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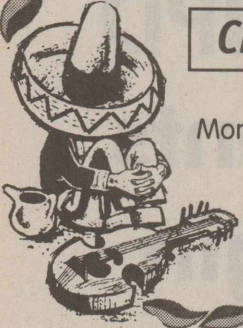
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Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 287 head of cattle at its sale on Mon., May 31, according to Gary Tate, reporter. 29 sellers and 21 buyers were present.

Stockers and feeders \$2 to \$6 higher, packers steady to higher.

Cows: fat, .43-.48; cutters, .40-.50; canners, .28-.39.

Bulls: bologna, .57-.67; feeders, .84-.97; utility, .54-.65.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., 1.30-1.65; 300-400 lbs., 1.25-1.40; 400-500 lbs., 1.15-1.30; 500-600 lbs., 1.05-1.23; 600-700 lbs., .97-1.10; 700-800 lbs., .95-1.08; 800-up lbs., .82-1.00.

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Bred heifers medium frame, 600-800.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 750-900; aged or small, 525-725.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 900-1200; aged or small, 700-900.



TERRY MILAM DIGGS
 Graveside services for Terry Milam Diggs (U. S. Army Major, Ret.), longtime pilot, of Haskell were held Sat., May 29 at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Diggs died Fri., May 28 in Haskell after an extended battle against Alzheimer's disease.

Born into one of Haskell County's oldest families, he was the son of John Milam Diggs and Eleanor

Obituaries

Terry Milam Diggs

Cousins Diggs. He graduated from Haskell High School in 1934, and studied electrical engineering at Texas Tech College from 1934-38.

With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps, completed flight training and was commissioned as the pilot of a B-24, the heavy-duty bomber known as the ALiberator. From his duty post in northern England, he flew numerous missions over Occupied Europe, including the series of air raids preparatory to the D-Day invasion. On one of those missions, he plane was felled by German fighter planes, and he was detained as a prisoner of war. Imprisoned at facilities in Poland and Germany (near Dachau), he was freed in 1945 by Patton's advancing Third Army.

After the war, he continued his long military service as a reservist. He was twice recalled to active duty; first in 1951, during the Korean War, and then in 1961, as a result of the Cuban Missile Crisis. In the latter tour of duty, he served with Abilene's 490th Civil Affairs Company, assigned to Fort Gordon, Georgia.

His military status complemented a lifelong passion for flying and he became proficient in piloting specialized military aircraft and helicopters. In 1946, he purchased the first of a series of private planes. He flew almost daily for the next 40 years. Eventually, he built a successful part-time career as a flight instructor. When he was not flying he was employed as a rural letter carrier working from the Weinert and Haskell post offices. He father had served as postmaster in early Haskell County.

Survivors include his wife of sixty years, Kathlene Burnett Diggs, a Haskell public school teacher for more than 30 years; his daughter, Terry Kay Diggs and son-in-law, Barry Helft who are criminal defense attorneys living in San Francisco, California; his sister, Mary Eleanor Diggs McCollum of Houston, long-term Haskell High School teacher; nephews Ken McCollum of Houston and John McCollum of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center or Haskell County Library. PD. NOTICE

Mary Frances Meier

Funeral services for Mary Frances Meier, 67, of Rule were held Mon., May 10 at Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule with Rev. Johnny Funderburg and Rev. Bill Trice officiating. Burial was in Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Meier died Fri., May 7 in an Abilene hospital. Born July 3, 1936 in Haskell County, she was the daughter of Shores Franklin and Willie Mae Goode Turner. She married Luther Meier July 24, 1954 in Knox City. She was a homemaker and member of the Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule.

Survivors include her husband, Luther Meier of Old Glory; daughter and son-in-law, Lynette and Robert

Tribbey of Haskell; daughter, Melissa Robertson of Rule; two brothers, Shores Franklin Jr. and wife, Shirlan Turner of Monahans and Kenny and wife, Judy Turner of Nashville, Tenn.; six sisters, Loveta and husband, Dalton Hearn of Rochester, Maxine and husband, Tommy Ingle of Beeville, Frankie and husband, Olen Gene Simpkins of Big Spring, Molly and husband, Buddy Lee of Abilene, Jean and husband, Allen Meier of Rule, and Ann and husband, C. H. Wright of Azle; and four grandchildren, Derrick and Robbyn Tribbey of Haskell and Miranda and Chanler Robertson of Rule.

Memorials may be made to Sweet Home Baptist Church in Rule. PD. NOTICE

James Herbert Freeman

Graveside services for James Herbert Freeman, 76, of Rule were held Sun., May 30 at Rule Cemetery with John Greeson officiating. Services were under the direction of Kinney-Underwood Funeral Home in Stamford.

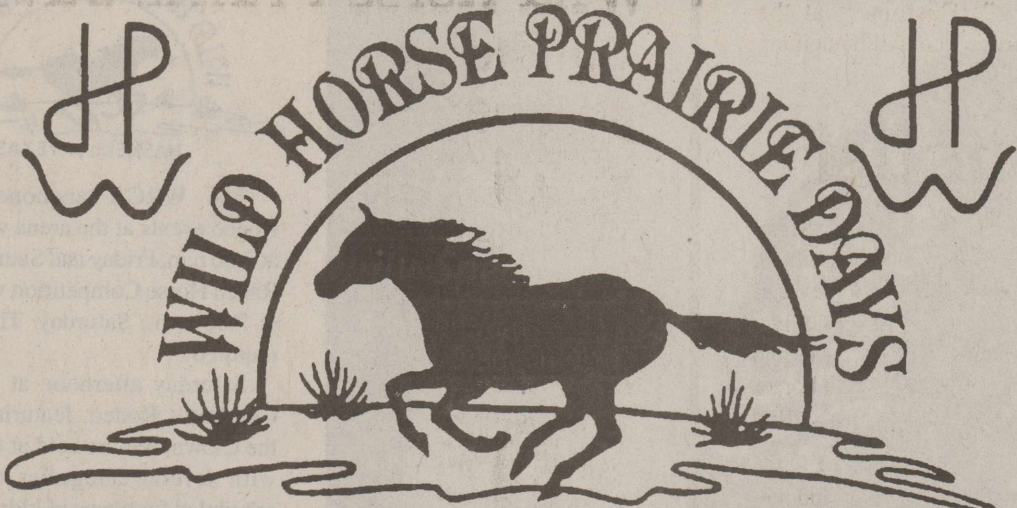
Mr. Freeman died Fri., May 28. Born June 17, 1927 in Haskell County, he was the son of the late Bartow B. and Mary Della Malone Freeman. He married Jerri Anne Decker May 16, 1992 in Haskell. He was a lifetime resident of Haskell County and was a Baptist.

