

Good luck, Maidens

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Softball

Maidens vs Archer City
Bi-District series
Game 1: Thurs., April 28
6 p.m. at Seymour
Game 2: Sat., April 30
7:30 p.m. at Graham
Game 3: If needed,
will follow game 2

Track

Maidens and Indians
Regionals
Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
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Bobcats
Regionals at San Angelo
April 29-30

Calendar

Veterans' pictures

The Haskell Free Press is seeking pictures of veterans to be published in the Thurs., May 26 edition. Space is limited to the first sixteen pictures received. Please bring your original picture to the Free Press office, email to hfpnews@lycos.com or call 940-864-2686 for details.

Haskell K registration

Haskell Elementary School Kindergarten registration and screening for the 2016-2017 school year will be held Tues., May 3. New students not currently enrolled in Haskell Elementary School will be registered and screened from 9:00-10:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the elementary office.

Garage sale

The Haskell community wide garage sale will be held Sat., May 7. Deadline to be included on the map is Wed., May 4. For more information, contact the Haskell Chamber of Commerce at 864-2477.

Rule Chapter #989

Rule Chapter #989 will meet Thurs., May 5, at 7:30 p.m. for a stated meeting and memorial program. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Elem. awards

Haskell Elementary awards programs will be held as follows: Kindergarten, Thurs., May 19 at 8:30 a.m.; first grade, Thurs., May 26 at 9 a.m.; second grade, Wed., May 25 at 8:30 a.m.; third grade, Tues., May 24 at 8:30 a.m.; fourth grade, Thurs., May 19 at 9:30 a.m.; and fifth grade, Fri., May 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Music Jubilee

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

Storm sirens

The Haskell Fire Department will conduct storm siren tests on Monday nights from 6-6:30 p.m. Siren tests will not be conducted on days that have a chance of severe weather.

Project fair

A Project Fair will be held during the Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration in Haskell June 2-5. Start gathering your entries! For more information, call Darlene Hopkins at 256-3625.



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Maidens headed to bi-district playoff series

It may seem like "business as usual" that the 2016 Haskell Maidens are in the playoffs again for the eleventh time in the past 12 years, but in District 7-2A it has always been a challenge and this year was no exception. Competing in an eight team district and playing 14 district games, it is more like a marathon than a sprint. The Maidens finished district 12-2, securing second place behind Hawley, whose only loss was to the Maidens. At the time of this writing Stamford and Albany are tied for third, each with records of 9-5 and will play a seeding game for third/fourth.

The Maidens will begin their bi-district playoff run with a three game series against an always tough Archer City, who ended the Maidens' season last year in the regional quarter finals with a split three game series. Last year, the Maidens won game #1 in a stunning comeback, 12-10, and lost games 2 and 3, 2-1, 7-4. If last year's series is any indication, this will be a battle. The Maidens are facing Archer in



PLAYOFF BOUND—The Haskell Maidens are playoff bound for the eleventh time in the past twelve years. They will face Archer City in the bi-district three game series beginning Thurs., April 28 at 6 p.m. at Seymour. Team members are, front row sitting, l-r, Melodee Martinez and Hannah Martinez; middle row, sitting on buckets, #15 Colbie McKoy,

#21 Kelsey Guzman, #4 Laura Fuentes, #1 Hannah Foster, #11 Gabby Mendonza, #2 Krysta Winegeart and #10 Maddie Williams; back row, Coach John Foster, #0 Areli Torres, #16 Makinzie Garvin, #3 Jordan Garvin, #22 C'Era Taylor, #12 Julia Fuentes, #5 Grace Colley, #20 Ryanna Rodriguez and Coach Lolo Martinez.

the bi-district series because Archer is third place in the powerhouse district 8-2A where Windthorst placed first, Petrolia second, and Seymour fourth. These other district 8 teams will square off with our other district

7 playoff-bound teams. The full playoff bracket is available online at <http://www.uiltexas.org/softball/playoff-brackets/2A/1-3>.

Game times for the Maidens bi-district series against Archer City are as

follows:

Game #1: Haskell vs Archer City, Thurs., April 28, 6 p.m. at Seymour. Haskell is "home" team.

Game #2: Haskell vs Archer City, Sat., April 30, 7:30 p.m. at Graham. Archer

is "home" team.

Game #3: if needed, will follow game #2 Sat. p.m. Haskell will be "home" team.

(The games are late Sat p.m., because Archer has girls in the regional track meet in Dallas on Saturday.)

Early voting underway for city/school elections

by Caron Yates

Political candidates are certainly grabbing the headlines on the national level these days. Likewise, the time is fast approaching for decisions to be made concerning our city government.

The date for city elections, has been set for May 7, 2016.

In the city of Haskell, voters will elect two aldermen to two year terms. Incumbents Dan Hoover and Jill Druessedow have filed, as well as JoNell Roberts. Mayor John Ganaway will remain in office, as he drew no opponent.

On the Haskell CISD school board, places #1 and #6, will continue to be held by Joel Torres III and Tyke Meinzer. Both incumbents have filed, with no opposition. No election will be held.

The city of Rule will vote on two council seats, along with the mayor's position. Serving the city presently is Mayor Jerry Cannon, who is being challenged by

Krissy Richards. Vying for the two city council seats will be incumbent Bobby Robinson, as well as Janet Lawler, Charles Brumley and Jim Kowalski.

The Rule ISD school board had three spots up for election. Incumbent Wade Gomillion has filed, along with Kyle Kittley. The third position will be appointed by the school board.

In the Weinert city government, places held by Cherie Dutton and Mary Murphy were up for election.

Weather

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

Mon., April 18.....56°/72°
Tues., April 19.....56°/67°
Wed., April 20.....52°/75°
Thurs., April 21.....65°/78°
Fri., April 22.....67°/82°
Sat., April 23.....63°/80°
Sun., April 24.....66°/85°

Precipitation
Tues., April 19... 1.31" rain
Wed., April 20... 1.33" rain

Garage sales set May 7

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is making plans for the annual "Community Wide Garage Sale" event, to be held Saturday, May 7. If you are interested

in being included on the official map of garage sales, you must contact the Chamber office by Wednesday, May 4, by calling 864-2477.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of April 18-24:

Irma Linda Dessivia, parole violation warrant.
Eduardo Adrian Munoz,

possession of marijuana over five pounds less than fifty pounds.

Johnny Duwayne Walker, parole violation warrant.

Twenty-nine calls were made to 911.



PARK CLEANUP—The gazebo at the park was one of the areas attacked by those helping the Keep Haskell Beautiful Committee with the Haskell Clean-Up last Saturday.



CREEK CLEAN-UP—Volunteers with the Keep Haskell Beautiful Haskell Clean-Up campaign picked up trash along the creek bank at the park.

