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Plains ISD satisfied with Y2K readiness

Prompted by a recent AP wire service article in the Lubbock AJ and featured on radio and TV announcements, CCN interviewed officials of Plains ISD last week for an update on the local school district's readiness to face problems associated with the Millennium occurring January 1, 2000. The AP story indicated some school systems around the country were uncertain their many electronically, computer chip operated systems might fail when January 1 rolled around on computer clocks.

The AP message was, "Many schools are not prepared for Millennium woes", and described likely problems those schools faced when the clock strikes midnight, January 1. One of the many problems cited was many schools not being certain they would be able to maintain comfortable and safe conditions in the schools if certain of their electronic control and guidance systems fail.

Plains ISD Superintendent Jim Haynes told CCN, "We are confident when school starts again on January 3, following the arrival of the Millennium, we will conduct normal school activities as on every other school day."

Both Haynes and PISD Business Manager Eric Banfield were questioned about the school district readiness for the event. Banfield said, "Under direction of our Board of Trustees, we have taken every possible step to ensure a normal school day will occur, and the students will be environmentally comfortable, and will have food to eat. Those are our immediate concerns for the school year".

Haynes and Banfield echoed one another in describing steps taken by the district to assure a normal passage of the school system into the millennium.

Under guidelines furnished by the Texas Education Agency, every source of electronic, computer related problems have been addressed for Y2K compliance. Vendors supplying both software and hardware for the computer school networking system have been approved, or will be updated and in compliance by January 1. Vendors of necessary services, including food, water, power for lighting and environmental control systems (heat, cooling, lighting) have declared their systems are in compliance. The City of Plains and Lea County Electric have both stated to the district their systems are "Go".

Superintendent Haynes said the district has both some computer software and hardware items which are outdated and not in compliance with Y2K, but all have been scheduled and budgeted for replacement prior to the first of the year.

Both Haynes and Banfield said the district may have assets with imbedded chips which could cause difficulties, but none are expected to cause major calamities.

District, and County Criminal Cases

In District Court October 25, 1999, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Richard Clark representing the State, Johnny William Kelley pled true to the State's amended motion to revoke Community Supervision. In a plea bargain he was sentenced to two years in jail, with credit for 20 days time served. Kelley was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Jackie Truett Holmes, 111 a/k/a/ Trey Holmes pled guilty to burglary of building. In a plea bargain he was sentenced to serve two years in jail, suspended and probated five years. He must pay a fine of \$1,500 and Court costs of \$246.25. He must also pay restitution totaling \$2,765.32 to the following merchants; Exxon Company U.S.A., South Plains Implement, and Denver City Farm and Chemical. He must successfully complete a drug program and serve 120 hours of Community service. Holmes was represented by Attorney Frank Lacy.

In County Court October 27, 1999, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Richard Clark representing the State, Arturo Valverde pled nolo contendere to unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was sentenced to 104 days in jail with credit for 32 days served and

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\$3.7 million poured back into local economy



FSA clerks Leann Lewis, Debra Lowe and mountain of paperwork representing assistance checks

Area ag producers and landowners have faced another tough production year, coupled with severely depressed commodity prices. The current harvesting of cotton, peanuts, milo and other commodities will eventually create a cash flow for producers, but an infusion of some \$3.7 million to county producers last week should bring smiles to many facing low returns on their year of work and investment.

Recently passed congress-

sional legislation cleared President Clinton's desk last week, and with unusual speed, authorization was given FSA offices across the nation to release some \$8.7 billion in relief funds.

Gary Six, Executive Director of the Yoakum County FSA, said his office wrote 1927 checks, or created file transfers totalling \$ 3,737,671 for some 800 county producers or landlords.

The maximum amount eligible for a producer on one re-

corded farm number was \$ 40,000. Six said, with usual government efficiency, the smallest amount paid out was exactly one dollar. Most operators received between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

For many producers especially cotton farmers facing current very depressed market prices, the money can make the difference in ending the year in the black, rather than the red.

Heartbreaker - Cowboys downed by Eagles 13 - 12



The embattled Plains Cowboys came within just inches of pulling off another stunning win last Friday evening against the Seagraves Eagle - inches separating the fingers of receiver David Luna and the pass thrown by Kyle Sisson in

a two point conversion play in the final period, which in all
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Members sought here for West Texas Peanut Cooperative

The ever growing production of peanuts in the area may get another boost here next week, if a campaign for new members and pledged peanut acreage for West - Tex Peanut Co-Op is successful. A meeting for potential new members of the cooperative is scheduled Thursday, November 4, between 9 AM and 12 noon (see advertisement on page 2. Prior membership meetings have been held in Brownfield, Seminole and Levelland.

A charter for the new cooperative organization was granted October 12. Similar in structure to other co-ops for cotton producers all over the South Plains, the peanut co-op would be the first to our knowledge in the area.

