

Softball

Maidens vs Stamford
Tues., March 18, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Baseball

V-JV Indians vs Stamford
Tues., March 18, 5 p.m.
at Haskell

Track

Haskell
HS Boys-Girls at Hamlin
Sat., March 15
JH Boys-Girls at Hamlin
Mon., March 17

Calendar

Auxiliary to open

The Haskell Hospital Auxiliary Shop, which has been closed for remodeling, will be open Thurs., March 13. Their regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Also, bag day will be observed March 13-15. The Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their donations, but remember, soiled or torn clothing, computers, TVs and appliances that do not work are not accepted.

Study Club

The Progressive Study Club will meet Thurs., March 13 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Haskell County Library. Elaine Reed, artist, will present a program "The Miracle of Texas," "Paying it forward through artistic expression." A business meeting, committee reports and Federation news will follow the program.

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will meet Fri., March 14 at noon in the jury room of the Haskell County Courthouse. The "Spring Fling" to be held Sat., April 26, at the Haskell Civic Center will be discussed. Plans for the silent auction, along with entertainment and a great meal with Mike Fouts as our emcee, will be finalized. If you or if you know anyone that would like to donate an auction item, call 940-864-2551 or contact any committee member.

Special service

The Ray Torres family singers will be special guests Sun., March 16 at the morning 10:45 and evening 6 p.m. services at First Assembly of God Church in Haskell. Join us for a wonderful blessing.

BBQ dinner

The American Legion Rogers-Cox Post 221, 507 S. Ave. E in Haskell, will host a barbecue brisket dinner fund-raiser Sun., March 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal will be barbecue brisket, sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, onions, pickles, bread and apple cobbler. Donations are appreciated.

Retired teachers

The Haskell Co. Retired Teachers will meet at the Pit & Grill in Haskell, Wed., March 19 at 11:30 a.m. The business meeting will begin at noon. All retired school personnel are invited to attend.

Car Show

The Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Car Show will be held Sat., April 5 around the courthouse square. For more information, contact Ben McGee at 940-864-4555.

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Spring Break ~ Watch for children playing

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CHAMPION SHOOTER-Haskell County 4-H'er awards are, l-r, Glenn T. Lillie, vice president, Felicity Hannsz wins the Jr. Female Champion title at The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo; Felicity Hannsz, and Ernie Williamson, chairman, Ranching & Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot held Feb. 28-March 1. Shown with her Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Felicity Hannsz is 4-H Champion Shooter

Felicity Hannsz began shooting in April 2013, when she became involved in the 4-H shooting sports. Less than a year later she holds the title of Junior Female Champion for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Ranching and Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays Shoot.

Hannsz, the fourteen year old daughter of Keith and Derinda Hannsz of Haskell, is an eighth grader at Paint Creek ISD, where she is on the "A" honor roll, junior high cheerleader, elected for high school cheerleader, active in UIL with several wins, UIL Junior High One Act Play where she was twice named to the All-Star Cast, FCCLA in fashion design and FFA meat judging team.

She is very active in the Haskell County 4-H Club, participating in the

Haskell County 4-H Fashion Clothing and Textiles, as well as the 4-H Shooting Sports where she discovered her interest and talent in shooting.

Hannsz is the first Haskell County 4-H female to shoot any of the state or renowned stock show competitions. She began shooting trap and entered her first competition in May 2013. At that time she earned the title of highest overall intermediate female, and she and her partner placed fourth in district.

Deciding she wanted to shoot other disciplines, she also competes in 5-stand whiz bang, sporting clays, international wobble trap and skeet.

She began the two day competition in Houston in cold, rainy, foggy weather. At the end of the day she had secured a place in the Top 10

championship round held the following day, by placing eighth.

Hannsz shot 90 of 100 clays in the ten station field.

A barbeque lunch was held to honor the top ten shooters in each category of junior and senior male and female and their families. Also attending were the benefactors of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Ranching and Wildlife Young Guns Sporting Clays, which included Glenn T. Lillie, vice president of the Houston Livestock Show; Debbie Hudler, vice chairman of Ranching & Wildlife; Andrea Clark, Ranching & Wildlife Communication; and many coaches and helpers for the shoot.

At the conclusion of the meal, Hannsz and another shooter were quite surprised when they were called up

for a shoot off. Not knowing what place they were shooting for, the surprise continued when they learned it was for first place. At the end of the first shoot off and the second shoot off, the girls were still tied. Hannsz came out victorious in the third shoot off.

For winning first place, she received a championship belt buckle, a 12 gauge Beretta semi-automatic shotgun and a \$3,000 scholarship.

Hannsz has also competed in the San Antonio state shoot, San Antonio livestock shoot, and San Angelo livestock shoot.

Her excitement could hardly be contained when the scope of her accomplishment finally sank in. She even has a personal invitation to come back next year and shoot, something she is definitely looking forward to.



REAGAN HADAWAY

Hadaway named to All-Region Team

Haskell High School Maiden Reagan Hadaway, daughter of Shane and Amanda Hadaway of Haskell, has been named to the Class A, Div. I, Girls' Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Region Team for 2013-14.

This is quite an honor for the junior forward, who earlier this year was named to the First Team All-District, as well as the All-District Academic Team.

Hadaway, who is an equally skilled offensive and defensive player, was frequently listed on the Abilene-Reporter News Big Country Player of the Week and Top 10 List.

Congratulations to this Haskell Maiden on deserved recognition of her efforts.

