

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS - Krystle, five, and Kelsey, three and a half, are all set for the fun of Christmas holidays and the visit by St. Nicholas. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Blundell, they are helping The Plains Pride remind all little boys and girls that it's time to write Santa letters.

## Guessing Game Ends, Shane McMinn Wins $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0}$

The Plains Pride football guessing game for the ' 86 season has come to a close. Records of all points tallied declares Shane McMinn the season's best predictor, with 199 correct points. Shane was also the 1985 Grand Prize winner in last year's contest. For his ability to "pick the winners" this year, McMinn will receive an added $\$ 100$ to his earnings. Checks will be issued to the 1986 winners this week.
Maxie McElroy was able to predict the winners this week, with 13 correct. Four others tied, each guessing 12 games correctly. They were Valeria Winn, David McGill, Shane McMinn and Gary Jones.

Valeria came the closest in her prediction of the tie-breaker game
between San Francisco and New York Giants, off by four points; McGill, nine; McMinn, 13; and Jones, 21. Therefore, Valeria will claim second place and McGill, third place.

An average of 60 contestants played the game each week. Sponsoring the contest were Murrell and

Helen Thompson, Plains Producers Gin Incorporated, Yoakum County Co-op Gin, Yoakum County Federal Credit Union, Pay-N-Save Grocery, T-Tex Fertilizer, Plains Insurance Agency, Marjorie's Coiffures, Plains Appliance Center, T \& B Exxon, Plains Chamber of Commerce and Bayer Lumber \& Hardware Company.

## Santa Claus Wants Letters From Kids

Santa Claus has asked The Plains Pride to remind all little boys and girls to get letters written to his North Pole headquarters letting him know what gifts he should bring when he visits Plains the night before Christmas.

Letters to Santa should be written and deposited in the news envelope at Pay-N-Save Grocery, before Dec. 16 in order to be printed in the Christmas issue of the newspaper. Letters may also be mailed to The Plains Pride, P.O. Box 774, Olton, TX 79064.

## Junior High Performance Earns Tie For First

Plains Junior High School's one-act-play, "Charlotte's Web", tied with Borden County for the district win Monday, Nov. 24. Written by E.B. White, the play script was by Joseph Robinette.
The cast was composed of Clint Parks as Wilber; JoLena Powell, goose; Darce Pierce, Templeton; Kemi Cobb, Charlotte; D'Shan

Seaton, Turvey; and Vee Ann Fitzgerald, Mrs. Arable.
All cast members received honors with Clint selected for Best Actor. JoLena, Darce and Kemi were named to the All Star Cast with D'Shan and Vee Ann receiving honorable mention.

Kim Andrews and Joyce Pierce

## Honor Roll Is Announced At Plains High School

Honor Roll for the second six weeks period at Plains High School is announced by Robert Parks, principal.
Students on the All "A" roll are Daniel Canada, Nieves Garcia, Lance Morrow, Phillip Cowart, Chard Guetersloh, John Harris, Heather McGill, Nikki McGinty, Lebert Powell, Jesse Ramirez and Elsie Carrillo.
Also Jesse FLores, Bertha Gonzales, Lusema Luna, Shane McMinn, Brad McWhirter, Kenley Powell, Ruth Diaz, Vonda Fitzgerald, Jody Harris, Martha Morales, Cristi Stephens and Sandy Ramos.
Those named to the All "A's" and one " $B$ " are Sally Burrus,
Henry Gonzales, Brian Livengood, Emedelia Luna, Kyle Stephens, Chad Wall, Karen Cobb, Micah Stowe, Jeff Baum, Eve Flores,

Tonya Lowrey, Roger Rivas and Joe Rivera.

## Dirt Gardeners <br> To Aid Cemetery

"Operation Christmas Card" is being sponsored again this year by members of Plains Dirt Gardeners Garden Club. Proceeds of the project will be used for the beautification of the cemetery.

Names of persons making contributions to the project in lieu of mailing Christmas greetings to local friends and loved ones will be listed in a special greeting in the Christmas issue of The Plains Pride. This is an opportunity to say "Merry Christmas" in a way that will last throughout the year and provide beauty at Plains Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Mrs. Robert Young, project chairman.


KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS DECORATE TREE -- Students of Connie McWhirter, Janice McGill and Ann McGinty got an early start in the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting by placing their own handerafted decorations on the community Christmas tree in Pioneer Plaza Park. The annual lighting was held Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30.

