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VG-VB Albany Tournament
 Dec. 10-12 at Albany
JVG-B, VG-B, vs Cisco
 Tues., Dec. 15, 4 p.m.
 at Cisco
PAINT CREEK
VG-B vs Moran
 Fri., Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
 at Moran
VG-B vs Jayton
 Tues., Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.
 at Jayton
RULE
VG-B-Hamlin Tournament
 Dec. 10-12 at Hamlin
JH vs Aspermont
 Mon., Dec. 14, 6 p.m.
 at Aspermont
VG/VB vs Aspermont
 Tues., Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m.
 at Rule

Calendar

Santa letters

Hey kids! Santa is getting ready to make his trip to Haskell on Christmas Eve. It's time to get your Christmas letters written and sent to him. Letters to Santa may be dropped off at the Free Press office at 420 N. First St., mailed to Santa Claus at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, Texas 79521 or emailed to hfp@valornet.com. Deadline for having your letter printed in the newspaper is Thurs., Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. All letters received by that time will be printed in the Christmas edition on Dec. 24.

PC Sr. auction

The Paint Creek senior class will host an auction and chili supper Thurs., Dec. 10. The supper will begin at 5 p.m. in the Paint Creek cafeteria with the auction following at 6 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$5 a person and can be purchased at the door. The seniors are in need of quality items for the auction. If you would like to donate auction items, contact the school at 940-864-2868. All proceeds will be used for the senior trip.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room to car pool to Munday for a program "Buds For You" to be presented by Perry Kuehler, owner of Buds for You. Floral arrangements and decorations galore will be on display. Members are to bring an unwrapped toy for a child to be donated to Haskell Goodfellows.

Cantata

Community Christmas Cantata will be presented Sun., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Each member or guest is asked to bring a salad or other dish, a handmade gift to exchange and a toy or other gift for the Haskell County Child Welfare. Hostesses are officers and volunteers.

Cantata

The First Baptist Church of Rule will present a Christmas cantata "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Sun., Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. The community is invited to attend.

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Wildcats stop Indians' trip to state



DEFENSIVE STOP—Haskell Indians #1 Christian Myers, #59 Ethan Frierson, #14 Austin Marshall and #20 Austin Nanny make a big fourth down stop halting the Wildcats from moving on down the field. Haskell lost their playoff bid, 42-7 against the Canadian Wildcats at a game played in Canyon.

The magical season of the Haskell Indians football team came to an end Saturday evening in a game against the defending state champion Canadian Wildcats. The Indians bowed out of the season in a 42-7 loss to the 'Cats.

Haskell posted a lone touchdown in the fourth quarter on an 11 yard run by Christian Myers with a PAT by Scottie Rodriguez at the 8:22 mark.

Haskell was limited to 78 yards in total offense and two first downs in the first half.

The Indians posted 240 yards in total offense for the game, only 48 of which was via the airways.

Tyler Rodriguez lead the Indians with 131 yards on 19 carries. James Williams had 31 yards on 11. Myers was two for seven for 48 yards passing.

The Indians took their fans along on the ride to the state semi-finals, in a season that wasn't supposed to see the Tribe in the playoffs.

Congratulations to the Haskell Indians, Region II Division I Champions.

Goodfellows seek funds

The Haskell Goodfellows will distribute Christmas packages to needy families again this year. The project will be conducted as it has in previous years and a sincere effort will be made to provide a Christmas package

of useful items to those who might not otherwise have provisions for Christmas.

On Sat., Dec. 12, the names of those who qualify for the Goodfellows project may be placed by application at the Haskell City Hall

between 1 and 3 p.m.

This year's Goodfellows project will be a joint effort between the Haskell Lions Club, the Haskell Co. Child Welfare Board and the Haskell Fire Department. The Lions Club will take care of the food portion of the project; the Child Welfare Board will handle the toys and clothes and the Fire Department will handle delivery.

Haskell Lions Club officers are John Hicks, president; Donnie Rieger, vice president; and Tommy Watson, secretary-treasurer.

To donate, contact any member of the Lions Club. All cash donations may be made at the Haskell Free Press office at 420 N. First, or mailed to the Free Press at P.O. Box 555, Haskell, TX 79521.



FIRE DEPT. AWARDS—Haskell volunteer firemen Bobby Howard, left, and A.J. Shaw received awards during the annual fire department Christmas banquet. Howard received a plaque for completing the required training hours for a basic certified firefighter. Shaw has served the department for five years. Mike Alsbrook, not pictured, also completed the basic certified firefighter hours.

Firemen recognized at end of year Christmas banquet

The Haskell Volunteer Fire Department members held their annual banquet Mon., Dec. 7.

