

## Softball

**Maidens**  
**Wichita Falls Tournament**  
 Thurs.-Sat., March 2-4  
**Maidens vs Eula**  
 Tues., March 7, 5:00 p.m.  
 at Eula

## Baseball

**Indians**  
**Eastland Tournament**  
 Thurs.-Sat., March 2-4

## Track

**Maidens**  
**Anson Meet Thurs., Mar. 2**

## Calendar

### PC one act play

Paint Creek High School is presenting "Ladies In Waiting," a one act play, for the public Thurs., March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Donations of any amount will be taken to help fund our OAP program. Thank you for your support!

### 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@haskelltx.us. For more information, please call the Chamber at 940-864-2477.

### Weekly story time

The Haskell County Library, 300 N. Ave. E, will host a weekly story time every Friday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Any age children, with parental supervision, are invited to listen and participate in stories, songs, rhymes and activities. For more information call 940-864-2747 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/HaskellCountyLibrary/>.

### Music Jubilee

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

### 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.

### 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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# The Haskell Free Press

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**BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS**—The Haskell Indians are bi-district champs. Team members are, front row, l-r, Logan Burson, Tanner Thomas and Cutter Medford. The Indians defeated Forsan 50-47 to take the bi-district championship; but, were defeated in the area round by Seagraves, 36-45.

## Indians defeat Forsan to take bi-district title

**Indians beat Forsan 50-47**

The red hot Haskell Indians traveled to Colorado City Tuesday night, Feb. 21, for their bi-district match-up with the Forsan Buffaloes.

Haskell (14-13) entered the contest as the fourth place representative for District 8-2A and the Buffaloes (25-5) were the District 7-2A champions. The Indians came into the game having won five of their previous six games, while the Buffaloes were winners of eleven of their previous twelve.

The game started as many would have predicted. Forsan raced out to an early 15-7 lead thanks to Tearell McVae's 8

first quarter points. However, a Tanner Thomas 3-pointer would pull the Indians closer as the first quarter came to a close.

Haskell seemed to "settle in" to the speed of the game in the second quarter. Forsan would only manage 4 points in the frame, while the Indians had a small offensive outburst. Coach Tully Brown credited his teams big second quarter to their commitment to rebound, "I felt like our ability to attack the offensive glass was the difference in the second quarter. R.J., Alec, Rocky and Kyler each scored off of putbacks in that quarter. Those second chance

opportunities were a large reason for our success in the first half."

The Indians managed to outscore the Buffaloes 12-4 in the second quarter and would take a 2 point advantage into the half (22-20).

When the third quarter began, the Indians picked up right where they left off. R.J. Chavez connected on back-to-back 3-pointers and pushed the Indian lead to 8 before Forsan called a quick timeout. Forsan would regain their composure and respond as Tearell McVae scored a quick 6 points to cut into the Indian lead, but seniors Kellen Parks and Alec

Roewe managed to keep the Indians ahead with timely buckets at the end of the third quarter. The two seniors would combine for 8 points in the frame.

The Indians entered the fourth quarter clinging to a 7 point lead. The lead would quickly disappear when Kobe Richardson connected on a 3-point attempt and a pair of free throws for the Buffaloes. As they've grown accustomed to doing, the Indians answered the bell in the fourth quarter. Five players scored for the Indians in the final frame as the Indians burned time off of the clock. A Kyler Hoover free throw with 12 seconds to play

would put the Indians up 3. Forsan managed to heave up a desperation 3 as the buzzer sounded, but the ball never struck iron.

The final score: Haskell 50, Forsan 47.

Coach Brown offered high praise for his team following the win, "People will sometimes ask you what the strength of your team is and my answer is simple. The strength of our team is the TEAM. We've won six out of our last seven games. In those six wins, we've had 7 or 8 players score. It's been pretty special and I couldn't be more proud of our guys."

Haskell 10 12 16 12 = 50  
 Forsan 16 4 11 16 = 47

## Nine Maidens named to All-District teams

The Haskell Maidens recently ended a very successful basketball season, the result of which saw individual honors for all nine Maidens.

District 8-2A named senior Ashlyn Bevel as Co-Offensive MVP, while sophomore Taylor Manske was chosen Defensive MVP. Junior Maiden Makinzie Garvin was selected Sixth Man and freshman Landry Hanson received Newcomer recognition.

Named to the All-District First Team were sophomore Jordan Garvin, sophomore C'Era Taylor and senior Courtney Whitt. Juniors Hollyn Hadaway and Ariel Martinez were listed on the All-District Second

Team. Makinzie Garvin, Hadaway and Martinez were also recognized on the All-District Academic list.

Maiden Head Coach Blake Eddleman and his coaching staff were recognized as the District Coach and Staff.

The Maidens finished the

season as Area Champions, undefeated in district play. They won all their home games and went into the Regional Quarterfinal game with a 21 game winning streak.

Coach Eddleman said,

"These girls had a great year and achieved so much as a team. I am so proud of them and they will always be a very special team to me. Our seniors, Bevel and Whitt, have played a huge part in our success over the past four years, because they

always did whatever was best for their team from year to year. On behalf of our team, I would like to thank everyone for the awesome support throughout the 2016-2017 season."

Congratulations Maidens on a job well done.



ASHLYN BEVEL



TAYLOR MANSKE



MAKINZIE GARVIN



LANDRY HANSON



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C'ERA TAYLOR



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# Hannsz attends shooting events at San Antonio Stock Show

Felicity Hannsz of Haskell PSCA Tour for 2017. She attended the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Jr. Shootout and the 1st Jr.

Hannsz shot Super Sporting Clays, Make-a-Break, NSCA Sporting Clays, American Trap and Preliminary Round of the Jr. PSCA. She did well in each discipline placing sixth in trap with a 96 out of 100. She missed the \$10,000.00 scholarship by one clay. Missing this close was heart breaking, but there is next year. The scholarship went to the first three girls with 97s. She was able to have a special shooting session with Gibben Miles, Michelle Miles and Cory Cruse, professional shooters. This was a special time for Hannsz because she met the professional shooters last year when she

won runner up in the PSCA. Hannsz was filmed and will air on television sometime in December or January. She was on national TV on the Sportsman Channel, Dish 395 last Dec. 27-29.

Hannsz will move on to Houston March 2-5 to the Houston Livestock Show "Young Guns" Sporting Clay Shoot. She won the HOA ladies in 2015 and in 2016 was in top ten. She won scholarship money both years and is very excited for this year's competition.

Hannsz wants to thank the community of Haskell and surrounding counties for all the support they have shown

to her with their generous sponsorships, donations and kind encouraging words. She would like to say thank you from the bottom of her heart to the following:

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Crop Insurance Agency Inc., Stamford, Ken and Gracie Millsap, Tulia, Tom Bassett (State Farm), Sport-About, Personality-Slipper Shoppe, Missy's and Fran's Laundry & Cleaners, Stamford.

Hannsz said, "This means a lot to me that this community and surrounding counties have so much faith in me with my shooting career and Haskell County 4-H Shooting Sports.

I would like to invite and encourage all young ladies and young men of Haskell County to join Haskell County 4-H and to get involved. There are no boundaries or limits, just 'shoot for the stars.'"



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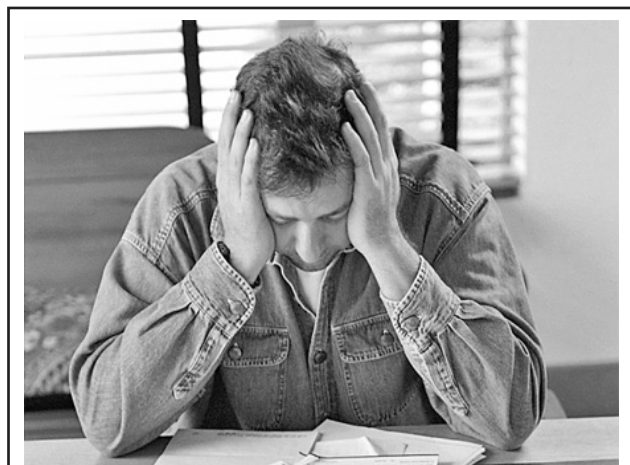
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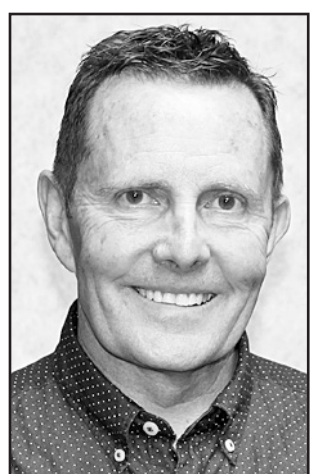
**MAKE-A-BREAK**—Felicity Hannsz of Haskell shown in the Make-A-Break competition at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo Jr. Shootout recently.



