Softball

Maidens vs Baird Fri., March 21, 5 p.m. at Haskell Maidens vs Albany Tues., March 25, 5 p.m. at Haskell

Baseball

V-JV Indians vs Seymour Fri., March 21, 5 p.m. at Seymour

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Haskell **HS Boys-Girls at Snyder** Thurs., March 20 JH Boys-Girls at Albany Mon., March 24 **Paint Creek** All at Gorilla Relays, Trent Fri., March 21 JH at Aspermont Mon., March 24 Rule JH at Aspermont Mon., March 24 Calendar Open house

Rule ISD will hold an open house Thurs., March 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents may visit the school rooms of their children and view their work and visit with their teachers. A one act play, "The Ugly Duckling" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be no charge for the one act play, but donations will be accepted to help with expenses as they prepare for UIL competition.

Democratic Convention

The Haskell County Democratic Convention will be held March 22 at the Haskell County Courthouse second floor courtroom. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. Convention begins at 2 p.m. Those eligible to attend the convention are anyone that did not vote Republican in the recent primary. Registration will include signing the Oath of Allegiance.





GROUNDBREAKING-A groundbreaking ceremony project includes the addition and renovation of for a new emergency room and urgent care clinic approximately 6500 sq. feet and includes a new at Haskell Memorial Hospital was held Tues., emergency room with four treatment rooms and March 11. Board members, I-r, Reida Penman, Jan a trauma room. It also includes the addition of an a big part in the remodeling Gannaway, Joyce Turner, Robbie Peiser, Kathryn urgent care clinic with four treatment rooms for Schonerstedy and Fran McCown, administrator those needing urgent care that is not emergent. A were charged with manning the gold shovels. CAT scan will be added in the renovated area on Board member Tom Long was not present. The the north end of the hospital.

DaLinda Black is new **County Agent**

Degree in Family Consumer many topics of interest to Sciences.

For the past two years, she has run a licensed day care in her home town of Friona. Feeling the need for a change of pace, she decided to apply for the Haskell County extension job. Although this is her first experience as a county extension agent, she is very enthusiastic about the opportunities it offers.

While pursuing a degree

in Family Consumer

Sciences, her interest was

piqued in the profession by

her mentor, Connie Moyers,

who was serving as the

extension agent in Roosevelt

County. The opportunity for

interaction through classes

and activities, gave her some

insight and inspired her to

Black is very excited about

the upcoming programs

with the county schools,

seek out this position.

the public.

She will also be involved in the many 4-H programs, fashion show, and the county Texas Extension Education training from Knox County CEA/FCS Lorrie Coop.

The extension office

A "people person," she looks forward to meeting everyone and encourages anyone with suggestions or including the upcoming ideas to please come by or give her a call.

We welcome this young Association (TEEA). Black family to town, and wish will receive some hands-on Black much success as she works to help make Haskell County the best place to live.

Open house set Monday at Extension Office

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension would like to invite all residents of Haskell County to join us for the First Annual Open House/Meet and Greet Mon., March 24 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The building has been updated, thanks to the Haskell County Judge David Davis and County Commissioner Tiffen Mayfield and his work crew. Also, involved were the other three County Commissioners Bill Hester, Kenny Thompson and Neal Kreger and their work crews.

Nancy Sanders also played job. Our many thanks to all involved in the remodeling project.

Within the last year Jason Westbrook was hired as the County Extension Agent for agriculture. DaLinda Black was hired this month as the County Extension Agent for family and consumer sciences. They are teamed up with Tammy Parham, County Extension office manager.

The agents are looking forward to meeting and serving Haskell County.

Tea and coffee will be served.

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.

Men's breakfast

A men's free breakfast will be held Sun., March 23 at 8 a.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. All men in the community are invited.

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.

Open house

An open house and meet and greet will be held Mon., March 24 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Haskell County Extension. Both new county agents will be introduced and the updated facilities will be open for viewing.

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DaLINDA BLACK

by Caron Yates DaLinda Black, CEA/ FCS, has been hired to fill the vacancy that was left when Haskell County Extension Agent Jane Rowan resigned last May, to accept a job with Taylor County.

Black was born and already scheduled and looks raised in Friona, where she forward to making contacts graduated from high school. She began her advanced hospital and early learning education at Eastern New center to discuss topics and Mexico University. After a programs that will benefit while, she decided to put many age groups in the her schooling on hold, and county. The extension office gain some life experiences. will be working to update Returning to ENM their website, as well as offer a University, she completed facebook page and newsletter her Bachelor of Science to provide information on advantages.

Hee Haw set March 27-29

Music and singing will be for groups. Reservations

Haskell Co. 4-H reschedules Fashion/Photography Shows

Fashion/Photography Show the photography pictures has been rescheduled. It was entered in the photography originally set for March 2 at contest will be from 1:30 to Paint Creek ISD cafeteria/ 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will auditorium. Due to bad be served during that time. weather it was cancelled.

Paint Creek ISD cafeteria/ p.m.

The annual Sagerton held an hour before the for group tickets may be Hee Haw will be on March Hee Haw program begins. 27, 28 and 29, beginning The program for Thurs., at 8:00 p.m. each evening. March 27, is especially

The Haskell County 4-H auditorium. Viewing of

The Fashion/ The rescheduled date Photography awards is Sun., March 23 at the program will begin at 2:30

will hold an Open House Meet and Greet on Monday, March 24 from 5 to 6 p.m. They are very pleased with the updates to the facility and want to give Haskell County residents an opportunity to check it out. It will also be the perfect time to get acquainted with Black and Jason Westbrook CEA/Ag, who has been on the job since August.

Black and her husband Trey have a seven year old daughter. She expects them to join her in Haskell after the school year has ended. She also has an older brother.

Black says that when she began looking for job opportunities as an extension agent, she specifically looked for a small town setting. Having been raised in a small town, she knows the many

made by calling 940-997-2688.

Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances may be ordered by calling 940-997-2688 or by coming to 1825 FM 1661, Sagerton, for tickets.

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.

is \$5.00 each.

Tues., March 25 is **National Ag Day**

Agency (FSA) Executive Director Judith A. Canales, encourages everyone to take a moment to appreciate the hard working farmers and ranchers in Texas on March 25, National Ag Day. This year's theme is "Agriculture: 365 Sunrises and 7 Billion Mouths to Feed."

USDA is proud to stand behind the producers who rise before dawn 365 days a year in order to put food on the table for 7 billion people.

"We recognize the importance of agriculture and hope that the recent passage of a new Farm Bill is a sign that 2014 will be a 'banner year for the industry," said Canales. There is no better way to show our support for farmers and ranchers than to begin implementing a new Farm Bill–legislation that will provide farmers, ranchers and consumers alike supportive results."

