

Happy Mother's Day

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"The People's Choice"

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Softball

Regional Quarter Final
Maidens vs Petrolia

Game 1
Thurs., May 11, 6 p.m.
Game 2
Fri., May 12, 4 p.m.

both games at Graham

Track

State Track Meet
May 12-13 in Austin

Calendar

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 25 edition. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office or email jpg files to hfpnews@lycos.com. Call 940-864-2686 for details.

Food drive

The annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive will be held Sat., May 13. Letter carriers will pick up nonperishable food in a bag left by customers by their mailbox. Food items will be donated to the local food bank.

Rabies vaccination

The City of Rule will host a Rabies Vaccination Clinic for City of Rule residents only Sat., May 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Rule Fire Department, 609 Union Ave., Rule. Vaccinations are for dogs and cats only, at least 12 weeks of age. City registration of your pet will also be conducted at the clinic. For more information, contact Rule City Hall 940-996-2214.

Awards assembly

The Haskell Jr. High academic awards assembly will be Mon., May 15 at 10 a.m. in the high school main gym.

Farm electrical safety

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension office of Haskell County will have a Farm Electrical Safety meeting Thurs., May 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension office. Paul Leonard will be discussing farm electrical safety for anyone who might be interested. Leonard will use a switchboard to demonstrate properly working on electrical equipment around the farm or ranch. Please RSVP to the Haskell County Extension office at 940-864-2658 if attending. There is no cost for the program.

Memorial fund

A memorial fund has been set up at First Bank Texas in Haskell to help with medical expenses for the family of Ernest 'Ernie' Frye.

Homecoming

Haskell-Mattson-Rochester-Weinert 2017 homecoming date has been changed due to UIL changes in the schedule. Homecoming will be held Oct. 20-21. If you have questions, call 806-773-8715. Make your plans to attend.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens Fridays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting.



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Maidens' track wins district, area - bound for state

"Making it to state," a thought, at least in the back of the mind, of almost every coach and student athlete in the state of Texas.

This year the Haskell Girls' Track Team has done much more than just entertain the idea, they have made it happen.

Coach Missy Burson shared her thoughts and excitement on this year's track season:

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time the girls' track program was done. Their stuff was turned in and on to off season they went. Reflecting back on this, I had 12 girls out for track. There weren't enough sprinters to allow us to have any relays that could compete. Our season was a trying one, especially for my two juniors. I had no seniors running. The team worked hard and I kept telling them, "Be patient, it is going to get better. Every team has down years, our time is coming!"

Fast forward to this season. I had 19 girls come out to run. We are a young team, full of freshmen. Getting ready for our first meet, I can put together 3 relays and have a girl in almost every event. We go and compete well. Goals are set!

Our goal became to WIN THE DISTRICT MEET! That is something that no team has done, except Hamlin, for the last 17 years. We were



AREA CHAMPS—The Haskell Maidens track team won the Area Championship for 2017. Team members are, front row, l-r, Blessing Jordan, Larissa Villarreal, Franzi Lutz, Vanessa Trussell, Kobie Walker, Valerie Andrews and Lauren

Alexander; back row, Kasie Isbell, Kara Stout, Kaelyn Bevel, Hollyn Hadaway, Krysta Winegeart, Allie Andress, C'Era Taylor, Marina Wagner, Kourtney Gibson, Madysen Moore and Jessica Andrews.

determined to end the 17 year stretch. It was going to take all 19 of us to make this happen. Every runner or thrower on the team knew that even their 5th or 6th place finish was a huge part to us reaching our goal. The old saying that "every place matters" became our catch phrase.

I have never seen a group of girls work so hard, bond, and develop into what a true "team" should be. Success kept coming through the meets and the big day came. It was the District Meet. We were competing well. Team totals kept being announced

throughout the day. It was time for the Mile Relay, last race of the day. If we competed well in it, got the stick around, we were going to win this meet. I watched my four runners pray, pump each other up, and get ready to make it happen. The rest of the team was standing around the entire track to cheer them on.

Finally we were hearing "And this year's 2017 DISTRICT CHAMPION IS HASKELL!" They had done it. Goal was met!

Funny thing about goals, once you meet one, you

want more. We had a lot advancing to the Area meet, so naturally our goal was to then move on to Regionals! It never even occurred to me that we might win the Area Meet. I should have never underestimated this team. They made it happen. Over the loud speaker at the McMurry track came, "And your AREA CHAMPION FOR 2017 IS HASKELL!" Goal #2 was just met.

I now have 7 runners headed to Regionals and 3 relays going! A year ago I had 0. Could we possibly add another goal to our year?

Could this young team, led by 3 seniors, make it to State? Their response was "Why not? Let's do this!"

Which brings us to this week. After so many goals set, worked toward, and achieved, I will be driving 4 runners to Austin to the "big dance!" I cannot wait to see their eyes as they realize how cool this is. Only the top 9 in the State get to go, and our journey started with 19 girls and 1 goal.

Congratulations to Coach Burson and the Haskell Maiden Track Team, and good luck at State!

