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Thurs., Oct. 16, 4 p.m.
at Haskell
Indians vs Cisco
Fri., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
at Cisco

PAINT CREEK
Jr. High vs Lueders-Avoca
Thurs., Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m.
at Lueders-Avoca
Pirates vs Lueders-Avoca
Fri., Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m.
at Paint Creek

Calendar

Friends of Faith

The Friends of Faith will meet Mon., Oct. 20 at the Haskell High School Auditorium from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to plan a brunch for Nov. 15.

Popcorn sale set

Haskell Cub Scout Pack 136 and Boy Scout Troop 136 popcorn sale is underway. Orders will be taken through Nov. 12 with delivery around Nov. 21. Contact any scout to place an order.

Sunday lunch

The Noah Project-North will sponsor a Sunday lunch Sun., Oct. 19 at the Haskell High School Cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ten years old or younger. The meal will be ham, beans, salad, cornbread and homemade dessert. Call 864-2551 for more information.

Immunizations

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold a flu clinic Thurs., Oct. 16 from 10:30 to noon and a children's immunization clinic from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Haskell National Bank Community Building in Haskell. For more information call 325-773-5681.

Food distribution

The Haskell County Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution Center will distribute food Sat., Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. at 206 S. 2nd (building east of Civic Center) in Haskell. Volunteers are needed.

Fried fish meal

The Haskell Girls Softball Association will host a fried fish meal with all the trimmings Fri., Nov. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Haskell High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at Sport-About.

Fall festival

The Paint Creek Senior class will sponsor a fall festival Sat., Nov. 1 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Paint Creek gym. Many activities are planned for kids of all ages. Proceeds will benefit the senior trip fund.

Senior auction

The Paint Creek Senior class will hold their annual senior auction Sat., Nov. 8 in the Paint Creek cafeteria. A cornbread, bean and cobbler meal will be served from 5 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$3. The auction will begin at 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the senior trip fund.

Jr. 4-H Club to meet

The Haskell Jr. 4-H Club will meet Mon., Oct. 20 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Haskell Memorial Hospital. Tentative plans are to visit with members of the Critical Care Unit helicopter crew. Call the County Extension Office at 864-2658 for more information or to become a member of 4-H.

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CONSUELO GONZALES - HASKELL HOMECOMING QUEEN

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Citizens approve pursuit of consolidation

At a town meeting Monday night, a cross-section of Haskell citizens approved Haskell CISD pursuing a consolidation agreement with Rochester CLISD. The vote was 116 to 6. In response to this mandate, the Haskell Board of Trustees and administration will draft a consolidation proposal and present it to Rochester.

Prior to the vote, information was presented on declining enrollment and the resulting loss of revenue. Advantages and barriers to consolidation were discussed.

Advantages listed included a separate campus for seventh and eighth graders which allows junior high kids to be kids longer, have leadership opportunities and have their own identity. Advantages also include a state-of-the-art facility, increased tax base, increased revenue and stability for Haskell's staff and programs.

Barriers listed were the distance (16 miles), the inconvenience, change for some of Haskell's staff and emotional impact. Questions and input from the audience were solicited.

Rochester CLISD has presented a proposal to Haskell CISD, Rule ISD and Knox City ISD. They requested a response by Oct. 24. In early November, Rochester will choose a consolidation partner.

At that time the two boards will call a consolidation election. An election will be held in each of the two districts. Voters in both must approve the consolidation before it can occur. If approved, students will begin attending the consolidated district in the fall of 2004.

Addressing the group, Munday Superintendent Robert Dillard discussed the Munday/Goree consolidation which occurred this year. He reminded the group to keep focused on what is best for students.

Haskell CISD expressed appreciation to all those who attended the meeting.

Wanted felon found in Haskell

A wanted felon was captured in Haskell last week by Haskell County Sheriff's officers and the Haskell Police Department.

Norman Ben Acosta was at a residence in Haskell Thursday afternoon, when law enforcement officers caught up with him. Acosta was wanted on several charges and has eluded law enforcement since last June, when he ran from Haskell County officers when caught stealing anhydrous ammonia. He was also wanted on a fleeing charge from Jones County and a state parole warrant from an original charge of murder.

Acosta had made statements to family members that he was not going back to prison. The last time he was nearly caught was in Stamford at the Deluxe Inn from which he escaped by going out the bathroom window. Thursday, he was taken into custody and transported to the Haskell County Jail.

In another case, Sat., Oct. 4, the Haskell Police Department, Chief Tom Bassett, Officer Bill Glass and Officer Mathew Cunningham were doing an investigation of crack cocaine on an individual. With help from Haskell County's Chief Deputy Winston Stephens and Sheriff David Halliburton, a search warrant was run on a residence and a suspect was taken into custody and transported to Haskell County Jail for possession of crack cocaine with intent to deliver. Investigation in the case is continuing and more arrests are pending.

In reporting the arrests, County Sheriff David Halliburton expressed thanks to all of the concerned citizens who help and give them information. "Without your help, we could not do some of the things we have accomplished," he said. "It takes all of us to fight the battle of drugs in Haskell County," he said.



INDIAN TEPEE VILLAGE-Making a colorful display across the front lawn of the Haskell High School building, Indian tepees were set up by high school classes during the Haskell-Mattson-Weinert Homecoming. In the foreground is the large tepee of the Class of 2004, which won the "Most Spirited" Award. Sitting in front of the tent is Otis Thomas, one of the class members who took turns in a continuous drum beating. In other awards, the Class of 2005 display was named "Most Imaginative," the Class of 2007, "Most Artistic," and the Class of 2009, "Most Colorful."

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Sorrells honored for service

Derrell Sorrells of Rule was presented the Masonic Grand Lodge Community Service Award during the festivities of the Rule Jubilee held Sat., Oct. 4.