**GETS POINTERS**—Felicity Hannsz of Haskell receives pointers from Cory Cruse and Michelle Miles, professional shooters.

# Ford comments on merger with Vista Bank

*Editor's note: The following are comments from Gary Ford, president of Hamlin National Bank, the parent bank of the Rule Banking Center branch concerning the recent merger with Vista Bank.*



**GARY FORD**

All banks have been swamped with new regulations under the Dodd-Frank Act and other banking laws. Some were so burdensome that we had to change the way we operate. For instance, since we are included in the Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area), the new regulations treat us much like large banks when it comes to home mortgages and home equity loans. The penalties for the smallest mistakes are huge. Since Hamlin National Bank might only originate 10-12 home loans each year, the cost of the personnel and software to ensure that mistakes didn't happen meant that our expenses to make home loans would be greater than the interest we could earn on them. Banking advisors believe that a community bank would need to be more than three times as large as Hamlin National Bank to be able to handle the cost of the regulations.

Did you sell the bank? No. We needed to partner with another bank to become large enough to overcome the expenses of all these new regulations. We are merging with Vista Bank. Our shareholders now will, for the most part, become shareholders of the resulting bank. We will have an ownership stake in Vista Bank.

Will the employees be replaced? No. As it currently stands, we anticipate that all employees will still be working at the bank after the merger. There are currently no plans to bring in anyone to manage the bank after the merger. Hamlin National Bank offers a few services that Vista does not currently offer, and Hamlin National Bank's location may become the focus of those operations

for all of the Vista branches. Vista also offers services that Hamlin National Bank has not been able to offer, and our customers will love some of the new services coming with the merger!

What about my checks? I just reordered!

Your current checks will work until they are used up. When it's time to reorder, your new checks will have Vista's information on them.

Will my account number change?

We are checking for any duplicate account numbers right now. We feel that the possibility is remote. If in fact we find duplicates, Vista will change the account numbers for both the Vista and the Hamlin National Bank customers so that all are treated the same. They will handle all of the changes for automatic drafts and direct deposits as well.

Will I have to change my debit card?

Yes, all debit cards will have to be reissued, but this will be done before your Hamlin National Bank debit card stops working. After we get all cards reissued, Vista will be able to instantly issue new debit cards if your card is lost or stolen. This is much better than the wait Hamlin National Bank customers have had when a card needs to be replaced. They are also working on new choices of card designs, including school mascots in the future.

Some new technology our customers can look forward to using:

Vista Bank has developed a smartphone app that our customers will love! Unlike our own internet banking website which our customers have been using on their phones, Vista's product does not require a customer to navigate to their website. Customers just open the

app and have access to their account information and history. Two great enhancements have to do with deposits and bill payment. Customers who have a check to deposit won't even need to come to the bank! Using the smartphone app, they can take a photo of the check they wish to deposit and submit it for deposit from home, work, or even while traveling!

And while Hamlin National Bank has offered bill pay through our internet banking product for years, sometimes the process of setting up those you want to pay through bill pay can be tedious. Vista made it a snap with a new feature in their smartphone app. Customers can simply snap a photo of a bill they'd like to pay regularly using bill pay and the app will detect all of the pertinent information and add that transaction information for you. The next time you want to pay the bill, you simply choose that billing information and authorize the payment! There's no need to take a photo each time.

Naturally, Ford has been fielding questions about his own plans, and right now he says he'll certainly want to be a part of the changeover, helping ensure that Hamlin National Bank customer information seamlessly makes the transition to Vista's systems. Over 40 years ago, he spent weeks entering customer data for Hamlin National Bank during one summer as he set up every checking account in the system when Hamlin National Bank first began using computers. He did note that he has struggled to find time to handle personal and family business interests for his parents, and he hopes the merger with Vista will provide time for him to do that. Ford said he has not yet found time to even think about other possibilities, since the legal and financial work of putting together this partnership has taken months so far, and he hopes to see it through to a successful conclusion which he hopes Hamlin National Bank's customers will be proud to call their own.



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**SEWING PROJECT**—A Haskell County 4-H Clothing & Textiles Workshop involved designing, then sewing Emoji pillows, followed by learning how to measure and cut out quilt squares for a Noah Project community service project quilt. The Haskell Co. Texas Extension Educators Association (TEEA) Club recently provided four new sewing machines for the 4-H'ers to learn how to sew and use to complete their projects. Pictured are Michelle Moore and Leiza Morales, adult leaders, with 4-Hers Madilyn Moore, Carly Mackey, Ally Mackey, Shelby Miller, Evan Enriquez, Harley Medford and Colton Hopkins.



## Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

### Professional Food Manager Certification Training Course set

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

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

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor, Jones and Haskell Counties, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This two day program will be offered for \$125.00 on March 27 and March 28 at the Taylor County Extension Office. Cost includes training, materials, and the ServSafe food manager certification examination. The food manager's certification will be valid for five years. Registration deadline is March 6.

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

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

- Increased customer satisfaction
  - Improved relationships with health officials
  - Prevention of bad publicity and lawsuits due to foodborne illness
- By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:
- identifying potentially hazardous foods and

common errors in food handling

• preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food

• teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees

• complying with government regulations

• maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings

•controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can

be prevented by following simple food safety practices.

For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas

A&M AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call the Haskell County Extension

Office at 940-864-2658. You may also access a

downloadable registration form at <http://haskell.agrilife.org>.



## Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

### Vegetables A to Z: Bok Choy

**Did you know?** Bok Choy is an excellent source of Vitamin A. Bok Choy is also an excellent source of Vitamin C.

Bok Choy is a good source of fiber so you stay fuller longer. A fun fact is that Bok Choy is most widely used in Chinese cooking.

### What am I looking for?

Select Bok Choy leaves that are crisp and green. Store leaves in a plastic bag in a cool environment. Wash the leaves well before use. Throw out leaves that are

yellow, show signs of decay, or are wilted.

### Asian Bok Choy Salad

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 medium heads Bok Choy
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 cup pine nuts
- 1 (5 ounce) can chow mein noodles

Mix water and sugar in a medium saucepan, and bring to a boil. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until a light syrup has formed.

Remove from heat, and mix in lemon juice, soy sauce and olive oil. Refrigerate until serving. In a medium bowl, toss together Bok Choy and green onions. Top with pine nuts and dried rice noodles. Sprinkle with the dressing to taste.

Preparation time: 20 minutes  
Serves: 8  
Nutrition facts:  
Calories: 340  
Total fat: 26 g  
Cholesterol: 0 mg  
Sodium: 550 mg  
Total carbohydrate: 24 g  
Protein: 7 g

## Paint Creek honor rolls listed

Paint Creek ISD has released the names of students appearing on the A and A-B honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of school.

First grade: A-B honor roll, Brianna Clary, Kamryn Delmasso, Lukas Jones, Kaelm Nystrom and Payton Stanford.

Second grade: A honor roll, Urijah Livingston and Cort Rogers; A-B honor roll, Colton Blair, Carissa Elkin, Adrianna Ramos and Sean Townsend.

Third grade: A honor roll,

Aaron Gonzales; A-B honor roll, Alyssa Anguiano, Zak Jones and Maddy Tucker.