Maidens joust Junction, 17-7 in area round of playoff

The Haskell Maidens were tenacious Fri., May 5 against Junction at Jim Ned, in a one game in the area round of playoffs. Haskell would have liked a three game series, but lost the toss to Junction who opted for a one game hopeful "upset" that was never realized.

With the Maidens as the "home" team, both squads were scoreless in the first inning. At the bottom of the second, Julia Fuentes hit a centerfield double to crank

up the Maiden machine. With two outs, the Maidens scored their first three runs as Jordan Garvin legged out an error, and Krysta Winegeart and Gabby Mendoza each singled with their first hits of the game. Both lead off seniors hit 3/5 for the game.

The third inning saw both teams score two runs on less than perfect defense bringing the score to Haskell 5, Junction 2.

In the top of the fourth, Junction had their own two

out rally, with bases loaded as pitcher Emily Vanckhoven came up to bat. With a 2-0 count, Vanckhoven smashed a triple to the fence rejuvenating her teammates as Junction took the lead 6, 5. Not for long. With two outs, the Maidens rallied for 8 more runs in the fourth with singles by Mendoza, Ryanna Rodriguez, a triple by Lolo Alexander, single by Winegeart, and double by Mendoza along with three walks sprinkled in.

Vanckhoven was done in the circle.

Junction was able to squeeze in a run in the fifth, but again, the Maidens answered with another "two out rally" with two runs scored off of Garvin's double in the fifth.

The game ended in the bottom of the sixth, with Kelsey Guzman's walk-off single that scored Laura Fuentes who reached on an error. The Maidens combined for 13 hits, 7 walks and only 3

strikeouts early in the game. Six of their hits were with two strikes. An unprecedented 14 of their 17 runs were scored with two outs!!

Defensive highlights included Laura Fuentes going the distance on the rubber with 7 hits, 3 walks, 1 HP and 3 strikeouts. Right fielder Lolo Alexander connected with catcher Guzman to stop a scoring run in the third, along with second baseman Maddey Williams throw to pitcher L. Fuentes at third to stop an advancing runner. Finally, third baseman Ryanna Rodriguez executed a nice double play grounder at third and still threw the runner out at first. Rodriguez also went 3 for 4 at the plate.

The Maidens will advance to the Regional Quarter Final Round in a 3 game series with Petrolia, who defeated Mason 4-0, 2-1. This series is scheduled in Graham Thurs., May 11 at 6 p.m. and Fri., May 12 at 4 p.m. There will be a gate fee charged for this series.

Haskell	0	3	2	8	3
	1		R17	H17	E4
Junction	0	0	2	4	1
	0		R7	H7	E6

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

No arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of May 1-7:

Thirty calls were made to 911.



2017 AREA CHAMPIONS—The Haskell Maidens defeated Junction 17-7 in a one game playoff last Friday to take the Area Championship. Team members are, front row, l-r, Makinzie Garvin, Ryanna Rodriguez, Krysta Winegeart and Kobie Walker; standing, Coach

John Foster, Julia Fuentes, Lexi Jimenez, Franzi Lutz, Laura Fuentes, Jordan Garvin, Kelsey Guzman, Gabby Masias, Maddey Williams, Lauren Alexander, Landry Hanson, Areli Torres, Kourtney Gibson, Coach Lolo Martinez and Hannah Martinez.

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Vo-Tech students learn to operate heavy equipment



EXCAVATOR LESSON—Rochester Vo-Tech student Thomas Baker learns how to operate an excavator with tips from Bill Hester.

The Rochester Vo-Tech Center students had the privilege of learning how to operate heavy equipment from the Precinct 1 Haskell County Commissioner and his crew Tues., April 25.

Billy Wayne Hester, Ruben Saucedo, James Benton, Jerry Don Garcia and Fritz Buerger taught the students about the equipment and how to operate the excavator, back hoe, grader and the bucket loader. The students had the opportunity to get hands on experience running all four pieces of equipment on their own.

The Vo-Tech Center students and instructors would like to say "Thank You!" We greatly appreciate the opportunity to get hands on experience and thank you for your support of our program.



ATTEND DEMONSTRATION—Rochester Vo-Tech students attending the heavy equipment demonstration taught by Haskell County Commissioner Precinct 1 Bill Hester and his crew on April 25 were, front row, l-r, Jerry Don Garcia, James Benton, Ruben Saucedo, Julio Vitolas, Ron Mitchell, Mason Helms, Joslynn Harris and Commissioner Billy Wayne Hester; middle row, Casey Stiewert, Justice Walter, Osbaldo Carranza and Rinaldo Chavez; back row, Jacob Navarrette, Brandon Mitchell, Lincoln Strickland, Adolfo Gonzalez, Kris Smith and Jackson Meador.

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will

distribute food Sat., May 20 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., May 20 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Baseball summer camp

The Indian Baseball Youth Summer Camp will be held May 30-June 1. The skills camp will be held Tues., May 30 and Wed., May 31. Skills Camp for ages 9-12 will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon; and ages 13 through incoming ninth graders will be from 1-4 p.m. Pitcher/Catcher Camp will be held Thurs., June 1. Camp for ages 9-12 will be from 8:30 to noon; ages 13 through incoming ninth graders will be from 1-4 p.m. For more information, contact Coach Kevin Compton at 254-709-1671 or email kcompton@haskell.esc14.net.

