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JAMES \& JERRY WARREN FAMILY


WINNERS - Students in the Class of 2000, who were named winners in a poster/ bookcover contest were, left to right, Elizabeth Perry, Velvet Canada and Kristen Gray, second place winners; Linda Castillo and Laura Morales, both won tirst places; and Liz Ancinec and Crystal Blundell, also second place winners.

## Plains' outstanding citizens honored at Chamber banquet

Plains residents honored their own March 11 at the 8th Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Recognized as Outstanding Man was L.J. Sanders. Alma Lynn McGinty, who was unable to attend, was named Outstanding Woman. Outstanding Family honors went to the Jerry and James Warren family.

Jim Warren was master of ceremonies for the event held in the school cafeteria. Table decorations were by Tsa Mo Ga Study Club members.

Brownie Scout Troop 65 and Junior Girl Scout Troop 418, represented by Tiffany and Leticia Canon, directed the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was by Rev. Bill Wright, pastor of First Baptist Chtrch.

Entertainment featured a recitation of "America For Me" by Sit Jones and art presentation, "Patriotic Picture," by Peggy Bingham of Meadow.

A member of Brownfield Art Association, Mrs. Bingham is talented in oils, water colors and pastels. She has been doing chalk art since she was 16 years old.

Benediction was spoken by Rev. Rick Doyle.

Persons are invited to become active in Plains Chamber of Commerce. Dues are \$5 monthly for businesses; \$1 monthly for individuals. Meetings are
the first Tuesday of each month in Johnnie's Restaurant.


VIRGINIA \& L.J. SANDERS

## Fifth graders desire to be 'smoke-free class of 2000'

Fifth graders of Plains Junior High School have completed a study on the hazards of smoking and have dubbed themselves the "Smoke Free Class of $2000^{\prime \prime}$.


PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2000

The special study was designed to help fifth grade science students and their families understand the risks of smoking and tobacco use. It was designed to teach students to recognize and resist the various pressures that can influence personal choice about using tobacco.
"The fifth graders bought tee shirts and designed bookcovers de-
picting the hazards of smoking or dipping," says Mrs. Joyce Pierce.
"Bookcovers were judged by Carolyn Culwell, president of Plains Fine Arts Club; Evert McAdams, coach and art teacher and Mary Pettigrew, resource center director.

The
two
winning poster/bookcovers will be judged on the national level, Mrs. Pierce states. They will be considered for display next year on three million bookcovers. A trip for four to Disney World is also in store for the national winner.

## Services conducted for former resident, Ben Pate

Ben Pate, 54, a former resident of Foundation, P.O. Box 575, Aransas Plains, passed away in Aransas Pass, Pass, Texas 78335.

Texas on Saturday, March 13, after a long illness.

Pate was bom in Waco, Texas on Nov. 29, 1938. He had been a resident of Aransas Pass since 1979. He served in the National Guard. He served two terms as mayor of Plains. He held several positions in the banking business with the latest as Executive Vice President of Plains State Bank. He was the Executive Director of the Lyman Roberts Hospital in Aransas Pass. He played a major role in forming the Coastal Bend Hospital Foundation, which built Coastal Bend Hospital in Aransas Pass, where he served as the First Executive Director. He currently was the Executive Director of the Coastal Bend Foundation. He was past president and board member of the South Texas USO; past president and member of the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce; presently was a member and board director of the Corpus Christi Mustangs, Inc.; past member of the Lions Club in Aransas Pass, and held several positions in the medical field in Corpus Christi. He was a past member of the Rotary Club in Aransas Pass.

He is survived by his wife, Jan Pate of Aransas Pass; one son, Brant Pate and his wife, Michelle of Rockport; two daughters, Paige Stuart and husband, Jimmy of Hudson, Ohio; Pam Pate of Aransas Pass; mother, Veda Ben Pate of Waco; two brothers, Jim Pate of Dallas, John Pate of Garland; one grandson, Hunter Don Stuart of Hudson, Ohio.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, March 16 at 2 p.m. in the Charlie Marshall Chapel, 814 East Main Street in Rockport.

Expressions of sympathy may be made by donations to the Coastal Bend

Services were conducted by Charlie Marshall Funeral Home of Rockport.

## Myrtle McCan buried recently

Services were held for Myrtle McCan, 86, of Fort Stockton and former resident of Plains, on Wednesday, March 10 in Westside Church of Christ in Seminole with Don Fleming officiating.

