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Little League baseball park gets underground sprinklers

An underground sprinkler system has been installed in Plains Little League Park. Other improvements are planned including the planting of trees along the west side of the park. Far reaching plans include an electronic scoreboard with space for advertising available for sponsors.

Zane Johnson, president, has been in contact with district offices in Lubbock. He and other officers, vice presidents Manuel Estrada and Richard Garcia Jr., and secretary Peggy

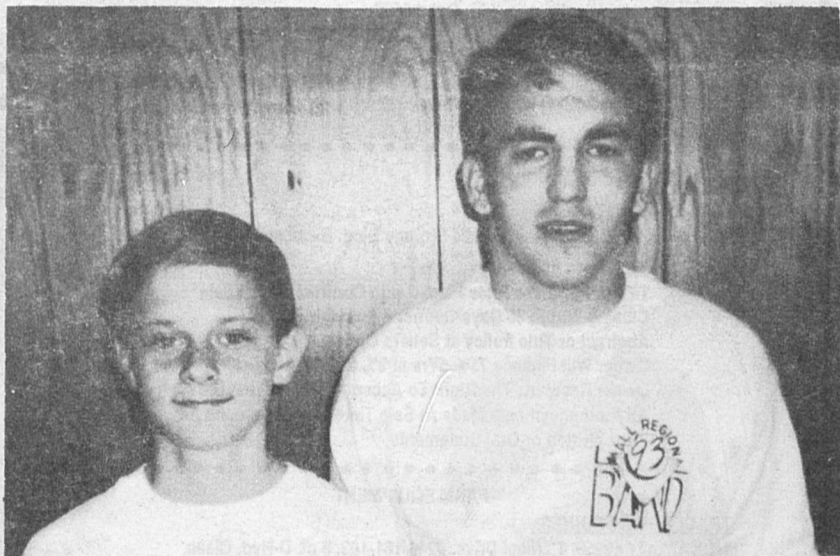
Sqyres will attend a meeting Feb. 17 in Lubbock with representatives of all leagues in the district.

Johnson states he would like to have a meeting of all prospective coaches prior to the regular organizational meeting with parents.

Parents of the players are asked to express appreciation to Commissioner Macky McWhirter and the Precinct 4 crew for their efforts and long hours in upgrading the local facilities.



LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PARK is in good condition thanks to Macky McWhirter and Precinct 4.



MATT MORGAN & JIMMY ROBERTSON

Two band students chosen for all region band concert

Plains High School and Junior High School were well represented in the annual All-Region Band Concert Saturday, Jan. 30 in Monterey High School.

High School tryouts were held in Sundown with Jimmy Robertson chosen as third chair French Horn. He is a PHS senior, the son of Jim and Allie Robertson.

Matt Morgan was selected in junior high tryouts held in Abernathy. He will play first chair trumpet and was chosen from 91 trumpet players throughout the South Plains. Son of Byron and Carol Morgan, he is a sixth grade student at Plains Junior High.

Eric Estrada and Steven Bunch also participated in tryouts.

Guest conductor for the junior high rehearsals held in Lubbock was Fred Pankratz of Canadian High School. The band performed "Alamo," "White River Overture," "Jupiter" and "Root Beer Rag".

Ken Van Winkle of New Mexico State directed the high school rehearsals. They performed "March Juno," "On a Hymn Song of Bliss" and "First Suite for Band."

Attending the practice sessions were Mr. and Mrs. Byron Morgan and Mark; Veda Smith and Alice and Jason Robertson, all of Plains and Carolyn Conway, Matt's grandmother; and Karen Parr and Kristy Courtney, Matt's aunts; and Bud Andrews, all of Lubbock.

Soil & Water Conservation District selling windbreak trees

The Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District is again selling windbreak trees.

The last day to order is Feb. 25, 1993 and delivery will take place at the Soil Conservation Service office in Plains on March 4.

The district also has available one

gallon, five gallon and 15 gallon trees, shrubs and fruit trees that you may order on into May or as long as the supply last.