Coming to Rule at the age of 10, Sorrells began working at the local service station at age 17.

Sorrells now operates Sorrells Service Station with his son, Jeff.

During the years, Sorrells has helped many people in various ways, helping people with car problems, opening up the station at times when he was supposed to be closed and going above and beyond the regular

service station hours. Sorrells joined the Rule Volunteer Fire Department in 1963, serving as Fire Chief a number of times and as Rule Fire Marshal at the present time.

He has been a member of Rule Chamber of Commerce for 20 plus years, was a member of Rotary Club, and is a deacon at Primitive Baptist Church of Rule. He was chosen as Rule Man of the Year by the Rule Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies are playing golf and watching the Rule Bearcats and Dallas Cowboys play football.



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A LITTLE AMERICAN COVER MISS—Ashley Nicholson of Stamford, daughter of Bekki and David Nicholson, shown here as winner of the "America's Cover Miss" competition in Abilene in Sept. 2002, competed in the national finals of "America's Cover Miss" beauty pageant in Orlando, Florida, July 5-8. In a group of 50 girls in her age group, she finished in the top 15, receiving two trophies, a crown as "Ad Sales Queen" and numerous prizes.

Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 923 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., Oct. 13, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 73 sellers were present.

Packers \$2 to \$4 higher, feeders \$1 to \$4 higher, stockers \$2 to \$5 higher, stocker cow pairs steady.

Cows: fat, 40-.51; cutters, .38-.50; canners, .30-.43.

Bulls: bologna, .48-.56; feeders, .77-.87; utility, .40-.50.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.20-1.60; 300-

400 lbs., 1.07-1.28; 400-500 lbs., .98-1.20; 500-600 lbs., .92-1.12; 600-700 lbs., .88-1.05; 700-800 lbs., .85-1.02; 800-up lbs., .75-.97.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.10-1.40; 300-400 lbs., .95-1.12; 400-500 lbs., .87-1.10; 500-600 lbs., .90-1.00; 600-up lbs., .68-.95.

Bred heifers medium frame, 500-650.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 675-820; aged or small, 450-600.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 775-950; aged or small, 575-725.

Jerseys, longhorns, holsteins, bad eyes, knots, cripples, goons \$5-\$25/100# less than figures quoted!

All deadlines are 5 p.m. on Monday.

Error in reporting causes misleading sales tax report

Haskell City Manager, Sam Watson, reports that the -50.39% decrease in the City's Sales Tax amount reflected in the September accounting from the Comptroller of Public Accounts is due to an error on the part of one Haskell business over paying their sales tax to the State Comptroller's Office by \$30,000.00 in Sept. 2002.

With a year to file for a correction, the party did. In March 2003 the City agreed to let the State begin to deduct from the sales tax collected to reimburse for the \$30,000.00 credited to the City in error.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has delivered \$306 million in monthly sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, a 1 percent increase compared to September 2002. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are down 0.5 percent compared to the same period in 2002. September's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in July and reported to the Comptroller in August.

The state's share of sales tax reported in August was \$1.32 billion, down 0.5 percent compared to a year ago. When the state's 2003 fiscal year ended August 31, general revenue-related sales tax collections totaled \$14.2 billion, down 1.7 percent compared to FY 02—an unprecedented second consecutive year of decline in the state's most important revenue source.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent September sales tax rebates of \$208.9 million to Texas cities, up 2.5 percent compared to September 2002. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are running 0.7 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received September sales tax rebates of \$18.4 million, up 5.9 percent

compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 0.8 percent higher than last year.

Haskell County had a 47.73 percent decrease for September, 2003 of \$28,892.32 in comparison to \$55,276.14 for September 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$231,950.62 reflect a 16.47 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$277,689.53.

The City of Haskell had a 50.39 percent decrease for September, 2003 of \$26,597.10 in comparison to \$53,622.24 for September, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$212,894.00 reflect a 18.07 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$259,857.83.

The City of O'Brien had a 9.23 percent decrease for September, 2003 of \$24.17 in comparison to \$26.63 for September, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$1,055.52 reflect a 63.13 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$647.01.

The City of Rochester had a 15.72 percent increase for September, 2003 of \$523.96 in comparison to \$452.78 for September, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$5,069.47 reflect a 2.31 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$4,954.82.

The City of Rule had a 52.02 percent increase for September, 2003 of \$1,701.48 in comparison to \$1,119.21 for September, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$11,804.74 reflect a 8.26 percent increase over 2002 payments to date of \$10,903.52.

The City of Weinert had a 17.49 percent decrease for September, 2003 of \$45.61 in comparison to \$55.28 for September, 2002. 2003 payments to date of \$1,126.89 reflect a 15.03 percent decrease over 2002 payments to date of \$1,326.35.

Book Fair to be held Oct. 20-24

Haskell Secondary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 20-24 in the Secondary library. This year the book fair is being called the Scholastic Student Exchange to make the fair experience more fun and relevant for middle school/junior high students. The selection of books and materials for this age group will be better than ever and will include entertaining as well as educational titles, new books and old favorites. There will be something of interest to everyone from middle school to high school, and also some products for younger readers, parents and teachers.

Everyone is invited to the

Scholastic Book Fair, beginning Mon., Oct. 20. The book fair will be open from 8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 to 11:45 on Friday, when the event will end. During school hours the public should enter by the front door and check in with the Haskell Secondary office. After school visitors should enter by the south door of the high school and follow the book fair signs to the library.

The book fair is a great way for students and families to find books they'll love to read, and proceeds from the book fair will provide new books for the Haskell Secondary library.

Women's club to meet

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Mesquite District Fall Board Meeting will be held Sat., Oct. 25 at the Baird First United Methodist Church, located on N. Hwy. 283, just north of Hwy. 1-20. It will be hosted by the Wednesday Club of Baird.