While the American economy is rebounding and gaining strength, the agricultural economy has remained strong and at its best. Looking ahead, the U.S. has seen a trend towards aging farmers; however, according to the recent Census of Agriculture, the nation is beginning to reverse that trend. There is an increase in the number of farmers under the age of 35.

And although the The price of the tickets agriculture industry promises a bright future, many

USDA Texas Farm Service farmers and ranchers are still recovering from natural disasters that occurred this year, including the continuing drought. Fortunately, these producers were still able to grow the commodities that Americans rely on in order to remain a food-secure nation. Our farmers and ranchers have also continued their legacy of protecting natural resources and environmentally sensitive land through the use of conservation programs.

> Please join FSA in celebrating America's farmers and ranchers-a selfless group of individuals who make up less than two percent of the world's population. They feed our country and make our nation secure. And, they supply quality foods to the rest of the world's seven billion people.

> From the clothes we wear, the foods we eat, the fuel we burn and the agricultural byproducts we use daily, American agriculture adds to the quality of our lives.

> None of the contributions of U.S. farmers and ranchers should be taken for granted, because no one can live without agriculture.

> Ag Day is a project of the Agriculture Council of America. For further Ag Day information and events visit www.agday.org. For information on programs administered by FSA, contact your local FSA office or visit us online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Capital Farm Credit to send payments to stockholders

receive an all-time record \$65 million cash patronage payment this spring.

The customer-owned lending cooperative

Haskell Co. Arrest Report

No arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of March 10-17:

Twenty-eight calls were made to 911.

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stockholders will soon of strong earnings in 2013, our customers," said Ben enabling it to maintain its Novosad, chief executive long tradition of returning profits to stockholders through its patronage apart from other financial program. Since 2006, institutions. We believe this Capital Farm Credit has is a benefit that strengthens returned over \$385 million customer relations and to its stockholders-equating to an effective annual rate reduction of 1.10 percent on services to support Texas an average loan.

> committed to the cooperative borrowing costs." principle of managing our capital, and our business in

> > **Robert Gonzales**

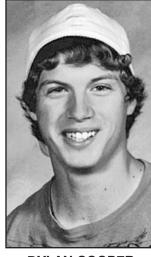
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Capital Farm Credit continued its track record general, for the benefit of officer. "Our ability to return patronage each year sets us reinforces our mission to provide financing and related agriculture-while affording "Capital Farm Credit is our membership lower net

> Capital Farm Credit has provided financing to texas farmers, ranchers and rural property owners for nearly a century. Headquarter in Bryan, it has nearly 70 offices spanning most of Texas.



DYLAN COOPER

Funeral services for Dylan Rae DeLane Cooper, 19, of Haskell were held Wed., March 19 at the First Baptist Church in Haskell. Burial was at Rochester Cemetery in Rochester under the

Calendar

at the Haskell Memorial Building Mon., March 17 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to help with sign ups.

Obituaries

Dylan Rae DeLane Cooper

Cooper passed away Sat.,

Born July 20, 1994 in Fort

Worth, he is the son of Shelly

(Slaton) and D.L. Cooper. He

enjoyed playing basketball,

video games and listening

to music. He loved spending

time with his family and

friends and was frequently

seen working along side

his parents at the family

business. Dylan was a 2012

graduate of Haskell High

death by his sister, Larissa

Rae Cooper; grandparents,

Dee and Shirley Cooper;

and grandmother, Sandra

Survivors include his

He was preceded in

Funeral Homes.

March 15.

School.

Lampe-Slaton.

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.

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.

4-H scholarships

The Haskell County Counties Beast Feast and a first come, first serve basis. 4-H program would like to Sunday Celebration will Deadline to place location on announce that a scholarship Sun., April 13, featuring Jay be available at the old Lions senior high school student Club building, west end of 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.

direction of Smith Family parents, D.L. and Shelly Cooper; sister, Cassidy Elkin and husband Eric; niece, Carissa Elkin, all of Haskell; grandfather, Joseph Weldon Slaton of Rule; great grandmother, Edna Slaton, also of Rule; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and family. He will be missed by so many.

Pallbearers for Dylan were Zachary Burns, Dustin Burns, Andrew Hearn, Rhett Lampe, Damien Winterstein and Brad Winterstein.

A fund has been established at First Bank Texas, 200 S. Ave. E, Haskell, Texas in Dylan's name.

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

PD. NOTICE

Baked potato lunch

A baked potato fund-raiser lunch has been rescheduled due to the fund-raiser for Mark Wallace. The new date is Sun., April 6 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell. Take-outs are available. Donations will be accepted. Funds will be used to help send the youth of First Baptist Church to summer camp.

AARP course

Sagerton Hobby Club will sponsor a AARP Driver Safety Program Tues., April 15 from one to five p.m. at the Sagerton Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. This course is for motorists age 50 or older. Cost is \$15.00. The course provides researchbased information to help older drivers update their driving knowledge and skills. Deadline to register is Tues., April 8. Persons interested may call Joyce LeFevre at 940-997-2103.

Beast Feast

The Haskell/Knox be held Sat., April 12 and themapis April 25. Maps will is available for junior and 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

April 13 at the Haskell Civic Hospital Educational Center at 6 p.m. for the entire community.

Celebration will be held Sun.,

Noah Project

The Noah Project-North Advisory Committee will host their "Spring Fling" Sat., April 26, at the Haskell Civic Center. A silent auction, along with entertainment and a great meal with Mike Fouts as our emcee, is planned. If you or if you know anyone that would like to donate an auction item, call 940-864-2551 or contact any committee member.

Garage sale set in Rule

The City of Rule is sponsoring a community wide garage sale Sat., May 3 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Persons wishing to add their location to a city map or to reserve a booth, should go by Rule City Hall at 701 Union Ave. or call 940-996-2214. There is no charge to list your address or location. Booths will be available inside the old Lions Club building at no charge on

The meetings will be the first Monday of June, September and December at 6:00 p.m. in the Haskell County Library.

Cantata practice

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

Al-Anon

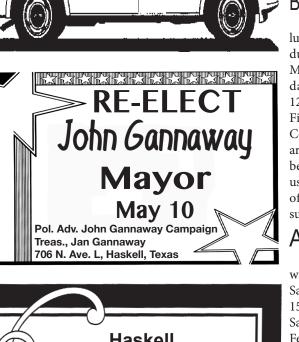
Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.

Vet office open

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

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.



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Haskell Chamber of Commerce Banquet Mon., March 31 6:30 p.m. **Haskell Civic Center**

Entertainment provided by Pam Gibson's Third Grade Choir Guest Speaker

Nicki Harle founder of TMCN Texas Midwest Community Network Tickets on Sale Now \$12.00

To purchase call the Chamber at

940-864-2477

Rule City Park, Sat., May 3.