Response to calls reports listed 106 total runs including 35 wildfires, 18 structure fires, 13 vehicle fires, three accidents, 34 landing zones, two oilfield

fires and one search and rescue.

Two firemen recognized for completing their basic certification requirements were Mike Alsbrook and Bobby Howard.

A. J. Shaw was recognized with a five year service pin.

Christmas parade set Saturday

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce will host a Christmas parade Sat., Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. with the theme 'Wild about Christmas.'

A window decoration contest for businesses will also be conducted. For entry forms for either event, contact Sally at 940-864-2477.



CHURCH WORK—This sky high crew is doing tuck-point work for the First United Methodist Church in Haskell. The project should continue this week.

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To register contact the Haskell Church of Christ at 940-864-3101 Seminar will be conducted by Kurt Boyland, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Registration is **FREE** (\$100 value). Please register by December 10.

JUDGE SHANE HADAWAY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR REELECTION AS DISTRICT JUDGE



Judge Shane Hadaway has announced his candidacy for reelection as District Judge of the 39th Judicial District Court. Shane, age 42 years old, is a native of Haskell County and is married to Amanda Hadaway and the parents of three daughters, Carson, age 15, Reagan, age 13 and Hollyn, age 9.

Shane graduated from Haskell High School in 1985, Angelo State University in 1989 and Texas Tech School of Law in 1992.

Shane has served as District Judge of the 39th District Court for the past 3 years. Previously he served as Haskell County Attorney for 6 years and Throckmorton County Attorney Pro Tem for 2 years. Shane also served as Haskell City Attorney for 8 years.

Shane makes the following personal message to the constituents of the 39th Judicial District: "I have enjoyed serving as your District Judge for the past 3 years. I have handled numerous jury trials, bench trials and other complex and routine legal matters during this time—making the tough decisions that are required of a District Judge. If reelected as District Judge, I will continue to dedicate myself to working hard to ensure that cases in the 39th Judicial District Court are handled efficiently and fairly. I will continue to give you an honest days' work. Since moving back to Haskell 17 years ago, I have been involved in local and county government, numerous civic organizations, numerous youth organizations, charitable foundations and actively involved in my Church. This involvement gives me a great understanding of the District. Further, I understand that the budgets of the local county governments are stretched. I will continue to work with elected officials, law enforcement and the legal community to ensure that cases are disposed of in a timely manner. I will continue to respect the time of the citizens who appear before the court and those who are called for jury duty. I have worked to ensure that the District Court serves the needs of the citizens of each county in the District. I will continue to serve all of the constituents of the 39th Judicial District to the best of my ability as your District Judge. Your vote and continued support is greatly appreciated."

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Teachers receive mini-grants

The Haskell Educational Foundation has announced the awarding of grants to three classroom teachers of Haskell CISD.

Haskell Elementary Science teacher Kristi Gibson has received funds to promote the organization of the first annual Science is Everywhere! Science Fair for Kindergarten through fifth grade students. The fair will provide a venue for community involvement as it showcases student achievement in science.

Haskell Elementary fifth grade teachers Tammie Wallace and Sherry Adams received a mini-grant to help fund a field trip to the Science Spectrum Museum/OMNI Theater in Lubbock. In this science-focused environment, students will have the opportunity to interact with hands on exhibits, attend the Omni Theater, and observe demonstrations on the Science Stage.

Haskell High School Family and Consumer Science teacher, Wanda Thompson, has received a grant for students to tour the Culinary Arts program at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater. Students will observe a TSTC culinary arts class as it prepares and serves a meal in its commercial kitchen and dining area. This opportunity to observe professional and specialized culinary principles and techniques will enhance classroom instruction previously

Safety tips for kitchen helpers

In this season of holiday cooking, our check list of necessities should include kitchen safety and supervision, especially if young children are in the house.

Dr. Pam Okada, a UT Southwestern Medical Center pediatric emergency specialist, says children should never be left unattended in the kitchen. Kids can spill hot foods or liquids on themselves by tugging on tablecloths or appliance cords, so monitor where and how dishes are set up for cooking and serving.

"Young children do not understand what injuries a hot stove or cooking appliance can cause," Dr. Okada says. "It takes only a second for a child to be injured or scalded."

Other safety tips include:

- Don't hold children while you cook;
- Ensure that everyone in the kitchen wears attire that can't catch on anything; and
- Assign tasks that don't involve heat, sharp utensils or electrical appliances to children who wish to help in the meal preparation.

received by Haskell High School students enrolled in culinary arts class.

Incorporated in 1999, the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation's goal is to fund scholarships and creative educational projects, meeting needs that would otherwise go unmet. As defined in its mission statement, the foundation's purpose is to "...provide assistance and support for teachers and students to develop special programs and projects that are extraordinary, which meet needs other programs miss and which are beyond the scope of the school budget. . ."

