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Tues., Jan. 11, 6 p.m.
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Calendar

Office closed

The offices of the Haskell Free Press will be closed Thurs., Jan. 6.

Turner shower

All friends of Abe and Ruby Turner are invited to a shower Sat., Jan. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Center. Items needed include towels, sheets, blankets, kitchen items and small appliances. A money tree will also be available. The Turners suffered a house fire Dec. 20.

Operation Teddy bear

Toy Teddy bears are being gathered as a token of goodwill from our troops in Iraq to the people of Iraq to help aide in the troop's safety when entering unfamiliar areas. A collection box is located at the Haskell County Courthouse for those interested in making a donation. The bears will be delivered to Abilene Jan. 14 to be forwarded to the troops in Iraq. For information call W. L. or Karen Wolf at 940-864-2777; Tommie D. Isbell, 864-3042; or Judge David Davis 864-2851.

Cookbook for sale

The Rochester Senior class is selling an abridged edition reprint of 'Cooking in Rochester for 75 years' cookbook. The cookbook is available for \$25 and proceeds benefit the 2005 Senior Class of Rochester High School. To purchase a copy, contact any Rochester senior, Darrell Vinson at Rochester High School, Jane Short or Linda Short.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Homecoming 2005

The Haskell-Mattson-Wright Homecoming will be held Oct. 7-8, 2005.

LULAC meeting

An organizational meeting for LULAC will be held Sat., Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Church of God fellowship hall, 714 N. 1st.

Art Association

The Brazos West Art Association will meet Mon., Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Paul Friske, an art instructor, of Abilene will present the program.

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Local Fire Dept. vital to community's welfare

By Mary Kaigler
Who do we call when disaster

invades the peaceful world of our everyday lives here in the

community, and who do we depend on to be there when our safety and

even our very life may be at stake? Taking a look at the 78 calls

responded to by the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department during the year of 2004, should answer that question for anyone. And yet, perhaps, until the moment comes when we need them, it is easy to forget that this group of dedicated citizens is made up of individuals who volunteer to give up great amounts of time, energy and even personal safety to protect ours. Ever ready, through commitment and continued training, they help to make our community a better place for all of us.

During 2004, the department amassed 452 hours of individual training. With only 19 members and 2 explorers (high school), the volunteer group responded to and assisted with 3 rescues; 10 structural fires; 39 grass fires; 3 motor vehicle accidents; 3 mutual-aid fire calls to other cities; 9 automobile fires; 8 landing zone setups for helicopters; 1 dumpster fire; 1 body recovery; 1 storm damage (assisting with traffic).

Proud of the honorable calling and beyond-the-call-of-duty heritage to which they aspire, the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department yearly gives a Christmas banquet for all volunteer firemen and wives, retired volunteer firemen, law enforcement personnel, city council, city mayor, county judge and commissioners. On Dec. 20 they met at the Haskell National Bank Community Building with about 60 attending the annual banquet.



FIGHTING COTTON FIRE—Haskell volunteer firemen battle a fire which broke out in mote bales of ginning trash in a shed at the

Haskell County Gin at about 4:30 p. m., Fri., Dec. 31, and taking firemen until 7:45 p.m. to safely bring under control.

County needs survey reply

Haskell County Judge, David Davis, announced Monday, that the County has applied for a grant to complete a pavilion at The Anchor at Lake Stamford. A fund for building the pavilion was started in 2001.

When completed, the structure will be a place for families to get together that will be comfortable and out of the weather.

To aid in the procedure of getting a grant, a survey is printed on page 8 of this edition of the newspaper, with a list of questions for citizens to fill out and return to the Haskell County Courthouse, Haskell City Hall, Haskell County Library, or bring to the County Judge's office by Jan. 14.

This information will aid in the process of obtaining a grant.

A public forum for comment will be held at 5:00 p.m., at the Commissioners Court Room, Mon., Jan 17.



COPING WITH BURNING COTTON—Haskell volunteer firemen connect water hoses during the fire at the Haskell County Gin, Fri., Dec. 31, while in the background, city crews and equipment dig trenches to bury the smoldering mote bales of ginning by-product residue in which the fire started.

Jr. Livestock Show, Sale set Jan. 13-15

by Jane Rowan
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

The annual Haskell County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 13-15 at the Haskell County Show Barn.

Arrival time for entries of steers, heifers, lambs and swine is Thurs., Jan. 13 by 4:00 p.m. Poultry and rabbits arrival time is Fri., Jan. 14 by 7:30 a.m.

Show time schedules are Fri., Jan. 14 at 8:00 a.m. for poultry and rabbits; followed by lambs; then by swine. Bringing the show to a conclusion will be the steers followed by heifers.

Announcing for the show will be Larry Bills. Judge for the steers and heifers will be Bryan Reynolds; judging the swine will be Ray Dean Sikes. Judge for the lambs will Jay

Waller and the judge for the rabbits and poultry will be Chris Beard.

Auctioneers for the sale, which begins at 11:00 a.m. Sat., January 15 will be Rex Ford of Stamford and Mike Fouts of Sagerton.

The County Judge, David Davis and the County Commissioners—Tiffen Mayfield, Johnny Scoggins, Bobby Smith and Kenny Thompson will be serving hamburgers both Friday and Saturday. In addition, the Haskell County Extension Education Association (EEA Club) will have a concession stand set up with drinks, chips and snacks.

At last year's show, 111 participants entered their animals. The sale brought a total of \$74,890.

Larry Short of Rochester is the president of the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show Association.



COUNTY, DISTRICT OFFICERS TAKE OATHS—New officers sworn into office at the Haskell County Courthouse, Mon., Jan. 3, by District Judge Charles Chapman, are: back row, l-r, Kenny Thompson, County Commissioner, Prec. 3; Shane Hadaway, County Attorney; David Halliburton, County Sheriff; and Mike Fouts, District Attorney. Front row, Bobby Collins, Tax Assessor Collector and Johnny Scoggins, County Commissioner, Prec. 1.

