



### Baseball games

Haskell JV vs Holliday  
Fri., March 24, 4 p.m.  
at Holliday  
Haskell JV vs Seymour  
Sat., March 25, 1 p.m.  
at Haskell  
Haskell JV vs Eula  
Mon., March 27, 4:30 p.m.  
at Eula  
Haskell V vs Olney  
Tues., March 28, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell

### Softball games

Haskell V vs Anson  
Fri., March 24, 5 p.m.  
at Haskell  
Haskell JV vs Anson  
Fri., March 24, 6:30 p.m.  
at Haskell  
DeLeon Tournament  
Sat., March 25  
at DeLeon  
Haskell V vs Hawley  
Tues., March 28, 4:30 p.m.  
at Hawley  
Haskell JV vs Hawley  
Tues., March 28, 6 p.m.  
at Hawley

### Golf

Throckmorton Tournament  
Throckmorton Country Club  
9 a.m.  
Girls - Wed., Mar. 29  
Boys - Thurs., Mar. 30

### Track

Munday Track Meet  
Sat., March 25

### Calendar

#### Educational Foundation banquet

The Haskell CISD Educational Foundation's annual banquet will be held Sat., March 25 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Colonel William J. Ehrlic, CED, President of Abilene Industrial Foundation will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased from Foundation Board members.

#### Paint Creek Seniors to hold dinner

The Paint Creek Seniors will hold a brisket dinner Sun., March 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Paint Creek School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. Contact any Paint Creek Senior student for tickets or call Mrs. Shackelford at 864-2782. Tickets are available at the door.

#### Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., March 25 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:00 and the music will start at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

#### Calf roping

A calf roping will be held Sun., March 26 at 2 p.m. at the Haskell County Arena. B ropers will rope 3 for \$45 and open ropers will rope 3 for \$60. For more information call Carl Hopkins 940-849-3257 or Fred Hernandez 940-864-2493.

#### Garage sale

Haskell Chamber of Commerce will hold a community-wide garage sale Sat., April 8. Booths are available on the square for food and out-of-town vendors. A map will be distributed to shoppers on the day of the sale. A \$5 fee will be charged to be listed on the map. Registration forms are available at the Chamber office or by calling Janet Earle at 864-2631. Entry deadline is April 6.

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## Educational Foundation banquet set Sat.

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## Antique cotton gin restored by local ginner

by Mary Kaigler  
Mike Gage, new owner of the Haskell County Gin, has roots going back a long way in the business of ginning cotton. His great-grandfather built the first cotton gin in Arkansas.

Born and raised in Littlefield in the cotton country of the South Plains of Texas, Gage now lives in Lubbock. In addition to the Haskell County Gin, which he bought in January, he also owns a gin in Loraine.

The big metal building of the Haskell County Gin, located east of the High School Stadium, will soon hold a completely rebuilt modern cotton gin that will accommodate what everyone in this area, including new owner Gage,

hopes will be a bumper crop next season.

Although impressive in scope, perhaps that's what you'd expect to find in such a facility. What you wouldn't expect to see there, dwarfed by the enormous present

day gin stands of the Haskell County Gin, is an antique cotton gin stand that was built in 1873 by Daniel Pratt, an ante-bellum Southern industrialist who was at one time a partner of Eli Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin. It belongs to the Texas Cotton Ginners Association.

When the Association moved their offices into a historical building located near the Capital in Austin, they wanted an antique gin stand to put in the foyer. A year ago, Gage told them if they could find one he would restore it back as close as possible to its original state for them.

Found in an old barn, the gin stand had come out of the largest gin in the world of its time. Torn down in 1908, the large gin had housed 16 such gin stands and four presses, actually making it four complete gins in one building. Power driven by mules or steam, each of the stands could gin one and half bales of cotton per hour. (In way of contrast, new styles of gin stands today can turn out fifteen bales per hour.)

Meticulously replacing and rebuilding the parts and refinishing the massive pine frame with orange shellac, Gage says the gin stand, which has 70 saws, is capable of working. When built in 1873, such a stand with 90 saws cost \$280.00. The Daniel Pratt Cotton gin Manufactory made three different lines of gins. They sold for so much a "saw." A gin stand now costs 75 to 100 thousand dollars, and what we now call a "gin" will have several gin stands in operation.

Gage said the project to rebuild the gin stand would not have been possible without the help of B. C. Supply Co. of Lubbock, who furnished the parts and Joe Beane Saw Service of Lubbock, who furnished the supplies. He estimates that 150 man hours were spent in the restoration.

The 127-year-old gin stand will be in Haskell until April 6, when it will be transported to Lubbock for the Texas Cotton Ginners Association Trade Show, April 7. After that it will be in a permanent place of honor aptly befitting a pioneer in the industry in the Association's headquarters in Austin.

Mike Gage welcomes everyone to come by the Haskell County Gin to see the old gin stand. Certainly, having it here gives us a rare opportunity to look at and touch a piece of tangible evidence of an era gone by; one which so greatly influenced the direction of the agricultural, economic and social development in our country.



ANTIQUE COTTON GIN—Mike Gage, owner of Haskell County Gin, stands with the 127-year-old Daniel Pratt cotton gin stand he has

restored for the Texas Cotton Ginners Association to go in the foyer of their headquarters building in Austin later this year.

## Final results of March 14 primary election

Final results from the March 14 Primary vote on local Haskell County contested races showed Deputy David Halliburton, with 885 votes will be in a runoff for the Democratic nomination for Haskell County Sheriff, with Dan R. Griffith, who received 1063 votes. Both defeated Deputy Martin D. Coleman who received 292 votes in his bid to succeed Sheriff Johnny Mills, who is retiring.

In the Democratic nomination for Precinct 1 commissioner, Johnny Scoggins defeated Billy Wayne Hester with 316 votes to Hester's 287.

The Democratic nomination for Precinct 3 commissioner was won by Kenny Thompson who led Danny M. Medford 416 votes to 121 votes.

In the race for 39th District Attorney, Mike Fouts received 52.3 percent of the vote to take the Democratic nomination. District wide, Fouts got 2,102 of the 4,017

votes cast. Attorney Andrew Ottaway had 1,093 votes (27.2 percent), and Haskell County Attorney Bill Jones received 822 votes (20.5 percent).

Winning a plurality overall, Fouts had a close vote in three of the four counties in the district. In Haskell County he received 1,258. Jones took 483 votes and Andrew Ottaway got 475 votes. There were no Republicans candidates for the positions.

In the Haskell County Democrat Primary, Presidential candidate Al Gore received 1160 votes; Bill Bradley 455; and Lyndon LaRouche 63.