Fourth grade: A honor roll, Katie Perez; A-B honor roll, Andrew Castorena and Melanie Clary.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Sirena Baiza, Mark Hall and Cowan Rogers; A-B honor roll, Joe Anguiano, Stetson Blair, Zaebrion Mays and Phaiden Spikes.

Sixth grade: A-B honor roll, Levi Rhoads.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Chris Acosta, Mark

Garcia and Ethan Jenkins.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Zak Elkins; A-B honor roll, Haylee Garcia and Ashton Grand.

Ninth grade: A honor roll, Desiree Acosta; A-B honor roll, Madilyn Davis, Jaclyn Snelling and Bailee Thomas.

Tenth grade: A-B honor roll, Bailey Hawkins.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Felicity Hannsz; A-B honor roll, Katelyn Jenkins and Ariel Wolf.

Twelfth grade: A honor roll, Devon Benitez, Catherine Lemond, Corey Mengwasser and Buddy Trotter; A-B honor roll, Hannah Grand, Autumn Rogers and Aaron Wolf.

## Ticket sales to begin for annual Hee Haw

Same Crew, New Show! The annual Sagerton Hee Haw is back at it again, making jokes and bringing laughter to the community.

The show dates are March 30-April 1. Tickets are \$5 each.

The opening day to purchase tickets is March 14. In person ticket sales start at 8:00 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. Sales of phone call or mailed tickets will begin at noon on the same day.

An individual may only buy 10 tickets at a time. If you desire to purchase more tickets for the performance, you may get in line again until you receive the amount of tickets needed.

Dinner is available for purchase. The community center cafeteria opens at 5:30 p.m. and closes at 7.

Thursday's menu

includes sandwiches, chips, pie and drink. Cost is \$5.

Menu items on Friday and Saturday include BBQ plate (or sandwich plate), pie and drink (about \$10).

The Hee Haw band will begin the music around 7:00 p.m. The show starts at 8:00 p.m.

Come early to have a family dinner and to socialize with the community.

For tickets call or text Michelle at 1 (936)-662-4263. If she is unavailable, please leave a message with your contact information and she will get back with you at her earliest convenience.

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**SERVICE OVER SELF**—Kara Pierce, left, Haskell County EMS, was chosen as the Rotary Club's Service Over Self award recipient for February. Tammy Cunningham, Rotary president, made the presentation.

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# From Out of the Past

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## 10 Years Ago March 1, 2007

Named to the District 5-AA All-District teams were Haskell Maidens Hope Reid, Newcomer of the Year; Samantha Rodriguez and Lacey Peiser, First Team; and Kim Medford and Chambray Bartley, Second Team. Coach David Middleton was named Coach of the Year.

District winners in the Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest were Haskell sixth grader Maci Colley, first place; Haskell sixth grader Ashley Adams, second place; and Paint Creek fourth grader Stormy Darnell, third place.

Haskell FFA member Macy Bingham, daughter of Scott and Silvia Bingham, exhibited the Reserve Champion White/Other Purebred Barrow in the Junior Barrow Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

## 20 Years Ago

## February 27, 1997

The Haskell Indians won the Bi-District basketball title by defeating Nocona 67-44. Top scorers were Matthew McCord and Casey Burgess with 23 and 20 points respectively. Jason Briles added 10 points.

Haskell sophomore Daisy Cothron, daughter of Steve and Frankie Cothron, will join 1500 other teens across the country for a tour of Washington D.C. She won the Stamford Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Speech Contest.

Haskell High School band students advancing to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest are Wendy Cadenhead, Marci McSmith and Craig Cunningham, trumpet trio; Chris McSmith, Kevin McSmith and Lee Christian, saxophone trio; Kaki Stapleton, Anna Rieger and Philip Huff, piano solos.

## 30 Years Ago

## February 26, 1987

Kerry Lane Therwhanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Therwhanger of Haskell, received a Bachelor's Degree from Angelo State University during a fall commencement ceremony.

Filing for election on the Haskell ISD school board are Roger Moeller, Bill Dumas and Randy Phemister. Seeking seats on the Haskell City Council are Darrell Smith, Jerry Stocks, Robert Kramp, Sam Rodriguez and Gary Druessedow.

Haskell Maidens Julie Roewe and Patricia Henry were named to the 7-AA All-District basketball team, with Roewe also selected as Co-MVP. Robyne Weaver and Tiffany Moeller received All-District Honorable Mention recognition.

## 40 Years Ago March 3, 1977

The twenty-one member Haskell Indian Stage Band won first place in the Class A division at the Hamlin Stage Band Festival. Members selected for the All-Star Stage Band were Clark Richardson, trumpet; David Gray, bass guitar; John Cox, tenor saxophone; and Mona Bledsoe, piano.

Stanley Hager, son of W.R. and Joyce Hager of Weinert, showed the first place winner in the Light Weight Hereford division at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Breeder of the calf is H.T. Wilkinson of Haskell.

Myron Biard and Jane McAdoo were honored at the Haskell Chamber of Commerce banquet, as the Outstanding Citizens of the Year.

## 50 Years Ago March 2, 1967

In appreciation of their work for Haskell, Mrs. Byron Frazier, Mrs. Viars Felker, Mrs. Myron Biard, C.O. Holt and James Franklin received special awards at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

In a community meeting held at Mattson, it was the opinion of those in attendance that the Mattson School was getting too small to continue to operate. Henry Smith, Mattson school board president, said, "We will finish this school year, but then will consolidate with Haskell and Weinert."

## 90 Years Ago March 3, 1927

Ruth Robertson of Haskell, plays saxophone in the freshman orchestra, recently organized at the College of Industrial Arts.

W.M. Porter, Haskell County farmer who lives east of Weinert, has sold \$535 worth of pigs from one sow, which he bought in January 1924.

John Wiley Whiteker left Thursday for Fort Worth, where he will preside over the West Texas exhibit at the Fat Stock Show.



HASKELL GIRLS' SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION'S NEW FIELD

## Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

The Haskell Girls' Softball Association is gearing up to start their 2017 season! Registration has ended and it looks to be an exciting year! Many old and new traditions will be coming this year. Be on the lookout for important dates for our Hit-A-Thon, mini camp and tournaments in the near future. Also, remember to visit us at the concession stand during the Haskell High School varsity Maiden home softball games. One of our most exciting

additions to the organization is our new field! Volunteers have work tireless hours to make sure our girls have a field ready for a new season. This field has been a community effort! So many organizations, businesses and individuals have played a part in the success of building this field, donating materials, or monetary donations to buy supplies. We would like to thank our sponsors this year for their continued support and love for our softball association! It would not be

possible without you! Be on the lookout for sponsorship signs being added to the new field soon!

Sponsors include Easterling Farms, Big Country Electric, Rike Real Estate, Big Country Dental, Cunningham Farms, Summit Supply, The Drug Store, Smitty's Auto, Haskell Gin, Larned Sales Center, Davis/Kinard & Co., H&R Block, Computer Solutions, Helena Chemical and Blattner Energy.

Thanks, Vanessa Shiplett

## Maidens' basketball

### Maidens fall to Lady Hornets in Regional Quarterfinals

The 19th ranked Haskell Maidens traveled to Coleman last Tuesday night, Feb. 21 to take on the 24th ranked Irion County Lady Hornets in the third round of the 2017 playoffs. Both teams entered the game with a (29-5) overall record. Irion County outscored Haskell 23-18 the first half and held on late to get the 48-42 playoff win and advance to the Regional Tournament against third ranked Panhandle (26-6).

Senior Ashlyn Bevel led the way offensively for the Maidens finishing with a team high 16 points. Other leading scorers on the night were Landry Hanson with 7, Taylor Manske 5, C'Era Taylor 5, Hollyn Hadaway 4, Jordan Garvin 3 and Courtney Whitt 1. Leading the team in assists were freshman Landry Hanson and junior Ariel Martinez with 2 each.

Haskell had a tough night shooting the ball against the size of Irion County and they also struggled from the free-throw line. The Maidens were (12-58) for 20% from the field, (5-24) for 20% from behind the 3 point arc, and (13-34) for 38% from the free-throw line.