Officers and board members of West-Tex Peanut Co-Op include President Andy Timmons, Brownfield, Vice-President Ted Higginbottom,

Seminole, and Secretary Jerry Parrish, Plains. Board members are Jet Wilmeth, Plains, Bobby Harlon, Seagraves, R.H. Reeves, Levelland, Tony Dill, Brownfield, Dale Newsom, Lubbock, Delmon Ellison, Seagraves, and James Martin, Brownfield.

Cooperative officials said most producers are aware of the success enjoyed by cotton producers belonging to co-ops throughout the South Plains, and are convinced the same marketing and economic success is feasible for peanut growers. One factor leading to the charter of the co-op is the large number of production acres in the area, over and above government quota acres.

If the membership drive develops enough growers, officials of the co-op hope to have a facility to handle the year 2000 crop. Spokesmen for the cooperative reported the pre-

dominant variety of nuts would be Runners, but Spanish and Virginia peanuts would also be processed.

The proposed site for a full service peanut processing facility is in Terry County, between Brownfield and Wellman, located on a rail line. Producers from Hockley, Terry, Gaines, Yoakum and Dawson counties will be able to have their peanuts received, graded, shelled, marketed and shipped to the ultimate user for final processing from the proposed location.



Passage of amended "Storm Water" bill brings sighs of relief to Judge and all Commissioners

On October 12, Sondra Ziegler, West Texas Regional Director for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, (R) Texas, met in an informal session with a number of county officials and interested citizens. Ms. Ziegler told the group, "I am here representing Senator Gramm, but I am not here to talk, I am here to listen, and report to the senator what you, the citizens of West Texas, are interested in, your concerns about what Washington is doing that affects you, your families, your business interests".

One of the responses she listened was from County Judge Dallas Brewer. He said he, all other county judge's he had talked to, and all Texas commissioners were very concerned about provisions in Senate Bill 1706, the commonly referred to "Storm Water Bill".

Brewer said "The original wording of the bill contained provisions which would require all governmental agencies, including Texas counties, to require a special permit to grade rural dirt roads following rainfall producing 'storm water'. This government permit would be issued by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC). TNRCC officials have already told us it would take up to sixty days to obtain the permit, and in West Texas, and most other areas of the state, a sixty day delay in maintaining rural roads makes the work impossible".

Ziegler told the judge and audience Senator Gramm, and fellow Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, (R) Texas, were aware of this problem and were working to get language

in the bill amended to exclude the permitting process for normal maintenance work on roads conducted by counties and other governmental entities.

A recent Fax copy of the two senator's successful amendment of the bill was recently received by the judge and furnished to CCN. Judge Brewer said Friday, "The entire commissioner's court of Yoakum County and all other Texas counties feel very relieved, very good about passage of the amended bill, and we all appreciate the work of Senators Gramm and Hutchison. Without the amendment, it would have been impossible for us to maintain our county roads, so important to all our citizens and business interests".

to harassment by telephone and in a plea bargain was sentenced to Community Supervision for 24 months; pay a fine of \$750.00 and Court costs of \$210.25. He must work 24 hours of Community Service and attend anger management counseling. Hiler was represented by Attorney Dan Hurley.

Peggy Franklin Goodin pled true to the State's motion to revoke Community Supervision on a charge of criminal trespass and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail with 17 days credit for time served. Goodin was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Mario Humberto Orona, in a plea bargain, agreed to the State's order to modify conditions of Community Supervision on a DWI charge. He must attend Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Program as a direct consequence to his new alcohol related arrest.

Did You Know?

A crocodile can't stick its tongue out?
A snail can sleep for three years?
All polar bears are left handed?
Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza each day?
An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?
Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, dogs have about 10?

Wade Roberts Named VP Of Denver City Bank

Mark Mann, President of Seminole National Bank, the Board of Directors, and the employees are very pleased to announce that Mr. Wade Roberts has been named Vice President and Manager of the Denver City Bank Branch of Seminole National Bank to be effective November 8, 1999.

Mr. Roberts is a graduate of Denver City High School. He is also a graduate of West Texas A & M University receiving a B. S. degree in 1994. He has more than five years of banking experience having previously served as Vice President of Norwest Bank of Denver City, Assistant Cashier of First National Bank of Denver City and in operations at Seminole National Bank. Mr. Roberts stated "I look forward to serving the residents of my home town of Denver City and the surrounding area in the community bank environment of

Denver City Bank."

Mr. Roberts' family includes his wife, Shelly, and their daughter Shelby. They are expecting another child in November. Wade and his wife are lifelong residents of Denver City. He is currently President Elect of the Denver City Rotary Club and serves as a member of the Economic Community Development Committee.