In the race for Democrat nomination for U.S. Senator, Charles Gandy received 194 votes; Don Clark 324; Bobby Wightman 242; H. Gerald Bintliff 79; and Gene Kelly 340.

Sharon Mullino was elected Haskell County Democratic Chairman.

In the Haskell County

Republican Primary, Presidential candidate George W. Bush received 41 votes; and Alan Keyes 4.

For the Republican nomination for U. S. Representative, Dist. 17, Darrell Clements received 15 votes and Shane Hunt received 18 votes.

For Republican nomination for Railroad Commissioner, Andy Draughn, received 12 votes and Michael L. Williams received 20 votes.

For Republican nomination for Presiding Judge, Co. Crim. Appeals, Tom Price got 16 votes;

Sharon Keller, 7; J. Gary Trichter, 4; and Connie K. Kelley, 4. For nomination for Judge, Co. Crim. Appeals, Pl. 1, Tom Greenwell got 10 votes; Guy Williams 4; John Boston 2; Charles Holcomb 8; Alan Curry 4.

For Republican nomination for Judge, Co. Crim Appeals, Pl. 2, W. B. House got 9; Sally Ray 3; Jim Wallace 7; Barbara Parker Herbey 5; Pat Barber 3.

Richard Palma was elected Haskell County Republican Chairman.



BEST OF SHOW—The 1940 Dodge pickup belonging to Les Wilson of Garland, won first place in the Street Rods Class, and also captured the People's Choice and Best of Show Awards at the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show held Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 18-19.

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I especially thank all of my family for their love and support.

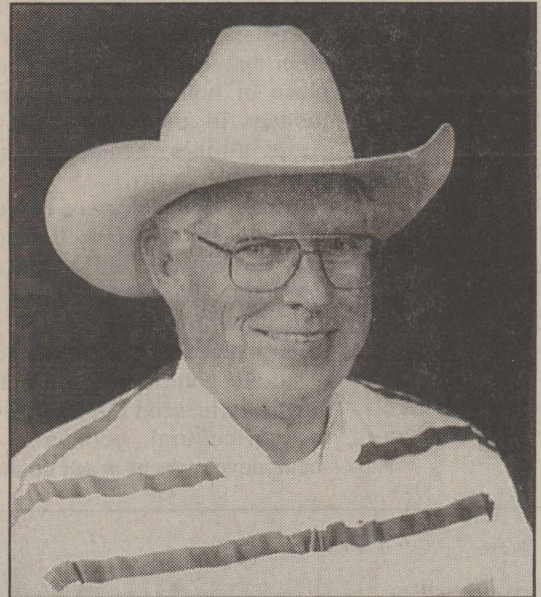
I still say I had fun and I have no regrets.

We teach our children that it doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's how you played the game.

Congratulations to the real winners in this election; I'm very proud for each of you.

**Danny Medford**

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for  
**SHERIFF**  
of Haskell  
County

I would like to thank the people of Haskell County who showed their support and trust in me by honoring me with their vote in the primary and placing me in a run-off election on April 11th.

I am also, asking for the citizens who voted for experience and Martin Coleman, that you, again vote for experience and cast your vote for me.

**I am now appealing** to all of you to consider your choices again, please think about this: You are hiring, by your vote, the chief law enforcement officer in this county. If this was not an elected position, but one in which notice of the opening was advertised and applications accepted, would the ad read, "Sheriff needed, no experience or training necessary?"

Would the City of Haskell want to hire a Chief of Police who had no law enforcement training or experience?

Would a business owner or a school official want to hire a person to manage the business or be the superintendent of the school with no training or experience in the field?

Years ago, I chose to make law enforcement my career. It is my chosen profession and I have served Haskell County for 14 years. Two of these years were in Rule.

**I DO** respond to county calls as quickly as possible and follow up on information and try to bring investigations to a successful conclusion.

**I DO** have a working relationship with area law enforcement.

**I DO** have the support of local law enforcement.

**I NEED** your help, citizens of Haskell County and the cities of Haskell, Rule, Rochester, Paint Creek, Weinert, Sagerton and O'Brien. Please consider this appeal and hire a sheriff with law enforcement training, experience, qualifications, commitment to service and a history of responding to calls when I am needed.

**VOTE HALLIBURTON**  
Thanks for your support!

Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for by David Halliburton



STEFANIE ISBELL

**Isbell named to All Star basketball team**

Stefanie Isbell, a senior at Paint Creek High School, has been named to the Texas Six Man Coaches Association 2000 All Star Basketball Team for the East Region. Isbell is the daughter of Roy and Becky Wilson of Paint Creek and Tony Isbell of Midland. Her grandparents are Letha and Jack Isbell of Haskell, LeeRoy and Frances Wilson of Rule and Bob and Carylon Veretto of Levelland.

Isbell was selected by the Texas Six Man Coaches Association to participate in the All Star Game to be held at Monterey High School gym in Lubbock Fri., July 21. Ten players will represent the East Region. The schools in the East Region are District 21-Chillicothe, Harrold, Northside; District 23-Benjamin, Paint Creek, Rochester, Rule; District 24-Lueders-Avoca, Moran, Strawn, Woodson; District 25-Newcastle; District 27-Gordon; District 41-Bynum, Collidge, Milford, Penelope, Trinidad; District 49-Abbott, Blum, Covington and Morgan. They will take on the North Region in Lubbock in July.

Isbell has been recognized to play in the USA Amateur Athletic Association All State Competition in Lake Travis High School in Austin in August. She has received four years of All district honors at Paint Creek High School. The 5' 10" senior will be watched by college coaches for the possibilities of scholarship opportunities.

Isbell has been notified by the Institute for International Sport, where she participated in the United States Scholar-Athlete Games last summer, that she has been invited back as an Alumni-Scholar to participate in the Mediterranean/Middle East Games in Tel Aviv, Israel June 24 as well as the Ireland's Scholar Athlete Games in Jordanstown, Northern Ireland August 4 and Limerick, Republic of Ireland August 11.



MARGARET SIMMONS  
Funeral services for Margaret Toliver Simmons, 80, of Haskell

Funeral services for Walter R. Hager Sr., (Pappy Bill), 95, of Lueders were held Fri., March 17 at the Assembly of God Church in Stamford with Rev. John Smith officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery in Haskell under the direction of Tankersley Funeral Home of Stamford.

Mr. Hager died Tues., March 14 at a Stamford hospital.

Born Nov. 15, 1904 in Bosque County, he was the son of Dred and Sally Hager. He married Bertha Mickler Oct. 2, 1921 in the New Hope Community in Jones County. He was a farmer and rancher and attended the Assembly of God Church.