Preceded him in death were his parents; two brothers, Roger and Roy Freeman; four sisters, Mattie

Hertenberger, Cora Hahn, Cyrena Johnson and Lavena Spitzer. Survivors include his wife, Jerri Anne of Rule; sister, Lucille Pointer of Abilene; father and mother-in-law, Jerry J. and Nelda Decker of Haskell; brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Connie Decker of Stamford; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 173, Stamford, Texas 79553 or West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605-9989. PD. NOTICE

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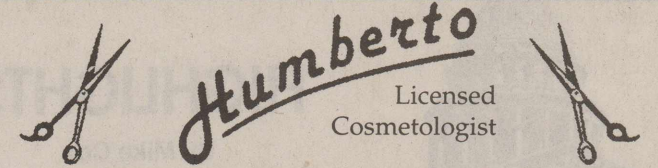
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Births

Stacy and Shane Polk of Aspermont have announced the arrival of their daughter, Shaincey Jo Polk, born May 17, at 1:27 a.m. at the Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches. She was welcomed home by big brother, Taylor. Grandparents are Robert and Lou Polk of Aspermont and Basilio and Kathy Andrada of Rochester.



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AND THE WINNERS ARE!—Young Haskell County ladies named winners in the Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Contest, Sun., May 23, were: l-r, Kailey McCord, Jr. Miss division 1st runner up; Ashton Rutkowski, Jr. Miss division winner; Tabitha Schonerstedt, Jr. Miss 2nd runner up; Meghan Glover, Little Miss division

winner; Kaley Mathis, Little Miss 1st runner up; Robbyn Tribbey, WHPD Queen winner; Laycee Tullos, Little Miss 2nd runner up; Jaclyn Drinnon, Miss Achievement award winner; Calina Kendall, WHPD Queen 2nd runner up and Miss Congeniality award winner; and Stephanie Grand, WHPD Queen 1st runner up.

Museum sets fundraiser

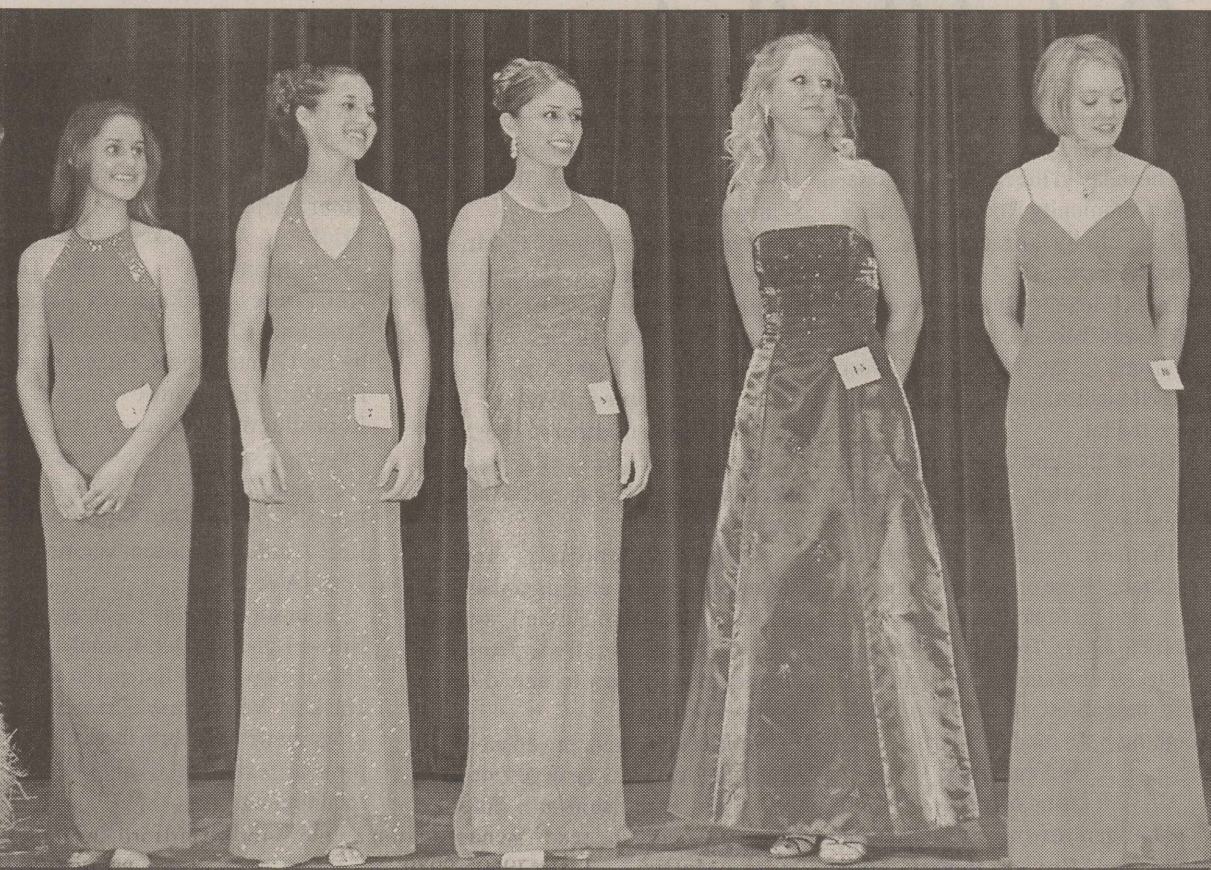
A gigantic garage sale will be set up in Munday, Sat., June 5, at 740 N. Third, by Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission to benefit the museum building fund.

