

## Softball

Maidens vs Archer City

Game 1:

Thurs., May 14, 7 p.m.

Game 2:

Fri., May 15, 6 p.m.

Game 3 (if needed):

Fri., May 15, 8 p.m.

All games are in Seymour

## Track

Haskell

State track meet, Austin

Fri.-Sat., May 15-16

University of Texas

## Calendar

### Early deadline

Deadline for news and advertising for the Thurs., May 28 of the Haskell Free Press will be Thurs., May 21 at 4:30 p.m. The Free Press office will be closed Mon., May 25 for Memorial Day.

### Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 21 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 distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 16 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell.

### Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., May 16 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule.

### Fish fry lunch

East Side Baptist Church is holding a youth fish fry fund-raiser to help send the youth to summer camp Sun., May 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church, 600 N. 1st E, Haskell. Donations will be accepted.

### Elem. awards

Haskell Elementary awards programs will be held as follows: Kindergarten, Wed., May 20 at 9:45 a.m.; first grade, Tues., May 26 at 9:30 a.m.; second grade, Mon., May 25 at 9:30 a.m.; third grade, Thurs., May 21 at 8:45 a.m.; fourth grade, Fri., May 22 at 8:45 a.m.; and fifth grade, Wed., May 27 at 8:30 a.m.

### Elem. park days

Haskell Elementary park days will be held as follows: Pre-K 3 and 4, Fri., May 22; Kindergarten, Tues., May 19; first grade, Wed., May 27; second grade, Thurs., May 28; third grade, Thurs., May 21; fourth grade, Mon., May 25; and fifth grade, Tues., May 26.

### Men's breakfast

A men's free breakfast will be held Sun., May 24 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. All men in the community are invited.

### Weinert FBC VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held Thurs., June 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Weinert for ages three years through sixth grade. This year's theme is Saddle Ridge Ranch. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call 940-673-8310.

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## Good luck Indians and Maidens

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## Maidens are Area Champs; to play Archer City

The Haskell Maidens beat Junction 15-3 in five innings on Fri., May 8 at Tuscola after a 10-run explosion in the fourth inning.

Earlier in the week, Maidens' coach, John Foster wanted a three game series, but Junction coach, April McAdams, recalled two previous losses to the Maidens in playoffs in 2010 and 2011 and forced Foster to flip for a one game series, looking for an upset. Foster lost the toss but got the home team advantage. With all the rain in Haskell and around, strangely enough, Tuscola remained dry and the two teams faced off under good conditions with storm clouds looming as close as Abilene.

Junction scored first with a run in the first, and Haskell answered with four runs of their own. Laura Fuentes and Kelsey Guzman both hit doubles putting the Maidens in the lead for the remainder of the game. Junction scored another run in the second with Hannah Foster in the circle. The bottom of the second, found Foster with a single, and Krysta Winegeart with an RBI double. Junction answered with their last run in the third, making the score 5-3 at the end of three.

Fuentes entered the circle

in the fourth with three up, three down, and the Maidens exploded with Ashlyn Bevel diving into second to stretch a double out of a single and start the Maidens on a 15 batter deluge. Foster followed with an RBI triple and Fuentes with an RBI

single. A three-run home run by Breezy Gibbs (her fourth for the year) put a dent in Jim Ned's scoreboard, and an RBI single by Briana Rodriguez, a two-run single by Foster, and an RBI single by Winegeart added 10 runs to the Maidens' tally.

Again in the fifth, Fuentes pitched a three up, three down inning and the game was over with the Maidens making history as Area Champions for the seventh year in a row.

The Maidens will face a tough district 8 opponent

in Archer City on Thursday and Friday in Seymour for the Regional Quarter Final Championship Series. Game time on Thursday will be 7 p.m., and on Friday at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (if needed). Haskell will be the home team in game 1.



**AREA CHAMPIONS**—The Haskell Maidens have taken the Area Championship title for the seventh year in a row. Team members include, front center, Breezy Gibbs; front row, l-r, Melody Martinez, Daphni Leonard, Hannah Foster, Krysta Winegeart, Kelsey Guzman, Laura Fuentes, Hannah Martinez and Briana Rodriguez; back row, Coach John Foster, Ashlyn Bevel,

Jacie Klose, Kasia Isbell, Julia Fuentes, Gabby Mendoza, Abby Blair and Coach Lolo Martinez. The Maidens will face the Archer City Lady Cats in a three game series for the Regional Quarter Final title Thurs., May 14 at 7 p.m. Game two will be played Fri., May 15 at 6 p.m., followed by game three, if needed, at 8 p.m. All games will be played at Seymour.

## Isbell, Bowers, Morrow; Sloan, Alvarez, Leonard win city/school elections

by Caron Yates

The campaigning is over, the votes have been cast and the results are in. The Haskell city election, as well as the Haskell CISD school board election were held Sat., May 9.

Results in the city election were Jason Isbell, 363 votes; Randy Bowers, 334 votes; Allen Morrow, 233 votes; Ernest Frye, 170 votes; and Shane Whitt, 162 votes. Serving as aldermen for two year terms will be Isbell, Bowers

and Morrow. There were 504 total votes cast in the election.

The Haskell CISD had three single member districts up for election. Single member district #4 will be filled by Lance Sloan, who was unopposed. Voters in single member district #5 returned incumbent Albert Alvarez with 117 votes, while challenger Paul Weiser received 10 votes.