Funeral services for Verna Cassle Neal, 94, of Rule, were held Fri., March 17 at First United Methodist Church in Rule with Rev. Shane Brue officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Neal died Tues., March 14 at a local care home.

Born Oct. 26, 1905 in Bluffdale, she was the daughter of J. B. Cassle and Sarah Louise Martin Cassle. She was the last survivor of thirteen Cassle children. She married Morris B. Neal July 2, 1927 in Rule. He preceded her in

Funeral services for Doris Louise (Howell) Jordan, 69, of Bryson will be held Sat., March 25 at Morrison Funeral Home Chapel in Graham. Burial will be at Rafter J. Ranch in Bryson.

Mrs. Jordan died Sun., March 19 at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Born in Colorado City, she graduated from Stanton High School in 1948. She married James A. Jordan May

**Obituaries**

**Margaret Toliver Simmons**

were held Thurs., March 16 at First Baptist Church in Haskell with Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Simmons died Tues., March 14 at a local hospital.

Born March 8, 1920 in Weinert, she married Harvey Simmons Sept. 23, 1967 in Weinert. She was converted at an early age and joined First Baptist Church in Haskell in 1960 where she was a member of the Lydia Sunday School Class. She was a member of the Haskell Chapter of Eastern Star #892 and a former mem-

ber of the Josselet Home Demonstration Club. She retired from the Stamford office of West Texas Utilities after 25 years of service.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Elsie Toliver Marion.

Survivors include her husband of the home; two sisters, Eloise Perrin of Haskell and Lucille Pickering of Lubbock; two brothers, J. L. Toliver and Bailey Toliver, both of Haskell.

Pallbearers were nephews, Brian Toliver, Joseph Toliver, Sam Toliver, David Pickering, Jay Pickering, Don Pickering, Dudley Perrin, Wayne Perrin and Rex Marion.

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**Walter R. Hager Sr.**

He was preceded in death by his wife and two children, Jack Hager and Margaret Ruth Strickland.

Survivors include four sons, W. R. Hager Jr. and wife, Joyce, of Weinert, Doug Allen Hager of Brownwood, Chris Hager and wife, Joyce, of Stephenville, and Don Hager and wife, Tanis, of Paris, Texas; one daughter, June Neff of Abilene; 22 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Stacy Hager and Tim Hager; and great grandsons: Justin Stewart, Adam Carter, Eric Hager and Ross Hager.

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**Verna Cassle Neal**

death May 23, 1991. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Tom J. Richardson of Abilene; one son, Charles B. Neal of Naples, Florida; one grandson, Larry Neal Richardson and his wife, Joanie, of Henderson.

Memorials may be made to Sears Methodist Center, 3202 S. Willis, Abilene, Texas 79605 or Hendrick Hospice Care, P. O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas 79604.

PD. NOTICE

**Doris Louise (Howell) Jordan**

23, 1948. She was a homemaker and a loving mother.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Jordan of Bryson; two sons, Bill Jordan of Round Rock and Mike W. Jordan of Haskell; four grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to the National Cancer Society or the donor's favorite charity.

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**Sagerton News**

By Dorothy M. Clark

When this news article reaches everyone this week, most everyone in our little town will be geared up for the big event of the year...Yes, it's Hee Haw-time in Sagerton. This year marks the thirtieth year of what began as a little night of country entertainment for people in our community. Little did we ever dream that we would still be doing the same thing thirty years later for over 1,000 people over a three night period. This year as in years past, tickets were sold out on the day they went on sale and hundreds of would be customers were turned away. We regret that we were unable to fill the ticket requests of so many people and hope that those of you who were unable to come this year will make it next year.

The Friendship Club met last Thursday noon for its regular monthly dinner at Faith Lutheran Church. Enjoying the meal and fellowship together were Herbert and Gladys Vahlenkamp, Alvin and Ev Ulmer, Chelsea and Brian Tonnon and Aaron Dick of Wylie, Frances Clark, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre, Larry LeFevre, Jack and Peggy Tabor, Hunter and Hawk

Griffin and Amberly and Miranda Tabor. Spring break brought out the grandchildren visiting in Sagerton.

The children and grandchildren of Leona Schonertstedt hosted her 90th birthday party Saturday afternoon at Faith Lutheran Church with a large number of relatives and friends in attendance. The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with a peach blossom "money tree" near the registry table. The refreshment table of beautiful delicacies was covered with a white lace over red cloth and featured a centerpiece of long stemmed American Beauty roses. Special guests at the party besides the immediate family included Leona's siblings, Ida Dinsey of Lawton, Okla., Ella Baumbach of Taylor, Herbert Teichelman of Old Glory, Corine Lowack and Fred Teichelman of Sagerton.

Leona was born at Sagerton to August and Augusta Teichelman, grew up here and married Fred Schonertstedt. They farmed in the Sagerton community, were members of Faith Lutheran and Leona still maintains an active

lifestyle, keeping house, gardening, raising flowers and enjoying games of 84 with her local ladies 84 club.

She has three children and their spouses who are Shirley and Eugene Rhodes of Rule, Glyn and Pam Schonertstedt of Levelland and Lawrence and Mary Schonertstedt of Haskell. Completing the family are 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Brian and Chelsea Tonnon and Brian's friend, Aaron Dick of Wylie, spent spring break with their grandmother, Frances Clark.

Stephanie Stegemoeller of Texas Tech spent the weekend visiting with her family, Clayton, Paula and Michelle.

Family members visiting in the home of Alvin and Ev Ulmer this weekend included Keith and Jana Whitaker of Meeker, Colo., Mary Ulmer of Seguin, Paige and Mark Stockard, Kirby and Matthew of Katy and Mable and Ray Ulmer of Hamlin.

Don and Patsy Bivins of Valley View spent the weekend visiting in the home of Joe and Dorothy Clark.

**Immunizations**

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic from 1 to 4 p.m. Thurs., March 23 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell. Clinic times are 2 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 915-773-5681.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.

