

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 in observance of Memorial Day.

Elem. awards

Haskell Elementary awards programs will be held as follows: 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; 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.

Memorial Day

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.

Rule Elem. awards

Rule Elementary will hold an awards program Tues., May 26, at 1:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All in the community are welcome to attend.

WHPD parade

The Wild Horse Prairie Days is just around the corner and the parade committee would like to encourage businesses, clubs and individuals to participate in the 20th annual 2015 WHPD parade Fri., June 5. Line up for the parade will be at the Civic Center with the parade starting at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office at 510 S. 2nd or in the County Judge's office in the County Courthouse. For more information call 940-864-2851.

Music Jubilee

The Haskell Country Music Jubilee will be held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at HTS in Haskell beginning June 8. Those interested in playing and listening are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun.

ECC lunch

The Haskell Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. 1st St., will host a fund-raising lunch Sun., June 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu will be chicken and homemade dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberries, hot rolls, apple cobbler/ice cream and tea. All donations will be appreciated.

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Have a safe Memorial Day

The Haskell Free Press

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SILVER MEDALIST-Haskell Indian senior Henry Smith battles to the finish of the 800 meter race at the State Track Meet in Austin. Smith brought home a silver medal with a time of 1:58.48.

WHPD to ride into town June 5-6

by Caron Yates

Mark your calendars now for Wild Horse Prairie Days, one of the biggest events held in this area. Organizers and volunteers for the event have been working tirelessly and are especially excited as this is the 20th year for the rodeo.

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo will take place Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6. On Sunday,

May 31, the John Wallace Memorial Calf Roping will be held at the arena.

Activities for Fri., June 5 will include the WRCA team roping, beginning at 9 a.m. A Craft and Trade Show, located in the civic center, will be held from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to get their parade entry ready, as the parade is planned for

5 p.m. on Friday. A chuck wagon meal will be served from 5-7 p.m., and the rodeo kicks off at 7 p.m.

Saturday continues the Craft and Trade Show at the civic center, with live music performed throughout the day. The Ranch Horse competition begins at 8 a.m., followed by the Jr. Ranch Rodeo with "Pokey" the Clown at 11 a.m. The chuck

wagon meal will again be served from 5-7 p.m., with the rodeo at 7 p.m.

Finals for the Ranch Horse competition take place at 10 p.m. The awards ceremony will be held in the Haskell Memorial Civic Center at 10 p.m.

Lynette Cypert and the Texas Cadillac Jack Band will be playing for your dancing enjoyment, beginning at 9 p.m.

You can finish off the weekend with a cowboy church service on Sunday morning.

Haskell County high school students and any high school student associated with the competing ranches are encouraged to enter the scholarship competition by Wed., June 3. Presentation of scholarships will be made Thurs., June 4. For more information on the parade or scholarship competition, call Susan Cockerell at 864-2851.

It takes many hands to put on a successful event of this magnitude. Any and all volunteers are needed and appreciated. Contact Sammy Larned at 864-2749, for more information or to volunteer your services.

Scholarship applications sought by WHPD

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 Wed. June 3. Each applicant will be interviewed at 4 p.m. on Thurs., 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 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 Cockerell at 940-864-2851.

Rule ISD sets baccalaureate

Baccalaureate ceremonies will be held for Rule High School Sun., May 24 at 7 p.m. in the Rule auditorium.

Paint Creek sets baccalaureate

Baccalaureate ceremonies will be held for Paint Creek High School Sun., May 24 at 6 p.m. at Paint Creek First Baptist Church.

Memorial Day is a solemn time to remember the courage of our heroes

by Caron Yates

What is a hero? The dictionary defines a hero as a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities.

Courage is certainly a key quality found in true heroes. G.K. Chesterton said, "Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die." Courage is exactly what our men and women in uniform possess.