Those interested may contact Beverly Lowrey at the Soil Conservation Service office in Plains at 456-3703, for further details.

Services conducted Saturday for longtime resident B.F. Bartlett

Services were conducted Saturday in First Baptist Church for longtime resident B.F. (Bert) Bartlett. Officiating was the Rev. Glenn Harlin of Odessa.

Graveside rites were held in Ralls Cemetery under direction of Carter-Adams Funeral Home of Ralls.

Mr. Bartlett died at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Brownfield Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

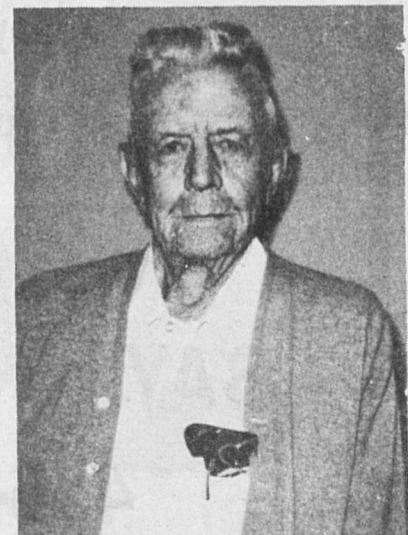
He was born Oct. 13, 1903 in Lynn County and came to Plains in 1918. He married Berbuce Belle Kerlin Aug. 24, 1930 in the Farmer Community. She died April 5, 1984.

A member of the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star, he managed the abstract office in Plains until his retirement.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda B. Keiffer of Seven Lakes, NC; two grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and two sisters, Georgia Madson of

Phoenix, Az. and Willie Mangum of Las Vegas, Nev.

Pallbearers were Duane McDonnell, Ty Earl Powell, Jim Barnett, Jim Barron, T.J. Miller, Alton McGinty and Dorris Tuggle.



BERT BARTLETT

Proposed landfill discussed at meet

Gary Walker discussed the proposed Yoakum County Landfill for members and guests of Plains Lions Club Thursday.

Guests attending were Elbert Estep, Mario Avila, Mark Lewis, Rick Doyle, Judge Dallas Brewer, Mary Jo St. Romain, Frankie Walker and Bill Rowe.

Others attending were Jack Cobb, Paul Cobb, Harry Richardson, Pierre St. Romain, Jim Barron, Macky McWhirter, Sherm Tingle, L.J. Sanders, Milton Bayer, Melvin Dearing, David Brunson, Johnnie Fitzgerald and Alma Lynn McGinty.

Next meeting will be a Ladies Night at 7 p.m. Feb. 18.

Filmtime

Wednesday's Filmtime was combined as a Valentine Party with refreshments served by mothers of the youngsters. Films of the day were "Goofy Looks at Valentines" and "Runt of the Litter."

Youngsters played "Duck, Duck, Goose" and sang "Big Red Hearts" and "I Am Happy." 25 attended.



VALENTINE PARTY FOR FILMTIME

Soil & Water Conservation District selling windbreak trees until Feb. 25

Ryan Sanders of Denver City and Krystal Blundell and Bryan Covarrubias, both of Plains, are winners in Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District's annual poster contest. Boys and girls 12 years old and younger competed in the event with 68 works of art judged by Erma Wagnon, Hoss and LaVern Newsom and Christy Brink.

Cooperating teachers were Joyce Pierce of Plains Junior High and Denver City teachers Philis Esquivel, Judy Riker, Sherri Curry, Dolores Moore, Mitzi Welch, Linda Stewart and Cynthia Trout.

Fifty dollar savings bonds were earned by Roseo Canales, Lenny Morrow and Jennifer Day in the annual essay contest. Judges were Jim Risley of Denver City and Joe Pierce and Ann Graham of Plains.

There were 52 essays on "Soil and water resources are vital for providing us with the necessities of food and shelter." Melissa Rogers of Plains was cooperating teacher.

Sherri Curry of Denver City and Thelma Cheatham of Plains are participating in the "plant a tree" offer sponsored by Yoakum SWCD.