The incumbent for

single member district #7, Mark Stewart, chose not to run again. Seeking that position were Paul Leonard, who received 25 votes and Sheena Crosson, who received 16 votes. Alvarez, Leonard and Sloan were elected to three year terms on the school board.

We commend these individuals as they strive to make important decisions for the overall benefit of our city and our school district.

## Millers Creek now 77.7% full; to be closed June 14-20

by Caron Yates

The rains of the last couple of weeks have not only replenished our spirits, but have also helped replenish our water supply. From Abilene to Wichita Falls, the creeks are running!

David Kuehler, executive director of the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority, says that on May 4, Millers Creek Reservoir stood at 1311.31' MSL, which was 7.90% of capacity and 2,107 acre feet of storage. As of May 11, the lake has risen to 1331.05' MSL, 77.70% of capacity, and 20,787 acre feet

of water. Kuehler continued, "The last date we were at that level was the week of August 8, 2010."

The extended drought has taken a toll on this entire area of Texas. It has greatly affected everything from crops, livestock, related businesses, limited personal use, to water restrictions on yard watering, and the list goes on and on. The most significant effect was the dwindling levels of available water to sustain the people in the area.

We each have tried to do our part to safeguard the precious water we have.

While we must all remain conservation minded when it comes to using our water and other natural resources, we rejoice that our prayers have been answered, and the reservoir which supplies the water for most of this area, once again has water.

Kuehler also reminds everyone that Millers Creek Reservoir will be closed to all traffic the week of June 14-20. This is necessary for yearly maintenance work to be done, without endangering lake goers.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Applications now available for WHPD scholarship contest

The 20th annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo is fast approaching.

An important part of the activities is the WHPD Scholarship Contest. This contest is open to any student, male or female, who attends a Haskell County high school. High school age students that are associated with one of the participating ranches, are also eligible to enter. If the winners are not graduating seniors, the scholarship money will be held by their high school.

To apply, you must fill out and turn in an application by Wednesday, June 3. Each applicant will be interviewed at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 4 at the Haskell Civic Center. The Sponsor Meal will be held the same evening, and all applicants will be introduced and winners announced at that time.

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

Winners will ride in



**EMILY FOUTS**  
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Scholarship winner

the WHPD Parade and be introduced at both performances of the rodeo.

Applications may be picked up at the counselor's office of all Haskell County high schools, as well as the Haskell County Judge's office on the second floor of the county courthouse.

For more information call Susan at 940-864-2851.

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# Haskell Co. DA Dispositions

**Case Dispositions  
Felony Court  
Haskell County, Texas  
April, 2015**

Torrey Jalyn Anderson. Offense: Possession of controlled substance, PG1, Meth, more than 4 grams; Motion to revoke community supervision-guilty plea. Sentenced: Five years confined TDCJ-Institutional Division plus court costs, fine and restitution.

William Ryan Pierce. Offense: Manufacture/Delivery of controlled substance, PG1. Case dismissed due to plea. Charge: Manufacture/Delivery of controlled substance, PG1, namely Meth, more than 4 grams. Guilty plea. Sentenced: Twenty years confinement TDCJ-Institutional Division plus court costs.

Kathereen Michelle Hunt. Offense: Possession of controlled substance, PG1,

Meth, more than 1 Gram. Guilty plea. Sentence: Five years TDCJ-Institutional Division, probated five years plus fine, plus court costs, plus restitution.

Christopher Jarred Roberts. Offense: DWI 3rd or more. Guilty plea. Sentence: Five years confinement TDCJ-Institutional Division probated five years plus Fine, plus court costs, plus restitution.

Steven Ray Johnson. Offense: Possession of controlled substance, PG1, Meth, more than 1 gram. Sentence: Five years deferred adjudication plus fine, plus court costs, plus restitution.

Lisa Marie Frame. Offense: Credit/Debit card abuse. Guilty plea. Sentence: Eighteen months confinement TDCJ-State Jail Division, plus court costs. Offense: Possession of controlled substance, PG1, Meth, under 1 gram. Guilty plea. Sentence: Eighteen

months confinement TDCJ-State Jail Division, plus court costs, plus restitution. Offense: Theft (by check). Guilty plea. Sentence: Eighteen months confinement TDCJ-State Jail Division, plus court costs.

Brittany Nicole Jewell. Offense: Burglary of a habitation. Motion to revoke probation. Guilty plea. Sentence: Eight months confinement County Jail, plus fine, plus court costs.

Savannah Nicole Gutierrez. Offense: Prohibited substance/items in correctional facility. Guilty plea. Sentence: Ten tears confinement TDCJ-Institutional Division, probated six years, plus fine, plus court costs, plus restitution.

Chadwick Baize. Offense: Theft (by check). Guilty plea. Sentence: Four years deferred adjudication, plus fine, plus court costs, plus restitution.

# Obituaries

## Wanda Burson Rogers

Memorial services for Wanda Burson Rogers, 77, of Abilene were held Wed., May 13 at Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene. Mrs. Rogers passed away Sun., May 10 in Abilene.

Born Aug. 20, 1938, she was the daughter of Raymond and Estelle Burson. After graduation from Haskell High School, she worked in the courthouse in Haskell. She moved to Abilene in 1964 and began working for Halliburton. She later worked for Dr. D.G. Porterfield. Before retiring, she worked for West Texas Rehab Center.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene where she was involved in many service projects and committees.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Rogers; brothers, Tim and Tony Burson; and sister-in-law, Linda Burson.