Bargain prices on dozens of household items will be offered along with food for the hungry shopper going from sale to sale during Munday's annual city-wide garage sale.

Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, curly fries, iced tea, water, cookies and brownies will be available to eat on the spot or take out.

Members of the Friends of the Knox County Historical Commission will be working the sale and are collecting sale items this week.

Some work has already begun on the museum foundation in Benjamin. The site has been cleared and some materials have been purchased for the first steps toward erecting a building "in the dry." Customers at the museum garage sale will be helping the building fund.



WHPD QUEEN CONTEST FINALISTS—Named to the final group during judging of the Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Contest, Sun., May 23, were: l-r, Gay Lynn Gary; Stephanie Grand, 1st runner up; Calina Kendall, 2nd runner up; Robbyn Tribbey, Queen winner; and Tracy Richardson.

Jeff Gore concert set at East Side Baptist

Cowboy minister, Western gospel singer and recording artist Jeff Gore, of Coleman County, will be presented in concert, Sunday evening June 6, at East Side Baptist Church in Haskell.

Growing up in a pastor's home, Gore has traveled a long journey to where he is today. Although a lot of children say for a time they want to be a cowboy, that desire never left him as he grew older.

At age three, he began singing for churches, civic and community groups with his family. He was seven when he prayed to receive Christ as his personal Lord and Savior and was baptized. The desire to be a cowboy continued, and at the age of ten he began working on a ranch owned by family friends who had a son about his age.

Throughout jr. high and high school, he worked with horses and

cattle in the area. However, at age twelve, he felt the call of God to go into full time Christian ministry. Not understanding how this would fit into his plans to be a working cowboy, he struggled through the years of education and preparation for the ministry. After graduating from Howard Payne University in 1984 and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1986, he ministered for 12 years in local churches as youth, music, and education minister.

Because he had continued singing and entertaining, mostly singing cowboy and gospel music, he began to be invited to cowboy poetry/music gatherings, chuck wagon competitions, ranch rodeos, and community celebrations across the country, and at these events, began using his abilities as a minister. For ten years now, Gore has been

traveling full time in that ministry.

Gore and his wife Donna and their three children live in Coleman County, where he cowboys on ranches and ministers in ranching and rural areas, as well as at many cowboy events.

Recording six albums of cowboy and gospel music, he was named the Male Vocalist of the Year by the Academy of Western Artists in 1997, and has been nominated six other times. He has appeared in movies

with Tommy Lee Jones, Sissy Spacek, Farah Fawcett and others, and has appeared in several commercials. As president of Silver Valley Productions, he produces and hosts a television show about horses for the Outdoor Channel, called "Hoof Beat."

The public is invited to attend the local concert, which will begin at 6:00 p.m., Sunday at East Side Baptist Church.

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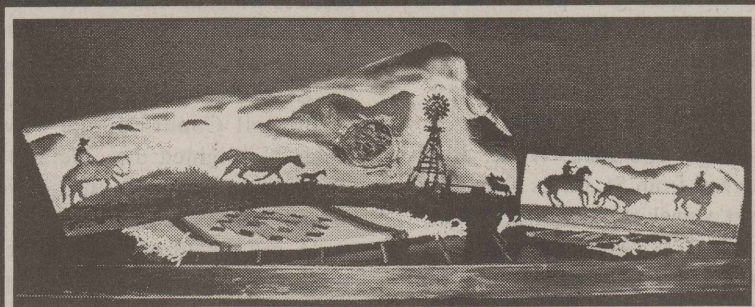
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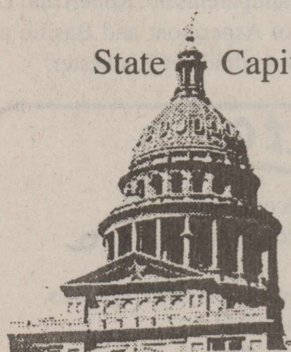
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

Texas National Guard renames 49th as 36th

AUSTIN—With little fanfare and hardly any public notice, the 55-year-old 49th Armored Division, which amounts to nearly two-thirds of the Texas National Guard, has been renamed the 36th Infantry Division.

Eventually, the division will have less heavy armor, focusing more on being a lighter and faster force similar to some of the divisions used in Iraq.

The conversion restores the historic name of one of America's most famous fighting outfits, better known in World War I and World War II as the T-Patchers. Originally made up of citizen-soldiers from Texas and Oklahoma, the division's insignia was a T inside a blue arrowhead, symbolizing the two states.

Keeping the same patch, the unit became the 36th ID in the 1920s. After mobilizing at Camp Bowie in Brownwood early in World War II, the division was the first American force to land in Europe in 1943.

Fighting first in Italy and later in France, the division suffered 16,828 casualties during the war. But its soldiers won 14 Medals of Honor, 88 Distinguished Services Crosses, 2,354 Silver Stars, 5,407 Bronze Stars, 88 Air Medals and 12 Presidential Citations.

The division was folded back into the Texas National Guard after the war and finally deactivated in 1968.

Though the name changed this spring, the big hoopla won't come until Oct. 2, when a formal "re-flagging" ceremony is set for Camp Mabry, headquarters of the Guard.

"The 36th has got a tremendous war record," Texas Adjutant General Wayne D. Marty said. The reactivation of the unit, he continued, "is another message that the Texas National Guard is putting on our battle face—that we intend to be fully

engaged in the global war on terrorism."