"Offensively, the girls did a great job driving, drawing fouls, getting offensive rebounds, and not turning the ball over. We shot 24 more times than Irion County and that is a huge deal due to our offensive rebounding and not turning the ball over. Unfortunately, we had a hard time finishing around the basket against their size and we did not make them pay at the free-throw line," head coach Blake Eddleman said.

Irion County was (11-34) for 32% from the field, (4-15) for 26% from behind



GOES IN FOR TWO—Haskell Maiden Landry Hanson goes up for the layup against Irion County in the regional quarterfinal match up.

the 3 point arc, and (22-34) for 64% from the free-throw line. "Defensively, I was very proud of the girls. They shut down three of their four best players and they shut down their high/low man offense. The girls did a great job taking away their offensive strengths. Unfortunately, their point guard (Caitlyn Allen) had a great night shooting the ball and their team made us pay at the free-throw line," Eddleman said.

Haskell won the rebound battle against the much bigger and taller Irion County team 42-31. Leading the team in rebounds were sophomore C'Era Taylor with 11 rebounds and sophomore Taylor Manske with 10. Other leading rebounders were Whitt with 5, Bevel 3, J. Garvin 3, M. Garvin 3, Hadaway 3 and Hanson 3. "The girls did an awesome job rebounding the ball. They showed a lot of will power and determination against a much bigger team. I was very

proud of them," Eddleman added.

"Overall, I was very disappointed in the outcome of the game and the fact that I could not get this special group of girls to the regional tournament. I wanted it so bad for them, their parents and our fans. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be and that is how it goes sometimes in sports and in life. I was so proud of the girls' effort and determination. They prepared extremely hard for this game and they played extremely hard throughout the game. They gave it everything they had mentally, physically, emotionally, and they did not go away quietly."

"It has been an awesome ride and such an enjoyable journey. We have so much to be thankful for and so many memories to cherish for a life time. We had a great season and we achieved so much as a team. We were Archer City Tournament Champs, Jayton Tournament Champs, undefeated District Champs, Bi-District Champs, Area Champs, and we finished the year with an overall record of 29-6."

"I really appreciate their hard work, teamwork, unselfishness, and all the sacrifices they made throughout the season. It was an honor and blessing to lead this special group of girls. We had a very successful basketball season, but that is not the most important thing. Hopefully, the girls have a great understanding of what it took to be successful and hopefully they will apply that throughout the rest of their lives. That is what you hope for as a coach and that is where the true success lies. On behalf of our team, I would like to thank everyone for their awesome support throughout the 2016-2017 season," Eddleman said.

Haskell 6 12 6 18 = 42  
Irion Co. 8 15 14 11 = 48

# Bright Horizons

Updates from the DCOH, Chamber and KHB

### by Jimi Coplen, DCOH

The Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH) was formed in 1994 through a vote by the citizens of Haskell. The DCOH is a Type A corporation which also has Type B flexibility and collects .25% of the city sales tax revenue. Type A and Type B is a government classification that outlines how the monies can be spent.

The Type A sales tax is essentially limited to funding industrial and manufacturing facilities, research and development facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, small warehouse facilities, military facilities, job training, targeted infrastructure, regional or national headquarters facilities, business airport facilities and port-related facilities. Expenditures for targeted infrastructure must be related to an authorized activity under the act. The statute also allows a Type A corporation to undertake most Type B projects without having to change from a Type A corporation to a Type B corporation.

A Type B sales tax allows greater flexibility in expending revenues. Generally, allowable Type B expenditures include not only those available under Type A, but also projects that contribute to the quality of life in the community, such as park-related facilities, professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, affordable housing

or other improvements, or facilities that promote new or expanded business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs.

Now that you know how the DCOH can spend their funds, how can your business or organization access them?

First, the DCOH must determine the eligibility and viability of all projects. Those with job creation are given the highest priority. Then, projects are ranked on the goals and objectives of the DCOH and the availability of funds at the time of the request. All requests for assistance must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director of the DCOH. Along with the written request, each applicant must submit financial information for the previous three years (if available), a business plan, and any other information requested by the DCOH that will assist them in determining an applicant's financial viability and the project's viability. Due to limited funding, the DCOH prefers to partner on a project and not be the primary lender/grantor on a project.

The DCOH meets the second Friday of each month at 7:00 a.m. at City Hall. If you have a project you would like the board to consider, please give us plenty of notice so we can get the proper paperwork in order and get you on our agenda. Please call the office at 864-3424 or visit us online at [www.haskelltxasusa.com/edc](http://www.haskelltxasusa.com/edc) for additional information.

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SANDWICH TIME—Haskell Maidens Taylor Manske and C'Era Taylor sandwich in the Irion County shooter.

# BASKETBALL '17

## Indians BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS-The Haskell Indians are bi-district champs. Team members are, front row, l-r, Logan Burson, Reed Roewe, Laken Olson, Rocky Haggard, Kyle Hoover, Caleb Wheat, R.J. Chavez, Alec Roewe, Kellen Parks, Lane Burson, Taylen Sossaman, Ethan Reid and Brayden Payne; back row, Tanner Thomas and Cutter Medford.

## Maidens AREA CHAMPS



AREA CHAMPS-The Haskell Maidens are area champions. Team members are, front row, l-r, Landry Hanson, Ashlyn Bevel and Jordan Garvin; back row, Emma Roewe, Melody Martinez, Coach Lolo Martinez, Makinzie Garvin, Taylor Manske, Coach Blake Eddleman, Ariel Martinez, Courtney Whitt, Hollyn Hadaway, C'Era Taylor, Delaney Hanson, Coach Missy Burson and Kailee Benton.

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# VoTech students attend San Angelo Ag Mechanics Show

Several students from the VoTech Center at Rochester recently participated in the San Angelo Stock Show-Agricultural Mechanics Contest. The event was held Feb. 14-16 at the San Angelo Fairgrounds. Each VoTech Center participating high school was represented at the event.

Benjamin ISD High School students Casey Stiewert and Lincoln Strickland constructed a picnic table. Stiewert exhibited the table and received a red ribbon. Benjamin students Ricky Hilario, Jackson Meador and Joslynn Harris constructed a chicken coop. Meador and Harris exhibited the project and obtained a blue ribbon status.

Haskell CISD High School students Jody Earle, Rocky Haggard and Jonathan Primm constructed a picnic table and a net-wire fence installer/stretcher. Both projects received blue ribbons. Earle and Haggard exhibited both projects.

Knox City/O'Brien

CISD High School students Thomas Baker, Zachery Overmeyer, Abel Sandoval and Christopher Stafford constructed a utility trailer at the VoTech Center and it received a blue ribbon at the San Angelo competition. Sandoval, Stafford and Overmeyer exhibited the project.

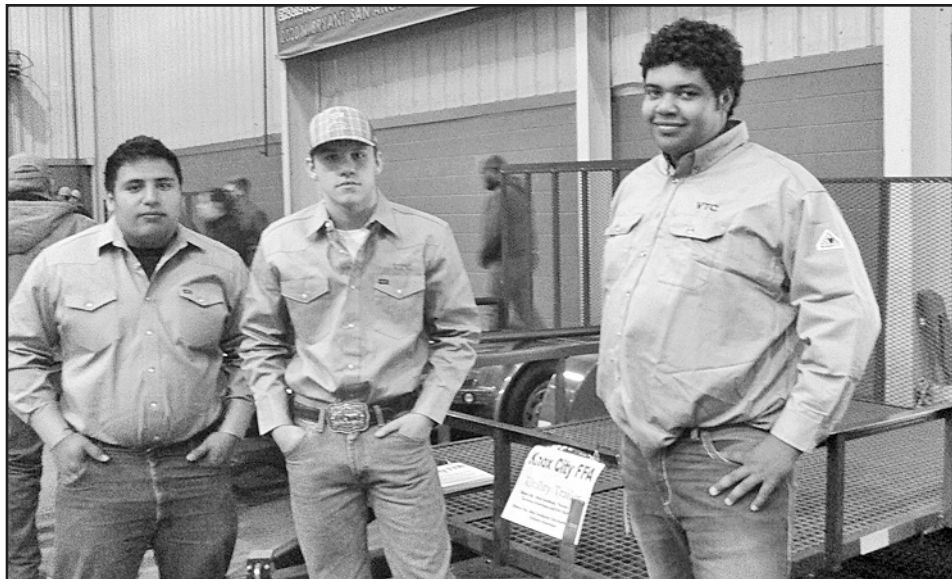
Munday CISD High School students Osbaldo Carranda and Julio Vitolas constructed an outdoor bench seat. Carranda exhibited and the project received a blue ribbon.