Survivors include four children, Larry Kimbrough (Joy) of Judd; Jerrie Sue Grand (Randy) of Haskell; Judy Drinnon, Edward Feemster (Maria) of Abilene; two stepchildren, Mike Feemster (Barbara) of Saginaw; and Randy Feemster (Joy) of Fort Worth; fifteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; one sister, Sherry Carter (Chick) of Abilene; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to your favorite charity. PD. NOTICE

# May is Older Americans month

by Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist III - Gerontology & Health

When we think of the word "age," the most common thought is the number of years lived. However, as Americans continue to live longer, we also must think about how well they are living—how successfully they are aging. Since May is "Older Americans Month," Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service would like to provide some tips on successful aging so that the quality of your life will increase with its quantity.

The first step to successful aging is to remain as physically healthy as possible for as long as possible. Mary Herridge, a Gerontologist and former County Extension Agent, points out that poor health is not a consequence of aging and being healthy is not just the absence of disease. "A chronic illness may be considered unhealthy but, if managed properly, the person suffering from that illness may be able to lead a normal, healthy life." A healthy lifestyle may have a positive impact on a person at any age. Proper diet, physical activity and preventive healthcare are three primary means to maintaining your physical health. According to Herridge, people interested in diet, exercise and prevention may contact the Extension Agent in their

county for information on programs and services that are available: <http://counties.agrilife.org>.

Successful aging is also tied very heavily to a person's mental health. Just as with physical health, decline in mental health is not a consequence of growing older. "Many clinicians and family members attribute an altered mental state to someone's age rather than recognizing symptoms of a disease and seeking treatment for it," says Andy Crocker, Extension Program Specialist III—Gerontology and Health. Something as simple as the wrong prescription in a pair of glasses may cause disorientation and then may be confused with dementia. Crocker recommends keeping the mind active through stimulating activity such as reading or word games or even talking with friends and neighbors about a current news event. As an added tip, Dr. Judy Warren, Professor and Special Initiatives Coordinator, suggests plenty of sleep in addition to any physical and mental activities. "Plenty of sleep nurtures the body and the mind," says Warren.

Emotional and spiritual well-being are key to any discussion regarding healthy aging. Social interaction is an important part of emotional health. Dr. Warren reminds us "to age well, we need to give and receive love." Whether

it's through volunteerism or a group of friends who meet on a regular basis, staying involved in society gives a sense of purpose: a reason to get out of bed in the morning and to stay both mentally and physically healthy. "I don't think we realize that mental, physical, and emotional health are all intertwined," says Herridge. "It's like a stool with three legs—if you take one leg away, the stool won't stand-up." An excellent way to stay mentally healthy as well as strengthen emotional health is to participate in educational opportunities in your community. "Most colleges and universities, and some school districts, offer a variety of classes that may be of interest to people of any age. The best part is that most classes are very affordable and offer flexible schedules," says Crocker.

Americans are still searching for the fabled "Fountain of Youth" and until someone finds it, we must try to do what we can to age well. Physical, mental, and emotional health are all interrelated and must be considered when discussing successful aging. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has many resources available to help you in your pursuit of a long, healthy life: <http://aging.tamu.edu>. For more information regarding successful aging, visit the National Institute on Aging Age Pages at <http://www.niapublications.org>.

# Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met Tues., April 28 in a regular meeting with all members present.

The abatement agreement with Horse Creek Energy was to be finalized by Fri., May 1 and paperwork was to be

delivered to the other entities for approval.

Treasurer Janis McDaniel reported on the treasurers' conference she attended.

Lynn Dodson, Justice of the Peace, reported that her deputy, Doy Jeter, was now a certified criminal clerk.

A motion to approve the Code Red system notifying citizens within the county boundaries for tornado warnings passed.

A motion to approve the modification request for the Community Development Block Grant was approved.

# Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of May 4-10:

Raul Quinones, assault family violence Class A misdemeanor.

John Alber Stufflebean, failure to appear aggravated assault with deadly weapon aggravated assault battery to pregnant women charges out of Wyoming.

Ty Wayne Baker, simple assault.

John Anthony Pierce, harassment Class B charge out of McCulloch County.

Christie Chad Burton, harassment.

Thirty-six calls were made to 911.

# Weather

by Kim Hutto  
National Weather Service  
Volunteer Co-op Observer

**Temperature**

Mon., May 4	59°/84°
Tues., May 5	60°/75°
Wed., May 6	65°/76°
Thurs., May 7	65°/83°
Fri., May 8	66°/84°
Sat., May 9	66°/86°
Sun., May 10	65°/93°

**Precipitation**

Wed., May 6	3.11" rain
Thurs., May 7	1.12" rain
Fri., May 8	.74" rain
Sat., May 9	1.17" rain
Sun., May 10	.73" rain

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# What you need to know about EMV and chip cards

Recent data breaches and identity theft reports have heightened consumer awareness around the security of payments. Consumers may find themselves asking, "How can I better protect myself and my personal financial information?" EMV cards, also known as chip cards, allow consumers to conduct all of their daily card transactions with added security features to protect their information. And more than likely, EMV cards are coming to a bank near you soon.

**What is EMV?** EMV—an abbreviation for Europay, MasterCard and Visa—is an internationally adopted payments standard that utilizes microchip technology to authenticate and process debit card and credit card transactions. EMV cards contain an embedded microchip that provides stronger security features not possible with traditional magnetic stripe cards.