Students improve on TAKS

Texas' high school students showed gains in state achievement tests this spring with 72 percent of juniors passing all tests taken on the exit-level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

Last year, only 49 percent of high school juniors passed all tests taken.

Among third-graders, 94 percent have now passed the test after two tries.

Sales tax revenue stays up...

The state's revenue picture continues to brighten with April sales tax revenue up 26.4 percent compared with April 2003.

Total sales tax revenue for the month was \$1.46 billion. Of that, \$420.2 million was allocated to local governments in May, an increase of 10.3 percent from a year ago.

Part of the reason for the increase, according to the comptroller's office, is a tax amnesty period in March during which businesses could pony up unpaid taxes without fear of penalty or interest. The rest of the increase is attributable to the improving economy.

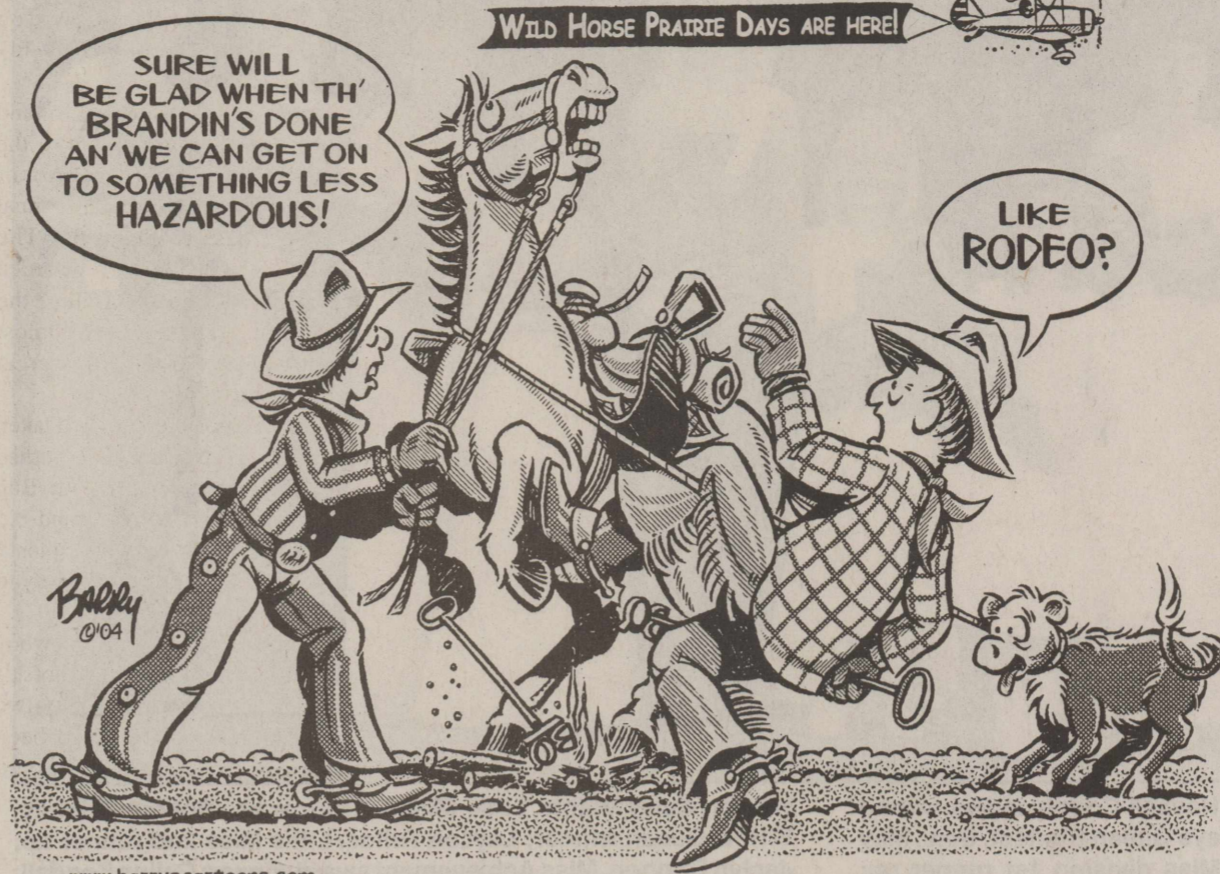
Splash making a big splash...

One new tourist draw for Texas is a cool catfish named Splash. No run-of-the-mill-pond fish, Splash is the world-record blue catfish.

Splash weighed 121.5 pounds when Cody Mullennix of Howe caught it in Lake Texoma after a half-hour fight on Jan. 16. Mullennix decided a fish that big didn't need to be fried and donated it to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Freshwater Fisheries Center at Athens.

Shy at first, Splash has gotten into the swim of things in the facility's 26,000-gallon "Big Fish" tank.

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From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago June 2, 1994

Haskell High School's yearbook, The Chieftain, was dedicated to Gerald McCoy, former principal and science teacher.

Vanessa Miller and Kaki Stapleton placed first in the senior food and nutrition educational event and Paige Jeffrey and Jessica Miller placed first in the junior companion animals contest at the Rolling Plains District 4-H Roundup.

Casey Larned was elected president of the Haskell High School Student Council.

Christopher Lopez of Haskell and Thomas Edward Davis of Rule were listed on the Dean's List at Angelo State University.

Lana Bell Davis, Estell Wampler Reed, Sharon Fischer, Elaine Elmore Holcomb and Louetta Barbee Davis were five of the ten girls who were seniors together at Rule High School in 1964 that met over the weekend for a 30-year reunion at the home of Sharon Fischer in Richardson.

Tina Reid, daughter of Henny Ried of Haskell and an education major at Cisco Junior College, was named on the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement by maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

20 Years Ago June 7, 1984

Art Williams received congratulations from his father District Judge Joe Williams after being sworn in as a new attorney.