Weather

by Kim Hutto

National Weather Service
Volunteer Co-op Observer
Temperature

Mon., March 3..... 27°/9°
Tues., March 4..... 38°/21°
Wed., March 5..... 61°/28°
Thurs., March 6..... 60°/34°
Fri., March 7..... 81°/37°
Sat., March 8..... 61°/28°
Sun., March 9..... 63°/27°
No moisture was recorded.

Indians named to All-District Teams

by Caron Yates

The Haskell Indians basketball team ended a successful season as Area Champions. They lost in the regional quarterfinal game to Olney.

While the entire team contributed to this success, several Indians were selected for All-District honors. Dakota Silvas, a senior point guard, was named Offensive Player of the Year for District 9-1A,

Div. I. Senior post Kelby Bell was rewarded for his efforts by being selected as Co-Defensive Player of the Year. Both Silvas and Bell were recognized during the season by the Abilene Reporter-News Player

of the Week and Top 10 List.

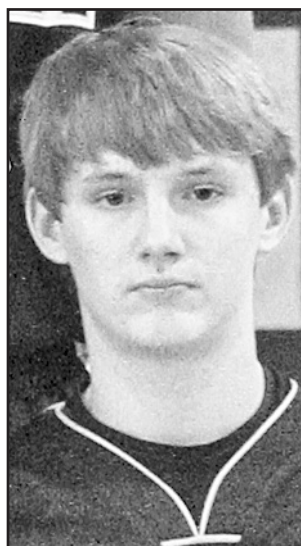
Also acknowledged for their play was Dylan Hanson, First Team All-District; Matthew Martinez, Second Team All-District; and Henry Smith, Honorable Mention All-

District.

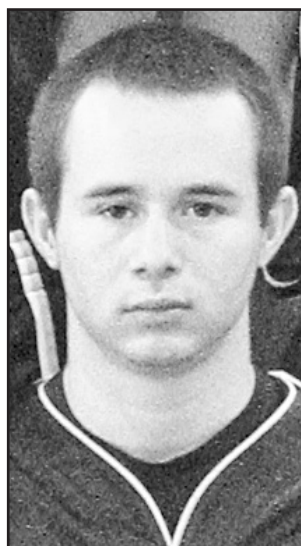
We congratulate the Haskell Indians and Coach Tate Thompson on a successful season, and commend these young men for their accomplishments.



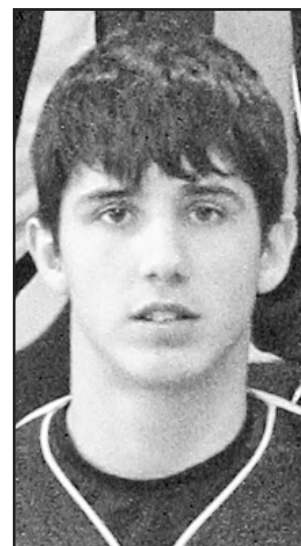
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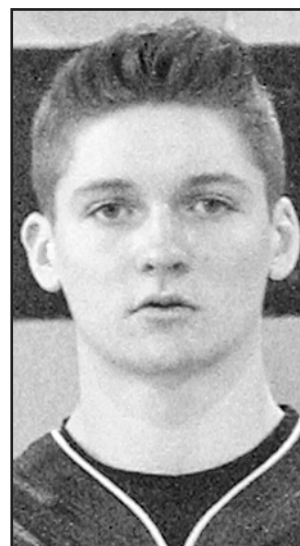
DYLAN HANSON



MATTHEW MARTINEZ



DAKOTA SILVAS



HENRY SMITH

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CANDIDATES DRAW—Candidates for the City of Haskell election to be held May 10 drew for places on the ballot Mon., March 10 at 8:30 p.m. Carolyn Graston, election officer, center, was in charge of the drawing. Shane Whitt, left, will appear second on the ballot. Incumbent Mayor John Gannaway, right, will appear first on the ballot. No other races were contested.

Seniors asked to voice interests at TSHL meeting to be held tomorrow at ECC

Texas Silver-Haired Legislator (TSHL) Dolan Brinson, a representative from the Haskell area, along with other members of the TSHL, will conduct a program for senior adults and others who have a strong interest in issues pertaining to the older population of Texas Fri., March 14 at the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell following lunch.

The group will seek information as to what rural Texans feel are the

most important issues to be addressed by the 84th Texas Legislature. TSHL members will use the information gathered as they prepare for their legislative session at the state Capitol in April. Resolutions prepared by TSHL members will be discussed, debated, adopted and prioritized for presentation to the Texas Legislature with the intent of having meaningful laws enacted for the benefit of the 4 million older adults living

in this great state. To have a delicious lunch prior to the meeting, contact Jennabeth, Senior Director of the ECC at 940-864-3875. For more information on Texas Silver-Haired Legislature call Walter Graham, Immediate Past Speaker at 254-631-8783 or visit Txshl.org.



Robert Gonzales
P. O. Box 929
Stamford, Tx
79553

TDA Private Applicator License training set

by Jason Westbrook
CEA-Ag, Haskell Co.
A private pesticide applicator is someone who uses or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides. Individuals who want a private applicator license must attend a private applicator training program offered by Texas AgriLife Extension Service (Extension) or a private entity approved by TDA. And individuals must pass the TDA private applicator exam and purchase a license.

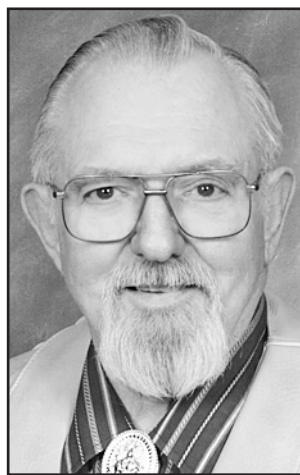
A Private Applicator License Training will be held in Throckmorton at the Throckmorton First Methodist Church, located at 220 North Reynolds, Wed., April 2 from 8:30 a.m. til 12:00 noon. Testing will immediately follow the training. Study materials are available in advance.

