

Baseball

Indians vs Anson
Fri., March 27, 4:30 p.m.
at Anson
Indians vs Hamlin
Tues., March 31, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Softball

Maidens
Maidens vs Anson
Fri., March 27, 5 p.m.
at Anson
Maidens vs Hawley
Sat., March 28, 11 a.m.
at Hawley
Maidens vs Hamlin
Tues., March 31, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Track

HASKELL
Indians-Maidens
Merkel Meet, Thurs., Mar. 26
JH Indians-Maidens
Munday Meet
Tues., Mar. 31
PAINT CREEK
HS at Trent
Fri., March 27
JH at Trent
Fri., March 27
JH at Aspermont
Tues., March 31
RULE
HS at Jayton
Fri., March 27
JH at Aspermont
Tues., March 31

Calendar

Safety seat checks

A free child safety seat inspection will be held Thurs., March 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church by certified and trained child passenger safety technicians.

Hee Haw set

The annual Sagerton Community production of Hee Haw will be March 26-28 at 8 p.m. each evening. Tickets are available by calling 940-997-2688. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Sunday singing

The First Baptist Church of Rule will host a community wide Fifth Sunday Singing Sun., March 29 at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Anyone wishing to participate with special music, solos and readings are welcome to participate.

Easter Cantata

The Cross Changes Everything is the name of the Easter Cantata to be presented by the Haskell community choir Sun., March 29 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Haskell under the direction of Martha Jarred. All in the community and surrounding area are welcome to attend.

Hamburger lunch

Haskell County Farm Bureau, in conjunction with Texas Food Connection Week, will host a Farmer's Share hamburger lunch Tues., March 31 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Haskell courthouse gazebo. Come by and get a hamburger with all the fixings for \$3.00.

Eastern Star

Rule Chapter #989 Order of the Eastern Star will meet Thurs., April 2 for a stated meeting. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. All members are urged to be present for the business meeting and other matters on the agenda. Stated meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Easter Cantata presented Sun., March 29 at FBC

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2015 HASKELL INDIAN BAND

Haskell Indian Band wins top UIL honors

by Caron Yates

The Haskell High School band has once again won top honors at the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight Reading

Contest, held March 4 in Anson.

The band received straight first division ratings from all judges. A feat they have accomplished for the sixth

time in recent history.

The contest, made up of two parts, includes the concert competition in which the Haskell band played "Valley Forge March"

by John Edmondson, "Fire Dance" by Douglas Akey and "Pevensey Castle" by Robert Sheldon.

The second part of the contest includes sight reading. The band is required to play music they have never seen before. This is not only a real test of each member's skill, poise and ability to read music, but also the group's adeptness to perform as one unit.

Band director Mike

Aston, now in his ninth year at Haskell, commented that the personal integrity and work ethic of each individual student musician are necessary for success at this level.

The fifty plus members of the Haskell Indian Band, Director Aston and Assistant Director Teresa New are to be commended for their hard work and dedication in achieving such a high level of success.

Chamber banquet set March 30

by Caron Yates

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for their annual banquet. This year's affair will be held on Monday, March 30, at

the Haskell Civic Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.

An entertaining night has been planned with guest speaker Russell Graves from Childress, telling authentic

Texas stories through both camera and commentary.

Always a treat, Haskell Elementary music teacher Pam Gibson's third grade choir will present "Let's Pass It On," a musical that within the dialogue and lyrics stresses the fact that by passing on good deeds and positive energy, we promote good feelings and make the world around us a happier place.

Citizens were asked earlier to make nominations, and the results will be made known when the Business of the Year, as well as the Volunteer of the Year are announced at the banquet.

Tickets are \$15 per plate, and will include a steak dinner. They may be purchased from any Chamber board member or at the Chamber office. For more information call Chamber Manager Mynea Short at 864-2477.

Don't miss this evening of entertainment, good food and surprise as you support the Haskell Chamber of Commerce.

Car Show set April 4

by Caron Yates

Whether you own a classic show car, enjoy looking at restored cars or just want something to do on a Saturday, downtown Haskell is the place to be.

The 4th annual Wild Horse Prairie Car Show is scheduled for Sat., April 4 around the square in Haskell.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and will run through 11 a.m. Vehicles may be registered, for an entry fee of \$20, on the southeast corner of the square.

There are four divisions including cars, trucks, corvettes and motorcycles. The six categories for cars are pre-1930, 1931-1952, 1953-1962, 1963-1972, 1973-1995, and 1996 and up. Subdivisions for trucks include pre-1950, 1951-1966, 1967-1987, and 1988 and up.

Corvette classes will be pre-1982, 1983 and up, and Rust Bucket, while motorcycles are broken down into pre-1980, 1981 and up and Special Interest.

There will be a Poker Run Cruise through town beginning at 2 p.m., followed by the awards presentation at 3 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Betterment Association and Haskell Chamber of Commerce. For more information call Wes at (940) 256-1940 or Ben at (940) 864 4555. Last year's car show drew seventy entries, and organizers are hoping for that many and more this year.