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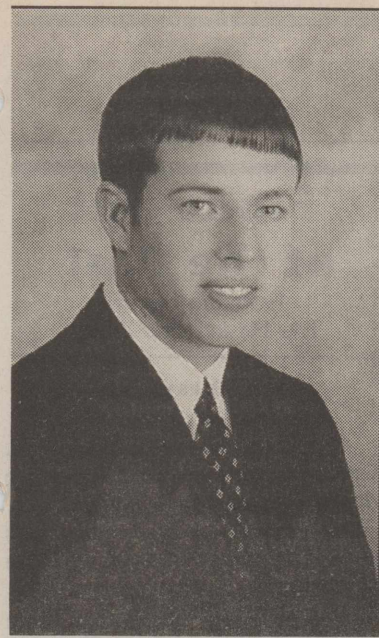
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SCOTT THORNBURY

## Thornbury appointed to West Point

Scott D. Thornbury, senior at Lubbock High School, recently received an appointment to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. Thornbury is the son of Dan and Caron Thornbury of Lubbock and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Cloud of Rule. His nomination to the academy was from Congressman Larry Combest of U. S. Congressional District #19.

Notice of the appointment was received from West Point in January as part of their early action program reserved for those candidates who name West Point as their first choice. Thornbury says he chose West Point because "the academy's tradition of offering a quality education and its record of producing exceptional national leaders since it was founded in 1802."

Some of Thornbury's accomplishments are lettering in football and wrestling, a 4.22 grade point average to date and remaining active in his church youth group at Indiana Ave. Baptist Church.

## ECC Menu and Calendar

**Monday, March 27**  
Lunch-Hamburger pie, cabbage slaw, Mexican corn, Jello w/fruit, bread, milk, tea or coffee

1:00 p.m. China painting

**Wednesday, March 29**  
11:00 a.m. Outreach Health Services blood pressure check

Lunch-Beef Continental w/rice, green peas, carrot salad, cookies, bread, milk, tea or coffee

**Friday, March 31**  
Lunch-Swiss steak, potatoes, green beans, carrots, cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

## City Council report

At their regular meeting Mar. 13, members of the Haskell City Council approved the firm of Jacob and Martin as consulting engineers for a planning grant received from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The grant will fund digitized city maps and the conducting of comprehensive planning for the city and parks.

Approval was also given for the Texas Municipal League Insurance Government Employee Pool to continue to carry insurance on city employees.

After a previous Friday meeting, the Zoning Board filed a recommendation to re-zone property

for Ms. Maria Valverde. The recommendation was approved by the council.

An extended discussion was held concerning city utility rates outside the city limits. Residents outside the city limits have not previously been charged for ad valorem taxes, although they have received the same services as those within the city. It was decided that in order to correct the inequity, their rates will be raised.

It was announced that the Texas Municipal League will conduct a legislative update April 13 in Brownwood.

## Music festival set Mar. 26

The Big Country Baptist Assembly in Lueders will be the site of the first annual Double Mountain Area Music Festival Sun., Mar. 26. Baptist churches in the Haskell Knox and West Central Associations have combined their efforts this year to assemble the area wide music festival featuring children's, youth, adult and seniors choirs, along with handbell and handchimes choirs for the event.

Gospel music will be presented by the individual choirs with a

meal being served at 5:00 p.m. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. and includes a massed anthem performed by the combined choirs to conclude the individual performances.

Cost for the evening meal is \$6.00 (\$3.00 for choir participants). Those planning to attend the evening meal should contact Bob Berg at 915-773-2781 or The Big Country Baptist Assembly at 915-228-4542.



MAGAN BOYD

## Magan Boyd marches in Cotton Bowl

Magan Boyd, freshman student of Ingram, granddaughter of Roy and Mary Letz of Rule, was a member of the Tom Moore High School Band of Ingram, which participated in a giant performance in January before more than 70,000 spectators at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, during the Arkansas and University of Texas football game.

During the pre-game competitions, sponsored by the National Musical Events Festival, the band captured a "gold rating" for their on-field pageantry. They won 2nd in Concert Band, 3rd in Parade Band and 2nd in Jazz Band.

Raising the money for their four-day trip, the Warrior Band from the 500-student school in western Kerr County competed in a mass performance with 1,500 other young marching musicians.

## Book Fair set

The annual Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by Haskell Elementary School, will be Mon., March 27 and continue through noon Fri., March 31.

The book fair will be in the elementary school library and will be for students, teachers and the public. This year's book fair theme is "Book Fair Safari" and more books than ever will be available to interest the elementary-age reader, from preschool through middle school.

Join the adventure at the "Book Fair Safari" and help promote reading for our children. Book fair hours are 8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Thursday and until noon on Friday.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peiser, Mrs. Herbert Fischer and Dale and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Druessedow of Abilene during spring break was Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kline of San Antonio.

Clinton and Brenda Baccus of Mansfield came on Tues. morning and stayed until Fri. with Brenda's mom Hope Jossette. They took her for an eye appointment while here.

Judy Anderson's children Mark and Beverly Anderson of Lubbock, David and Teri Anderson of Ulysses, Kan. and Mary Beth Justice of Georgetown took her to Las Vegas for a fun trip in honor of her 80th birthday which is April 6th.

Visiting with Delma Matthews on Sun. was her daughter Jan Alexander of Wichita Falls.

Spending most of the week visiting with Wilbert and Dwanna Klose and other relatives was Cam King and little daughter of Dublin.

Visiting with Paula Garcia over the weekend was her brother Florentino Salas of Olney.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White went to Seymour on Sun. and visited with daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. James Reding.

Spending a few days while on

spring break with Emma Bland was her daughter and children Donna Gibson, Trent and Emily of El Reno, Okla. They were on their way to Ruidoso for a few days.

Visiting with George and Faye Gray on Sat. was daughter Judy Hicks and little grandson Kyle of Abilene. On Sun. George's sister and husband Bill and Orvetta Muse of Tulsa, Okla. came and on Mon. they took Faye by Abilene for new glasses then on to Lubbock to visit another sister and husband Ira and Vivian Hudson.

Bernice Hilliard went with daughter Linda Short on Sat. afternoon to Lubbock where Linda went to market. They met Bernice's granddaughters Nicole and Chessa Hilliard at Chili's and had lunch and a good visit.

Vivian Roberson's granddaughter and great granddaughter spent spring break in Haskell visiting Vivian and other relatives. They are Lisa and Lauren Whitley of Lubbock.

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## Haskell School Menu

Mar. 27-31

**Breakfast**  
Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu. Cereal offered daily.

**Monday:** Buttered toast/jelly

**Tuesday:** Eggs/sausage, buttered toast

**Wednesday:** Blueberry muffins

**Thursday:** Sausage & pancake on a stick

**Friday:** Cheese toast

**Lunch**  
A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are offered daily at the High School. Ala-carte line offered daily Secondary only. Snack bar Wednesday only—Secondary. Milk

and assorted drinks are served daily at the High School. Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School.