Burial was in Brownfield Memorial Cemetery in Brownfield.

Mrs. McCan died Sunday, March 7 in Pecos County Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 10, 1906 in Petty and married Orlando Chester McCan on March 16, 1924. He died in May, 1964.

Mrs. McCan moved to Fort Stockton from Seminole in 1992. Prior to her retirement she was cafeteria aide for the Plains Independent School District. She also served as a hospital volunteer in Seminole for many years. She was a member of the Westside Church of Christ in Seminole.

She is survived by one daughter, Dixie Sherrill of Fort Stockton; two sons, C.B. of Elko, Nevada and J.W. of Seminole; two brothers, Willie Horner of Seagraves and Otis Horner of Denver City; five grandchildren and two-great-grandchildren.

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## Mrs. Dwight Kennedy dies in Hillsboro

Cora Virginia Kennedy, 82, of Whitney died Tuesday, March 9 in a Hillsboro Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 11 at 2 p.m. in First Baptist Church in Whitney. Reverends Herb Thompson and W.L. Walker officiated with burial at Bethlehem Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors of Whitney.

Mrs. Kennedy was born Dec. 1, 1910 in Hext. She spent most of her life in West Texas and New Mexico. Married to Dwight Kennedy June 18, 1938, she had taught in the Public School System for 36 years before retiring in 1972. She had lived in Whitney and a member of First Baptist Church since 1973.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Gerald Dwayne Kennedy of Crowley and Jan Dwight Kennedy of Allen; and one brother, Bill Palmer of San Angelo.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Whitney, Texas.

## UIL participants present program

Plains Fine Arts Club was entertained Thursday by Plains students who will be participating in UIL Literary events. Linda Simmons was director.

Nancy Koncaba and Ky May presented their oral reading. Tanner Hamm and Reagan McGinty did oral reading and story telling and Jared Bell shared his abilities at story telling.

Frankie Walker read poetry and Carolyn Culwell and Christy Brink, costumed, did an impersonations of Dolly Parton and Ricky Van Shelton in "Rockin' Years".

Others attending the regular meeting in the Culwell home were Beth Ann Cain, Allene Carnohan, Melba Crutcher, Dolores Davis, Judy Fitzgerald, Mary Dale Forbus, Lois Miller, Martha Palmer and Paula McMinn.

## Carol Sue McRae visits Tsa Mo Ga Club

'Status of Women' was the program topic for the March 8 meeting of Tsa Mo Ga Study Club. Program leader was Sit Jones.

Carol Sue McRae, graduate of Plains High School, was a special guest speaker. A former broker, Ms. McRae recently sold her interest in a Dallas based brokerage firm which has been operating since 1986. The firm specializes in all aspects of property, casualty and professional surplus lines brokerage and underwriting. Her management functions for the firm included public relations, advertising and marketing.

Opening her address, Ms. McRae said her experiences at Girls State, which she attended under the sponsorship of Tsa Mo Ga, led her to decide to make a success of her life. She worked her way to the top of the insurance surplus lines brokerage business.
"Now I'm trying to decide what I want to do when I grow up," she said.

She described a project she shares with her brother, Tom McRae. It is a timed car rally from coast to coast called The Great American Classic Car Race. It is sponsored by Interstate Batteries and is televised on ESPN. This year's race is from Huntington Beach, Cal. to Norfolk, Va. beginning June 21.

Ms. McRae presented the club with a quill pen from Lloyd's of London Insurance.

Hostesses were Ann McGinty, Martha Palmer and Dianne Wilson. They served sandwiches, chips and lime Jell-O salad.

Attending were guests Homer Shelton, Garland Swann, Melba Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Trout. Twenty-five members attended.

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## Kitchen Korner

Kitchen Korner salutes Alma (Mrs. Ricky) Mares this week.

Alma grew up in Odessa and Denver City. She graduated from Denver City High School in 1985. She and her husband are parents of two daughters, Priscilla Ashley, five, and Jasmine Audrie, 18 months.

Favorite pastimes include tee shirt painting and making hairbows for her two daughters. She also likes to paint wood cuts that Ricky saws for her.

A member of Templo Bautista Nueva Vision, Alma teaches Sunday School for four and five year olds and works with Mission Friends. She is the
director for this summer's Vacation Bible School and is eagerly looking forward to an exciting session this summer.