The board and staff of Seminole National Bank welcome Mr. Roberts and his family as part of our team to serve the banking needs of Denver City and Yoakum County. We are excited to have him as part of our staff and look forward to the future with enthusiasm and anticipation.

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forfeit one dagger. Valverde was represented by Attorney Paul Mansur. Bryan David Hiler pled guilty

WEST-TEX PEANUT CO-OP

IMPORTANT MEETING

WEST-TEX PEANUT CO-OPERATIVE SIGN-UP!

The opportunity is here for you, as growers, to take control of your future!

Deadline for sign up is **NOVEMBER 15th, 1999** to commit your peanut acreage and farmerstock tons to your Co-Operative!

The Board of Directors advise its prospective grower members to sign up their acreage and tons at the following locations between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon this coming week:

Monday, November 1st, 1999 @ American Legion Hall, Brownfield

Tuesday, November 2nd, 1999 @ Gold Room, Seminole National Bank, Seminole

Wednesday, November 3rd, 1999 @ BankOne, 800 8th Street, Levelland

Thursday, November 4th, 1999 @ Plains Community Center, Plains

Members of the West-Tex Peanut Co-Op Board of Directors as well as other Co-Op officials will be available each day to answer any and all of your questions and concerns. During these meetings, you will be presented with the Member Marketing Agreement, the Post Incorporation Stock Subscription Agreement, and optional USDA Loan Application

documentation. Complete help is available for growers concerning loan applications.

The forms presented need to be signed and completed and submitted for Board approval and as soon as possible, but not later than November 15th, 1999.

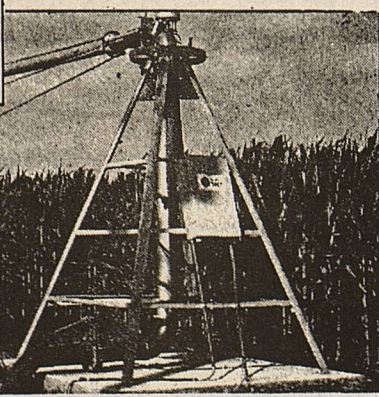
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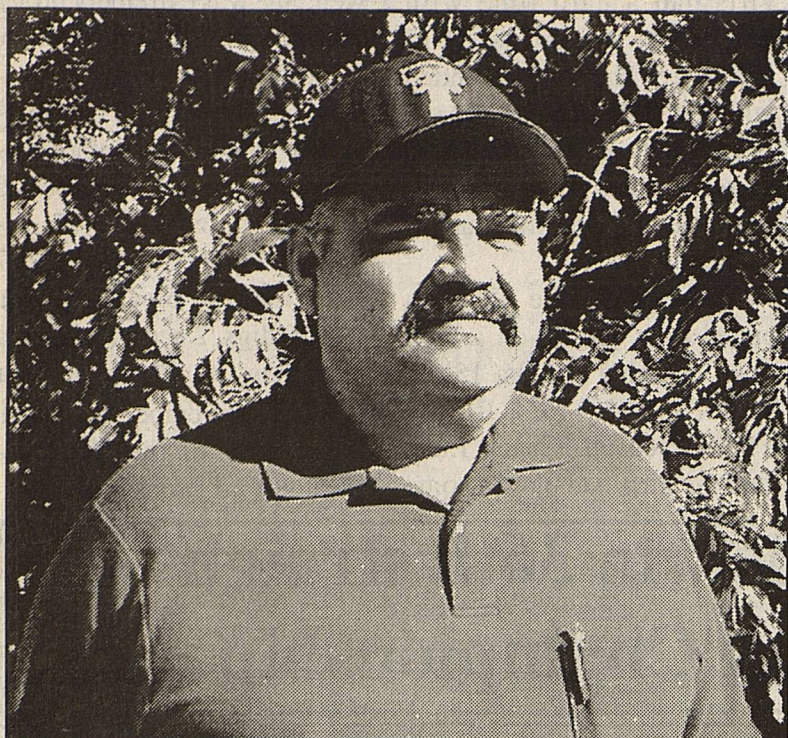
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Dominguez Comes Out For Pct. 3 Commissioner



Sam Dominguez of Plains became the sixth candidate to announce his candidacy for the Precinct 3 Commissioner spot on the March Primary ballot. He furnished CCN the following statement:
 "I am announcing my candidacy for Yoakum County Commissioner Precinct 3, subject to the March Democratic Primary. I have lived in Plains most of my life. My wife is Alice Moreno, also a long time resident of Plains. We have four children Jerry, Adam, Erica, and the late Samuel Dominguez 111. I am a current employee of

Yoakum County Precinct 3. I have worked for the County for 18 years. Prior to that I worked in the oilfield in Denver City.
 I serve as deacon and trustee for Templo Bautista Nueva Vision Church. I also serve as the director of the Royal Ambassadors. I help in the financial decisions that are best for the well being of our church. I have maintained this position for 8 years now.
 I believe that with my 18 years of employment with the County, I am capable of filling the position as Commissioner for Precinct 3.