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5K Run/Walk to honor memory of Thomas and LaBrie

The families of Jillian Thomas and Spencer LaBrie are again honoring the memory of their children with the 4th Jogging for Jillian, Sprinting for Spence event, to be held Sat., June 4.

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.

Last year, 52 generous sponsors and 150 participants helped make the 3rd Run/Walk a huge success, enabling them to award six 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.

There is still time to become a sponsor, a participant or buy a t-shirt.

The event is required to have a not for profit sponsor and the families are very pleased that Haskell CISD has agreed to be that sponsor this year.

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. Sponsors are needed for this event. Each sponsorship helps to ensure that 100% of the proceeds go to the scholarship funds.

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 gyms and 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 May 27.

You may pick up packets early on Friday, June 3 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., June 4 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.

Paint Creek ISD lists honor roll students

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

First grade: A honor roll, Urijah Livingston;

A-B honor roll, Adrian Castorena, Zander Elias, Carissa Elkins, Cort Rogers and Sean Townsend.

Second grade: A honor roll, Jasmine Anguiano and Zak Jones; A-B honor roll, Harry Boyd, Aubrie Payne and Chloe Pete.

Third grade: A-B honor roll, Andrew Castorena, Adrian Cisneros, Melanie Clary, Cayden Rogers and Alisa Walburg.

Fourth grade: A-B honor roll, Sirena Baiza and Cowan Rogers.

Fifth grade: A honor roll, Levi Rhoads; A-B honor roll, Gus Blair and Austen Sanford.

Seventh grade: A-B honor roll, Zak Elkins, Haylee Garcia, Ashton Grand, Brett Meurer and Zamantha Ramos.

Eighth grade: A honor roll, Desiree Acosta, Jaclyn Snelling and Bailee Thomas; A-B honor roll, Sarah Calvillo

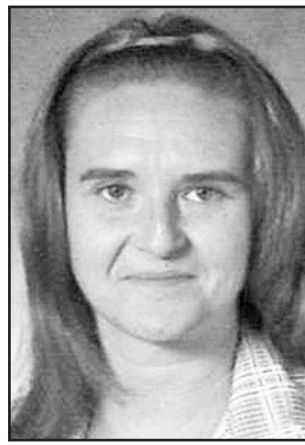
Tenth grade: A honor roll, Felicity Hannsz; A-B honor roll, Gauge Guadalcazar and Katelyn Jenkins.

Eleventh grade: A honor roll, Corey Mengwasser and Buddy Trotter; A-B honor roll, Devon Benitez, Sabrina Conn, Zhenia McTasney and Autumn Rogers.

Twelfth grade: A-B honor roll, Sebastian Acosta, Tyler Cantrell, Jarrett Lopez, Dakota Mayor and Everett Priddy.

Obituaries

Betty Christine Bruton



BETTY BRUTON

Memorial graveside services for Betty Christine Bruton, 70, of Haskell were

held Wed., April 27 at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Bruton passed away at a local hospital Wed., April 20.

Born Jan. 9, 1946, in Stamford, she was the daughter of Robert O. Bruton and Christine (Wells) Bruton. She has lived in Haskell since 1997. She graduated from college and received a Masters Degree as a counselor. She worked in the Saginaw School District for nearly 30 years. She enjoyed reading, movies,

and taking care of her dogs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert O. Bruton and Christine (Wells) Bruton.

Survivors include her uncle, Wayne Wells of Haskell; aunt, Doris Wells of Trent; cousins, Jeffery Wells and Billy Wells, both of Trent, Debra Wells of Dallas, Linda McDaniel of Frisco, and Charlie Wells of Paint Creek.

Online condolences may be shared with Betty's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Norma Lee Tate Bird



NORMA BIRD

Memorial services for Norma Lee Tate Bird, 84, of Haskell will be held at 2 p.m. Sat., April 30 at Trinity Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Larry White officiating.

Mrs. Bird passed away Thurs., April 21 at Abilene

Regional Medical Center in Abilene.

Born May 17, 1931 in Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Alva Louis Tate and Evelyn Favilla (Testerman) Tate. She lived in Haskell off and on for 20 years. She married Thomas M. Bird, Jr. June 17, 1978 in Woodward, Oklahoma and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She loved her family and spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids, and enjoyed cooking.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alva Louis Tate and Evelyn Favilla (Testerman) Tate; first husband, Jim Wood, Jr.; two grandchildren, Bridgett McGhee and Stevie Marlett; and two brothers, Don Tate

and Bill Tate.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas M. Bird, Jr. of Haskell; daughter, Kathy Wood of Haskell; son, Jim Wood, III and wife Georgia of Woodward, Oklahoma; three step-daughters, Julie Marlett and husband Steve of Woodward, Oklahoma, Alice Henderson and husband Richard of New Mexico and Ragenna Stephens of Woodward, Oklahoma; 13 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Bud Tate of Mineral Wells; sister-in-law, Ruth Tate of Nampa, Idaho; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Online condolences may be shared with Norma's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Kenneth Wade Smith

Memorial services for Kenneth Wade Smith, 76, of Haskell will be held at a later date. Mr. Smith passed away Fri., April 22 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Born June 4, 1939, he was the son of Aubrey Lanceford Smith and Thelma Pauline (Shadden) Smith. He lived in New Home for 60 years then moved to Haskell. He was a cotton farmer, built model airplanes and was an accomplished rifleman in school.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aubrey Lanceford Smith and Thelma Pauline (Shadden) Smith; and wife, Sharon Smith.

Survivors include his two daughters,

Michele Slavin and husband Ed of Plano, and Kimberly Scott and husband Bob of Minneapolis, Minnesota; son, Kendal Smith and wife Audrey of Arlington; seven grandchildren, Taylor Chapman, Aubrey Slavin, Connor Slavin, Lan Scott, Hannah Scott, Julia Scott and Jacob Smith; one great-grandchild, Gage Chapman; sister, Kay Brown and husband Larry of Amarillo; nephew, Shon Brown and Joan of Keller; niece, Kristal Mooneyham and husband Darren of Amarillo.

Online condolences may be shared with Kenneth's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Project Fair to be held during Wild Horse Prairie Days

The Wild Horse Prairie Days event coming up the first weekend of June, has an added attraction this year.

New this year will be the First Annual WHPD Project Fair. Three categories including food, textile, as well as hobbies, arts & crafts will be offered for both youth and adult divisions. The age divisions are grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 and adult (19 years and older).

The WHPD Project Fair is open to all Haskell County residents and school students as well as employees/family members of participating ranch teams in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo. All entries must have been made by the exhibitor within the last twelve months. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in over 120 classes.

All entries will be accepted at the Haskell Memorial Civic Center on Thursday, June 2 from 4:30

p.m. until 6 p.m., as well as on Friday, June 3 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday. Entries will be on display Friday and Saturday of the WHPD event.