Remembrance dinner

A remembrance dinner, honoring the black citizens of Haskell both past and present, will be held Sat., June 17 beginning at 1 p.m. and Sun., June 18 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center in Haskell. For more information, contact Minnie Itson 325-691-1727, Juanita Wheeler 925-439-9216 or Minister Regina Billington, 15oholyspirit@gmail.com.

Operation Recovery

Operation Recovery, a faith-based 12-step meeting, will offer two meetings—an 'early bird' meeting on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and an evening meeting on Fridays at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square.



GETS THE OUT—Haskell Maiden Krysta Winegeart catches the fly ball for the out against Junction in the Area Championship game.



GETS A HIT—Haskell Maiden Maddey Williams puts the bat to the ball against Junction advancing the runners.



SAFE AT THIRD—Haskell Maiden Gabby Masias slides in safe at third base against Junction in the Area Championship game.



HEAVY EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION—Students of the Rochester Vo-Tech Center had the opportunity to learn how to operate heavy equipment. Observing the demonstration were, l-r, Kristopher Strafford, Bill Hester-Commissioner Precinct 1, Zackery Overmyer, Jonathan Primm, Rocky Haggard, Thomas Baker, Abel Sandoval and Jody Earle.

Jogging for Jillian, Sprinting for Spence event set May 13

It's that time again and the families of Jillian Thomas and Spencer LaBrie are again honoring the memory of their children with the 5th Jogging for Jillian, Sprinting for Spence event, to be held Sat., May 13.

The 5K Run/Walk will be held at Red Bud Park in Abilene, beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds will go towards scholarships established at Wylie ISD and Texas Tech ROTC in Spencer's name and at Haskell CISD and ACU Speech Pathology in Jillian's name. A donation will also be made to Mothers Against Drunk Driving or MADD.

Last year, 72 generous sponsors and 150 plus participants helped make the 4th Run/Walk a huge success, enabling them to award eight scholarships.

Both Spencer and Jillian had a strong love for running, working out and living a healthy lifestyle.

Jillian, a Haskell High School honor graduate, was a cheerleader for four years, enjoyed cross country and track and was a member of

the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. After high school, Thomas attended Angelo State University for two years, before transferring to Abilene Christian University. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology, as well as a Master's Degree. She was a very determined young woman, who worked hard to obtain her goals.

LaBrie graduated from Wylie High School. He not only excelled in sports, but was also a strong student. A very disciplined young man, he competed in baseball, basketball and football. He began his college work at Lubbock Christian University, later transferring to Texas Tech University.

In addition to playing college baseball, he received a full scholarship from the ROTC and was working toward obtaining his pilot's license.

Medals for the winners in the under 17, 18-25, 26-35 and over 36 categories will

be presented. There are also gifts and prizes to be given away.

Registration fee for adults is \$25, seventeen and under is \$20 and T-shirt only is \$18.

For more information on sponsorship or to register to participate, go to www.active.com or find them on Facebook. Forms may also be obtained at local businesses or by contacting Eden by phone at (325) 721-3348 or online at eden.thomas@abileneisd.org. To ensure you receive a t-shirt, entries must be received by April 26.

You may pick up packets early on Friday, May 12 from 3-6 p.m. at Red Bud Park.

The families of Jillian and Spencer invite everyone to come out to Red Bud Park on Sat., May 13 and be a part of the "Jogging for Jillian, Sprinting for Spence." It will be a time to remember and celebrate the joy for life these two held, while helping to provide scholarships for others.

A Day in Downtown Rochester set June 3

"A Day in Downtown Rochester," hosted by Rochester Neighborhood Watch, will be all day Sat., June 3, in Rochester.

Activities include a city-wide garage sale, bake sale, ice cream freez-off, chuck wagon, trade booths and vendors, music all day, dance, and concession stand. The Classic Collection Warehouse,

the Rochester Museum and The Yellow Rose Event Center will all hold open houses. A quilt show will be hosted by Rochester Museum, Inc.

For more information, or to inquire about being a vendor, call Lonnetta Farrar at 940-743-3446, or visit the Rochester, Texas or Rochester Museum Inc. pages on Facebook.

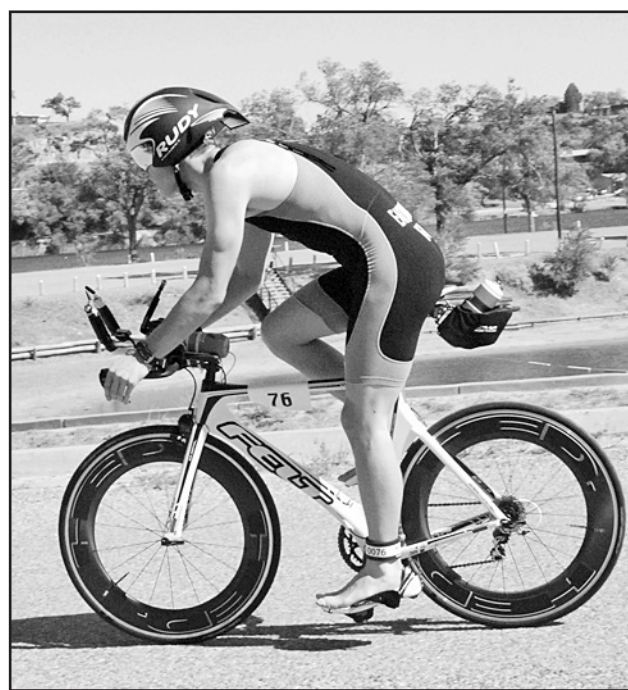
Alzheimer's seminar set

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled, "The BASICS: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease," Wed., May 31 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at St. James United Methodist Church, in Abilene.