Rule students Rumaldo Chavez, Adolfo Gonzalez, Mason Helms, Brandon Mitchell and Justice Walters teamed up to construct a utility trailer, which also received a blue ribbon. The trailer was exhibited by Gonzalez and Chavez.

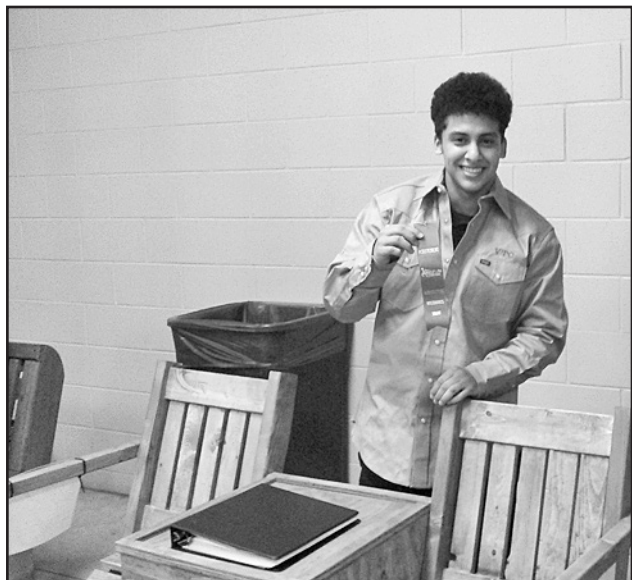
The students were judged on quality of construction, workmanship, degree of difficulty and practicality. Students had to answer judge's questions on cost of materials, design,

construction methods and overall knowledge.

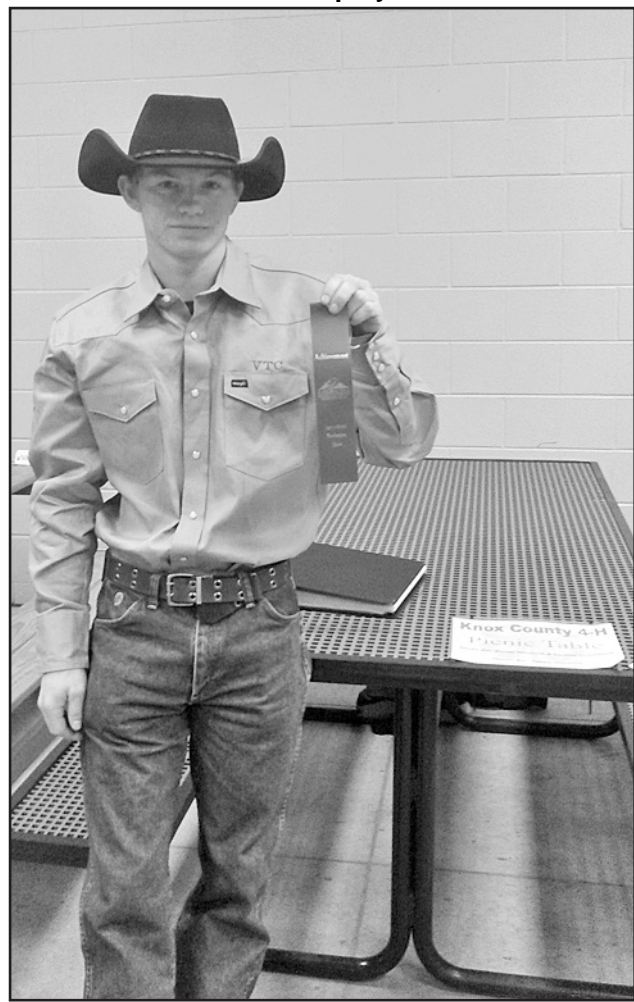
On the evening of Feb. 14, a business sponsored Oxy-Acetylene Cutting Competition was held. Sixty-five high school students from all over Texas participated. VoTech students Adolfo Gonzalez, Rocky Haggard, Zachery Overmeyer and Abel Sandoval participated. The guys were paired up with another competitor in a single elimination bracket. They first cut flat steel, then small angle iron, then large angle iron, channel iron, and I-beam. Qualifying to "Top-eight" status were Rocky Haggard and Zachary Overmeyer.



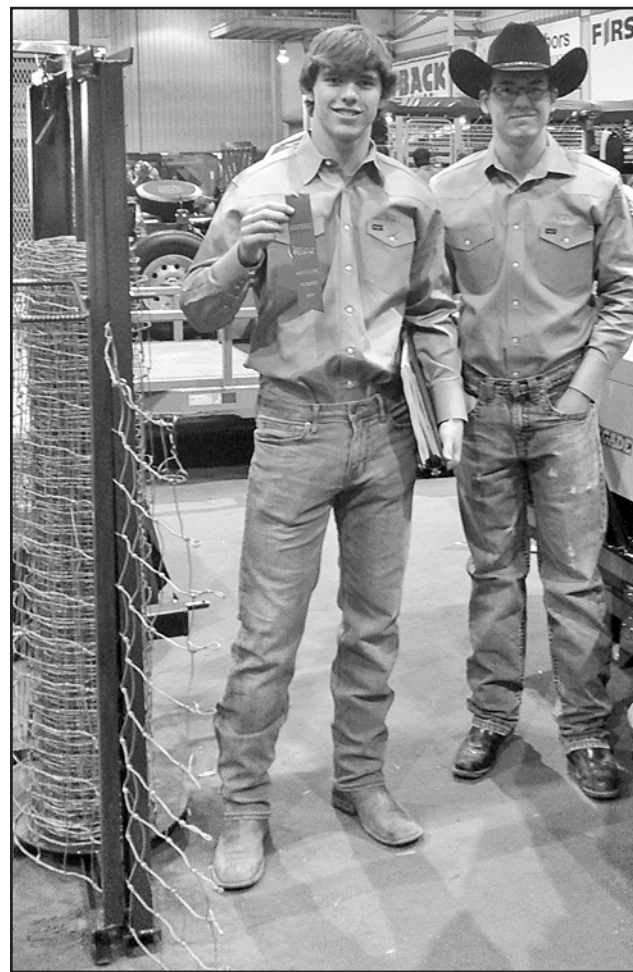
**BLUE RIBBON**-VoTech Center students from Knox City/O'Brien, I-r, Abel Sandoval, Zachery Overmeyer and Christopher Stafford show off a utility trailer project entered at the San Angelo Stock Show-Agricultural Mechanics Contest. The trailer won a blue ribbon. Thomas Baker also helped with the project's construction.



**BLUE RIBBON**-VoTech Center student Osbaldo Carranda from Munday shows off a blue ribbon received on an outdoor bench project entered at the San Angelo Stock Show-Agricultural Mechanics Contest. The bench was constructed by Carranda and Julio Vitolas.