Reservations are \$10.00 if made by Oct. 20 or \$11.00 at the door. Mail to Louise Massey, 411 McHarg St., Stamford, TX 79553.

Registration and coffee will be from 8:00 to 9:00. Mesquite District President, Nancy Toliver, will preside at the meeting.

Baird Mayor, Jon Hardwick, will welcome the group.

Special guest speaker will be Mary Beth Guy of Kirbyville, past-president of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

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CANTERBURY TALES—Paint Creek seniors in Launa Medford's class, who recently studied the Canterbury Tales, dressed as characters from the Tales and took a pilgrimage around the campus. Three of the characters on the journey were; l-r, A. J. Shaw as the Knight, Courtney Buerger as the Reeve, and Kasey Duniven as the Wife of Bath.

Sanders reunion held in Moran

The decedents of the late Henry Sanders and Semie Sanders families met at the Moran Community Center, Sat., Oct. 11 for their 53rd annual family reunion. The reunion started in 1950 at Fort Griffin State Park, with the late Andrew Sanders of Weinert as president. His son, Eddie Sanders, and grandson, Kenneth Sanders of Weinert were present this year, along with three daughters of Semie and Sallie Sanders; Ammie Newton of Sweetwater, her daughter, Dorothy Russell and granddaughter, Sandra Good of Sweetwater, another daughter, Dola Williams and daughter, Sue Skidmore of Breckenridge, and Oma Farris of Breckenridge.

Ammie Newton received a gift for being the oldest member present. She will celebrate her 100th birthday, Oct. 30. The family plans a party for her in Rotan on Nov. 1.

The youngest member present was Carlie, the seven-week-old daughter of Jeremy and Wendy Sanders of Stephenville. Traveling the farthest was James Lynn Torrez of Gorman, who is making a career in the military and is home on furlough after serving 13 years in the Philippines.

Lois Cates of Moran is the only

living child of Henry and Lou Sanders. Frances Babbitt and Betty Sanders, both of Gorman, were wives of the late Gussie and Blonnie Sanders.

A bountiful lunch was brought and served by members of the Sanders family. Serving as hostesses were Betty Lou (Cates) Bullard and children. The center piece was a cake with pictures of the Sanders children.

An auction was held to defray the cost of next year's reunion, with Andy Sanders of Cross Plains as auctioneer. Jimmy Lee Turner and members of his family will be hosts for next year's reunion in Gorman.

New this year was "The Story Game," with a prize given for the best story told on a family member. Lona Mae Phelps of Haskell received the prize.

Decedents of Henry and Lou Sanders present included a daughter of Jack Sanders, Lona Mae Phelps; sons Travis Sanders of Coleman, Andy Sanders of Cross Plains and Jack and Sandra Sanders of Aledo; two daughters of Gertie Sanders, Norma Jo Tedford of Gorman, Dottie Pool of Austin and children, Terry and Donn Tedford of Justin; Deanna Artimier of Joshua; Laura (Sanders) Duckworth, children, Doris Ann Lundy, Wichita Falls, Jewell Heard

and Nancy Jo Lowther of Pampa; Gussie Sanders family, Frances and Bill Babbitt of Gorman; Delores Bowsher of Perrin, Tonya Thomas of Burleson, Jeremy, Wendy and Carlie of Stephenville; Luther Sanders family, Sandy Gibson of Clyde, Carol Gibson of Brownwood, Cathie, Patricia and Kendra Jackson of Ft. Worth, Kristina and Hayden Rainey and Peggy Smith of Ft. Worth; Lois Cates family, Betty Lou Bullard and Steven of Moran, Cheryl and Roy Davis, Moran, Aline, Terry, Elizabeth and Brittany McCormack of Moran, Darla Salazar of Bedford, Carla and Jennifer Jones, Milsapjana Morazzano of Ft. Worth and Marchetta Mathews of Petrolia; Blonnie Sanders family, Betty Sanders of Gorman and Ray and Janet Sanders of De Leon; Nellie Sanders family, Jimmy Lee and Glenna Turner of Gorman, Jo Nell, Charlie, James Lynn Torrez and Ike of Gorman, Effie and Ronnie Taylor of Breckenridge, Jessie and Eileen Taylor of Gorman, Eddie and Gloria Murphy, Desi and Dalton of Gorman; Dorothy Jackson of Cisco, Gloria Glasson of Gorman and Darlene Carrier of Ft. Worth.

Study Club meets at cafeteria

The Haskell Progressive Study Club met Thurs., Oct. 9 at the Haskell High School cafeteria for a short business meeting and to prepare for their annual Spaghetti Supper, held Fri., Oct. 10.

Club president, Julia Harrell opened the meeting and led the members in a humorous song about their spaghetti supper, set to the tune of Old McDonald's Farm.

During the business session, Harrell reported that member Mary Kaigler has received the highest national award given by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, for her report as Texas' State Chairman of the Conservation Special Projects Department. It is the second time in the history of Texas Federation that a Texas chairman's report has received a national first place award. A copy of it has been placed in the the TFWC archives at Texas Woman's University Library in Denton.

From an article in the *Texas Clubwoman*, Harrell spoke of how women in General Federation were instrumental in having states to name a state bird. Other accomplishments of the Federation were also mentioned, such as pushing for the enactment of the Pure Food and Drug Act, the establishment of many libraries across the country, and the painting of a stripe down the center of highways for safety.

In her Federation Counselor's report, Frances Lane asked that each member seek three new members for the club.

Acting upon the request of the Haskell school nurse, a donation was made by the club to assist with the purchase of eye glasses for needy students.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Month, pink ribbons were distributed for members to wear.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Shirley Reed, Thula Perry, Darlene Smith and Joan Medford.