Under the leadership of current president Wallace Cox, the foundation continues to focus on encouraging special classroom projects, and providing an opportunity for the community and alumni of Haskell CISD to interact with the school and demonstrate their continued interest and appreciation. The memorial brick project adjacent to the gym provides a means to honor loved ones while at the same time expressing support of current students.

To date the foundation has awarded mini-grants of almost \$20,000 to classrooms throughout Haskell CISD. Annually, two \$500 scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors of Haskell High School. Recently established was the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation Legacy Banquet in memory of Roberta High. This event not only recognizes the top ten percent of the HHS senior class, including vouchers for laptop computers to carry to college, but presents these students an opportunity to honor educators who played an integral role in their academic success.

The work of the Haskell CISD Educational Foundation would not be possible without the support of all those who believe in providing the very best educational opportunity for our students. The foundation invites your support through gifts, endowments and trusts of any amount.



SCIENCE FAIR GRANT—Haskell CISD Elementary Science teacher Kristi Gibson, left, receives mini-grant funding from the Haskell Educational Foundation presented by Shane Hadaway. Gibson plans to organize a science fair for kindergarten through fifth grade students.



SCIENCE TRIP GRANT—Haskell CISD Elementary teachers, Sherry Adams, left, and Tammie Wallace, right, receive mini-grant funding from the Haskell Educational Foundation presented by Shane Hadaway, center. The pair plans to take students on a trip to a science center in Lubbock.



CULINARY ARTS TRIP GRANT—Haskell CISD Family and Consumer Science teacher, Wanda Thompson, left, receives mini-grant funding from the Haskell Educational Foundation presented by Shane Hadaway. Thompson plans to take students on a tour of a culinary arts program.

Obituaries

Irvin Williams

Graveside services for Irvin Williams, 73, of Rochester were held Fri., Dec. 4 at Rule Cemetery with arrangements by McCauley-Robison Funeral Home of Rule.

Mr. Williams passed away Tues., Dec. 1.

Born Dec. 4, 1935 in Rule, he was the son of the late Laffayette Curtis Williams and Annett C. Cobb. He was a truck driver. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include four sons, Joe Frazier of Hawley, Michael Williams of Rochester, Greg Williams and wife JoAnn of Haskell and Terry Williams of Haskell; two daughters, Toni and Cheri Williams, both of Rochester; two brothers, Pete Williams of Abilene and Leroy Williams of Spur; three sisters, Helen Alls and husband Richard of Sweetwater, Francie Cain of Amarillo and Mildred Lemmond of Garland; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. PD. NOTICE

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Cantata to be held at FBC Haskell Sun.

Everyone is invited to join in worship and celebration of the birth of our Savior Sun., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church as the Haskell Community Choir presents the Christmas musical, "On This Very Night." This musical includes new arrangements of familiar Christmas carols, as well as a time for the congregation to join in the singing of old favorites.

The 38-voice choir is made up of members from Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church, East Side Baptist Church, Faith Chapel, First Assembly of God Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First United Methodist Church, Haskell Church of Christ, Iglesia Bautista, El Calvario, Paint Creek Baptist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. George Catholic Church, and Weinert Foursquare Church.

A children's ensemble from several churches will also be featured in one selection. Altogether, 54 people are involved in the musical. The choir, which has been rehearsing every Sunday afternoon since September, is under the direction of Jason Daniels, Youth and Music Minister at First Baptist Church.

The central message of the musical is "On this very night, everything's changed: God is among us!" At Christmas, we celebrate Emmanuel: God with us. It is not merely the pretty picture of a baby swaddled in a manger. We must remember that God came to real people, and His coming has real implications on our lives.

Following the cantata, everyone is invited to attend a Christmas fellowship in the First Baptist Church family activity center.



LODGE MEETING—Milbert Opitz, left, and Pauline Dick attended the December Haskell Lodge #241 meeting and display their Christmas gifts.

Haskell Lodge holds Christmas meeting

Haskell Lodge #241 brought their Christmas spirit to the December meeting, along with gifts to exchange. Upon arrival, they welcomed Pauline Dick and her daughter, Paulette, to the meeting. Pauline travels from Abilene to attend the meetings.

December birthday members were Pauline Dick and Milbert Opitz.

The December anniversary couple were Harry and Eunice Koehler.

A memorial moment was held in memory of Mary Lou Speck who passed away recently. She had been a member since 1982.

Members voted to make monetary contributions donated to Hermann Sons Retirement Home, Haskell Food Bank, Experienced Citizens Center, Haskell Fire Department and Noah Project.