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in the more than 120 different classes. Rosettes will be awarded in Youth Combined and Adult categories. Blue Rosette recipients are eligible for the Best of Show Youth Combined Award and Best of Show Adult Award. Each of the Best of Show winners will be presented a championship belt buckle and two free WHPD Ranch Rodeo tickets for the Saturday night performance.

All entries must be picked up from 5 to 6 p.m. on Sat., June 4. Only one entry per person per class, names will be displayed after judging and superintendents will have the final say in all

category interpretation.

All canned foods must be properly sealed and labeled using standard canning jars with the name of the product and date of preservation. All baked goods must be wrapped in plastic wrap and displayed on a disposable container. It is requested that a copy of your recipe be exhibited with your product. No refrigerator pies or cakes will be accepted.

All textile entries must be clean and clothing on hangers. Machine division consists of items made using some type of machine, while handwork division must be done entirely by hand.

Paintings must be finished for hanging or display and photography entries must be 8x10 in picture size and be inserted in a clear plastic sheet protector. There should be no over mat, framing or writing on the front of the poster board.

Project Fair superintendents are Darlene Hopkins and Michelle Thane. For questions or more information on specific classes for the project fair, call (940) 256-3625.

Start now gathering your entries of handwork, clothing, canned and preserved goods, baked goods, photography and arts and crafts projects, and the list goes on. It's just one more reason to look forward to the Wild Horse Prairie Days event in Haskell.

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Tips for water conservation given

Water conservation begins at home, and we must all do our part. We need to develop an attitude of conserving water so we will be conscious of using less water in all aspects of our lives.

•Stop leaks. The first step is to make sure your home is leak-free. Check indoor water-using appliances and devices for leaks. Many silent leaks allow water and your money to go down the drain. Dripping faucets that are leaking at a rate of one drop per second can waste 2,700 gallons of water per year. Toilet tank leaks account for much of the water wasted in homes. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day.

•Change behaviors. Examples of possible behavior changes that could save water in the bathroom include: taking 4-minute showers; turning the water off while shampooing your hair in the shower; turning water off while shaving or brushing teeth; and never using the toilet as a waste basket.

•Reduce water use in the landscape. From 50 to 75 percent of a home's total water use during the growing season may be for outdoor purposes. It's important that you develop a plan or convert

your current landscape to include plants and design that are appropriate for your climate conditions. If you have an irrigation system, it also needs to be regularly adjusted and checked for leaks. Select plants that are appropriate for your local climate conditions. Having a yard with 100 percent lawn turf area in a dry climate uses significant amounts of water. Also consider Xeriscape™ and a more natural landscape. Use only the amount of water that your plants need. Water during the coolest part of the day. Use soaker hoses or trickle irrigation for trees and shrubs. Don't water plants that do not need the water. Be attentive to your watering time. Maintain your irrigation system. Make sure your irrigation controller has a rain shutoff device. Water trees and shrubs longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants. Mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and to cut down on weed growth.

For more information of ways to conserve water contact our local Texas A&M Agrilife Extension at 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell, TX 79521, 940-864- 2658, or visit <http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/>. Keep Haskell Beautiful.

Restoration of Monarch butterfly habitats urged

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) is working in cooperation with 143 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) located in Texas to enhance and restore the Monarch Butterfly habitat.

It is estimated that over the past 20 years the Monarch population has declined from 1 billion to less than 60 million due to a number of factors. One of the most prominent factors that has contributed to this steep population decline is the loss of habitat and food sources.

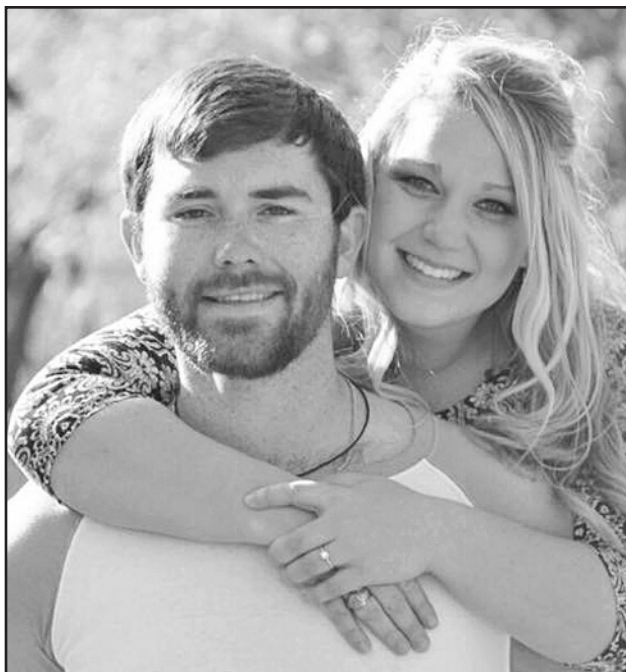
The iconic orange and black insects are dependent on nectar producing vegetation to produce energy for their annual migration from Mexico to Canada. The Monarch Caterpillar on the other hand, depends on Milkweed as a critical food source.

As a result of this decline of the Monarch Butterfly population, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) as well as the USDA-Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS) have provided funds to enhance and restore the Monarch Butterfly habitat.

The project provides funding to develop conservation plans and plant pollinator friendly plant species on 1,600 Texas rural lands along the Monarch's migratory pattern. The funding will be made available to farmers, ranchers or private landowners with tracts of land between 1 and 30 acres. The funds will pay \$375 per acre to cover seed cost, planting and maintenance of the land. Entities such as schools or municipalities qualify for funding to develop a Monarch Butterfly garden between 100 and 300 square feet.

Applications will be available on May 2, 2016 on the project website at: www.tsswcb.texas.gov/monarch. Each application will be submitted through the applicants local Soil and Water Conservation District. To find your local SWCD visit: tsswcb.texas.gov/en/swcds/locatormap.



TYLER REESE – MACKENZIE THOMAS

Thomas, Reese plan June wedding

Joey and Tiffany Thomas are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Mackenzie Hope to Tyler Wayne Reese, son of Matt and Nancy Sanders and Travis and Amber Reese.

Thomas will receive a bachelor of science degree in elementary education with special education

endorsement from Texas Tech in May.

Reese received a bachelor degree in conservation law enforcement in August and is currently pursuing a Masters and also employed by the USDA-ARS in Lubbock.

A June 2016 wedding is planned.

EEA Club news

The Haskell County EEA Club met Thurs., April 14, at the extension kitchen with eight members in attendance. Kathryn Schonerstedt called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered to "What is your hardest object to throw away?"

After the business meeting, several upcoming events were discussed, including the Tri-County Rally Day to be held in Seymour April 19, and the TEEA State Convention to

be held in Plano Sept. 13-14.