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Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Bobby Hawkins of Lewisville visited with Joyce Hawkins and Margaret Tatum last weekend. They all had Sunday lunch with Christopher and Melissa Tatum.

Faye Gray attended the Gillespie reunion Saturday. About 90 attended the reunion.

Pat Shaw visited her mother, Bernice Hilliard last weekend. They attended church at the First Methodist on Sunday.

Jesse Scheets of Abilene visited his mother, Minnie and brother, Bobby on Sunday.

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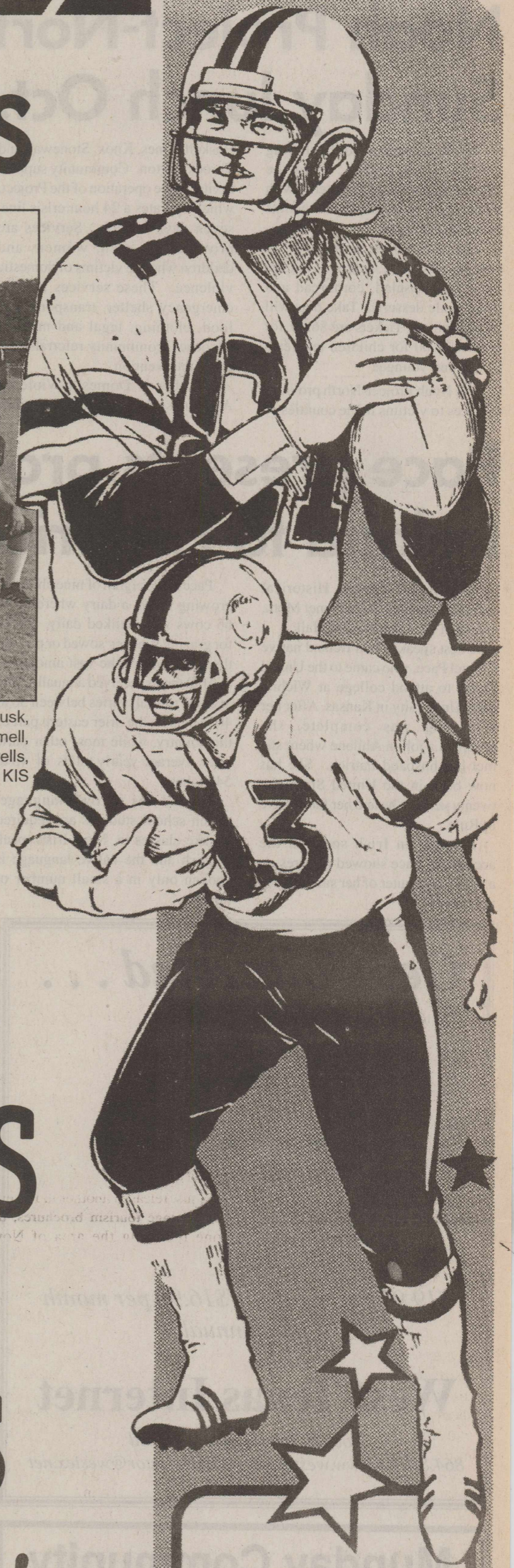
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2003 HASKELL INDIANS: front row left to right, Aaron New, Brad Blanks, Phillip Collins, Julio Solano, Ray Graciano, Justin Rodriguez, Billy Lusk, Josh Rodriguez, William Wyrick, Junior Rodriguez. Back row: Brandon McKlesky, L. J. McCulloch, Ronald Chapman, Gary Frierson, Josh Kimmell, Cameron Short, Matthew Brown, Nate Webb, Keith Wilcox, Jon Dulaney, Anthony Hernandez, Holton Hernandez, Jamie Markey, Jeremy Sorrells, Scott Agraz, Andrew Long, Scott Wilson, Josh Barbee and Homero Payan. Photo by KIS



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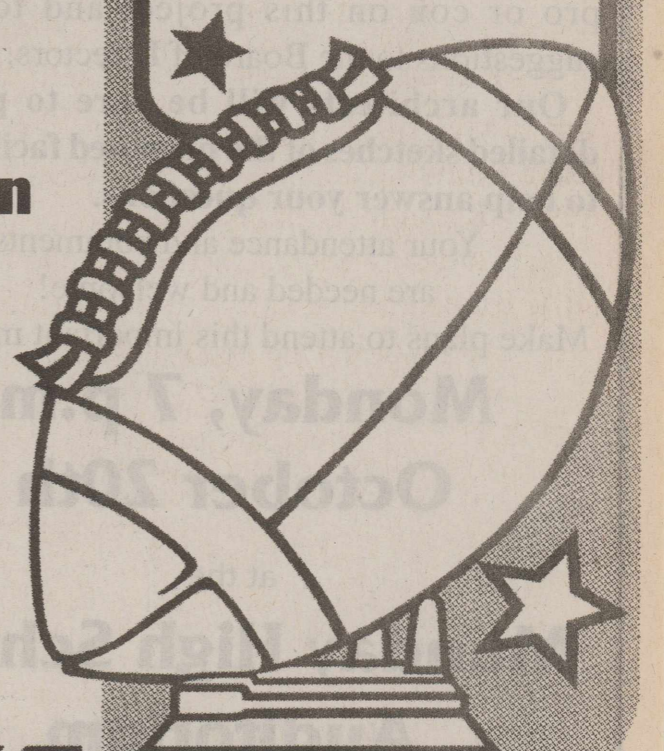
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Noah Project-North sets Sunday lunch Oct. 19

The Noah Project-North is having a Sunday lunch, Oct. 19, at the Haskell High School Cafeteria, with all proceeds going to benefit victims of family violence.

The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and will feature ham, beans, salad, cornbread and homemade desserts. Take outs will be available. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ten years of age and younger.