Anna Mae Roberts was honored

with a surprise party celebrating her 80th birthday in the Haskell National Bank Community Room. The party was given by her children and grandchildren.

Treci Michelle Burson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Burson III, performed in the 16th annual West Texas Rehabilitation Center Benefit dance recital.

Albert Eugene Sherman, Lissa Denise Cauley, Jonna Ruth Wheatley, Robert Charles Geilhausen and Don Wally Kretschmer were on the dean's honor roll at Angelo State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dale Pittman of Haskell announced the arrival of their daughter, Tyler Whitney, weighing 8 lbs. and 5 1/2 oz.

30 Years Ago June 6, 1974

Members of the Haskell High School Band Shirley Abbott, Becky Gholson and Lisa McBroom received a first place medal for their twirling ensemble. McBroom and Clint Melton received second place medals for their twirling solos at the State competition in Austin.

Golfers Jack Medford and Bobby Raynes won in first flight competition in the Throckmorton Partnership Tournament. Allen and David Strickland won second place in the consolation bracket.

Patsy Robertson Blakley, Beverly Yvonne Hill and Leslie Jack Huss were among 587 graduates who received degrees conferred by Midwestern University.

Deanna Frierson and Mary A.

Thigpen of Haskell were named to the Honor Roll at West Texas State University.

Lynda Ivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ivey of Haskell, was featured in the cast of the play "Everybody Else" in New York.

40 Years Ago June 4, 1964

Lee Pippin, member of Boy Scout Troop 36 of Haskell, was the recipient of a "God and Country" Award.

Brenda Nicholson, former Mattson resident and granddaughter of Kate Bledsoe of Haskell, was one of two representatives from her community chosen to attend Girls' State in Austin.

Wallace Wooten, president of the Haskell Gun Club, emerged victor in the Class B division of a 300-bird registered trapshoot at the Vernon layout.

Jim Scheffel, Haskell County 4-H boy of the Sagerton Club, won first place in the countywide boy's electric lamp making contest.

Dr. A. D. Stone and Dr. Gertrude B. Robinson of Haskell were among 500 Texas chiropractors who attended the 49th annual convention of the Texas State Chiropractic Association in Dallas.

50 Years Ago June 3, 1954

David Jones, member of the Haskell High School chapter of Future Farmers of America, was elected president of the Stamford District FFA.

James Douglas Smith of Haskell received the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Texas School of Dentistry in Houston.

Mary Beth Payne of Haskell was awarded the degree of bachelor of arts in education at Baylor University. Payne was named "Most Outstanding Delta Alpha Pi."

Richard Bischofhausen of Haskell and his son Richard Jr. of Irving returned from a three-day fishing trip near Marksville, Louisiana. Bischofhausen estimated their catch at more than 80 pounds of bass, crappie and bream, with the bass and crappie ranging from one to four pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Barton of O'Donnell announced the arrival of a son, Monty Ray, weighing 8 lbs. 2 ozs. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Berryhill of Rochester.

100 Years Ago June 8, 1904

Judge and Mrs. H. R. Jones returned from St. Louis where they spent a week at the World's Fair.

Rev. I. N. Alvis and son Vestus came in from Fisher County and spent a day or two with old friends.

J. W. Collins and family attended the Masonic installation and annual picnic at Munday.

T. E. Ballard shipped two cars of beef cattle to Fort Worth from Seymour.

Mrs. A. G. Neathery and children returned from Farmersville where they have been visiting relatives for several weeks. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Yeager, who will visit here for several weeks.

Bull seminar to be held June 15

by Brandon Anderson
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

A beef bull seminar will be held at the R.A. Brown Ranch near Throckmorton Tues., June 15. "Getting an Edge—Bull Selection for Today's Market" will be the theme of the event. The seminar will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and the program starts at 8:30 a.m. Registration for the event is free and a meal will be provided.

Those planning to attend must R.S.V.P. by June 11 to (940) 864-3496.

The program will consist of an "Update on Animal Health Issues" by Dr. Arnoldo Gutierrez, Veterinary Medical Officer with U.S.D.A.; "Blending Cowboy Logic with Modern Science—Selecting the Right Bull for Your Cow, Your Country and Your Market" by Donnell Brown, R.A. Brown Ranch and Dr. Ron Gill, Extension Livestock Specialist; "Why is a Breeding Soundness Evaluation Necessary" by Dr. Steve Wikse, Beef Cattle Extension Veterinarian Texas A & M; Got Trich? An Overview of Trichomoniasis" by Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Haskell Vet Clinic; "Diseases Effecting Reproduction" by Dr. Glenn Rogers, Pfizer Animal Health; "Economic Impact of Reproductive Diseases" by Stan Bevers, Extension Economist; and "Keeping Diseases Out of Your Herd, Biosecurity" by Dr. Steve Wikse, Beef Cattle Extension Veterinarian Texas A & M.

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The R.A. Brown Ranch is located 4 miles west of Throckmorton on Highway 380. Follow the signs to the ranch headquarters which are one mile north of the highway.

Haskell Co. awarded TDH health contract

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has awarded a Preventive Health Services contract to five North Texas counties to begin creating public health infrastructure.

In 2003, officials from Haskell, Baylor, Foard, Knox and Throckmorton counties formed the Rural Health Partnership to address health needs of the smaller communities they serve. They identified infrastructure, disease prevention and education needs as crucial to their efforts to improve the health status of their county residents.

"The leadership of this coalition has demonstrated initiative and unique insight into the real health needs of those in our rural communities," said Dr. James Zoretic, public health regional director. "We are confident in the creative wisdom of these officials to build a health care structure that encourages healthy living and disease prevention."

Haskell County Judge David Davis highlighted the crucial part that healthcare plays in the well being of these communities.