Discussion was held on prospective projects and securing new members. Anyone is welcome to come visit for interesting programs, fun experiences, good food and fellowship.

The program was presented by County Ag Agent Jason Westbrook. Refreshments were provided by Lena Tidwell and Sue McGee. The next meeting will be held May 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension kitchen.

Scholarships announced

Each year, Big Country Electric Cooperative (BCEC) awards two \$4,000 academic scholarships to local students who demonstrate academic excellence. Selection criteria includes evaluation of scholarship application completion, letters of reference, academic records and college and career goals.

This year our independent scholarship committee has selected Saicy Lytle, a senior at Anson High School, and Matthew Ramirez, a senior at Roby High School, as recipients of these two scholarships.

BCEC wishes Lytle, Ramirez, and all of our local graduates the best for a bright and successful future!

All three available as a Hungry-Buster, too! Visit us at dqtxas.com

Alzheimer's group offers seminar May 6 in Abilene

The Alzheimer's Association-North Central Texas Chapter announces the annual Abilene Caregiver Seminar, entitled Tips and Strategies for Healthy Caregiving. The half-day event will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Fri., May 6, at Southern Hills Church of Christ, located at 3666 Buffalo Gap Road, in Abilene.

This year's seminar will feature two dynamic speakers-Betsy Broyles Arnold and Molly Arnold Gay, the daughter and granddaughter of legendary former coach of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks, Frank Broyles. Coach Broyles lost his wife of 59 years, Barbara, to Alzheimer's disease in 2004. Since then, the Broyles family has been dedicated to educating families and caregivers about providing Alzheimer's care. Betsy and Molly have taken their experience as caregivers for Barbara and turned it into simple, but relatable training.

Today, they travel from coast to coast bringing vital information and resources as well as a message of hope to Alzheimer's caregivers everywhere.

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 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 325-793-8417 or 800-928-2262. Deadline for respite assistance requests is Friday, April 29.

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

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Graduation Registry

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Teacher's Day - May 3
Nurse's Day - May 6

Bridal Registry

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Kasey Harris and Samuel Bitner
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Madison Mayfield and Nicholas Stanley

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago April 27, 2006

Members of the Haskell EEA Club receiving first place awards at the Rolling Plains District 3 Spring Conference were Alice Yates, Hand Quilted-Patchwork category; Sue McGee, Handmade Garments category; and Muriel Nanny, Hand Stitchery division.

The Haskell Maidens claimed the district softball title by defeating New Deal 18-1. Team members are Shannon Bird, Amber Bingham, Julie Hankins, Jerrica Escobedo, Kellie Tidrow, Natalie Lopez, Chambray Bartley, Paige Wheatley, Ashton Rutkowski, Kayla Tidrow, Stephanie Grand and Alexa Roberts. They are coached by John Foster and Betsy Coleman.

20 Years Ago April 25, 1996

Mozelle Barton and Charles McCauley were presented plaques in appreciation of twenty years of dedicated service to the Haskell Memorial Hospital Board. They have both decided to retire off the board.

Paint Creek FHA members Halee Walton and Amanda Crawford qualified to advance to national competition held during the FHA leadership conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Their presentation "On our Way with FHA," is entered in the Applied Technology category.

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. May

of Rule, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at the Philadelphian Club, hosted by their children and grandchildren.

30 Years Ago April 24, 1986

Kendall Larned received the Dick Gaines Award at the annual All-Sports Banquet. Other awards presented were Felipe Arredondo, football; Tim Johnson and Chris Lopez, boys' basketball; Julie Roewe, girls' basketball; Stephon Brockington, boys' track; Tina Lacey and Denise Young, girls' track.

Haskell Elementary sixth grade students of Debbie Earles and Letha Newton will launch 288 helium balloons. Students earned a balloon for every 300 pages they read. Information for notifying the student, if a balloon is found, will be included with each balloon lunched.

Paint Creek FFA teams competing at the state level were the range and pasture judging team of Kathy Simmons, Sondra Patterson, Doretha Moore and Kay Fischer; and the dairy cattle judging team of Blake Liles, Thad Jennings, Darrin Wright and Gary Scheets.

40 Years Ago April 22, 1976

Haskell County Farm Bureau President J.W. Aycock of Haskell attended a state-wide conference of county Farm Bureau presidents in Waco.

Rule High School students earning a trip to

the UIL Literary Regional Meet in Brownwood are Joanne Cloud-number sense, prose reading, spelling and headline writing; Cynthia Sorrells-feature writing, news writing and editorial writing; Eddie Brass-science; Lynn Fouts-feature writing; Norva Lehmann-slide rule; Wynette Williams-slide rule; Martha Kittley-slide rule; Bonnie Woods-spelling; and John Baitz-persuasive speaking.

50 Years Ago April 28, 1966

Three Haskell County students are headed to the State UIL Literary Meet in Austin. HHS student Diann Cadenhead won first in Prose Reading at the regional meet; Mattson High School senior Galen Peiser won second in science; and Weinert High School junior Cecil Davis, placed first in number sense.

Elected directors of Haskell's Industrial Foundation were Royce Adkins, district attorney; Mattie Felker, co-owner of Lane-Felker; Dr. T.W. Williams; Bob Beauchamp, WTU manager; Abe Turner, Haskell National Bank; Clay Smith, farmer; Bill Skeen, Lone Star Gas manager; Jetty Clare, publisher Haskell Free Press; and Bob Greenroy, owner of Super-Save Grocery.

100 Years Ago April 22, 1916

Shelby Bell left Monday for Goree, to install the Famous Tire Filler at that place for Lee West.

A large crowd gathered at the courthouse to hear Hon. W.H. Murchison, president of the board of the Haskell ISD, give a resume of the financial condition of the schools and showed that owing to greatly increased scholastic population and decreased revenues, a very serious condition confronted our community.

10 ways to make your landscape earth-kind

Earth-Kind® focuses on using environmentally friendly management practices to produce landscapes that are beautiful, low-maintenance, and sustainable. The goals of an Earth-Kind® landscape are to conserve water and energy, reduce pesticide and fertilizer use, and to recycle landscape wastes. Unfortunately, some Earth-Kind® principles can be difficult to implement in an established landscape especially if the owner does not wish to make drastic changes to the existing design and plantings. The following, however, are ten practices that can easily be implemented to transform an existing landscape into one that is Earth-Kind®

1. **Mulch.** Adding and maintaining a three-inch layer of plant-derived mulch, such as native hardwood, will significantly reduce the amount of water required in the landscape. This is especially true when drip irrigation is placed underneath it. Mulch also helps prevent weeds and erosion, modifies the soil temperature, and serves as continuous supply of organic matter for the soil beneath. Mulch can easily be added to an existing landscape and may be available free from municipal or utility sites.