The Noah Project-North provides services to victims in the counties of

Haskell, Jones, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton. Community support is vital to the operation of the Project, which operates a 24 hour crisis line, seven days a week. Services are provided for men, women, and children who are victims of domestic violence. These services include emergency shelter, transportation, food, clothing, legal and medical advocacy, community referrals, and crisis intervention.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Presentations

about Noah Project's services are given to civic organizations and the schools.

Donna Sue Anders of the Noah Project-North said that even though grant monies have decreased in these trying times, the needs of family violence victims have not decreased. "Donations of money and material items are always appreciated, and we ask the community to help us help them," she said.

Anyone having questions may call 940-864-2551.

Pace presents program on Ireland to Historical Society

The Haskell County Historical and Genealogical Society met Mon., Oct. 6 in the Haskell City Hall.

Guest speaker was Ireland native Carmel Pace, who came to the United States to attend college at Wichita State University in Kansas. After her schooling was complete, she accepted a job in Abilene where she met her husband Patrick. She has now been in the United States for twenty years. She and her family live in Rule.

Playing an Irish song on the accordion, Pace showed pictures on a laptop computer of her summer trip to Ireland.

Pace is the eighth of nine children, growing up on a dairy where 60 to 65 cows were milked daily. Grass for grazing is never sowed or planted there because of the vast amount of rainfall that is received annually. The average rainfall varies between 30 to 40 inches in the drier eastern part of the country, while most other parts have average yearly totals of 40 to 54 inches.

Ireland has its own language, which school students are required to take classes in. Most Irish speak English and the native language is spoken only in a small number of homes.

Sports are big in Ireland, Pace said. The national sport is hurling, which is like field hockey, and is the fastest field game there is. Soccer is also played.

Lots of potatoes and lamb are eaten in Ireland. Also, some beef and chicken are eaten. Irish food is bland compared to the more spicy American food. The quality of restaurant food is much better here than in Ireland, she reported.

Pace told the group about a few phrases used in Ireland as compared to American phrases, such as; standing in a que, for standing in a line; going to the cinema to see a film, compared to going to the theater to see a movie; a way out, compared to an exit; taking a holiday, compared to taking a vacation; putting on a jumper, compared to putting on a sweater.

During a business session, president Johnny Scoggins appointed a nominating committee for the new slate of officers. Appointed were: Margaret Kitley, June White and Maxine Miller.

Present for the meeting were Wanda Ham, Lowell Peters, Eula Peters, Jack Kitley, Margaret Kitley, Darlene Bellinghausen, Ernestine Herren, June White, Johnny Scoggins, Marilyn Griffith, guest, Helen Ruth Kitley Sanderson and the guest speaker.



PAST AND PRESENT PRESS—The Rule Journalism Class won 2nd place in the Rule Jubilee Parade for their float depicting progress made in the printing process, from handset type to computers.



OLD TIMES NOT FORGOTTEN—The 'Cotton Pickin' Village Primitives won a first place for their look-back-at-the-old-times float in the Rule Jubilee Celebration Parade, Oct. 4.

Winners of Rule Jubilee Celebration events named

Results of the Jubilee Road Race during the Rule 100th Celebration were: 1st, Cade Brown, 19.54; 2nd, Jeffrey Murray, 20.34; 3rd, Jennifer

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Parade Winners were: Floats, 1st, Bobcats Forever—Classes Reunion; 2nd, Rule Journalism Class; 3rd, Pumpkin Patch. Youth, 1st, Just Married—Joseph and Daniel Turner; 2nd, 4-H Club; 3rd, Horse Rider—Rebecca Raynes. Other: 1st, Cotton Pickin'—Village Primitives; 2nd, Model A

Ford Coupe—Homer Lett; 3rd, Thin and Now—Allen Small Engine & Mower Service.

Centennial Dress Contest: Male—Jonathan Ortiz; Female, Oleta Cornelius.

Horseshoe Tournament: 1st, Kenny Tanner and Larry LeFevre; 2nd, Jay Louder and Mike Reed.

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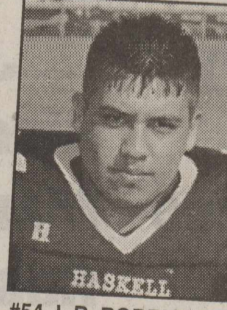
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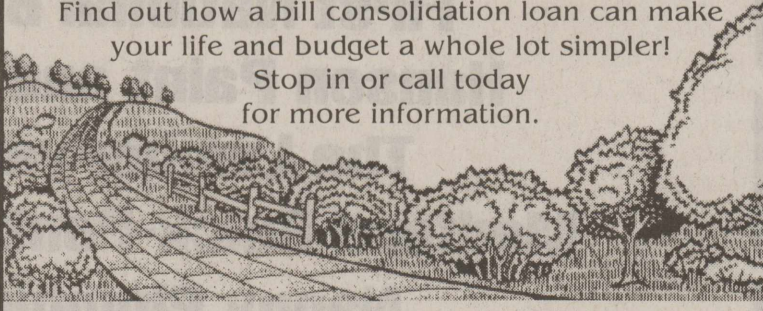
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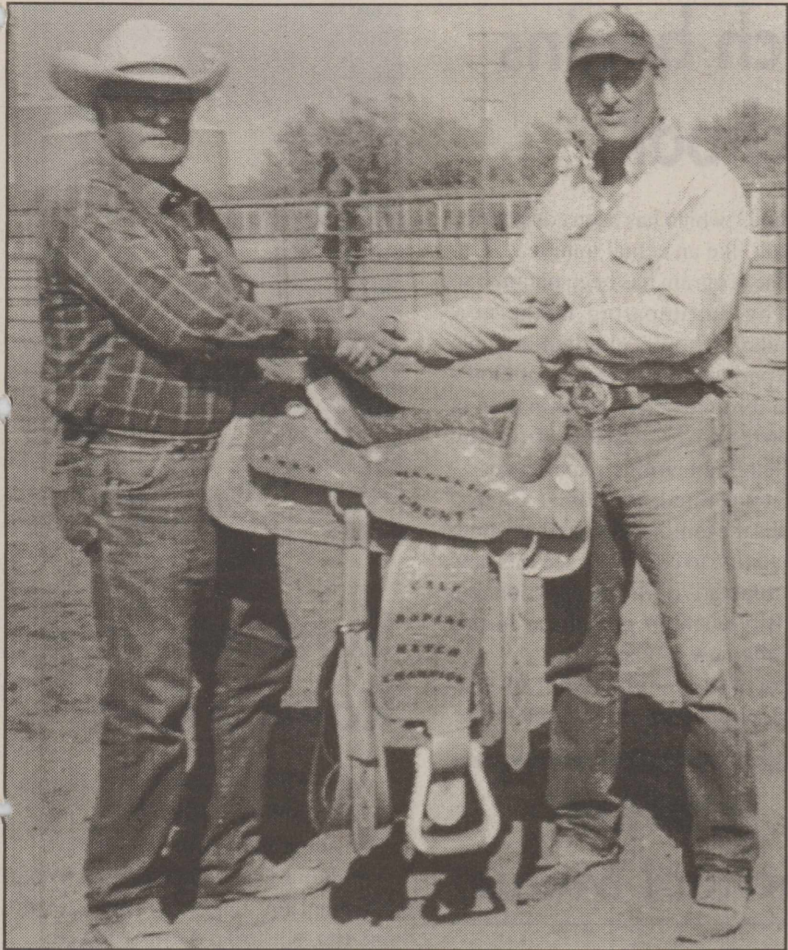