**Monday:** Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, pork n beans, pickle spears, cinnamon crisp cookies

**Tuesday:** Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit salad

**Wednesday:** Pizza, seasoned corn, sliced pears, peanut butter/crackers

**Thursday:** Chicken spaghetti, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, applesauce

**Friday:** Hamburger, French fries, hamburger trimmings, orange halves

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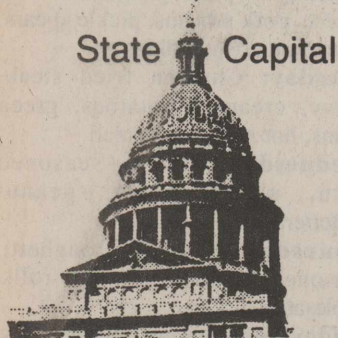
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# OPINION



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN** — Presidential candidate George W. Bush won the Texas Republican Party Primary March 14, taking 86 percent of the vote to Arizona Sen. John McCain's 10 percent.

Ten percent of registered Republicans (1.5 million) voted. All 90 delegates went to Gov. Bush, the GOP's likely nominee.

In the Democratic presidential primary, Vice President Al Gore tallied 79 percent of the vote, with former Sen. Bill Bradley taking 18 percent.

Statewide, 6.8 percent of registered Democrats voted in the primary.

Both McCain and Bradley ended their campaigns before the Texas primaries, following their Super Tuesday losses.

**Drug-Alcohol Agency Cuts 39**  
The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse last week laid off 39 employees, a month after announcing a \$27.9 million budget shortfall for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

The commission provides funding for more than 200 Texas drug counseling and treatment programs, and most of them are now facing budget cuts, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

In 1995, Gov. Bush put the commission into a conservatorship after allegations of mismanagement and fraud surfaced at agency-funded local centers across Texas.

Texas Rangers investigated and several employees of client agencies were indicted and convicted for money-related crimes.

**Judge Repeals Traffic Law**  
State District Judge Paul Davis of Austin last week struck down a 1997 law limiting public access to motor vehicle accident information.

The ruling clears the way for prompt release of accident reports and for personal information from the reports to be posted on the Internet.

"This was a solid victory for all the people of Texas. It set several important precedents that will be helpful in the future to friends of freedom of information," said Dolph Tiltotson, publisher of *The Galveston County Daily News* and former chairman of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association/Texas Press Association joint legislative committee.

The associations sued the state to prevent the 1997 restrictions

from going into effect.

With the law overturned, people seeking accident reports need to know any two of the following three pieces of information in order to obtain an accident report:

- Name of a person involved in the accident.
- Date of accident.
- Location of accident.

Gov. Bush had vetoed one version of the law, but its provisions were included in another bill that he signed.

**Lottery Proposes 54 Balls**  
The Texas Lottery Commission last week voted 3-0 to submit for public comment the plan to add four more numbered balls to the 50 now used in the twice weekly drawings.

A 54-ball lottery would lower the chances of winning the top prize from the current 1-in-16 million to 1-in-26 million, allowing super jackpots to build, officials suggested.

Commissioners dropped a similar proposal last year because of complaints from players.

In support of the new proposal, Lottery chairwoman Harriet Myers of Dallas said something must be done to rekindle players' interest.

Following the 30-day public comment period, the commission could vote as early as mid-May, and if approved, the changes could take effect in June.

**DOE Reports Toxic Spill Late**  
The U.S. Department of Energy failed to properly notify state officials about a solvent leak into the groundwater near the federal government's Pantex weapons facility 10 miles from Amarillo, the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission said last week.

A May 1999 water sample from the Ogallala Aquifer showed trichloroethylene levels at 8 parts per billion, exceeding the Environmental Protection Agency's standard of 5 ppb for drinking water.

The leak was not reported to the state until March 2.

**Other Highlights**  
■ Special counsel John C. Danforth's investigation of government actions against the Branch Davidians' Mt. Carmel compound near Waco in 1993 will cost almost \$11 million by the end of 2000, according to budget figures released last week in Washington.



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

John Culpin once wrote, "We shape our tools, and thereafter they shape us."

When Mike Gage took me to see the old cotton gin stand he is restoring in the Haskell County Gin building, I was fascinated by the operation of the tools that played such a big part in shaping the agricultural development of Texas. I was surprised to feel almost ashamed to admit that it was the first time I'd ever been inside a gin, even though I was raised in the cotton country of the South Plains Panhandle area of the state. I realized that the cotton gins I'd grown up listening to in the deep clear West Texas nights were something I'd taken for granted.

Seeing the old gin, made in 1873 by the Daniel Pratt Cotton Gin Manufacturing in Prattville, Alabama, not too far from the place where my grandfather was raised on a cotton plantation, brought me a strong sense of touching a part of the past which is so much a part of me. A reading of the history of the cotton gin and the visionary men who developed it, particularly Daniel Pratt, has given me this week new insight into and understanding of that time and the people living in it. It has also re-awakened the awareness of how the indomitable spirit of even one person, dedicated to an idea or to a purpose, can effect a wave of good for the welfare of many that will grow and benefit into the future.

From the time the cotton gin was invented by Eli Whitney in 1793, at least 80 percent of the gins were manufactured in the South, making it the only antebellum industry in which the

South has a monopoly. Daniel Pratt was one of the important manufacturers of the gin. Born in New Hampshire in 1799, he sailed in 1821 to Savannah, Georgia; to the South, which he regarded as land of opportunity. For ten years he planned and built for wealthy planters, some of the most beautiful and well-constructed homes in Georgia, establishing a reputation as one of the leading carpenter architects in the south.

After being associated with Samuel Griswold's cotton gin manufactory, he moved to Alabama, realizing that the west was virgin territory for the manufacture of gins, as there was not a single factory of any size west of Georgia. In 1833 he purchased materials for fifty gins, put them on wagons, and with his "brave wife and two African Negroes started for Alabama."

He paid \$21.00 an acre for one thousand acres of heavily wooded land and established the Pratt Gin Company, using the yellow heart pine for manufacture of the stands. He established the town of Prattville, the most extraordinary town in the ante-bellum South, dedicated to industry on a spot surrounded by large black-belt plantations.

Based on a New England system of a planned town, before settlement, the land was surveyed, streets and lots marked out, the site of a public square, a school and other public buildings determined.

By 1860 Prattville was a town of 1500 people among whom were five lawyers, four doctors, seven merchants, one dentist and seven teachers. The library held 3000

volumes, there were two schools, four churches and a town hall. So important was he to Southern industry and the business of cotton, Alabama newspapers printed numerous articles on Pratt.