What Can We Make Of Presidential Contenders' Rhetoric?

Campaign 2000 will focus on board political spectrum varying from clean air to abortion and from gun control to saving Social Security. Some areas have potential for significant economic impact on our state.

Democratic & Republican historic differences pose questions: Will some of "surplus" go back to taxpayers or fund social programs? Over time, debt reduction frees up funds for private sector investments. Will tariffs be lowered to improve free trade or new constraints ordered? About 60% of commerce in major Texas ports involves foreign trade. Will urban sprawl be curtailed by the actions of the federal government? Communities might get more federal funds, but will sacrifice local control. **Other questions with potential economic consequences are:** Will environmental concerns impact new business growth and expansion? Should federal or local guidelines determine costs/benefits of constraints? Will social programs be funded and administered solely by government? Can privatizing social services encourage efficiency, improve programs? Will healthcare availability to Texans undergo any future transformation? How will political decisions affect funding for the elderly and indigent? Presidential candidates' views on these and other subjects merit watching?

"Gimme something SWEET or we'll give you a big BOO!"



This "Trick or Treat" scene was repeated dozens of times last Sunday evening. There were many more treats than tricks.

Texans in good shape for Y2K

Much - some might argue too much - has been written about the year 2000, or Y2K. Some preach a litany of doom and gloom about the New Year. We hear everything from the practical to tales of panic when it comes to Y2K, but what we should really be focusing on is readiness.

In fact, a coalition of more than 200 state agencies, colleges, universities and private sector organizations and businesses is working to do just that. The coalition was launched almost four years ago to address technical concerns and to prepare for a smooth transition into the Year 2000. Readiness 2000 a coalition of Texas agencies promoting Y2K readiness is an offshoot of that effort. Additionally,

all the critical private sector industries, including banking, have certified themselves as Y2K ready.

Texans cannot and should not be swept up in a potential panic from Y2K problems, either real or perceived. That is why we must approach Y2K with caution and care. Readiness 2000's message is simple: don't panic. Be ready.

And why "be ready"? Because Y2K reminds us that all Texans need a readiness kit for themselves and their families. For people in the Panhandle, ice storms are an annual occurrence. Texans who live along the coast need to be prepared for hurricanes. And for those of us in the vast central regions of our state, flooding is an all too

common problem. So Y2K is a great time to make sure you have about three days' worth of food, water and essential supplies in a safe place in your home. You are not likely to need the supplies to fight a Millennium Bug, but you will be glad to have them during the next big storm.

Texas is among the nation's leaders in technology, economic growth and quality of life. Our state government is efficient, and getting more so. Our people are highly educated, and our children's achievement is improving by the year. Our beautiful state is a source of pride for all of us. by Tony Garza
 Texas Railroad Commissioner

Texas Highway Patrol Association To Award 1999 Medal Of Valor

The Texas Highway Patrol Association will present Highway Patrol Sergeant Jeff Hudson with the 1999 Medal of Valor at 1:00 p.m. on November 6, 1999, in Cuero, Texas. As the eighth recipient, Hudson will be honored with a \$1,000 check and an award plaque. He will also be honored with a permanent plaque in the Texas Highway Patrol Museum in San Antonio.

The award is given to a state trooper whose actions exemplify heroism. St. Hudson demonstrated exceptional courage, bravery and selflessness in the rescue of Winston and Lois Steen, during the October 1998 floods.

On October 19, 1998, Sgt. Jeff Hudson, of Cuero, Texas, and DeWitt County Sheriff Cliff Foulds Jr., jumped from a helicopter into swift, chilly flood waters to save an elderly couple, who had become trapped in their flooded home.

The flood waters had risen rapidly the previous day, making land rescue by the National Guard impossible. Dangerous atmospheric conditions grounded Coast Guard air rescue.

A private helicopter, provided by Petroleum Helicopters Incorporated of Galveston, flew through the inclement weather, bringing Hudson and Foulds to the couple's home. The men leapt into the hazardous waters, swimming to the home where they found the Steens neck deep in cold water. The brave officers carried the hypothermic couple to the helicopter; and then, they returned to the home to gather Mrs. Steen's purse, an overnight bag and their dachshund.

1918: Annie Webb Blanton elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the first woman elected to state wide office in Texas.

Year	Population	10 year percent change
1850	212,592	n/a
1860	604,215	184.2%
1870	818,579	35.5
1880	1,591,749	94.5
1890	2,235,527	40.4
1900	3,048,710	36.4
1910	3,896,542	27.8
1920	4,643,228	19.7
1930	5,824,715	24.9
1940	6,414,824	10.1
1950	7,711,194	20.2
1960	9,579,677	24.2
1970	11,196,730	16.9
1980	14,229,191	27.1
1990	16,986,335	19.4
2000	20,497,486*	20.7*
2010	24,534,525*	19.7*

* Spring 1999 State Forecast.