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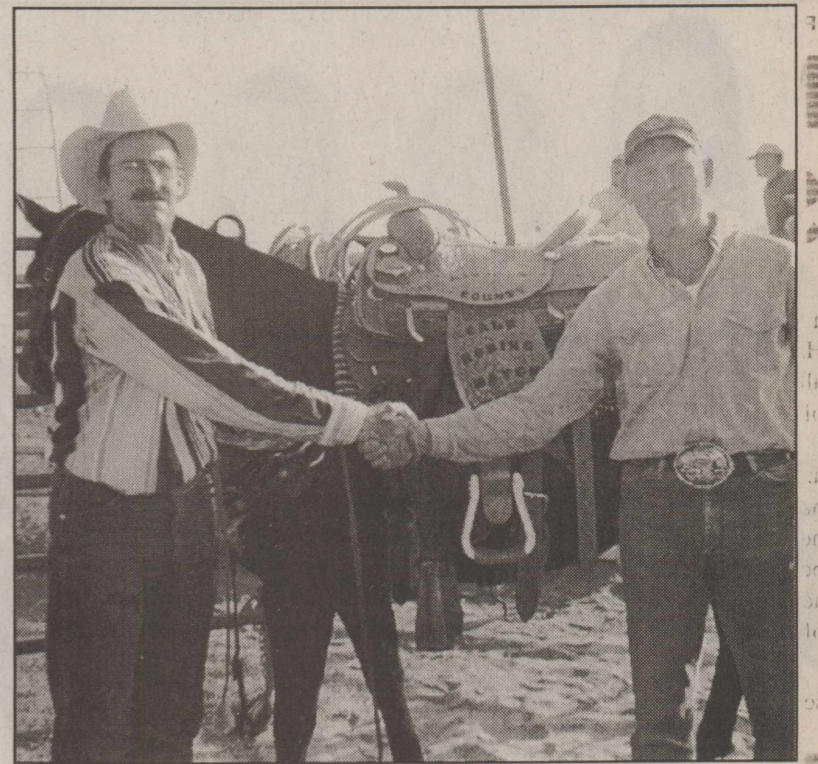
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BREAKAWAY ROPER—Billy McIlwain of Hamlin, left, is congratulated by Tim Layman, after winning a saddle in Breakaway Roping during the Haskell County Ropers Match Calf Ropings, Sun., Oct. 5.



SADDLE WINNER—J. W. Wallace of Haskell, left, accepts a new saddle as winner of the "OO" Roping during the Haskell County Ropers Match Calf Roping. Tim Layman makes the presentation.



SADDLE WINNING ROPER—Bruce Slover of Guthrie, left, winner of a saddle in the "B" Roping contest, is congratulated by Tim Layman of the Haskell County Ropers, Sun., Oct. 5.

Texas initiates testing program to help regain cattle tuberculosis status

Beginning Nov. 1, Texas will begin implementing the cattle tuberculosis (TB) plan developed by an industry and agency task force in late 2002. The strategy includes testing dairy and purebred cattle herds, work that may be conducted by certified private veterinary practitioners, without cost to Texas ranchers, reports Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

The surveillance testing, being funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is one element of the plan for regaining Texas' cattle TB-free status, which was granted in 2000, but revoked in 2002. In 2001, two of Texas 153,000 cattle herds were found to have cattle TB and were depopulated. As a result, the USDA, in 2002, downgraded Texas' TB status to "TB modified accredited advanced," the second-highest level in the five-tiered disease program. Today, all states, except Texas, California, New Mexico and Michigan are classified free of cattle TB, a bacterial infection that causes internal lesions or tumors to develop on the animal's lungs, lymph nodes or other internal organs.

Texas' TB problems surfaced in summer 2001, when infection was detected in a purebred beef herd in Fayette County. In fall 2001, infection also was found in a Pecos County dairy and a beef operation in Irion County; these operations were counted as one herd, because they had a single owner. In August 2003, a third herd—an infected purebred beef herd—was detected and depopulated in Zavala County.