Insurance enrollment

Open enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace ends March 31. Christal Martin with the West Central Texas Council of Governments will be

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society will begin having quarterly meetings in 2014.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO HASKELL COUNTY RESIDENTS

The current EMERGENCY ROOM entrance will no longer be available beginning this week due to construction. The entrance will temporarily be moved to the front or east side of the hospital (Avenue N). For nighttime use when the doors are locked, there is a buzzer and intercom available at the front door to notify the nursing staff of your arrival.

We apologize for the inconvenience and ask that everyone be patient with us during this construction improvement process.

Thank you, Haskell Memorial Hospital



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RULE 2014-15 CHEERLEADERS–Rule Junior High cheerleaders for 2014-15 include, I-r, Kennedy Fritzler, Vanessa Elmore, Kourtney Hertel, Leann Manske, Madalyn Navarrette and Crystal Aich.

Distance Learning and **Telemedicine** opportunities to expand in rural areas

telecommunications equipment to help expand access to education, create jobs and improve health care in 25 states.

"Expanding access to broadband will greatly improve educational and economic opportunities for rural residents," Vilsack said. "Broadband gives students more courses to choose from, more skills to use in high-paying jobs, and more opportunities to enroll in colleges and universities offering the best education available today. We must make needed investments to economy."

Tom Vilsack has support for more than 3,300 technical jobs to be filled by announced that the educational institutions local rural students. Obama Administration receiving distance learning is investing in rural services to help rural has invested almost children get an education \$150 million in the that is as good as that of Distance Learning and their peers in cities.

> being provided through complement other USDA USDA's Distance Learning efforts to improve rural and Telemedicine Loan communications. In FY and Grant program. It 2013, USDA provided provides funding to rural \$305 million in loans for hospitals, clinics, schools broadband infrastructure. and libraries for equipment These loans will result and technical assistance for in new or upgraded telemedicine and distance broadband service for learning. Grant recipients about 120,000 rural must demonstrate that households, businesses and they serve rural America, community institutions prove there is an economic once the projects are need and provide at least 15 completed. High-speed percent in matching funds.

The Region XIV connect our rural residents Education Service economic fortunes of rural to the 21st century Center in Abilene has America as electricity was technology that will help been selected to receive in the 1930s and 1940s. them compete in a global a \$288,192 Distance Learning and Telemedicine upon the recipient meeting "Schools and health care Grant to provide video the terms of the grant facilities in rural Texas teleconferencing have increasingly tighter technology throughout a 15 budgets each year. Distance county area in partnership plan for rural America Learning and Telemedicine with Cisco College, Ranger has brought about grants are powerful tools College and Western Texas historic investment and for providing expanded College. The counties resulted in stronger rural educational and medical included in the project are communities. Under the opportunities which Eastland, Taylor, Brown, President's leadership, otherwise may be Erath, Scurry, Shackelford, these investments in Jones, Stonewall, Callahan, housing, community Nolan, Stephens, Mitchell, facilities, businesses Comanche, Haskell and and infrastructure have Valentin, USDA Rural Fisher. The main focus will empowered rural America Development State be online career-oriented to continue leading classes. Teachers will be the way-strengthening This announcement able to make use of the America's economy, of nearly \$16 million in technology to provide an small towns and rural integrated approach of communities. USDA's mentoring students from investments in rural services helps to support elementary through college level work. The partnership ConnectED initiative. will provide distance In June 2013, President learning opportunities to students with the required effort to connect 99 percent education and resources needed for local careers, high-speed Internet over including those in shale oil the next five years. Since production. This training Come to **Communication Connection** in Haskell and EDGE up! VERIZON EDGE Upgrade on your terms. Now offered in Haskell! Some restrictions apply. verizonwireless Communication | Premium Retailer Connection

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Agriculture Secretary 2009 USDA has provided will allow high demand

Since 2009, USDA Telemedicine program. These investments are These investments broadband access is as vital to the educational and

> Each award is contingent agreement.

> President Obama's communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values.



RULE 2014-15 CHEERLEADERS–Rule High School cheerleaders for 2014-15 include, I-r, Christina Moore, Courtney Andrews, Jessica Gutierrez, Taylor Kimbro and Michaela Martinez. Not pictured is Emily Speck.

Reed brings Study Club program

Library meeting room.

president, introduced of each item. Reed who spoke of living in different towns and the to name a woman that hardship of raising her family influenced them in their life after the sudden death of and the impression they had her husband. Reed spoke of made on them. Several names different ventures she had tried and decided she enjoyed the arts and crafts shows

was the guest speaker for the them. She has a booth at treasurer's report were given Haskell Progressive Study Kaleidoscope, located on Club meeting Thurs., March the east side of the square 14 held in the Haskell County in Haskell. Several items of Reed's work were on display Susan Turner, first vice and she explained the making

> Turner asked the group were told, some deceased and some alive today.

Elaine Reed of Haskell the most and would enter that followed, minutes and and approved. Members were reminded of the TFWC Spring Convention to be held in Albany Sat., March 15.

> Franciene Johnson and Susan Turner volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were served from a table laid with a white cloth and holding a large shamrock. Hostesses were Nelda Lane, Susan Turner, Evelyn Cobb In the business meeting and Oleta Cornelius.

Brazos West Art Assn.

brought her greeting card her assorted collection cookies. components to the Brazos of stickers, stamps, lace, West Art association crimped paper and Betty Hook, Pansy Harris, meeting March 10 in the simulated jewels. Church of Christ annex.

Workforce **Solutions** hiring event is today

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas will sponsor a hiring event for local employers in the Stamford area Thurs., March 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Stamford City Hall-Castle room.

Nelwyn Beakley of Rule greeting cards from many types of delicious

Hostesses Joyce Ivy Those present designed and Jessie Hill served Nelwyn Beakley and Peggy and fashioned unique wonderful sandwiches and Middlebrook.

Those present were Gayle White, guest Jax White, Joyce Ivy, Jessie Hill,

4-H Club news

The Haskell County 4-H Clubs will hold their March 4-H club meeting Sunday afternoon, March 23 at the Haskell County Extension Office from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Any youth 8 years old and in the third grade through the twelfth grade are welcome to come and join.

The group will meet and fill candy bags for the Haskell County Food Bank. Also, the upcoming 4-H events and contests will be discussed, followed by refreshments.

For more information, contact the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 or 864-2546.

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unavailable to students and residents of rural communities," said Paco Director of Texas.

USDA grants for distance learning and telemedicine President Obama's Obama announced an of America's students to

This hiring event 1s designed to connect individuals seeking employment with local employers of Stamford area. If you would like to participate as a job seeker or an employer contact; sherry. byard@workforcesystem. org or call 325-795-4260 for more information.

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OPINION

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION



Many registered but few voted in primaries AUSTIN-Looking back at the March 4 primaries, Texas boasted 13,601,324 voters registered in time to cast a ballot.