Alma and Ricky are counselors for the youth organization of their church.
"I love working with children," says Alma. "They learn so fast and ask so many questions. Working with the youth is our biggest challenge, but with God all things are possible," adds Alma.

Alma shares three of her favorite recipes.
NO BAKE CHEESECAKE
1 ready graham crust
 8 oz . cream cheese
$1 / 3$ cup sugar
$11 / 2 \mathrm{pt}$. sour cream
2 tsp. vanilla
1-12 oz. cool whip
Beat cheese, beat in sugar, blend in sour cream and vanilla. Fold in cool whip. Chill four hours. Garnish with cherries.

MILLIONAIRE CREAM PIE
$1-8 \mathrm{oz}$. cream cheese
1 can crushed pineapple (drained)
6 tsp. lemon juice
1 can eagle brand milk
2 ready graham crust
12 oz cool whip
Beat cream cheese, add crushed pineapple and lemon juice. Blend in cool whip. Pour into graham crust. Chill 2 to 4 hours

## MEAT LOAF

2 beaten eggs
$1-8$ oz tomato sauce
$1 / 4$ cup chopped bell pepper
2 tsp. mustard
2 lbs ground beef
1 cup bread crumbs
$1 / 4$ cup finely chopped onions
1/2 cup milk
salt and pepper to taste
Mix all ingredients together Shape mixture into loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees about $11 / 4$ hours. Makes $8-10$ servings.


Donald and Leann Booth of Denver City would like to announce the arrival of their son, Forrest J. Booth, born Friday, March 5 at 8:11 a.m. in the Methodist Birthing Center in Lubbock. Weighing five pounds nine ounces, the little lad measured 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Leland and Sandra Ellison. Paternal grandparents are Donald R. and Donna Booth. Great-grandmothers are Christine Luce of Lovington, NM and Louise Smith of Tahoka.

Trevor and Stacy Kinder would like to announce the arrival of their daughter born March 11 at 11:30 p.m. in University Medical Center in Lubbock. The little miss weighed eight pounds five ounces and measured 20 and a quarter inches long. She has been named Katherine (Katie) Raine. Her grandparents are L.D. and Judy Hinson of Seagraves and Mrs. Nita Smith of Wolfforth. Great-grandparents are Earl and Velma May of Levelland and Ernest and Charlsie Hinson of Snyder.


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MATT MORGAN AND STEVEN BUNCH both receive Division I ratings in the Junior High contest at Texas Tech.

## Plains band students play in recent competition at Tech

Steven Bunch and Matt Morgan competed in the Tau Beta Sigma Junor High Solo and Ensemble Contest at Texas Tech in February. Each received a Division I rating.

Bunch played "Hadyn Medley" on the tuba. He was accompanied by Keri Powell. Morgan played "Arioso and Caprice" on the trumpet, accompanied by Cynthia Blair.

Participating in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contests for high school students, also in February, were Jimmy

## Cowgirls tie for fourth place

Hosting their own relays last weekend, the Cowgirls finished in a tie for fourth place with Brownfield JV. They posted 54 points. SpringlakeEarth won with 80, Klondike finished with 78 and Sudan claimed 69 points.

The 1600 meter relay team, composed of Stacey Jones, Rhonda Cowart, Shandy Willett and Amy Crutcher, took the first place win with a time of 4:27.59

Cowart also claimed first place in the 400 meter dash with 63.45 . Crutcher placed second in the 800 meter with 2:40.02.

Other results included:
1600 meter run - Ogla Ramirez, 4th, 6:14.82.

800 meter relay - Jones, Crutcher, Ramirez and Willett, 4th, 2:00.03.

100 meter hurdles - Dusty Beckham, 6th, 19.95.

3200 meter run - Mary Ann Eonzales, 5th, 15:07.49.

High jump - Lisa Ward, 6th, 4'4".

Robertson, Betsy Blair and Jeremy Dearing. Each was accompanied by Mrs. Blair.

Robertson received a Division I for his French horn solo and qualified for State competition to be held in San Marcus. He played "Concerto \#1, last movement."

Miss Blair received a Division II for her performance of "Suite in A Minor, \#1" on the flute.

Daring played "Sonata \#3" on the saxophone. He received a Division III.

## SCHOOL MENU

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

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

WEDNESDAY - Toast, sausage, orange juice and milk.