In May 1966, President Lyndon Johnson officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day to be Waterloo, New York. The observance was first enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, but was later expanded after World War I, to Americans who died fighting in any war. It became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Since the late 50's, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol twenty-four hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag

remains standing. Likewise, in many communities across the nation, flags are placed on military graves in cemeteries by individuals or organizations.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in Dec. 2000. It asks that at 3 p.m. local time, all Americans "Voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps."

Through the history of our nation, many men and women who have fought for the freedom we enjoy today, paid the ultimate price. According to wikipedia.org, military deaths during the Civil War totaled 750,000, followed by World War II casualties numbering 405,399. Other statistics include World War I, 116,516; Korean War, 54,246; Vietnam War, 58,209 and the War on Terror, 6,717.

While we all feel a twinge of sorrow when we hear of the death of a soldier, it is the parents, spouses, children, friends and neighbors that understand completely the

unselfish sacrifice that has been made. It is important to not only recognize their service, but to ensure that the purpose for which they fought and died will never be forgotten.

The Progressive Study Club has worked diligently to make the dream of a Haskell County Wall of Honor, become a reality. The project, to honor all Haskell County veterans, is now in its final stages, with approximately 4,000 names sent to the engraver. They expect the engraving to be complete by the end of the summer, and hope to have the dedication next fall.

As we make plans to enjoy the Memorial Day weekend, let us take to heart the words Lee Greenwood sang, "And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me and I'll proudly stand up next to him to defend her still today, 'cuz there ain't no doubt I love this land, God bless the USA."

May we never take for granted our freedom, nor forget the sacrifice those heroes made and continue to make, so that freedom can ring across our great land.



TO COMPETE AT STATE-Rule senior Christina Herrera will compete in Ready Writing at the State UIL meet in Austin Tues., May 26. She is the daughter of Juan and Melissa Herrera.

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School intergrated pest management training set for June 11 in Amarillo

A regional one-day "School IPM Program" for integrated pest management coordinators will be held June 11 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo.

Janet Hurley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist for school integrated pest management in Dallas, said all Texas public school districts must have an integrated pest management program and must appoint and train a pest management coordinator to oversee all pesticide and pest control operations.

Integrated pest management, or IPM as it is known, can be used by anyone with proper training, Hurley said, and AgriLife Extension is the only state agency that conducts required training in school IPM.

To help school IPM coordinators in the Texas Panhandle obtain their

mandated six hours of credit every three years, Hurley said she is bringing her training to Amarillo.

The program is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and the fee is \$135. Advanced registration is requested through <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>. Enter "IPM" in the search to find the class.

IPM is an approach that provides quality pest control using the least hazardous chemicals and techniques, she said. The method relies on detailed knowledge of pests to prevent infestations; and if prevention fails, the method encourages use of safe and highly targeted

pesticides.

"If you're a new IPM coordinator and have not yet taken the six-hour mandatory training, this class is for you," she said. "But whether this is your first time, or you just need a refresher course, this class will help coordinators understand their role in the school IPM program and help prepare them for Texas Department of Agriculture inspections."

The course will cover legal requirements for schools, an introduction to IPM, how to monitor schools under the new requirements and a hands-on exercise to understand the difference

between Green, Yellow and Red category pesticides.

All participants will receive a three-ring notebook with necessary forms and paperwork on school IPM program implementation, Hurley said.

In addition to the training, Hurley said if schools in the area would like her to review their program, she can do that as well for free.

For more information about school IPM, and registration fees go to <http://schoolipm.tamu.edu> or call 877-747-6872. For questions about registering with a purchase order or to request W-9 forms call 979-845-2604.

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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of May 11-17:

Angela M. Crossley, driving while intoxicated, 3 or more.

Christopher Kyle Woolf, motion to revoke debit/credit card abuse, state jail felony.

Jose Hurtadofvio Perez, violation of protection order Class A misdemeanor.

Daniel Aguilar Torres, driving while intoxicated, 1st Class B misdemeanor.

Forty-eight calls were made to 911.