An estimated 9 percent of the overall number of registered voters (about 1.3 million) voted in the Republican primary and 4 percent (500,000) voted in the Democratic primary.

Runoffs between the top two vote-getting candidates in a number of contests are scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, the day after the federal holiday, Memorial Day. Votes count big in any election, but as historic participation records reveal, the portion of the electorate that actually votes in runoffs is an even thinner slice of the whole. And voter turnout is especially low in mid-term (non-presidential election year) runoffs, as those set for May 27 will be. Usually about 2 percent of registered voters cast a ballot in those.

Next, let's look at the final component of the March 4 primary ballot-propositionsreflecting interests of the Texas Democratic and Texas Republican parties. Propositions and percentages of votes in favor or against each, as posted by Office of the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Division, are as follows.

Republican Prop. 1: Ability to freely express religious beliefs and prayer in public.

•In Favor: 1,311,353 (97.24%)

•Against: 37,117 (2.75%) Republican Prop. 2: Expanding locations where concealed handgun-permit holders may carry.

•In Favor: 1,160,360 (86.92%)

•Against: 174,594 (13.07%) Republican Prop. 3: Abolish the state franchise tax to encourage business growth.

•In Favor: 1,152,521 (88.47%)•Against: 150,132 (11.52%)

Republican Prop. 4: Welfare

HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

•In Favor: 495,788 (88.95%) •Against: 61,567 (11.04%) Democratic Prop. 4: On non-discrimination legislation. •In Favor: 488,148 (88.11%) •Against: 65,850 (11.88%) Tax revenue increases

State sales tax revenue in February was \$2.2 billion, up 5.8 percent compared to February 2013, State Comptroller Susan Combs said last week. "Sales tax revenue continues its growth streak and has now increased for 47 consecutive months," Combs said. "Growth in tax collections was seen across all major economic sectors including oil and gas, wholesale trade and the services sector." Combs said the state would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their March local sales tax allocations totaling \$553 million, up 4.1 percent compared to March 2013.

Protection ruling to come

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to protect the lesser prairie-chicken as threatened under the Endangered Species Act and a ruling on the bird's status is expected March 30.

The bird's Texas habitat includes short grass and mixed grass prairies in 24 counties of the Panhandle region, where energy companies have interests.

A lesser prairie-chicken advisory committee that first met in February 2010 produced a list of recommendations, and one was that industries operating in lesser prairiechicken habitat develop best management practices to minimize impact. Many oil and gas companies responded, saying they voluntarily would enroll acreage in a habitat conservation plan for the bird.

In 2012, a conservation compromise was struck between the State of Texas and the federal government over the listing and proposed protection of the dune sagebrush lizard and its West Texas shinnery



From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago March 18, 2004

Haskell Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Stocks, on behalf of the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department, accepted a check from the Texas Forestry Service for \$105,547. It was a 90% grant for a new brush truck. The county paid the remaining 10%. The truck was manufactured locally by Steele Fire Apparatus, owned by Bill Steele.

In observance of Rule's 100th year, J.C. "Buddy" Lewis, Rule's oldest male citizen, was honored at the Chamber of Commerce's 50th banquet. Also recognized with a Lifetime Service Award were L.W. "Doc" Jones and wife, Joy Davis Jones. His grandfather was the founder of Rule.

Danny Kierepka, crew chief for the Haskell County Department of Transportation maintenance section, was presented a Certificate of Service for his 20 year tenure with TxDOT.

20 Years Ago March 24, 1994

The Haskell Indian golf lines.

team placed third at the Anson Invitational Golf Meet. Team members and their scores are Mart Guess, 84; Mik Everett, 86; Patrick Middleton, 87; and Matt Perry, 90. Administrator Rita Mooney has announced that Healthcare Centers of Texas, Inc. has acquired the ownership of Haskell Nursing Center. It will now be known as Haskell Healthcare Center.

state meet. They placed fifth out of twenty in Class 2A. Coached by teacher Bonnie his years of service as a dealer Fouts, team members are for the company. He joined Lyle Fouts, Sarah Cothron, Pioneer as a dealer in 1968. Jennifer Comedy, Wendy Dulaney, Matt Blanks, Shelly Palacios, Tonya Burson, Amy Cunningham, Kelli Cunningham, Carol Thornhill and Mary Kay Watson.

30 Years Ago March 22, 1984

Abe Turner, president Campbell, Jessie Couch, of Haskell National Bank, was named Outstanding Lorene Haynes, Lois Citizen for 1983, at the Howard, Bonnie Loewe, annual Haskell Chamber Evelyn Mercer and Verla of Commerce banquet. The Townsend. award was presented by Chamber president Tom Harper, son of Mrs. Watson.

27 year old Ray Herring completed nine days of of Munday, received the jungle warfare training on 1984 Texas Rural Heroism Irimote Island, home of the Award for saving the life of brigade's Jungle Warfare a B-K Electric service man. Training Center. He is a He is credited with saving the 1954 graduate of Rochester life of Bill Longan, who was High School. connecting electricity to an irrigation well on Herring's son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene farm when he became Overton of Paint Creek, entangled in the electrical was one of the winners in a

40 Years Ago

Letter to the Editor

Dear editor,

I just want to send out a huge 'Thank you" to all those who braved the sleet and snow to attend our fund-raiser at the Experienced Citizens Center Sun., March 2. When it started to snow and sleet, I was a little concerned, but then you made our day by bravely attending.

It is a wonderful comfort to know that when we ask for help, you deliver and it comes in leaps and bounds with love from our caring community.

We were humbled by your support of the Center, and the wonderful donations that were received.

'Thank You' is just not enough, but it is given from our hearts and we know how much you have helped us during hard times of your own.

As you know, we deliver to the home bound, who can't get a meal any other way. It is an honor to serve these lovely seniors and I know there are many more in our community that could use our help. If you know of someone we could reach out to, and deliver them a meal, please let me know. Some of these precious seniors are lonely and we brighten their day by visiting, but we are the ones that receive the blessings from their smiles, hugs and thanks.

Just give me a call at 940-864-3875 and we will take it from there.

Sincerely, Jennabeth Kimbrough Director, ECC

recipients to be tested for drugs before receiving benefits. •In Favor: 1,280,839

(94.90%)

•Against: 68,729 (5.09%)

Republican Prop. 5: Elected officials and staff be subject to same laws as constituents.

•In Favor: 1,344,230 (99.36%)

•Against: 8,583 (0.63%) Republican Prop 6: Repeal The Affordable Care Act.

•In Favor: 1,253,915 (93.00%)

•Against: 94,310 (6.99%) Democratic Prop. 1: Immigration reform. •In Favor: 477,578 (86.46%) •Against: 74,744 (13.53%) Democratic Prop. 2: A living wage for all Texans. •In Favor: 498,360 (89.09%) •Against: 60,977 (10.90%) Democratic Prop. 3: Medicaid expansion.

oak dunes habitat where oil, gas and wind energy development operations are sited.

