

Basketball games

District 5 & 6 Playoff Games
Hamlin vs Smyer
Tues., Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.
Scurry Co. Coliseum, Snyder
Haskell vs Sundown
Tues., Feb. 22, 8 p.m.
Scurry Co. Coliseum, Snyder

Softball games

V Maidens vs Seymour
Fri., Feb. 18, 6 p.m.
at Haskell
V Maidens vs Seymour
Tues., Feb. 22, 6 p.m.
at Seymour

Baseball games

V Indians vs Merkel
Thurs., Feb. 17, 4 p.m.
at Merkel (Scrimmage)
V Indians vs Albany
Mon., Feb. 21, 4 p.m.
at Albany

Calendar

Black history program

A Black history program will be presented Sat., Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. and Sun., Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. at the Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. Third Street, Haskell. The program theme, One Person Can Make A Difference, will be presented by Rev. T. L. Griffin, pastor. Everyone is invited to attend.

ECC dinner

A benefit dinner to raise funds for the Haskell Experienced Citizens Center will be held Sun., Feb. 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Experienced Citizens Center, 1404 S. First in Haskell. The menu of chicken and dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, cranberries, candied yams, yeast rolls, and German chocolate cake will cost \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children age 9 through high school. Children under 9 will eat free. Takeouts will be available by calling 864-3875.

Fajita dinner

The Calvary Baptist Church, 600 S. 7th St., in Haskell will host a fund-raiser fajita dinner Sun., Feb. 22 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Carryouts will be available. Plates are \$6 each.

Booster club to meet

The Haskell Athletic Booster Club will hold a parent meeting Thurs., Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. in the Indian Field House to plan upcoming events.

Fish fry

The Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Group will hold a fish fry Sun., Feb. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church located on East Highway 380 in Haskell. Fried fish, coleslaw, beans, french fries, dessert and drink will be served at a cost of \$6.

AARP course

An AARP safe driving course will be held Feb. 21-22 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Experienced Citizens Center in Haskell. The refresher course is designed to help drivers 50 years and older to improve driving skills, prevent crashes and driving citations. For information call 325-762-3582.

Photography exhibit

Haskell County 4-H photography project participants will present a public exhibition Mon., Feb. 21 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room followed by an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. The Haskell Sr. 4-H Club will host the event.

Food distribution

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

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Good luck Indians in the playoffs

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REIGNING ROYALTY—Hilee Mulligan, daughter of Lynn and David Dodson of Haskell and David Mulligan of Houston, was crowned Miss Wichita Falls 2005, Jan. 8, earning her a trip to Fort Worth to represent Wichita Falls in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant to

be held July 2-9. The 2000 graduate of Haskell High School was honored at a reception after the pageant and was also named the interview preliminary winner. A graduate of Texas Tech University, Mulligan is a student at the Dallas Court Reporting Institute.

Sales tax reported

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has reported that state sales tax collections rose for the 17th consecutive month in January. The state collected \$1.39 billion in sales tax revenue, up 6.1 percent compared to January 2004.

Also, Strayhorn returned \$502.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.2 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2004.

January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December.

Haskell County had a 1.31 percent increase for February, 2005 of \$38,905.69 in comparison to \$38,401.50 for February, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$60,603.40 reflect a 3.04 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$62,509.21.

The City of Haskell had a 1.86 percent increase for February, 2005 of \$35,578.64 in comparison to \$34,925.72 for February, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$56,025.85

reflect a 2.69 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$57,577.98.

The City of O'Brien had a 4.28 percent decrease for February, 2005 of \$100.52 in comparison to \$105.02 for February, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$127.53 reflect a 66.95 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$385.96.

The City of Rochester had a 4.50 percent decrease for February, 2005 of \$868.14 in comparison to \$909.05 for February, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$1,202.64 reflect a 5.56 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$1,273.51.

The City of Rule had a 3.69 percent decrease for February, 2005 of \$2,007.01 in comparison to \$2,084.10 for February, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$2,855.75 reflect a 0.43 percent increase over 2004 payments to date of \$2,843.32.