Operation Recovery

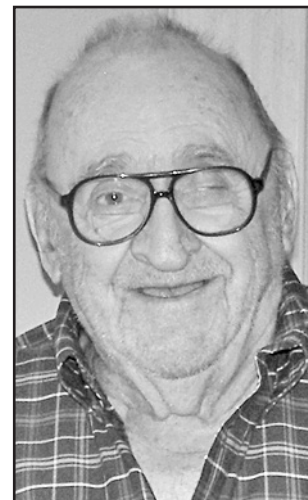
Operation Recovery, a Christian faith-based 12 step meeting, will be held every Friday night at 7 p.m. at God Loves You ministries on the west side of the square in Haskell. For more information call, 940-257-3855.



RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS—The Rolling Plains Chapter of The Texas Tech Alumni Association held its annual meeting Mon., May 11 at the Stamford Country Club. The chapter awarded two scholarships to local seniors attending Texas Tech next fall. Reagan Hadaway, Haskell High School senior, and Lanham Brown, Throckmorton High School senior, were the recipients this year. Hadaway and Brown are pictured with Maxie Jackson and Joey Kimbrough, representatives from the chapter.

Obituaries

William D. 'Deb' McSmith, Sr.



DEB McSMITH

William D. 'Deb' McSmith Sr. went to be with his Lord Tues., May 12.

He was born July 24, 1925 in Trickham. He had slipped and broken a hip, then suffered consequences

that frequently follow at the age of 89. He had undergone extensive treatment for numerous problems that had developed. Finally, he improved enough that he was able to be taken home from the hospital. Three days later, after having lunch, he laid down for a nap. He didn't wake up in this world, but awakened to his Heavenly home.

McSmith served in the United States Army during World War II with part of that time being in New Guinea, where he contracted Malaria. After leaving the service, he spent all his working career with the Gas Company of New Mexico, where he obtained many honors. He led an active life

in church and had his family there at every opportunity. In this day of broken homes and families, he was able to conform a blended family into a single loving unit. He finally retired and lived in Cherokee, TX, then Tow, TX, and finally Harlingen.

He was cremated in Harlingen Fri., May 15. A memorial service will be held soon at one of his favorite places...Buchanan Lake (Tow, TX), where he lived for many years.

Family left to cherish his memory are his wife, Chlogene; Dr. Bill McSmith, Ron McSmith, Brenda McSmith, Mike Carter, Jan McDade and Jon McDade; and one sister, Juanita Johnson. PD NOTICE

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CHUCK WAGON MEAL 5PM-7PM
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SHARE THE FUN—Haskell 4-H members participating in the Share the Fun Talent Show May 12 in Vernon at the District 3 4-H Roundup were, l-r, Zoe Shipplet, Madilyn Moore and Brianna Stocks. They placed third.



FOOD DRIVE—The Haskell Post Office collected 757.5 lbs. of food during the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, hosted each year by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Those helping with the drive were, l-r, Cynthia Tibbets, Teresa Briles, Dina Hays, Norva Smith, Deward Gordy and not pictured, Conrad Roewe, Gregg Pierce and Chad Hood. Items collected were donated to the local food bank.

Study Club holds salad supper

Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., May 14, in the community room of the First Bank Texas for a salad supper. President Julia Harrell welcomed members. Pledges to the American and Texas flags were led by Susan Turner. Kathryn Schonerstedt gave the blessing for the meal.

In the business meeting that followed, it was reported that names were being rechecked for correct spelling for the approximately 4,000 names that will be on the War Memorial. A target date of Nov. 11 was selected for the dedication.

In other business, Nelda Lane discussed American flags that were being placed on veterans' graves. Following discussion, the club voted

to donate \$200 toward the purchase of more flags for next year. Lane also reported on a thank you received from the Noah Project for the club's donation of 100 baby diapers for the Noah Project.

It was decided by the club to hold their 2015-2016 meetings in the First Bank Texas community room. Following discussion on the VTC program at Rochester, the club commented on the excellent work they were doing and voted to donate \$200 for their program.