Members enjoyed a gift exchange the 'Chinese Christmas' way. The laughter heard led everyone to believe it was a success.

Door prizes were won by Eunice Koehler, Leona Seelig and Doris Brueggeman.

After fun games of dominoes and 'chicken foot,' a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. The group adjourned until next year.

Haskell Co. Historical and Genealogical Society

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society welcomed the Haskell High School FFA Ag Issues Team to its November meeting. These students made an outstanding presentation on the pros and cons of bottled water and have since advanced to state competition. The responsible use of natural resources, especially water, was an issue critical to settlement of our county before 1900 and remains a critical issue for the 21st century.

The society has begun a fund in remembrance of Lyn Davidson for the purchase of a copier for the genealogical room in the Haskell County Library.

The society has received page proofs for its publication on historic photographs of Haskell County. These have been reviewed and retuned with an expected publication date early next spring.

The society would like to offer a sincere thank you to all who generously contributed photographs and stories. Due to editorial constraints, all submissions could not be published, but we believe we have compiled a book that all our residents will enjoy for years to come.

Further details regarding this publication will be made available as they develop.

You may have recently read of the death of Cliff Crofford, a former Rochester resident who became a successful songwriter in California. He wrote a song recorded by Walter Brennan entitled "Old Rivers." The inspiration for that song was a gentleman from Rochester known only as "Old Rivers." He plowed gardens and did odd jobs around town.

We were pleased to have a photograph of "Old Rivers" submitted quite unexpectedly this past summer when we issued our call for photographs. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to preserve the story of "Old Rivers" and Cliff Crofford in our book. The timing of Crofford's death to coincide with the remembrance of his friend, "Old Rivers" was remarkable.

There are stories and photographs such as these in family collections throughout the county.

We are pleased to have had a part in uncovering some of the pages of our past as we compiled these images of Haskell County.

Births

Paula and Jeff McClendon of Midland announce the birth of their daughter, Lilian Ruth McClendon, born Oct. 15 at 3:16 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. She was 18 3/4" long.

She was welcomed home

by big sister, Ava.

Grandparents are Bennie and Connie Harvey of Haskell and Randy and the late Donna McClendon of Garland.

Great grandparents are Alta Faye Harvey and Lois Golden, both of Haskell.

Puttin' on the Hits to be presented Dec. 17

Rule High School Theatre Arts Class will be Puttin' On the Hits Thurs., Dec. 17.

Preceding the program will be a baked potato supper, with dessert, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7 p.m.

Cost will be \$5 for the supper and program. Cost to attend the program only will be \$2. Children under five will be admitted free.

All proceeds benefit the

Theatre Arts Class for UIL One Act Play competition.

Birthday reception to honor Jones

A come and go reception will be held Sun., Dec. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. honoring Joy Davis Jones on her 90th birthday at the home of Nan Sublett, 810 Union Avenue, Rule. No gifts please.

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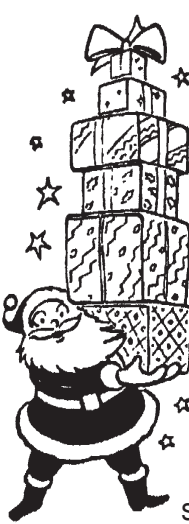


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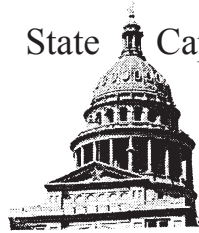
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OPINION

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Education Commissioner criticizes federal standards initiative
AUSTIN—Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott, in an Austin American-Statesman interview Dec. 2, suggested the White House is moving toward a federal takeover of public schools.

Scott said the Obama administration's "Race to the Top" initiative to develop common math and English standards for the nation's public schools is evidence of a takeover effort.

He expressed fear that some day federal education funding for Texas could rely on the state's participation in common standards.

The Race to the Top program, authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, is a competitive grant program to encourage and reward states that implement education reforms in four areas:

- Enhancing standards and assessments;
- Improving the collection and use of data;
- Increasing teacher effectiveness and achieving equity in teacher distribution; and
- Turning around struggling schools.

The U.S. Department of Education will award \$4.35 billion in Race to the Top funding in two phases, with Phase 1 funding awarded in spring 2010 and Phase 2 funding awarded by Sept. 30, 2010. Texas' share could be as much as \$700 million.

White joins race for governor

Houston Mayor Bill White, a Democrat, announced his candidacy for governor on Dec. 4.

White's last day as mayor will be Jan. 2. He has served six years at the post and cannot run for a third term because of term limits.

The San Antonio native is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Texas School of Law. President Bill Clinton appointed White Deputy Secretary of Energy in 1993 and he served in that capacity until 1995.