"A remarkable effort has been made in the community, 14 people involved, to make everyone aware of diabetes. Our efforts have been named 'DASH'—Diabetes And Screening of Haskell (or Health)," Judge Davis said. "We have had a fun run and a 'DASH' day. Another fun run will be held June 5 in conjunction with the Wild Horse Prairie Days events. Other events will be scheduled for later in the summer. This is a very worth while undertaking and we look forward to its continued success."

Letters to the Editor

Dear editor,

The Wild Horse Prairie Days Queen Pageant was a great success!

We had a wonderful group of young ladies who participated this year, and we are proud of each and every one of them for stepping out and doing something new and different and a little 'scary.' We feel that the credit goes to all of those who had a part in the pageant.

We appreciate each of the parents for supporting their daughters, and encouraging them to take part.

Many thanks go to the judges,

those who took part in the program, the entertainment, and all of those who worked in the background and helped with the endless details.

We would also like to extend a very big "thank you" to the businesses and individuals who supported the pageant through sponsoring the contestants, donating items for gift bags, and helping financially.

Thanks again,
The Wild Horse Prairie Days
Queen Pageant Coordinators

FSA accepting applications for March 4 farm losses

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by high winds that occurred on March 4, 2004 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Haskell, FLM Larry P. McDaniel said recently.

Haskell County, Throckmorton County and Young County, three of six contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover severe physical losses resulting from damages and losses caused by high winds that occurred on March 4, 2004.

Larry P. McDaniel said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is

less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered a severe physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Larry P. McDaniel said. Farmers having property insurance will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Jan. 20, 2005, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Larry P. McDaniel said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agricultural. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U. S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U. S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Haskell is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Rodeo event named for legendary cowboy

By Mary Kaigler

Celebrating a historic connection to events in Haskell, dating back 106 years ago, this year's Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo will feature the "Snakey Sam" Graves Memorial Cutting event, named for the legendary cowboy who won the cutting at the 3rd annual Cowboy Reunion held in Haskell on July 27-29, 1898, while riding Hub, a 22-year-old horse he'd brought out of retirement.

That is believed to have been the first time a purse was awarded for a cutting horse competition. The original medal Graves won that day is now the centerpiece of a display at the National Cutting Horse Association office. Graves' granddaughter, Pat Garren of Buffalo Gap, provided the medal for the display, which tells the story of Sam Graves and Hub, and how they won the cutting at the Cowboy Reunion in Haskell in 1898.

A full page story from the June 24, 1976 edition of the *Haskell Free Press* retold the legendary account of the contest he won here in 1898, and announced the Sam Graves Memorial cutting event that would be

held that month during the Wild West Days.

When Graves was 16, he split 2,000 post oak rails to buy the 2-year-old horse, that was foaled in 1876 near Jacksboro. He later traded Hub for a big dun horse, but he never forgot the saddle pony with whom he'd developed that perfect understanding known only to a good horseman and a good horse. The teenager then got a job at the ranch where Hub had wound up, and he worked with him over the years.

Wire fences had stopped the common herding of cattle, and old cowhands, who were cut off in separate ranches, missed swapping yarns with their old buddies. To supply a renewal of fellowship for the cattle country, a cowboy reunion with horse races and other attractions was announced to be held in 1896.

The cowboy reunion was held in Seymour for the first two years, and in 1898 it was moved to Haskell, and a most interesting feature was added—a \$150.00 prize for the best cutting horse.

Sam heard about the contest and got permission from Bud Arnett, of the 8 Ranch near Guthrie, to take old

Hub out of retirement. Within days, Sam had fattened him on soaked oats, and patiently retrained him in the cow work he had done so expertly as a young colt.

Putting a rope on Hub's neck, Sam led him off toward Haskell behind a hack.

Every effort had been made to publicize the big event in Haskell. Both the *Kansas City Star* and the *Dallas News* told of the cowboy convention, and special railroad rates were provided from everywhere in Texas. Spectators came from all directions, even though Haskell was some 50 miles from the nearest railroad. Estimates of the crowd ran as high as 15,000.

In the delightfully written and illustrated prose-poem, "Hub, Champion Cutting Horse," Robert H. Williams describes the event.

"For two days the bands played and horses raced and broncs bucked and ropers roped. You never saw so many bets won and lost. The four hundred-foot-long grandstand set up on the bald prairie was creaking under its load. Folks lined the mile-long race track with wagons, buggies and saddlehorses."

The rules of the spectacular cutting horse contest permitted each of the twelve entrants to spend five minutes, during which time he was to cut as many cows out of the herd as possible. Each cow was to be driven to a certain predetermined point.

"Needless to say," the newspaper story records, "Hub was the star attraction. Many cowboys who were

expert horsemen, with their eyes admiringly following every movement of the old horse, stood up in their seats, entranced by his unbelievable skill."

A yell came from the grandstand when Sam and Hub brought in the seventh heifer, and hats went into air when they put away the eighth animal just before time expired. The \$150.00 prize money was awarded to Sam Graves and Old Hub, the horse who had come back almost from the grave to thrill this great throng of horse lovers.

After the reunion, Hub was taken back to the 8 Ranch, and Sam turned over half of the prize money to Bud Arnett to insure that the grand old cowhorse would always have plenty of oats and no longer waste away to the skin and bones.

Thanks to the love of a cowboy for his horse and belief in his horse's potential, the legendary twenty-two year old cowpony that had been turned out into the cedar breaks to die, rode his final day of triumph in Haskell.

Although Sam Graves lived 50 years beyond that event and remained active at his ranch almost to the day of his death in 1949, his life story is inseparably bound up with the story of his horse Hub and the contest they won together at the Cowboy Reunion in Haskell in 1898.

This year, at the Sam Graves Memorial cutting event, during the 8th annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Ranch Rodeo in Haskell, he will again be remembered and honored.

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Have you saved enough to retire? According to a recent survey, nearly 45% of all workers have saved less than \$25,000 for retirement. The survey also found that about one-third of the workers over 55 have saved less than \$50,000 for their retirement. You might increase your 2004 retirement fund contributions by using one of the following IRAs.