Members were then asked to vote for the outstanding club program for the year, and outstanding table decorations and outstanding desserts. Winning first place for outstanding program was

the visit to the Rochester Museum, Hobby Club and vocational school. Tying for first place on table decorations were the Texas breakfast and salad supper. Also tying for first place on outstanding desserts were Texas breakfast and salad supper. Members discussed programs for the 2015-2016 year.

Tips to help keep USPS letter carriers safe from dog attacks

Haskell Postmaster Rose Evans offers these tips to help protect letter carriers from a dog attack.

- If a letter carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Dogs have been known to burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to get at strangers.

- Dog owners should remind their children about the need to keep the family dog secured. Parents should remind their children not to take mail directly from letter carriers in the presence of the family pet as the dog may view the letter carrier handing mail to a child as a threatening gesture.

- The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority. If a letter carrier feels threatened by a vicious dog or if a dog is running loose, the owner may be asked to pick up the mail at the Post Office until the carrier is assured the pet has been restrained. If the dog is roaming the neighborhood, the pet owner's neighbors may be asked to pick up their mail at the Post Office as well.

Weather

by Kim Hutto
National Weather Service
Volunteer Co-op Observer
Temperature

Mon., May 11 53°/66°
Tues., May 12 52°/74°
Wed., May 13 60°/68°
Thurs., May 14 63°/84°
Fri., May 15 65°/80°
Sat., May 16 62°/84°
Sun., May 17 59°/90°

Precipitation
Tues., May 12 1.11" rain
Wed., May 1393" rain
Fri., May 1574" rain
Sat., May 1660" rain

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 anytime or email Haskell_vaso@yahoo.com.



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- Sleep upright: If you experience heartburn at night, try elevating your head and upper back with pillows to a 45-degree-angle. Gravity helps prevent acid from flowing up into the esophagus by keeping it in the stomach where it belongs. Waiting to go to sleep at least four hours after eating a meal can help, too.

- Grab an antacid: Over-the-counter H2 blockers and proton pump inhibitors can decrease the production of acid and can provide heartburn relief in a pinch, but avoid calcium-carbonate antacids, which can trigger more acid production in some people.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago
May 26, 2005

Honor graduates at area schools are Brad Blanks and Alexis Reed, Haskell High School; Misty Woodall and Carolyn Marshall, Paint Creek High School; Ross Short and Dorothy Strickland, Rochester High School; and Kolt Kittley and Samuel Turner, Rule High School.

Maidens named to the All-District Softball First Team were Erin Hise, Eden Thomas, Chambray Bartley and Angela Pena. Senior Calina Kendall was named MVP, and freshman Paige Wheatley received the Newcomer Award.

Haskell attorneys, Judge Charles Chapman and Shane Hadaway, were recognized at the Annual Awards Luncheon of the College of the State Bar of Texas.

20 Years Ago
May 25, 1995

J.J. Comedy and Cy McGuire were presented the American Legion Citizenship Awards and plaques for having the highest grade averages in eighth grade.

Twenty-one new members were inducted into the Haskell High School National Honor Society.

They are Melissa Chapman, Cody Cypert, Casey Larned, Nacole Lefevre, Jill Mullen, Cody Cooley, Aaron Earles, Jeremy Futch, Anita Rapp, Jace Yates, Casey Burgess, Kelli Cunningham, Sarah Cothron, Lyle Fouts, Wendy Dulaney, Matthew McCord, Dacia Phemister, Chancey Pogue, Mary Kay Watson, Matt Blanks and Shelley Palacios.

30 Years Ago
May 23, 1985

Lori Lane was crowned 1985 Rodeo Queen. Other contestants were Alichia Boatman, April Brandon, Shelly Briscoe, Lori Darden, Gia Henshaw, Diane Jarred, Penny Peden and Robyn Weaver.

