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## Plains Volleyball Girls Upset Three-Time State Champions

The Plains Cowgirls captured the Class AA State Volleyball title in Austin Saturday by surprising the three-time defending state champion, East Bernard, 6-15, 15-11 and 15-11.
The Cowgirls met Leon-Jewett (32-0) in semi-final action and handed the Cougars their first loss of the season. Down one game, the Cowgirls rallied to win two straight $10-15,15-6,15-9$ to advance to the championship match.
In one of the most exciting games of the entire tournament, the Cowgirls, coached by Charles Cain, and assisted by Joyce Pierce and Saundra Foster, rotated through good serves of all six players before making the final point in the last game of the championship match. Julie Culwell served what was to become the match winning serve. The ball went back and forth several times before Traci Nance spiked the ball for the last time. East Bernard
dove for the ball, but could not return it. The Cowgirls were then declared State Champions.

Finishing their season with a record of 28 wins and 10 losses, the Cowgirls had accomplished what no other Cowgirl volleyball team could in the past 14 years.
Six players from each class were named to the All-Tournament Teams. Receiving honors for Class AA were Traci Nance, Ruth Diaz and Julie Culwell.
Following the presentation of individual medals, Plains' own Superintendent Dean Andrews presented the Cowgirls with the championship trophy. Andrews is a committee member of the University Interscholastic League.

KPLN TV will be televising the state play-off games at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 and again on Friday, Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. for those who would like to watch a replay of the Cowgirls victory match.


1985 STATE ALL-TOURNAMENT PLAYERS are, 1 to r, Julie Culwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Culwell; Traci Nance, daughter of Mr and Mrs. John Nance; and Ruth Ann Diaz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Diaz.

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ELIZABETH DAWN GAZAWAY
Granddaughter Is Named Runner-Up

Miss Elizabeth Dawn Gazaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gazaway of St. Louis, Miss. and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tidwell was among the runners-up for the Sunburst USA Beauty Pageant held in Wentzville, Miss. Saturday, Nov. 16.
Miss Gazaway was awarded a plaque, a trophy and entry fee to represent the state of Missouri at the National Sunburst USA Beauty Pageant to be held in Birmingham, Alabama in August.
Three years old, Elizabeth is $2^{\prime} 7^{\prime \prime}$ tall and weighs 32 pounds. Enrolled as a pre-school student at Patterson's in St. Charles, Miss., she is studying French, tap dance, ballet and tumbling.

## David Kight <br> Gives Program On Beef Nutrition

David Kight presented the Lions Club with a program on the nutriional value of beef. Dr. Frank Oarts told the group how to prepare boxed beef for the freezer.
The Lions Club members discussed the possibility of purchasing eye wear for junior high school students in need of glasses.
Members present were Sherm Tingle, Wayne House, Kenneth McGinty, Dick McGinty, David Tingle, Merl Thompson, Edwin Livengood, Charles Oswalt, Larry Mason, David Kight, Pete StRomain, Jim Warren, Milton Bayer and Frank Spencer.
The program for the next meeting will be on COz production.


## Plains Dirt Gardeners

## Present Decorative Ideas

The Plains Dirt Gardeners Garden Club met Monday afternoon, Nov. 18, in the clubroom of the Old Courthouse, with president Mrs. Neil Parks presiding.
The meeting was opened with gratitude expressed toward everyone for their cooperation and efforts in the recently successful meeting of the Central Zone, held in Plains.
The group agreed to assist the Yoakum County Heart Association in the residential canvas in February' campaign with Mrs. Harry Richardson as chairman; made plans to donate $\$ 1$ per member to assist in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty; and will assist in the State and National Scholarship Fund; the National Land Trust Wild Basin Wilderness Fund; the American Indian Foundation; the Endowment Fund for State Headquarters upkeep and opera-
tion; and place Mrs. Neil Parks' name in the presidents' book at state headquarters.
A program entitled, "Christmas Arrangements and Designing Wreaths", was presented by Mrs. Neil Parks with members assisting. Many wreaths, door hangings, Christmas tree ornaments, Yule
logs, wall hanging and other decorator items were viewed by members.
Mrs. Robert Young, chairman of "Operation Christmas Card" discussed the club's sponsoring of the annual project.
Hostesses Mrs. Edna Chambliss and Mrs. Rolan Taylor served refreshments to 12 members present.
The annual Christmas family dinner, sponsored by the club, will be held Dec. 16.

With Deepest Gratitude, We Would Like To Thank The Plains School Board, The Administration, Faculty \& Staff; Band Boosters \& Parents For Your Loyalty \& Support During The Past Three Months. We Especially Thank The Band Students For Their Devotion \& Hard Work During Marching Season.
Plains High School Directors Bill Shipp \& Bill Strickler
 because they had not been using it. did not use the one talent had it taken from him.

Yoakum County Extension Homemakers met Tuesday, Nov. 5 for a noon business meeting with Toni Jones presiding. Gwen Carter gave the opening inspiration - entitled, "Grace Giver". Jerri Lollar, secretary, read the minutes from the September meeting. Club reports were given by club presidents or representatives: Betsy Martin, Turner; Gwen Carter, Stanford Valley; and Sidney Murphy, State Line.