This is a perfect opportunity to visit, shop the local merchants and catch a glimpse back in history through these beautifully restored cars.

Klose, Hadaway earn more honors

The accolades continue to come in for the Haskell Maidens' basketball team.

Coach Blake Eddelman announced that Maidens Jacie Klose and Reagan Hadaway were named to the 2014-2015 Class-2A Texas Association of Basketball

Coaches All-Region Girls' Basketball Team.

Klose, the daughter of Eddie and Terri Klose, was previously named Offensive Most Valuable Player for District 7-AA, as well as Academic All-District. She received several mentions

throughout the season on the Abilene Reporter-News Top Ten list.

Hadaway, the daughter of Shane and Amanda Hadaway, has been named to the TGCA All-State Basketball Team, Abilene Reporter-News Top 10, Academic All-District and District 7-AA Most Valuable Player.

Both girls, varsity players throughout their high school years, have been recognized many times for their efforts on the court. Coach Eddelman commented, "Great team success comes with great teamwork." These two Maidens were certainly team players, as well as outstanding individual athletes.



JACIE KLOSE



REAGAN HADAWAY

Haskell to register Head Start, Pre-K, K

Haskell Elementary School will have registration for Head Start, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten for the 2015-2016 school year on the following dates:

Tues., April 7: Head Start registration from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the elementary library. If you want to enroll your child in Head Start, it is very important that you attend this registration.

Tues., April 14: 3 and 4 year old Prekindergarten registration from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the elementary library.

Tues., May 5: Kindergarten registration and screening. New students not currently enrolled in Haskell Elementary School will be registered and screened from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the elementary office.

To qualify for Head Start, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on Sept. 1, 2015 and meet income guidelines.

To be eligible for enrollment in Prekindergarten, a child must be 3 or 4 years old on Sept. 1, 2015 and must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language; or qualify for free or reduced lunches; or be homeless; or be the child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States; or be the child of a member of the armed forces of the United States who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or has ever been in foster care.

However, we are hoping to offer Prekindergarten for all 4 year olds. If you are interested in this program for your child, please be sure to register Tues., April 14.

To attend Kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on Sept. 1, 2015. Only students registering for Kindergarten who are not currently enrolled in Haskell Elementary School need to attend registration with their parents. All students currently enrolled in Haskell Elementary School will be pulled from their class to be screened. Their parents do not need to attend registration.

PPCD (Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities) is for children ages 3-5 that may be developmentally delayed in areas such as learning, speech and/or emotional skills. If your child turns 3 during the 2015-2016 school year, you can call the elementary office at 864-2654 at that time to schedule an appointment to have your child screened.

Parents should bring their driver license and income verification (for Head Start only) and their child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card to registration. Your child will not be able to start school in the fall until we have all these items on file.

It is possible for some children to qualify for more than one of these programs. Call Peggy Adams at 864-2654 if you have any questions.

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City Council report

The Haskell City Council met in a regular meeting Mon., March 2 with all members present.

A resolution with the school to hold joint elections passed.

Don Ballard was nominated to fill a position on the Haskell County Appraisal District board.

The settlement payment to TCEQ was approved.

The racial profiling report was tabled.

Chief of Police Scott Kennedy, Director of Public Works Matthew Duran and City Administrator Brandon Anderson gave their respective reports.

Duran updated the council on the Sterling trash truck and loader and on issues with the sewer plant clarifier.

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of March 16-22:

Azalea Andrade, failure to appear theft.

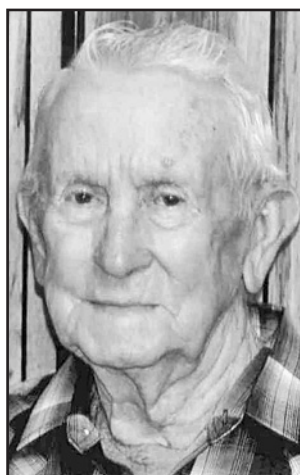
Henry Quintallia Lerma, driving while license invalid, possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., also possession of dangerous drugs.

Lonnie Clyde Applin, obtaining a controlled substance by release affiant; failure to appear bail jumping; failure to appear obtaining controlled substance Midland Co. charges; also, charge out of Taylor Co. for assault family violence enhanced.

Twenty-three calls were made to 911.

Obituaries

Vernay Andress



VERNAY ANDRESS

Funeral services for Vernay Andress, 85, lifelong resident of Haskell, were held Thurs., March 19 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Terry Bunch officiating. Burial was at Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mr. Andress passed

away Tues., March 17 at Haskell Memorial Hospital in Haskell.