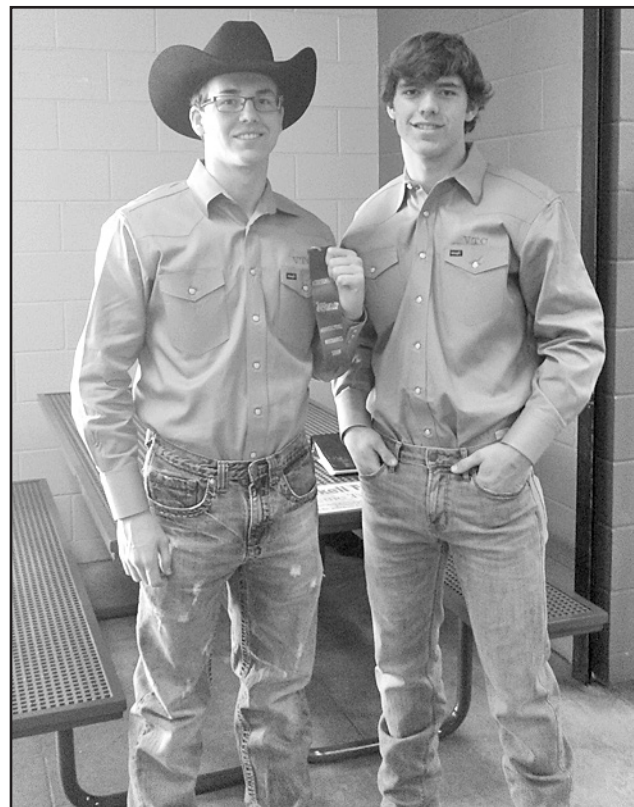
**RED RIBBON**-VoTech Center student Casey Stiewert from Benjamin shows off a red ribbon received on a picnic table entered at the San Angelo Stock Show-Agricultural Mechanics Contest. The bench was constructed by Stiewert and Lincoln Strickland.



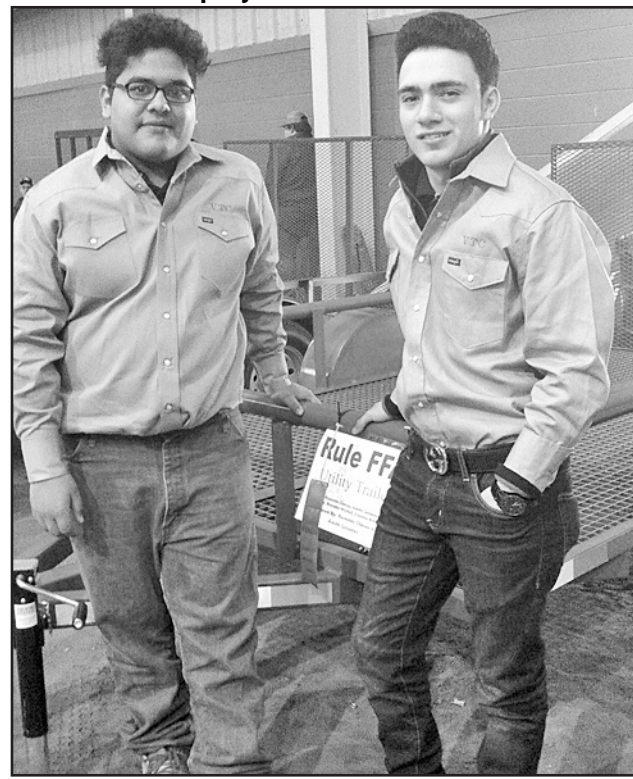
**BLUE RIBBON**-VoTech Center students from Haskell Rocky Haggard, left, and Jody Earle show off a blue ribbon received on a net-wire fence installer/stretcher project entered at the San Angelo Stock Show-Agricultural Mechanics Contest. Jonathan Primm, not pictured, also worked on the project.



**BLUE RIBBON**-VoTech Center students from Benjamin Jackson Meador, left, and Joslynn Harris exhibited a chicken coop constructed by Meador, Harris and Ricky Hilario. The project received a blue ribbon at the San Angelo Stock Show-Agricultural Mechanics Contest.



**BLUE RIBBON**-VoTech Center students from Haskell Jody Earle, left, and Rocky Haggard show off a blue ribbon received on a picnic table project entered at the San Angelo Stock Show-Agricultural Mechanics Contest. Jonathan Primm helped them with the project.



**BLUE RIBBON**-VoTech Center students from Rule Rumaldo Chavez, left, and Adolfo Gonzalez show off a blue ribbon received on a utility trailer project entered at the San Angelo Stock Show-Agricultural Mechanics Contest. Mason Helms, Brandon Mitchell and Justice Walters helped construct the trailer.

## Bobcats end season with loss to Water Valley

The Rule Bobcats (17-6) fell 54-38 to the Water Valley Wildcats Tues., Feb. 21.

The bi-district game saw a dominant second half lead by the Wildcats, who trailed four points at the half.

The Bobcat defense was shut down and the Bobcat offense was only allowed to put up nine points in the entire second half.

Water Valley advanced to the Region II-1A area round.

Scoring for Rule were Mason Helms 15, Chase

Thompson 14, Brandon Mitchell 5, Jacob Navarrette 2 and Dale Fritzler 2.

Rule 9 20 5 4 = 38  
W. Valley 10 15 18 13 = 54

## 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.

## Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of Feb. 20-26:

Aaron Lee Silvas, purchase of alcohol for a minor.

Veronica Blissett, theft of service diversion of services over \$100, less than \$750.

Robert Alan Jorgensen, motion to revoke probation driving while intoxicated third or more.

Louis Edward Weatherford, driving under influence, evading arrest with motor vehicle and accident involving personal injury.

Stormie Gayle Trussell, blue warrant possession

with intent to deliver methamphetamine.

Roger Scott Wilson, theft enhanced Taylor County warrant.

Thirty-five calls were made to 911.

## 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.

## Al-Anon

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

## Maidens' softball

The Haskell Maiden softball team traveled to Henrietta for a tournament this past weekend. The Maidens finished 4-2 in the tournament defeating Nocona, Amarillo River Road, Jacksboro and Seymour while dropping

games to Windthorst and Henrietta.

The top offensive players for the Maidens this weekend were Laura Fuentes, Areli Torres, Kelsey Guzman, and Lauren Alexander. Several Maidens had extra base hits including Alexander, Fuentes, Torres, Guzman, Gabby Mendoza, Julia Fuentes, Ryanna Rodriguez and Maddey Williams. Both Guzman and Williams hit home runs to boost the Maidens.

Pitchers this weekend included Laura Fuentes, Lexi Jimenez and Jordan Garvin.

The Maidens will play Tues., Feb. 28 here at home versus the Forsan Lady Buffaloes.

## Haskell Co. Gin Report

February 26, 2017  
Haskell

Haskell County Gin	11,200
Haskell Co-op Gin.....	19,734
<b>O'Brien</b>	
O'Brien Co-op.....	18,347
<b>Rule</b>	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	21,289
<b>Weinert</b>	
Weinert Gin.....	11,144
Total bales.....	81,714

### Clear Fork Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS

# 2017 District and Haskell Soil & Water Conservation Poster Contest Winners



**DISTRICT WINNERS**—Matthew Gober, first place, Haskell third grade student; Hayden LeFevre, second place, Haskell Kindergarten student; and Carley Isbell, third place, Haskell fourth grade student.



**MRS. MACKEY'S KINDERGARTEN**—Haskell students, l-r, Hayden LeFevre, first place; Landry Adkins, second place.



**MRS. CUMMINGS' THIRD GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Matthew Gober, first place; Colton Gober, second place; and Reagan Adkins, third place.



**MRS. SHIPLETT'S THIRD GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Calee Phemister, first place; Dallas Silvas, second place (not pictured); and Dylan Castorena, third place.



**MRS. WATSON'S THIRD GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Athena Bolden, first place; Grant Ferguson, second place; and Allie Boone, third place.



**THIRD GRADE OVERALL**—Haskell students, l-r, Calee Phemister, first place; Dallas Silvas, second place (not pictured); and Matthew Gober, third place.



**MRS. PARKS' FOURTH GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Jonathon Brown, first place; Allyson Mackey, second place; and Alissa Cenicerros, third place.



**MRS. BREDTHAUER'S FOURTH GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Carley Isbell, first place; Hailey Garcia, second place; and Olivia Stoker, third place (not pictured).



**MRS. WEST'S FOURTH GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Carley Mackey, first place; Montrel Johnson, second place; and Mio Williams, third place.



**FOURTH GRADE OVERALL**—Haskell students, l-r, Jonathon Brown, first place; Allyson Mackey, second place; and Carley Isbell, third place.