2. **Low-volume irrigation.** Micro and drip irrigation is typically at least 90 percent efficient compared to traditional sprinkler irrigation (50 to 70 percent) because it applies water only where it is needed and slowly enough to minimize runoff and evaporation loss. It also reduces salinity damage and disease on foliage by keeping the water and soil splash off the plants' leaves. A wide variety of products and kits are available, as are many internet resources that offer guidance on installation.

3. **Irrigation auditing/evaluation.** An assessment of your irrigation system's efficiency and effectiveness will help identify problems such as leaks or sprinkler heads that are damaged or misaligned. Measuring sprinkler output and coverage will help you determine if the coverage is uniform and how long you should run your irrigation system. A licensed irrigator can perform a formal system audit, or a homeowner can conduct an informal evaluation.

4. **Cycle and soak watering.**

Programming your irrigation system to split runtimes into several shorter cycles can save a substantial amount of water. This method allows more time for water to soak into the soil than if you apply the water all at once. Cycle and soak watering is especially beneficial on compacted or clay soils or landscapes with steep slopes where infiltration is slow. Modern irrigation controllers can be easily programmed for cyclic watering, and some are already equipped to perform this special function. For manual irrigation, move sprinklers around instead of completely watering one area at a time.

5. **Integrated Pest Management (IPM).** This balanced approach to pest control focuses on using cultural, biological, and mechanical control measures. Under IPM, chemical control is used only as a last resort. Strategies include using pest and disease tolerant plants, preserving pest's natural enemies, and excluding or physically removing pests. Chemical treatments are selected carefully and used only when pest populations warrant such measures. In the case of chemical control, select the product that is least toxic, but yet still effective, and avoid using broad-spectrum insecticides that also kill beneficials.

6. **Composting.** You can convert yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, and pruning waste into compost, rather than paying to have it removed and added to a landfill. A properly managed compost pile can produce a valuable soil amendment in one to three months — and often without disagreeable odors. Compost is derived from once-living material so it contains most of the nutrients that plants need in a slow-release form, it improves soil structure, and it is free.

7. **Fertilizing based on soil tests.** Sampling the soil in your lawn or landscape properly and having it analyzed can help the environment and your wallet. A soil test will reveal the specific nutrients that your soil may be lacking and will help you choose an appropriate fertilizer. This will allow you to save money and avoid excess nutrient levels in the soil by applying only the type and amount of nutrient needed. You will also reduce pollution in the form

of runoff or groundwater contamination.

8. **Rainwater harvesting.** Collecting and storing rainwater can reduce your water bill. It is also pure, and in areas where tap water is high in salts or chlorine, irrigating with it can allow you to grow sensitive plants such as azalea and camellia where they otherwise could not. Capturing rainwater is easy if gutters are already in place, but if not, they can easily be installed. Capture and storage can be as simple as placing a barrel under a downspout.

9. **Preparing planting areas.** Preparing the soil properly can drastically reduce the need for fertilizers in both new and existing beds. It can also reduce disease problems and the amount of water required. Incorporating at least 3 inches of finished, plant-derived compost into the soil will improve the nutrient and water holding capacity in sandy soils and improve drainage in clay. Compost supplies nutrients slowly, encourages beneficial soil microorganisms, and allows roots to penetrate deeper for greater water uptake. Raised beds approximately 12 inches high and crowned in the center will greatly improve plant performance where soils drain poorly.

10. **Turf maintenance.** Sound turf management can greatly reduce your lawn's labor, water, and fertilizer requirements. Keeping turf mowed to a reasonably greater height promotes a deeper root system, reduces plant stress, and provides more shade for the soil surface. All these factors reduce the lawn's water needs. Grass clippings generally contain approximately 2 to 3 percent nitrogen. Leaving them on the lawn will significantly reduce the need for nitrogen fertilizers. Mulching grass clippings (rather than bagging them) also returns organic matter to the soil. Research shows that this practice does not contribute to excessive thatch accumulation when the turf is mowed regularly.

For more information of ways on making your landscaping Earth Friendly, contact our local Texas A&M Agrilife Extension at 101 S. Ave. D, Haskell, TX 79521, 940-864-2658, or visit <http://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/>. Keep Haskell Beautiful.



HOUSE FIRE—The home of Randy and Lisa Schonerstedt on South 8th Street in Haskell was engulfed in a house fire Mon., April 25 about midnight.

What is Social Security FICA?

By Ray Vigil
Social Security Public
Affairs Specialist
in El Paso

Receiving your first paycheck is an empowering milestone. Do you remember being a little shocked by the taxes that Uncle Sam takes out of each paycheck? Understanding how important your contribution is takes some of the sting away because your taxes are helping millions of Americans—and financially securing your today and tomorrow.

By law, employers must withhold Social Security taxes from workers' paychecks. While usually referred to as "Social Security taxes" on an employee's pay statement, sometimes the deduction is labeled as "FICA." This

stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act, a reference to the original Social Security Act. In some cases, you will see "OASDI," which stands for Old Age Survivors Disability Insurance, the official name for the Social Security Insurance program.

The taxes you pay now mean a lifetime of protection—for retirement in old age or in the event of disability. And when you die, your family (or future family) may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work as well.

Right now you probably have family members—grandparents, for example—who already are enjoying Social Security benefits that your Social Security taxes help provide. Social

Security is solvent now and will be through 2033. At that point, we'll be able to fund retirement benefits at 75 percent unless changes are made to the law. In the past, Social Security has evolved to meet the needs of a changing population—and you can count on Social security in the future.

Because you're a long way from retirement, you may have a tough time seeing the value of benefit payments that could be many decades in the future. But keep in mind that the Social Security taxes you're paying can provide valuable disability or survivors benefits in the event the unexpected happens. Studies show that of today's 20-year-olds, about one in four will become disabled, and about one in eight will die, before reaching retirement.

Be warned: if an employer offers to unlawfully pay you "under the table," you should refuse. They may try to sell it as a benefit to you since you get a few extra dollars in

your net pay. But you're really only allowing the employer to deprive you from earning your Social Security credits. This could keep you from qualifying for any benefits, or result in you receiving less than you should.

Also, don't carry your Social Security card around with you. It's an important document you should safeguard and protect. If it's lost or stolen, it could fall into the hands of an identity thief.

Check out our webinar, "Social Security 101: What's in it for me?" The webinar explains what you need to know about Social Security. You can find it at <http://go.usa.gov/cdNeY>.

If you'd like to learn a little more about Social Security and exactly what you're earning for yourself by paying Social Security taxes, take a look at our online booklet, How You Earn Credits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html.