The City of Weinert had a 6.94 percent decrease for February, 2005 of \$351.38 in comparison to \$377.61 for February, 2004. 2005 payments to date of \$391.63 reflect a 8.59 percent decrease over 2004 payments to date of \$428.44.

Filing open for county schools, city elections

The filing period for candidates on the City of Haskell and Haskell CISD May 7 General Election ballots opened Mon., Feb. 7 and will extend through Mon., Mar. 7.

Three seats for alderman now held by W. L. Wolf, Dale Bullinger and Sue Medford are open in the City of Haskell election.

Two places open on the Haskell CISD Board are the single member District 2 place, held by Donnie Rieger, and single member District 3 place, held by Mynea Short.

Paint Creek ISD is now accepting applications for places on the ballot for the 2005 School Board election to be held on May 7.

The three places to be filled are place 1, 2 and 4, currently held by Gina Buerger, Brenda Reel and Randy Emert.

Applications can be picked up at the Paint Creek ISD business office. In the Rule ISD, the two places open for election on the school board are terms now held by Robert Ace Turner and Lynn Dale Dudensing. Both have refiled for the positions.

Three seats open for election on the Rule City Council are those now held by Cathey Casey, Bill Bowles and Jackie Whorton.

The City of Weinert has no places open for election.

The City of Rochester has three seats open for City Council, now held by Joyce Easterling, Betty White and Bobby O'Neal. Also open for election is the office of Mayor, now held by Marvin Stegemoller. All of these incumbents have refiled for election. Applications for filing may be obtained at the Rochester City Hall.

Mar. 7 is the deadline for filing in all of these places on the May 7 General Election ballot.

Rule Chamber banquet set

The annual Rule Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tues., Mar. 1, at the Rule Schools cafeteria.

The meal will be prepared by the parents of the Junior class. Tickets are on sale for \$8.00.



DISTRICT CHAMPS—Proud to be 'Number One' after clinching the District playoffs, the Haskell Indian team and coaches are: standing, l-r, Coach Lolo Martinez, Miquel Chavez, Gary Frierson, Nate Webb, Augustine Lara, D. J. McCulloch, Kendall Mitchell, L. J. McCulloch and Coach Toby Villa. Kneeling, l-r, Jared Webb, Joseph Rodriguez, Kevin Kilgore, Cory Foster, Ramon Cuellar, Jakaan Hodge, Ryan Davis.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

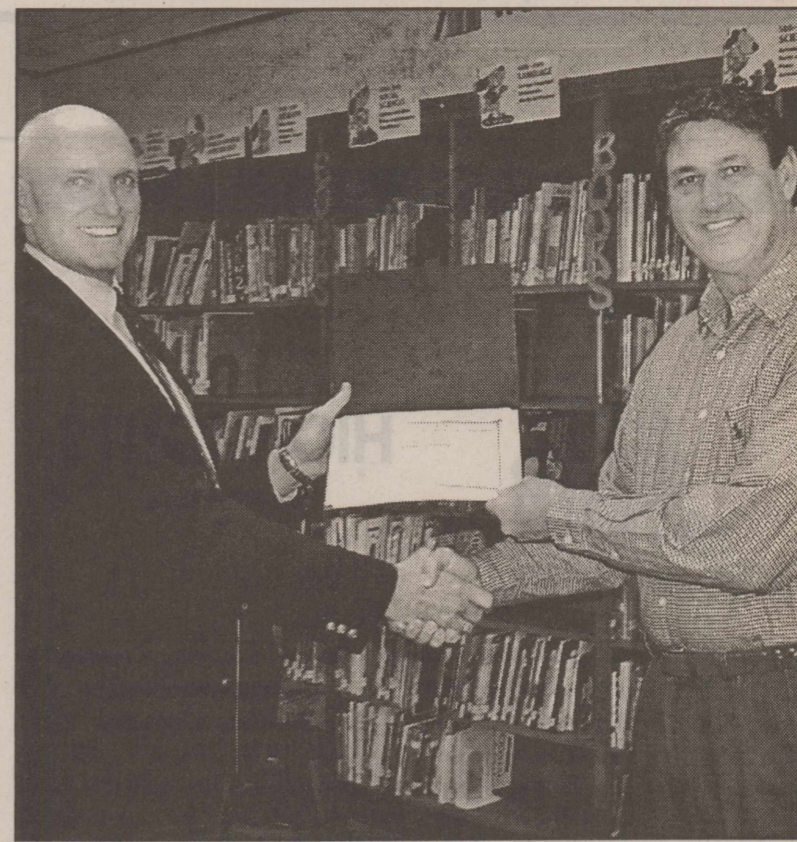
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PRACTICE TO WIN—Haskell's Lindsay Pannell, #53, lofts the ball in the practice game with Aspermont at Rule, Fri., Feb. 11. The Maidens won 55 to 48. Photo by Bill Blankenship