DWI enforcement steps up

Texas Department of Public Safety on March 6 announced a planned increase of DWI patrols, before, during and after spring break, running from March 7 to March 23. For the duration of the enforcement period, state troopers' focus has been on "high-risk locations" at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

During last year's spring break enforcement period, the agency reported, more than 1,000 DWI arrests with enforcement also were made, resulting in more than 11,400 speeding citations, 1,600 seat belt/child safety seat tickets, 552 fugitive arrests and 463 felony arrests during the period.

The Haskell High School math and science team

March 21, 1974

the Cofield Department Store closing out sale. Heidenheimer's bought the Cofield store last week.

Les Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Lane of Haskell, and a member of Haskell High School FFA, was high point individual in the Land Judging contest sponsored by the California Creek Soil and

competed at the TMSCA Associates of Rule, has been called on business.

Louisana. He has taught Hundreds attended English at Sam Houston Junior High in Garland before entering the service.

100 Years Ago March 28, 1914

honored by Pioneer Hi-Bred

Company of Plainview for

50 Years Ago

March 19, 1964

Haskell County Hospital

School of Vocational Nursing

will be awarded diplomas

by hospital administrator

Cotton Foster. Graduates

are Ivonne Black, Hortense

Caroline Cox, Ruth Ezell,

Army Captain William

Private William Overton,

talent contest sponsored by

the 5th Brigade at Fort Polk,

Una Hines of Rochester,

Ten graduates of the

E.M. Morris was called to Anson Tuesday on some engineering work.

Addie and Walter Tompkins have returned to Simmons College at Abilene.

C.C. Cunningham of Water Conservation District. Goree, spent Tuesday night Paul Brown of Paul Brown in this city where he was

March sales tax receipts reported

March 2013. 2014 payments

comparison to \$41,757.93 for

March 2013. 2014 payments

2013 payments to date of

filers.

\$133,952.67.

\$125,247.20.

tax revenue in February was \$2.2 billion, up 5.8 percent compared to February 2013.

"Sales tax revenue continues its growth streak and has now increased for 47 consecutive months," Combs said. "Growth in tax collections was seen across all major economic sectors including oil and services sector."

Combs sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their March local sales tax allocations totaling \$553 million, up 4.1 percent compared to March 2013.

The sales tax figures 132.65 percent increase for



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Texas Comptroller Susan represent January sales March 2014 of \$472.42 in Combs said that state sales reported by monthly tax comparison to \$203.06 for March 2013. 2014 payments Haskell County had a to date of \$1,064.88 reflect a 1.67 percent decrease for 12.69 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of March 2014 of \$43,743.68 in \$944.92. comparison to \$44,488.71 for

The City of Rochester had to date of \$139,862.95 reflect a 25.70 percent increase for a 4.41 percent increase over March 2014 of \$474.78 in 2013 payments to date of comparison to \$377.68 for March 2013. 2014 payments The City of Haskell had to date of \$1,573.15 reflect a gas, wholesale trade and the a 2.97 percent decrease for 10.42 percent increase over March 2014 of \$40,516.99 in 2013 payments to date of \$1,424.67.

> The City of Rule had a to date of \$129,317.09 reflect 19.35 percent increase for a 3.24 percent increase over March 2014 of \$2,217.89 in comparison to \$1,858.26 for March 2013. 2014 payments The City of O'Brien had a to date of \$7,146.80 reflect a 26.42 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of \$5,653.09.

> > The City of Weinert had a 78.88 percent decrease for March 2014 of \$61.60 in comparison to \$291.78 for March 2013. 2014 payments to date of \$761.03 reflect an 11.45 percent increase over 2013 payments to date of \$682.79.

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 statelimited-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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INDIAN PITCHER-Haskell Indian Cade Colley on the mound for the Indians.



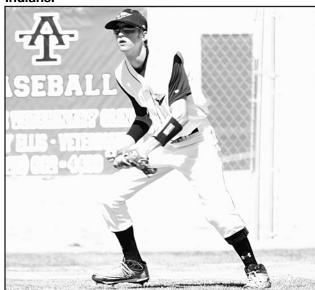


MAIDEN PITCHER-Haskell Maiden senior Madison Homeyer worked in the circle during the matchup against the Anson Lady Tigers.

INDIAN SNAG-Haskell Indian Dakota Silvas makes a snag in the outfield in the game against the Anson Tigers.



INDIAN CATCHER-Haskell Indian catcher senior Jarred Escobedo works behind the plate for the Indians





MAIDEN PITCHER-Haskell Maiden pitcher Cailey Foster is on the mound with Maiden catcher Breezy Gibbs behind the plate.





MAIDEN AT BAT-Haskell Maiden Laura Fuentes takes her turn at bat during a recent outing for the Maidens.



MAIDEN HIT-Haskell Maiden Krysta Winegeart is at bat for the Maidens. During the game against Anson, she had a two-run single in the first inning.



READY FOR ACTION-Haskell Indian senior Kyle Kimbrough is ready in right field during the recent game in Anson against the Anson Tigers.



TIGER IN A PICKLE–Haskell Indian third baseman Henry Smith has an Anson Tiger in a pickle.



GOT IT-Haskell Indian Ryan Pace catches a fly ball during the game against Anson.

MAIDEN CATCHER-Haskell Maiden catcher Breezy Gibbs works behind the plate.

MAIDEN TAG-Haskell Maiden junior Jacie Klose gets the tag on an Anson Lady Tiger with Maiden Maddy Williams in the backup position.

Maidens offense too much for Anson team

jumped out to an early lead double by Chelsea Chavez, against Anson and captured a two-run home run by a 20-2 victory Tues., March Madaline Williams, and a 11 at Anson.

Fourteen runs in the first three innings allowed the Maidens to put the game away early.

A two-run double by Gibbs during the second

Player of the week

Homeyer, pitcher, was named two doubles and four RBIs to the Abilene Reporter- in a game against Anson. News Big Country Other Top She worked four scoreless Performers Tues., March 18. innings in the circle with

Haskell Maiden Madison went three for four with

two-run single by Krysta

and an RBI triple by Breezy

The senior Maiden eleven strikeouts.

The Haskell Maidens Madison Homeyer, an RBI inning fueled the Maidens' Maidens' pitcher gave up offense early.

> Chavez racked up four RBIs on three hits for Haskell.

Williams baffled Anson, Winegeart the first inning and an RBI single by Chavez, an RBI single by Williams,

just one hit over four shutout innings.

The Maidens pounded Anson pitching, as eight hitters combined for 20 hits, striking out 11 batters. The 19 RBIs and scored 14 runs.

Area track results

The Haskell Indians and Maidens competed in the 42.05. Hamlin Pied Piper relays last weekend.

