors are l-r, Lane Burson, Austin Alsbrook, Courtney Whitt, Jacee Guess, Ashlyn Bevel and Alec Roewe.

Haskell Co. DA Dispositions

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Ronnie Alan Phillips. Offense: Engaging in organized criminal activity (F-1). Pled guilty. Sentenced to 12 years confinement, TDCJ Institutional Division, plus court cost.

Ronnie Alan Phillips. Offense: Possession of a controlled substance, meth, under 1 gram (SJJ). Pled True to a Motion to Revoke Probation. Sentenced to 16 months confinement, TDCJ State Jail Division, plus court cost, fine and restitution.

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Offense: Deadly contact (F-3). Probation given 5/12/16. Probation revoked. Pled True. Sentenced to 10 years confinement TDCJ Institutional Division, plus court cost.

Travon Gerrel Dessivia. Offense: Evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Probation given 5/12/16. Probation revoked. Pled True. Sentenced to 10 years confinement TDCJ Institutional Division, plus court cost and fine.

Travon Gerrel Dessivia. Offense: Unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon (F-3). Pled guilty. Sentenced to 10 years confinement TDCJ Institutional Division, plus court cost.

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Travon Gerrel Dessivia. Offense: Engaging in organized criminal activity (F-1). Pled guilty. Sentenced to 15 years confinement TDCJ Institutional Division, plus court cost.

Roy Lee Mays. Offense: Engaging in organized criminal activity (F-1). Pled guilty. Sentenced to 12 years confinement TDCJ Institutional Division, plus court cost.

Timothy Sanders. Offense: Forgery. Pled guilty. Sentenced 2 years confinement TDCJ State Jail Division, probated 3 years, plus fine, court cost and restitution.

Mary Wilson. Offense: Possession of a controlled substance. Pled guilty. Sentenced 3 years deferred Adjudication, plus fine, court cost and restitution.

Tammy Hearne. Offense: Driving while intoxicated. Pled guilty. Sentenced to 180 days confinement County Jail, probated 1 year.

Brandon Platt. Offense: Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Pled guilty. Sentenced to 17 months confinement TDCJ State Jail Division, plus court cost.

Ashley Crossley. Offense: Possession of a controlled substance. Pled guilty. Sentenced to 3 years deferred adjudication, plus fine, court cost and restitution.

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Helpful hints to save successfully in 2017

Now that the holiday season of spending is behind us, this is the time many people focus on their goal of saving in the year ahead. With a little bit of work, you can easily start off your New Year's resolutions right by creating or updating your savings plans for you or your family. These helpful tips will get you headed in the right direction.

Stick to your plans

The first lesson to remember when developing a savings plan for your family is that it takes real planning. Saving requires an active decision to put money away. When we fail to plan our entertainment, we end up spending costly evenings out. When we

fail to plan our meals, we end up eating at expensive restaurants. Set aside time each week to decide how often you're going to grab a cup of coffee on the way to work, go out to lunch with coworkers or have drinks after work with friends. Making a plan and sticking to it will relieve you from game-time decision making, which usually results in greater expenses.

Make saving automatic

One of the easiest ways to save money is to eliminate the decision to save every month. If you haven't already done so, connect your checking account to a savings account at your bank or to your retirement account. In most cases,

you'll be able to set up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account to coincide with your payroll deposits. That way, the money is moved out of your checking account and into the appropriate savings account before you ever see it.

Don't have money to save? Review your bills

Just as saving is easier when it's automatic, spending is also easier when it happens without effort. Many Americans have put their monthly expenses on auto-pay via a bank account, credit card or debit card. This saves the monthly hassle of paying bills, but it might also put your relationships with service providers in the "out of sight, out of mind"

category. While your monthly payments have been made automatically for phone, cable and other service providers, the initial promotional rates you might have once enjoyed on those accounts have possibly expired.