Newly elected officers for the Haskell County Retired Teachers are Arnolia Foote, president; Winnie Hiebert, vice president; Kathleen Diggs, secretary; E.L. Wilson, treasurer; Mary

Martin, legislative chairman; and Vivian Robertson, community service.

Gena Whitaker, a 1983 Haskell High School graduate, has been elected cheerleader at Midwestern State University. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Whitaker, she is a junior elementary education major.

40 Years Ago
May 22, 1975

Haskell County Schools have named the top graduates. They are Christi Optiz and Pat Everett, Haskell High School; Carol Dudensing and Sandy Oliver, Rule High School; Connie Brazell and Annilyn Pritchard, Paint Creek High School; Bob Penman and Sherry Gentry, Rochester High School; Felix Garcia and Dieter Hutchinson, Weinert High School; and Trudy Covey and Keith Rowan, Carney High School.

Jack Smith, a 1971 graduate of Haskell High School, received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education during commencement exercises at Tarleton State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Smith, Jr.

50 Years Ago
May 27, 1965

Glen Hollar, Rochester High School senior, was named the first recipient of the Haskell Jaycees scholarship to be given annually to the highest ranking boy in Haskell County.

During commencement exercises at McMurry College, Louisa Herren received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, while W.L. Holt, Jr. earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics.

Irene Stewart, a Sagerton teacher and principal since 1936, was honored for dedication and service to the school. The school consolidated and students will attend Rule School next year.

100 Years Ago
May 22, 1915

J.D. Jensen went to Dallas the first of the week, to buy a stock of jewelry.

Last Saturday night at Hunt's, a large crowd was attracted by a demonstration of the power of hypnotism. Mr. Courtney Hunt makes his business a pleasure as well as profitable to his customers.

T.C. Williams, Gaylord Kline and Scott Key went to Stamford to attend the closing exercises of Stamford College, and acted as judges in a college debate.

Paint Creek FFA members hold banquet



DAKOTA MAYOR
Lone Star Degree
Paint Creek FFA



PAINT CREEK FFA BANQUET—Paint Creek FFA held their annual banquet Thurs., May 7. The was a night filled with wonders as the Paint Creek FFA spread their wings and soared over the past year celebrating their chapters' success of premier leadership and personal growth. This past year's theme was, "What if I fall...but, what if I fly." Incoming officers include, front row, l-r, Dakota Mayor—Sentinel, Seth Harper—treasurer, Felicity Hannsz—vice president, Corey Mengwasser—president, Catherine Lemond—secretary and Devon Benitez—reporter. Retiring officers are, back row, l-r, Kellie Jenkins, Caitlyn Douglass, Zhenia McTasney and Sara Edwards.



KATELYN JENKINS
Highest Sales Award
Paint Creek FFA



GREENHAND DEGREES—Receiving Greenhand Degrees at the Paint Creek FFA Banquet were, l-r, Katelyn Jenkins, Bailey Hawkins, Felicity Hannsz, Frankie Masias, Seth Harper, Clay Cumby—also STAR Greenhand, and Devery Reed.

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 CodeRed 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.

Al-Anon

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



CHAPTER DEGREES—Receiving Chapter Degrees at the Paint Creek FFA banquet were, l-r, Sara Edwards, Devon Benitez, Catherine Lemond, Zhenia McTasney, Caitlyn Douglass and Corey Mengwasser—also STAR Chapter.

Student in the News

Amber Allen of Haskell has been awarded a BA degree in Psychology from McMurry University. Allen is one of 154 graduates receiving degrees during the Commencement in Hunt P.E. Center Sat., May 9.