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

FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Pochitos w/cheese and chili, French fries w/catsup, combination salad, crackers, gingerbread, butter and milk.

TUESDAY - Nacho w/meat and cheese, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, cornbread, peach cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, fruit, coconut cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Pizza, baked beans, tossed salad, spiced applesauce, hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY - Roast w/gravy, machroni and tomatoes, lettuce wedge, hot rolls, peaches and milk.


BAND DIRECTOR BYRON MORGAN \& FRENCH HORN SOLOIST, JIMMY ROBERTSON. Robertson earned a Division I rating and the right to compete at State Level in San Marcus.

## Basketball Wrap-Up

Plains Cowboys finished their basketball season in second place back of District Champions Anton Bulldogs.

Feb. 2 - Plains 43, Smyer 41. Scoring were Ladd Winn, 15; Brad McMinn, 11; Lenny Morrow and Brian Wilson, 6 each; Brad Ashburn, 3; Shannon Ward, 2.

Feb. 5 - Plains 78, Ropes 48. Scoring were Tin, 23; McMinn, 20; Wilson, 14; Jerry Dominguez, 67; Ashburn, 4; Victor Bernal, Shea Bucom and Morrow, 3 each; Ward, 2.

Feb. 9 - Plains 62, Anton 69 Scoring were Tin, 19; Wilson, 16; McMinn, 9; Ashburn, 7; Morrow, Dominguez and Jay Rushing, 2 each; Stoney Garland, 1.

Feb. 12 - Plains 84, Whiteface 29. Scoring were McMinn, 23; Winn, 13, Baucom, 12 (four 3-pointers); Bernal, 10; Wilson 9; Morrow, 7; Dominguez, 4; Ashburn, 3; Rushing, 2; Ward, 1.

Feb. 16 - Plains 64, Shallowater 61 (practice game) Scoring were Winn, 20; Wilson, 14; McMinn, 12; Ashburn, 8; Morrow, 5; Ward, 3; Garland, 2.

Feb. 19 - Plains 77, Farwell 61 (practice game) Scoring were Winn, 15; Wilson and Garland, 14; McMinn and Ashburn, 10; Ward, 7; Baucom, 4; Bernal, 2; Morrow, 1.

Feb. 22 - Plains 82, Loraine 52 (practice game) Scoring were McMinn, 18; Garland, 16; Wilson, 14; Winn, 12; Ashburn and Ward, 7; McAdams, 4; Bernal and Baucom, 2 each.

## JUNIOR HIGH

Feb. 1 - Seventh grade girls, Plains 30, Anton 10. Scoring were Shyloh Wing, 8; Cecelia Moreno, 7; Cassie Lowe, 6; Sandy Warren, 5; Monica Lazos, 2 and Shawna Box and Dolly Gonzales, 1 each.

Seventh grade boys, Plains 30 ,

Anton 28. Scoring were Abraham Garcia, 13; Jamie Caballero and Chris Willets, 4; Heath Bowlin, 3; Derek Bronson, Shaun Culling and Jason Redman, 2.

Eighth grade girls, Plains 32, Anton 23. Scoring were Kyley Bearden, 18; Bridget Bernal, 13 .

Eighth grade boys, Plains 28, Seagraves 20. Scoring were Stephen Bitolas, 12; Mate Pierce, 6; Billy Braswell and Casey Forbus, 4; Wayne Willets, 2.

Eighth grade girls, Plains 20, Whiteface 36. Scoring were Bearden, 14; Bernal 4; Kristy McClure, 2.

Feb. 8 - Seventh grade girls, Plains iteface 24. Scoring were More Warren, 8; Lowe, 6; Box and $\mathrm{V} \quad$ Gonzales, 1.
E. - grade girls, Plains 20, Whiteface 36. Scoring were Bearden, 14; Bernal, 4; Kristy McClure, 2.

Eighth grade girls finished their season 10-4.

Eighth grade boys, Plains 48, Whiteface 29. Scoring were Bitolas, 14; Willett, 9; Pierce and Forbus, 8; Jacob Lester, 7; Yancey House, 2.

The Wranglers finished the season 11-3.

Feb. 6 - Sundown Tournament
Seventh grade girls, Plains 39, Sundown 25 with scoring by Winn, 10; Moreno, 8; Lindsey Six and Lowe, 6; Warren, 5; Gonzales and Box, 2. Plains 36, Meadow 26 with scoring by Winn, 13; Moreno, 10; Warren, 9; Box, 2; Six and Lowe, 1.