Born Oct. 30, 1929, in Haskell, he was the son of Beno Andress and Opal (Lackey) Andress. On May 6, 1949, he married Myrl (Kirkland) Andress in Haskell. Vernay was a member of East Side Baptist Church and Haskell Bass Club. He loved to go fishing and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Beno and Opal Andress; and three brothers, Melvin Andress, Ray Andress and Dave Andress.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 66 years, Myrl Andress of Haskell; one son, Charles Dean Andress and wife Laura of Haskell; one brother, Boyd Andress and wife Patsy of Fort Worth; two sisters, Bennie Shelton

and Wanda Cheek, both of Haskell; three grandchildren, Jeremy Andress and wife Jodi of Haskell, Joseph Andress of Haskell and Jennifer Andress of Marble Falls; three great grandchildren, Adam Andress, Allie Andress and Abby Andress, all of Haskell.

Pallbearers were William Kirkland, Charles Kirkland, Scott Langford, Matt Langford, Tim Shelton and Johnny Kirkland. Honorary pallbearers were the members of the Sunday School Class at East Side Baptist Church.

Memorials may be given in Vernay's name to the East Side Baptist Church, 600 N. 1st St. E, Haskell, TX 79521, 940-864-2738 or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

PD. NOTICE

Leora Pauline Stiewert Guess



LEORA GUESS

Memorial services for Leora Pauline Stiewert Guess, 89, of Haskell were held Sat., March 21 at Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. Brian Burgess and Rev. Morris Johnson officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Guess passed away Tuesday night, March 17, at her Haskell home with her daughters and granddaughter, Aubrey, at her bedside.

Born July 17, 1925 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of John Stiewert and Pauline Eschberger Stiewert. Every time we drove by the

old Irby school location, she told of how, long before she was old enough, she would climb out her bedroom window and run across the field because she wanted to go to school. She grew up on the farm with her two brothers and did attend the Irby and Mattson schools.

She married Rebus Guess in the home of Baptist preacher, Brother Whatley, Dec. 31, 1942. The couple set up housekeeping in Mattson and after Rebus returned from War World II, the couple lived in Weinert, Sunset, Goree and Munday before spending the last 31 years back in Haskell.

Leora and Rebus were married 13 years before being blessed with children and there were never any more wanted little girls than Jennifer and Kimberlee. The couple spent the rest of their lives showing their girls how very much they were loved. Leora expected nothing in return for her selfless devotion to her family. She was an excellent seamstress, making beautiful clothes for her daughters and granddaughters, quilts and perfectly stitched samplers. She also enjoyed working in

her yard, cooking, time with her extended family, visiting friends, and any activities of her grandchildren. She loved the Lord and depended on Him daily.

Leora was preceded to Heaven by her parents; Rebus, her husband of over 70 years; and her brother, Raymond Stiewert.

She will be missed by her daughters, Jennifer Burgess and husband Brian of Haskell, Kimberlee Bassett and husband Tom, of Haskell; six grandchildren, Casey Burgess and wife Haley, Bree Shaw and husband Tyler, Ryan Burgess, Aubrey Bassett, Crissy Bassett and Cash Bassett; one great grandson, Luke Shaw; one brother, Leo Stiewert and Fran of Duncan, Oklahoma; and a great number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, Haskell, or Lueders Baptist Encampment. Preparations can, and must, be made to see her again in the presence of our Lord.

Online condolences can be shared with Leora's family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

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4-H dress show members to visit ECC

by DaLinda Black
CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.
The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project. The following objectives are taught in the Clothing and Textiles project: knowledge of fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction,

comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style, good grooming, poise in front of others and personal presentation skills. The clothing and textiles project allows youth the opportunity to make a style of their own, be creative in sewing and designing, use basic sewing skills, develop good consumer

skills when making and purchasing clothes, and serve the community by using skills learned in this project. It also focuses on helping young people gain a positive self-concept and be able to confidently put themselves

out into the world. Haskell County 4-H members will be presenting their fashion projects to the Experienced Citizens Center Wed., April 1 in preparation for the District Fashion Show in Quanah.

TEEA Club news

The monthly meeting of the Haskell TEEA was held at the extension kitchen Thurs., March 12. Kathryn Schonerstedt, chairman, called the meeting to order.

The opening exercise was led by Shirley Reed.

Roll call, answered by "What is your favorite place in Texas and where is it?" and the reading of the minutes was conducted by Dolores Medford, secretary.

The treasurer's report was given in the absence of Pat Jenkins by another member.

Scholarship for the grandchildren of members and adult scholarship forms need to be submitted.

A 4-H county wide talent show in April with "Share the Fun Pie Supper," for grades K to Seniors will be held.

The Tri-County Rally Day was held March 17 at the

Haskell Church of Christ annex building for Baylor, Knox and Haskell counties. Haskell TEEA members served as hostesses using a St. Patrick's Day theme.

On the program for the day were the Earthman Family, playing the violin and Amanda Willford with a program on military life and different parts of the United States.

The spring meeting will be held in Vernon on March 31.

The March program was given by Kathryn Schonerstedt on "Diversity," how does it make us see, hear, feel, think and act.

March 23, saw a meeting of the old timers for the month. The program, held at the Haskell Hospital Education Building, was about balance.