David Turnbough, local SWCD director and Sandy Land Underground

Water Conservation District president will be Resident Conservation Farmer entrant. He has served 24 years and plants cotton in strip tilled wheat to control wind and water erosion.

Mario Avila, district conservationist, has spoken to several classes in the county about conservation and career opportunities in conservation.

Mrs. Pierce's fifth and sixth grade science classes; all third graders in Denver City Elementary; and Ms. Roger's English classes have learned how to become stewards of land and water.

Working on the educational awards program were SWCD directors Neal Newsom, Linda Powell, L.J. Sanders, Chris Winn and secretary Beverly Lowrey.

"We would like to thank Denver City and Plains administrators and faculty, as well as the students for their efforts in learning about conservation citizenship," says Mrs. Powell. "Our students are learning to care about and become responsible for our environment. This is important not only for the present, but the future of Yoakum County and the world."

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1-Header Trailer

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1-4 Row Shredder, Drag, Roto-Cycle

1-18 Ft. One Way, Krause, Hyd. Lift

1-6x18 Semi-Mount Mole Board Breaking Plow, Oliver

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1-32' Spring Tooth Harrow, Nobel

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1-6 Bottom Plow Packer

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1-13 Row Bed Knifer, SS

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YOAKUM COUNTY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

County Cemetery Association elects new slate of officers

Yoakum County Cemetery Association met Feb. 4 and elected a new slate of officers. Named as president was Sit Jones. Others were Mary Jo St. Romain, vice president; L.J. and Virginia Sanders, secretary/treasurer.

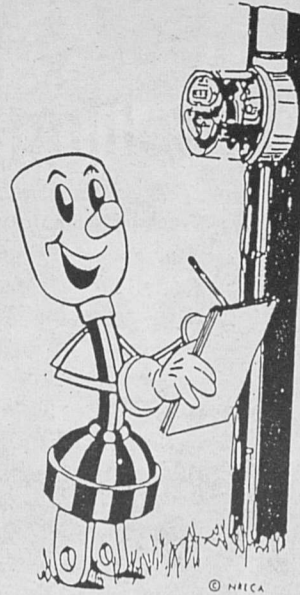
Directors are G.W. Cleveland, Bill Overton, Pat Henard, Alma Lynn McGinty and Wilma Powell.

Ita Young and Martha Guetersloh

reported on the Garden Club project. The club is seeking to identify all unmarked graves in the old part of the cemetery. Those that can be identified will be marked.

Next meeting of the Association will be in July.

Appreciation was expressed to Jess Gass for the condition of the cemetery.



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DOUGLAS NEIL WARREN & MICHELLE FURR

Wedding plans revealed

Ms. Elaine Furr of Eunice, NM would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Michelle, to Douglas Neil Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warren. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Neil Parks and Mr. and Mrs. James William Warren Sr., all of Plains.

The wedding date has been set for May 29 in the First United Methodist Church of Littlefield. An invitation is extended to all friends and relatives.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eunice High School and Eastern New Mexico University. She is employed by the Littlefield ISD as a secondary instructor.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Lamesa High School and Angelo State University. He serves as assistant varsity coach/secondary instructor with the Littlefield ISD.



STUDENTS HONOR MRS. PITTMAN - pictured, Casey Forbus, Mary Morales, Sonia Avila, Jacob Lester, Tessa St. Romain, Marte Pierce, Kyley Bearden, Kristy McClure, Robin Squyres, Lyndi Rowe and Samantha Blake.

Plains math/science team capture sweepstakes trophy

Plains High School's math/science team captured their first sweepstakes trophy of the year in competition Feb. 6 in Coronado High School in Lubbock. In a field of 17 teams, Plains finished second overall with a total of 1778 points back of the leader, Springlake-Earth with 1885 points.

Team members are Lenny Morrow, Jay Rushing, Tammy Lowrey, Tracy Bearden, Brian Wilson, Lance Cole, Ken McAdams and Brad McMinn.