Full steam ahead for peanut harvest



Harvesting of the 1999 county peanut crop is in full swing, and most producers report good production yields. Weather has been good for drying the dug nuts, and the major complaint heard is the wait for transport trucks. The scene above shows a semi-truck being loaded in the

field from a huge, 15 by 50 foot hopper. When full, the hopper holds almost enough peanuts to load two trucks, some 80 to 90 thousand pounds. The hopper is hydraulically operated, powered by a large generator mounted on the hopper frame.

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A very somber group of Cowboy players and coaches watch EMS crew place injured Skyler Johnson in ambulance for trip to Denver City Hospital for observation and tests.

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probability would have given the Cowboys a great 14 - 13 win.

Again facing a big, tough team, with just 16 players on the field for the contest, the Cowboys showed their determination early on. With the offensive line providing some of their best blocking of the season, they took the opening kickoff at their 30 and moved it for two first downs to the Eagles' 30 on runs by Jared and Josh Bell, and a pass from Kyle Sisson to David Luna.

When a fourth down attempt failed, the Eagles launched their offense, and ground out gains to the Cowboys 37, where two big plays by Jeremy Morphis and Josh Bell stopped the drive.

In the second period, an Alex Tarango punt backed the Eagles up to their one yard line, but the Cowboys couldn't stop their ground game until they reached the almost mid-field. There, David Luna broke up a pass attempt, Colt Winn hit an Eagle runner for a 2 yard loss. Morphis made a big stop, and an Eagle punt was blocked by Jared Bell and recovered by Joel Gallegos at the 34. On



Jared Bell, 17, follows lead blocker Josh Bell, 8, for start of a 66 yard touchdown dash in first half action.

their first play, Jared followed blockers around the left corner and outran defenders for the Cowboys first score and 6 - 0 lead.

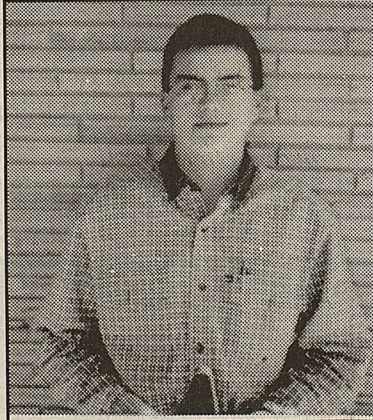
Midway in the third quarter, the Eagles returned the favor of punt blocking to the Cowboys, Tarangos kick recovered at their 1 yard line, and one play later, after a successful PAT, the Eagles led 7-6.

With 7 minutes left in the final period, the Eagles got the ball at the Cowboy 27, Their ground game ate up yardage, and with 2:34 left in the game, they went up 13-6. The following kickoff produced the most electrifying moment of the game; David Luna took the ball

at the Cowboy 15, moved to the right, got a few blocks, cut back to his left, then sped 85 yards for the second Cowboy score and what would be the final 13-12 score in an exciting and hard played contest.

The Cowboys travel to Coahoma next Friday for their last regular season contest, and at presstime, the playoff possibilities are a bit cloudy.

Student of the Week



This week's student of the week is Chris Cleveland a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cleveland. Chris was nominated by Mrs. Pettigrew who said, "Chris is a very dependable student and a hard worker. At the first of the school year I explained what he will be responsible for and I can depend on him to do his jobs and know everything will be taken care of without checking. He asks if there are other things that need to be done."

P.I.S.D Volleyball Summary

Jr. High:
7th Lady Wranglers- The 7th girls ended their season with a good 15-7, 5-13, 16-14 win over Brownfield. Coach Haragan said, "This is the way a team wants to end the season, not only with a win, but playing well. The girls have worked hard to improve, doing some things 8th grade teams can't do. I thank the parents for their support all season. I know these young players have a bright future ahead of them".

8th Lady Wranglers- The older girls had a hard time with Brownfield, going down 8-15 and 12-15. Their season ended with a 4 and 9 record. Coach Diaz said the girls worked hard all season, and made great improvements since the start of the season.

JV Cowgirls- The JV girls ended their season on a high note, downing Tahoka 15-12, 12-15, and 15-9 for a 10 win, 11 loss season. Coach Lusk said the girls had played some

tremendous teams, and fared well. She was extremely proud of their ability to adjust to new and difficult situations.

Varsity Cowgirls- The Cowgirls wrapped up another district championship October 26 by beating Tahoka 11-15, 15-06 and 15-11. Candace had 7 kills, Laura 5 blocks, Jessica had 10 digs, 2 aces, and Laura had 15 assists. They start area playoffs November 6 against the winner of the Nocona-Weatherford Brock game.