You can also learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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HASKELL MAIDENS DISTRICT SECOND PLACE



HASKELL MAIDENS—Members of the 2016 Haskell Maidens' softball team are, front row sitting, l-r, Melodee Martinez and Hannah Martinez; middle row, sitting on buckets, #15 Colbie McKoy, #21 Kelsey Guzman, #12 Julia Fuentes, #5 Grace Colley, #20 Ryanna Rodriguez and Coach #4 Laura Fuentes, #1 Hannah Foster, #11 Gabby Mendonza, #2 Krysta Winegeart and #10 Maddie Williams; back row, Coach John Foster, #0 Areli Torres, #16 Makinzie Garvin, #3 Jordan Garvin, #22 C'Era Taylor, #12 Julia Fuentes, #5 Grace Colley, #20 Ryanna Rodriguez and Coach #4 Laura Fuentes, #1 Hannah Foster, #11 Gabby Mendonza, #2 Krysta

Maidens vs Archer City Lady Cats

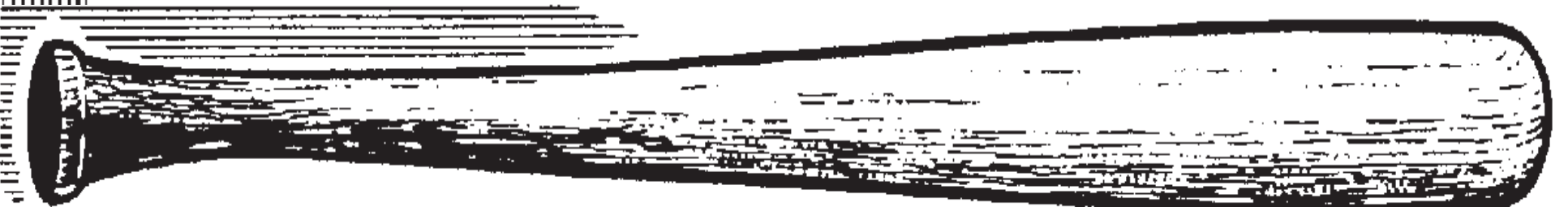
Bi-District Playoff Series

Game 1: Thurs., April 28, 6 p.m., Seymour;
Game 2: Sat., April 30, 7:30 p.m. at Graham
and Game 3 (if needed) follows game 2.

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Student visits Rotary Club

Bobby DeLosSantos is the son of Malinda Johnson of Haskell.

He attends the Church of Christ.

At Haskell High School, he is a member of the band and is in the CNA program at Vo-Tech.

He enjoys working. He plans to attend TSTC in Sweetwater as a nursing student.



BOBBY DE LOS SANTOS

Rule School Menu

May 2-6 Breakfast
Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily.
Monday: Sausage kolache, yogurt
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
Wednesday: Cheese omelet wrap
Thursday: Waffles, sausage

Friday: Cinnamon roll
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: Country fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, strawberries
Tuesday: Meat and cheese tostada with rice, salsa, salad, refried beans, applesauce
Wednesday: Pizza, salad, veggie medley, apple slices
Thursday: Frito pie, baby carrots with ranch, corn, salsa, orange smile
Friday: Chicken strips, fries, zesty cucumbers, peaches, Texas toast

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Haskell School Menu

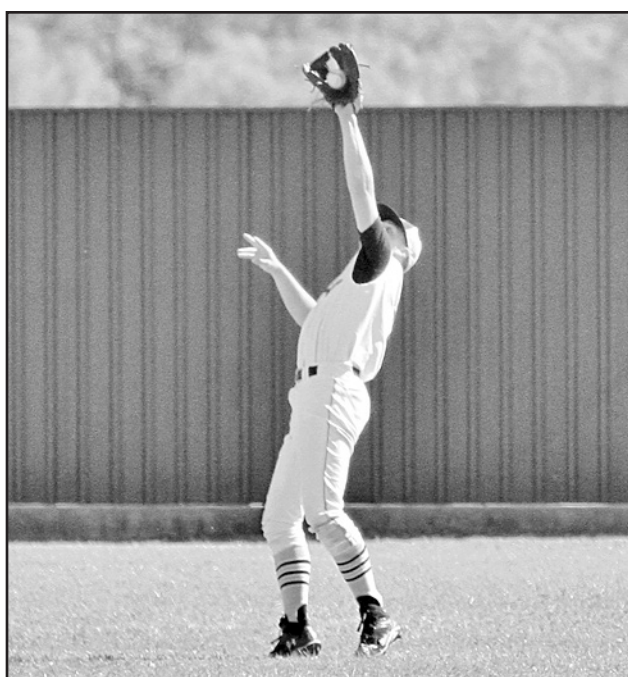
May 2-6 Breakfast
Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal.
Monday: Chicken-n-waffles or cereal variety and toast
Tuesday: Breakfast club or cereal variety and toast
Wednesday: Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage or cereal variety and toast
Thursday: Sausage kolache, yogurt or cereal variety and toast
Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and toast
Lunch
Milk variety is available at every meal.

Monday: Steak fingers with gravy, baked potato, glazed carrots, strawberries and bananas, roll
Tuesday: Pizza, garden salad, Key West vegetable, sliced peaches, chocolate/vanilla pudding
Wednesday: Mexican combo plate, Spanish rice, salsa, corn, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce
Thursday: Teriyaki beef sandwich, baked potato chips, broccoli bites, garden salad, oranges
Friday: Deli sandwich with sandwich salad, tomato and cucumber cup, graham snack, fruit

Paint Creek School Menu

May 2-6 Breakfast
Milk and juice are served daily.
Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Toast, eggs
Wednesday: Breakfast bagel
Thursday: Biscuits, sausage
Friday: Cinnamon roll
Lunch
Milk is served daily.
Monday: BBQ on bun, fries,

fruit
Tuesday: Ham and cheese sub, salad, chips, pineapples
Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, pears
Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, apples
Friday: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit



GETS THE OUT-Haskell Indian senior Kadin Seelinger gets the out on a fly ball to center field in his last home game at Coker Field.



SENIOR CATCHER-Haskell Indian senior Garret Tatum behind the plate in his last home game, as the Indians defeat Hamlin 5-3.

April is child abuse prevention month

Governor Greg Abbott has proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is stepping up its public awareness efforts in a big way.

DFPS is launching a \$1 million public education campaign aimed at helping parents deal with the challenges and stresses that can lead to child abuse and neglect. The Help for Parents, Hope for Kids media campaign includes one month of television ads in the largest Texas markets, radio spots in rural Texas, and a statewide mobile and online campaign from April through the end of August.

On the campaign website, HelpandHope.org, parents will find four new educational videos and many new expert articles and tips to help parents learn to deal with some of the most challenging aspects of parenting - dealing with teens, bedtime battles, crying babies, postpartum depression, toilet training, texting, and much more. The campaign's Facebook page (4MyKid) shares fun and helpful ideas and resources for families.

Also in April, Child Protective Services (CPS) is joining with local governments, community groups, service organizations, activists, and other partners to put the spotlight on preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse. See more about prevention events in your area on the Events Page of HelpandHope.org.