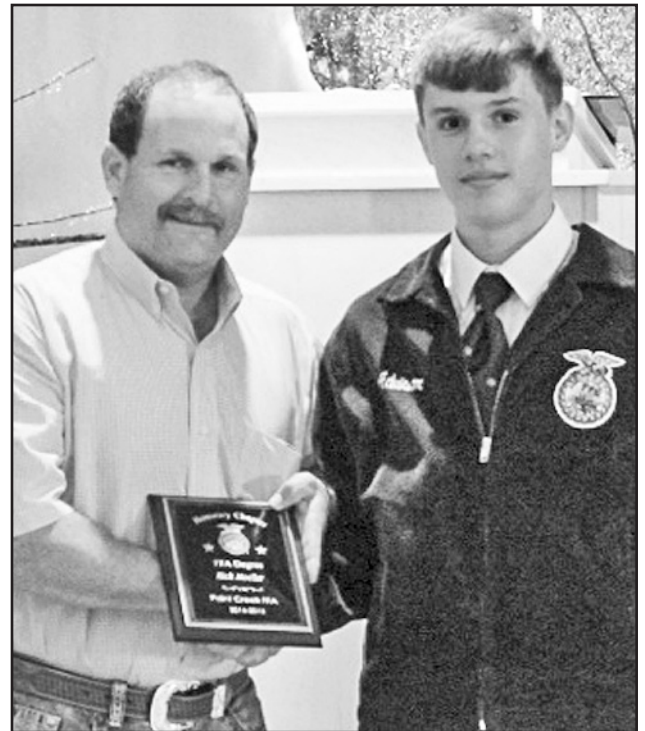
Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,
We recently had an occasion to be in the Haskell Memorial Hospital emergency room. The accommodations are outstanding, which enables the nurses, doctors and assistants the ability to maneuver about in order to minister quickly and efficiently to those in need. In addition, each patient has complete uninterrupted attention due to the complete privacy

surrounding the occupants in the ER.

We have been in several emergency room situations with loved ones and find none to equal the quality, privacy and efficiency found here at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Thanks to our administrator, board and personnel who have been instrumental in overseeing this great achievement. We are indeed very blessed to have such a nice facility.

Mike and Julia Harrell



HONORARY FFA DEGREE—Paint Creek FFA member Seth Harper presented Rick Moeller an Honorary FFA Degree during the Paint Creek FFA banquet.



FFA SENIORS—Paint Creek FFA senior students are, l-r, Stormy Darnell, Bryant Booe and Kellie Jenkins.

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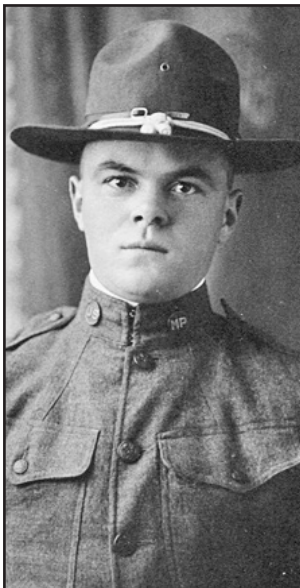
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MEMORIAL DAY

Maidens win game 1; lose to Archer City in games 2-3

Maidens epic upset in game 1 of Regional Quarter Final softball series, lose close ones in games 2 and 3

The Haskell Maidens faced District 8's co-district champion Archer City Lady Cats in the Regional Quarter Final Series this past weekend. Due to high rain chances, the coaches agreed to play on Bowie's artificial turf which made for late night competition under the lights both Thursday and Friday in all three games.

Game 1, Thurs., May 14, started late, behind another playoff game with the first pitch thrown at 9:37 p.m. After 5 1/2 innings, it seemed destined to be an Archer City blowout with Archer building a 9-0 lead, holding the Maidens to one hit and nine strikeouts. Dave Harrison came out of radio "retirement" to broadcast this series on KVRP, but quite frankly, many fans turned off their radios a little too soon. In the bottom of the sixth, the Maidens came alive. Hannah Foster singled, to start a rally that generated

six runs, including an RBI double by Kelsey Guzman and an RBI single by Ashlyn Bevel.