Reports were given by delegates to state meeting on workshops and general sessions: Sidney Murphey reported on Cultural Arts workshop which dealt with cultures of other countries; Pat Curtis reported on health and membership workshops; Gwen Carter reported on Family Life Workshop which emphasized programs on Altzheimer's disease and developing family communicaton between generations. A report of the Citizenship-Legislative workshop was given by Clara Williams.
Reports were given on Holiday Gift Idea Workshop, Festive Foods Programs, and history books.
It was voted to participate in a
sesquicentennial quilt block being sponsored by the federated club. A Christmas party was planned for Extension Homemaker Club members and families. The event


'Rule Of Nature'

By Denis King
Some time ago in the Reader's Digest, there was a short article about a group of seagulls that was starving to death in St. Augustine. They were not starving because of a food shortage but because they had forgotten how to fish. For years they had depended on the shrimp fleet operating out of the harbor to toss them scraps from the nets. When the shrimp fleet moved to Key West, they began to starve. They had lost their natural ability to fish

This is a rule of nature. If you do not use what you have, it will be taken from you. This is the lesson in the parable of the talents. The servant who
It is a natural thing for men to worship God. But if this desire is not exercised, it will become calloused and man will become insensitive. Satan will provide enough scraps to allure you and ease the conscience. But, as with these gulls, there will be a day of reckoning, when the scraps of this world will be taken away. Let us serve, worship and minister now!

## County Ext. Homemakers <br> Select Programs For 1986

will be Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Plains Clubroom. State Line will be responsible for recreation; Turner, decorations and set-up; Stanford Valley, clean-up. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish and one wrapped ladies gift and one mans gift for the Denver City nursing home residents. One suggestion was foot warmer type socks. There are thirty-five women and fifteen men residing in the home.
A report from the program committee was given by Maye Weed. The following programs were selected for 1986: "Membership Begins With Me", "Vitamin and Mineral Supplements Can Be Helpful", "Shortcut Sewing", "Energy Efficient Homes" and "Public Policy". Also "Unusual Fruits and Vegetables", "Kick The Caffeine Habit", "Clutter Control', 4-H Program, "Understanding Advertising", "Chiles and Other Mexican Foods", "Self-Understanding'", "De-Boning Chicken and Fajitas", "Holiday Gift Ideas", "Packing For Travel" and "Widening The Family Circle"
New officers elected for 1986-87 were Toni Jones, chairman; Sidney Murphey, vice-chairman; Jerri Lollar, secretary; Margaret Box, reporter; Sheila Ashburn, parliamentarian; and Pat Curtis, TEHA chairman.

## Dirt Gardeners Begin Project <br> To Help Cemetery

Plains Dirt Gardeners is again sponsoring "Operation Christmas Card", the annual project for the beautification of Plains Cemetery. Any resident may participate in this worthy endeavor by donating worthy endeavor by donating
money usually spent for local Christmas greetings. The person inwhich the donation is made will have their name listed on a large Christmas greeting the last part of December.

The Garden Club has sponsored this project since the early 1960's. Many plants have been planted at the cemetery for beautification parposes and a retaining wall at the south entrance was also erected.
Those wishing to be included on this Christmas greeting card may contact Mrs. Robert Young, chairman. Mrs. Young or any member of the club will accept your donation toward this project.

## (1 )New - Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Taylor would like to announce the arrival of their son Ross Aaron, born Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 2:14 a.m. The little one weighed seven pounds, three ounces and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Bentley of Clovis, N.M. and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor Great-grandparents are Irene Anderson of Denver City; Ruby Taylor of Smyer; and Delpha Vinson of Bovina.


Louis Crenshaw, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 am Morning Worship: 11:00 am. Evening Worship: 6:00 pm.
6:00 pm.
Wednesday Choir:


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## From The Superintendent's Desk $1\left(\frac{-1}{-1}\right.$

This past weekend I had the opportunity to attend the State U.I.L. Volleyball Tournament in Austin. It made me very proud to be part of the University Interscholastic League when we saw every participating girl demonstrate such good sportsmanship, and work as a team to accomplish something very meaningful for their school and community. In each classification we saw very good students with a keen spirit of competition.

A big "CONGRATULATIONS" is in order for Charles Cain, Joyce Pierce, Saundra Foster and for the entire Cowgirl volleyball team for their achievement in winning the Class AA State Championship. This championship is not just a school championship, but is also a community championship.

Members of the Plains Cowgirls Volleyball Team are Karen Cobb, Julie Culwell, Ruth Diaz, Vonda Fitzgerald, Eve Flores, Bertha Gonzales, Kristi Harris, Toni Lowrey, Tonya Lowrey, Traci Nance, Terrie Spears and Christi Stephens. Stacy Hinson is manager. I wish each of you could have been present to see the spirit of competition and enthusiasm demonstrated by our girls and fans.

We say "thank you" to the Cowgirls for their fine season and again "Congratulations" to a very deserving group of students.