NEW BOOK FOR LIBRARY—Ronnie Kincaid, Executive Director of Region 14, presents Haskell librarian, Betsy McManamon, with a copy of "Medal of Honor," given to the Haskell Elementary School by Ross Perot.



SCHOOL AWARDED—Haskell Elementary School Principal, Jimmy Lisle, right, accepts a Distinguished Performance Award from Ronnie Kincaid, Executive Director of Region 14. Haskell is one of only five campuses in the Region to receive this award.

Students present Study Club program

Twenty members of the Progressive Study club met, Thurs., Feb. 10 at the Haskell High School Auditorium for a program on International Affairs and the Arts.

President Julia Harrell welcomed members and guest, Charlene Finn, and introduced the program.

Caleb Hudgins, member of the Haskell High School UIL Debate Team, which won the District in debate, spoke of the team's topic, "United Nation Affairs." Jamie Davis is the HHS debate coach.

Members of the cast and stage crew of the Haskell High School one-act play, presented scenes from the play "Over the River and Through the Woods," by Joe DiPietro, which they will present in full for the public during the Night of One-Act Plays, to be held Mon., Mar. 28. On that date plays will be presented by casts from Munday, Rule, Paint Creek and Haskell schools, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Haskell Civic Center.

Student actors in the Haskell play were Jimmy Fuentes, Caleb Hudgins, Lindsay Pannell, Ryan Davis, Teddy Sue Harris and Kristen Martinez. The stage crew consisted of Mike Payne, Andrew Silvas, Ashley Foster and Jared Webb. Play director is Melissa Tatum.

Following the program, valentine refreshments were served to members, guest Charlene Finn and the Haskell play cast, by hostesses Bettie Waincott, Alice Ballard, Mary Kaigler and Joan Medford.

During a business session, the club's budgeted donations and community projects for the year were announced by treasurer, Bettie

Waincott. Menu plans for the noon meal to be served during the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mesquite District Spring Convention to be held in Haskell in April, were presented by Alice Ballard.

Named to the nominating committee for a new slate of officers were Darlene Smith, chairman; Lynn Dodson; Dorothy Hartsfield; Tinka Nelson and Nelda Lane.

The next meeting of the club will be a Texas Heritage Art Tour on Thurs., Mar. 10, featuring lunch at the Hickory Street Cafe and a visit to Frontier Texas! in Abilene.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hasty were his sister, June Blanche and friend, Tommie Nobatt of Lubbock. They attend church at Trinity Baptist on Sunday.

Cody Blair and daughter, Abbie of Woodson visited grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. David Conn, Sabrina and Amber, along with Joyce Hawkins visited with Darlene Conn and Julie Cochran in Graham over the weekend.

Britney Pannell of Throckmorton spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair.

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Beta Chi Chapter meets in Knox City

The Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society met at the Knox City Elementary School for its December meeting.

Presenting the program was Knox City third grader, Lyndon Baty, assisted by his father, Louis Baty. Slides were shown as Lyndon told of what his life has been like before and after he received a kidney transplant. Refreshments were served following the program.

During a business meeting, Erna Liles of Weinert was presented with area and state certificates for having 66 years of membership in the Society.

Supplements to the Chapter yearbooks were distributed.

The March meeting will be held in Munday, Mar. 6, at the First United Methodist Church. The program will feature piano performances by students of Sandy King.

Are you filing your tax return early or late?