• **Deductible IRA.** If you are not covered by an employer's retirement plan, you may contribute up to \$3,000 to a traditional deductible IRA for 2004 (\$3,500 if you're 50 or older). If you're covered by a company plan, the amount you may contribute begins to phase out once your adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds \$45,000 (single) or \$65,000 (married filing jointly). If you're not covered by a company plan, but your spouse is, the phase-out income range is \$150,000 to \$160,000. If you qualify, your contribution is tax deductible, and taxes on earnings and gains are deferred until you start taking withdrawals. This allows a tax-free compounding of earning and gains. The IRS imposes timing restrictions on withdrawals; they must begin after age 70 1/2 but they're generally subject to a 10% penalty if taken before age 59 1/2.

• **Roth IRA.** A married couple with AGI of up to \$160,000 or a single person with AGI of up to \$110,000 may be eligible to open a Roth IRA. As you approach these levels, the IRS limits the amount of a Roth contribution you can make. Annual contribution limits are the same as for a traditional IRA, but contributions are not tax deductible. Once you've had the account for five years and you're at least 59 1/2, your withdrawals are tax-free.

• **Nondeductible IRA.** What if you don't qualify for either a deductible IRA or a Roth? You might consider a nondeductible IRA. Though the contribution isn't deductible, the taxes on the earnings and gains are deferred until you take withdrawals.

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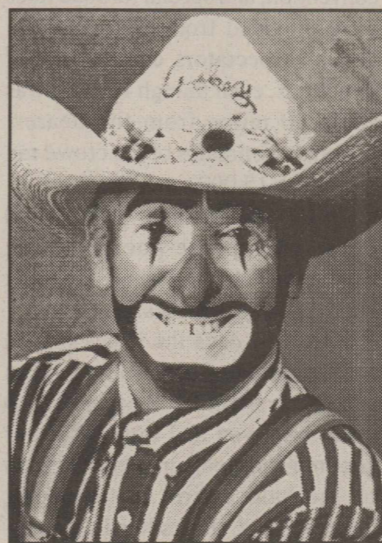
Pokey the Clown coming for junior rodeo

During the Wild Horse Prairie Days events, coming up this weekend, the popular character, Pokey the Clown, will again be on hand to be in charge of the Junior Ranch Rodeo.

The Junior Rodeo is the creation of Doug Smith, also known as Pokey

the Clown, of Panhandle. The event is mirrored after the adult ranch rodeo, but geared to involve young people, ages four through sixteen.

Under the National WRCA circuit, with which the Haskell Wild Horse Prairie Days Rodeo is affiliated, the Junior Ranch Rodeo is designed for the entertainment of children and to enable them to experience some of the skills used by real, working ranch cowboys.



POKEY THE CLOWN

Activities involved encourage the youngsters to work together in teams to accomplish competitive goals. Each team will consist of four.

Team events for the Haskell Junior Rodeo will include a Pony Express Race, Steer Doctoring, Wild Cow Milking and Calf Branding.

All four events will involve the use of custom-made, wooden "livestock." The three age divisions will be Pee Wee (4-7), Junior (8-11), and Senior (12-16). The young cowboys and cowgirls will compete on beautiful, handmade stick horses. Medals will

be awarded to the winning team in each age division, along with an invitation to advance to compete in the National WRCA Junior Rodeo in Amarillo in November.

A warm-up or practice session will be held for the teams at 2:30 p.m., Friday, June 4 on the grassy area by the Haskell Rodeo Arena. The actual event will be held in the arena at 1:30 p.m. Sat., June 5.

For more information, entry blank, and a copy of the rules for each event, contact Gerre Larned at 940-864-2454.

DASH set Saturday

In conjunction with Wild Horse Prairie Days events this weekend, Diabetes Awareness and Screening of Haskell (DASH), will sponsor a 5K Fun Run and Walk event as part of the Texas Department of Health Activity and Gov. Rick Perry's Texas Round-up for Health Activity Program.

Saturday morning, the second of several DASH fun runs will be held for all ages, with each entrant receiving a ceramic mug donated by Flatlands, and a t-shirt.

In the "DASH" for the Cowboy, a gentleman dressed in full cowboy

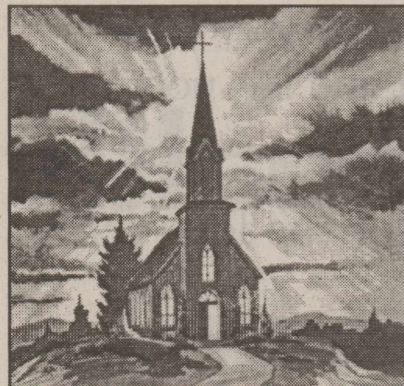
regalia will get a 5 minute head start and will be carrying a \$100, \$50 and \$20 dollar bill coupon. The first three fun runners to catch the cowboy will get these coupons, redeemable at the finish line.

A bike and scooter category for Elementary students will also be held.

The 5K Fun Run and Walk will begin at the Haskell Civic Center parking lot on Saturday with registration at 7:00 a.m. The cost to enter is a \$5.00 donation to DASH.

For more information, call Leiza Morales at 940-256-0769.

This Week's Devotional Message:



If you have been attending your house of worship, you know what a comfort and inspiration it can be. However, it may have more to offer than just the worship service and, perhaps, a Bible class. There could also be some very pleasant get-togethers, such as potluck suppers, ice cream socials, etc.; to welcome newcomers, say goodbye to someone, celebrate holidays, or for no

reason at all. You can help by joining in the fun, where you will make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and get to know your clergyman and the other members of the congregation better. These occasions will help increase your sense of belonging to your house of worship, and thereby add to the blessings you have already received by attending it every week.