Take time to revisit your relationships with these service providers. Call them and ask for a better deal. Or, shop around with their competitors. Most service providers don't want to lose you as a customer and will extend to you the "new customer" discounts or something similar to get you to stay. Once you successfully reset these relationships, you can add the total amount saved to your automated savings

deposits each month.

Still don't have money to save? Take control of your expenses

The biggest hurdle to save money is often our impulse purchases, the things we really want in the short term but don't really need in the long term. One of the most time-proven ways of helping families control expenses is the cash envelope system. This requires you to make a plan for your monthly expenses, deciding up front what you will spend on groceries, eating out, entertainment and other purchases.

Once you've made the plan, take cash from your bank account and put it in envelopes marked with the appropriate areas of expense. Using cash makes

decisions to spend more difficult, especially when you can see the money dwindling from your envelope. Worried about carrying cash? Utilize a free mobile application like Goodbudget, which simulates the cash envelope system for expense management while still allowing you to use your debit card for purchases.

Saving doesn't necessarily require a drastic change in your lifestyle. Taking small but achievable steps towards a goal is often the best way to achieve success in the long term. And, doing so will help you put a plan in place that will survive well past the point where most people give up on their new year's resolutions.

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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:
NOVOEXPLORATION 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 requiring 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,

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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:
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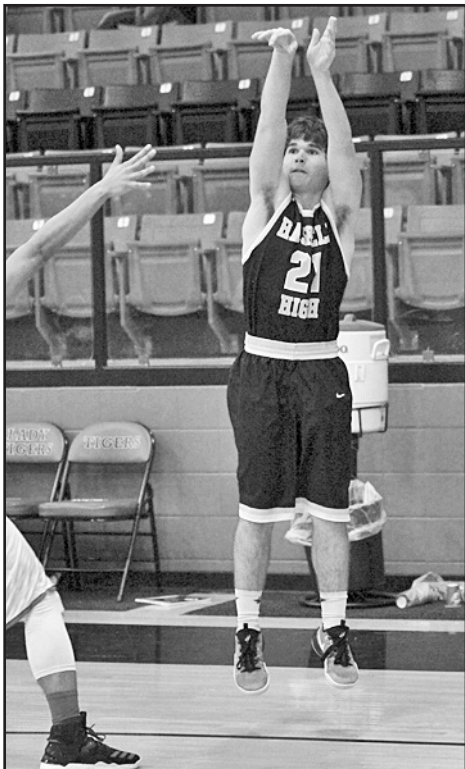
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Indians' basketball



THREE POINTS—Haskell Indian Caleb Wheat, left, puts up a three pointer against Anson. Indian Tanner Thomas, right, drains the three pointer in the Indians win over Anson.

Indians beat Hawley 37-33

The Indians entered Friday night's contest trailing the Hawley Bearcats by a game in the district standings. The Indians lost their first meeting with Hawley in early January in a lop-sided contest in Hawley.

Early in the contest, it looked as if the Indians were doomed for a repeat performance as Hawley started the game on a 7-0 run. The Indians would trail by as many as nine points during the second quarter, but a late Indian rally, led by Austin Alsabrook (5 points) would cut the Bearcat lead to two heading into halftime.

The Indians built off of their momentum to start the third quarter and would take the lead on a R.J. Chavez (10 points) layup. The Indians would take a five point lead into the fourth quarter, but both teams would tighten up defensively. The Indians managed only three points in the final frame, but stellar defense by the Indians held the Bearcats to four fourth quarter points. Alec Roewe's free throw with under a minute to play preserved the win for the Indians.

Coach Tully Brown said, "I challenged our guys before the game. I told them that we were going to have to fight for 32 minutes and that we were going to have to withstand some of Hawley's

best punches. I felt like our guys did that tonight. It wasn't pretty at times, but sometimes (especially in district) you just have to find a way. Our guys found a way tonight. The road doesn't get any easier from here and we're going to have to play playoff basketball for the next four games."