Why do some people file their taxes right away while others procrastinate?

According to Dr. Steven Krebaum, clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, economics sometimes takes a back seat to psychology when it comes to tax season. Expectations often impact the process.

"Based on the literature, when a person files taxes is largely based on variables such as the individual's current cash position and expectations regarding either a payment or a refund," he says. "Those with higher incomes tend to file later, particularly if they anticipate large tax payments, while those who expect refunds file earlier, especially if they think they will be getting large refunds."

However, these trends are not always consistent. "Interestingly, a number of psychological issues may cause even those who expect refunds to delay filing," Dr. Krebaum says.

Those reasons may include:

- being upset because stocks have taken a dip and you don't want to face facts

- not wanting to be realistic in regard to personal finances, which filing taxes forces you to do

- anger toward Washington, D. C., bureaucracy, with resulting delay in filing because you don't want to "pay the government"

- not wanting to be reminded of distressing personal issues, such as a recent divorce

"Generally, it may be that psychology plays a larger role than economics in decisions of when to file," Dr. Krebaum says.

All deadlines are 5 p.m. Monday.

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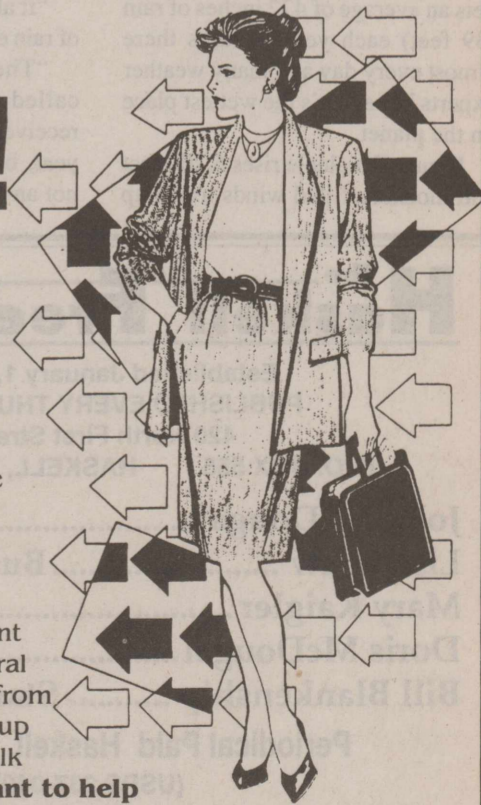
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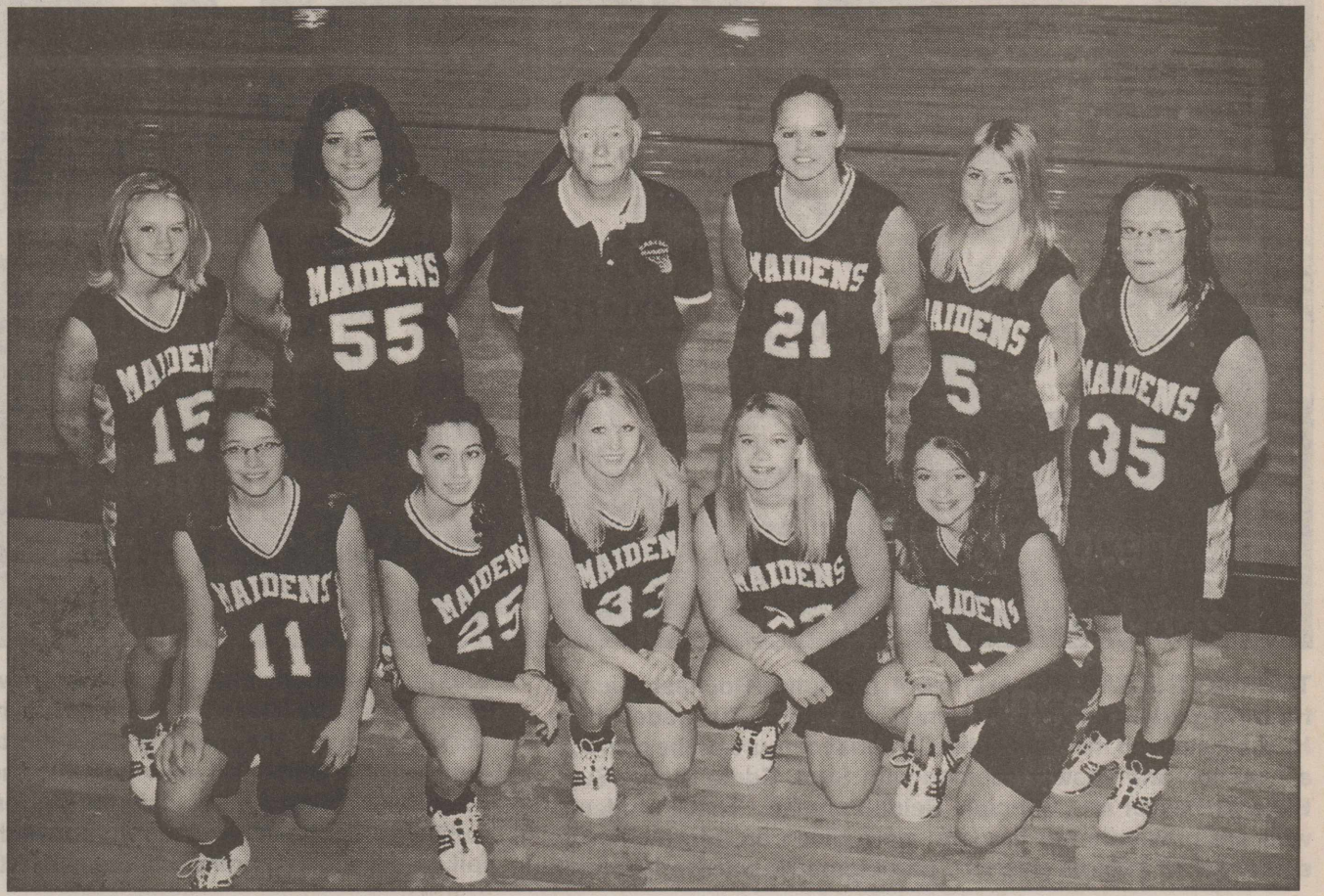
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HASKELL MAIDENS: Front, l-r: Chambray Bartley, Mollie McKnight, Robbyn Tribbey, Kerri Newton and Lindsay Pannell. Back: Whitney Wallace, Morgan Acosta, Coach David Middleton, Monica Buerger, Calina Kendall and Brianna Wheatley.
Photo by Bobbie Johnson