For more information, contact Kaylee Farquhar, Throckmorton County Extension Agent at 806-549-6740.

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Obituaries

James Robert Bowers



JIM BOWERS

Memorial services for James Robert Bowers, 74, lifelong resident of Haskell, and owner of Wild Horse Trading Post, were held Sat., March 8 at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell. A private interment was held under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Bowers passed away Tuesday evening, March 4 at St. Paul's University Hospital in Dallas.

Jim was born June 29, 1939 in the Mattson Community of Haskell County to Willie Mae (Stewart) and Arthur Cecil Bowers. Jim was a 1957 graduate of Haskell High School and graduated from Texas A&M in 1961 with a Bachelors of Business Administration degree. He married Jerry Waddell in Spur June 4, 1960. Jim was a lifetime member of the NRA Golden Eagles and a Bible teacher in both Denton and Haskell. Jim was a member of East Side Baptist Church where he has faithfully served as a deacon since 1994.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Willie Mae Bowers.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Jerry Bowers of Haskell; son, Randy Bowers and wife Janet of Haskell; daughter, Jamie Jordan and husband Shane of Anson; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Laura, James and Liz Bowers and Jarret Jordan, John Anderson and Jayden Vanice Jordan; great grandson, Jayms Jordan; brother, Phill Bowers and wife Lynn of Clifton; mother, Oleta Bowers of Denton; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

If desired, memorials may be given in Jim's name to Haskell Memorial Hospital, 1 Avenue N, Haskell, Texas 79521 or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10004.

PD. NOTICE

Calendar

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 22 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.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., March 22 from 9:30 a.m. til 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Rule. Volunteers are welcome.

Fund-raiser

A fund-raiser to benefit Mark Wallace will be held Sun., March 23 at Camacho & Charlie's Grill & Cantina from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Beast Feast

The Haskell/Knox Counties Beast Feast and Sunday Celebration will be held Sat., April 12 and Sun., April 13, featuring Jay Lowder, world renowned author and avid hunter. The Beast Feast, for men of all ages, will be held Sat., April 12 at the Knox City Activity Center at 6 p.m. Tickets are required, \$10 each. For tickets, contact 940-864-2581. The Sunday Celebration will be held Sun., April 13 at the Haskell Civic Center at 6 p.m. for the entire community.

4-H scholarships

The Haskell County 4-H program would like to announce that a scholarship is available for junior and senior high school student 4-H members, sponsored by (TEEA) Texas Extension Education Association-Haskell County. The scholarship application is

due Fri., April 25. To receive a copy, contact Tammy at the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658.

Baked potato lunch

A baked potato fund-raiser lunch will be held Sun., March 23 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell. Donations will be accepted. Funds will be used to help send the youth to summer camp.

Insurance enrollment

Open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace ends March 31. Christal Martin with the West Central Texas Council of Governments will be at the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building Mon., March 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to help with sign ups.

Spring revival

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church in Haskell invites everyone to join them for their spring revival, April 6-9. Services begin Sunday morning, April 6, at 10:45. A free fellowship meal will be served each evening, Sun. through Wed., at 6:00 followed by a worship service at 7:00. Evangelist is Nathan Lorick, SBTC Evangelism Director of Grapevine. Paul and Christy Newberry of Arlington will lead the music. For more information, call 940-864-5557 or email pastor@cornerstonehaskell.org.

Aggie Moms

The Abilene Area Aggie Moms' Club will meet Tues., March 18 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 Venita Teal at 325-669-0886 or Kathy Hocke at 325-721-3131.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will begin having quarterly meetings in 2014. The meetings will be the first Monday of June, September and December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

Nominees sought

Citizens are asked to nominate candidates to be named The Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year for 2013. To make a nomination, call the Chamber office at 940-864-2477 or mail to P.O. Box 316, Haskell, Texas 79521. The winners will be revealed during the banquet Mon., March 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Cantata practice

Easter Cantata practice will be held on Sundays at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

Democratic Convention

The Haskell County Democratic Convention will be held March 22 at 2 p.m. in the Haskell County Courthouse, District Court Room on the second floor. Attendees at the County Convention must have voted in the March 4 Democratic Primary. Precinct meetings will now be held just prior to county conventions. If you have precinct business those meetings will be held as above but at 1:30. For questions, contact Pam Norton at 940-207-0248.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage three of the Drought Contingency Plan of the City of Haskell Water Conservation Plan. Stage three calls for a mandatory 25% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell water customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible. For more information or a copy of the water conservation plan, contact Haskell City Hall.

Water conservation

The City of Rule has implemented Stage Four of its Drought Contingency Plan Emergency Water Shortage/Water Allocations. Please contact Rule City Hall or call 940-996-2214 for more information.

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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RULE FIRE DEPARTMENT—Members of the Rule Volunteer Fire Department were honored at the Rule Community Dinner Feb. 25 for their work and effort as a department. Members are, front row, l-r, Neal Kreger-fire chief, Linda Jameson, Cole Rutherford-lieutenant, Whitney Leek-asst. secretary, Sam Leek-

Rule hosts Community Dinner

Approximately 140 persons attended the Rule Community Dinner held Mon., Feb. 25, in the Rule High School cafeteria.

Sponsored by the Rule Chamber of Commerce and the churches of Rule, this event replaced the annual Christmas community dinner which was cancelled due to bad weather and the annual Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Both events were combined into the Community Dinner.