CPS investigated more than 176,868 allegations of child abuse or neglect in Texas last year. Tragically, 171 children died at the hands of a parent or other caregivers. Another 66,721 children and teens were victims of abuse or neglect and 17,151 were removed from their homes for their own protection.

"Parenting is hard and stressful, so it's crucial that we support parents in every way we can to help prevent abuse," said Judge John Specia, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. "But if you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please report it so we can investigate to make sure the child is safe and parents get the help they need."

Learn how to recognize abuse on HelpandHope.org and report it by calling 800-252-5400.

HNB receives award

Haskell National Bank, Haskell, is honored to announce it has once again earned BauerFinancial Inc.'s highest 5-Star Superior rating. Earning and sustaining Bauer's highest rating for the most recent 96 consecutive quarters puts Haskell National Bank in an even more elite group of "Sustained Superiority Banks." This designation is only available to the top 10 percent, those banks that have maintained their 5-Star rating for longer than 90 percent of the industry.

BauerFinancial Inc., Coral Gables, Florida, the nation's bank rating firm, has been analyzing and reporting on the nation's banks since 1983...providing ratings you can trust. A 5-Star rating by Bauer indicates that Haskell National Bank is one of

the strongest banks in the nation, excelling in such areas as capital, loan quality, profitability and much more.

Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, recognizes that, "As market conditions continue to change, banking institutions must be adept enough to evolve with them. With Haskell National Bank's stellar financial condition and track record, we have no doubt in its ability to do so. The community is privileged to have such a strong financial partner in its midst."

Established in 1890, Haskell National Bank has been serving its neighbors for the past 126 years. Today it operates through two branch offices in Abilene and Haskell and can be found on the internet at haskellnationalbank.com.

DPS stops fuel thieves

Each year, the Texas Comptroller's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) helps local and state law enforcement return indictments against tax fraud suspects, including more than 100 felony indictments against motor fuel suspects in 2015.

"CID's work is extremely important, and we want the public to know that we will not tolerate these crimes, which are an affront to Texans who purchase motor fuel legally," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

Most recently, CID officers worked with Midland police to stop a rash of motor fuel thefts from convenience stores. In these heists, suspects would park next to underground fuel tanks, lower a fuel hose into the tank and steal fuel with electric pumps and hoses hidden in their vehicles. Such equipment can pump 95 gallons of fuel per minute.

Recent trends in motor fuel theft include:

- cloned credit cards: Individuals purchase large quantities of fuel, usually pumped into auxiliary fuel tanks in the back of pickup trucks, using credit/debit cards with stolen credit card numbers re-encoded

on the magnetic strip.

- pulsar manipulation: Suspects manipulate retail fuel pumps' pulsars-devices that read fuel usage-so that they can obtain fuel without the retailer knowing the pump is operating. Suspects activate a pump either with a credit card or by giving the cashier a small sum of cash. When the fuel begins flowing, they cause the pulsar to stop sending any information relating to money owed or gallons pumped.

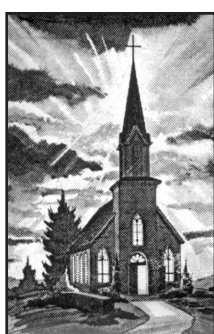
- underground fuel storage tanks: Suspects conceal portable tanks inside their vehicles. While parking next to underground fuel tanks, they use pumps and hoses to move stolen fuel into the concealed auxiliary tank.

Texas' motor fuel taxes represent the fifth-largest source of state tax revenue. In fiscal 2015, motor fuel tax collections totaled \$3.3 billion. This revenue supports public education and highways.

Motor fuel tax fraud and theft penalties range from misdemeanors to second-degree felonies, punishable by two to 20 years in prison.

To learn more about the Comptroller's efforts to stop motor fuel theft, go to the Comptroller's website.

This Week's Devotional Message:



Apply the lessons of the Sabbath all the rest of the week

At the place where you worship the sermons compel
That you contemplate mending your ways;
After which you are told to remember this well,
For the week has another six days.
You consider that service an hour well-spent;
Where the guidance of God will abound;
And with all good intentions you try to repent,
For temptations are always around.
But those wonderful lessons you're apt to ignore
For the rest of the week, as we know;
So just carry them with you right out of the door.
And apply them wherever you go.

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.; Wed. 7 p
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - St. George Catholic Church**
Father Angelo Consemينو
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
 - Church of Christ**
Philip Sims, minister
Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - First Presbyterian Church**
Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
 - Trinity Baptist Church**
Larry White, pastor
Sun. 10 a., 11 a, 6:30 p; Wed. 6:30 p
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

- Greater Independent Baptist Church**
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
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.
Weinert
 - 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**
Jim McCurley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.;
Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.;
Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m.
500 Main, Rochester
 - Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Clovis Dever
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
Rochester

- Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Randy Hollingsworth, minister
Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m.
Hwy. 6, Rochester
—SAGERTON—
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Cory Graham, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
Sagerton
- Faith Lutheran Church**
Anna Robbins, pastor
Sun. 10:30 a.m.
Sagerton
—RULE—
- First Baptist Church**
Scott Hensley, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p.
1001 Union Ave., Rule
- Primitive Baptist Church**
Dale Turner Jr., pastor
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
- Church of Christ**
Paul Leonard, minister
Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p
811 Union, Rule
- Primera Iglesia Bautista 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—
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Jim Reid, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a, 5 p, 6 p, Wed. 6 p
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Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Hanson Paint and Body Shop in Haskell needs a full time employee. Experienced preferred, but would train right person. Apply in person. 50tfc

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joe Lebb Jenkins, deceased, were issued on March 24, 2016, in Cause No. 4,587, pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: Terri Joyce Klose.

All person having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Kristen L. Fouts, Attorney at Law, 1 Avenue D, P.O. Box 206, Haskell, Texas 79521.

Dated the 10th day of April, 2016.

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By: Michael Sanders
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Date: April 28, 2016
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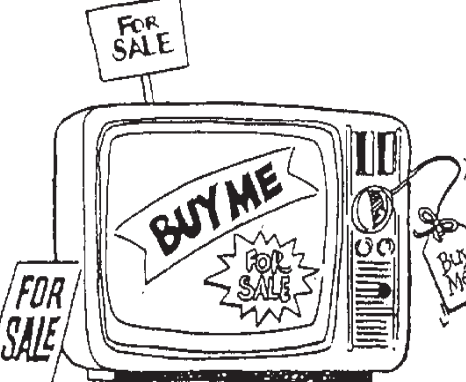
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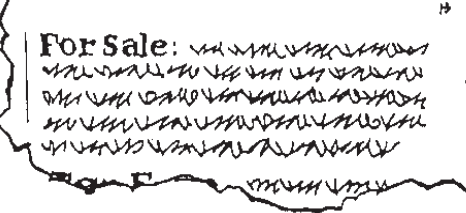
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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in their regular meeting place Tues., April 12 with all members present.