The next meeting will be held Thurs., April 9 at 2 p.m. in the extension kitchen.

Josselet family reunion set April 4

The Josselet family reunion will be held at the Haskell Civic Center Sat., April 4.

Registration will be held at 9:00 a.m., beginning a time of fellowship.

Children can enjoy a bouncy house, stick horse rodeo (bring stick horse), and an Easter egg hunt.

Those attending should bring items for the auction.

This year if your family has a registered brand, send

a photo of it to Cory Green, 907 N. 10th, Haskell, TX 79521 or Robbie Drinnon/Julia Harrell or text to 940-256-2538.

Steak, pinto beans, tea, and bread will be furnished. Please bring side dishes or desserts.

If you have any questions call Cory Green, Robbie Drinnon, Julia Harrell or Sandra Sanford.

Come enjoy fun, family, fellowship and food.

TFWC Spring Convention set

The Texas Federation of Womens Clubs Mesquite District will hold the Spring Convention Sat., March 28 at the MCM Elegante Suites, 4250 Ridgmont Dr., Abilene, with Haskell Progressive Study Club as hostesses. Registration is \$7.00 and will be at 8:30 a.m. Executive session will also be at 8:30 a.m. The general session will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch will be Dutch treat at the Remington Restaurant at noon, located in the MCM Elegante Suites. The Mesquite

District is composed of clubs from Merkel, Stamford, Albany, Cisco and Haskell. District president is Carolyn Waller of Albany.

Kim Huggins from the Noah Project will be guest speaker, speaking on "Teen Dating Awareness Relating to Domestic Violence." District Awards for club projects and programs for the 2014 year will be awarded.

A memorial celebration will be held in memory of club members deceased in 2014.

E-mail your news, photos and ads to The Haskell Free Press at hfpnews@lycos.com or hfp@valornet.com

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SKIN CANCER FACTS

How many people get skin cancer?
Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. It accounts for nearly half of all cancers in the United States. More than 3.5 million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancer are diagnosed in this country each year. Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, will account for more than 76,600 cases of skin cancer in 2015.

What are the risk factors for skin cancer?
Risk factors for non-melanoma and melanoma skin cancers include: Unprotected and/or excessive exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation (sunlight or tanning booths); Pale skin (easily sunburned, doesn't tan much or at all, natural red or blond hair); Occupational exposures to coal tar, pitch, creosote, arsenic compounds, or radium; You or other members of your family have had skin cancers; Multiple or unusual moles; Severe sunburns in the past.


What are the signs and symptoms of skin cancer?
Skin cancer can be found early, and both doctors and patients play important roles in finding skin cancer. Contact your doctor if you have any of the following signs/symptoms: Any change on your skin, especially in the size or color of a mole, growth, or spot, or a new growth (even if it has no color); Scaliness, oozing, bleeding, or a change in the way a bump or nodule looks; The spread of pigmentation (color) beyond its border, such as dark coloring that spreads past the edge of a mole or mark; A change in sensation, such as itchiness, tenderness, or pain.

Can skin cancer be prevented?
The best ways to lower the risk of skin cancer are to avoid long exposure to intense sunlight and practice sun safety. You can still exercise and enjoy the outdoors while using sun safety at the same time. Here are some ways to be sun safe:

- Avoid direct exposure to the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Teach children the shadow rule: if your shadow is shorter than you, the sun's rays are at their strongest.
- Seek shade, especially in the middle of the day when the sun's rays are strongest.
- Follow the Slip! Slop! Slap! and Wrap! rules:
 - * Slip on a shirt: Cover up with protective clothing to guard as much skin as possible when you are out in the sun. Choose comfortable clothes made of tightly woven fabrics that you cannot see through when held up to a light.
 - * Slop on sunscreen: Use sunscreen and lip balm with broad spectrum protection and a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher. Apply a generous amount of sunscreen (about a palmful) to unprotected skin at least 30 minutes before outdoor activities. Reapply every 2 hours and after swimming, toweling dry, or sweating. Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.
 - * Slap on a hat: Cover your head with a wide-brimmed hat, shading your face, ears, and neck. If you choose a baseball cap, remember to protect your ears and neck with sunscreen.
 - * Wrap on sunglasses: Wear sunglasses with 100% UVA and UVB absorption to provide optimal protection for the eyes and the surrounding skin.
- Sunscreen doesn't protect from all UV rays, so don't use sunscreen as a way to stay out in the sun longer.
- Follow these practices to protect your skin even on cloudy or overcast days. UV rays travel through clouds.
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OPINION

Haskell County producers may be eligible for drought assistance

The County Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Haskell County, Shawn Ferguson, announced that ranchers and livestock producers may be eligible for assistance from the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for grazing losses incurred in 2015.

According to Ferguson, "Haskell County recently met qualifying drought ratings that 'trigger' eligibility for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program for native pasture, improved pasture, short season small grains, long season small grains and annual ryegrass."