Upon White's announcement, rancher Hank Gilbert of Tyler ended his candidacy for governor and instead will run for agriculture commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

Financial openness is recognized

The Texas Comptroller's office has launched a new "Leadership Circle" program to spotlight local governmental bodies that have opened their financial records to the public.

The state agency set gold, silver and bronze achievement standards to rate governmental bodies on their level of transparency.

A score sheet checks for financial transparency features including budgets posted online for the current fiscal year; details within the check register; ease of access to the documents; creative use of charts or visual images to make data more understandable; instructions on how to submit a public information request; and the availability of contact information for current locally elected officials.

And, Combs' agency is collaborating with graduate students from the University of Texas' LBJ School of Public Affairs, the Texas Municipal League and Texas Association of Counties to develop a template that will allow local governments to more easily add financial documents to a Web site.

TxDOT toll violation program ends

Nov. 30 marked the end of an opportunity for toll road users to reduce violation fees for unpaid tolls.

TxDOT offered to waive 90 percent of administrative and collection fees accrued in return for payment of all outstanding tolls.

Late-payers also were required to open a "TxTag" account and keep it in good standing to receive the fee reduction.

About \$3 million in late tolls remain owed by roughly 140,000 toll road users, TxDOT said.

Abbott defends Texas pledge words

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Dec. 1 filed a brief with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit defending the constitutionality of the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

A pending case claims the use of the words "under God" in the pledge violate the separation clause in the First Amendment.

Lottery discourages tickets for kids

The Texas Lottery on Dec. 3 announced it has joined with the National Council on Problem Gambling and McGill University in discouraging adults from purchasing lottery tickets for children.

"Holiday tickets with festive artwork and winter themes are always popular as stocking stuffers, but the games are designed with adults in mind. You must be at least 18 years old to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket," said Texas Lottery Commission Deputy Executive Director Gary Grief.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago December 16, 1999

Keith Chapman has won the title of World Champion for the second year, in saddle bronc riding in the National Senior Pro Rodeo Association.

Winners of cash and gift certificates in the jackpot drawings, given away by local merchants, were Eva Palacios, Cindy Landreth, Rick Kennedy, Nick Ortiz, Johnny Diaz and Troy Culpepper.

Ross Bullinger, a freshman student at HHS, has been named a Mohair Incentive winner in the national level Make-It-Yourself with Wool or Mohair Contest.

Kindergarten students Sasha Walker and Felysha Walker were winners in the safety poster contest sponsored by American Legion Post # 221.

20 Years Ago December 14, 1988

Haskell Indian James Rike, scored 105 points in three games to earn the "Most Valuable Player" title in the Wylie Catclaw Basketball Tournament.

Ken Lane, a farmer and owner of KVRP, filed as a candidate for the office of State Representative of District 64.

Lynn Dudensing was elected chairman of the Extension Program Council. Also serving on the board will be Frances Fisher, Kay Smith, Alice Ballard and Myrtle Phemister.

Leslie Dawn Jennings received a Bachelor of Arts degree in human communication and James Nathan Berry received a

Master of Marriage and Family Therapy degree in commencement ceremonies at Abilene Christian University.

30 Years Ago December 13, 1979

Thelma Edwards was sworn in as Precinct 2 commissioner to fulfill the remainder of her husband's term.

Eight HHS students were selected for the All-District band. The list includes Cindy Everett, Sharla Drinnon, Sonja Tidrow, Nancy Kimbrough, Julie John Wallace, Shelly Long, Phillip Parker and Ronnie Rea.

Congressman Charles Stenholm has nominated Keith Sanders of Weinert to the Air Force Academy and Giles B. Kemp of Haskell to the Military Academy.

40 Years Ago December 11, 1969

An official State Health Department citation for work proficiency has been awarded to plant operations specialist Marvin Collins.

Diane Thomas, Anita Thigpen and Diana Davis presented the program for the Haskell County Library's story hour.

Mrs. Joe Thigpen presented a program to members of the Magazine Club, on Victorian Christmas observances and customs, which was in keeping with the club's study course on antiques.

Sonja Casey, bride-elect of David Parr, was honored with a gift tea in the home of Mrs. Wallace Allison of Rule.

Seven Haskell Indian football players were named

to the 7-AA all-district first team. They include Lanny Ivy, Clifford Campbell, Roy Pittman, Keith Everett, Charles Franklin, Terry Chapman and Gary Mayfield.

50 Years Ago December 10, 1959

A hereford steer owned and exhibited by Ricky Perry of the Paint Creek 4-H Club was named grand champion of the Haskell County steer show.