The *Greenville News* stated Aug. 30, 1855, "He has done more to benefit the state than all politicians who ever sat in Congress or in the State Legislature. For while they have been inaugurating a war of epithets, and sacrificing principles to localities, he has silently, but effectively been building up her industry, giving employment to her idle population, opening a market to her produce, increasing the demand for food raised at home and cheapening the price of fabrics made for domestic use."

The *Alabama Journal*, Oct. 6, 1865 declared, "Daniel Pratt is one of the South Alabama's greatest men. He has established Sunday Schools, built churches and constructed model schools in his village. He has financed railroads and opened markets for the products of the country. His industries give employment to hundreds of people and pay large taxes into our state treasury. He has been the means of building up a village, which for the refinement of its society, the enterprises of its citizens, the diversity of its industrial pursuits, the neatness of its buildings, and all the advantages of newspapers, schools and churches has no superior in the South."

Men like Daniel Pratt not only helped to shape the tools of our agricultural development, they have helped to shape us. It's part of our heritage.

## Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

This month I want to introduce you to some of my favorite garden tips, tricks and tonics.

Before you sow any grass seed, soak the seed in this tonic for 48 hours in the refrigerator. 1/4 cup of

### Hospital

#### Admissions

Brenda Cox, Haskell  
Margurite Watkins, Munday  
Clyne Campbell, Haskell  
Freddie Ballard, Haskell  
Mildred Green, Haskell  
Lillian Buerger, Haskell

#### Dismissals

Taylor Sego, Thelma Cole,  
Sandra Wallace, Doris Martin, Bud  
Derr, Cruz Garcia, Bessie Walker,  
J. D. Hicks, Festus Hunt

baby shampoo and one tablespoon Epsom salts dissolved in a gallon of weak tea water. This will really help your grass seed.

This spring if you plant any roses, be sure they have at least six hours of sun each day. Select a planting site with an easterly exposure. The site should be slightly sloped for water drainage. When cutting thorny rose stems, save your fingers by using an old clothespin to hold the stems.

If you are bothered with mosquitoes in your yard, this is a natural and safe way to keep them away, plant marigolds.

If your plants get hit unexpectedly by a heavy frost, water them lightly the next morning. This will thaw them out quickly.

Garlic can be a life-saver for your roses. Plant one or two garlic cloves in among your rose bushes and they will never be bothered with aphids or other insects again.

I love this idea, use a plastic mesh strawberry basket upside down in a bowl or vase to hold your cut flower arrangements in

place. I want to give you this idea. It is a dandy. Get yourself a mail box, decorate it as you wish and place it in a convenient place in your yard. Store your gloves, shampoo, powders and most used garden tools in it. They will be high, dry and handy and save you steps.

If you wish to prune your trees, prune them in early spring before the buds pop open.

If your trees are flowering, trim them after they are done flowering. Seal the wounds with latex paint that has one tsp. antiseptic mouthwash and three tsp. liquid Sevin added to it.

When you change the water in your fishbowl or aquarium, save the old water and give it to your plants. The fish have already added the best natural fertilizer to it that money can buy.

You will find this to be helpful to use on your plants.

Happy gardening to you, my friends.

Quote: A pint of example is worth a barrelful of advice.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of  
The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago

March 22, 1990

Members of the Haskell FFA land judging team won first place in the area contest in Sweetwater. Members of the team are Chris Howeth, Pete Torres, Shane Buchanan and Baldemar Perez.

Nicole Elise Kitley of Rule graduated from Abilene Christian University. She graduated magna cum laude with a BS in elementary education.

Josset Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Earmal Bevel. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bevel and Sarah Hodge to Margaret Jones, Reatha Mullins, Augusta Owens, Eloise Perrin, Mildred Robertson, Hazel Thomas and Margaret Wall.

### 20 Years Ago

March 20, 1980

Seven members of the Weinert Extension Homemakers Club attended the Tri-County Rally Day in Seymour. Those attending from Weinert were: Mrs. M. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Bailey Guess, Mrs. J. D. Roberts, Mrs. Gus Rueffer, Mrs. Hazel Smith, Mrs. Floyd McGuire and Mrs. Tom Yates.

Bobby Howard killed two large rattlesnakes last weekend. The largest of the snakes was 55 inches long.

Charles and Leatrice Swinson showed colored slides of their trip to Russia when the W.O.O. of First Baptist Church met in the fellowship hall.

### 30 Years Ago

March 19, 1970

Connor Horton and Mrs. Malcolm Hertenberger were named "man and woman of the year" at the Rule Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

The Girl Scout, Brownie "Father-Daughter Banquet" held at the Elementary School Cafeteria and a "Mother-Daughter Tea" held at the Haskell County Country Club climaxed the observance of Girl Scout Week.

The Haskell Indian Band participated in the annual U.I.L. solo and ensemble contest in Abilene. Susie McAdoo, Helen Mary Cadenhead, Denise Roberson, Karen Felker, Susan Gilleland, Darlene Abbott and Lugene Lane all made first division on solos.

### 40 Years Ago

March 24, 1960

The Haskell Indian Band won top honors at the recent Dublin Music Festival; the band won the sweepstakes award for a first division rating in both concert playing and sightreading. The band also was voted the outstanding band of the day in the street parade in Class AA.

Billy Fouts and Julia Collins were selected "best actor" and "best actress" in the one-act play competition. Carol Jircik and Kay Wiseman tied for the best supporting actress. Best supporting actor was Tommy Hester.

Jimmy Vaughter, freshman from Haskell, was on the Dean's list of the fall semester at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Vaughter of Haskell.

### 50 Years Ago

March 23, 1950

Several hundred people took part in a rabbit drive in the Mattson community. The community has an estimated one thousand fewer rabbits and two less coyotes. More than 350 people enjoyed an old fashioned pit barbecue, beans, pickles, onions, salad, pie and cake served at the noon hour at the Mattson School.

James and Otis Wright are opening a Chevron Service Station on the Haskell-Stamford highway near the south city limits.

Mrs. R. W. Herren was unanimously elected president of the Progressive Study Club.

### 90 Years Ago

March 19, 1910

Ben and George Clifton, Carrol Haswell and Will Hubbard attended the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth.

John A. Lester has announced as a candidate for City Marshal.

A. T. Crews has withdrawn from the race for Cotton Weigher.

Haskell County voters polled 2,081 votes in the local option election with a majority of 581 for prohibition. There were 1,331 votes for prohibiting the sale of liquor in the county and 750 votes were cast in favor of sale of liquor.

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# Car show attracts visitors to Haskell

With one hundred and one entries from all over the state and as far away as Oklahoma, Arizona and Missouri, ten vendors set up for selling and swapping, numerous fun events and great weather, the 4th Annual Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show and Swap Meet attracted a crowd of week end visitors to the city.