This workshop is intended for anyone who would like to

learn more about the disease and related dementias, as well as resources available to those living with the diagnosis.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended. For more information or to register, call Mindy Bannister at 1-800-272-3900 or e-mail mbannister@alz.org.



WINS TRIATHLON—Ryan Earthman of O'Brien won first place overall in the Doghouse Sprint Triathlon at Buffalo Springs Lake Sun., May 7. He completed the 500 meter swim, 17.6 mile bike and 3.1 mile run to earn the win. Earthman is the 17 year old grandson of Larry and Susan LeFevre and the great grandson of Joyce LeFevre and Tomi May.



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STORY TIME—Haskell Student Council members, Grace Colley, left, Areli Torres, second from right, and Ryanna Rodriguez, right, lead the weekly story time at the Haskell County Library recently. Enjoying the story, 'If You Give a Mouse a Cookie,' were, l-r, Ben Davis, Brooke Turner, Hadley Turner, Julianna Davis, Abe VanFleet and A.J. Davis. The readers made mouse masks during craft time.



SAFETY CITY VISIT—Paint Creek third grade students visited Safety City in Abilene Tues., April 18. Attending were, front row, l-r, Chloe Pete, Harry Boyd, Maddy Tucker and Blandyn Whisenhunt; back row, Ethan O'Donnell, Aaron Gonzales, Aubrey Payne, Alyssa Anguiano, Abigail Castorena, Audrianna Yanez, Matthew Davis and Zakarey Jones.



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

Vegetables A to Z: Celery

Did you know?
Celery is available all year round. One serving of celery is only 20 calories and contains 15% of our daily vitamin C requirement. Celery is also a good source of potassium.

Fun fact!
Celery was first used as a medicine by the Greeks and Romans.

What am I looking for?
Look for fresh, crisp stalks with a solid, rigid feel. Celery should have a glossy surface with light or medium green stalks. Wash celery well before use. Avoid celery

with flabby upper branches or leaf stems, hollowed or discolored centers in the branches.

Blue Cheese Spread
5 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese
3 ounces fat-free cream cheese

½ cup crumbled blue cheese
1 teaspoon instant minced onion
Dash garlic powder
1 large stalk celery, finely diced
¼ cup finely chopped pecans

In a medium bowl, combine cream cheeses, blue

cheese, onion and garlic powder. Mash and stir with a fork until mixed. Stir in celery and pecans. Transfer to serving bowl. Serve at once or cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1-2 hours.

Preparation time, 10 minutes; Cook time, 0 minutes; Serves, 32 (2 teaspoons per serving)

Nutrition: Calories, 26; Total fat, 2 g; Cholesterol, 5 mg; Sodium, 59 mg; Total carbohydrate, 1 g; Protein, 1 g.

For a copy of this recipe or more information on healthy and nutritious recipes go to www.haskell.agrilife.com or like us on Facebook at Haskell County 4-H and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Also, contact Darlene Hopkins—the Haskell County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at 101 S. Ave D, Haskell, phone 940-864-2658.

Letter carriers to collect food Saturday, May 13

Sat., May 13 marks the 25th anniversary of one of America's great days of giving—the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Letter carriers walk through the community every day, often coming face to face with a sad reality for too many, hunger.

So, each year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food donations from our customers. These donations go directly to local food pantries to provide food to people in Haskell who need our help.

The need for food donations is great. Currently, 49 million Americans—one in six—are unsure where their next meal is coming from. Sixteen million are children who feel hunger's impact on their overall health and ability to perform in school. And over 5 million seniors over age 60 are food insecure, with many who

live on fixed incomes often too embarrassed to ask for help.

Our food drive's timing is crucial. Food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and winter holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need.

Participating in this year's Letter Carrier Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is simple. Just leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox on Sat., May 13 and your letter carrier will do the rest. Please join in America's great day of giving and help us in our fight to end hunger.

Al-Anon

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



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

by Darlene Hopkins, CEA-FCS, Haskell Co.

District 3 4-H Consumer Decision Making Judging Contest
The Haskell County 4-H Junior Consumer Decision Making judging team

competed at the district of Lane Addington, Evan Enriquez and Colton Hopkins placed third. Evan Enriquez was High Point Individual Junior for the contest.



EVAN ENRIQUEZ

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WHPD scholarship applicants sought

Once again, it's time for Wild Horse Prairie Days! With that comes the WHPD scholarship contest. Things have changed over the past two years. Young men will be included along with the young ladies.

Anyone that is in a Haskell County high school or is associated with one of the participating ranches is eligible to apply for this year's scholarship. If those winning are not graduating seniors the scholarship money will be held by their high school.