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program provides compensation to livestock producers who have suffered grazing losses due to drought or fire. For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>. Qualifying fires are those occurring on rangeland managed by a federal agency and the producer is prohibited by the federal agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to the fire.

Eligible livestock include alpacas, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep or swine that have been or would have been grazing the eligible grazing land or pastureland during the normal grazing period.

Applications are required for 2015 losses. To expedite applications, producers who experienced losses in 2015 are encouraged to collect records documenting their losses. Supporting documents may include information related to grazing leases or federal grazing permits, contract grower agreements and more.

"We encourage producers to contact our office for an appointment, and to learn what records are required to apply for assistance," said Ferguson.

For more information, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617. Information can also be obtained online at: disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program was made possible by the Farm Bill and builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 31, 2005

Haskell's radio station KVRP, which began operations in 1981, under the ownership of Ken and Nelda Lane, has a new name. Purchased last summer by Allied Broadcasting of San Antonio, KVRP became Big Country 97.1 KVRP.

Mollie McKnight, daughter of Rob and Amy McKnight, has been named to the Region I All-Region Basketball Team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. She is a 5'9" guard and wing for the Haskell Maidens.

Michelle Raynes Johnson of Weinert was among Vernon College students selected for the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

20 Years Ago March 30, 1995

Rule High School's one-act play, "Steele Magnolias," advanced to area competition. Julie Saffel was named Best Actress and Amy Tibbets was selected for the All-Star Cast. Megan Jones and Stephanie Stegemoeller received Honorable Mention.

The Haskell FFA Land Judging team, made up of Carol Thornhill, Jennifer Comedy and Aaron Earles, placed first in district and fourth in area, to advance to the state contest.

30 Years Ago March 28, 1985

Haskell Maidens Jennifer Davis and Julie Roewe were named to the All-District First Team. Selected to the Second Team All-District was Holly McBroom, while Tamala Randle was recognized as Honorable Mention.

The Haskell FFA Land Judging Team of Scott Burris, Jerry Davis, Kelli Gilliam and Doug Davis, won first place at district and fifth in area. Burris was sixth high individual.

The Haskell High School newspaper, "The War Whoop," received the Award of Distinguished Merit. Also recognized were Shane Hadaway, first for sports column on the effects of House Bill 72 on athletics; Joey Kimbrough, Shawn Lane and Keith Parrot, second for photo story on motorcross racing; and Steven Boyd, third for sports photography.

40 Years Ago March 27, 1975

Mr. and Mrs. Don Neidigk, owners of the newly opened Sears Catalog

Store, were welcomed by Chamber of Commerce president Charles Thornhill, retail trade chairman Joe Cortez, and board members Jane McAdoo and John McDermott.

Margie Casey of Rule was on of 75 selected artists from 250 artists across the state, to exhibit at the Abilene Fine Arts Museum. She exhibited a landscape done in oil.

Winners in the poster contest sponsored by the Haskell CowBelles, in recognition of National Agriculture Day, were Kelly Gilliam, kindergarten; Lance Hanson, first grade; Lisa Medford, second grade; Starla McFadden, third grade; Becky Perez, fourth grade; Christi Hannsz, fifth grade; and Mindy Bell, sixth.

50 Years Ago April 1, 1965

Haskell High School won first place in UIL district competition with, their one-act play, "The Cradle Song." Millie Holden was chosen best actress, and Eddie Hester was named best supporting actor.

Rule ISD superintendent, Connor Horton, was presented a copy of "The Bobcat" in a special dedication assembly. Annual editor, Linda Simpson, announced the annual was being dedicated to Horton.

100 Years Ago March 27, 1915

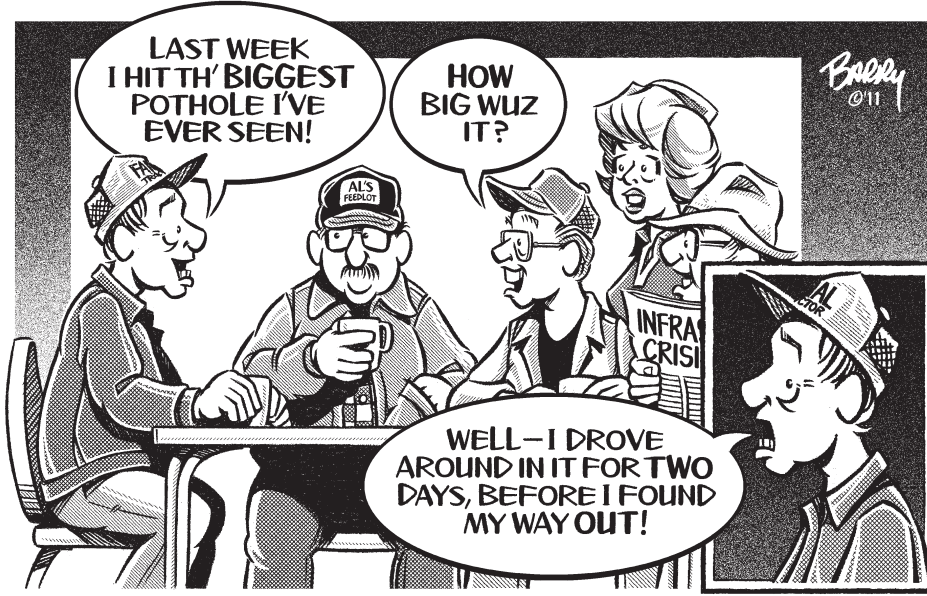
The first judge of the 39th district, Col. J.V. Cockrell, has died after a lingering illness. He was a member of General J.O. Shelby's Brigade, Confederate States Army. He held the first court in Haskell in 1885.