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 - Christian Church**
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107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
 - New Vision Family Worship Center**
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East Hwy 380, Haskell
 - Trinity Lutheran Church**
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
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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.m.
401 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
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Rev. Tom Collins, pastor
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 - Union Chapel Baptist Church**
Rev. Clarence Walker
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Rochester
 - Faith Chapel of Rochester**
Katherine Byrd, minister
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
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Dolan Brinson, pastor
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Rochester
- SAGERTON**
- Sagerton Methodist Church**
Melissa Bemis, 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
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300 Sunny Ave., Rule
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- Paint Creek Baptist Church**
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- O'BRIEN**
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Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

- June 7-11**
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 - Tuesday:** Popcorn chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, fried okra, hot rolls, apple crisp
 - Wednesday:** Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, pickle spear, pork and beans, ice cream with toppings
 - Thursday:** Ham and cheese sandwich, assorted chips, baby carrots, strawberries
 - Friday:** Taco, pinto beans, salad, sour cream, jello

ECC Calendar and Menu

- Mon., June 7**
11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check
Lunch—Meat loaf, parsleyed potatoes, club spinach, green beans, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee
- Wed., June 9**
Lunch—Steak fritters, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, garden salad, pinto beans, buttermilk biscuits, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
- Fri., June 11**
Lunch—Meatballs with brown gravy, cheese potatoes, blackeyed peas, sliced onions, turnip greens, shortcake, milk, tea, or coffee

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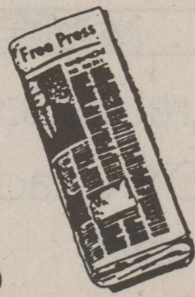
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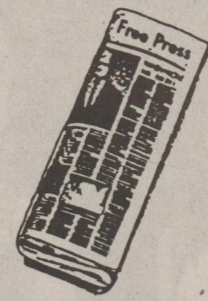
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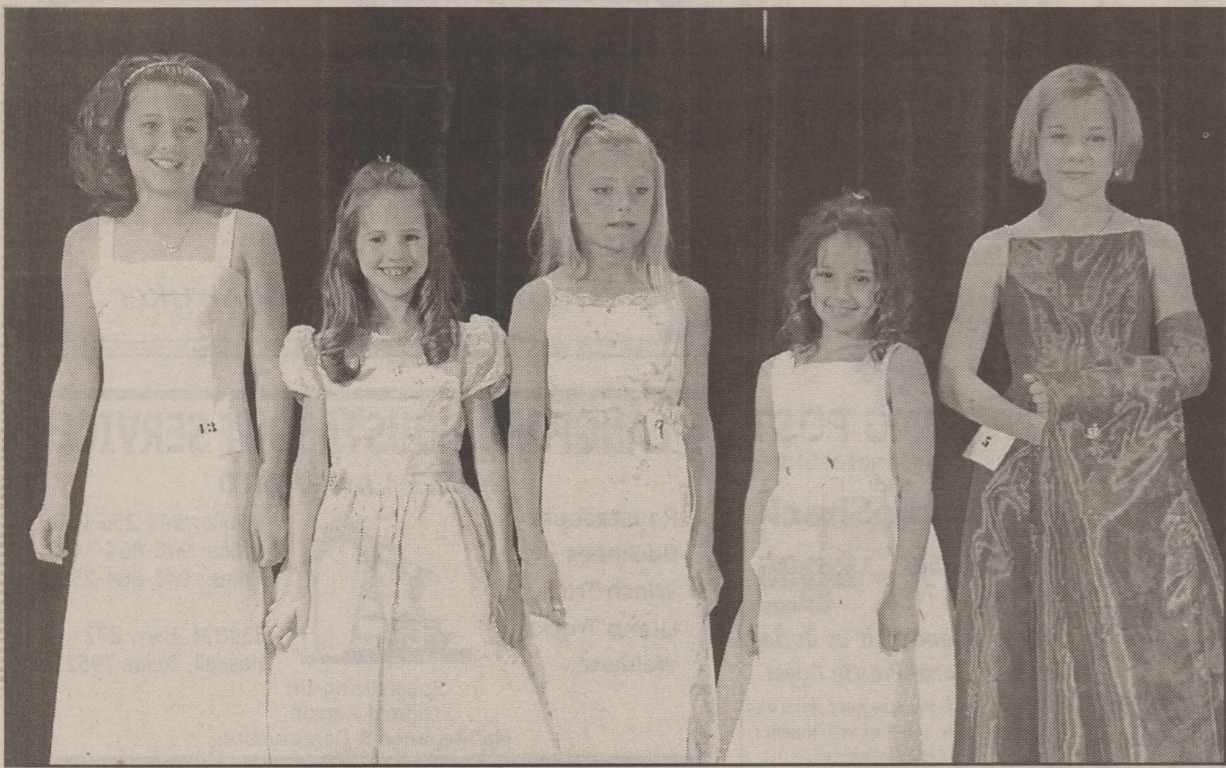
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LITTLE MISS FINALISTS AND QUEEN—Finalists in the Little Miss contest, Sun., May 23, were: l-r, Laycee Tullos, 2nd runner up; Taylor Marak; Kaley Mathis, 1st runner up; Meghan Glover, Little Miss Queen; and Toni Brown.

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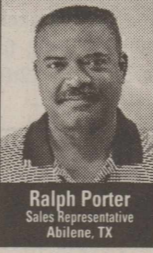
Timing is everything when you're trying to maximize insect control. Growers should quickly and efficiently identify insect pests, then determine the best treatment option for that point in the growth cycle of the crop. For control of soil borne insects such as Southern corn rootworm, growers should work to identify fields that are at higher risk for insect problems.

Higher risk fields are those with heavier soils, where Southern corn rootworm can be a problem in wet years, as well as dry, sandy fields where lesser cornstalk borer is more likely to be found. On those fields, a preventative treatment of Lorsban® 15G insecticide would be a good investment.

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