A motion to accept the quarterly and monthly reports submitted by the County Treasurer, the County Attorney's reconciliation report and Experienced Citizen Center reports passed.

DaLinda Black resigned as of April 8.

Jason Westbrook spoke to the Commissioner's about reimbursing individuals that have already paid to get certified for 4-H shooting sports. A motion to reimburse those individuals passed.

A motion to give the County Judge authority to submit and sign letter requesting credits from the State Comptroller's office passed.

A motion to authorize the sale of fireworks on Memorial Day (May 30) passed with restrictions.

The matter of limiting logging reimbursements

for employees and the item approving the County Tax abatement application for Willow Springs Wind were tabled.

A motion to authorize Judge David Davis to sign the County Maintained Road Mileage certification from TxDOT passed.

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting place Wed., April 13 with all members present.

Judge David Davis will contact Jones, Taylor, Baylor, Fisher, Knox and Young counties about using beds in their facilities. This is also going to involve transportation and medical costs, besides the \$56.00 per day to house Haskell inmates. He will also have to find out if beds are available, the cost and other information.

Judge Davis will also contact the Jail Commission informing them that the prison is suspended not closed.

Maidens jump on Stamford and coast to 14-4 win

The Maidens jumped on Stamford early and captured a 14-4 victory Fri., April 15 at Haskell. Stamford scored first and had a 4-0 lead in the top of the first. Two Maiden errors and two hits gave the Lady Dawgs reason to believe.

A single by Julia Fuentes, a two-run single by Ryanna Rodriguez, a two-run triple by Gabby Mendoza, and an error during the second inning fueled the Maidens' offense early. Jordan Garvin had two extra-base hits for the Maidens. She homered in the third inning (her sixth home run for the season thus far) and doubled in the fifth inning.

Stamford couldn't get anything going as long as Laura Fuentes was on the rubber. Stamford managed just three hits off of the Maidens' pitcher, who allowed no earned runs, walked one and struck out five during her five innings of work. The Lady Dawgs never scored again after the first.

The Maidens easily

Maidens' softball

handled Stamford pitching as they combined for 14 hits, 14 RBIs and 14 runs scored. Julia Fuentes was 2 for 3 with 1 RBI, Ryanna Rodriguez was 3 for 3 with 3 RBIs and Makinzie Garvin was 2 for 2 with a walk for her effort as the DP for the Maidens.

Haskell	0	5	6	1	2
		R14	H14	E4	
Stamford	4	0	0	0	0
		R4	H3	E1	

Maidens headed to the playoffs with victory over Anson, 13-0

The Haskell Maidens are going to the playoffs in softball for the eleventh time in 12 years. The Maidens traveled to Anson Tues., April 19 to play their final 2016 district matchup. Hamlin forfeited Friday's upcoming game, thus the Maidens finish district play 12-2.

A single by Hannah Foster, a fly ball error legged out by Krysta Winegeart, a RBI ground out by Laura Fuentes and a RBI single by Kelsey Guzman (2 for 3, 2RBIs) put the Maidens on the scoreboard in the first inning. Bunts by Gabby Mendoza, Foster, and a RBI single by Winegeart and a sacrifice fly by Guzman in the second inning supplied the early offense for the Maidens. Laura Fuentes was hot from the plate for the Maidens. Fuentes went 3-4, drove in one and scored two runs.

The Maidens added two more runs in the top of the third. Makinzie Garvin (2 for 3, 3 RBIs) brought home Julia Fuentes (2 for 4, 2 RBIs) with a right field single.

The Maidens tacked on another six runs in the fourth. Jordan Garvin singled, bringing home Winegeart and L. Fuentes to start the scoring. That was followed up by M. Garvin's single, scoring J. Garvin and J. Fuentes.

The Maidens' Hannah Foster kept Anson off the scoreboard for all five innings she was on the rubber. She pitched a shutout, allowing no opposing players to cross the plate on two hits while ringing up two.

The Maidens are currently the district runner-up behind Hawley who came back to beat Albany 7-6. Hawley

now sits alone in first with a 12-1 district record and will face Stamford on Friday. That will be a decisive game for district 7-2A.

Check the Haskell

Athletic Boosters Facebook for the latest playoff game updates.

Haskell	2	2	2	6	1
			R13	H16	E0
Anson	0	0	0	0	0
			R0	H2	E2



LAST HOME GAME—Haskell Maiden Hannah Foster, the lone Maiden senior, pitches her last game on the home field in Haskell, during a match up against 3-A Clyde.



STRETCHES FOR THE BASE—Haskell Maiden Julia Fuentes calls for time as she gets back to the bag at first base.

April sales tax receipts listed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$591.4 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 2.6 percent more than in April 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Dallas, Austin, Sugar Land and Fort Worth saw substantial increases in sales tax allocations that helped stop a four-month streak of declining sales tax allocations for the state overall," Hegar said. "Energy-centric cities such as Houston and Midland continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations."

Haskell County had a 2.79 percent increase for April 2016 of \$41,686.98 in comparison to \$40,551.85 for April 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$188,834.19 reflect a 3.28 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of \$182,825.50.

The City of Haskell had a 3.95 percent increase for April 2016 of \$39,000.95 in comparison to \$37,517.68 for April 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$175,419.25 reflect a 4.41 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of \$168,006.97.

The City of O'Brien had a 78.20 percent decrease for April 2016 of \$160.71 in

comparison to \$737.23 for April 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$1,066.33 reflect a 27.75 percent decrease over 2015 payments to date of \$1,475.99.

The City of Rochester had a 7.96 percent increase for April 2016 of \$444.61 in comparison to \$411.81 for April 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$2,478.21 reflect an 11.72 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of \$2,218.20.

The City of Rule had a

15.34 percent increase for April 2016 of \$1,913.32 in comparison to \$1,658.71 for April 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$8,896.82 reflect a 12.35 percent decrease over 2015 payments to date of \$10,150.67.

The City of Weinert had a 26.07 percent decrease for April 2016 of \$167.39 in comparison to \$226.42 for April 2015. 2016 payments to date of \$973.58 reflect a 0.00 percent increase over 2015 payments to date of \$973.67.

Beekeeping program to be held in Conroe

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

A program on beekeeping will be offered Sat., June 18 at the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center in Conroe.

The topic is 'Building the

future of beekeeping through education." Ross Conrad is the guest speaker.

Call Jason Westbrook at the Haskell County Extension office 940-864-2658 for registration details.

Woods appears on AR-N track best list

Appearing on the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country track best list Sat., April 23 is Haskell

Indian Ezell Woods. Woods is in second place in the long jump with a distance of 21-11.

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