Firemen respond to 78 calls during 2004

During the evening, longtime volunteer fireman, Kenny Watson, was named Fireman of the Year. His name will advance to the district level for Fireman of the Year.

Tony Haynes was honored as the active fireman having the most training hours during the year.

Named Workhorse of the Year, was fireman Tim Wilson, for benefitting the department with his hard work with the details of car shows and training sessions.

Haskell Fire Chief Bill Steele said, "We really do need new, fully dedicated volunteers to help us. Normally, we have about 30, and now with only 19, we are about 11 short."

Acknowledging that belonging to the Volunteer Fire Department is exacting in time and labor, Chief Steele said that anyone interested in joining the local group in its service to the community, can contact him or any member of the fire department.

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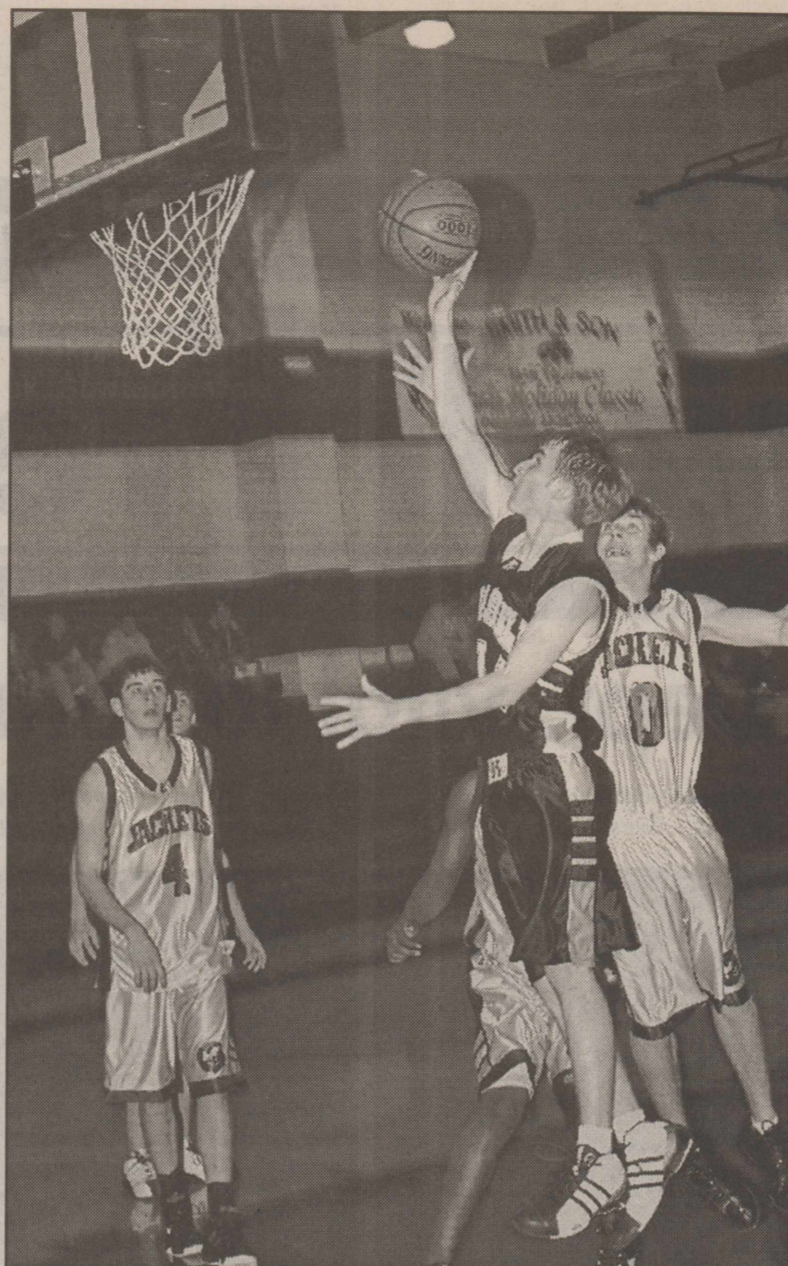
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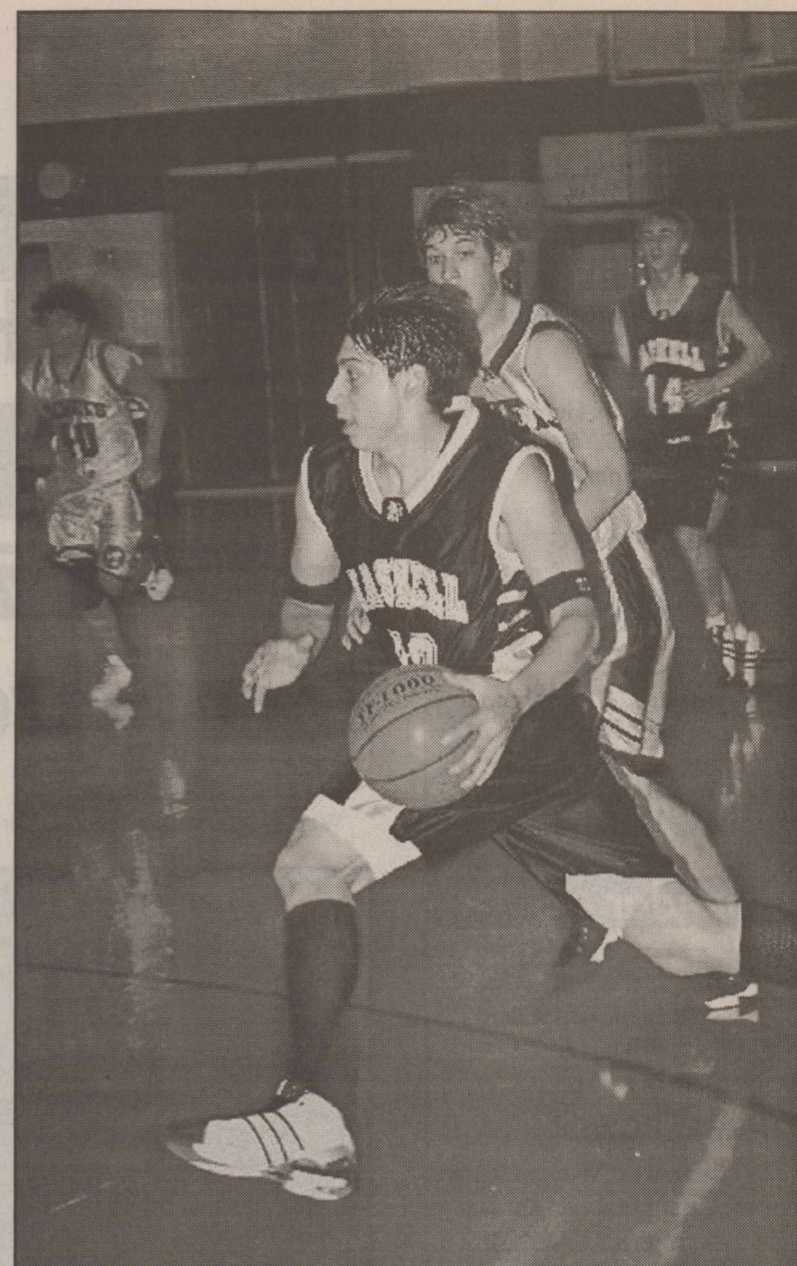
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PLACING A SHOT—Haskell's Kory Foster, #14, soars to score in the game at the Eula Invitational Tournament. Photo by Bill Blankenship