**MRS. ROEWE'S FIFTH GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Vanessa Hernandez, first place; Asia Billington, second place; and Mia Williams, third place.



**MRS. ARCE'S FIFTH GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Savanna Camacho, first place; Chesney Langford, second place; and Natalie Willis, third place (not pictured).



**MRS. GIBSON'S FIFTH GRADE**—Haskell students, l-r, Tana Contreras, first place; Colton Hopkins, second place; and Harley Medford, third place.



**FIFTH GRADE OVERALL**—Haskell students, l-r, Vanessa Hernandez, first place; Tana Contreras, second place; and Savana Camacho, third place.

## Wild horse and burro adoption event in Abilene March 3-4

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption event in Abilene, March 3-4. The two-day event at the Expo Center of Taylor County will feature dozens of outstanding animals. The event will take place from noon to 6:00 p.m. Fri., March 3 and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sat., March 4. The BLM will offer all animals for the minimum

adoption fee of \$125 (set by law). The horses offered for adoption are adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds, and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for

achieving these important management goals. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 235,000 of these "living legends" in approved homes across the country. BLM staff will approve applications on-site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18, with no record of animal abuse. Adopters must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free

access to food, water, and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses; five feet for yearlings; and four-and-a-half feet for burros. All animals must be loaded in covered, stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on-hand to assist adopters through the short application process. The BLM pays a one-time \$500 care-and-feeding

allowance to adopters of horses that are at least four years old. The BLM pays the allowance after one year when adopters receive official ownership title for their horse(s). All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available. Younger horses, burros, and trained animals are not eligible for this incentive. The BLM

designed this incentive to find homes for older horses that might otherwise be destined for long-term pastures, where they would live out the remainder of their natural lives at taxpayer expense. The Expo of Taylor County is located at 1700 Texas 36, Abilene, TX 79602. For more information, call toll-free 866-468-7826 or visit [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov).

# Indians' basketball and baseball

**Indians fall in back-and-forth affair against Rotan**  
 Even though the Indians and Tigers both had their opportunities, it was Rotan that eventually prevailed 10-7 on Fri., Feb. 24. The game was tied at seven with Rotan batting in the top of the fifth when Gaberial Daniel singled off of Ezell Woods, driving in

one run. Despite the loss, the Indians did collect 13 hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, Rotan had 15 hits on the way to victory. Rotan captured the lead in the first inning. With two outs in the first inning Dillan Murphy drove in one run when he singled.

After Rotan scored one run in the top of the second, the Indians answered with one of their own. Rotan scored when there was an error, scoring one run. Haskell then answered when a runner stole home. Evan Green, Caleb Casillas, Nick Hendrix, and Koby Compton each

collected multiple hits for the Indians. Casillas and Green both had three hits to lead Haskell. Adrian Fortuna, J.D. Cabiniss, Cole VanPoppel, Murphy, Morgan Moffet, and Winston Martin each collected multiple hits for Rotan. Rotan was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Moffet had the most chances in the field with eight. \*\*\*

one run on a stolen base in the first inning. Hirschi took the lead for good with 11 runs in the third inning. In the third, Nick Hendrix walked Armando Gomez to drive in a run, James Robledo walked Julian Holguin to drive in a run, there was an error, scoring three runs, a runner stole home, there was an error, scoring one run, there was an error, scoring one run, and Kaigon Boydston singled off of Robledo, driving in one run. Haskell scored four runs in the second inning. The Indians' big inning was driven by a double by Ezell Woods, a ground out by Caleb Casillas, and a single by James Robledo. Robledo, Evan Green, Woods and Hendrix each collected multiple hits for Haskell. Robledo led Haskell with three hits in three at bats. Ryan Nadar and Boydston each collected multiple hits for Hirschi. Hirschi didn't commit a single error in the field. Devon Burkhalter had the most chances in the field with four. Hirschi stole eight bases during the game as

three players stole more than one. Adrian Arthur led the way with three. \*\*\* **Indians lose lead early in defeat**

The Haskell Indians watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in an 8-0 loss to Borger on Sat., Feb. 25. Borger scored on a double by Gray, a double by Hiller, a single by Valdez, a single by Pena, and a single by Kean in the first inning. Borger took an early lead in the first inning. Borger scored one run when Gray doubled with zero outs in the first inning.

One bright spot for Haskell was a single by Tyler Hoover in the first inning. Hoover led the Indians with two hits in three at bats. Haskell didn't commit a single error in the field. Koby Compton had the most chances in the field with six. Borger had 12 hits in the game. Hiller, Gray, Saxon, and Kean each collected multiple hits for Borger. Borger was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Valdez made the most plays with four.



**BI-DISTRICT WIN**—Haskell Coach Tully Brown gets mauled by his team after taking the Bi-District Championship.

**Strong offense not enough as Indians fall to Hirschi**  
 The Haskell Indians fell 16-10 to Hirschi on Fri., Feb. 24 despite out-hitting them 11 to 5. The Indians collected 11 hits and Hirschi had 5 in the high-scoring affair. Haskell took an early lead in the first inning by scoring

## Haskell School Menu

**March 6-10 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:** Pancake wrap  
**Tuesday:** Chicken-n-biscuit  
**Wednesday:** French toast, sausage  
**Thursday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Friday:** Dutch waffle, bacon

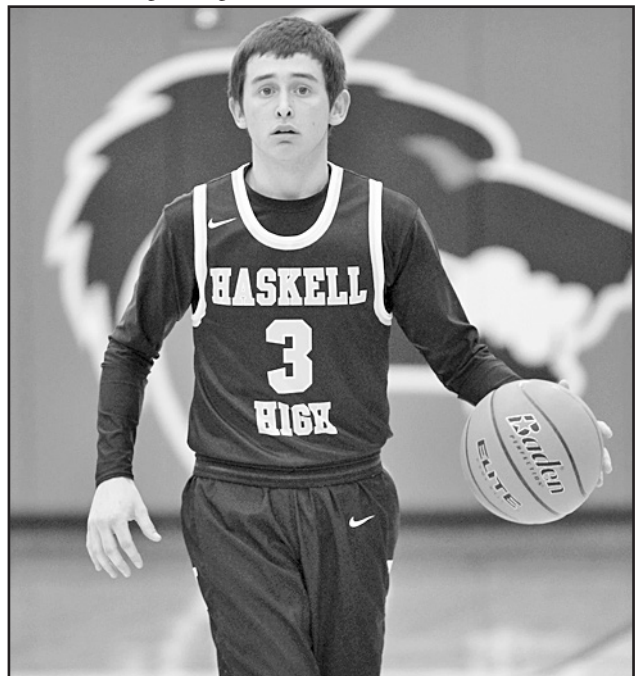
**Lunch**  
 Milk variety is available at every meal. Sandwich available daily at elementary.  
**Monday:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, garden salad, Tuscan veggies, fresh seasonal fruit  
**Tuesday:** Pizza, baby carrots with ranch, steamed broccoli, pineapple, cookie  
**Wednesday:** Chicken fajita, lettuce and tomato garnish, refried beans, salsa, tiny tomato cup, cinnamon applesauce  
**Thursday:** Chicken Parmesan, breadstick, salad, savory green beans, fresh apple slices  
**Friday:** Cheeseburger with garnish, oven fries, veggie cup, oranges

**Rule School Menu**  
**March 6-10 Breakfast**  
 Fruit, juice and milk are offered daily.  
**Monday:** Pancakes, sausage  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast pizza  
**Wednesday:** Biscuit, sausage, scrambled eggs  
**Thursday:** Sausage kolache, yogurt  
**Friday:** Egg and cheese sandwich

**Lunch**  
 Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Pork chops with brown gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas  
**Tuesday:** French bread pizza, salad, peaches, California veggies, pudding  
**Wednesday:** Chicken quesadilla, corn, beans, salsa, salad, cinnamon applesauce  
**Thursday:** Chili with cornbread, broccoli bites, tomato cups, orange smiles  
**Friday:** Sloppy Joe sandwiches, tots, cucumber dippers, apple, cookie