David Parr, president of the Rule Chamber, served



DINNER ENTERTAINMENT—The Earthman family of Knox City, under the direction of Larry LeFevre, entertained at the Rule Community Dinner held Feb. 25. The group includes, l-r, Susan LeFevre, Morgan Earthman, Shawn Earthman, Corrie Earthman, Nate Earthman, Ryan Earthman and Larry LeFevre.

as master of ceremonies. He announced other officers of the Chamber for the 2014-15 year. Vice president is Jeffery Murray and Orheana Greeson is the secretary-

treasurer.

Local officials running for office were recognized. The dinner also honored the Rule Volunteer Fire Department, recognizing them for all their work and effort. Since Nov. 30, 2013, the department has answered over 30 calls—ranging from pasture fires, cotton bales, a barn fire and assisting EMS calls. Rule VFD has five working trucks and 21 members, including a house truck, red house truck, two brush trucks and an army brush truck. A plaque was presented to the group in appreciation of their work.

Fire Department members present were Fire Chief—Neal Kreger, Kim Kreger, Calvin Sorley, Jessica Sorley, Rick Jameson, Jeffery Murray, Linda Jameson, Kevin Green, Cynthia

Abila, Ed Murray, Rosanna Rutherford, Shelby Starr, Caleb Sorrells, Bill Wilson, Cole Rutherford, Bob Clark, Whitney Leek, Sam Leek and Shandra Alexander. Other members not present were Melvin Kreger, Fred Baitz, Brandon Cotton and Russell Flanary. Also recognized were retired members Jeff Sorrells, Ralph Torres and the late Derrell Sorrells.

Providing entertainment for the occasion, under the direction of Larry LeFevre, were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Earthman of Knox City, who entertained with their violins. The children, Ryan, Corrie, Shawn, Morgan, Nate and Belle are the grandchildren of Larry and Susan LeFevre.

Numerous door prizes were awarded to those attending.

Carolyn Herring receives Local Store Marketing Award from Sonic

by Caron Yates

“Service with a Smile,” is so much more than just a slogan at the local Sonic Drive-In, it is a heartfelt desire for every customer served.

When Carolyn and Leon Herring began a career with the Sonic company some thirty-eight years ago in Sweetwater, they knew there were many factors involved in making the business a success. Certainly the day to day management was essential, but Carolyn also wanted to add a personal touch to their service.

Through the years, her efforts in this endeavor have not gone unnoticed by the Moore/McCans Sonic Group. At their recent convention held in Southlake, Carolyn was recognized with the Local Store Marketing Award.

Looking forward to making contact with old acquaintances and friends in the business, she was quite surprised when her name was announced for the award. She says, “I had no idea I was being considered for the award. It has always been important for our customers to know we appreciate them. We are here to serve, and recognize our customers are also our friends.”

In January 2012, after seventeen years in business in Haskell, Leon and



CAROLYN HERRING

Carolyn decided it was time to slow down the pace a little and retire. Randy Phelps, who had been involved in the business as the evening manager, took over as manager of the Haskell Sonic. Carolyn has continued to work part-time.

She still very much enjoys the contact she has in the community, whether it is passing out coupons in businesses or taking a Sonic drink to someone not expecting it. She continues to believe in the importance of the “personal touch.”

Herring is a member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell, where she enjoys ministering in gospel music. She has also been an active member on the prison ministry team, Treasures of Grace, since 2003.

The Herrings have two sons and five grandchildren.

Hee Haw set

The annual Sagerton Hee Haw will be on March 27, 28, and 29, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each evening. Music and singing will be held an hour before the Hee Haw program begins. The program for Thurs., March 27, is especially for groups. Reservations for group tickets may be made beginning Mon., March 10, by calling 940-997-2688.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will go on sale Thurs., March 13, at 8:00 a.m. at the Sagerton Community Center. After the completion of tickets

sales at the Community Center on March 13, orders may be placed by calling 940-997-2688 or by coming to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets. A limit of 10 tickets per person will be sold March 13. If more tickets are needed, you may enter the line again.

Plate lunches, sandwiches and pies will be on sale in the cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Only sandwiches and pies will be sold on Thursday night.

The price of the tickets is \$5.00 each.

White receives 50-year pin

Vida White of Rule was awarded a 50 year membership pin and certificate Thursday night, March 6, at the regular meeting of the Rule Chapter #989 Order of Eastern Star.

Joining in 1962, White told of her late husband being a patient in the Scottish Rite Hospital when he was twelve years old and the

impression it made on him.

As an adult, he joined the Masons, which support the Scottish Rite Hospital. The couple then joined the Eastern Star in Vernon. They belonged to several chapters while moving around. The couple moved to Rule and since that time Vida has belonged to the Rule Chapter, serving in several stations.

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Michelle Johnson
RN

What is a stroke?

A stroke is a life-threatening event in which the brain's oxygen supply is cut off. A stroke can affect the senses, speech, behavior, thought patterns and memory. It may also result in paralysis, coma and death.

What causes a stroke?

A stroke occurs when an artery to the brain bursts or becomes clogged, cutting off the supply of oxygen to a part of the brain. Brain tissue deprived of oxygen dies within minutes. As a result, the part of the body controlled by those brain cells cannot function properly.

High blood pressure and atherosclerosis, the buildup of fatty plaque in the arteries, increase the risk of a stroke. Bleeding into the brain from an injury can also cause a stroke.

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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St. Patrick's Day is March 17

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Abbott, Davis win party primaries for governor

AUSTIN—Texas' March 4 primary night returns confirmed Greg Abbott and Wendy R. Davis as nominees for governor.