HASKELL INDIANS: Front, l-r: Ryan Davis, Kevin Kilgore, Ramon Cueller, Jakaan Hodge, Kory Foster, L.J. McCulloch and Jared Webb. Back: Coach Toby Villa, Miquel Chavez, D.J. McCulloch, Nate Webb, Augustine Lara, Gary Frierson, Kendall Mitchell and Coach Lolo Martinez.
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Haskell MAIDENS DISTRICT RUNNERS-UP

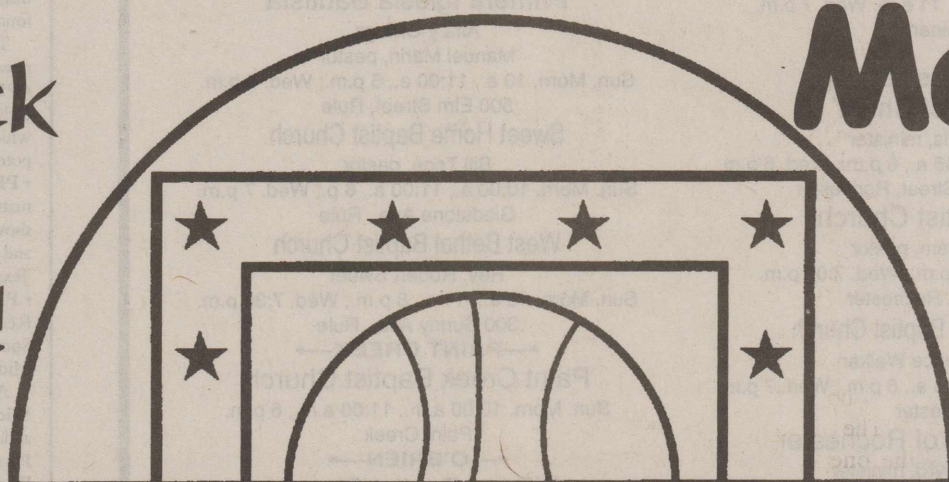
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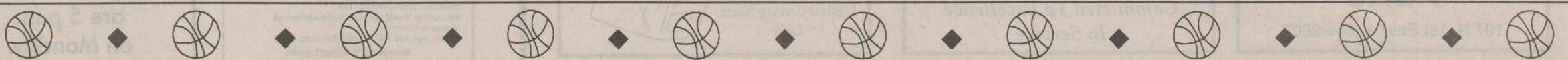