In the top of the seventh, Archer City answered with another run leaving the Maidens with just three outs to overcome a five run deficit in the bottom of the last inning. The Maidens started with two walks causing Archer City to bring in their relief pitcher who walked another batter leading to a two RBI single by Guzman followed by another walk when Archer City reinserted their starting pitcher. Bevel hit an RBI single leaving the Maidens one run short of a tie ball game. Foster came to the plate, and with two outs and two strikes smashed a double to right center scoring Gabby Mendoza trying the game 10-10.

With a full count, Jacie Klose fouled off four pitches drawing a walk, to load the bases and bring Krysta Winegeart to the plate. With two outs and a 1-2 count, Winegeart flared a "walk off" single over a diving shortstop to score Bevel and

mark Maiden history with an epic upset to break all other "come from behind" victories in Maiden softball history.

The highly favored Lady Cats had faced both Maiden pitchers scattering five hits off Foster in 3 1/2 innings and nine hits off Laura Fuentes in 3 1/2, totaling 14 hits to outnumber the Maidens total eight hits. With the odds and statistics against them, the Maidens never gave up and many Haskell fans woke up to see the final score, Haskell 11, Archer City 10, and couldn't wait to hear how it happened. Superintendent, Bill Alcorn stated, "In 38 years of watching baseball and softball, I've never seen a better comeback."

The Maidens got home in the wee hours, but were pumped up and ready to rumble Friday evening at game time. A defensive battle ensued. Foster entered the circle for Haskell and held the Lady Cats to only four hits. No other Lady Cat opponent this season held Archer City to less

than eight hits. The Maiden defense, led by shortstop senior, Jacie Klose, held Archer City to two runs the entire game. Klose registered a spectacular nine of the 18 outs in game 2.

Defensively, Archer City was solid, holding the Maidens to just three hits: a scoreless single and double by Laura Fuentes, and a two strike triple by Gabby Mendoza who then scored Haskell's only run of the game. The final score was Archer City 2, Haskell 1 and quickly, both teams got ready for game 3.

Archer City won the home team toss, and their "lefty" pitcher entered the circle at 10:52 p.m. Archer City scored the first run on an error in the first. The Maidens answered with three runs in the second generated by an RBI double by Guzman, a single by Mendoza and a two RBI double by Bevel.

With Laura Fuentes in the circle, the Maiden defense was confident and held the 3-1 score until the fourth inning when Archer City scored six runs on five hits and two errors. The Maidens had a two out rally in the seventh when Foster hit a right field single and scored on Klose's final career at bat with a solid triple to left field. The final score of game 3 was Archer City 7, Haskell 4 ending the 2015 Maiden softball season.

Maiden Coach, John Foster said, "These are the games ya live for. These Maidens will be telling their grandkids about this series, especially that comeback upset in game 1. The effort these young ladies put out exemplifies the true heart and character of the 2015 Maidens. Our motto this year was 'Achaka Anumpa Kochanli' which means 'Continue the Tradition.' This Maiden team proved their character by never giving up in any game they played until the last batter was out. I could not be more proud to be their coach as they humbly represented Haskell High School, our community, and the Maiden softball tradition."



MAIDEN CATCHER—Haskell Maiden senior Breezy Gibbs takes the pitch in the Regional Quarterfinals game.



MAIDEN BATTER—Haskell Maiden Briana Rodriguez at the plate in game one of the Regional Quarterfinals against Archer City.

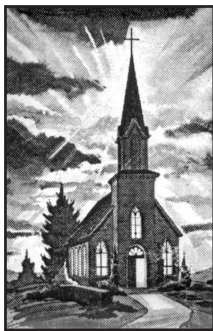


MAIDEN PITCHER—Haskell Maiden Laura Fuentes zips one in for a strike against Archer City.



MAIDEN PITCHER—Haskell Maiden Hannah Foster on the mound against Archer City.