Number sense team members placed first overall. Individual winners were Morrow, first; Rushing, second; and Bearden, fifth in the junior divi-

sion. McMinn was third in the sophomore division.

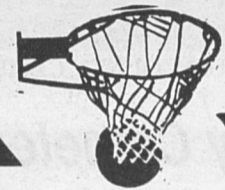
The mathematics team finished third overall. Individual winners were Morrow, first; Rushing, third; Wilson, sixth; and Bearden, ninth.

Placing fifth overall, the calculator team individuals were Morrow, first; Lowrey, sixth; and Bearden, ninth.

The science team finished seventh overall. Rushing placed fourth; Morrow, ninth.

The team competed Saturday in Lubbock Monterey and will participate Feb. 20 in a meet at San Angelo Lake View.

On The Hard Court



Cowboys

Plains Cowboys went up against Smyer's varsity and come out ahead by 16 points Jan. 19 with a score of 59 to 43.

Scoring were Ladd Winn with 17 points, Shannon Ward, nine points and Lenny Morrow contributing eight. Also Brad Ashburn hit six with Brian Wilson putting in four and Jerry Dominguez, two.

Plains and Ropesville met for a match on Jan. 19, with Plains taking their wind, 71 to 36. Ashburn was high scorer with 14 points, followed by Dominguez with 13 and Wilson adding 10. Winn put in eight points, Ward 7, Morrow, 6, Jay Rushing and Ken McAdams, four each; Victor Bernal, three and Shea Baucom, two.

Anton Bulldogs outscored the Cowboys 52-48 in a Jan. 22 contest. Winn put in 16 points for high scorer, followed by Morrow with nine. Ward added eight, Ashburn, six, McMinn, four and Wilson, two.

On Jan. 26 Plains outdid the Whiteface team 63 to 36. Winn again put in 16 points for high scorer. McMinn scored nine; Wilson and Ward, each had eight. Bernal and Ashburn shared seven each, Dominguez, four; and Baucom, two.

The O'Donnell Eagles came up short 59-41 in a Jan. 29 outing with the Cowboys. High point man was Brian Wilson, followed by McMinn with 12 and Winn, 11. Ward scored seven, Ashburn, 3 and Morrow, two.

Plains put in a jump shot with three seconds left to put the Cowboys in the victory column against Smyer Feb. 2. Score was 43-41. Winn was high point man. McMinn added 11 points, Morrow and Wilson, six; Ashburn, three and Ward, two.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Plains JV Cowboys went up against the Hornets of Sudan Jan. 14 and were beat by a whopping 24 points, 54 to 30. Ken McAdams hit 12; Lance Cole, six, Kirk Parrish and Pete Flores, four each and Chris Payne and Ralph Ramirez, two each.

Playing Jan. 16 against Lazbuddie, the JV team was outdone 58 to 35. Pete Flores came up with top scoring with 10 points; Lance Cole, 7; Ken McAdams, six; Jamey Garland, five; Chris Payne, four; and Ralph Ramirez, three.

The Cowboys flew past the O'Donnell Eagles 50 to 36 Jan. 29. Flores again was high scorer with 18 points; McAdams had eight; Ramirez, six. Garland, Payne, and Davis all put in four each; and Dearing contributed two.

Plains Junior Varsity Cowboys played Smyer Feb. 2 and put in 59 points up against their 28. Flores scored 17 points; Cole, 13; and Davis, eight. McAdams had six points; followed by Ramirez and Payne with four points each. Garland put in three; and Parrish and Escobar, two each.

The JV B Team played Smyer Jan. 15 while the A team was in Sudan. They were taken in by a score of 49 to 34. Edward Escobar hit 15 points for high scorer; followed by Johnny Davis with eight; Chris Caballero, six; and Jeremy Dearing, five.

Springlake-Earth JV came close to snatching a victory from the young pokes, 48 to 44 on Jan. 16 at the Sudan Tournament. Flores was high scorer. McAdams and Cole each scored eight points; with Ramirez adding four; Payne, three; and Garland, two.