Weinert High School students voted Keith Hobbs and Anette Swaner as Best All Around, W.J. Swaner and Erlinda Alexander as Most Athletic, and Kenneth Sanders and Mary Alice Davis as Most Likely to Succeed.

Sherry Burson, Carolyn Connally and Carol Jircik rode on the Rotary Club's "Promotion and Goodwill" first place winning float in the recent Christmas parade.

Alton Richards was elected president of the Rule Rotary Club, at a meeting of the board of directors.

100 Years Ago December 11, 1909

A.D. English returned the first of the week from El Paso County where he was looking after mining interests in that section.

Loyd and Company have purchased the drug business of Munsey Cogdell.

Editor Thomas of the Weinert Enterprise was in Haskell this week.

The commissioners' court is having the court house repaired after it received considerable damage in the hail storm last June.

Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by Drought, Above Normal Temperatures, and Associated Wildfires on Jan. 1, 2009 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, Farm Loan Manager Brand Cude said recently.

Haskell County is one of 69 primary counties, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Young Counties are three of the 136 contiguous counties recently named by Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture that are eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses caused by Drought, Above-Normal

Temperatures and Associated Wildfires on Jan. 1, 2009.

Cude said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Cude said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Application for loans

under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 2, 2010, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Cude said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

Let's Talk Plants

By Brandon Carr, Soil Conservationist
James E. 'Bud' Smith
Plant Material Center,
Knox City

One of the prettiest seasons of the year must be the fall. The cooler temperatures allow us to once again feel the urge to go out and enjoy the outdoors. Squirrels can be seen frantically storing up food for the winter ahead. Other wildlife also hurries to enjoy the last of the lush vegetation before the freeze forces it into dormancy. The trees turn from a deep green color to different orange, red, yellow and brown shades. Why does this happen, and how does a tree know when to begin this transformation?

First, we must look at what a leaf is and what it is responsible for. The leaves of trees are responsible for producing the food for the tree to live on. Water is taken up from the roots and sent to the leaves, where it is combined with carbon dioxide that has been absorbed into the leaf. The leaves then use chlorophyll, which is a chemical in the leaf that gives it a green color, to conduct a reaction known as photosynthesis. Photosynthesis, which means putting together with light, will use the energy from sunlight to produce oxygen and glucose. Glucose is a sugar that is used by the plant for energy and a building block for growing. It is also stored in the plant so the tree can survive through the winter months.

The shorter days of autumn as well as cooler temperatures triggers a response from the plant that tells the tree that there is no longer enough energy from the sun to continue to produce food. The trees stop producing chlorophyll which causes food production in the leaves to also shut down. As the chlorophyll is used up in the leaves, the green color leaves and is replaced with red, orange, yellow and brown. Once all the chlorophyll is gone from the leaves, the tree aborts the leaf and it falls from the plant. The tree will have stored enough food to allow it to survive the winter and re-bud in the spring time. The whole process will begin again for another year.

Whether you are driving through the countryside, or just admiring the trees in your yard, now you know why trees turn in the fall.

We invite you to come and see us anytime. The NRCS Field Office staff can assist you in planning all the conservation needs on your land. Or, give us a call at the plant materials center (940-658-3922), we would be happy to visit with you about our plant material releases and research projects. We also welcome groups large or small to come out and take a tour. Let us know when you want to come and we will have someone available to show you around. We are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Dec. 7, 2009
Haskell

Haskell Co. Gin.....	1,900
Haskell Co-op Gin	1,132
O'Brien	
O'Brien Co-op	8,157
Rule	
Rule Co-op Gin.....	2,944
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Total bales	16,462

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2009 Region II Div. I Champs



2009 HASKELL INDIANS—front row, l-r, JV in white shirts, #56 Preston Morrow, #8 Payne Utley, #2 Phillip Coleman, #40 Kiefer McNelly, #53 Layne Petty, #4 Trevor Reese, #7 Gabriel Torres and #63 L.J. Hammond; second row, #10 Isaiah Llewellyn, #59 Drake Everett, #5 Brett Shelton, #9 Cole Ray Hutchinson, #57 Stewart Urich, #51 Doug King, #55 Garrett Brueggeman, #1 Brady Leach and #62 Sterling Bird; JV not pictured are #58 Shawn Duncan and #60 Josh Naylor; third row, Varsity in black shirts, #44 Tyrone Neskorik, #66 Colton Kimmel, #14 Austin Marshall, #30 James Williams, #1 Christian Myers, #5 Garrett Miller, #20 Austin Nanny, #4 Kelson Agüero and #62 Zachary Wyrick; back row, #33 Marco Gonzalez, #50 A.J. Benton, #52 Clint Hamilton, #2 Tyler Rodriguez, #54 Simon Rodriguez, #70 Tyler Reese, #55 Scotty Rodriguez, #10 Adrian Hernandez and #59 Ethan Frierson; Varsity not pictured, #77 Tony Trevino.