The Indians placed in sixth place with 51.7 points. 52.58.

Discus: 3. Weise, 122-4. 800: 1. Smith, 2:07.33. 400: 1. Bell, 53.07.

300 hurdles: 1. Dever,

The Maidens placed eighth with 28 points.

400 relay: 3. Haskell

The Rule Bobcats also competed and tied Eula for twelfth place with 10 points.

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SDA enhances farm storage facility loan program

announced the expansion of the Farm Storage and Facility Loan program, financing to producers. The enhanced program includes 22 new categories of eligible equipment for fruit and vegetable producers, and makes it easier for farmers and ranchers around the country to finance the equipment they need to grow and expand.

This is part of a broader effort to help small and midsized farmers and ranchers, as announced recently by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Producers with small and mid-sized operations, and specialty crop fruit and vegetable growers, now have access to needed capital for a variety of supplies including sorting bins, wash stations and other food safety-related equipment. A new more flexible alternative is also storage needs for fruit and vegetable producers, and waivers are available on a case-by-case basis for disaster

of Agriculture (USDA)has coverage if available products are not relevant or feasible for a particular producer.

which provides low-interest Storage and Facility Loans facilities for fruits and security requirements have been eased for loans between \$50,000 and Farm Storage and Facility \$100,000. Previously, all loans in excess of \$50,000 required a promissory note and additional security, such as a lien on real estate. Now loans up to \$100,000 can be secured by only a promissory note.

"The Farm Storage and Facility Loan program has helped American farmers and ranchers to finance onfarm storage for almost 13 years," said Farm Service Agency Administrator (FSA), Juan M. Garcia. "We anticipate these changes will increase the number of individuals who qualify for these loans and help them access new market opportunities."

The low-interest funds can provided for determining be used to build or upgrade permanent facilities to store commodities. Eligible commodities include grains, oilseeds, peanuts, pulse

This Week's Devotional Message:

biomass commodities, fruits and vegetables. Qualified facilities include grain bins, Additionally, Farm hay barns and cold storage vegetables.

> Other new changes to the Loan program will allow

Credit Corporation's lien position. These changes to the

program were issued via an official notice to state and about tools and resources county Farm Service Agency available to small and midoffices and are effective sized farmers will be rolled immediately.

grain storage capacity by 900 million bushels since May 2000.

More information out in the coming months, More than 33,000 loans including information FSA State Committees to have been issued for on- about access to capital, Program.

If you have money

fairly simple to avoid using

overdraft protection. Ask

your bank if you can connect

your savings account to

your checking account so

that if you overdraw the

checking account, money

will automatically roll over

from the savings account

The U.S. Department assistance or insurance crops, hay, honey, renewable subordinate Commodity farm storage, increasing risk management, food safety, and locating market opportunities on USDA's Small and Mid-Sized Farmer Resources webpage.

> Visit www.fsa.usda.gov or an FSA county office to learn more about FSA programs and loans, including the Farm Storage Facility Loan

Make overdraft protection work for you

"declined" message when of funds before your next in a savings account, it's using a debit card, but if you have ever faced a \$30 plus overdraft fee, you know it is a situation you would also like to avoid. Almost every financial institution offers some kind of "overdraft protection," also called "overdraft privilege," which allows you to spend more than what's currently available in your checking account. Given the charge that usually accompanies these overages, bank customers should think of the service as a safety net that allows access to funds when you've made an error balancing your checking

No one likes to get a account or you're in need deposit.

> While incurring an overdraft fee is never ideal, there are ways that you can avoid doing so unwillingly. Or, if you find yourself in need of the service, there are ways to use it wisely. Below are a few tips to consider:

to cover the expense. While Opt Out At one point or another, some banks charge a nominal you may have "opted in" fee every time you use this service, the fee is typically

fee.

to overdraft fees on ATM transactions and debit lower than a full overdraft card purchases. All bank customers have the option of "opting out" of the service, which will lead your bank to decline these transactions rather than cover them with funds beyond your current balance.

Know Your Real Balance

While many of us are in the habit of checking our bank balances online to determine whether we have money to spend in real time, it's easy to get in trouble by relying solely on that displayed amount. If you use your debit card to buy gas, for instance, it usually takes several days for the full charge to come out of your account. Rather than relying on online balances, it's safer to use the account ledger that comes with a checkbook to keep a running tally of what you've already spent, including online payments that may not be deducted from your account yet. This extra step will help determine the real amount you have to spend and keep you out of unnecessary trouble.

offered daily. Balancing your account

your overdraft safety net before your next deposit, you're better off withdrawing the total funds you foresee needing in one transaction, rather than using your debit card at multiple locations. Most banks assess a full overdraft fee for each charge or withdrawal made while an account is overdrawn. That means it's cheaper for you to make one large cash withdrawal to access emergency funds rather than making several smaller withdrawals over the course of a few days until your

Minimize the Fees If you truly need to access

account is replenished.

Haskell School Menu

Lunch

Milk variety is available at every meal.

Monday: Beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles Tuesday: Two crispy tacos, garden salad, charro beans, cinnamon applesauce

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas

Thursday: Spaghetti Thursday: Waffles and with meat sauce, garden salad, savory green beans, breadstick, sliced peaches Friday: Hot dogs, sweet

potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit

Rule School Menu

March 24-28 Breakfast

Fresh fruit, juice or milk are

refried beans, applesauce Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll,

Wednesday: Chicken fajitas,

charro beans, seasoned

Thursday: Chicken

spaghetti, salad, baby

carrots, breadsticks, apple

Friday: Fish strips, sweet

potato fries, coleslaw, sliced

corn, salsa, orange smiles

strawberry cup

When winter snows have left the earth The air is filled with songs of birds, And warmer breezes start to blow, Behold the annual rebirth,

When grass will soon begin to grow And tiny buds of leaves will sprout On limbs of trees in forest glades Then flowers soon will blossom out,

Exquisite in their pastel shades.

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 **Christian Church** Sun. 10:45 a.m. 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church avid White a Sunday 9:30 a., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 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 **New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors** Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p. Wed. 7 p. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church Rev. Jim McCurley

Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 6 p.m.;

Faith Chapel of Rochester Randy Hollingsworth, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m. Hwv. 6. Rochester -SAGERTON-Sagerton Methodist Church Cory Graham, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton **Faith Lutheran Church** Anna Robbins, pastor Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sagerton ·---RULE-**First Baptist Church**

Balance Your Account

Monthly

Milk variety and 100% fruit juice is available at every meal Monday: Sausage kolache

March 24-28

Breakfast

or cereal variety and Texas toast Tuesday: Sausage kolache

or cereal variety and Texas toast

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal variety and Texas toast

sausage or cereal variety and Texas toast

Friday: Breakfast taco or cereal variety and Texas toast

And humming insects will abound,

Do justice to each sight and sound

Or could describe each living thing

When nature comes alive in spring.