**Why is EMV so important?** Simply put, chip cards are more secure. By using the chip technology instead of traditional magnetic stripe technology, chip cards offer enhanced protection of cardholder information while also

reducing fraud resulting from counterfeit, lost and stolen cards. For example, fraud from lost and stolen cards was cut in half when chip cards were introduced in the U.K. Convenience while traveling internationally is an additional benefit of chip cards. Many other countries have already adopted the EMV standard so you can easily use your chip card when traveling abroad. And not to worry, make your online purchases with your chip card in the same way you use a magnetic stripe card.

**So, what's different?** For now, chip cards still feature a magnetic stripe so they work on all payment terminals and ATMs. However, using your chip card will mean a slightly different experience at the checkout counter. To help remember some key points about using a chip card, think CHIP:

- **Carry** your chip card with confidence. By storing your card's data on a chip, your account information can be changed dynamically with every use, making it nearly impossible for fraudsters to successfully copy. This is a big advance from magnetic stripe cards.
- **Harness** its security advantage. Chip cards protect against fraud resulting from

counterfeit, lost and stolen cards by providing strong transaction security features not possible with traditional magnetic stripe cards.

- **Insert** your card in the terminal. Rather than swiping a traditional magnetic stripe card, cardholders will insert or "dip" a chip card into the reader where it will stay for the duration of the transaction, similar to the way most ATMs work today. Although your chip card still has a magnetic stripe to accommodate older terminals, newer terminals with a chip reader will prompt you to insert your chip card instead.

- **Pocket** your card when done. Don't leave your card behind! Since your chip card will remain in the terminal during the transaction, remember to take your card after the transaction is completed.

While chip cards offer a higher level of security, current magnetic stripe cards will continue to be secure, especially if you keep your PIN a secret. Be sure to monitor your card activity regularly and immediately report lost or stolen cards. For more information about EMV, chip cards and how to get yours today, contact your local community bank.



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**VISIT SAFETY CITY—Rule third grade students visited Safety City in Abilene recently. Those making the trip were, l-r, Geneva Pauley, Michael Holt, Timothy Moore, Donna Green, Lani Richards, Astrid Guzman, Frankie Olivera, Shelby Saffel and Sirena Baiza.**



**SAFETY SKILLS—Rule third grade students visited Safety City and learned many new tips to help keep them safe. Visiting Safety City were, l-r, Timothy Moore, Michael Holt, Astrid Guzman, Lani Richards, Frankie Olivera, Shelby Saffel, Paula Baker—teacher, Geneva Pauley, Donna Green and Sirena Baiza.**

## Rule third graders visit Safety City

On Wed., May 6, Rule third graders took a trip to Safety City in Abilene.

Students learned about fire safety and practiced escaping from a smoke filled room.

They learned bicycle, pedestrian and car safety; proper hand signals and to

do a shoulder check as a pedestrian, bicycle rider and car driver.

They drove a car, rode a bicycle, and walked around Safety City, putting their knowledge into action. On their walk they learned about bus safety, gas safety and electric safety.

Several parents went as volunteers and worked hard as they assisted the Safety City staff.

The third grade students would like to thank Paula Baker, Barry McBroom, Theresa Baiza, Lisa Saffel, Cynthia Abila, and James and Krissy Roberts.

## Alzheimer's seminar set May 22 in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association—North Central Texas Chapter announces the annual Abilene Caregiver Seminar, entitled Your Best Brain NOW: Practices for Brain Health. The half-day event will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Fri., May 22 at Southern Hills Church of Christ, located at 3666 Buffalo Gap Rd., in Abilene.

This year's seminar is designed to teach the basics of brain function and healthy brain behaviors, and will demonstrate practical strategies to help participants keep their minds fit while reducing their risk of dementia. Two dynamic speakers will be featured: Susan Franks,

PhD, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and a board certified Clinical Health Psychologist at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, and Pug Parris, EdD, Professor of Kinesiology and Director of the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program at McMurry University in Abilene.

Registration is required for all participants. Check-in begins at 12:00 p.m.; walk-ins will be admitted space permitting. There is no charge for family caregivers, although donations are accepted. Continuing education credit is available for activity professionals, nurses, and social workers,

for \$35. The program cost for other professionals not needing continuing education credit is \$20. Respite assistance is available for qualifying family caregivers through the West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging, at 325-672-8544 or 800-928-2262. Deadline for respite assistance requests is Fri., May 15.

For additional information or to register, call Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or toll-free at 800-272-3900.

## Senior hospitalizations can be prevented

Local experts encourage families to take action to help keep seniors out of the hospital.

A new study of nurses who work primarily with seniors indicates that nearly half (49 percent) of all senior hospitalizations can be avoided if proper preventative steps are taken.

The critical factor in reducing area hospitalizations is family involvement. Nearly all nurses (99 percent) surveyed say that the role families play in keeping seniors out of the hospital is just as important as the role of the medical community.

Knowing that a hospital stay can actually lead to more serious health declines, local senior care experts are mounting an informational campaign to educate families and decrease hospitalizations so that seniors may remain at home and healthy year-round.

"Keeping seniors safe at home and out of the hospital starts with family intervention," said Derral Reed, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care® franchise serving Abilene. "It could be as simple as making sure your parents are using assistive equipment to avoid falls or suggesting they see a doctor for any new aches or symptoms."