Those applying will fill out an application and go through an interview which will be held Thurs., June 1, at the Haskell Civic Center at 4:00 p.m. This is a really easy process for the chance of a nice scholarship. The sponsor meal will be held the same evening and the applicants will be introduced. The winner announced at that time. The winner will ride in the WHPD parade Fri., June 2 and be introduced at both performances of the rodeo, June 2-3.

Attire for this event is western or something appropriate for the occasion of a ranch rodeo. Each contestant will need a sponsor, which can be parents, grandparents or a business.

Applications may be picked up from the school counselor's offices or in the Haskell County Judge's office on the second floor of the county courthouse. The deadline for applications to be turned in is May 30 at 5:00 p.m. For more information please call Susan Cockerell at 940-864-2851.

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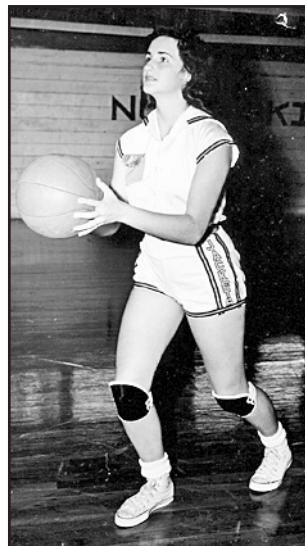
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Ode to Yesteryear

*She was pretty as a peach,
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and now she's getting old!
She grew up in the Piney Woods,
as an athlete she was much alive,
Her pace has now slowed down,
for you see she's nearing seventy-five!*



*Love,
Earl, Downtown
and Pops!*



2017 HASKELL MAIDENS AREA CHAMPIONS



HASKELL MAIDENS—Members of the 2017 Haskell Maidens' softball team are, front row, l-r, Franzi Lutz, Laura Fuentes, Kelsey Guzman, Gabbi Mendoza, Kourtney Gibson, Julia Fuentes, Lexi Jimenez, Makinzie Garvin, Landry Hanson, Kobie Walker, Areli Torres, Jordan Garvin, Ryanna Rodriguez, Lauren Maddey Williams and Krysta Winegeart; back row, Coach John Foster, Alexander and Coach Lolo Martinez.

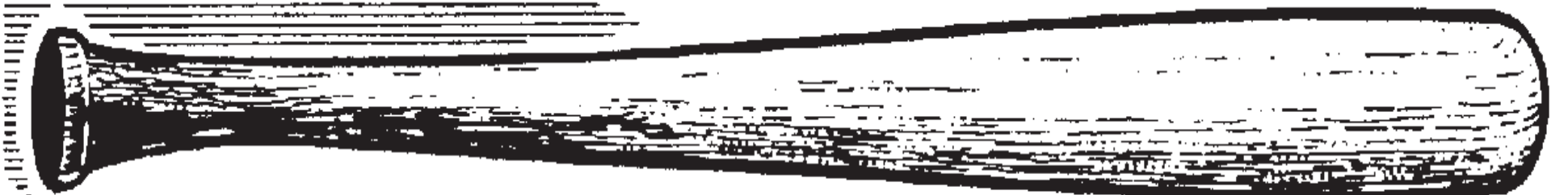
Maidens vs Petrolia Lady Pirates

Regional Quarter Final Playoff Games
Game 1: Thurs., May 11, 6 p.m. at Graham
Game 2: Fri., May 12, 4 p.m. at Graham

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PREPARING FOR THE STAAR TEST—Students in Amanda Adkins's fourth grade class at Rule Elementary School were gearing up for the STAAR test with an encouraging celebration. Stars celebrating were, l-r, Julio Tapia, Diego Amaya, Kyleik Mason, Kyle Adkins, Jelena Alvarez, Amanda Adkins, Max Hollabaugh and Juan Hernandez.

Golf tournament results reported

On the weekend of April 29-30, the Haskell Country Club hosted its Third Annual Fore!!!Man Scramble Golf Tournament. 136 golfers from the Big Country, South Plains, Texoma, Dallas Metroplex and all points in between battled cold temperatures and a brutal north wind to compete. This is the first of three major tournaments to be hosted by the Haskell Country Club over the spring and summer. The festivities kicked off Friday night with the annual Par 3 Contest in which Joseph Andress of Merkel bested a field of 40 golfers to take down top honors.

Action picked back up on Saturday morning with 34 four-man teams competing throughout the day. Sunday morning brought welcomed sunshine to the course, but also a stiff north wind gusting up to 50 mph at times. After all the dust was settled and scores totaled, the following winners were announced:

Championship flight:
First place 53 & 52 for 105 total, Colby Christie of Haskell, Sandy Scott, Nathan Weant and Kyle Hogan, all of Lubbock;

Second place 60 & 61 for 121 total, Mike McElroy, Alan Henson, Steve Fikes and Garrett Pace, all of Olney;

Third place tie 59 & 68 for 127 total, Mik Everet of Haskell, Ty Bufkin of Munday, Robert Henson of Pecos and Drake Bradley of Abilene;

Third place tie 61 & 66 for 127 total, Dusty McElroy and Tyler Whitsitt, both of Olney, Landon Rowe and Katie Rowe, both of Archer City.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—The Rolling Plains Texas Tech Alumni Association honored Haskell High School seniors, Sam Fouts, left, and Ashlyn Bevel, right, with a scholarship award of \$1,000 each. The award was presented to the students by Joey Kimbrough, center.



RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP—Banner Well Service honored Laura Fuentes, left, a senior at Haskell High School, with a \$2,000 scholarship award. The award was presented by Joey Kimbrough, right.

First flight:
First place 63 & 63 for 126 total, Chris Kliener and Rocky Garcia, both of Abilene, Zach Thomas and Mychal Carrillo, both of Fort Worth;

Second place 63 & 64 for 127 total, Lee Decker and Brad Bevel, both of Haskell, Jerry Don Garcia of Rochester and Dylan Hanson of Abilene;

Third place 62 & 66 for 128 total, Kyle Markey, Joe Wheatley, Mickey Dunnam and Marni Dunnam, all of Haskell;

Fourth place 63 & 66 for 129 total, Jordan Lowe of Munday, Trey Bufkin and Bryant Moore, both of Wichita Falls and Callen Coltharp of Lubbock.

Second flight:
First place 64 & 63 for 127* total (won tiebreaker), Cord Barrientes and John Clairhew, both of Olney, Ryan Cawthon and Chad Turner, both of Arlington;

Second place 64 & 63 for 127 total, Todd Stevenson, Mandy Stevenson, Colby Stevenson and Tyler Rister, all of Hamlin;

Third place 64 & 65 for 129 total, Mitch Hall, Dale Hall, Matt Hall and Branson Ponder, all of Hamlin.

Fourth place 64 & 66 for 130 total, Andy Rodriguez of Haskell, Stephen Rodriguez of Fort Worth, Greg Rodriguez of Mineral Wells and Joe Macias of Sagerton;

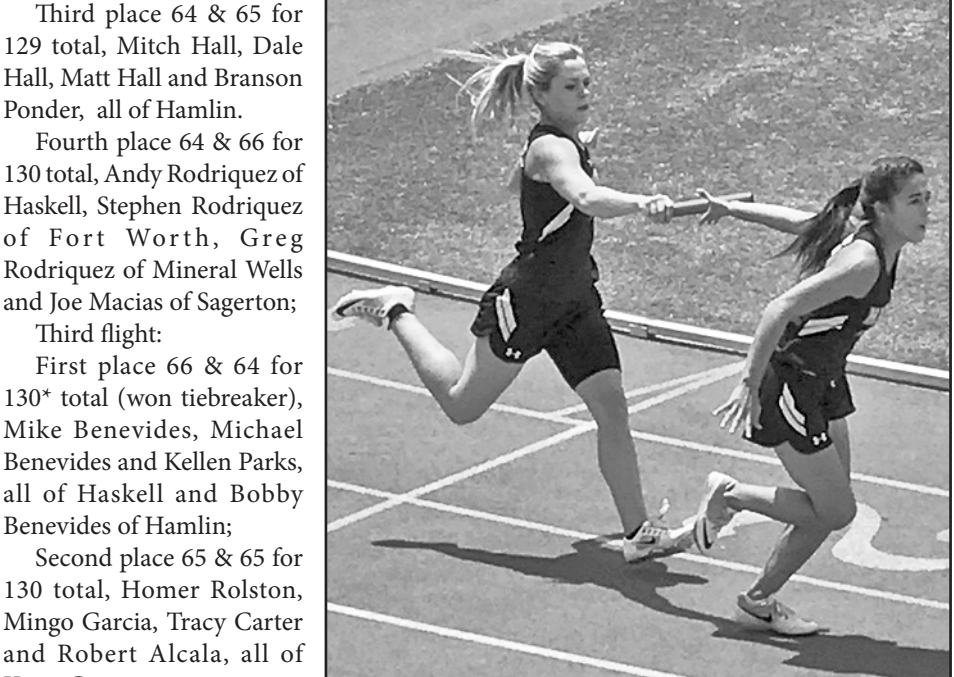
Third flight:
First place 66 & 64 for 130* total (won tiebreaker), Mike Benevides, Michael Benevides and Kellen Parks, all of Haskell and Bobby Benevides of Hamlin;

Second place 65 & 65 for 130 total, Homer Rolston, Mingo Garcia, Tracy Carter and Robert Alcala, all of Knox City;

Third place tie 66 & 68 for 134 total, Fernando Molina and Leslie Molina, both of Olney, Brian Schmidt of Graham and Jimmy Smith of Wichita Falls;

Third place tie 65 & 69 for 134 total, Marcello Villegas of Alvarado, Austin Gardenhire of Midland, Chris Moreno of Lubbock and Justin Moreno of Amarillo.

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.



STATE BOUND—Haskell Maiden Kara Stout working the handoff to Valerie Andrews as part of the State Bound 4x200 relay team.



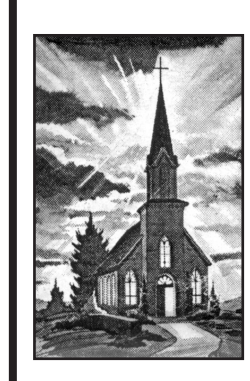
STATE BOUND—Haskell Maiden Krysta Winegeart completes the first leg of the State Bound 4x200 relay with a hand-off to Kobie Walker.