Whiteface JV fell short of the Cowboys 45-36 on Jan. 26. Flores scored 22 points; Parrish and Cole brought in six each; McAdams had five; and Ramirez, Payne and Davis, all had two points.

The Plains Cowgirls split district basketball games this past week. On Friday, they came from behind to take an exciting last second win over O'Donnell but then fell at home to district leader Smyer on Tuesday.

The JV Cowgirls came up short in their game by two points 16-14. Rachel Garcia led in scoring with seven points followed by Sylvia Tarango with three, Jennifer Earnest with two, and Valerie Blair with two.

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We say it's time to put the blame where we think it belongs:

SHAME on the music industry for letting singers who are the idols of our children put out **RECORDS** and **MUSIC-VIDEOS** which blatantly encourage sex and 'say' to our children that sex is proper at any age . . . that everyone is 'doing it' . . . and abstinence is old fashioned.

SHAME on Hollywood for an endless stream of films filled with **PROFANITY, NUDITY, SEX, VIOLENCE** and **KILLINGS**. For example, the giant hit "Basic Instinct" features murders during orgasms, setting a new standard of perversion even for today's movies.

SHAME on NBC TV for allowing "Saturday Night Live", which is a favorite with young people, to put on skits about masturbation, morticians having sex with dead people etc., etc., ad nauseam.

SHAME on TV programmers whose desire for ratings and profits results in the average child of 16 having seen more than **200,000 ACTS OF VIOLENCE AND 33,000 MURDERS**. Is it any wonder violence is epidemic?

SHAME on the film industry which long ago stopped reflecting the values of most families and has now abolished the "X" rating, replacing it with "NC-17" so sex-filled, erotic, bloody films will no longer be barred from community movie houses.

SHAME ON TV Soap Opera producers whose standards of decency have sunk so low one of them tells his writers, "Hot, make it hot", and another admits they are trying to see "just how far they can 'push it' on daytime" . . . when they **KNOW** that during afternoon hours more than two thirds of all TV viewers are children!

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Spare us the censorship lecture — you in the entertainment industry. And this is not an appeal for prudery. All we want is to get the movie, TV and record industries to act responsibly. Our children, our families and our country are being hurt too much for us to remain silent.

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■ Name _____
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■ P.S. It is the total number of petitions which come in that is important. We will not give your name to the members of the Boards of Directors or sell or rent your name to any other organization.

■ Also: This project is so important that even if you can't send a contribution please mail this petition to add to the total number we receive. Thanks.

■ A Project of American Family Association, Dr. Donald E. Wildmon, President
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Plains Independent School District Home of the Cowboys & Cowgirls

WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO US NOW? THE LATEST ACTIONS IN THE STATE CAPITAL by Pete Simmons, Superintendent, Plains I.S.D.

On Thursday of last week the State House of Representatives passed a Constitutional amendment. By the time you read this article, it will have been acted on and probably passed by the Senate. If the amendment is passed by the Senate and signed by the Governor, it will be put to the voters on May 1st. The amendment represents a compromise position on the school finance issue. To try to help increase your understanding of this complex issue, I would like to try to explain a little about this perplexing problem facing the citizens of Texas and some of the possible solutions.

Historical perspective:

Since 1949, Texas schools have been financed by a combination of state and local tax dollars. State revenues came from mineral production on state school lands set aside by our forefathers and a combination of general revenue from taxes on such items as gasoline, liquor, tobacco and general sales. Local revenues came from a tax levied on real and personal property. Originally, the share was divided with about 80% of the school support coming from the state. The percentage of state and local contribution was in direct correlation to a district's property wealth. If a district (such as Plains) had a great deal of property wealth, the district would be "budget balanced" and receive virtually no money from the state. In a situation where the district did not receive state funding, it enjoyed a freedom from many state controls. Also because of the high property wealth, the district (Plains included) was able to afford many advantages that a poorer district could not enjoy. A penny of tax levied on local property for enrichment in Plains will net almost \$70,000 dollars; while a penny of tax in a very property-poor district in the state might net less than a \$1,000. For years, many Texans thought this was grossly unfair. Many of them claimed that the money available to a child for his education should not be determined by the "accident" of where he happened to be born. It was allowed to continue because of a state Constitutional prohibition against state property tax or sharing of tax dollars between taxing entities. The state has limited powers of access to the wealth existing in property taxes. Therefore for many years, districts with property wealth enjoyed a distinct advantage in "enrichment areas" due to the ability to raise much more money at a much lower tax rate. This problem became more pronounced when Texas' economy slowed and state funds became more scarce and demand for state services increased in other areas. The percentage of state funding for schools decreased and the reliance on local property taxes increased. Today, only 38% of school funding comes from state sources. As the funding responsibility shifted to local tax bases, the vast difference in property wealth within different districts became a larger and more important issue. The first challenge to the "system" came in 1974 in a federal court case. The Federal courts denied jurisdiction in the matter stating that local tax issues and education were state responsibilities. In 1984, Edgewood v. Kirby was filed in state district court in Travis County. There have been three State Supreme Court decisions handed down in the long-running lawsuit. Edgewood I in 1990, Edgewood II in 1991, and Edgewood III in 1992. The court's decision each time insisted that since education was a state responsibility that "every child should have access to essentially the same amount of money for education at similar tax rates."

The Legislature tried to consolidate tax bases to achieve this equity of access by establishing a county education district to try to equalize wealth. When the wealth could not be equalized within a single county, multi-district and multi-county districts were formed. This was the case for the Plains district as we found ourselves in County Education District #6 with 25 other districts in a seven county region including Lubbock. Plains and other wealthy districts sued claiming that a tax rate set by the Legislature was unconstitutional based on the Constitutional ban on a statewide property tax. The plaintiff districts prevailed in the lawsuit and the Legislature was told to devise another plan by June 1, 1993. If a plan was not in place by that time, the judge has declared that he will stop all state funding to school districts, essentially shutting them down. Plains could continue to operate on reserve funds for about three months unless the judge was able to succeed in also stopping the expenditure of local funds.

Constitutional Amendment under Consideration

The Plains district has joined other similar districts in an organization called the Small Rural Schools Finance Coalition. We have retained counsel to represent our interests in Austin. Our ultimate goal has been to try to maintain our fine school as best we can from those who would want us to level down our system to meet the poorest of systems. Our goal has been to fight the "recapture" of our taxes and to maintain current levels of funding for our school. To that end we have joined other education groups in forming the School Finance Working Group. The Working Group had much to do with killing the Governor's Fair Share Plan in the Special Session in November and with the passing of the current amendment under consideration.

It has become apparent that we will not be able to avoid some form of recapture or equalizing of access to tax bases. The Supreme Court has made it very clear that this must occur. However, the court has not said that all schools must be completely equal in its funding and that there could be some forms of local enrichment.

The constitutional amendment passed this week will allow the state to "recapture" some of our taxes but will put a strict limit on the amount. I believe that this is the best deal we are going to get. The revenues and tax rates in the future should be close to what they are at the present. If we are very prudent and begin to seek more efficiency in our operations, we could continue to have a fine school under those conditions without unfair hardship on our taxpayers.

The only alternatives that we have discovered at this time to passing such an amendment would be mass consolidation (perhaps with the current CED, including Lubbock) or a massive state-wide tax increase in order to provide the poor districts without enough revenue to meet the court's definition of efficiency.

The legislature will continue to work on legislation to implement the Constitutional amendment should it pass in the May elections. If the amendment fails, I fear the worst for our school. We will continue to work with the legislature to find a solution that is best for Texas and especially our students.

FILING STUDENT INSURANCE CLAIMS To The Parents of Students at Plains I.S.D.

School insurance coverage provides benefits for MEDICAL EXPENSES ONLY which are the result of ACCIDENTS incurred during regularly scheduled and supervised school-time and extra-curricular activities.