Cowgirls win 36th straight District Championship



Members of the Varsity Cowgirls shown with District Championship trophy included, kneeling, Laura Morales, Lexi Warren, Elva Ruiz, Patty Ruiz, Standing, Coach Mark Johnson, Jessica Flores, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Candace Bowers, Michaela Traweek, Kari Gutersloh.

District Cross Country Recap



Cowgirls off on long, grueling run in cold conditions.

Plains ISD hosted the District 3-2A Cross Country meet at Yoakum County Park last Saturday morning, during cold, windy conditions. Some of the results include;

Jr. High Boys (no girls team)-

Aldo Fierro, 4th, 13:36, Payton Bean 6th, 14:23, Breck Hamm, 10th, 19:32.

JV Girls- only one entry- Kenia Molina ran well for 9th place, 18:19.

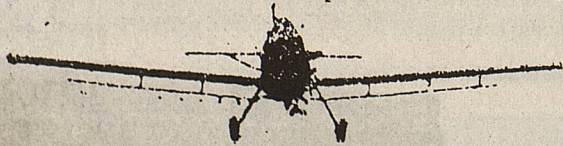
Varsity Cowgirls- Wendy Hernandez, 11th, 14:57, Krystle Blundell, 12th, 14:59, Kristen Gray 13th, 14:59, Jill Gray, 21, 15:30, Arasley Luna, 24, 15:55, Kayla Willis, 26, 16:20, Anne Palmer 31, 17:0.

Varsity Cowboys- The Cowboys finished second in district, behind Stanton, one of the top

C.C. teams in the state. David Granados was 5, 17.31, Felipe Reyna 8, 18.12, Manuel Hernandez 11, 18.31, Luis Hernandez 12, 18.42, Chisum Deaton 13, 18.55, Jared Newland 14, 18.58, Jared Bell 17, 22.01. Granados and Reyna will advance to the Regional Meet with their top ten finishes.

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Senior Citizens Corner

The '42' Tournament on Tuesday was fun. 1st place winners were Ann Greer and Betty Boatmen. Second place Fay Black and Billie O'Neal. We are hoping more men will join in on the next one.

Mary Richards has been in Lubbock Hospital but is home. Shirley had surgery in Lubbock and is doing well. Becky Cryer suffered an injury and is with her daughter in Midland. Mildred Harvey's trouble was more extensive than thought, and she is now with her family in California, but says she will be back by January. We wish all these people a fast recovery.

Our sympathy to the families of Lomas Freeman and Delores Combs. Jay Noble brought company for lunch on Tuesday. They were Jean Upton, Syble and Huber Wallace of Seminole and his sister Dorothy Konazak from Arizona.

The Garage Sale is an on going thing. Everyone is invited to come back and shop everyday. Donations are welcome.

Reset your clock and get an extra hour of sleep Sunday morning.
See You Next Week,
Smitty

Library Filmtime

At our October 27th Filmtime the theme of the day was Halloween. We sang 'Five Little Jack-O-Lanterns' and read 'This is the Pumpkin'. The movies we watched were 'There's a Nightmare in My Closet' and 'Trick-or-Treat'. Each child also made a Halloween mask out of paper plate and decorated it. The children attending were; Matthew and Aron Ramos, Clayton Gass, Lucas Hernandez, Marina Corrales, Colby Bearden, Merrit Crump, Taya Hamilton, Autumn Friesen, Darien Gonzales, Percy, Marisol and Sienna Sosa, and Evan Robles.

New At The Library

Non-Fiction

The Best Of Martha Stewart Living: Arranging Flowers. 1999 Hot Line Farm Equipment Guide...compiled by Heartland AG-Business Group.

All The Best, George Bush: My Life In Letters & Other Writings...George Bush Joseph..Charles Swindoll **And Never Let Her Go.**..Ann Rule

Legal Forms, Contracts & Advice For Horse Owners...Sue Ellen Marder

Fiction:

Aunt Dimity's Christmas...Nancy Atherton
The Twisted Root...Anne Perry

The Killing Game...Iris Johansen

"O" Is For Outlaw...Sue Grafton

Pop Goes The Weasel...James Patterson

The Shoe Box...Francine Rivers

Stateline Home Demonstration Meets

****WE apologize for misplacing this article and not printing it earlier.**** The Stateline Home Demonstration met on September 20th at 5:30 p.m. in the new County Agent office. President Dene Rafferty called the meeting to order. We had 8 members present and one guest, new County Home Demonstration Agent, Jo Beth Cromer. She gave us a program on water use, safety and efficiency in the home. We talked about water control and laundry problems, causes and treatments for the quality of water purifying water at home and how a check list might help find problems. We voted unanimously to keep the same officers as last year for 2,000. The officers are as follows: President Dene Rafferty, Vice President-Sherri McGinty, Secretary-Treasurer-Gale McDonnell and Reporter-Darlene Wilson. We closed the books on the Watermelon Festival. We meet the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the County Agent office building. We invite you to join us.