INDIAN ON THE MOVE—Haskell's Miguel Chavez moves the ball down court in the Eula Invitational Tourney. Photo by Bill Blankenship

Rochester names lighting contest winners

Winners in the Rochester 2004 Woman's Club lighting contest were: Businesses: 1st place, Depot Museum; 2nd place, Hers Restaurant; 3rd place, Woman's Club.
 In Town: 1st place, Adam and Isabelle Garcia; 2nd place, Ricky and Lori Ruiz; 3rd place, Marvin and Verlene Stegemoeller.
 Out of City Limit: 1st place, Larry and Linda Short; 2nd place, Dean and Pat Quade; 3rd place, Chad and Melissa Glover.

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Obituaries

Mona Jones Beard

Funeral services for Mona Jones Beard, 80, of Rule were held Fri., Dec. 31 at First Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Josh Stowe officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Beard died Tues., Dec. 28 at Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center.
 Born Oct. 31, 1924 in Huffstutle, she was the daughter of Oswald Roy and Lillie May Jones. She married Mendel Walter Beard Jan. 6, 1943 in Stinnett. He preceded her in death Oct. 28, 2003. She was a housewife and loved to play bridge, quilt and spend time with her grandchildren. A member of First Baptist Church, she was very active in all the church activities. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four sisters and two brothers.
 Survivors include one son, Alan Beard of Rule; two daughters, Lynn Crie of San Diego, California and Menda Street of Maiden, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Don Montez, Jennifer Groves, Chris Beard and Alex Foil; four great grandchildren, Austin Beard, Clay Groves, Tyler Groves and Bradley Montez; five sisters, Chris Alsop of Gravette, Arkansas, Lois Miser of Granbury, Muriel Swing of Worland, Wyoming, Wanda Gage of Cross Plains and Gerri Gray of Irving.
 Memorials may be made to Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center, 6050 Hospital Drive or Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, TX 79605.
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Miller Montgomery

Funeral services for Miller Montgomery, 92, of Olney were held Fri., Dec. 31 in the chapel of Lunn Funeral Home in Olney with Rev. Len Johnson, pastor of First United Methodist Church officiating. Graveside services were held in the Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.
 Mr. Montgomery died Wed., Dec. 29 in an Olney nursing home.
 Born Jan. 26, 1912 in Rotan, he was the son of the late T.J. and Alva (Young) Montgomery. He married Dora Dent Davis Dec. 31, 1932 in San Angelo. She preceded him in death Sept. 12, 1996. He was a retired electrical engineer for West Texas Utilities. He lived in McCamey from 1951-53 when he and his family moved to Haskell. They lived in Haskell from 1954-98. He was a member

of First Methodist Church in Haskell where he was very active in serving in most all capacities as well as teaching Sunday school. He and his wife enjoyed traveling together.
 He was preceded in death by a son, Frank Dean Montgomery in 1998.
 Survivors include one son, Alton W. 'Bud' Montgomery and wife, Annita of Olney; one daughter, Bettye Pumphrey and husband, Knowles of Grand Prairie; one brother, T.Y. Montgomery of Paso Robles, Calif.; seven grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.
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Local youth earns hours in riding program

Nathan Meredith of Haskell, son of Lonnie and Kim Meredith, recently earned an award for logging 100 hours in the American Quarter Horse Association Horseback Riding Program. The sixth-grade student, who loves to ride his quarter horse, Dandy, on the family's farm in Haskell County, also sometimes works cattle on his maternal granddad's ranch in the Avoca-Stamford area. He has been a member of the AQHA riding program for over a year. He is also involved in many other local activities, including 4-H.
 The riding program recognizes and rewards AQHA members for time spent with their American Quarter Horses in activities such as trail rides, working cattle, pleasure driving and simply riding.
 Participants in the program keep an official log sheet to record their hours accrued driving or riding a registered Quarter Horse. Their first award, a program recognition patch, is given after only 50 hours have been logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent awards are presented at 100 to 5,000 hour levels, and range from gift certificates to belt buckles at the highest level.
 The AQHA encourages horseback riding as a recreational activity that can be enjoyed alone or shared with family and friends.