IF A STUDENT IS COVERED UNDER A PARENTS HEALTH INSURANCE, the claim must be filed with the parents insurance first. The student insurance then will pay any amount not paid by the parents insurance. These amounts will be given on the EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS from the parents insurance company. A copy of these forms can then be filed with the student insurance provider along with the CLAIM FORM.

IF A STUDENT IS NOT COVERED UNDER A PARENTS HEALTH INSURANCE THEN A LETTER FROM EACH WORKING PARENTS EMPLOYER MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE CLAIM STATING THIS. The parent should mail the claim form; completed by the coach or teacher, the parent, and the doctor; with the letter(s) to THE BAKER AGENCY at the address indicated on the claim form. If the claim form exceeds ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS the school insurance provider will request a NOTARIZED LETTER stating again that the student is not covered by another health insurance plan.

It is important to read the detailed instructions provided on the claim form to ensure that the correct information is provided. This will ensure that all parties are paid in a timely fashion.

Please contact us at the Business Office if you need assistance with your claims.
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Plains 4-H'ers begin project

Plains 4-H Club will begin a new project on the environment and conservation of natural resources. The project will give a cursory glance at soil, water and wildlife conservation as well as energy conservation.

The group will decide on a community or family project.

A meeting will be held at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the clubroom. Goals of the project will be discussed and written.

Jim Milsap of Denver City Southwestern Public Service will speak to 4-H'ers on energy conservation and the origin of electricity in Yoakum County.

Mario Avila will speak on March 9 in the SCS building in Plains on soil and water conservation. A field trip is planned to identify grasses, soils and erosion problems in the county.

March 23 in the clubroom, Pat McNabb will present a program on Yoakum County wildlife with a possible tour of the northern part of the county.

March 30, Gary Walker of Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District will talk about water quality and quantity, testing and solid waste disposal.

For more information, contact Linda Powell, 456-3171 or 456-3939; Julie Hancock, 592-3685 or Joan Chandler, 456-2263.

Hospice seeks volunteers

Hospice of Lea County, which serves Lea, Gaines and Yoakum Counties, is seeking volunteers. Persons interested in becoming a "Hospice Dove" are asked to call 505-393-4717. A winter training session is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 901 E. Bender Boulevard in Hobbs, NM.

The number of hospice patients and referrals in the region is increasing and additional volunteers are needed. Hospice volunteers put the "Care" in caring by providing support and encouragement for the terminally ill and their families.

Variety show slated March 27

Yoakum County Art Association has set Saturday, March 27 as the date of their annual Spring Variety Show. The event is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Persons interested in participating are asked to contact Inetta Teaff at 456-4022.

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(REVISED SCHEDULE 2/8/93)

MONDAY, FEB. 15

5:15 P.M. ROWE - T. BELL
6:30 P.M. WILLIS - GARCIA
7:45 P.M. COVARRUBIAS - BOWERS

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

5:15 P.M. JACKSON - BRUNSON
6:30 P.M. KONCABA - GARZA
7:45 P.M. D. BELL - ESTRADA

THURSDAY, FEB. 18

5:15 P.M. GRAY - PARRISH
6:30 P.M. WINN - SIX
7:45 P.M. ROWE - KONCABA

TUESDAY, FEB. 23

5:15 P.M. WILLIS - D. BELL
6:30 P.M. COVARRUBIAS - GRAY
7:45 P.M. JACKSON - WINN

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

5:15 P.M. T. BELL - GARZA
6:30 P.M. GARCIA - ESTRADA
7:45 P.M. BOWERS - PARRISH

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

5:15 P.M. BRUNSON - SIX
6:30 P.M. T. BELL - KONCABA
7:45 P.M. GARCIA - D. BELL

MONDAY, MARCH 1

5:15 P.M. JACKSON - SIX
6:30 P.M. COVARRUBIAS - PARRISH
7:45 P.M. ROWE - GARZA

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

5:15 P.M. WILLIS - ESTRADA
6:30 P.M. BRUNSON - WINN
7:45 P.M. BOWERS - GRAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