Seventh grade boys, Plains 26 , Sundown 44. Scoring were Garcia, 8; Redman, 6; Caballero and Bowlin, 4; Willett and Culling, 2. Plains 52, Lazbuddie 14. Scoring were Garcia, 18; Caballero, 10; Cullins, 6; Brunson, Willett and Redman, 4; Bowlin, Wilman St. Romain and Alberto Tarango, 2.


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## Special Olympics in need of volunteers

For 25 years, area children and adults with mental retardation have participated in year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of sports through Texas Special Olympics. This year, more than 25,000 Texas athletes, including 700 local athletes, will participate in 16 different sports in anticipation of competing in the area games on April 3, before reaching the Texas summer games May 19-21 in Denton.

But they can't do it without help. They can't keep the flame burning without that special spark from volunteers who have become the backbone of Special Olympics. With their help, Texas Special Olympics has grown from the 350 athletes to attend the 1969 games in Waco to the 3,800 ath letes expected to attend the 25th Anniversary Summer Games this year in Texas, the largest state competition in the nation.

They won't be alone. More than 1,100 coaches, 1,000 family members, 4,000 volunteers and 20,000 spectators will be there to lend a warm hug, a helping hand or encouraging smile. Locally, 350 athletes, 100 coaches, 300 family members and 600 volunteers are expected to attend the summer games. Still, it's not enough.

Texas Special Olympics is reaching only a small percentage of the Texans who could benefit from the year-round sports training and competition. Texas Special Olympics has come a long way from its frisbee throwing and tug-of-war events to today's competitions that include track and field, basketball, soccer, gymnastics, equestrian, wheelchair races and much more.

As the number of events and athletes continues to grow, the need for volunteers expands. Volunteers opportunities abound on the local and state levels. Obviously, there is a spot waiting for those who are athletically inclined. But the Special Olympics also need people who can type information into a computer, serve water to the athletes, escort the media around events, welcome spectators, sell souvenirs, raise funds, present medals and even recruit more volunteers.

To volunteer, all that is needed is an extra hour each week or month, or maybe just a free day this year. For further information, call the Area 17 Special Olympics office at 747-2808.

## Young Farmers meet in Library

Yoakum County Young Farmers met recently in Plains Library. Program leaders were Rick Smith of Valent Company and Danny Powlik of Helena.

Attending were Brad Crump, Keith Earnest, Jered Sellers, Don Parrish, Tracy Welch, Ron Craft, Jeff Roper, Wayne Lee Davis, Dell Knight and Jet Wilmeth.

## Benefit concert

 to be held April 3Jack Harmon, long-time Denver City businessman, will be featured in a benefit concert at 9 p.m. April 3 in J.W. Jones Auditorium in Denver City. Sponsoring the event is the Eleanor Gilham Tipps Scholarship Committee.

The Eleanor Gilham Tipps Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Mrs. Tipps for extensive work in civic and cultural affairs in Denver City and the state.

A graduate of Denver City High School, Eastman School of Music and Indiana University, Harmon studied with June Carthel Leondar, Orazio Frugoni and Raymond Dudley.

He plans to present a varied program of music by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel, Debussy, Rachmaninoff and Dohnanyi.


JACK HARMON

## Irrigation management information available at local SCS office

It is recognized that water is one of the essential elements of plant growth. To make up for low amounts of precipitation, producers in Yoakum County use supplemental irrigation. In order for supplemental irrigation to be effective, it should be applied in a planned manner. Applying irrigation water in a planned manner is what irrigation water management is all about.

The key to high crop yields is to begin the crop year with the root zone (top four-foot zone) of the soil profile at field capacity. Then replacing the amounts utilized by the plants through supplemental irrigations, as the profile is depleted throughout the growing season.

At this time of the year, irrigation water management entails determining the quantity of water in storage in the four-foot-zone and the number of inches of water which will need to be added to fill the plant root zone. This can be done by auguring several holes in the field and observing the soil moisture content at one-foot intervals.

## Bridal courtesy fetes

 Raecene Robertson
## Raecene Robertson, bride-elect of

 Steve Randall, was complimented Saturday with a bridal coffee in the home of JoAnn Barron.Special guests were mothers of the couple, Olivia Robertson and Sue Randall. Other honored guests were Sue Robertson, Leota Robertson, Lessa Black, Sandra Teaff and Kelsey and Nell Powell.