The most common action by seniors that puts them at risk of hospitalization is waiting too long to seek medical attention, according to the nurses surveyed. They estimate that nearly half of all seniors (47 percent) put off medical appointments or have problems accessing medical care.

"Not following doctor's orders also puts seniors at risk," Reed said. "Families play a critical role in making sure they fully understand and comply with medical instructions."

To help families identify and act on potential warning signs, Home Instead Senior Care is offering The Five Ways to Prevent Senior Hospitalizations guide, that was developed with Dr. Carolyn Clevenger, incoming president of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association. The free guide includes information about common risk factors and the steps that families can take to help ensure a healthy lifestyle.

The recommendations

include:

- Make sure the senior is taking preventative health measures—like getting a flu shot or shingles vaccination
- Encourage the use of assistive equipment
- Monitor and/or assist with medications

• Attend doctor's visits and be a medical advocate for your senior

- Assess your senior's balance
- Make sure your senior is able to safely drive
- Check in on aging loved ones regularly

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### GIFTS for GRADUATES

Selections for:

- Crissy Bassett
- Shady Blue Dunlap
- Taylor Flanary
- Makenzie Gass
- Breezy Gibbs
- Reagan Hadaway
- Jacie Klose
- Allanah Luce
- Kenzie Shelton

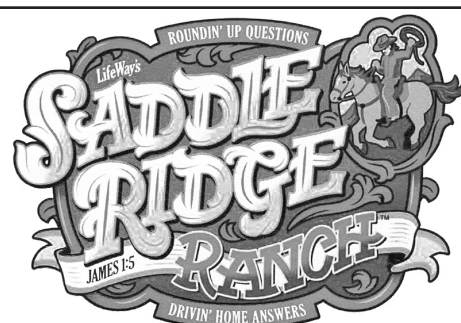
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Additionally, during the month of May, we'll be holding a drawing for existing customers (whose accounts have been in service and are current as of the drawing date) at each of our office locations. Each winner will receive 4 tickets to the Schlitterbahn Waterpark for splashing summer fun! Existing customers are automatically entered in the drawing for waterpark tickets and no further action is required.

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Promotion dates May 1 – May 31, 2015. Some restrictions may apply. Services where available. Up to three connections waived. After three connection, additional connections are \$20 each. To qualify for existing customer drawing, accounts must be in Service and current as of drawing date.

# OPINION

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

**10 Years Ago**  
**May 19, 2005**

**Top Bluebonnet/ Accelerated Readers at Haskell Elementary** received awards at the Bluebonnet Breakfast. They were Angelica Gonzalez, Stewart Urich, Felysha Walker, Carson Hadaway and Aaron Waggoner.

**Gloria Darnell** Willingham, a librarian at the Academy of Irving ISD was honored as a state finalist for "Educator of the Year." She is the daughter of Burl and Doris Darnell of Haskell.

Receiving the oath of office to serve on the Haskell City Council were Sue Medford, W.L. Wolf and Jimmy Roberts. They join councilmen Jerry Stocks and Dan Hoover, as well as Mayor Ken Lane.

**20 Years Ago**  
**May 18, 1995**

Highest ranking students in each class at HHS were recognized at the recent awards banquet. Those receiving plaques were Nisha Patel and Anna Rieger, 9th grade; Sarah Cothron and Mary Kay Watson, 10th grade; Anita Rapp and Charissa Huff, 11th grade; and Amy Cunningham and Jennifer Comedy, 12th grade.

After placing in district, Haskell High School FFA members competed at the area meet held in San Angelo. Jennifer Comedy placed 3rd in Public Speaking, while Rebecca Unger and Kurt McCord were second in Mr. and Miss FFA.

Attending the District 13 American Legion Spring Convention from the Rogers-Cox Post 221 of Haskell, were Abe Turner, Gene and Nancy Plunkett and Jim and Vicci King. Nancy Plunkett was awarded the "Certificate of Merit" during the convention.

**30 Years Ago**  
**May 16, 1985**

The LTV Aerospace and Defense Corporation announced the promotion of Dr. B.N. "Bob" Smith to Director of Contracts for the Vought Missiles and Advanced Programs Division. He is the son of Clay and Allie Belle Smith of Haskell.

Woodwind players in the Haskell Junior High band, whose performance on solo or ensemble earned them a first division rating, are Wendy Smith,

Gia Henshaw, Holly Reed, Missy Phemister, Dala Harris, Dawn Langhofer, Christi Bartley and Shanna Langford.

Haskell Mayor Abe Turner, along with members of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce Welcoming Committee, were on hand for a ribbon cutting at the opening of the Sonshine Gift Shop. Elaine Campbell is the owner.

**40 Years Ago**  
**May 15, 1975**

Jo Morrison, senior at HHS and daughter of Mrs. Wanda Morrison, received the District 14 Texas State Teachers Association scholarship. She was selected to receive the \$500 scholarship over 35 other applicants.

Roy Klose, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Klose of Haskell, has been selected to attend the University of Oklahoma for a seven week program this summer, designed for students of outstanding mathematics ability.

The Haskell Garden Club installed new officers at their recent meeting. They are Mrs. Leon Pearsey, president; Mrs. Norman Nanny, 1st vice president; Mrs. Cliff Dunnam, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Martin Rueffer, 3rd vice president; and Mrs. Garvin Foote, treasurer.