J.D. Hall, the talented editor of the Rule Review was in this city Thursday.

Everybody should be sure to see the merchants carnival to be held at the Haskell Opera House. Business firms will be represented on stage by young ladies of the town, dressed in appropriate costumes for each firm.

Chamber banquet

The annual Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be Mon., March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center. Banquet tickets are \$15 per plate. The meal is a steak dinner. Pam Gibson's third graders will provide the entertainment. Russell Graves of Childress will share authentic Texas stories with his camera and words. Tickets are available from board members or at the Chamber office.



Texas A&M University AgriLife Extension Service

by Jason Westbrook, CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.

AgriLife Extension expert warns of possible rust epidemic in Texas wheat crop

Early sightings of stripe rust in wheat could indicate 2015 might see an epidemic in infections, according to two Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

Texas producers and AgriLife Extension specialists and agents have observed leaf and stripe rust throughout a large swath of the state from South Texas north into Oklahoma and in the San Angelo, Abilene and Chillicothe areas, said Dr. Clark Neely, AgriLife Extension small grains and oilseed specialist in College Station.

"Right now, stripe rust appears to be more prevalent than leaf rust, and in some cases, it has started to move into the upper canopy," Neely said.

Stripe rust was first reported in Northeast Texas on Jan. 29, extremely early in the season, Neely said. In comparison, the earliest record of finding stripe rust was Jan. 8, 2005, which correlated with a severe epidemic of stripe rust across the Southern Great Plains. Another severe stripe rust epidemic occurred when stripe rust

was observed on Feb. 20, 2010.

"Generally speaking, when stripe rust is observed before March, a large stripe rust epidemic is likely for the Southern Great Plains," he said.

Neely said producers will need to take extra steps to protect against the disease, which left unchecked could result in as much as 70 percent reduction of yields in susceptible lines.

"Many growers have already applied an early fungicide application, which is not a typical practice, but likely warranted this spring with the high disease levels," he said.

"This early fungicide application will not protect the crop for the rest of the season, and a second application will likely be needed after flag leaf emergence, assuming weather conditions remain favorable for the spread of the disease."

Stripe rust development is most rapid between 50-64 degrees and favored by intermittent periods of rain or dew, similar to what is being experienced in some areas of Texas, said Dr. Ron French, AgriLife Extension plant pathology specialist in Amarillo.

Strobilurin fungicides are

best suited as a preventive control when applied before infection starts, while triazole fungicides typically have a better curative effect after infection is observed, French said.

Neely said leaf rust also has been observed around the state throughout the winter months. It prefers warmer temperatures around 68-77 degrees; therefore, leaf rust development in wheat fields generally appears as stripe rust is disappearing.

"Both leaf and stripe rust require water on leaf surfaces for spore germination," he said. "Therefore, moist weather conditions such as heavy dew and rain facilitate disease development, while windy conditions help distribute the fungal spores."

To effectively control stripe rust, Neely said, growers should know what variety they planted and its resistance level. He said fungicide efficacy trial results can be found at <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu/wheat>.

For further information about identifying leaf and stripe rust, refer to the publication titled "Identifying Rust Diseases of Wheat and Barley" at <http://bit.ly/19sm9R4> or go to <http://sickcrops.tamu.edu>.

USDA finalizes procedures for sorghum referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing procedures for the upcoming referendum regarding the continuation of the Sorghum Checkoff Program and is announcing the dates it will conduct the referendum.

The Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Order requires that a referendum be conducted no later than seven years after the start of assessments, which began on July 1, 2008. For the program to continue, a majority of those voting must favor the continuation

of the order.

USDA will conduct the referendum beginning on March 23, 2015, through April 21, 2015, at county USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices for producers and the Agricultural Marketing Service office for importers. Ballots may be obtained in person, by mail or facsimile at county FSA offices, or via the Internet.

Any eligible person engaged in the production or importation of sorghum from Jan. 1, 2011, to Dec. 31, 2014, is eligible to participate. Individuals are required to provide

documentation such as a sales receipt or remittance form that shows they engaged in the production or importation of sorghum.

The Sorghum Checkoff Program, and its 13-member board, is authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996. The Sorghum Checkoff is intended to be a national, coordinated, self-help marketing program designed to strengthen the position of sorghum in the marketplace, maintain and expand existing domestic and foreign markets and uses for sorghum, and develop new markets and uses for sorghum.