TIFFANY RAMIREZ - BRYAN MATHIS

Ramirez, Mathis to wed Feb. 26

Tiffany Lynn Ramirez, daughter of Luis and Joyce Ramirez of Rule, and Bryan Mathis, son of Charles and Mickey Mathis of Abilene, have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

A wedding ceremony is planned for Feb. 26, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Abilene.

A graduate of Rule High School, the bride-elect received a Bachelor of

Science degree in Criminal Justice from Tarleton University. She is employed with Greystone Castle Sporting Club in Mingus.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Cooper High School, Abilene, and holds a Bachelor of Business Management and Administration degree from Tarleton University. He is employed with Grand Rental Station in Stephenville.

Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Julie Cochran and children, Audree and Dalton, of Graham are spending the week with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Conn.

Helping Garrett Tatum celebrate his seventh birthday Sunday were his parents, Christopher and Melissa Tatum; brothers, Zachery and Taylor; sister, Kristlyn; grandparents, Linda Chapman and Margaret Tatum; great grandparents, Joy Chapman and Joyce Hawkins; uncle, Ronald Chapman; aunts, Creora Tatum; John

and Glenda Gayle Rutkowski, Brittany, Weston and Ashton; Justin Teague and Tiffany Stewart.

Bernice Hilliard had her son, Kenneth Hilliard of Waco, home for Christmas. They had lunch with daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Linda Short of Rochester.

Lee and Polly Gray of Midland spent the weekend with his mother, Faye Gray.

Fannie May Barton and Erma Liles spent Christmas week with Kip and Kaye Derrick of Fort Worth.

Weather Whys

Clouds

Q: What are clouds made of?

A: A cloud is a visible mass of condensed water droplets or ice crystals, says Michael Hammer of Texas A&M University. "These droplets or crystals are suspended in the Earth's atmosphere," Hammer explains. "Water vapor forms tiny droplets of water or ice crystals, and when these are surrounded by billions of other droplets or crystals, they become visible as clouds. Clouds form when moist air rises and cools, causing water vapor to condense into liquid droplets. Clouds can also form near warm and cold fronts, near the slopes of mountains or when cool air blows over the surface of warm water."

Q: What are the basic types of clouds?

A: The first person to name different cloud types was a London pharmacist, Luke Howard, back in 1803, Hammer says. "Howard came up with a classification system based on the shape of the cloud, the layer of the atmosphere in which the cloud existed, and whether or not the cloud produced rain," Hammer explains. "The three basic families of clouds are heaps of separated clouds (cumulus), layers of wide clouds (stratus) and wispy clouds (cirrus). Clouds that produce rain are known as nimbus. To get the exact name of a cloud, the cloud type is combined with a prefix or suffix that defines where the cloud is. For example, altostratus clouds appear as a single layer of clouds about 7,000 to 18,000 feet in the air. Cirrostratus clouds are thinner and much higher (18,000 feet and higher.) Cumulonimbus and nimbostratus can produce heavy rainfall. Fog is associated with stratus clouds that have formed at ground level. There can be an immense amount of water in even a small cloud during a thunderstorm, enough to fill up several swimming pools," Hammer adds.



CAMPBELL DESCENDENTS—Children of the late John Breckenridge Campbell enjoying a reunion together were: front row, l-r, Betty Lacey, Mildred Rawls, Charles (Chuck) Campbell, Billie (Toss) Campbell and Virginia Cruger. Back row, Carl Campbell, Billy Joe Campbell, John C. (Pete) Campbell, Kenneth Campbell and Jerry Campbell.

Campbell family meets for reunion

Ten children of the late John Breckenridge Campbell of Haskell, recently met together for a reunion.

Sixty years ago, in 1944, John Campbell ran out of work in Coleman County. Learning there was farming work in Haskell County, he uprooted seven of his ten children and moved to the Lyles farm in Weibert to pick cotton and farm. Three children not moving with the family were either married or in the military service.

Later, he moved to Haskell and worked for Lynn and Bud Pace. Upon his death in 1967, he left behind ten children, many grandchildren and lots of good friends.

On hand for the reunion were: Betty Lacey, Mildred Rawls, Charles (Chuck) Campbell, Billie (Toss) Campbell, Virginia Cruger, Carl Campbell, Billy Joe Campbell, John C. (Pete) Campbell, Kenneth Campbell and Jerry Campbell.

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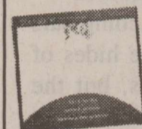
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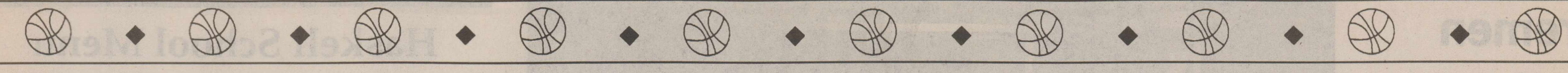
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Fri., Jan. 7 • 4 p.m.

**JV & Varsity Boys vs Hamlin
at Hamlin**

Tues., Jan. 11 • 6 p.m.

**JV & Varsity Boys vs Iowa Park
at Haskell**



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, Ryan Ashley, Jakaan Hodge, Ramon Cueller and Kory Foster. Back: Coach Lolo Martinez, L.J. McCulloch, Kendall Mitchell, Nate Webb, Augustine Lara, D.J. McCulloch, Miquel Chavez, Gary Frierson and Coach Toby Villa.