Haskell School Menu

May 15-19 Breakfast
 1% milk, fat-free flavored milk, 100% fruit juice variety and fruit are available at every meal.
Monday: Cereal, toast, muffin, yogurt, PBJ, animal crackers, cheese stick
Monday: Sausage biscuit
Tuesday: Breakfast boat
Wednesday: Chicken waffles
Thursday: Stuffed bagel, sausage
Friday: Dutch waffle, bacon

Lunch
 Milk variety is available at every meal. Sandwich available daily at elementary.
Monday: Taquitos, queso, charro beans, garden salad, cinnamon applesauce
Tuesday: Meatball sub sandwich, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit, chocolate and vanilla pudding
Wednesday: Fiesta bowl, garden salad, tiny tomato cup, fruit cup
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, garden salad, mac and cheese, beans, broccoli, apple slices
Friday: Deli sandwich, cucumbers, baby carrots with ranch, fresh fruit, graham snack, lettuce, tomato

This Week's Devotional Message:



Give your mother the love and honor she has earned

Now your mother was there to exhibit her care
 Every day from the time you were born,
 By dispelling your fears and removing your tears
 When she knew you were feeling forlorn.
 Yet the moment you'd grown, she had probably known
 You'd begin to ignore her advice.

Now you have to agree, when you went on a spree,
 You had ended up paying the price;
 But religion has told, when your mother is old,
 That it's part of the heavenly plan
 That you'll solemnly vow you will honor her now,
 And repay all her love while you can.

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., 6 p.m.;
 Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
 Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
 - Trinity Baptist Church**
 Larry White, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
 Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
 - Greater Independent Baptist Church**
 Ollie Johnson, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
 940-863-4405
 - New Covenant Foursquare**
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
 - First Baptist Church**
 Ollie Pierson, pastor
 Juddson Smith, Family Life Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church**
 Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 5 p., Wed. 6 p.
 1600 N. First St., Haskell
 - God Loves You Ministries**
 Mark Wallace, pastor
 Church Service 10 a.m.
 West side of square, Haskell
 - WEINERT—**
 - First Baptist Church**
 Dan Bullock, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
 Weinert
 - Foursquare Church**
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sunday 11 a.m.
 Weinert
 - ROCHESTER—**
 - Church of Christ**
 Mitchell Greer, minister
 Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
 - First Baptist Church**
 Terry Moffett, Interim pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
 Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
 - Union Chapel Baptist Church**
 Clovis Dever
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 Rochester
 - Faith Chapel of Rochester**
 Randy Hollingsworth, minister
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
 Hwy. 6, Rochester
 - SAGERTON—**
 - Sagerton Methodist Church**
 Cory Graham, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
 - Faith Lutheran Church**
 Anna Robbins, pastor
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.
 Sagerton
 - RULE—**
 - First Baptist Church**
 Scott Hensley, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule
 - Primitive Baptist Church**
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
 - Church of Christ**
 Paul Leonard, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 811 Union, Rule
 - Primera Iglesia Bautista**
 Alfa y Omegas
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p.
 500 Elm Street, Rule
 - Sweet Home Baptist Church**
 Russell Stanley, pastor
 Sunday 10 a.m.
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
 940-997-2296
 - West Bethal Baptist Church**
 Rev. Clovis Dever
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule
 - PAINT CREEK—**
 - Paint Creek Baptist Church**
 Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek
 - O'BRIEN—**
 - O'Brien Baptist Church**
 Jim Reid, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p.
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CLASS GRADUATES—New graduates of the Knox-Haskell Counties Rural Leadership Program are, l-r, Tara Myers, Laramie Letz, Maggie McGhee, Jeff Lyle, Sherry Ellis, Mary Jane Buerkle and Nathan Buerkle.

Knox-Haskell Counties Rural Leadership Program completed

A third year of the Knox-Haskell Counties Rural Leadership Program (KHRLP), hosted by Knox County and the Development Corporation of Haskell (DCOH), is in the books. Seven participants from Knox and Haskell counties graduated from the 8-month program Tuesday night, May 2, at the Wooden Nickel in Knox City. They were joined by their employers, family, county government officials, and past graduates of the KHRLP program.

The graduation celebration was a fun-filled evening. The speaker of the evening was Dale Dunlap, DEA with Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service. Dunlap inspired graduates to be the person who feeds a billion people. Participants enjoyed a delicious catered dinner. They were also honored with a certificate of completion along with a nice tote bag.

Jeff Lyle, COO of Haskell Memorial Hospital, had this to say about his experience in the program, "Only living in Haskell for four days before starting the class, it gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of people and learn about the various communities, businesses, activities and organizations available within Haskell and Knox counties. 5 stars!!!"

Participants will put their new-found skills and experience into practice through the fulfillment of a community project. These projects are collaborations among the participants. This year's participants are working together to do an inventory of public storm shelters in Knox and Haskell Counties and make this information available to the public. They are also researching grants and programs available to the counties for new shelters. The project is still evolving so keep an eye out for more information.