The final procedures were published in the Nov. 18, 2010, Federal Register. The notice announcing the dates of the referendum were published in the Feb. 19, 2015, Federal Register.

For more information, contact Craig Shackelford, Marketing Specialist, Research and Promotion Division, Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, 22 Jamesport Lane, White, GA 30184; Telephone: (470) 315-4246; craig.shackelford@ams.usda.gov. Procedures and additional information about the referendum can be found at: www.ams.usda.gov/SorghumReferendum.

Calendar

Men's bible study

A men's bible study will be held every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at God Loves You Ministries on the west side of the square. The men are studying the life and times of Paul in the book of Acts. The study is open to all. For more information call 940-481-0495.

Golf scramble

An Easter two person golf scramble will be held Sat., April 4 at the Haskell Country Club. Tee time is 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$50. Team

prizes and a meal is offered. Call Thomas at 940-481-0303 for more information.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., April 14 at 6:45 p.m. at the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash building, 2500 S. Willis, Abilene. A light meal will be served. For more information, contact Tammy Crowe at 325-518-3464.

Al-Anon

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

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ADVANCED TO STATE—Haskell FCCLA will be advancing to state in two events after placing in the top six at Region 2 Meeting in Waco on March 6. Shady Dunlap, left placed second in Focus on Children, telling about the PAL Program restarted and sponsored by FCCLA. Alannah Luce, right, placed fourth in Chapter in Review, explaining to judges about all of our chapter's activities this year. The state competition will be April 9-11 in Corpus Christi.



RECEIVES DONATION—Paul McGuire of Haskell County has been selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The program enrolls farmers for a chance to win \$2,500, which is then donated to the farmer's nonprofit of choice. Paul McGuire selected Haskell Volunteer Fire Department to receive the donation. On hand to receive the check from Monsanto Mon., March 23 were, front row, l-r, Felix Rodriguez, Donnie Roberts—Monsanto District Sales Manager, Phoi McGuire, Paul McGuire, Steve McGuire and Fire Chief Mathew Cunningham; back row, Donald Cunningham, A.J. Shaw and Steven Wright.



GUN SHOW—The Haskell Gun & Knife Show was held last weekend at the American Legion building. Guns and more were on display during the two day show.

Rule track results

The Rule Bobcats and Lady Bobcats competed in the Knox City Invitational meet last weekend.

Boys
Team total: Rule, 20.
Shot put: 3. Rogers, 39-6.
100: 3. Rogers, 12.02.

Girls
Team total: Rule, 10.
Pole vault: 2. Gutierrez, 7-0.

CFBC Wed. programs

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church invites the community to Wednesday night classes for all ages from 7 to 8 p.m. Childcare will be provided for younger children of parents attending the adult study. For more information call 940-864-5557 or email pastor@cornerstonehaskell.org.



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Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell Commissioners' Court met Tues., March 10 with all members present.

Debra Goodheer with Jerry Love CPS gave the annual audit report to the court. The monthly treasurer's report was approved.

Sheriff Winston Stephens reported that a dispatcher and deputy had quit.

A motion to allow the County Treasurer to pay for vehicle registrations to the

County Tax Assessor was approved.

A motion to request that the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts allocate a portion of the Unclaimed Capital Credits received from electric cooperatives was approved.

Sheriff Stephens and the court discussed the need to hire a third deputy. The court did not see the need and approval was not given to hire another deputy. Sheriff Stephens was not in agreement.

A motion to approve the application of a tax abatement for OCI Solar Power passed.

A motion to approve the purchase of a new computer and software for the District Judge and the District Court Coordinator with the County paying 58% of the cost and the other counties paying 42% passed.

Jason Westbrook spoke with the Commissioners

about becoming a certified target shooting instructor for the Haskell 4-H group. The cost of certification is \$120. Training is to begin March 28.

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting Mon., March 16 with County Judge David Davis and Commissioners Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger in attendance.

A motion to designate Judge Davis and Janis McDaniel, County Treasurer as authorized signatories for contractual documents and documents for requesting funds pertaining to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for the Paint Creek Water Grant was approved.

A motion to approve each policy and grievance and complaint procedures as presented passed.