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Girls
Haskell 40, Eula 33
 Scoring for Haskell: Torres 8, Short 7, Rodgers 6, Wilcox 6, Bassett 4, Johnson 4, McGhee 3, Burson 3.
 Haskell JV 23, Eula 19
Rule 60, Moran 50
 Scoring for Rule: Polk 20, Lyon 17, Benavides 11.

Paint Creek 42, Moran 57
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 16, Waggoner 10, Armstrong 7, Bosnjak 5, Buerger 4.
Woodson 36, Paint Creek 30
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Walker 10, Waggoner 9, Buerger 6, Martinez 3,

Bosnjak 2.
Haskell 35, Grape Creek 31
 Scoring for Haskell: Rodgers 8, McGee 7, Torres 6, Bassett 4, Short 4, Hearn 2.
Llano 43, Haskell 26
 Scoring for Haskell: Bassett 9, Alvarez 6, Torres 4, Rodgers 3, Short 4.
Ponder 46, Haskell 28
Merkel Tournament
 Scoring for Haskell: Torres 7, Rodgers 7, Bassett 6, McGee 2, Hearn 2, Alvarez 2, Short 2.

Boys
Rule 46, Moran 30
 Scoring for Rule: Large 15, Brown 14.
Benjamin 34, Paint Creek 33
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Hall 12, Bishop 10, Garcia 5, Abner 4, Atkins 2.
Woodson 46, Paint Creek 25
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Bishop 21, Adkins 2, Abner 1, Hall 1.

Happy Holidays!

Rule School Menu

Dec. 14-18 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll, graham crackers
Wednesday: Sausage patty, biscuit, country gravy, strawberry jam/grape jelly
Thursday: Cinnamon toast, graham crackers
Friday: No school

Lunch
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Ham and cheese hoagie, sandwich salad, tomato soup, saltine crackers
Tuesday: Frito pie, tossed salad, pork and beans, jello
Wednesday: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, country gravy, hot roll
Thursday: Nachos grande, lettuce and tomato cup, refried beans, pudding cup
Friday: No school

Haskell School Menu

Dec. 14-18 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Blueberry muffin, animal crackers
Tuesday: Croissant with egg and cheese
Wednesday: Frosted Flakes cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Manager's choice

Lunch
 Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Junior High campus: Choice of entrée or baked potato

with cheese and ham. High School campus: Choice of entrée or chef salad with crackers.
Monday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, coleslaw, cherry shape-up
Tuesday: Beef and vegetable stew, grilled cheese sandwich, pears
Wednesday: Chicken quesadillas, garden salad, tortillas chips, queso, fresh fruit
Thursday: Pork tamales, salsa, homemade rice, pinto beans, garden salad, apple churro
Friday: Pepperoni Hot Pocket, baby carrots, assorted chips, fresh fruit

Paint Creek School Menu

Dec. 14-18 Breakfast
 Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Pancake sticks
Tuesday: Muffins
Wednesday: Waffles
Thursday: Biscuits, gravy
Friday: Cinnamon rolls
Lunch
 Milk is served daily.

Monday: Teriyaki chicken, rice, broccoli, salad, cobbler
Tuesday: Ham, mashed potatoes, salad, pudding
Wednesday: Enchilada casserole, beans, chips, salad, brownies
Thursday: Stew, cornbread, salad, cookies
Friday: BBQ sandwiches, chips, pickle spears, fruit

ECC Menu

Mon., Dec. 14
 Lunch—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, chips, salsa, strawberry cake, tea or coffee
Wed., Dec. 16
 Lunch—Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, cranberries, green beans,

yeast rolls, peach cobbler, tea or coffee
Fri., Dec. 18
 Lunch—Beef stew, tuna and pimento sandwiches, onion slice, chips, pickles, misc. dessert, tea or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Calendar

Volleyball night
 First Baptist Church in Haskell is hosting an open gym for volleyball every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. Volleyball players of all ages are welcome to come and play. There is no charge. For more information, call the church office at 864-2581.

Food distribution
 The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Immunizations
 The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization and H1N1 clinic Thurs., Dec. 17 at the Haskell Hospital Educational Building. Clinic times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Cancer support
 The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the First Assembly of God Church. For more information, call 940-864-5964.

Food distribution
 The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers and boxes are needed.

Candlelight service
 The First United Methodist Church of Haskell invites each of you to join us Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. for a very special candlelight Christmas Eve service. "Together, we will "Ring the Bells" to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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 Did you do a good deed
 To help someone in need,
 Which that person can never repay?