Haskell	6	14	14	3	= 37
Hawley	11	11	7	4	= 33

Indians beat Anson 56-43

The Indians made the trip to Jones County for the second time in as many weeks to face the Anson Tigers for another District 8-2A showdown.

The Indians won the opening tip and started the game on a quick 10-4 run. Coach Tully Brown said, "I thought the runs that we made at the beginning of the first and third quarters were the difference in the game. We've been notoriously slow starters at the beginning of each half. It was nice to see the team play with urgency early on."

Despite the Indians hot start, Anson would rally and briefly take a five point lead late in the second quarter. The lead would be Anson's only lead of the game and was quickly erased by a five point outburst by Haskell's Caleb Wheat. The Indians would take a one-point advantage into the half.

Wheat's scoring flurry would carry over into the second half and it seemed to be contagious. The Indians would connect on nine three point attempts (Wheat 3, Thomas 3, Roewe 2, Chavez 1) with six coming in the second half.

The Indians would take a nine point advantage heading into the fourth quarter. Anson would get as close as eight points, but the Indians would hit timely free throws down the stretch and put the game away for good.

Coach Brown said, "I thought it was total team effort tonight by our guys. We had three guys in double figures (Thomas 12, Roewe 12, Wheat 11). Rocky, Lane and Kyler had 10 offensive boards collectively. R.J. led the team in assists with six. Aaron Skiles stepped up late with some big free throws. I told the guys that it's going to be someone different each night and the game is going to ask you to do different things sometimes. One game, the team might need you to score 15 points and the next game the team might need you to get 10 rebounds. I think that mentality is going to be a strength of this team. I was very proud of the way each guy stepped up tonight."

Up next: The Indians will host the Roscoe Plowboys. Tip-off is at 8:00 p.m.

Haskell	10	9	17	20	= 56
Anson	10	8	9	16	= 43

Indians beat Roscoe 35-19

The Haskell Indians entered Friday night's contest with Roscoe only one win away from a playoff birth. The Indians traveled to Roscoe in early January and managed to squeak by with a 5-point victory (36-31), so the Indians knew they had their work cut out for them.

Coach Tully Brown said, "When we play Roscoe, it's almost as if we're playing a mirror image of ourselves. Our schemes are very similar and Coach Johnny Martin does a great job with those guys. They're very disciplined and good at what they do. It's definitely a tough match-up for us."

From the tip, the Indians left no doubt about what they aimed to accomplish. The Indians raced to a 9-2 lead after one quarter. Roscoe's 2 points were the fewest points the Indians had allowed in a single quarter all year. As if that wasn't good enough, the Indians managed to completely shut-out the Plowboys in the second quarter and took a 16-2 advantage into the half.

Coach Brown credited the quick start to his team's willingness to rebound, "We held Roscoe to 2 points in one half of basketball. That's pretty impressive any way you slice it. I felt like we gave up some good looks early, but we managed to limit them to one shot per possession in that first half. Rocky Haggard, Lane Burson and Kyler Hoover did an exceptional job on the glass. I really felt like that was the difference."

In the second half, it would be the Haskell seniors that put the game away for

good. Alec Roewe scored 5 points in the third quarter and Austin Alsabrook managed to come away with 4 steals in the second half to put the game out of reach. The Indians would cruise to a 35-19 victory.

The 2016-2017 seniors (Austin Alsabrook, Lane Burson, Kellen Parks and Alec Roewe) finished their career at Haskell gymnasium on Friday night by winning their final game. The senior class will finish their career

for the Indians having made the playoffs 3 out of 4 seasons as members of the basketball team.

The Indians will play their final two district games on the road at Albany and at Hamlin. The second seed is still in play for the Indians.

Box Score: Burson 2, Wheat 5, Thomas 6, Alsabrook 3, Chavez 2, Roewe 8, Haggard 4, Hoover 5.

Haskell	9	7	9	10	= 35
Roscoe	2	0	6	11	= 19

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