5:15 P.M. T. BELL - ROWE
6:30 P.M. GARCIA - WILLIS
7:45 P.M. BOWERS - COVARRUBIAS

MONDAY, MARCH 8

5:15 P.M. PARRISH - GRAY
6:30 P.M. GARZA - KONCABA
7:45 P.M. ESTRADA - D. BELL

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

5:15 P.M. BRUNSON - JACKSON
6:30 P.M. SIX - WINN
7:45 P.M. KONCABA - ROWE

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

5:15 P.M. D. BELL - WILLIS
6:30 P.M. GRAY - COVARRUBIAS
7:45 P.M. WINN - JACKSON

MONDAY, MARCH 22

5:15 P.M. GARZA - T. BELL
6:30 P.M. ESTRADA - GARCIA
7:45 P.M. PARRISH - BOWERS

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

5:15 P.M. SIX - BRUNSON
6:30 P.M. KONCABA - T. BELL
7:45 P.M. GRAY - BOWERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

5:15 P.M. D. BELL - GARCIA
6:30 P.M. WINN - BRUNSON
7:45 P.M. GARZA - ROWE

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

5:15 P.M. ESTRADA - WILLIS
6:30 P.M. PARRISH - COVARRUBIAS
7:45 P.M. SIX - JACKSON

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Kehl services held in Taylor

Rosary and prayer services were recited Feb. 1 in Condra Memorial Chapel with last rites Saturday, Feb. 2 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Taylor for Mary Ann Kehl, 89, mother of Lee Hanna.

Officiating was Rev. Lonnie Urban. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Mrs. Kehl died Jan. 31 in St. John's Community Hospital in Taylor.

Born Aug. 5, 1903 in Taylor, she married John Kehl May 19, 1925 in Taylor. He preceded her in death in 1966.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, three sisters and four brothers.

Mrs. Kehl was a member of the Catholic Church. She had resided in the Taylor-Granger Community all her life.

Other survivors are eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Berryhill and Valentina Schneider of Taylor.

Pallbearers were Rick Hanna, Nick Hanna, Randy Poppely, Greg Adams, Ronnie Dillard and Bruce Lester.

SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Toast, sausage, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, cinnamon rolls, apple juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Pancakes, syrup, butter, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Pizza, tossed salad, crackers, French fries w/catsup, pears and milk.

TUESDAY - Green enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, Kosher spears, cornbread, peach cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Tuna casserole, corn, combination salad, hot rolls, peanut butter, honey and milk.

THURSDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, Cheetos, fruit, Harvest prune cake and milk.

FRIDAY - Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, peaches and milk.

SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY: Tennis - Seagraves - Jr. High - Here; John Deere Meeting - Cafeteria - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY - Tennis - Sundown - High School - Here

WEDNESDAY - Sifting for Houston at Brenham

THURSDAY - Anderson Grain Meeting in Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - Bi-District Basketball

SATURDAY - Yoakum County Federal Credit Union at 7 p.m.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

TO EXPIRE IN MARCH
A.O. BEARDEN
DALLAS BREWER
BUDDY'S AUTO PARTS

RHUEY EDWARDS
BUD FORBUS
JAN LESTER
KENNETH MCGINTY
HOMER SUDDERTH
DEAN ANDREWS
KEVIN LOWREY
TONYA LOWREY

NIKKI MCGINTY
KIRK WILLIAMS
TRACY LOWREY

EXPIRED IN DECEMBER
DEBORAH HEAD

DELL KNIGHT
NEOMA TURNER

EXPIRED IN JANUARY
ALMA L. POE
TRACY WELCH

KATHRYN BROWN
DAVID MCGILL

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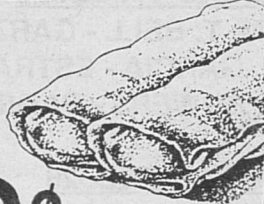
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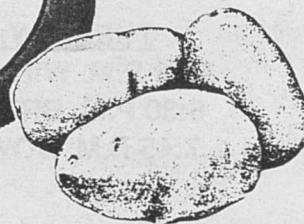
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