Abbott, current state attorney general, got 91.5 percent of the statewide vote in the GOP primary. Davis, a state senator from Fort Worth, got 79 percent in the Democratic primary. "Ray" Madrigal of Corpus Christi got 21 percent.

In the race for lieutenant governor, state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio ran unopposed and is the Texas Democratic Party's nominee. Her legislative resume includes eight years as a state representative and 13 years as a state senator.

In November, Van de Putte's opponent will be the winner of a May 27 runoff between incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston. Dewhurst has presided over the Senate since January 2003. Patrick was first elected to the Senate in November 2006. Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, appointed Patrick as chair of the Senate Committee on Education in the 2013 regular session of the Legislature. Patrick received 41.5 percent of the Republican primary vote to Dewhurst's 28.3 percent.

Incumbent U.S. Sen. John Cornyn won the right to seek reelection in November. In a field of eight Republican candidates, Cornyn received 60 percent of the vote. Coming in second was U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman of Clear Lake, with 19 percent.

The top two vote getters in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate were David Alameel, a Dallas dentist, businessman and U.S. Army veteran, and political activist Kesha Rogers of Houston. A May 27 runoff will decide which of the two will face Cornyn in November.

In the Republican Party race for attorney general, state Sen. Ken Paxton of McKinney got 44 percent of the vote, state Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas got 33 percent and current Texas Railroad Commissioner Dan Smitherman got 22 percent. Paxton and Branch will be in a May 27 runoff, and the winner will face Sam Houston, a Houston attorney, who ran unopposed in the Democratic Party primary.

In the race to succeed Susan Combs as comptroller of public accounts, state Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, received just under 50 percent of the vote—not enough to avoid a runoff. State House Ways and Means Chair Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, got 26 percent of the vote. Hilderbran's second place finish in a field of four

candidates earned Hilderbran the right to a runoff but announced he would forego the contest and support Hegar's candidacy.

Mike Collier, a Houston businessman, ran unopposed in the Democratic primary and will face Hegar in the November general election.

George P. Bush, a Fort Worth attorney and son of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, grandson of 41st President George H.W. Bush and nephew of 43rd President George W. Bush, won 73 percent of the vote over David Watts (27 percent) in the GOP primary for Land Commissioner. In November, Bush will face John Cook, who ran unopposed in the Democratic Party primary. Cook, a former mayor of El Paso, is a military veteran and a former Southwestern Bell executive.

Former state representatives Tommy Merritt of Longview and Sid Miller of Stephenville were the top vote getters in the Republican Party primary for agriculture commissioner. They will face each other in a May 27 runoff. The winner will run against the winner of a May 27 runoff between Democrats: dairy farmer Jim Hogan of Cleburne and musician-novelist Richard "Kinky" Friedman of Medina.

Former state representative Wayne Christian of Center and Ryan Sitton, an oil and gas engineer and businessman from Pasadena, were the top two GOP vote getters for Railroad Commissioner. They will vie in a May 27 runoff and the winner will face Steve Brown in the general election in November. Brown, with 64 percent, won the Democratic Party primary over Dale Henry, who tallied 36 percent.

In the GOP race for chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, incumbent Nathan Hecht won with 60.5 percent over former state representative Robert Talton's 39.5 percent.

Hecht will face William Moody, who ran unopposed in the Democratic primary.

More details and results of all other primary races can be found at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Jobless rate is lowest in years
Texas Workforce Commission on March 7 announced the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent in January, the lowest since November 2008.

It was down from 6.0 percent in December and remained below the nation's January unemployment rate of 6.6 percent.

Texas employers expanded their payrolls in January with the addition of 33,900 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, for a total of 322,400 jobs added over the year.



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 11, 2004

A F2 tornado ripped through The Anchor on Lake Stamford with wind speeds of 113 to 157 mph. Benny Gibbs, The Anchor manager, said that about twenty-two residences were at The Anchor, all receiving severe structural damage.

Haskell FFA members winning ribbons at the Fort Worth Livestock Show were Keith Wilcox, fourth in middle weight Chester class; Chase Cockerell, first in light weight Cross class; and Matthew Brown, second in the light-medium Cross class.

The 8th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show will be held around the Courthouse Square, again, offering a full day of activities with fun and entertainment for all age groups.

20 Years Ago March 17, 1994

Haskell Indians Brian Brzozowski and Mart Guess were named to the All-District 7-2A basketball team. Maiden Teresa Diaz was named to the All-District girls' team. Robert Huff and Cynthia Rodriguez were honored with the Fighting Heart Award, given in recognition of leadership, spirit and teamwork.

C.R. and Bea Messenger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner in Abilene. They have five children and thirteen grandchildren.

Haskell High School Indian pitcher Shannon

Meeks went the full five innings, striking out six batters as he boosted his record to 2-0.

30 Years Ago March 15, 1984

Members of the Board of Trustees of Haskell ISD accepted resignations from Coach Coy Payne and Band Director Terry Lovette.

Placing at the Houston Livestock Show with their steers were Joey Kimbrough, third, Angus; Mindy Ballard, fifth, Hereford; Richard Shaver, fifth, Hereford; Dalyn Gilly, twelfth, Limousin; and Michelle Scoggins, fourteenth, Hereford.

Haskell High School journalism students competing with students from Class 2A to 5A, brought home ribbons in a recent contest. Andy Hill won first in headline writing and fourth in feature writing. Scott Alves received fourth in news writing and third in editorial writing. Todd Jennings placed third in news writing.