A scene of beauty, where no words

That signifies God's love for man,

Incorporated in the plan,

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor Sun. 9:45 a, 10:45 a, 5 p; Wed. 7 p

607 S. 7th, Haskell First United Methodist Church

Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor Sun. 9:45 a, 10:50 a, 6 p. Wed. 6 p 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell

First Assembly of God Rev. J.C. Amburn Sun. 9:45 a, 10:45 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell

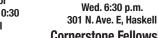
St. George **Catholic Church Father George Roney** Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell

Church of Christ Philip Sims, minister Sun. 9:30 a, 10:30 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p

510 N. Ave. E, Haskell First Presbyterian Church Kelly Pigott, interim pastor

Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell **Trinity Baptist Church** Larry White, pastor Sun. 10 a, 11 a, 6:30 p; Wed. 6:30 p 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a.; Wed. 7 p. 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell



Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Morris R. Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:30 a., 10:45 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p. 1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries Mark Wallace, pastor Church Service 10 a.m. West side of square, Haskell -WEINERT----

First Baptist Church Dan Bullock, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6 p., Wed. 7 p. Weinert

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Foursquare Church Rev. Robert Harrison Sunday 11 a.m Weinert -ROCHESTER-··

Church of Christ Mitchell Greer, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

West on Main Street, Rochester **First Baptist Church**

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

Union Chapel Baptist Church Clovis Dever Sun. 9:45 a, 10:45 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p Rochester

Scott Hensley, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p.; Wed. 7 p. 1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m. Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule

Church of Christ John Greeson, minister Sun. 9:45 a, 10:40 a, 6 p; Wed. 7 p 811 Union, Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista Alfa y Omegs Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.; Wed. 6 p. 500 Elm Street, Rule

> **Sweet Home Baptist Church Russell Stanley, pastor** Sunday 10 a.m. **Gladstone Ave.**, Rule 940-997-2296 West Bethal

Baptist Church Rev. Clovis Dever Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.; Wed. 7:30 p. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule -PAINT CREEK-

Paint Creek **Baptist Church** Sun. 10:00 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Paint Creek -O'BRIEN **O'Brien Baptist Church** Jim Reid, pastor Sun. 9:45 a, 11 a, 5 p, 6 p, Wed. 6 p **O'Brien**

monthly will not only help prevent overdrafts, but will also help ensure you identify unauthorized transactions. You only have so many days after receiving your statement to let your bank know about an unauthorized transaction. By picking a day at the beginning of each month to balance your account, you will have a firm grasp on where your money went that month, if the charges are correct and how much you have left. If you don't know how to balance your account, ask your community banker who will gladly teach you the process.

Ask for Forgiveness

Overdrawing your account can be frustrating and embarrassing, but it happens sometimes. However, if you never (or very rarely) overdraw your account, it doesn't hurt to ask your bank to waive the fee. Many banks are understanding of the rare mistake and are willing to both waive the fee and help you figure out what went wrong to avoid future missteps.

Set Up An Alternative "Backstop"

Monday: Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes Tuesday: Cereal, Texas toast Wednesday: Breakfast pizza Thursday: Waffles, sausage Friday: Breakfast pastry, yogurt

Lunch

Milk is served daily. Monday: Chicken quesadilla, salsa, salad,

Paint Creek School Menu

slices

peaches

March 24-28 Breakfast

Milk and juice are served daily.

Monday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy

Tuesday: Eggs, toast, sausage Wednesday: Oatmeal round, yogurt

Thursday: Pancakes, bacon Friday: Breakfast club Lunch

Milk is served daily.

Monday: Tangerine chicken, rice, broccoli, baby carrots, pears

Tuesday: Pizza, corn, salad, apples

Wednesday: Baked potatoes, ham, cheese, salad, fruit Thursday: Chicken Parmesan, green beans, salad, breadsticks, peaches Friday: Toasted ham and cheese, chips, salad, Rice Krispies

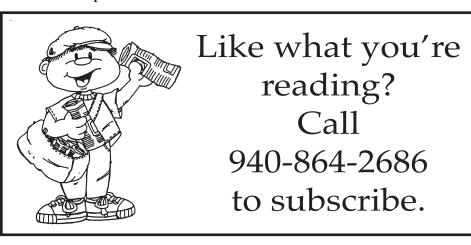
ECC Menu

Mon., March 24 Tacos and all the trimmings, Coke cake, tea or coffee

Wed., March 26 Veggie beef soup, tuna and pimento cheese sandwiches, pickles, onions, strawberry

cake, tea or coffee

Fri., March 28 Wendy's chili/wieners, pickles, onions, cornbread, misc. dessert, tea or coffee Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.



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Should you lease or buy lew •

If you're thinking about get to drive it, usually for letting your favorite charity 24 or 48 months, and at clunker, good for you! An added benefit of this good deed: it's a tax write-off. Now it's time to give some thought about whether to lease or purchase your next vehicle. For 20 percent of those in the market for a new car, it makes more sense to lease a vehicle, but the vast majority would fare better by buying the car. Below are tips to consider that will help you decide if leasing or purchasing is right for you.

Leasing Is Like Renting a Car for a **Specific Period of Time** You don't own the car,

It's time to get a new car. you just get to use it. You haul off your current the end of the lease you be a mistake to focus turn it in to the dealer solely on the monthly with or without the option payment as the decision to purchase the vehicle. maker. A rule of thumb During the term of the is that the lower interest lease, you will be expected to maintain the vehicle and the spread between the provide adequate insurance lease payment and loan coverage. You will also likely be limited on the higher interest rates are, the number of miles you're allowed to drive the vehicle. It's usually 12,000 miles per can vary as well. If you year but you can negotiate purchase, you pay the down more miles for an added payment, taxes, registration cost. How many miles you and other fees. If you lease, normally drive should you pay the first month's be a major factor in your payment, a refundable decision about whether to security deposit, a down lease or purchase a new car. payment, taxes, registration

Are Usually Less Than **Loan Payments**

However, it would rates are, the narrower payment. Conversely, the greater the savings when leasing. The upfront cost Monthly Lease Payments and other fees.

Educate Yourself Before Visiting the Car Dealer

There are certain terms you should be familiar with before you visit the dealer. The purchase price plus "acquisition fees" equates to the "capitalized cost" for the lease. It is that "capitalized cost" that is negotiable just like a purchase price. Any down payment or trade-in you make is considered a "capitalized cost reduction." vehicle's value at the end of the lease, and "closed-end lease," a lease that fixes that residual value at the end of the lease.