TSA MO GA Tours Ranch Heritage Center

Members of the Tsa Mo Ga Club attended the annual Ranch Days at the Heritage Center in Lubbock October 23. Center hosts and volunteers wore early period clothing and demonstrated many crafts and ranch chores, and the members enjoyed a barbecue lunch.

Some of the Ranch Days events included a quilting demonstration, and a Texas Ranger "Shoot Out". They visited the Matador Ranch half-dugout, and member Wilma Powell recalled her former husband Bill worked on the Matador as a young cowhand.

Attending the festivities were: Billie Blundell, Mattie Field, Connie McWhirter, Wilma Poweli, Betty Rushing, Mary Jo St. Romain, Sarah Jane Shelton, Valeria and Zareta Winn.

At the November 8 Club meeting, program director Renetta O'Quinn will present an 'Americanism' theme program, featuring Krystle Blundell, Bluebonnet Girls State Citizen, Josh Bell, American Legion Boys State Citizen, and HOBY Ambassador Joel Gallegos. Lesli Rowe, PHS Junior, will perform the National Anthem and 'Texas, Over Texas'.

Bridal Shower

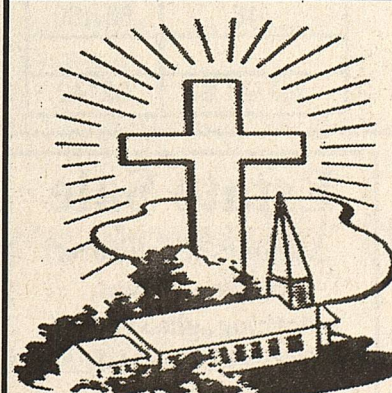
honoring Miss La Cresha Johnson
Bride elect of Cory Jenkins
Sunday, November 14, 1999
2 - 3:30 p.m. in the home of
Mrs. Mary Wilmeth, 1210 1st Street
Selections: Target, Lubbock, Nelson's,
Brownfield, Plains Local Merchants

Wedding Shower

Mrs. Chris Ballard, ne Krystal Sellers, will be honored with a Wedding Shower on Sunday, November 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library. Gift selections have been made at Rhonda's and Lanelle's in Denver City; Hountry Korral, Eileen's Bed, Bath and Kitchen and WalMart in Hobbs; and at local merchants: The Depot, Bayer's and the Flower Patch.

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From The Hack

While in the community building waiting our turn for a flu shot last week, a number of big, burly, macho men were present, and I was surprised at the number of comments indicating a number of them had a true fear of the needle. De Ja Vu, when I recalled my early recruit days in the Navy a few eons back.

I'm aware my memory could stand improvement - how could I not be aware of it when the Bride tells me several times a day, "You'd forget your fanny if it wasn't welded on!" It seems to me now those 9 weeks of boot camp Hell were highlighted by half a dozen or so inoculations each day, administered by surly medics with demonic eyes, and needles only horse and swine Vets use today.

I recall standing in one of those interminable lines, waiting to get punctured, and outside the window I saw this large transport type semi-truck backed up to the building. I asked one of the surly medics what a gasoline truck was doing there, and he snarled, "Ain't gas, stupid, it's stuff we're gonna be shooting into your mangy arms and flabby butts the next few weeks. Now shut up and get both those sleeves rolled up and start gritting your teeth... this next one's gonna keep you from getting Korean Swine Pneumonia!"

On another occasion, we were lined up down this long, dark

hall for shots, eighty someodd guys clad only in Navy issue drawers. A grizzled old Chief stood guarding a door at the end of the hall. He would let one sailor at a time through the door, and as soon as it closed, we all could hear a blood curdling scream and sounds of scuffling. I looked behind me and for a moment thought I was looking at a long line of owls - everyone's eyes looked like white saucers.

I finally stood before the door. I must have stood before the door quite a spell. The Chief snarled, "Open the door and get in there, mush brain!" Gulping down a deep breath, I pulled the door open, stepped in, and all Hell broke loose. Four large medics grinned evilly at me, two to my left, two to my right. With the quick precision of the Rockettes, two grabbed my arms and plunged the biggest needles yet into me, while the other two, moving even swifter, knelt, jerked down my skivvies, and wielding even more wicked looking needles, plunged them into the most tender portion of my posterior.... don't ever try giving me that stuff about 'em shooting you in the HIP... The HIP ain't what you sit on, and that's where they shot us, in our SIT-TERS!

We heard later one sailor, so terrified by the experience, bolted and ran from the building, needles flopping from his arms and 'er, cheeks, making it almost to Tiajuana before the Shore Patrol picked him up. I Guess I understand why some people have needle phobia.