40 Years Ago March 14, 1974

Jerry Weatherly of Haskell was named new administrator for Haskell Memorial Hospital. He has been the lab and x-ray technician at the hospital for the past seven years. He replaces Alfred Turnbow, who is retiring.

Bobby Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cobb of Haskell, was inducted into the Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Western Texas College in Snyder.

Steffi Ziegler and Wallar Overton were married in a ceremony held at the Paint Creek Methodist Church. The Rev. H.O. Abbott read the vows in both English and German.

50 Years Ago March 12, 1964

Haskell High School students cited for scholastic achievement were junior Hollis Callaway, math; senior Judy Segoe, English; senior Charles Chapman, history; sophomore Diane Summers, science; senior Beth Vaughter, English; and junior David Follstaedt, science.

Fred H. "Herb" Ray, Jr., veterans' service officer for Haskell, Stonewall and Kent Counties, was cited by Haskell County Judge James Alvis and the Haskell County Commissioners' Court for exemplary work during his nine year tenure.

Hassell Hunter, son of local merchant Gene Hunter, has accepted a position with Fenix and Sisson, Inc. It is an engineering firm engaged in contract work for the Atomic Energy Commission. He was a 1940 honor graduate of Haskell High School.

100 Years Ago March 14, 1914

Mr. Brown and family of Corpus Christi, arrived here Wednesday morning. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Hunt of the east side.

Will and J.I. Clarke went up to the Rich ranch, where they have purchased a hundred calves.

Hang up on scammers posing as IRS employees

If there's an issue with your federal taxes, you'll most likely receive a letter or notice in the mail from the IRS. Don't fall for scam artists on the internet or over the telephone. Real IRS employees have badge numbers. Ask the caller for his or her badge number, and then call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm it. Sometimes the caller may volunteer a fake badge number before you even ask for one.

Victims may be told they owe money to the IRS. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes aggressive and insulting.

"These crooks will go to no end to try and scam you out of divulging personal information—including checking account numbers and other types of bank account information," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Don't fall victim to these misleading attempts to steal your identity

and hard-earned cash."

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue—if there really is such an issue.

- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484.

- If you've been targeted by this scam, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other

unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

"This is tax season and people have tax returns on their minds," Sanford added. "Be alert to phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure."

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels. The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts. Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the e-mail to phishing@irs.gov.

More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

Tips to achieve financial responsibility

With the dawn of another month and credit card statements beginning to reveal the full extent of the damage done with Christmas shopping, now is the time when many Americans get serious about living within their means for the year ahead. Unfortunately for many of us, the decisions of our past mean we have some cleaning up to do before we turn the corner of financial responsibility.

Avoid Immediate Drastic Changes:

Before you can even begin to create a realistic budget for yourself, you need to know where, on what and how much you're currently spending. Take the time to look at your bank and credit card statements for the last regular month (don't use December-Christmas spending throws everything off) and take note of where your money goes. Adding up expenses in different areas will likely reveal frivolous spending that can be cut down or eliminated.

Once you identify these areas, it's tempting to make the resolution to completely stop spending money in those ways. However, if your frivolous spending habits are deeply rooted in your lifestyle, you might have to take moderate steps to reduce spending rather than eliminating it. Just as you can't go from couch potato to marathoner in a day, committing to a budget takes time, discipline and training. This means that you might have to phase in your budget over several months in order to achieve success.

Don't Forget Savings:

It's hard to save when you're trying to cover current expenses and pay off existing debt. However, it's important to build up some savings to cover future financial catastrophes—which are sure to come sooner or later—and avoid the creation of additional future debt.

If possible, consolidate credit card debt at a zero percent or low interest rate that will allow you to prioritize saving in the short term and retire debt once you have \$500 to \$1,000 in your savings account for future unforeseen needs.

Find (and Use) the Right Tools:

To successfully transition to living on a budget, you need to find the strategy and tools that you're most likely to use. For some, this might mean using cash envelopes. For others, the use of a mobile app to track expenses by department might be more appropriate. It's important to remember that budgeting is not "one size fits all," and there are tools available for every personality.

Don't Give Up:

Unexpected expenses creep up. Your best estimates can turn out wrong. You won't be a budget guru your first month. It takes time to understand everything that crops up in the course of a typical budget month and to begin to understand how to deal with those variables. Despite these challenges, don't give up. Stick to it, be flexible and let your budget take on a life of its own that reflects your priorities and goals for a better 2014.

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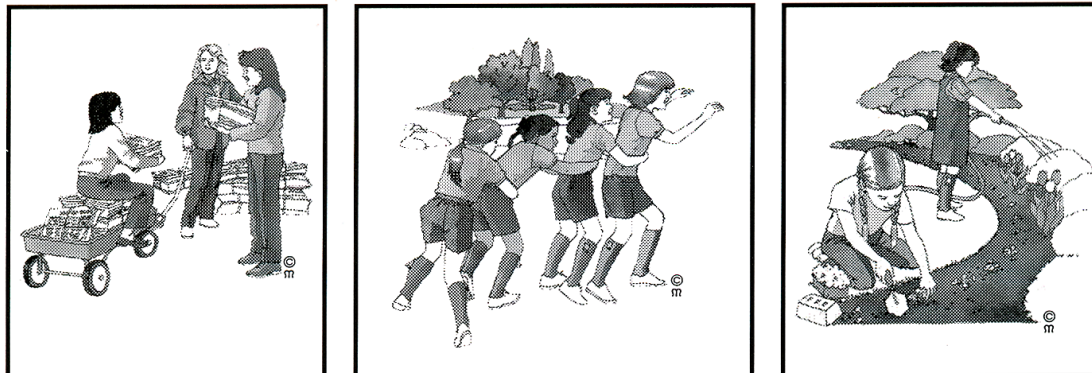
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PARENTHOOD PRACTICE—Rule School's Child Development class carrying "Flour Sack Babies" during the week of Feb. 24 included, l-r, Kat Contreras, Shanisha Vanderbilt, Harley Foreman, Christina Herrera, Laura Curiel, Gloria Gonzales and Jerie Lewis. The focus of this activity in this curriculum is centered on teenage pregnancy and developing an awareness of the responsibilities and demands of parenthood. The students are responsible for the care of their "baby" at all times. Like a baby it is to be considered a newborn infant, is never to be left unattended, and certainly is not to be subjected to any type of child abuse.