This Week's Devotional Message:



They gave their lives to preserve your freedom

We are inclined to take for granted the many forms of freedom which we enjoy in this country, perhaps because we have never been forced to live without them; and yet we must remind ourselves of the sacrifices that have been made in order to preserve them for us, by those who were called upon to give their lives in battle. Not only

on Memorial Day but throughout the year we should honor those brave heroes, and give our thanks to God for this wonderful freedom we have because of them. And since the list of our freedoms includes the right to worship God as we choose, the church of your choice is the best place to express your gratitude.

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**
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
- First United Methodist Church**
Rev. Weston Pendergrass, 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 Consemio
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
- Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
- Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
- Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
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- 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**
Jim Reid, interim pastor
Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music
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**
Morris R. Johnson, pastor
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
1600 N. First St., Haskell
- God Loves You Ministries**
Mark Wallace, pastor
Church Service 10 a.m.
West side of square, Haskell
- WEINERT—**
- First Baptist Church**
Dan Bullock, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p.
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- Weinert Foursquare Church**
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sunday 11 a.m.
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- ROCHESTER—**
- Church of Christ**
Mitchell Greer, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
West on Main Street, Rochester
- First Baptist Church**
Jim McCurley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
- Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovie 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.
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- 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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Calendar

All Night Party Fri., May 29

The Haskell County All Night Party for 2014-15 high school and college students will be held Fri., May 29 from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Seniors are admitted free. All others pay \$10 admission. The night will include food, games, prizes and a live DJ/dance. This is an alcohol-free, drug-free celebration.

Weinert FBC VBS Thurs., June 4

Weinert First Baptist Church will hold a one-day vacation Bible school Thurs., June 4 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The theme for this year's study is Saddle Ridge Ranch: Roundin' Up Questions, Drivin' Home Answers. Children ages 3 through sixth grade are invited. We will gather at the new fellowship hall north of the church for registration at 9:00 and also for pickup at 2:00. Activities of the day will include Bible study, music, crafts, lunch and snacks, recreation, lots of learning and fun. For more information contact Mary Murphy at 940-673-8269 or Bro. Dan Bullock at 940-673-8310.

FBC Bible school June 7-11

First Baptist Church in Haskell will host vacation Bible school Sun., June 7-Thurs., June 11 from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. for students going into 4 year old Pre-K through sixth grade.

Rule VBS

Rule First Baptist Church will be holding Vacation Bible School Mon., June 1- Thurs., June 4 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School will be kicked off with a fire truck parade Sun., May 31, at 6 p.m. to the Rule City Park where they will have a free cookout with the entire community invited. A parent's night will be held Thursday night, June 4, with a meal provided after the program. All children from ages 3 years old to completed fifth grade are invited to attend and join in the fun.

Player of the week

Haskell Indian middle distance runner, Henry Smith was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week Top Ten Tues., May 19.

The senior runner took silver in the Class 2A boys 800 in his third and final state track meet.

He also placed eighth in the 400.

Rule School Menu

May 25-29 Breakfast

Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday-Friday: Manager's choice

Lunch

Milk is served daily.
Monday-Friday: Manager's choice



RUNS AT STATE—Haskell Indian Henry Smith at the start of the 400 meter, his second event at the State Meet Saturday. He placed eighth with a time of 52.11.

Haskell School Menu

May 25-28 Breakfast

Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal.

Monday: Sausage roll, yogurt or cereal variety and toast
Tuesday: Cheese omelet wrap or cereal variety and toast

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and toast
Thursday: Waffles and sausage or cereal variety and toast

Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, roll, fruit cup
Tuesday: Chicken quesadilla,

salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce

Wednesday: Pizza choice, garden salad, California blend, apple slices

Thursday: Deli sandwich, sandwich salad, tomato and cucumber cup, fruit, graham snack

ECC Menu

Mon., May 25

Closed for Memorial Day

Wed., May 27

Chicken enchilada, chips, salad, dessert, tea or coffee

Fri., May 29

Hamburgers, all trimmings, chips, dump cake, tea or coffee

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

Paint Creek School Menu

May 25-29

Breakfast

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Lunch

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