Laid with an ecru lace cloth over hunter green, the party table was adorned with garlands of silk grapevine, candles and a photograph of the couple. Appointments were polished brass and crystal.

Sausage bread, fruit, cookies and coffee were served by Pat Bowlin and Teresa Bell.

Hostesses presented the couple with a comforter, pillow shams, dust ruffle and linens.

The local SCS office has a Water Management Note, "Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance", available to help producers estimate the percentage of moisture in the soil.

Once a producer determines how much water must be applied to bring all four-foot root zone of the soil profile to field capacity, it is not recommended that he apply all of the water needed in one irrigation. It is recommended instead that about half of the water be applied. This will leave some storage capacity in the soil profile for any precipitation which might occur, prior to planting time. After the first irrigation is made, the producer should wait a few days and then go back and do the auger soil moisture test. This will determine the depth of soil moisture and its uniformity. If planting time nears without precipitation, then a second irrigation is recommended to finish filing the soil profile. The second irrigation should be applied allowing ample time for the top few inches, to dry out enough to allow planting the crop.

After the crop emerges, irrigation water management comes down to five basic questions: How much moisture is being used by the crop? When should I irrigate? How much should I irrigate? and How much am I usually putting down? To help answer these questions, irrigators should visit the local SCS office to get assistance with their water management.

The local SCS office can provide locally developed Fact Sheets, Water Management Notes, and Crop Co-efficient to help irrigators arrive at estimates of how much water a particular soil profile holds, how much of the soil is available to the plant's roots and how much water the crop is using. Information is also available on the different irrigation management schemes which irrigators can use, to obtain maximum benefit from limited water supplies.

Regardless of the management schemes used, the irrigator needs a re-
liable means of determining how much water is being applied and how much is present in the profile. The local SCS personnel will be available as much as possible to assist irrigators perform well evaluations, measure well outputs, and install soil moisture monitoring devices. Visit your local SCS office to obtain more information on irrigation water management.

SCHOOL EVENTS
MONDAY - Fire Department Supper - Cafeteria - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY - Tennis - Denver City - High School and Junior High School - Here; One-Act Play - District; Anderson Grain Supper - Cafeteria - 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY - District U.I.L. Howard County College - Big Spring

FRIDAY - Track - Klondike - Jr. High - There

SATURDAY - District U.I.L. Howard County College - Big Spring; Track - Klondike - H.S. Girls and Boys There

## Symposium set for Lubbock/Amarillo

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is pleased to announce a symposium concerning a valuable Texas resource that is unique to the management of playas will be presented, but the emphasis of the program will concern step by step procedures for landowners who are interested in obtaining playa and wetland management assistance from various agencies in the form of easements, cost-sharing and technical assistance.

Two symposiums will be conducted at the Texas A\&M University Researcher and Extension Center at two different locations: 1) in Lubbock on Wednesday, March 24 and; 2) in Amarillo on Thursday, March 25.

For more information contact: TPWD in Amarillo at (806) 353-3141 or 353-0486, your local county Extension agent, or SCS office.

## What is the...Smart Jobs Fund Program?

The Smart Jobs Fund is an innovative program to assist Texas businesses in training the work force of the future and provide financial incentives to create new high-skill, high-wage jobs for Texans. The Smart Jobs Fund Program was established by the 73rd Legislature in February of 1993 and will be administered by the Texas Department of Commerce.

Commerce worked closely with other state agencies, industry and academia in developing the Program. Commerce wanted to ensure the Program would be innovative and affordable, driven by industry's needs, and would not tax our already overburdened taxpayers.

Why Was The Smart Jobs Fund Program Created?

The Smart Jobs Fund Program will build a strong foundation for our state's economic prosperity plan. This fund is an innovative financial incentive the State of Texas can offer new and existing businesses. It is designed to create and retain jobs by assisting private companies in building a world class work force - one that can win in the global marketplace.

Because the fund will be used for adult worker training and retraining, it also can be used as a financial incentive for companies to move to Texas. The Smart Jobs Fund will put Texas at the top for industrial retention and expansion assistance nationwide. Texas' Smart Jobs Fund will be the second largest state training fund in America. By paying for Texans to be trained for new jobs, we are investing in Texas' future in a much more
positive way than by "tax give-aways." This human investment will pay real dividends to our communities and state because the dividends will be a highly skilled work force - the greatest economic development lure any state can offer.