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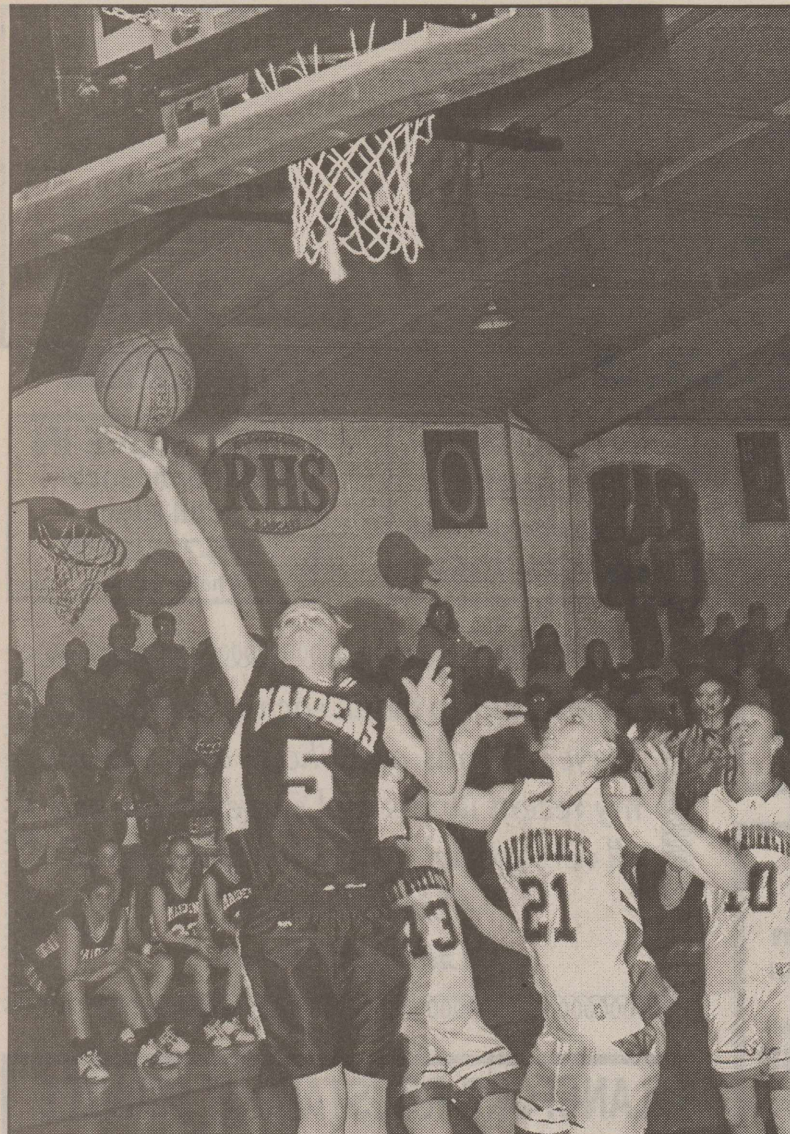
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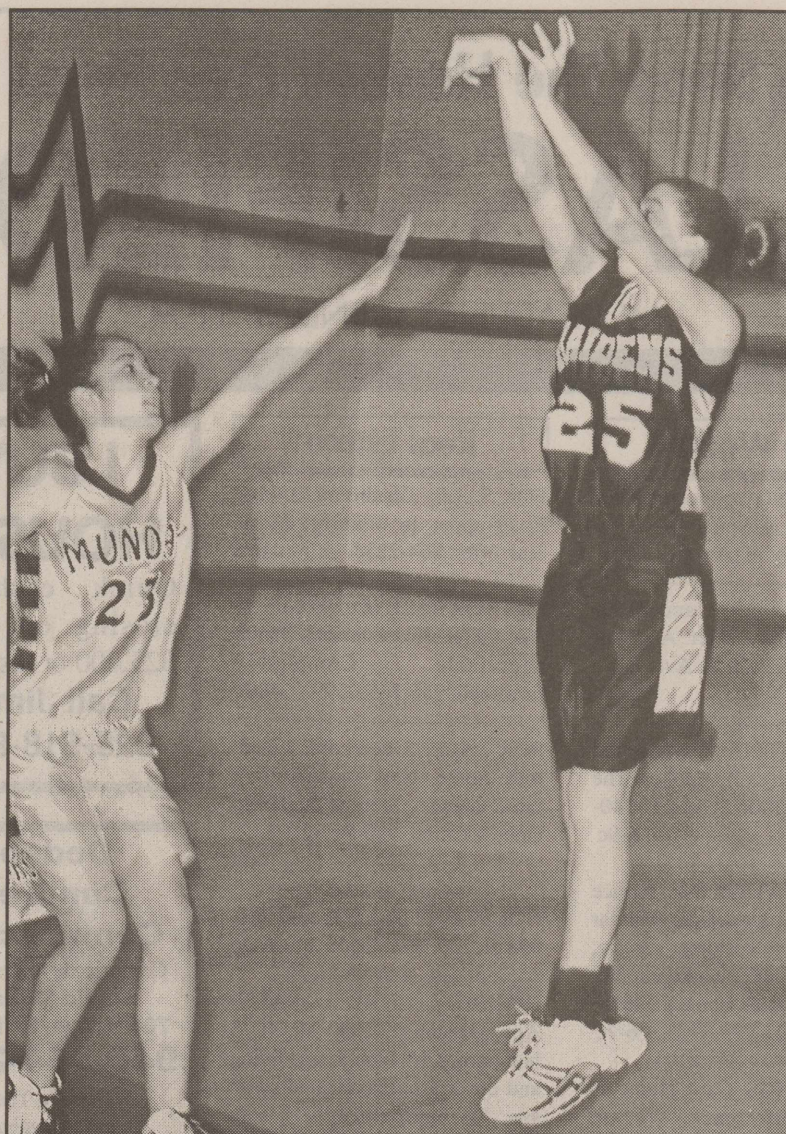
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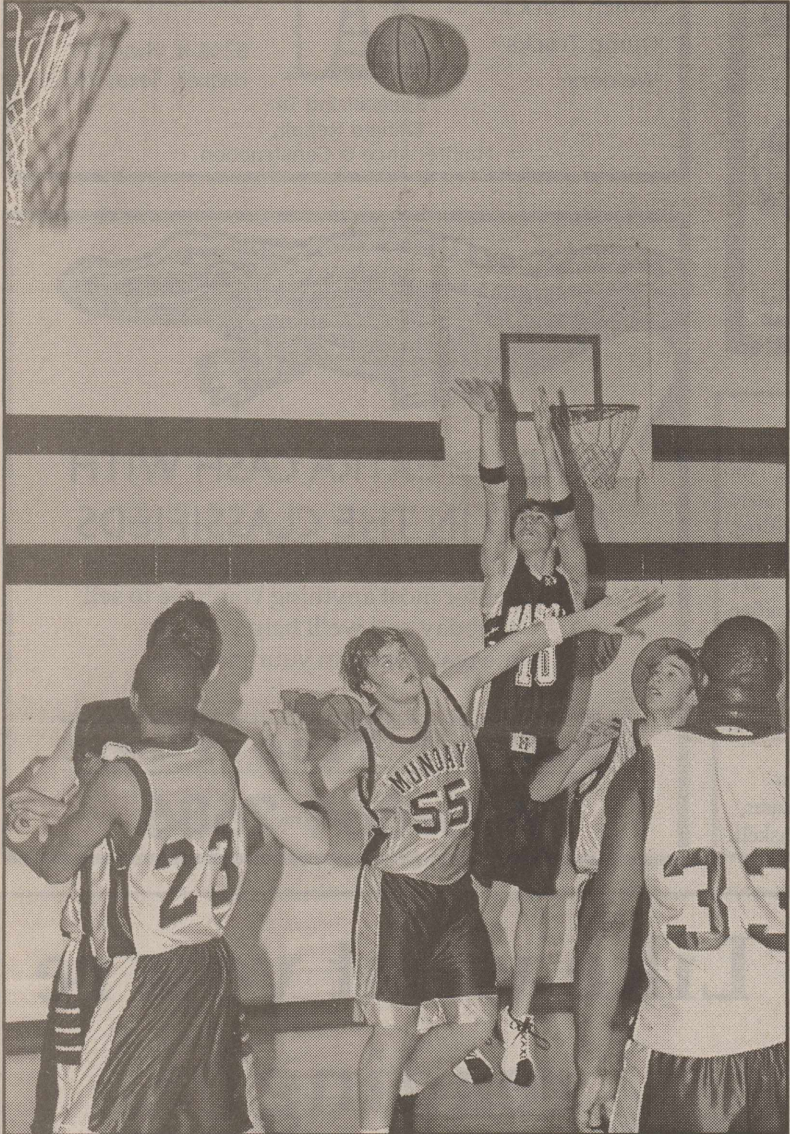