Weather

by Kim Hutto

National Weather Service Volunteer Co-op Observer

Temperature

Mon., March 16..... 47°/64°
Tues., March 17..... 53°/64°
Wed., March 18..... 57°/66°
Thurs., March 19..... 60°/76°
Fri., March 20..... 60°/73°
Sat., March 21..... 58°/68°
Sun., March 22..... 61°/73°

Precipitation

Sat., March 22..... .12"

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 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

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REGISTRACIÓN para los programas Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, y Kinder La escuela primaria de Haskell tendrá registraci3n para los programas Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten y Kinder para el a1o escolar 2015-2016 en las siguientes fechas: El martes, 7 de abril: registraci3n del programa Head Start desde las 9:00-1:00 en la biblioteca primaria de Haskell. El martes, 14 de abril: registraci3n de pre-kindergarten, edades 3 y 4, desde las 9:00-1:00 en la biblioteca de la escuela primaria de Haskell. El martes 5 de mayo: registraci3n y calificaci3n de Kinder, para los estudiantes nuevos que no est3n inscritos en la escuela primaria de Haskell. Para calificar para el

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programa Head Start, el ni1o debe de tener 3 o 4 a1os de edad en o antes del primero de septiembre 2015, y cumplir con los requisitos de ingresos. Para ser elegible para inscribirse en pre-kindergarten, el ni1o debe de tener 3 o 4 a1os de edad en o antes del primero de septiembre 2015, y debe ser incapaz de hablar y comprender el idioma ingl3s, o calificar para almuerzos gratis o a precio reducido, o ser ni1o sin hogar, o ser el hijo de un miembro activo de las fuerzas armadas de los estados unidos, o ser hijo de un miembro de las fuerzas armadas de los estados unidos que result3 herido o muerto mientras que estaba en servicio activo, o alguna vez ha sido ni1o adoptivo. Sin embargo, esperamos ofrecerles a pre-kindergarten para todos los ni1os de 4 a1os de edad. Si usted est3 interesado en este programa para su hijo, por favor aseg3rese de registrar el martes, 14 de abril. Para el kindergarten, un ni1o debe de tener 5 a1os de edad en o antes del primero de septiembre 2015. S3lo los estudiantes que van a inscribirse en kindergarten que no est3n actualmente inscritos en la escuela primaria de Haskell, necesitan de atender el registro con sus padres. Todos los estudiantes que est3n inscritos en la escuela primaria de Haskell, les haremos sus calificaci3nes durante sus clases. Sus padres no necesitan atender el registraci3n. (Programas de Preescolar para Ni1os con Discapacidades) PPCD es para ni1os de 3-5 a1os de edad y que necesitan servicios especiales de educaci3n en 3reas como el aprender, el hablar y/o la capacidad de controlar sus emociones. Si su hijo

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cumple 3 a1os durante el a1o escolar 2015-2016, puede llamar a la oficina de la escuela primaria en el 864-2654, en ese momento uno puede hacer una cita para determinar si el ni1o califica para servicios. Los padres deben traer su licencia de conducir y la verificaci3n de ingresos (solamente para Head Start) y su certificado de nacimiento del ni1o, documento de vacunaci3n y la tarjeta del seguro social al registro. Su hijo/hija no va a poder comenzar la escuela en el oto1o hasta que tenemos todo estos art3culos documentados. Si es posible que algunos ni1os califican en m3s de uno de estos programas. Llame a Peggy Adams en el 864-2654 si usted tiene alguna pregunta. Haskell CISD no discriminan en base de sexo, discapacidad, raza, color, edad u origen nacional en sus programas educativos, actividades, o empleo como lo requiere el T3tulo IX, Secci3n 504 y T3tulo VI. 13c

The family of Debra Coker Adkins would like to thank all of our many friends and family for their prayers, calls, visits and food during Debra's hospital stay and then through the loss of Debra.

It is in times like these that we feel beyond blessed to live in such a wonderful and caring community!

Howell, Quinton and K.J. Adkins
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Easter Cantata Sun., Mar. 29, 7 p.m., FBC

We would like to thank you for your prayers, kindness and love shown to us during the recent loss of Vernay. We received many visits, phone calls, inquiries, food and kind thoughts directed our way. It's good to live in a small community and be cared for in such an obvious way. We love and appreciate each one of you. It was especially nice to have your presence at Vernay's service.
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Pirates, Lady Pirates named to All-District



#14 KATELYN JENKINS



#23 ZHENIA MCTASNEY



#10 PAIGE RAMIREZ



#15 CAITLYN MENGWASSER

Several Paint Creek Lady Pirates were selected for All-District honors at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 basketball season. Sophomore Zhenia McTasney was selected to the All-District Second Team and senior Katelyn Mengwasser, junior Paige Ramirez and freshman Katelyn Jenkins received All-District Academic recognition.

Senior Pirate Bryant Booe and freshman Frankie Masias were selected to the All-District Honorable Mention Team and All-District Academic honors were given to Jarrett Lopez.



#5 JARRETT LOPEZ



#10 BRYANT BOOE



#25 FRANKIE MASIAS

Hee Haw begins tonight

The Sagerton Community's production of Hee Haw starts tonight, March 26 and runs through Sat., March 28, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each evening. There will be music and singing before the program beginning at 6:45 p.m.

Larry LeFevre is the Hee Haw director and Randy Hise is in charge of the music. Proceeds from

the Hee Haw program are used for scholarships for each graduating senior on the Sagerton mail route, upkeep of the community center and community projects.

The Thursday night show is designated for groups. Tickets may be ordered by calling 940-997-2688 or come to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets. Tickets are \$5.00

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