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## THE PLAINS PRIDE Joe \& Debbie Alcorta - Publisher/Editor <br> The Plains Pride (USPS 757-130) is published weekly at 716 Main Street, <br> Christmas Issue To Feature Greeting Cards \& Pictures

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by calling Linda Carey, Plains Pride correspondent at 456-7403.
Cost is determined by size, star-
ting at $\$ 15$. Deadline for the
Christmas issue is Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Young Farmers To Meet Monday

Plains Young Farmers will meet at 8 p.m. Monday evening in the ag building. A regular business meeting is the agenda.
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## Mr. \& Mrs. Milton Bayer To Be Honored With Tea

Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Bayer will be honored with a fortieth wedding anniversary tea Sunday, Dec. 7 in First Baptist Church. Calling hours are 2 to 4 p.m.

Children of the couple are hosting the open invitation event. They are Pamela Burnett of Midland, Sandra Kreller of Lightning Ridge, N.S.W. Australia, Keith Bayer of Plains, Scott Bayer of Wimberly and Laine Dorman of San Angelo
The former Jimmie Teaff and Bayer were married in Close City Baptist Church in 1946
Friends and relatives are invited.

## 'Evening With Jim Rudd' Set For Wednesday In Lubbock

In appreciation for the dedication and leadership Jim Rudd has demonstrated during his service as Appropriations' Chairman, Jim's friends will be hosting an "Evening With Jim Rudd"

The event will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the University City Club,

2519 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Tickets are $\$ 25$ per person and may be purchased at the door.

For more information, contact Sharon Hull at (512) 478-6700.

Yvette Vasquez To Be Honored

Yvette Vasquez, bride-elect of Freddie Ramos, will be honored Saturday, Dec. 6 with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Kenneth McGinty. Calling hours are 2 to 4 p.m.

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## 'Holiday Designs' Shared By Plains Dirt Gardeners

"Holiday Designs" was the topic of the November program for Plains Dirt Gardeners Garden Club in their meeting last week. Club members shared innovative, beautiful and interesting designs for inside and outside the home. Mrs. Harry Richardson was program director
Reports were given for the District I zone meeting, highway

## cut New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cheatham of Harlingen announce the arrival of their son, Jarrod Michael, Nov. 8. The little one measured 18 inches and weighed seven pounds three and eight-tenths ounces at birth. Grand parents are Mrs. Julia Alaniz of Los Fresnos; and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cheatham of Tokio. Greatgrandparents are Mrs. Julia Alaniz of Rio Hondo; and Mrs. Estelle Cheatham of Brownfield.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rafferty would like to announce the arrival of their second granddaughter, Ashley Marie Long, born Nov. 16 in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. The newborn's parents are Keith and Malisa Long of Lubbock. She weighed six pounds six ounces and measured 21 inches long.

214-82 beautification project cemetery project and plans for the club's participation in the Christmas tree lighting program.
Plans were made for the club's family Christmas dinner to be held Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. A nominating committee composed of Mmes. Bill Overton, Glenn Morehouse and Richardson was appointed.
Mrs. Edna Chambliss, hostess, served refreshments to Mmes. Overton, Morehouse, Richardson Bilbrey, Chitwood, Guetersloh, Parks, Tingle and Young.

## Art Association Has Dinner Party

Members of Plains Art Association entertained their families with a Christmas dinner party Tuesday evening in the clubroom. Holiday decorations highlighted the meeting. room
Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, asparagus and homemade rolls were topped off with chocolate, pecan, cherry and pumpkin pies. Plate favors were candy cane reindeer.

Gifts were exchanged and Ineta Teaff told the "Night Before Christmas".

Next meeting of the club will be Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the clubroom.


## From The Superintendent's Desk <br> dean andrews

Today I would like to address a topic often mentioned at Plains Schools: Curriculum. What is a curriculum? In every school across the country there is a curriculum. Yet, "curriculum" is a word which educators, students and citizens use with a casualness and confidence that may not always be deserved. Simply stated, the curriculum is the program of studies within a school. Interestingly, the word comes from the Latin word for "racetrack" -- and that often describes the pace some school activities require from boys and girls.

The next question we might ask is "How does a school curriculum come to be?

First, we must realize that schools exist by law. Therefore, it follows that the government will always prescribe certain subjects to be taught in schools. These subjects always include the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics, along with history, science and special subjects in the arts. Partly because of nationally published textbooks, many requirements in schools across the nation are quite similar

Second, all states allow for options in adding courses to the cur riculum and for making reasonable adaptions of government requirements. Generally of course, small schools are more limited in the number of courses and services they can provide students. A smaller school may not be able to offer highly specialized courses. On the other hand, one would not expect to see vocational agriculture in a large city school, though a city district may have a course in horticulture.

Yet, the quality of the courses offered is more significant than the quantity. And the quality depends largely upon what educators and community members want it to be. This is made evident by citizens' financial support and active participation in their schools.