UP FOR WINNING—Haskell's Calinda Kendall scores in the practice game with Aspermont, played at Rule, Fri., Feb. 11. The District runners-up team beat Aspermont, 55 to 48. Photo by Bill Blankenship



MAIDEN MOVES ON MUNDAY—Mollie McKnight #25, leaps to score in the game with Munday, Tues., Feb. 8, helping the District runners-up Haskell team to win 50 to 27. Photo by Bill Blankenship



SCORING ON MUNDAY—Haskell Indian Kendall Mitchell stretches to score in the game with Munday, which ended at 58 to 44 for the District Champs team from Haskell. Photo by Bill Blankenship



OUT MANEUVERING A MOGUL—Guarded by a Munday player, Haskell Indian, Jakaan Hodge rises to score in the game which ended with Haskell 58, Munday 44. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Area Basketball scores

Girls

Haskell 50, Munday 27
 Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 11, McKnight 9, Newton 6, Acosta 6, Wallace 4, Buerger 4, Pannell 4, Tribbey 2, Bartley 2.

 Haskell 55, Aspermont 48
 Scoring for Haskell: McKnight 22, Buerger 14, Pannell 8, Tribbey 4, Kendall 3, Bartley 2, Newton 2.

 Aspermont 66, Rule 36

Scoring for Rule: Smith 19, Lisle 9, L. Johnson 5, B. Johnson 2, Lehrmann 1.

Jayton 54, Paint Creek 17
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Hope 8, Woodall 4, McCord 2, Barr 2, Walker 1.

Boys
 Haskell 58, Munday 44
 Scoring for Haskell: D. J. McCulloch 17, Webb 12, Hodge 11, Mitchell 9, Lara 3, Foster 2, Chavez

2, Frierson 2.
 JV score: Haskell 46, Munday 24.

Aspermont 52, Rule 48
 Scoring for Rule: Pace 21, Saucedo 10, Kittley 6, Brown 5, Carreon 5.
 JV score: Rule 55, Aspermont 44.

Jayton 71, Paint Creek 30
 Scoring for Paint Creek: Cisneros 11, Williams 8, Bryant 7, Myers 2, Delacruz 2.

Student in the News

Wade Corley Cothron of Haskell, a business major, was named to the Dean's List for the 2004 Fall Semester at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Go Maidens!
 Go Indians!

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~Thursday~ Pork Chops, Oven Potatoes, Peas	~Friday~ Chicken Quesadillas, Beans, Salad

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