In 1991, the Texas Department of Commerce and the Texas Industrial Development Council conducted a research study of 350 CEOs around the nation. This study showed that of all the factors determining where a company will locate, by far the most important factor was the availability of a skilled and trained work force. This research also documented which states are our biggest competition in industrial recruitment. Major competitors are North Carolina, South Carolina, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Arkansas and Florida. In most cases, these states beat out Texas for new jobs because they have financial assistance for worker training and retraining.

How Will The Smart Jobs Fund Program Be Funded?

By diverting one-tenth of 1 percent from the state's Unemployment Insurance Tax for the Smart Jobs Fund, it is estimated there would be approximately $\$ 50$ million per year in this fund. This small percentage will not compromise the integrity of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Account because the $\$ 50$ million will be available only after ensuring the Trust Fund's solvency.

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existing work force to be the most competitive in the world. The Fund also will offer new companies moving to Texas a financial incentive far greater than any offered in America today. All but four states offer some type of state-funded, industry-specific training programs. These programs vary, but all are designed to respond quickly to industry needs with a minimum of red tape, paperwork and bureaucratic slowdown.

## How Will The Fund Work?

To help existing Texas businesses be more competitive, the Fund will pay for training and retraining of their employees. Matching grants will got to Texas businesses for training new workers or upgrading existing workers' skills for jobs that pay the state average weekly wage or better.

As an incentive for new business to expand or locate in Texas, the Fund will offer matching grants to pay for new job training or on-the-job training. A worker will not have to be unemployed to receive the assistance. There will be special assistance to finance the conversion necessary to implement workplace innovation training for Texas companies losing defense industry contracts. This will be done through direct grants for defense industry suppliers and vendors.

Administrative costs for the Fund will be held at a minimum so that most of the dollars go directly toward worker training. The current Work Force Development Incentive Program of the Texas Department of Commerce will be rolled into the new Smart Jobs Fund. Traditionally, this type of customized industrial training is contracted for by state educational or technical institutions. Community and technical colleges, proprietary schools, extension services, and others around the state are fully capable of providing the most up-to-date, cutting-edge industrial training. On-the-job training assistance could be contracted for by the company creating the new jobs if its expertise and training capabilities meet state standards.

For more information on the Smart Jobs Fund Program, contact Carolyn Smith at the Texas Department of Commerce at 512-3209513 , or Richard Hall at 512-3209672, P.O. Box 12728, Austin, TX 78711; (TDD) 512-320-9698, Relay Texas Line: 800-735-2988.
~This information was shared by PIC Member Latrell McDonnell, to explain the significance of the JTPA and Smart Jobs Fund Program.

Delaware was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.


## 4-H "Tomorrow's Leaders"

"Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders," says Terry J. Millican, Yoakum County Extension Agent AG. 4-H helps prepare today's youth for tomorrow. Leadership is involved in all parts of $4-\mathrm{H}$.

Youths need an opportunity to learn how to do things successfully; they want to develop skills necessary to get along with others. Leadership jobs offer opportunities for growth and development. Young people need responsibilities according to their ages. 4-H helps youth develop into capable adults by learning to plan, set goals, make decisions and evaluate all walks of life. Each $4-\mathrm{H}$ member should develop his or her capabilities to the fullest.

4-H helps them improve skills, increase their knowledge, learn to express themselves well, develop confidence, and earn recognition. 4-H teaches an individual to think for himself when making decisions, teaches one to organize thoughts and to be tolerant of other's decisions. 4 H'ers learn to apply what they have learned to everyday living.

4-H provides members with learning opportunities and experiences. It provides members the opportunity to compare skills they have gained with those of other members. It provides members with an opportunity to develop and practice citizenship and leadership skills and it recognizes the accomplishments of 4-H members.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

 TO EXPIRE:IN MARCH
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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

The aim of 4-H is to netp youth to gain a positive self-concept, rational social behavior, knowledge and
problem-solving capabilities. Members when youth are involved, the greater develop leadership abilities, learn the involvement, the greater the cooperation, improve their citizenship educational opportunity.
and have fun by participating in local,
county, regional, state and national

Contact your county Extension office to join 4-H.



[^0]:    Kodak paper. For a Good Look at the Times of Your Life.