Finally while the skills taught to students do not really change, the options for using school time do change. This requires constant planning, review and evaluation by teachers and administrators. New textbooks, supplemental learning materials, and completely new courses become available constantly. It takes time, skill and clear judgement to review them wisely.

The whole procedure of managing curriculum works best when the community knows what the curriculum is -- and has the opportunity to work with educators for improvement. Then, aside from government requirements, the curriculum finally turns out to be what the community wants it to be. This, after all, is why schools are governed by local boards of education. It is the board of education that establishes curriculum policy in each local district.


## Induction Held Recently

For National Honor Society

National Honor Society of Plains High School inducted 18 new members Wednesday, Nov. 26 in a candlelight ceremony followed by a reception for members and their parents.

As each one's name was called parents came forward to pin the NHS pin on their child. Inducted were Lisa Flores, Lydia Jimenez, Lynda Jimenez, Heather McGill, Nikki McGinty, Philip Cowart, Chad Guetersloh, John Harris,

Brian Livengood, Blake McWhirter, Lebert Powell, Jessie Ramirez, Kyle Stephens, Chad Wall, Jody Harris, Kristi Stephens, Eve Flores and Tonya Lowrey.

Four NHS officers participated in the program. Vice president Micah Stowe spoke on service; Bertha Gonzales, treasurer, spoke on character; Shane McMinn, president, on scholarship and reporter Jessie Flores, leadership


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## Keep Holiday Pounds Off

Some advance planning and a good deal of will power may help you keep off extra pounds and still enjoy the holidays, says Mary D. Williams, County Extension Agent, Home Economics. The key is moderation. Think about the temptation to overeat before and after eating. Decide when you can eat less. Knowing ahead of time what and how much you will eat can make it possible for you to enjoy sweets and desserts without guilt.
Try these ideas for staying in control of holiday eating:
*Allow yourself to enjoy holiday foods, but make it a rule to turn down second helpings
*If you have the will-power, avoid rich desserts and eat fresh fruits.

*When you can't avoid rich desserts, ask for half a serving instead of a whole one or eat only the filling of the pie and not the crust.
*At parties, carry on your conversation away from the snack table.
*Look for fresh fruits and vegetables rather than nuts and chips.
*Plan ahead to limit what you eat at home so you can enjoy holiday eating with your friends.

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Seagraves Eighth grade bested Plains 27-24.
Melissa Green and Michelle Lowe had 6 points each while Leslie Patton and Sandra Ramos picked up 5 and 4 , respectively. Other team members are Vee Ann Fitzgerald, Wendie Alexander, Teresa Hinson, Anette Martinez and Rosanne Martinez.
Eighth grade coach is Joyce Pierce.

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## Dinner Honors

 Jesse DearingJesse Dearing of Tokio was honored with a dinner to celebrate his 80 th birthday. The dinner, containing his favorite foods, was served in the Club Room Sunday, Nov. 30.

Attending were his family, Velma Dearing, Marvin Dearing, Melvin, Dawn, Jeremy and Cassandra Dearing of Tokio; his sister, Nonnie Lobban of Odessa; Kenneth, Willie Mae and Garrick Engle of Plains; Leon and Thelma Cheatham of Tokio; Ricky, Donna, Danya and Taryn Timmons of Brownfield; Clistus Addison of Snyder; Steve, Peggy, Chad, Blake and Tyler Hicks of Seagraves; and Claudie, Tim and Judy Addison of Plains.
Mrs. Dearing also received a birthday greeting card from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan from Washington, D.C.

## Filmtime

Christmas decorations added to the pleasures of filmtime for preschoolers this week at Yoakum County Library in Plains. Fun games were played and Christmas carols were sung.
Boys and girls saw the film, "Classifying, Juggling, Shapes and Colors'" and 'Morris' Disappearing Bag".
Attending were Justin Taylor, Sharla Vantine, Colt and Mackenzie Winn, Scott Sears, Brett Squyres, Kim Willis, Jennifer Phillips, Linzie Rust, Josh and Daniel Clay, Tarren and Keenan Hancock, Staci Tuggle, Donita Richardson, Jason and Ryan Swann, Kyle and Morgan Kight, Lacey Crawford, Jeremy Humphrey, Ty Shearman and Christine Ebbler.

## Chamber Plans <br> Yule Participation

Plains Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday noon in the Heritage Room of Plains Library to finalize plans for their participation in the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Attending were Dick McGinty, David Bunch and Faye Nelms.
The board will meet at 12 noon Jan. 6, 1987 in the Heritage Room and begin plans for their second annual Chamber Banquet.

## Plains State Bank

Slates Open House
An invitation is extended to the community to attend Christmas Open House at Plains State Bank Wednesday, Dec. 17
Food and fellowship of the special occasion will be shared from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m.



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