Dr. Hillman said the infected herds in Texas were detected through routine examination of carcasses at slaughter. Federal and state meat inspectors check all carcasses for wholesomeness and submit suspicious tissue samples for laboratory testing. If lesions are TB-positive, the carcass is handled according to accepted health regulations, and the remaining animals in the herd of origin are subjected to TB skin tests. Test-positive animals are destroyed and carefully examined, and if additional infection is detected and confirmed, the herd is depopulated and ranchers are reimbursed with federal funds.

In the effort to locate the source of TB infection, or to determine if it has spread, possibly exposed herds also are tested, as are operations from which cattle were bought, sold or moved. In Texas, TAHC and USDA veterinarians have TB tested more than 14,000 head of cattle that had an epidemiological link to the state's three infected herds. So far, no additional infection has been found.

"Texas is the country's leading cattle state and number six for dairy production. We must do everything possible to regain our cattle TB-free status, so animals can move across state lines without restrictions," explained Dr. Hillman.

Under current USDA regulations, Texas breeding cattle not originating from a TB-accredited free herd may not be exported out of state until they've tested negative for cattle TB, a process that takes 72 hours. Additionally, some states penalize Texas cattle by requiring additional testing or identification procedures for dairy calves or feeder cattle. TB tests or tagging requirements can be costly for Texas ranchers, who, each year, export more than 150,000 breeding cattle and nearly a million head of feeder animals.

"To regain our TB-free status, we must prove to the USDA and to other states that we've conducted surveillance herd testing sufficient to identify and eliminate all cattle TB infection," said Dr. Hillman. "If testing reveals no additional infection, we could reapply for TB-free status in August 2005."

"California and New Mexico, two other states that also recently lost TB-free status, are conducting similar disease surveillance," commented Dr. Hillman. In California, where three infected dairies have been detected since May 2002, animal health officials have tested more than a half million animals in about 300 of the 700 dairies slated for disease surveillance. Another 100,000 beef animals being moved from one state to another for grazing also are being tested.

"New Mexico lost its TB-free status in August 2003, after two infected dairies were detected. Since then, well over 50,000 head of cattle have been tested," reported Dr. Hillman. He reported that in both California and New Mexico, to date, no additional infected herds have been found.

"Michigan's TB ranking is modified accredited, the lowest TB classification of all U.S. states. In this northern state, more than 20 infected cattle herds have been detected and destroyed, but their disease situation is complicated, because of infected free-ranging white-tailed deer. When disease transmission occurs between wildlife and livestock, disease eradication is extremely difficult," commented Dr. Hillman.

"USDA funding recently was approved for the Texas TB plan, so we can enlist and pay private practitioners to help with the TB testing program, which will begin Nov. 1. We need the extra manpower for this effort, and some cattle producers just prefer to have their own practitioner conduct any tests."

"In September and October, we're offering the certification training seminars that are required for accredited private veterinary practitioners who want to participate," he explained. "We expect that at least 250 private practitioners will be certified by Nov. 1 and will be ready to conduct herd tests under a 'fee-basis' contract agreement with the TAHC. Ranchers will have no out-of-pocket expenses, other than gathering the herd, presenting the cattle for testing, and holding the animals in a pen during

the 72-hour test period."

Dr. Hillman explained that veterinarians test cattle by injecting tuberculin into skin of the animal's caudal fold, under the tail. Seventy-two hours later, the veterinarian examines the injection site for any swelling, lumps or thickening of the skin, which indicates a positive response to the test. "Some 'suspect' animals will react to the tuberculin skin test, and these animals may have a blood sample drawn for a blood test, but a USDA or TAHC veterinarian also will follow up with another skin test on the animal's neck," he explained. "Animals positive on this test, called a 'comparative cervical' test must be slaughtered and carefully examined for internal lesions."

"When we start testing, we'll first focus on the state's nearly 850 dairies," commented Dr. Hillman. "This surveillance testing is no reflection whatsoever on the wholesomeness or safety of milk from Texas dairies or our meat supply. Commercially sold milk products are pasteurized, or heat-treated, which kills bacteria that may be present in the raw milk. These TB herd tests, instead, are one more way to assure that dairy and beef herds are not infected."

"While the Texas TB strategy begins with testing dairy herds, we'll also need TB tests on 2,000 to 2,500 purebred cattle herds, to ensure adequate surveillance," he said. "If we find TB infection in any Texas herd, federal funds are available to pay ranchers for the animals, so the herd may be depopulated, to prevent the spread of disease."

"The Texas TB plan calls for surveillance through herd testing of dairies and purebred beef herds, because, during the past 20 years in Texas, TB infection has been detected in these classes of cattle. Infected animals may not exhibit clinical evidence of illness until they are in the latter stages of the disease, so conducting live-animal surveillance is an important tool in determining the status of these important herds," said Dr. Hillman.

Dr. Hillman said another major aspect of Texas' TB plan involves enhanced slaughter surveillance. The USDA has hired and stationed additional animal health technicians in federally inspected slaughter

plants around the country. "Because this is our ongoing, first line of TB detection, slaughter inspection services must be fully supported," he said.

Other key components of the TB plan include controlling feeder cattle and rodeo stock imported from Mexico, a country that is known to have greater rates of TB infection than the U.S. "Mexican states have improved their TB control and eradication programs. The USDA has instituted additional import requirements on Mexican feeder cattle, and TAHC regulations require annual TB tests for Mexican-origin imported rodeo stock," said Dr. Hillman.

"In early 2003, the 12 TAHC commissioners adopted regulations that would require Mexican-origin imported feeder cattle to be completely separated from Texas animals," he said. "However, this regulation was 'on hold' indefinitely, as TAHC staff shortages and budgetary restrictions make it impossible for us to enforce this regulation. Furthermore, the number of TB-infected Mexican-imported feeders detected at slaughter has dropped to 13 so far this year. Instead, the commissioners have passed a resolution, urging the Texas cattle industry to voluntarily maintain Mexican-origin feeder cattle separate from native cattle."