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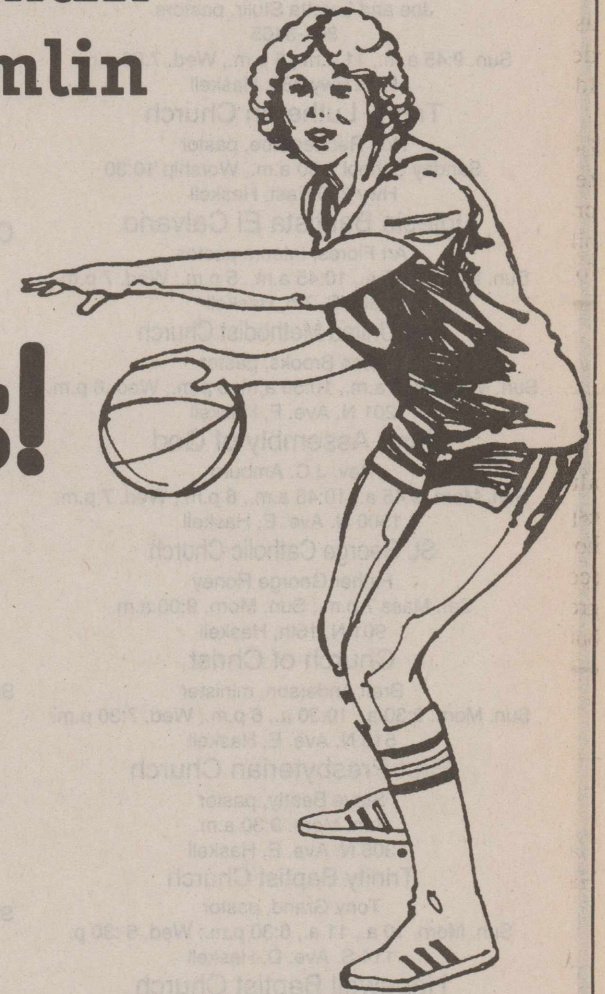
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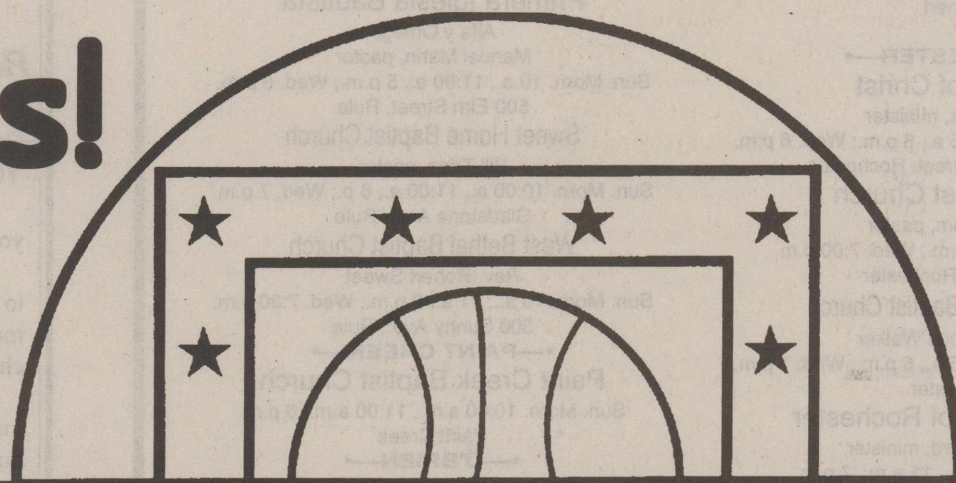
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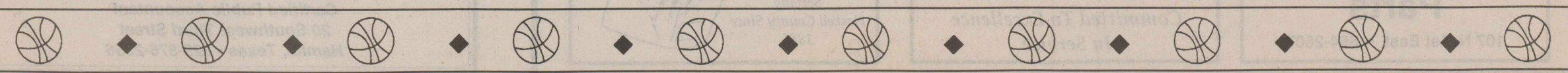


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Firemen elect new officers

A new slate of officers was elected Mon., Jan. 3 at the first meeting of the year for the Haskell Volunteer Fire Department.

Officers include: Bill Steele, chief; Jerry Stocks, asst. chief; Company 1: captain, Sam Watson; lieutenant, Danny Stocks; Company 2: captain, Eddie Klose; lieutenant, Felix Rodriguez; Company 3: captain, Randy Shaw; lieutenant, Mathew Cunningham;

Danny Stocks, secretary/treasurer; Kenny Watson, asst. secretary/treasurer; Jerry Stocks, chaplain; Randy Shaw, public information officer; Randall Martin and Jessie Billington, trustees; Eddie Klose, tail twister;

Danny Stocks, training officer; Randy Shaw, asst. training officer; Kenny Watson, safety officer; Donald Cunningham, asst. safety officer; and Tony Haynes, equipment officer.



WINNING A TROPHY AT EULA—Coach Teresa Martinez, left, and Coach David Middleton, right, join the Haskell Maidens team after they won the third place trophy at the Eula Invitational Tourney, Dec. 27-28-29. Members of the team are: Chambray Bartley, Mollie McKnight, Robbyn Tribbey, Kerri Newton, Lindsay Pannell, Whitney Wallace, Morgan Acosta, Breanna Wheatley, and Monica Buerger and Calina Kendall, who were both named to the all tournament team.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

Haskell School Menu

Jan. 10-14
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.
Monday: Breakfast bagel
Tuesday: Breakfast on a stick
Wednesday: Cereal, graham crackers
Thursday: Pig in a blanket
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk and iced tea are served daily at the Secondary campus. Milk is served daily at the Elementary School. Secondary campus: Choice

of entree or baked potato with cheese and ham.
Monday: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, hot rolls, apricots
Tuesday: Bean and beef chalupas, cheese, garden salad, salsa, corn, sunshine bars
Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, garden salad, fried squash, breadstick, pineapple tidbits
Thursday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickle slices, french fries, fruit
Friday: No school

Paint Creek School Menu

Jan. 10-13
Breakfast
Juice and milk are served daily.
Monday: Biscuits and gravy
Tuesday: Cereal or toast
Wednesday: Pancakes
Thursday: French toast
Friday: No school

Lunch
Milk and tea are served daily.