**50 Years Ago**  
**May 20, 1965**

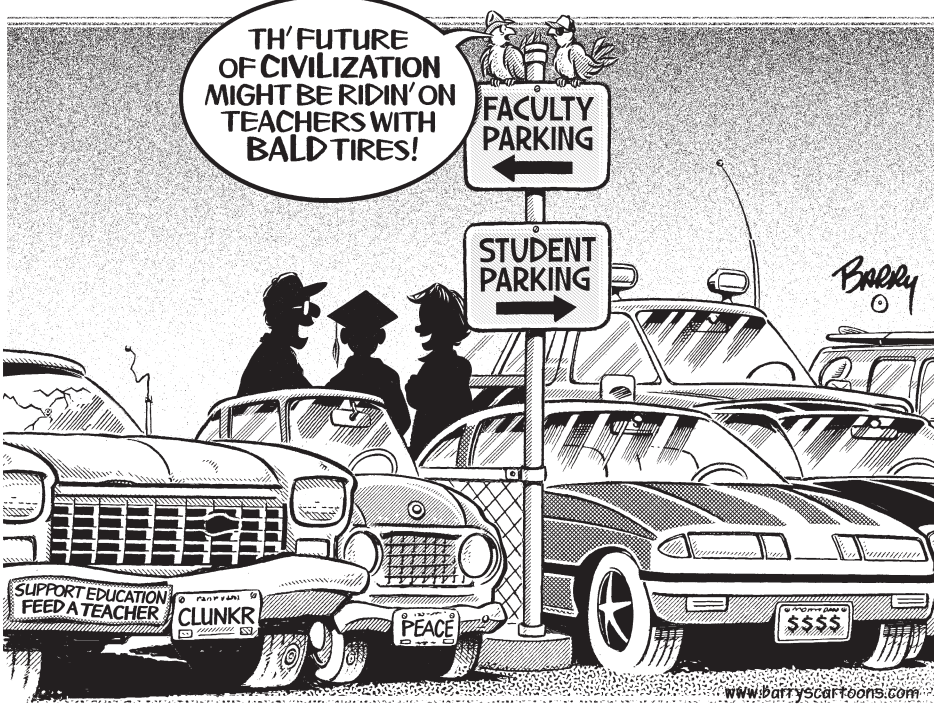
Presentation of the coveted God and Country medal in scouting was made by Rev. Douglas B. Finch to scouts Harold Spain, Leslie Huss, Wayne Davis, Bobby Black, James Wall and James Smith.

Mary Lou Jetton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jetton of Rochester, has been named "Member of the Year," in the Theta Chi Lambda Social Club, largest women's organization on the McMurry campus.

**100 Years Ago**  
**May 15, 1915**

Someone exchanged his hat for that of W.J. Sowell, at the lay men meeting Sunday evening. Mr. Sowell would like to correct the error.

A number of homes were torn to pieces near Ballew, when the cyclone came through. The worst hit belonged to Mr. John McCall, Mr. George Sego, Mr. John Beckham, Mr. Clay Kimbrough and Dr. Kimbrough.



## May sales tax receipt totals released by Hegar

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said that state sales tax revenue in April was \$2.3 billion, up 1.1 percent compared to April 2014.

"As we predicted in January, state revenues have grown at a moderate pace. April is the second consecutive month of relatively slow growth in sales tax revenue, and I remain cautiously optimistic about our economic progress," Hegar said. "Growth in total sales tax revenues collected this month was muted by the significant slowdown in the oil and gas mining sector; however, collections from other major economic sectors—including retail and wholesale trade, restaurants, construction, and manufacturing—continued to grow. This marks the 61st consecutive month of growth in sales tax collections."

Hegar sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their May local

sales tax allocations totaling \$759.8 million, up 6.1 percent compared to May 2014.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in March as well as January, February and March sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

Haskell County had a 2.33 percent increase for May 2015 of \$55,481.65 in comparison to \$54,216.87 for May 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$238,307.15 reflect a 5.03 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$250,943.59.

The City of Haskell had a 2.14 percent increase for May 2015 of \$50,311.46 in comparison to \$49,255.19 for May 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$218,318.43 reflect a 6.25 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$232,886.16.

The City of O'Brien had a 49.94 percent increase for May 2015 of \$570.52 in comparison to \$380.49 for

May 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$2,046.51 reflect a 9.26 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$1,873.01.

The City of Rochester had a 5.36 percent decrease for May 2015 of \$857.04 in comparison to \$905.59 for May 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$3,075.24 reflect a 6.62 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$2,884.17.

The City of Rule had a 3.20 percent increase for May 2015 of \$3,265.81 in comparison to \$3,164.38 for May 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$13,416.48 reflect a 13.38 percent increase over 2014 payments to date of \$11,833.16.

The City of Weinert had a 6.72 percent decrease for May 2015 of \$476.82 in comparison to \$511.22 for May 2014. 2015 payments to date of \$1,450.49 reflect a 1.13 percent decrease over 2014 payments to date of \$1,467.09.

## Two safety rules that could save your life

**Safety rule number 1:** Be sure you can receive warnings from the National Weather Service

Don't depend on sirens. Have more than one way to receive your warnings like your cell/smart phone or weather radio.

Sirens 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 anytime, both indoors and outdoors. This radio will produce a loud sound when a tornado warning is issued.

**Safety rule number 2:**

Know what to do

The safest place to survive violent, killer tornadoes is in an approved underground storm shelter or in an 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, and/or mattresses.

If a tornado approaches and you live in a mobile home, abandon it for a more substantial shelter. If nothing is available, lie flat in a nearby ditch covering your head and neck.

