

## AgriLife

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"Our featured speaker will be Missy Bauer, an independent crop consultant with B&M Crop Consulting out of Coldwater, Michigan. She's the Farm Journal associate field agronomist and coordinates the Farm Journal test plots in the eastern Corn Belt. She's also an agronomist for Corn College TV, which airs on RFD-TV. I think she'll have some very useful information to pass on for our growers.

"We'll segue to resistant weeds, which are an ever increasing headache for farmers. Dr. Peter Dotray, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas Tech weed scientist, and Adam Hixson with BASF Corporation, both of Lubbock, will address the issue."

The clinic is free, including the noon meal, but an RSVP is required by March 9 as seating is limited. To RSVP or for more information, call the AgriLife Extension office in Castro County at 806-647-4115 or Ray Lee Equipment at 806-647-3324.

Clinic topics will include:

- How to Identify a Good Stand and Set Your Goals for Planting Execution.

- How to Evaluate the Soundness of Your Planter.

- How to Set Your Planter for the Best Performance Possible.

- How to Manage Weeds in a Resistance Situation.

- How to Optimize Your Crop Protection Levels with Innovative Technologies.

*Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.*

## Swisher Electric To Hold Meeting March 26

**SWISHER ELECTRIC  
HOLDS 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
MEETING**

Cooperative members  
share meal, vote

All Members of Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc. are invited to attend its 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be held Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Senior Citizens Center located at 618 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Tulia, Texas. Registration and the self-serve buffet supper begins at 6:30 p.m.

Positions one and two will be electing directors for a three year term. Position 1 Nominees are Jimmy Burson and Elton Cantwell; Position two Nominees are Rank Cogdell and Clinton Henderson. Votes must be cast by 7:15 p.m. when the business meeting begins.

Incumbent **Jimmy Burson** became a director in 2009 and is currently serving as board secretary. He and his wife Rhenda have three children and nine grandchildren. Jimmy is a rancher and lifelong resident of Briscoe County. He obtained a business degree in industrial management from Texas Tech University. Burson is serving as Precinct 1 Briscoe County Commissioner and has been a commissioner for six years. He has served as a Briscoe County judge for 10 years, seven years on the Silverton ISD School Board and a term on the state 911 Commission. In his spare time, Jimmy enjoys hunting and music.

**Elton Cantwell** has been part of the Silverton community for 82 years. After graduating high school and attending college for two years, he began farming in the Silverton area. The father of four children and 10 grandchildren, he is now retired and enjoying his hobbies of wood-working and old cars. Elton has served for many years on the

SEC nominating committee and is currently serving on the Mid-Plains board of directors.

With the retirement of board director, Gene Latham, and the appointment by the board of someone to fill the remainder of his term, Incumbent **Rank Cogdell** began serving on Swisher Electric's board of directors in the fall. Rank has lived his entire life in Northwest Briscoe County and the Vigo Park area. He and Toy have two sons. After graduating from Silverton High School and attending Texas Tech University, Rank returned home and began his agricultural career. Rank is a rancher and farmer, but in his spare time, he enjoys fishing, artifact-hunting and showing cutting horses. He has served on the Panhandle Cutting Horse Association Board, served for 23 years on the Briscoe NRCS Board and county committee and is currently serving on the Silverton School Board.

**Clinton Henderson** has lived in the Vigo Park area since 1963. After graduating from Tulia High School, his interest in diesel mechanics prompted him to study agricultural industrial equipment at Amarillo's Texas State Technical Institute, now Texas State Technical College, from which he graduated with a degree in applied physics. Clinton owns and operates Vigo Park Repair Service, doing ag repairs for farmers and ranchers since 1976. Not only is Henderson a businessman, he has been a member of the Vigo Park Volunteer Fire Department since its beginning in 1984 and is the acting fire chief. Clinton has served for many years on the SEC nominating committee. He also served four years with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commissions' Amarillo office, securing 911 addresses in the Vigo Park area. In his spare

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witness it. I had to realize that I couldn't be petting my dog and my cat and eating my chicken," she said.

"I mean, being vegan has changed my soul, I see the animals as individual beings, now, that I share this planet with."

It took some time for King-Sonnen's husband to come around to the idea of going from a cattle-rancher to animal-rescuer, but she said he is being very supportive. He currently is working on separating the bulls; they have several cows that are currently pregnant.

King-Sonnen's Facebook page is at facebook.com. Her Indiegogo page is at indiegogo.com.

time, Clinton enjoys archery.

Be sure to attend and vote for the director of your choice. All members attending the annual

meeting will receive a registration gift and will be eligible for the door prize drawings.

## Texas Registration

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