Monday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, rolls, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, salad, chips, applesauce cake
Wednesday: Pork roast, rice, gravy, green beans, rolls, pudding with graham crackers
Thursday: Ham with macaroni and cheese, peas, salad, rolls, apple crisp
Friday: No school

ECC Calendar and Menu

Mon., Jan. 10
11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, garden salad, yeast rolls, deep goeey pineapple, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., Jan. 12
10:30 a.m. Bingo
Lunch—Goulash/rice, English peas, sliced onions, sliced beets,

cornbread, apple crisp, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., Jan. 14
Lunch—Steak fritters with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

This Week's Devotional Message:



YOUR RESOLUTIONS CAN'T HELP YOU UNLESS YOU KEEP THEM

You'll clean that closet out for sure,
And give those things to help the poor.
But most of all, you've vowed to heed
The lessons of your chosen creed,
and each and every Sabbath day
Attend the services and pray;
Then thank the Lord with all your heart
You gave this year a flying start.

A brand new year is underway,
And just one week ago today
You made a comprehensive list
Of what temptations to resist;
Along with projects to be done,
Including those not yet begun:
Like writing letters you've postponed,
To people whom you should have phoned.

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HASKELL
East Side Baptist Church
Danny Manross, pastor
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
Dusty Garrison, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
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864-3465
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
East Hwy 380, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
Ron Renegarbe, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
Art Flores, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
Allen Brooks, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell
First Assembly of God
Rev. J.C. Amburn
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell
St. George Catholic Church
Father George Roney
Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
Brett Anderson, minister
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
Steve Beatty, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
Tony Grand, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

Greater Independent Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell
New Covenant Foursquare
Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
Mission Revival Center
Rev. William Hodge
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell
First Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Park
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
Gazebo or Pavillion
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Dr. Gibbie McMillan, Interim pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Wed. 6 p.m.
1303 N. Ave. I, Haskell

WEINERT
First Baptist Church
J. C. Baker, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
Rev. Robert Harrison
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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First United Methodist Church
Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
SAGERTON
Sagerton Methodist Church
Philip Houston, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
Deborah Nissen, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Sagerton
RULE
First Baptist Church
Josh Stowe, pastor
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
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. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
811 Union, Rule
First United Methodist Church
Wendall Ferguson, pastor
Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
1000 Union Ave., Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
Alfa y Omegas
Manuel Marin, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
500 Elm Street, Rule
Sweet Home Baptist Church
Bill Trice, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Gladstone Ave., Rule
West Bethal Baptist Church
Rev. Robert Sweet
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

PAINT CREEK
Paint Creek Baptist Church
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 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.m.
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Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA

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- The standard mileage rate for business driving increases from 37.5¢ to 40.5¢ per mile, effective January 1, 2005. The rate for medical and moving mileage increases from 14¢ to 15¢ per mile. The rate for charitable mileage remains at 14¢ per mile.
- The first-year expensing limit for the purchase of business equipment increases from \$102,000 to \$105,000. The expensing election phases out once total purchases for 2005 exceed \$420,000 (up from \$410,000 for 2004).
- The maximum earnings subject to social security tax increases from \$87,000 to \$90,000. As before, all earned income is subject to Medicare tax.
- The earnings limit for retirees under age 65 increases from \$11,640 to \$12,000 for 2005. Social security benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$2 in earnings above this limit.
- The nanny tax threshold remains at \$1,400 for 2005. If you pay household workers more than this amount during the year, you're responsible for payroll taxes. The kiddie tax threshold remains at \$1,600. If your child under age 14 has more than \$1,600 of unearned income in 2005 (e.g., dividends and interest income), the excess will be taxes at your highest rate.
- The maximum individual retirement account (IRA) contribution you can make in 2005 increases to \$4,000 (\$4,500 if you are 50 or older).
- The maximum amount of wages employees can put into a 401(k) plan increases from \$13,000 to \$14,000. The maximum allowed for SIMPLE plans increases from \$9,000 to \$10,000. If you are 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$18,000 to a 401(k) and \$12,000 to a SIMPLE plan.
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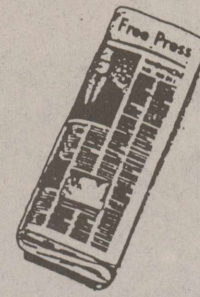




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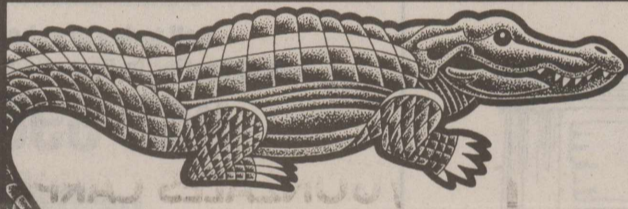