Tornadic storms can also produce flash flooding. Watch out when you come to a flooded low water crossing. Always Turn Around, Don't Drown!

When severe weather threatens West Central Texas, your National Weather Service closely coordinates with local emergency managers, volunteer fire fighters, law enforcement officials, SKYWARN storm spotters, storm chasers, and the media to help keep you safe. But you can be your best source for protection when you get a warning from the National Weather Service if you are "weather ready."

## Watch out for motorcycles

As spring weather draws more motorcyclists onto Texas roadways, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching its "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign to reduce crashes and save lives. The campaign—part of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May—urges drivers to be extra cautious, because motorcyclists are more difficult to see and less protected than other motorists.

"We see far too many deadly motorcycle crashes on Texas roadways, so we're telling drivers to be extra diligent when sharing the road," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "We're constantly told drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist until it's too late. As drivers, it is incumbent upon us to be

fully aware of our surroundings at all times and take proactive measures to ensure the safety of motorcyclists."

Over the past five years, 2,354 motorcyclists have been killed in Texas. In 2014, Texas motorcycle crashes killed 455 motorcyclists. Half of the motorcyclists killed were not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. One-third of motorcycle fatalities took place at intersections. Approximately 49 percent of motorcyclists who died in 2014 were riding in rural areas of the state.

To promote motorcycle safety awareness, TxDOT is partnering with local law enforcement agencies and Texas Patriot Guard Riders to hold motorcycle processions in select Texas cities. The riders will carry oversized flags emblazoned with the slogans

"Look Twice for Motorcycles" and "Share the Road." Patriot Guard Riders are volunteers known for leading funeral processions for fallen soldiers and first responders.

Additionally, TxDOT is traveling to multiple cities to participate in festivals and other special events. This year's TxDOT display includes a special glass-panel truck showcasing a motorcycle on a virtual rural Texas roadway. Visitors will be able to step inside the truck to have their picture taken and shared via social media. They also are encouraged to take a pledge to "Look Twice" for motorcycles.

When sharing the road, TxDOT encourages drivers to check their mirrors, leave extra room between vehicles and use turn signals to help prevent crashes and save lives.

## 'Clean, Drain and Dry' boats to help stem spread of Zebra Mussels

A major public awareness campaign is calling on boaters to "Clean, Drain, and Dry" their boats, trailers, and gear before traveling to and from Texas waterways to stem the spread of zebra mussels.

A coalition of river authorities, water districts and municipalities across the state, led by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, is investing more than \$400,000 in this year's advertising campaign; the largest investment in public awareness since zebra mussels were discovered in Texas in 2009.

The campaign objectives are to inform boaters about their legal responsibility to prevent invasive zebra mussels from spreading and to reinforce the steps necessary to be in compliance with the law. It is illegal to possess or transport any prohibited aquatic invasive species in Texas. Since zebra mussel larvae, called veligers, are invisible to the naked eye, boaters must drain all water from their boat and all receptacles on board when traveling on a public roadway to or from a public water body in Texas.

The awareness campaign got under way May 7 and continues through the summer. Boaters will see and hear the "Clean, Drain and Dry" message through a variety of media, including print, online and radio advertising, direct mail and email, printed materials, boat ramp and gas station signage and strategically-placed billboards.

The campaign will focus its reach on the seven infested lakes in Texas, as well as in areas of the state at highest risk for possible spread of zebra mussels.

"Zebra mussels are invasive and highly destructive organisms that can change the face of a water body and once they are here there is no known way to get rid of them," said Carter Smith, TPWD Executive Director.

Originally from Eurasia, these rapidly reproducing mussels have serious economic and recreational impacts to Texas reservoirs. They can clog water intake pipes, damage boats and motors by attaching to boat hulls and clogging water-cooling systems, completely cover anything under water and litter the shoreline with their sharp shells.

Zebra mussels have been found in seven lakes in Texas since they were established in Lake Texoma in 2009. Other infested lakes include Lake Ray Roberts, Lakes Bridgeport, Lavon, Lewisville, Belton and most recently in Lake Waco.

Economically, zebra mussels have the potential to cause damage to drinking water facilities and electric power plants, with losses estimated to be in the millions of dollars annually.

From an environmental perspective, zebra mussels are filter feeders, which directly compete with baitfish such as shad for available forage. Any impact on baitfish in turn can affect their predators—including game fish. Zebra mussels are also very harmful to native mussel populations because they colonize their shells and essentially suffocate them.

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# HASKELL MAIDENS AREA CHAMPIONS



HASKELL MAIDENS—2015 Haskell Maidens team members include, Fuentes, Hannah Martinez and Briana Rodriguez; back row, Coach front center, Breezy Gibbs; front row, 1-r, Melody Martinez, Daphni John Foster, Ashlyn Bevel, Jacie Klose, Kasie Isbell, Julia Fuentes, Leonard, Hannah Foster, Krysta Winegeart, Kelsey Guzman, Laura Gabby Mendoza, Abby Blair and Coach Lolo Martinez

## Maidens vs Archer City Lady Cats

Regional Quarter Final Championship Series

Game 1: Thurs., May 14, 7 p.m.; Game 2: Fri., May 15, 6 p.m. and Game 3 (if needed) follows game 2 at 8 p.m.