Sponsored by Bailey Toliver Chevrolet and Bill Wilson Motor Company, fifty one trophies were awarded for winners in eleven classes.

Betty Stocks of Haskell was the winner of the kid-size pedal car raffle. Jennabeth Kimbrough of Haskell won the miniature firetruck model donated by Tommy Steven.

Winners in the eleven classes were:

Cars Pre 64: 1. Jacky Sanders, Aledo, '56 Ford; 2. Don Goodrum, Vernon, '57 Chevy Bel Air; 3. Norman Owen, Eastland, '57 Chevy Nomad; 4. Jerry Johnston, Cisco, '55 Ford Crown Victoria.

Cars '65 and Up: 1. Tony Sweatman, Merkel, '66 Ford Mustang; 2. Charles Swinson, Haskell, '71 Chevy Blazer; 3. John McLean, Vernon, '69 Chevy Camaro; 4. Kent Womack, Colorado City, '65 Ford Mustang.

Antique Cars and Trucks (thru '50): 1. Chillicothe Fire Dept., '16 Ford Model T. Firetruck; 2. Homer Lett, Stamford, '30 Ford Coupe; 3. Edward and Glenda Gloria, Altus, Oklahoma, '50 Chevy Pickup.

Street Rods: 1. Les Wilson, Garland, '40 Dodge Pickup; 2. Kelly Love, Childress, '34 Ford Coupe; 3. Terry Baker, Blanket, '37 Chevy Coupe; 4. Terry Williams, Vernon, '48 Dodge Coupe.

Race Cars: 1. Johnny Wright, Abilene, '86 Chevy Camaro; 2. Coy Scoggins, Haskell, '67 Chevy Nova; 3. Jim Pace, Haskell, '69 Ford Mustang.

Older Pickups Pre '73: 1. Carlos Andrada, Haskell, '57 Chevy; 2. Dwight Jackson, San Angelo, '37 Chevy; 3. Eugene Fox, Colorado City, '66 Ford Ranchero; 4. Larry Wallington, Colorado City, '54 Ford F100.

Pickups '74 and up: 1. Pete Lopez, Wichita Falls, '93 Chevy;

2. Kevin Jones, Childress, '94 Chevy; 3. James and Judy Smith, Wichita Falls, '95 GMC; 4. Daren Lewis, Vernon, '95 Dodge.

Antique Tractors: 1. Mel Norris, Abilene, '54 Farmall Super M; 2. Red Emert, Haskell, '57 Farmall Super C; 3. Glenn Lovvorn, Stamford, '16 Moline Universal; 4. Adam Coleman, Haskell, '56 John Deere 70.

Motorcycles: 1. Bob Olson, Abilene, 2000 Harley; 2. Bob Olson, Abilene, 2000 Ultra; 3. Danny Stocks, Haskell, '95 Honda Goldwing; 4th Lori Combs, Haskell, '97 Harley Sportster.

Restoration in progress: 1. Donny Camp, Colorado City, '66 Chevy Chevelle; 2. Brian Perkins, Wichita Falls, '94 GMC Sierra; 3. Sammy Decker, Haskell, '63 1/2 Ford Galaxie; 4. Jerry Don Klose, Haskell, '39 Chevy Master.

Mini Trucks: 1. Cris Powell, Abilene, '97 GMC Sonoma; 2. Tyrone Thomas, Gartier, Missouri, '96 Chevy S10; 3. Bill White, Oklahoma City, '95 Dodge Dakota; 4. Alfred Arredondo, Victoria, '86 GMC S15.

The People's Choice and Best of Show awards went to Les Wilson of Garland. Ron Bohnstedt of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, received the Furthest Distance Traveled award.

Final results in the Hot Wheels Racing were: 1. Tyler Horton; 2. Zack Young; 3. Ethan Frierson; 4. Madeline Williams; 5. Clyde Frierson; 6. Matthew Reynolds; 7. Clint Nicholson; 8. James Williams.

Results of the Pedal Pull for kids were: 4-year-old, 1. Morgan Frierson; 2. Max Weise; 3. Sierra Horton. 5-year-old, 1. Jasmine Klose; 2. Cole Hannsz; 3. Bailey Hendrix. 6-year-old, 1. Tyler Horton; 2. Bryson Mills; 3. Jimmy Young; 7-year-old, 1. James William; 2. Austin Green; 3. Sara Weise. 8-year-old, 1. Trae Hendrix;

2. Ethan Frierson. 9-year-old, 1. Cody Shields; 2. Kimmie Hannsz. 10-year-old, 1. Zack Young. 12-year-old, 1. Matt Westerman.

The Pedal Pull was a national championship race, with all the boys and girls qualifying to compete in the State Championship Pedal Pull in Lockney.



**TRACTOR PULL**—A dedicated contestant works hard to win the tractor pull during the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department Car Show held in the city last week end.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 1,318 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., March 18, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Pairs springers 10-50 higher; packer cows 1-2 higher; stocker 2-3 higher. Feeder cattle steady.

Jerseys, longhorns, Holsteins and out cattle \$5-25/100# less than figures quoted.

Cows: fat, .38-.44; cutters, .39-.45; canners, .28-.35.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.55; feeder, .68-.76; utility .44-.48.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 1.15-1.35; 400-500 lbs., .90-1.18; 500-600 lbs., .85-1.05; 600-700 lbs., .80-.93; 700-800 lbs., .78-.85; 800-up lbs., .73-.84.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.05-1.20; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.08; 400-500 lbs., .84-.97; 500-600 lbs., .80-.90; 600-up lbs., .64-.84.

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Our commissioner also finds time to do extra work in our little community cemetery (planting trees, watering flowers, etc.) He takes great pride in this.

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Pd. Pol. Adv. Pd. for Elmer Adams

## Commissioner's Court meeting

At the Haskell County Commissioner's Court meeting, Mar. 13, a discussion was continued in the matter of finalization of the county's lake property, including a more detailed job description for a caretaker and the payments on rentals.

The highest bid received for a used dozer from Precinct 4 was made by Alan Griffin and Marie Allen.

A proclamation was passed by the Court proclaiming Mar. 19-25 as "Poison Prevention Week." Local governing agencies and schools are being asked to alert citizens to the continued danger of misusing medicines and household products, and to promote effective safeguards against accidental poisoning among young children.

A grant application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for homebuyer's assistance for low moderate income families was supported by the Court. The grant will develop affordable housing, a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income. If granted, the funds will offer down payment assistance to residents of Haskell County earning less than 80% of the area median income. Matching funds will be provided by the West Central Texas Regional Housing Finance Corporation.