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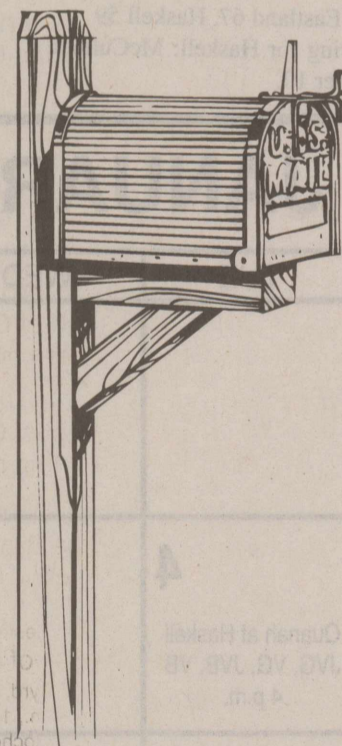
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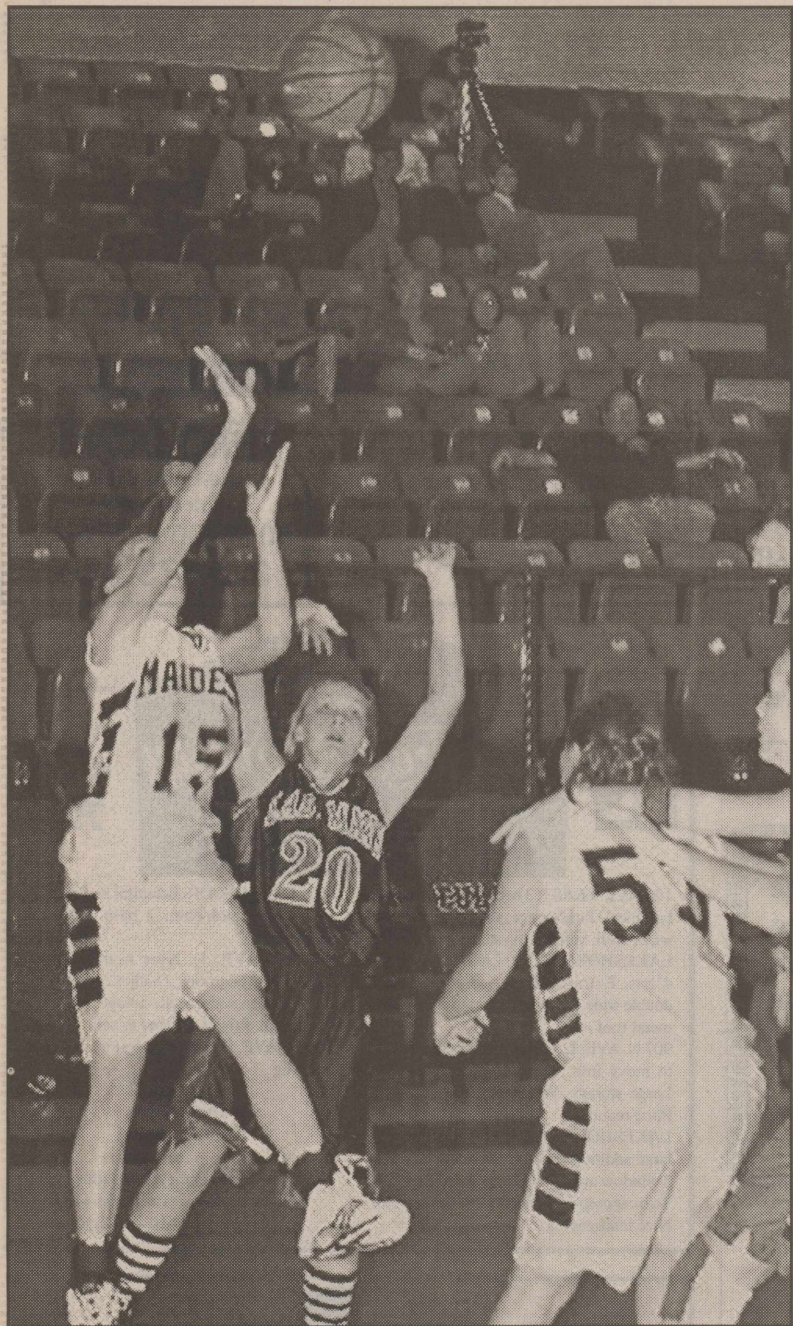
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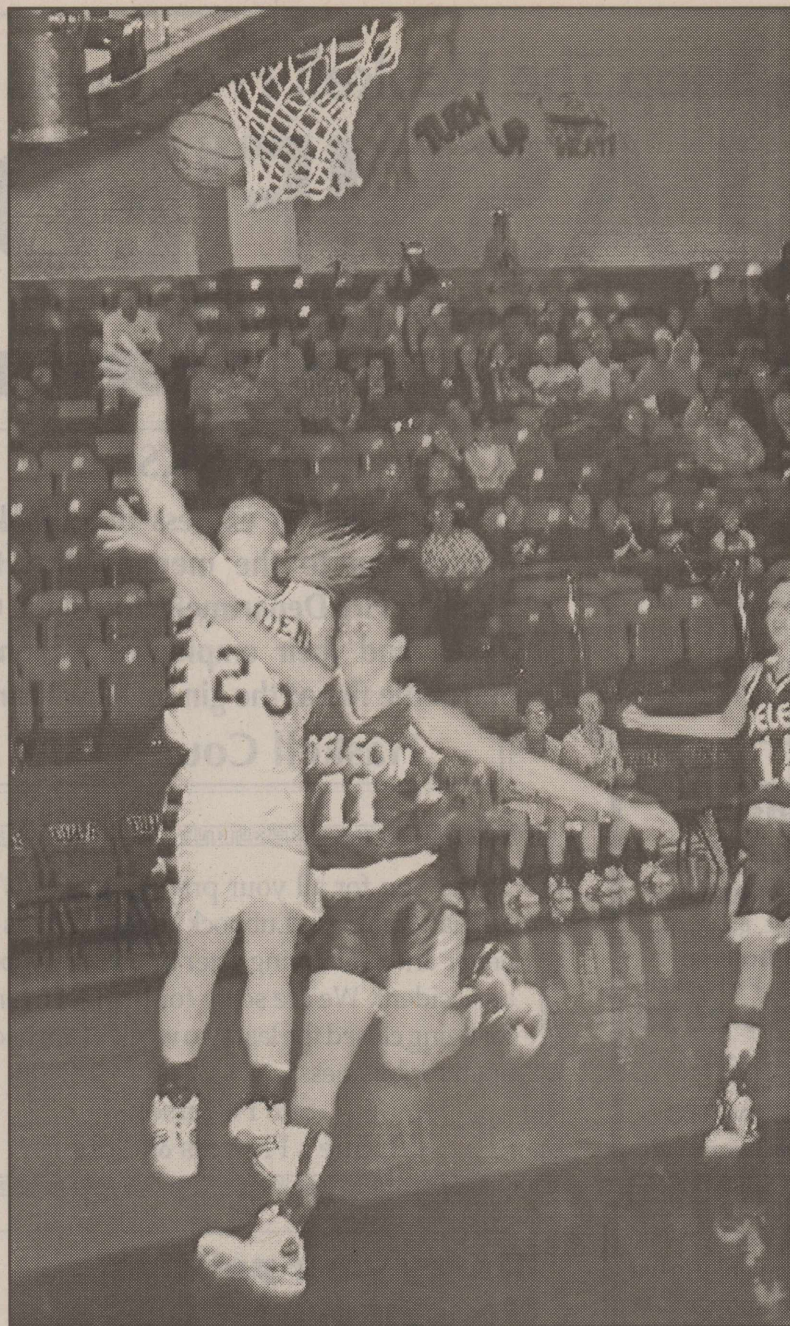
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MAIDEN UP TO SCORE—Haskell Maiden Whitney Wallace, #15, reaches above the crowd at the Eula Invitational Basketball Tournament, Dec. 27-28-29.