All games are in Seymour

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# Maidens defeat Junction to win Area Championship



**HOME RUN**—Haskell Maiden Breezy Gibbs smashes a three run home run, leaving her mark in the Jim Ned score board.



**ALL SMILES**—Haskell Maiden Laura Fuentes is all smiles after going 3 up 3 down in the fourth against Junction.



**SAFE!**—Haskell Maiden Julia Fuentes slides safely into third base in the Maidens win against Junction.



**SLIDES**—Haskell Maiden Ashlyn Bevel slides safely into second base against Junction.

# 'Click it or ticket' campaign stepped-up May 18-31 by DPS

The simple, law-abiding habit of wearing a seat belt can protect thousands of Texans from serious injury or death. Yet, many people still refuse. For them, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching its 14th annual statewide "Click It or Ticket" campaign to augment the federal, stepped-up enforcement period, May 18-31.

"It's heartbreaking to know lives are being lost on Texas roadways because people are still not buckling up," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "These motorists have friends and families who will never get over the loss of their loved one. It's really simple. Seat belts save lives. Every single individual in a vehicle needs to be buckled up."

If the deadly consequences aren't enough to motivate seat belt use, fines and court costs can total up to \$200. In Texas, the law requires everyone in a vehicle to be buckled up, including back seat passengers.

In 2014, 2,587 motor vehicle traffic crashes occurred in Texas in which unrestrained vehicle occupants sustained fatal or serious injuries. Wearing a seat belt helps keep occupants from being ejected in a crash and increases the chances of surviving by 45 percent. In pickup trucks, that number jumps to 60 percent, as those vehicles are twice as likely as cars to roll over in a crash.

The "Click It or Ticket" campaign, combined with enforcement, is credited with motivating millions of motorists to always use their seat belts. Only 76 percent of Texans used seat belts when the campaign started in 2002. Today, 9 out of 10 Texans buckle up. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that since its inception, the "Click It or Ticket" campaign in Texas has resulted in 4,319 fewer traffic fatalities while preventing 72,926 serious injuries and saving more than \$16.7 billion in related economic costs.



**TRIPLE PLAY**—Haskell Maiden Hannah Foster runs hard on a triple to the center field fence.

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## Calendar

### Storm siren tests

The City of Haskell Emergency Management will test the tornado sirens every Friday at 11:30 a.m. barring bad weather during storm season. The tornado sirens will be used in conjunction with storm watchers and the Code Red phone notification system. Should you have any questions please contact 940-864-2333. You can read more in the City's Emergency Handbook located at [www.city-of-haskell-texas.org](http://www.city-of-haskell-texas.org).

### Driver's ed class

Haskell High School will offer a driver's education class June 8-June 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The class is open to all students. Cost is \$275. If you have any questions, contact Keith Medford at [kmedford@haskell.escl4.net](mailto:kmedford@haskell.escl4.net) or 940-864-8535.

### Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., May 14, at 7 p.m. in the First Bank Texas Community Room for a salad supper. Guest speaker will be Dr. Ruth Ebangit, who is associated with Haskell Memorial Hospital.

### Memorial Day program set

Rule Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Memorial Day program Mon., May 25 at 7 p.m. at the Rule Cemetery with Scott Hensley, pastor of First Baptist Church and John Pike, in charge of the program. Those attending are reminded to bring chairs.

### Operation Recovery

Operation Recovery, a Christian faith-based 12 step meeting, will be held every Friday night at 7 p.m. at God Loves You ministries on the west side of the square in Haskell. For more information call, 940-257-3855.

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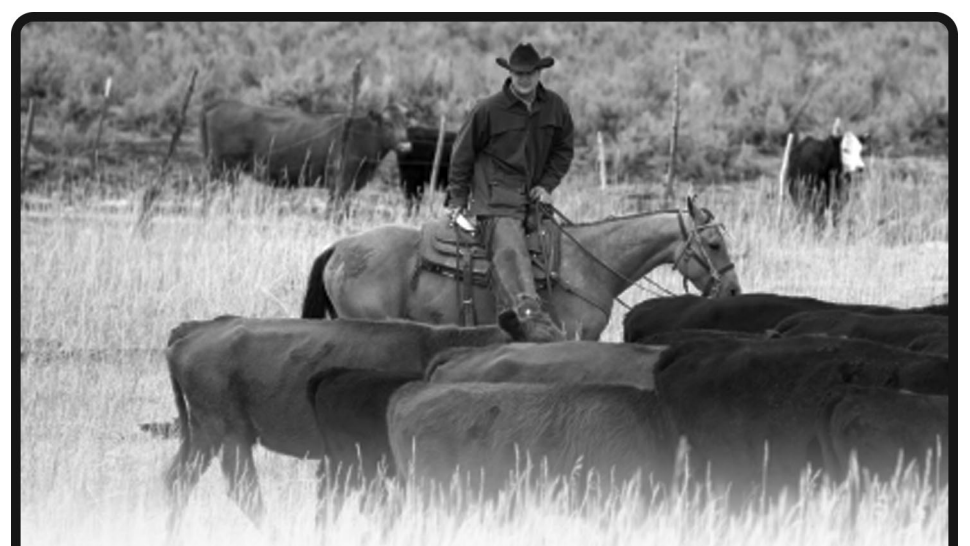
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All patients of Dr. Varghese and Dr. Vega, seen at the Haskell outpatient clinic monthly, will be seen in the **new walk in clinic** on the northeast end of the hospital. Parking is available in the hospital parking lot on the east side of the hospital in front of the walk in clinic.