PLAINS, TEXAS METEORITE -- Jodi Gayle, a student in Mrs. McAdams fourth grade class exhibits a part of the meteorite found on her grandfather's farm northeast of Plains. The meteorite, found in 1964 was known to have weighed 75.5 pounds. A portion is on permanent display at West Texas Museum in Lubbock. Jodi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. "Butch"' Gayle.


## PLAINS I.S.D. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

[Due to the length of this report - it will be continued from week to week until complete]

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

Our school district is in excellent financial condition. Our tax rate of \$0.36 per $\$ 100$ value is considered one of the lowest in the state.

Our per pupil revenue in this district is $\$ 8,104.86$ per student. Fifty-four percent of the budget is for instruction.

IMPACT OF 1984 REFORM LEGISLATION
House Bill 72 has brought about the same changes in our school as in other districts across Texas. Our school board policies have been changed to include the new requirements

A plan for discipline management is being developed and absence policies and extra-curricular policies are in place.

The administration felt that this year was most difficult because of inconsistent interpretations by the Texas Education Agency. We were given directives by Deputy Commissioners at area meetings only to have them repudiated by the Commissioner after the T.E.A. requirements were in place. Perfect examples of inconsistency by the Texas Education Agency were in the areas of career ladder, early dismissal, lesson planning, senior days and extra-curricular activities. These areas as mentioned have had a very negative effect on our staff.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

TUESDAY - BB - Klondike - there, bBG 5 p.m.
THURSDAY - BB - Plains JV Tournament begins
FRIDAY - BB - Whiteface - there, GB 6:30 p.m. BB - Plains JV Tourn. continues; Denver City Junior High Tournament
SATURDAY - BB - Plains JV Tournament continues; BB - D.C. Tournament continues


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HELLO WORLD DAY, Nov. 21, was designated 13 years ago as a day to promote world peace. In celebration of this day, elementary students cut out traced pictures of their own hands and formed the words, "Hello World" on the wall of the cafeteria, (above picture). Pictured below, are kindergarten students extending their greetings by wave of hands.


## FmHA Issues

Loan Assistance
The Farmers Home Administra tion (FmHA) has issued new regula tions which spell out, in detail, the various loan servicing alternatives which may be available to farmers who are having economic difficulty, according to Texas FmHA state director J. Lynn Futch.
The servicing alternatives available to eligible borrowers include a deferral of a portion of payments for five years, reamortizing payments over a longer period of time, restructuring the debt, or subordinating FmHA's lien position on security to another lender.
The regulations spell out how FmHA determines eligibility for various loan servicing alternatives and under what circumstances FmHA would propose to take steps to resolve delinquency or other problems.
Borrower's appeal rights are detailed as well as FmHA's agreement to continue the release of sales proceeds until final loan servicing has been determined.
The new procedures were developed to give FmHA borrowers with delinquent and problem loans clear, consistent and predictable guidelines on how their accounts will be serviced by the agency," Futch said.

What's
Cooking
At School?

## BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Cinnamon roll, apple juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Toast, sausage orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Pancakes, syrup and butter, tomato juice and milk. FRIDAY - Fruit loops, pineapple juice and milk.

## LUNCH

MONDAY - Chick-fil-A sandwich, French fries w/ketchup, combination salad, pineapple and cheese and milk.
TUESDAY - Taco w/taco sauce, lettuce and tomato, corn and peas, sopapillas w/cinnamon spread, crackers and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles and onion rings, corn chips, fruit cup, oatmeal and raisin cookies and milk.
THURSDAY - Beef and vegetable stew, pinto beans, beet and dill sears, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk.
FRIDAY - Pork chops, gravy, green beans, buttered rice, lettuce wedge, hot rolls, peach halves and milk
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KENLEY POWELL

## Kenley Powell

To Be Honored
Kenley Powell will be honored Monday, Nov. 25 at the annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet. Powell is honored as the gold star recipient from Yoakum County 4-H program. Approximately $30 \quad 4-\mathrm{H}$ members throughout a 20 -county area will be honored at the banquet which will be held at the KoKo Palace Banquet room.
The Gold Star Award is the highest county award a $4-\mathrm{H}$ member may receive. It is based on leadership abilities, project participation and the 4-H record book
 HEAR YE!
"Tis the Season to be Jolly"... What do you mean, Bah, Humbug? What's the matter with you all? What has happened to your Christmas Spirit? Unfortunately, the economic situation and the fast pace in which we live, have contributed to the lack of true Christmas Spirit. And just look what
it's doing to our children! it's doing to our children!
Let's change that and bring our
community together for community together for an old
fashioned fashioned "Christmas Tree
Lighting". Interested?? - Well, let's Lighting". Interested?? - Well, let's
get to work. We need lots of get to work. We need lots of
volunteers with plenty of spirit to get things going.
There will be a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 5:30 p.m. at the library in
Plains. One representative from each Plains. One representative from each ed to be present, as well as all interested persons of the community For more information, call 456-6803
or 456 - 7441 after 6 p.m.

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