**ECC Menu**  
**Mon., March 6**  
 Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, English peas, rolls, strawberry cake, tea or coffee  
**Wed., March 8**  
 Homestyle lasagna, turnip greens, sliced tomatoes, onion slice, Parmesan toast, white cake, tea or coffee  
**Fri., March 10**  
 Wendy's chili with Wieners, golden hominy, cornbread, onion slice, jello, sugar cookie, tea or coffee

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



**LOOKS FOR A TEAMMATE**—Haskell Indian Senior Kellen Parks looks inside for an open teammate against Forsan.

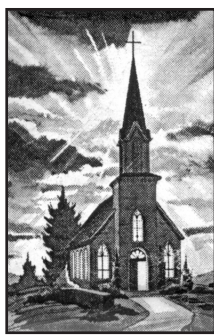


**TWO POINTS**—Haskell Indian Rocky Haggard takes the ball up under the basket for two points.



**GOES FOR TWO**—Haskell Indian Tyler Hoover goes up strong against the Seagraves defender in the area match up.

## This Week's Devotional Message:



The church can be a bridge as well as a building

Is there a generation gap the gospel of faith and love to at your house? Have the young and old alike, so that lines of communication and both may better understand understanding between parent the meaning and purpose of and child fallen into a deep life. When family needs replace chasm of selfishness, intolerance individual desires, your faith and mutual mistrust? Take your will provide answers that will family to church and let them benefit all. Let your church all listen to the word of God, span the gap of discord with a who sent His only Son to preach bridge of love.

### 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.  
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- 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**  
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 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.  
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Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Proposed  
Registration No. 142073L002

**Application.** Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 142073L002, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant located at the northeast quadrant of County Road 243 and County Road 250 intersection, Weinert, Haskell County, Texas 76388. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application.

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.3147&lng=-99.6593&zoom=13&type=r. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 25, 2017. The executive director has completed the administrative and technical reviews of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a standard permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611, which would establish the conditions under which the plant must operate. The executive director

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has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all applicable rules. The application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Abilene regional office, and the Haskell County Library, 300 North Avenue E, Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Abilene Regional Office, 1977 Industrial Blvd, Abilene, Texas. Visit www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cbp to review the standard permit.

**Public Comment/ Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting.** See Contacts section. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If a public meeting is held, the deadline to submit public comments is extended to the end of the public meeting.

**Contested Case Hearing. You may request a contested case hearing.** The applicant or the executive director may request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. **The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided, and the executive director may approve the application. If a hearing request is received within the 30-day period, then the time period for requesting a**

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**contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.**

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and registration number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns.** See Contacts section.

**TCEQ Action. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list.** If no timely contested case hearing requests are received, or if all hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. If all timely hearing requests are not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission

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meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**Mailing List.** You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application. See Contacts section.

**Information Available Online.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the registration number at the top of this notice.

**Contacts.** Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., 8 Timber Pond, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74804-8849 or by calling Mr. Tom Blachly, Client Program Manager Air Services, APEX Companies LLC at

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GREETING:

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

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

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:

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

LISA JONES WHITELEY An undivided one half (1/2) interest.

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

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

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

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

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

Given under my hand and seal of said court of the office in Haskell County, Texas, on February 6, 2017.  
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# Time to get prepared during Severe Weather Awareness Week

by Caron Yates

Much of February has certainly felt like spring, and the calendar assures us that spring is just around the corner. That means it is time to start thinking and planning for severe weather, including thunderstorms and tornadoes.

March 6th through the 11th is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas. The weather in the Lone Star State can change in an instant. These changes can be unpredictable and intense, and severe weather can strike anywhere, at anytime and with little or no advance warning.

Hector Guerrero, Warning and Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Angelo, reminds us that over the past few years

several cities in the U.S. have experienced killer tornadoes with wind speeds in excess of 170 mph. Each year many Texans are surprised by violent weather events including tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, hail storms, straight-line winds and flooding.

In connection with Weather Awareness Week, the NWS encourages all residents, businesses and schools across West Central Texas to practice their tornado drill Wednesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. A special message will be transmitted about the drill through NOAA All Hazards Radio.

The goal of the NWS is to build a "Weather-Ready Nation." It is important to have more than one way to receive National Weather Service warnings. Don't

depend on just sirens. They are used to warn those who are outdoors, and may not be loud enough to awaken you in the middle of the night. NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector that can warn you any time, both indoors and outdoors. You can also receive warnings from other devices such as a cell phone, smart phone, PC, radio or television.

Some communities, universities and private companies can text or email life saving NWS warnings to your cell phone or telephone. To find the private companies that offer this service, you may include the following phrase or something similar in your search engine: "free storm warning apps."

You will need to check with your phone service provider to see if they provide a warning service.

The NWS offers these rules that could save your life.

- 1) Stay informed, and be sure you have more than one way to receive warnings.
- 2) Know what to do. Planning and preparation can greatly reduce loss of life and property when disasters strike. The safest place to survive violent, killer tornadoes is in an approved underground storm shelter or in an approved above ground storm shelter. The next safest place is on the lowest floor of your home, school or business in an interior room like a closet, hallway or bathroom. Stay low to the ground and cover yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress.
- 3) Flash Flood Safety- Always Turn Around Don't Drown, when you encounter a flooded low water crossing whether on foot or in a vehicle. Flash flood related deaths are the number one storm related killer in Texas and across the nation.
- 4) Lightning Safety- Watch the clouds and be prepared to take shelter before you hear thunder or see lightning. If you are caught outside in lightning, your home or car offer a safer shelter. Stay out of the bathtub and away from windows and electrical appliances during a lightning storm.

is available, lie flat in a nearby ditch covering your head and neck.

If outdoors, seek shelter in a basement or sturdy building. If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter, immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.

If in a car and you encounter flying debris, pull over and park. As a last resort you can stay in your vehicle with the seat belt on and your head down below the windows covered by your hands or a blanket. If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car, and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Your choice should be determined by the specific circumstances.

When severe weather threatens West Central Texas, the NWS closely coordinates with local emergency managers, volunteer fire fighters, law enforcement officials, SKYWARN storm spotters, and the media to help keep you safe.

The NWS reminds us

that we can be our best source for protection if when we get a warning we are "weather ready." To stay safe we must be aware, be prepared, have a safety plan and most importantly heed

the warnings. For more information visit <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/thunderstorm/> or <http://www.weather.gov/sjt/severeawareness> or <http://www.nws.gov/os/tornado/>.

## Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., Feb. 14 with all members present.

County Treasurer Janis McDaniel submitted the Experienced Citizens Center report, the County Attorney's reconciliation report and the Treasurer's monthly report.

Reports were given by County Agents Darlene Hopkins and Jason Westbrook. Bailey Hawkins made a walnut pumpkin bread for the meeting.

A motion to accept the new County Information Resource Services agreement

passed.

Barry Smith with AEP notified the Commissioners about the AEP project going on in Haskell County. AEP is very community-oriented and willing to help out within the community, Smith said.

A resolution concerning the office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division grant application for a new sheriff's vehicle passed.

Commissioners are to report any illegal dumping sites to Judge David Davis. The county is responsible for this dumping and will be fined for those illegal sites.

## City Council report

The Haskell City Council met Mon., Jan. 23 with Mayor John Gannaway, Mayor Pro Tem Jill Druessedow and council members Randy Bowers, JoNell Roberts, Johnny Fuentes and Jason Isbell present.

City Assistant Attorney Elieen Hayman held a workshop with the Chamber of Commerce board and other interested citizens concerning the Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax informing all involved about how the Secretary of State requires all funds to be disbursed according to state law.

Rob McKnight was appointed Municipal Court Judge. He was sworn in by Mayor Gannaway.

An election for three

aldermen was called.

The submission of the 2017-2018 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture was approved.

Heather Cantu submitted the Housing Authority quarterly report.

Janet Moeller gave the city administrator's report.

An executive session was entered into with the City Attorney regarding the legal ramification concerning the distribution and expenditure of the Hotel/Motel administration.

Returning to general session, the council took no action on items discussed in executive session.

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