"I believe we can regain our TB-free status," said Dr. Hillman. "The alternative is tantamount to throwing away nearly a century of disease eradication work. TB can damage our ability to market cattle freely, and if not addressed effectively, could destroy Texas' credibility as the country's leading cattle production state."

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Roping held Oct. 5 at Haskell arena

The Haskell County Ropers held the Haskell County Match Calf Ropings, Sun., Oct. 5.

The Breakaway Roping started at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following was a church service held by cowboy preacher Johnny Stewart of Albany.

Ropers and families were served a barbecue lunch by Greg Collett of Abilene.

The "OO" Roping started at 1:00 p.m., followed by the "B" and "A" Roping. The winner of each category received a trophy saddle, and the


runner-up received a trophy buckle.

The winners were: Breakaway Roping, Billy McIlwain of Hamlin, won a saddle, Wendi Roberts of Hawley, won a buckle. In "OO" Roping, J. W. Wallace of Haskell won a saddle, Chad Plumlee of Stamford won a buckle. In "B" Roping, Bruce Slover of Guthrie won a saddle, Jimmy Hill of Comanche won a buckle. In "A" Roping, Matt Kiker of Dublin won a saddle, Hegan Lamb of Abilene won a buckle.

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Indians shut out Bulldogs, 13-0 to delight a homecoming crowd

To the delight of the 2003 Homecoming crowd, the Haskell Indians defeated the Stamford Bulldogs 13-0. This win was critical, as both teams opened District 8-2A play. Joining Eastland and Anson, Haskell now finds themselves atop of the District.

The Indians used a dominating ground game to control the tempo of the football game. Haskell had 67 rushes for 303 yards, compared to Stamford's 20 rushes for 55 yards.

Indian quarterback, Brandon McClatchey gained 117 yards, while running back, Josh Barbee, the work horse for the Indians, had 33 rushes for 156 yards.

It was a big night for the Indian offense and Haskell's defensive unit kept the 'Dogs' at bay throughout the entire game.

Neither team could get things rolling during the first half of play. Each team did provide some tense moments at the close of the half. Haskell drove down to Stamford's one yard line, only to see the ball change possession in downs. Stamford's QB immediately fumbled the snap and the Indians recovered on the four yard line. On the next play, the Indians fumbled the pigskin and Stamford took over. The Dogs then used one play to down the ball as the half ended scoreless. All of this action took place in the last 30 seconds of the half.

During half time activities, senior Consuela Gonzalez was crowned Homecoming Queen.

The Indians came out for the second half ready to do some damage. Scoring on the opening

possession, Haskell used 11 plays in a 51-yard drive. Running back Ronald Chapman got the call and scored on a two-yard run. The extra point was kicked by Josh Barbee.

With 10:03 left in the fourth quarter, the Indians scored their second TD. Quarterback McClatchey reached pay dirt on a 30-yard scamper. The kick try for the extra point was blocked. As it turned out to be in the end, 13-0 was good enough for victory. Nothing Sweeter!

Brandon McClatchey had 25 rushes for 117 yards, Josh Barbee had 156 yards on 33 carries. Ronald Chapman had 6 carries for 18 yards, and L. J. McCulloch had 12 yards on three carries. McClatchey was 0 for 4 in the aerial department, while the Indian defense picked off 3 of

Stamford's passes. Chapman had one pick, Julio Solano had one, and McClatchey had one.

Named Offensive Player of the Week was Josh Barbee. The Defensive Player of the Week was J. R. Rodriguez.

Coach Brad Brunson said, "I was very proud of our kids Friday night. Defense did a great job, and offensively, we executed our game plan, but we didn't execute well at the most crucial time. I thought our Freshmen did a great job: Josh Kimmel on offense and Gary Frierson on defense. It was a great team effort and a great start to district play. This week we have a big game against a great football team. I know our kids will represent us well."

The varsity Indians will travel to Cisco to take on the Lobos Friday night. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

The 7th and 8th grade Warriors will play Cisco at Indian Field on Thursday. Games start at 4:00 p.m.



INDIANS OUTFRONTING THE BULLDOGS—Haskell Indian, Josh Barbee, #3, carries the ball in Haskell's winning district game with the Stamford Bulldogs, Fri., Oct. 10. Photo by Bill Blankenship

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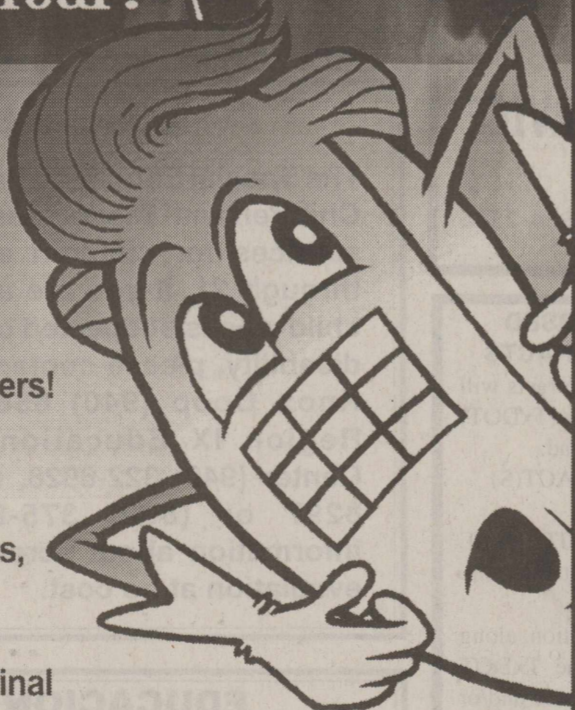
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