Photo by Bill Blankenship



FLYING MAIDEN—Haskell's Kerri Newton, #23, out jumps a De Leon player in their game at the Eula Invitational Basketball Tournament, Dec. 27-28-29.

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Area Basketball scores

Girls
 Jayton Tournament
 Rule 47, Dell City 22
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 19, Lisle 10, Miller 8, Lehrmann 2, Kittley 2, Scheets 2, Brown 2, Murray 2.
 Rule 56, Munday 46
 Scoring for Rule: Brown 19, Smith 15, Lisle 10, Scheets 9, Lehrmann 2, B. Johnson 1.

 Eula Holiday Classic
 Haskell 47, Eastland 30
 Scoring for Haskell: Kendall 14, Buerger 12.
 Haskell 55, Eula 41
 Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 17, Kendall 14, McKnight 9, Bartley 4, Pannell 4, Wallace 3, Newton 2, Acosta 2.
 De Leon 46, Haskell 35
 Scoring for Haskell: Buerger 16, McKnight 6, Bartley 4, Kendall 3, Newton 2, Pannell 2, Acosta 2.
 All Tournament: Calina Kendall and Monica Buerger.

Jayton 48, Rule 40
 Scoring for Rule: Smith 22, Johnson 8, Lisle 7, Lehrmann 2, Miller 1.
 JV score: Rule 27, Jayton 23.

Boys
 Jayton Tournament
 Hamlin 62, Rule 55
 Scoring for Rule: Saucedo 14, Brown 14, Pace 12, Dudensing 7, Kittley 4, Carreon 4.
 Rule 70, Spur 41
 Scoring for Rule: Carreon 19, Brown 14, Saucedo 14, Kittley 10, Pace 4, Simpson 4, Dudensing 3, Bishop 2.

 Eula Holiday Classic
 Haskell 60, Roscoe 29
 Scoring for Haskell: Hodge 16, McCulloch 11, Mitchell 10.
 Eastland 67, Haskell 59
 Scoring for Haskell: McCulloch 16, Foster 10.

Haskell 57, Eula 34
 Scoring for Haskell: Mitchell 13, Hodge 10, Foster 8, Webb 8, Chavez 7, McCulloch 6, Cuellar 2, Frierson 2.
 All Tournament: Jakaan Hodge.

Rule 62, Jayton 35
 Scoring for Rule: Carreon 14, Saucedo 14, Kittley 13, Pace 10, Brown 7, Bishop 2, Simpson 1, Hall 1.

Carla's Sweet Shop

Lunch Menus for Jan. 11-14. Serving 11-2.
 All meals include dessert and drink.

~Tuesday~ Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Red Beans	~Wednesday~ Beef Enchiladas, Beans, Rice, Salad
~Thursday~ Beef Tips & Noodles, Green Beans	~Friday~ Soft tacos, Beans, Salad

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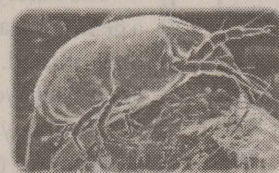
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2. What parks do you most often use?

3. What recreational facilities do you use?

4. What do you feel are the top public recreational facilities in Haskell County?

5. If you and/or your family visit parks and recreational facilities in other cities, please tell us what facilities you use and why?

6. Please provide any additional comments you wish concerning parks in Haskell County.

Please return your survey to any one of the entities listed below:
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 or bring survey to the County Judge's Office in the Courthouse.

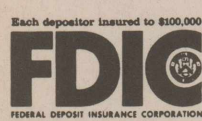
Survey must be returned by Fri., Jan. 14.

Monthly Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2005

Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6 7-8 B&G at Goree with Munday 4 p.m. Freshman at Seymour	7 Haskell at Hamlin JVG, VG, JVB, VB 4 p.m.	8 Debate Tournament Hamlin
9	10 7-8 B&G at Hamlin 4 p.m. 9th B&G vs Eula at Haskell 5:30 p.m.	11 Iowa Park at Haskell JVB, VB 6 p.m.	12	13	14 Holiday Rotan at Haskell JVG, VG, JVB, VB 4 p.m. All Region Band Concert Haskell Jr. High Tournament	15
16	17 7-8-9 Girls vs. Hawley Here.	18 Haskell at Roscoe JVG, VG, JVB, VB 4 p.m.	19 TAKS Talks	20	21 Munday at Haskell JVG, VG, JVB, VB 4 p.m.	22 UIL Debate Stamford
23 7-8 Girls vs Rotan Here	24	25	26	27	28	29 Haskell UIL Pow Wow
30 7-8 Girls at Roscoe Sr. Supper Catholic Church	31					



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