When the lease is over, expenses associated with

you may have to pay either a "purchase option fee" if you elect to purchase the vehicle or a "disposition fee" if you return the vehicle to the dealer. Those are fees to be aware of when you review any lease contract. When deciding if leasing is right for you, a few other things to consider include "early termination fees" and "excessive wear costs." If you elect to terminate the lease early, you will be You should also be familiar charged a percentage of the with the terms "residual remaining lease balance, value," a prediction of the which can be almost as much as the lease balance itself. Although your lease will allow for normal wear and tear of the vehicle, you will be expected to pay any

"excessive wear and tear" when the lease terminates. What's Right for You?

If you like to upgrade your car every few years to the latest and greatest model, then leasing may be the best option for you. On the other hand, if you keep your vehicles for ten years before contemplating making a change, purchasing makes more sense. While leasing may allow you to get a more expensive model for the same monthly payment, remember to consider the total cost and not just the monthly payment. Finally, if you are self-employed, you may be able to write off lease payments as a business expense.

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HASKELL MEMORIAL Hospital is seeking PRN LVNs for both shifts. A current Texas license is required with one year hospital experience preferred. Applicants must also have computer skills, with previous EMR system experience a plus. Haskell



son HASKELL **HEALTH CARE** CENTER 1504 No First St. Haskell

just outside the city limits of the City of Haskell on South Business Highway 277. The property is legally described as the A00490 H and TC RR. SUR NO. 2, 0 BLK 1 TRACT 13-1 ACRES. Physical Address is 1300 S. Ave. E. It is listed as property #4011 with the Haskell County Appraisal

SCRAP

Cans, Batteries, etc.

Recycling

acquired by the Haskell

Volunteer Fire Department

at 3 p.m., the Board of Commissioners for the Haskell Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five-Year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place in the Community Center located at the Haskell Housing Authority at 702

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INVITATION FOR BIDS Haskell County will receive bids for its TDHCA HOME Program #1001717 RSP#2011-0110 until 2:00 p.m. on April 7, 2014, at Haskell County Courthouse, 1 Ave D, Haskell, Texas 79521 to complete the reconstruction of Five (5) single family units with 1157 square feet per unit. All units must be completed within 150 days from the notice to proceed or no later than October 31, 2014. Only contractors with a minimum of 5 years of successful home building will be accepted. If you are a first time bidder on the TDHCA HOME Program, a list of references will be required and will be reviewed. To demonstrate contractor's qualifications to perform the work, Contractor shall submit written evidence such as financial data, present commitments and such other data as may be called for in the Contractor's Qualification Statement. Contractor shall provide a construction bond covering all projects awarded or standby letter of credit with requirements and conditions as specified for the total amount of projects to be awarded. Contractor must provide proof of Liability Insurance and Builders Risk Insurance. All work must meet the following codes: Texas Minimum Construction Standards (TMCS), Texas Minimum Construction Specifications (TMC Specs), International Residential Code (IRC), Texas Government Code 2306.514, all local building codes, standards and specifications. Contractor must ensure that employees/applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, or, national origin. The contract will be subject to Section 3 requirements. The bid packages will be available at County Courthouse on March 21, 2014. Haskell County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any formality in the bidding. Bids will be opened publicly at the Haskell County Courthouse on April 8, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. The County may hold bids for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to contract award. Contract award will be made to lowest responsible qualified bidder. The County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and supports Equal Housing Opportunity. Anyone wishing to protest the procurement procedures should submit a written complaint to: David Davis, County Judge Haskell County 1 Ave. D Haskell, Texas 79521 Location of properties to be reconstructed: 1. 201 Branner (In City of Rule)

2. 802 Union (In City of Rule)

3. 813 McCarty (In City of Rule)

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Wheat pests impacted by unusual weather

by Jason Westbrook CEA-Ag, Haskell Co. SITUATION

Unfortunately, we know all too well that the dry land wheat is hurting for water. And, irrigated fields with limited water are just hanging on. The freezing temperatures are also burning back the reproductive capacity. leaves. This is not a very you are an eternal optimist the rains will be coming soon.

temperatures have also had a detrimental impact on the pest complex. There is very little or no pest activity at this time. Usually by the middle of March, aphid infestations (greenbugs, Russian wheat aphids, Bird cherry oat aphids) are beginning to be a concern. And with the drought conditions the past few years, brown wheat

are not active now, do not if we start with 1,000 female think they will not become a problem. As temperatures do begin to warm up, damaging populations could still develop from those that have survived the extreme conditions. This is because aphids and mites have a high

The reproductive capacity encouraging report, but if of greenbugs increases dramatically at temperatures between 55 degrees to 75 degrees and Russian wheat

adults and each gave birth to an average of 3 nymphs a day within a week (3x7 days = 21 nymphs/female) there would be 21,000 aphids in week 2. Then if the population continued increasing by 3 per day there could be 441,000 aphids by week 3. So, depending on the temperatures and the number of aphids starting out, heavy damaging infestations can develop quickly.

Brown wheat mites are

Our extreme cold aphid at temperatures between 50 degrees to 70 just as prolific as the aphids. degrees. Both of these aphids All brown wheat mites are females. They lay eggs which give birth to two to five living young per day, depending on hatch in about 7 days, giving the temperatures. The young rise to multiple generations nymphal aphids will mature in a very short period of time. to an adult in five to seven And, drought conditions are days and will begin giving ideal for the build up of heavy birth to more living nymphal infestations. aphids. All of the aphids are Since these wheat pests can become problematic females and each female will reproduce for about three rather quickly, begin mites are usually active by weeks. As an example of the checking fields if you have now. Just because these pests high reproductive capacity, not already begun scouting. Weed and brush management workshop set March 25 by Jason Westbrook County. "The purpose of be presented by AgriLife this workshop is to acquaint Extension personnel and

CEA-Ag, Haskell Co. The Texas A&M AgriLife

Extension Service office in Jones County will conduct a Weed and Brush Management Seminar for Pasture and Rangelands from 8:30 a.m. until noon March 25 in the Lawrence Hall Activity Center at 801 23rd St. in Anson.

"Controlling unwanted weeds and brush in our pastures is a constant battle," said Steve Estes, AgriLife Extension agent in Jones

Weather

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

Mon., March 10...... 63º/27º Tues., March 11......74º/27º Wed., March 12...... 89º/37º Thurs March 13 620/280

our producers with the company representatives will latest, best and most cost effective control methods now available. There are some Management, Ralph Porter, new products out there this season, so if anyone has been out of the loop regarding the Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife new herbicides now available, this workshop would be well worth their time if controlling weeds and brush is in their Range and Pasture, Gerald future."

Individual registration fee and Porter. will include a catered meal. Estes asks those planning to attend to preregister by March 21 by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Jones County at 325-823-2432. More workshop information TV, Abilene. can also be obtained at that number.

of Agriculture continuing ADM Alliance Nutrition, education units, two Morgan Mill. integrated pest management and one general, will be conclude after lunch. available for those with a private applicators license.

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•Maximizing Forage Utilization for Livestock, Three Texas Department Tony Ballinger, beef specialist,



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