Lorrie Coop with Texas A&M AgriLIFE Extension Service served as the Knox County coordinator for this year's program. Coop is a big believer in working together for the common good. "Extraordinary things can happen when ordinary people come together with a desire and willingness to get involved in their communities. Becoming a leader is about more than just telling others why they should get involved. It's about inspiring and empowering them to make a difference," she said.

Mary Jane Buerkle and husband Nathan made the move back to Haskell last year. Nathan, a pharmacist, and Mary Jane, a Marketing Manager for The Drug Store in Haskell, wanted to reconnect with their hometown after living in Lubbock for the past 16 years. "I am better equipped to serve my community because of the Knox-Haskell Rural Leadership Program. The connections and friendships made through this program are extremely valuable and will allow all of us to make an even greater impact through leadership," said Mary Jane.

"I learned so much through this program. From legislative affairs in Austin to people who work in our local and county government offices, it was a great experience. I would recommend that anyone in a leadership position or seeking to advance in their career apply for this program," said Nathan.

The program began in 2014 as a joint effort between Knox County and the DCOH. These two groups saw the need for additional leadership in their communities and decided to do something about it. Once a month for 8 months, the group met and worked through a leadership curriculum. Powerful speakers from around the

region were brought in to teach the curriculum, lending their experience to the group and helping the participants to establish valuable networks. The afternoons were filled with tours and speakers from around Knox and Haskell Counties. Participants explored county government in Haskell, healthcare in Munday, economic development in Haskell, education in Munday, and quality of life in both communities and much more. The tours helped participants explore their local resources and learn more about their communities as a whole. A highlight of the program was a trip to Austin where they had the opportunity to sit down with their state representatives James Frank and Drew Springer. They also met with a variety of state agencies and learned about state-wide resources available to rural communities.

"One of the hardest things about this program is getting people to take a chance on it. But, once they get involved, they are hooked," said Jimi Coplen, Executive Director of the DCOH. Even after three years, the program continues to surprise her. "People are our biggest asset. We can't accomplish anything without them," said Coplen. "I love getting to know each of them and seeing how they evolve."

This year's KHRLP graduates included Mary Jane and Nathan Buerkle, Jeff Lyle, Laramie Letz and Tara Myers from Haskell County. The Knox County participants included Sherry Ellis and Maggie McGhee. The program was directed by Jimi Coplen with the DCOH and Lorrie Coop with AgriLIFE. If you are interested in signing up for the 2017-2018 program kicking off in September, please contact Jimi at 940-864-3424 or Lorrie at 940-459-2651.

Applications for BCEC Operation Round Up accepted through June 1

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 charitable 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 logo. Please contact Sarah McLen at 325-776-3803 or at smclen@bigcountry.coop with any questions.

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/>.

Felicity Hannsz wins bronze, makes the Jr. Olympic team

Felicity Hannsz, a seventeen year old junior at Paint Creek High School, traveled to San Antonio last week to compete at the Texas Junior Olympic Shoot, held at the San Antonio Gun Club.

Competing in the International Bunker Trap Shoot, she came away with a bronze medal, as well as a spot on the Texas Junior Olympic Team. The top three females and the top three males at last week's contest will represent Texas at the National competition.

Hannsz, the daughter of Keith and Derinda Hannsz of Haskell, began shooting in April 2013, when she became a part of the Haskell County 4-H Shooting Sports Team. She has since taken up other areas of trap shooting, including most recently the International Bunker Trap, and has won numerous awards and recognitions over the past four years.

As part of the preparation, she will attend the Texas Jr. Olympic Complex in

Colorado Springs, Colorado in mid June.

Congratulations and

good luck as Hannsz and her teammates represent Texas in the upcoming competition.



OLYMPIC WINNERS—Felicity Hannsz of Haskell, center, bronze medal winner, is joined by Junior Olympic team members, McKinzie Vandertun of Lubbock, left, silver medal winner, and Joyce Hunsaker of Corpus Christi, right, gold medal winner.

Results of city/school/bond elections reported

The votes have been cast and counted for the municipal and school board elections held Saturday, May 6.

While it will take a few days for the votes to be canvassed and made official, the unofficial results have been announced.

The results for the Haskell City Council include Steve King, 253; Tell Stevens, 223; Johnny Fuentes, 203; Randy Bowers, 181; Allen Morrow, 91; and Dan Hoover, 83. The top three will serve the city for two year terms. A total of 398 registered voters cast their ballots.

On the Haskell CISD school board, Paula Everett, who was unopposed, will serve place #2, while Rusty Stocks will represent place #3. Stocks received 19 votes to Wesley Alsbrook's 15

votes.

The City of Rule had a contested race for positions on the city council. Five candidates were running for three places on the Rule City Council. Receiving the most votes were Delle Davis Watkins with 77, Jim Kowalski with 67 and Alan Beard with 40. Bob Clark received 39 votes, while Lacy Russell had 32. Gilbert Navarrette, who

ran unopposed in a special election, will also serve on the council.

The Rule ISD school board had two three-year terms to fill. Receiving the most votes was incumbent Jeffrey Murray with 77, while Kenny Barnett had 58 and Angela Hertel got 51.

Voters in the Paint Creek School District approved 59-10 a 3.645 million dollar bond.

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