Rule School Menu

March 17-21 Breakfast Fresh fruit, juice or milk are offered daily. Monday: French toast sticks Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, biscuits with gravy Wednesday: Breakfast club Thursday: Chicken and waffles	Friday: Cereal, Texas toast Lunch Milk is served daily. Monday: BBQ rib sandwich, refried beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples Tuesday: Hot dog, potato rounds, veggie cup, seasonal fruit, chocolate chip cookies Wednesday: Toasted ham	and cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, green beans, apple slice, cereal treat Friday: Cheeseburger, seasoned corn, baby carrots, sliced peaches
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Haskell Co. Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of March 3-9:

Tiffany Lipsey, motion to revoke abandon/endanger child.

Aubrey Andrew Greer, motion to revoke DWI felony out of Scurry Co.

Joshua James Gonzales, driving while license invalid.

Antonio Barrera, city of Haskell warrants non valid drivers license and not wearing a seat belt.

Thirty-four calls were made to 911.



KADIE McCORD



CAITLIN MEDFORD

Students visit Rotary Club

Kadie McCord is the daughter of Sarah and Joey McCord.

At Paint Creek High School, she participates in basketball, cheerleading, track and field, cross country track, FFA and UIL.

She plans to attend The University of North Texas to become a dental hygienist.

Caitlin Medford is the daughter of Emily and Kendall Medford.

At Paint Creek High School, she participates in basketball, cheerleading, track and field, FFA, FFA officer and UIL.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University to become a surgical nurse.

Student in the News

Joshua Quintero of Rule was named to the Hardin-Simmons University President's List for the fall 2013 semester. Quintero is one of 218 students to receive this academic honor.

The President's List is composed of students carrying 12 or more semester credits who have grades of A on all courses for the semester.

Paint Creek School Menu

March 17-21 Breakfast Milk and juice are served daily. Monday: Pigs n blanket Tuesday: Omelet, toast Wednesday: Bagels Thursday: Waffles, sausage Friday: Cinnamon roll Lunch Milk is served daily.	Monday: Corndogs, baked beans, fries, pineapples Tuesday: Nachos, beans, salad, chips, peaches Wednesday: Burritos, corn, salad, jello Thursday: Meaty mac, baby carrots, salad, breadsticks, cookies Friday: Chicken sandwiches, fries, salad, grapes
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Haskell track

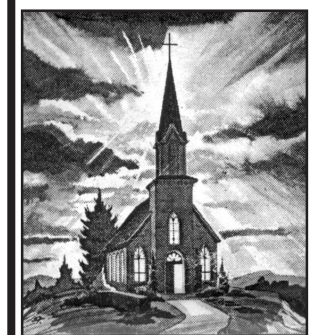
The Haskell Indians and Maidens participated in the Stamford Reunion Relays recently.	Results include: Indians Team: 3. 88 points. Long jump: 2. Dever, 19-6. Shot put: 3. Weise, 40-2. 3200: 3. Curran, 11:43.16. 400 relay: 3rd place, 3:50.32. 800: 1. Smith, 2:11.48. 110 hurdles: 3. Pace, 17.33. 400: 1. Bell, 52.58. 300 hurdles: 3. Pace, 45.71. 200: 3. Martinez, 25.56.	1600: 3. Estrada, 5:17.07. 1600 relay: 3rd place 3:50.32. Maidens High jump: 3. Amos, 4-4. Long Jump: 1. Holland, 13-9-3/4. 3200: 2. Homeyer, 13:22.61. 800: 2. Mathis, 2:43.99. 100 hurdles: 2. Hadaway, 18.15. 100: 2. Amos, 13.77. 800 relay: 3rd place, 1:56.65. 400: 2. Klose, 1:03.65. 200: 1. Winegeart, 29.11. 1600: 2. Homeyer, 6:25.43. 1600 relay: 3rd place, 4:33.37.
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Haskell School Menu

March 17-21 Breakfast Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal.	Monday: French toast sticks or cereal variety and Texas toast Tuesday: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, gravy or cereal	variety and Texas toast Wednesday: Breakfast club or cereal variety and Texas toast Thursday: Chicken-n-waffles or cereal variety and Texas toast Friday: Breakfast burrito or cereal variety and Texas toast Lunch Milk variety is available at every meal. Monday: Cheese pizza, garden salad, savory green beans, fresh apple slices Tuesday: Pig in a blanket, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack with whole grain corn chips, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, Spanish rice, hot cinnamon apples Thursday: Stuffed BBQ potato, Texas toast, baby carrots, fresh fruit bowl Friday: Cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, potato rounds, western beans, diced pears
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This Week's Devotional Message:



When it's time for a change, God helps you make it

Once in a while, we all have to make a change of some kind. It might be the retirement from a job of long standing, a move to a different area, or any number of other things. Whatever it is, you will be starting a new chapter in your life, and you must adopt a cheerful and constructive attitude about it. There is no better time than this to start or continue to attend your house of worship, or if the change is geographical, to find a new one. The comforting word of God will help you bring order and serenity into the present chaos of your life, and point you in some positive directions. You are always where God wants you to be, and He will move you when the time comes. Thus, an apparent catastrophe can prove to be a blessing in the long run.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL— East Side Baptist Church Shawn Smith Youth & Worship pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell	Greater Independent Baptist Church Rev. Earnest Flanders, Jr., pastor Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell 940-863-4405	Faith Chapel of Rochester Randy Hollingsworth, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m. Hwy. 6, Rochester
Christian Church Sun. 10:45 a.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell	New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell	Sagerton Methodist Church Cory Graham, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton
Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell	First Baptist Church Rev. Jim McCurley Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell	Faith Lutheran Church Anna Robbins, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sagerton
Trinity Lutheran Church Rev. David White, pastor Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell	Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Morris R. Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p. 1600 N. First St., Haskell	—RULE— First Baptist Church Scott Hensley, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p. 1001 Union Ave., Rule
Iglesia Bautista El Galvario Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a, 5 p.; Wed. 7 p. 607 S. 7th, Haskell	God Loves You Ministries Mark Wallace, pastor Church Service 10 a.m. West side of square, Haskell	—ROCHESTER— Church of Christ Mitchell Greer, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m. West on Main Street, Rochester
First United Methodist Church Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 10:50 a., 6 p. Wed. 6 p. 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell	First Baptist Church Dan Bullock, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p. Weinert	West Bethal Baptist Church Rev. Clovis Dever Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. —PAINT CREEK—
First Assembly of God Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell	St. George Catholic Church Father George Roney Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell	Paint Creek Baptist Church Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek
Church of Christ Philip Sims, minister Sun. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell	—ROCHESTER— Church of Christ Mitchell Greer, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m. West on Main Street, Rochester	—O'BRIEN— O'Brien Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p., Wed. 6 p. O'Brien
First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell	First Baptist Church Bishop Helsley, 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	
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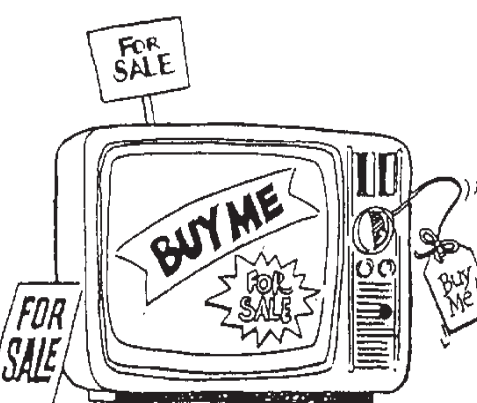
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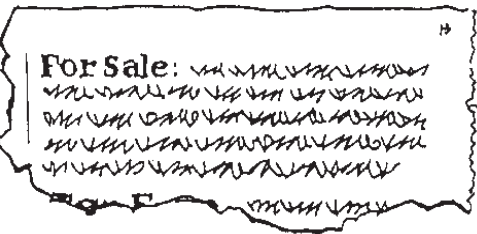
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Producers urged to keep good records

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia, repeated his appeal to livestock producers affected by natural disasters such as the drought in the West and the unexpected winter storm in the upper Midwest to keep thorough records. This includes livestock and feed losses, and any additional expenses that are a result of losses to purchased forage or feed stuff.

"The 2014 Farm Bill provides a strong farm safety net to help ranchers during these difficult times," said Garcia. "We'll provide producers with information on new program requirements, updates and signups as the information becomes available. In the meantime, I urge producers

to keep thorough records. We know these disasters have caused serious economic hardships for our livestock producers. We'll do all we can to assist in their recovery."

In addition to western drought and the early-winter snowstorms, there are a variety of disasters from floods to storms to unexpected freezes. Each event causes economic consequences for farmers and ranchers throughout the United States. FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including:

- Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;

- Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;

- Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures;

- Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed;

- Crop records, including seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records;

- Pictures of on-farm storage facilities that were destroyed by wind or flood waters; and

- Evidence of damaged farm land.

Visit www.fsa.usda.gov or an FSA county office to learn more about FSA programs and loans. For information about USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Producers reminded of March 15 closing date

Haskell County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director, Terri Klose urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of March 15, 2014.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of March 17, 2014: mung beans, guar, sorghum forage (haygrazer), watermelon, cantaloupe, peas, pecans and millet.

"NAP allows producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for noninsurable crops," said Klose. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers recover when they experience a loss," she said.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops

for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage." Producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the March 15 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop

or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Limited resource farmers may request a waiver of the service fee at the time the application for coverage is filed. Producers must recertify their limited resource status for each year that a waiver is requested.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Haskell County FSA office at 940-864-2617 ext. 2.

Commissioners' Court report

The Haskell County Commissioners' Court held a regular meeting Tues., Feb. 25 with David Davis, County Judge, and Commissioners Billy Wayne Hester, Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger present.

All bills were paid including one from the Sheriff's office that will be taken out of the seizure fund to pay Copsync.

The ECC and monthly reports were accepted.

Sheriff Winston Stephens requested to hire a part time dispatcher. Sharon Stephens will be out for two to four weeks on medical

leave. Christina Stephens will take over Sharon's duties beginning March 1 while she is on leave.

No burn ban is in effect. Miles Dabovich introduced Delinda Black as the new Family and Consumer Science Agent. Black will begin her duties March 10.

A second bid will be requested for the electrical wiring in the Extension Office.

The Interlocal Agreement with the City of Haskell was tabled.

A motion to lease 6.2 acres south of town to Samson Oil was approved.

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