Three volunteers, Gayla Nanny, Carolyn Reynolds and Joyce Davis, were accepted to serve as board members for the Experienced Citizen Center. The Center needs more board members and would especially welcome a minority volunteer who uses the services to serve on the board.

The need for a carport for the

### Rule 4-H Club meets

On Wed., March 15, the Rule 4-H clothing group had a day of activities.

They toured various businesses in Stamford and ate lunch.

Then they went to Joyce Lefevre's house for a demonstration on how to use a quilting machine and members got to operate it.

After the tours and demonstrations, they went to Renee Dudensing's house and made a mini quilt.

ECC's van was discussed. It will probably be constructed within the next few months.

An agreement was made for drug testing to be continued with Allied Compliance Services.

Grady Cozby was approved as architect for the new proposed county library.

Through the Resource Conservation and Development Program which provides pallets of

surplus goods for needy individuals, everything from clothing to personal hygiene items may be purchased by county governments at very inexpensive rates. Judge David Davis said he would appreciate community input as to any particular needs that might be fulfilled through this program.

The Court approved the opening of bids for the purchase of a truck for Precinct 1.

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## This Week's Devotional Message:



When winter snows have left the earth  
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.

The air is filled with songs of birds,  
And humming insects will abound,  
A scene of beauty, where no words  
Do justice to each sight and sound  
Incorporated in the plan,  
Or could describe each living thing  
That signifies God's love for man,  
When nature comes alive in spring.

## ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

### HASKELL

#### East Side Baptist Church

David Page, pastor  
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Christian Church

Dusty Garrison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Church of God

Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

Gary Bruns, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell

#### Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

#### First Assembly of God

Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### St. George Catholic Church

Father Michael Melcher  
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.

#### Church of Christ

Brett Anderson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

#### First Presbyterian Church

Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### Trinity Baptist Church

Rev. Kenneth Blair  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.

#### Hopewell Baptist Church

John Lewis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Greater Independent Baptist Church

Bobby Ray Wade, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.

#### New Covenant Foursquare

Kevin and Sharon Fletcher, pastors  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Mission Revival Center

Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.

#### First Baptist Church

Kevin Hall, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Church in the Park

Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Paint Creek Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.

#### First Baptist Church

Joel Rister, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Weinert Foursquare Church

Rev. Robert Harrison  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Church of Christ

Steve Willis, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.

#### First Baptist Church

Ed Buerkle, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.

#### Union Chapel Baptist Church

Rev. Clarence Walker  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### First Baptist Church

Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### Primitive Baptist Church

Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

#### Church of Christ

John Greeson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### First United Methodist Church

Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. Worship 9 a.m.

#### New Life Baptist Mission

Jesus Herrera  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### Sweet Home Baptist Church

Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.

#### West Bethal Baptist Church

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Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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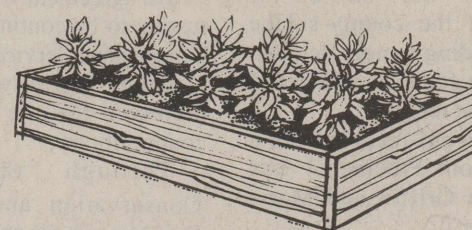
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## Public Notices

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HASKELL

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 39th Judicial District Court of Haskell County, on the 6th day of March 2000 by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

Cause No. 9619. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. James Dean. Legal Description: 1. North Half of Lot 6, 7, Block 14, South Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas. 2. Lot 6, Block 53, Original Town of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9743. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Daniel Ramirez. Legal Description: 3. Lots 7, 8, Block 1, East Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9829. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Clifford B. Jones Trustee for himself and W. B. Lee. Legal Description: 4. Lot 3, Block 23, of the Town of Sagerton, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 9948. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Willie Love, Deceased. Legal Description: 5. North 46' of Lot 2, Block 35 of the Brown & Roberts Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

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Cause No. 10,439. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Eugene Long. Legal Description: 8. Lot 8, E2' of Lot 7, Block 16, Highland Addition to the City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,568. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Sammy Haste. Legal Description: 9. Lots 4-7, and E15' of Lot 8, Block 17, Original Town of Rochester, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,741. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Joseph V. Alves & John R. Wilson Ind/dba A & W Enterprise. Legal Description: 10. Lot 1, Block 2 McConnell Addition #84, City of Haskell, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,783. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Della Hollingsworth. Legal Description: 11. Lots 8-10, Block 25, South Side Addition to the Town of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.

Cause No. 10,830. Styled: Haskell County Appraisal District v. Aline Bristow. Legal Description: 12. Lot 1, North 5' of Lot 2, Block 17, South Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County,

Texas. 13. Lot 6, 7, Block 24, South Side Addition to the City of Rule, Haskell County, Texas.


and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 11:00 o'clock on the 4th day of April, 2000, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse of Haskell County, in the City of Haskell, Texas.

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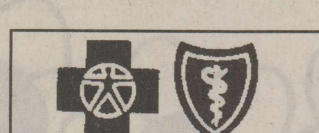
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board (WCTWDB) Abilene, Texas, is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for solicitation of bids for the management and operation of the Child Care service delivery system.

The WCTWDB is appointed by local elected officials to plan and oversee operation of the public workforce system, including child care resources in the West Central Texas 19 county area.

The purpose of Child Care Program Operation is to offer child care to eligible families and to improve the quality, availability and affordability of child care in Texas. This proposal will address delivery and payment for child care services to be provided in the WCTWDB Service Delivery Area which includes the following counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

Public and private service providers, or other interested parties may obtain a RFP by contacting the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board, PO Box 3195, Abilene, Texas 79604, Attn: Karen Spaar, or by calling (915) 672-8544.

A bidders conference will be held March 31, 2000 at 10:00 A.M. in the large conference room at the offices of West Central Texas Council of Governments, 1025 E. N. 10th, Abilene, Texas 79601. Attendance at the bidders conference is not required but is recommended. Proposers unable to attend the bidders conference may submit written questions, via mail or fax, no later than 5:00 P.M., March 29, 2000 to the following address:

West Central Texas  
Workforce Development Board  
P. O. Box 3195  
Abilene, Texas 79604  
Fax (915) 675-5214

Deadline: Proposals must be received in the WCTWDB offices by 5:00 P.M., May 5, 2000 to be considered. Proposals received at the WCTWDB offices after the deadline will not be accepted. There will be no exceptions. Proposals may be mailed to the above address or hand delivered to the WCTWDB offices Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at 1025 E. N. 10th, Abilene, Texas 79601. The WCTWDB will not accept proposals transmitted by facsimile (Fax).

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