If they know you are near
 When they've lost someone dear,
 To help people regain peace of mind.

Then, you'll learn what these lessons convey
 By attending your service, to pray.
 Let the Lord be your guide,
 For He'll walk by our side,
 And His wisdom will show you the way.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
 Jim McCurley, pastor
 Sun. 10:45 a.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
 Bruce Ray, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
 Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
 Rev. Tom Long, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.
 Wed. 6 p.m.
 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
 Rev. J.C. Amburn
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
 Father George Roney
 Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
 Philip Sims, minister
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 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.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
 Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 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
New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. 7 p.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
 Rev. William Hodge
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
 Greg Gasaway, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Wind
 C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 5:30 p.m.
 Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
 203 S. 1st East, Haskell
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
 Morris R. Johnson, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Wed. 7 p.m.
 1600 N. First St., Haskell
God Loves You Ministries
 Mark Wallace, pastor
 Sun. School 10 a.m.; Church 10:45 a.m.
 West side of square, Haskell
 —WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
 Dan Bullock, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 Weinert
Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sunday 11 a.m
 Weinert
 —ROCHESTER—
Church of Christ
 Steve Willis, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
 Joseph Barrett, 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.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 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
 Stephanie Gilkey, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
 Rev. Dr. Keith Palmquist, pastor
 Sun. 10:30 a.m.
 Sagerton
 —RULE—
First Baptist Church
 Russell Stanley, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 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
 John Greeson, minister
 Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 811 Union, Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
 Alfa y Omegs
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
 Larry Neal, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.;
 Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
 Rev. Clovis Dever
 Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
 300 Sunny Ave., Rule
 —PAINT CREEK—
Paint Creek Baptist Church
 Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek
 —O'BRIEN—
O'Brien Baptist Church
 Jim Reid, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
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Training will be held at a location as close to the applicants home as possible and will most likely begin work around the end of April 2010. Recruiting materials will be available locally as soon as possible. Testing has

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already been held in some locations.

Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration in the Estate of Arlis Hearn, Deceased, were issued on December 3, 2009 in Cause No. 4416 pending in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, to: S. Clinton Nix, Administrator.

The mailing address of the Administrator is in Taylor County, Texas, as follows:

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YARDAGE GAIN—Haskell Indian #2 Tyler Rodriguez struggles to gain yardage against the Canadian Wildcats Saturday in Canyon.



PASS RECEPTION—Haskell Indian #14 Austin Marshall makes a big gain for yardage on a pass reception during the Haskell-Canadian game.

Three Indians named to AR-N Player of the Week lists

Haskell Indian Tyler Rodriguez was named the Abilene Reporter-News Big Country Player of the Week Tues., Dec. 1 for his efforts in the game against Collinsville.

His 281 yard performance on 18 carries in the 51-35 win is credited with helping land the Indians in the semifinals, meeting Canadian.

Rodriguez has posted more than 1,400 yards for the season.

Named to the Big Country Player of the Week Honorable Mention list were Haskell quarterback Christian Myers and linebacker Simon Rodriguez.

Myers rushed for 145 yards and threw for 56 in the Collinsville game.

Rodriguez had 8.5 tackles, seven solos, one fumble recovery and one tackle for a loss during the game with the Pirates.



DEFENSIVE SIGNALS—Haskell Indians #44 Tyrone Neskoric, #50 A.J. Benton, and #14 Austin Marshall watch the sidelines for defensive signals in the semi-final game against Canadian Saturday.

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Commissioner's Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court met in a special meeting Nov. 24 with all members present.

Several members of the Progressive Study Club met with the court to discuss a Veterans Wall of Honor on courthouse property. A motion to honor the request of the club was made so that the club can pursue costs, etc. on the project.

A motion to reimburse deputies for cellphone use at rate of \$20 per deputy was approved.

No action was taken on the state contract for precinct county cellular phones.

Reida Penman was appointed to fill the position held by Mary Johnston on the hospital board.

Precinct 4 will advertise for bids for a Hyster haul trailer.

Rhonda Moeller, County Clerk, advised the court that she is not resigning at this time, but that she does not intend to seek reelection.

*Wishing you a Beautiful Holiday Season
and a New Year of Peace and Happiness*

Handwritten signatures around the tree include: Andy, Betty Sue, Rubie, Pam, Gina, Paula, Robbie, Carla, Kathryn, Mercedes, Connie, Donna, Pam, Amanda, Randy, and Myra.

Christmas Open House

Wednesday, December 23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We will be open Dec. 24th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon., Lobby and Drive-In.

We will be closed (including drive-in) December 25.

The Drive-In will be open Dec. 26th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

We will be closed (including drive-in) Friday, January 1.

The Drive-In will be open Jan. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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