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended October 28

New York cotton futures climbed higher after learning that September's domestic cotton use figure was not as grave as most analysts had predicted. In fact, the U.S. Census Bureau reported seasonally adjusted annualized cotton consumption in September dropped to 9.84 million bales, just slightly lower than a downwardly revised 9.9 million bales in August.

Although the consumption figure was above preliminary industry estimates, it still left domestic U.S. consumption below the 10.2 million bales forecast by USDA. In addition, September's report marked the fourteenth consecutive month in which the annualized mill use rate is less than the same month one year ago.

"The good news is that the data was not as bad as expected," one analyst said. "The bad news is that the evidence continues to expand the story of the deterioration of our domestic industry; something that will not turn around on a dime," he added.

In other news, USDA's export sales report gained the attention of the market this week as net commitments of upland cotton exceeded 200,000 bales for the first time since November 19, 1998. USDA reported net U.S. export sales for the week ended October 21 totaled 219,400 bales, a significant increase from the previous week's sales of 141,200 bales. Mexico was the largest buyer of U.S. cotton with purchases totaling 96,000 bales. Turkey and Taiwan followed with acquisitions of 26,000 and 23,800 bales, respectively.

Since Step 2 payments will probably begin shortly, making higher-priced U.S. cotton more

competitive, many in the cotton industry believe export sales and shipments will continue to increase. In the short term, however, market observers are concerned about delays in implementing the program.

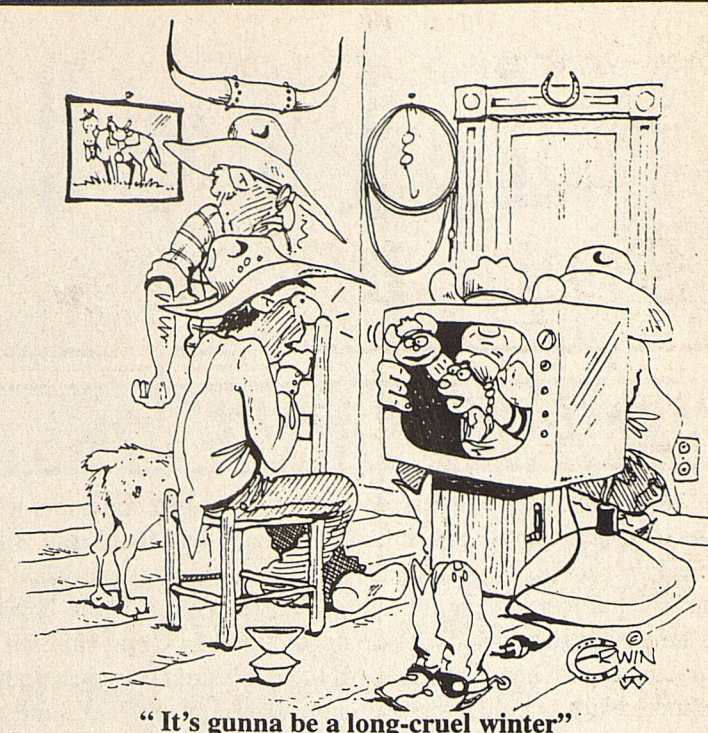
USDA officials indicated they had not yet decided whether recently appropriated Step 2 subsidy funds would be effective to the beginning of the new fiscal year on October 1, or would become effective only as of October 22, when this year's farm legislation was signed into law. Analysts and traders noted widespread anxiety over the Step 2 issue, since many had assumed that the status of the program was a "done deal" based on word from key trade groups.

Meanwhile, the U.S. cotton harvest is in full swing. The National Agricultural Statistics Service's latest report, dated October 24, indicated that 55 percent of the crop had been harvested compared with 60 percent a year ago and the five-year average of 52 percent.

The harvest is progressing closer to home as 40 percent of the cotton in Texas had been harvested as of October 24, while 60 percent had been harvested in Oklahoma. Fair weather continues in much of Oklahoma and on the Texas High and Rolling Plains allowing cotton stripping operations to proceed virtually uninterrupted.



'HOOVES & HORNS' by A.W. ERWIN



"It's gonna be a long-cruel winter"

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Four County Shared Services Arrangement intends to destroy records of students who have received special education services. Records to be destroyed are for persons who received Special Education, including speech therapy services prior to school year 1991-1992. These records include those located in the Four County Shared Services Arrangement office at 601 Tahoka Road, Brownfield, Texas. Records herein describe students receiving special education in the following school districts; Brownfield, Denver City, Loop, O'Donnell, Plains, Seagraves, Tahoka, Union, and Welman. Legal parent/guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records by contacting the Four County Shared Services Arrangement office at 601 Tahoka Road, Brownfield, Texas 79316, phone number 806-637-8448, by October 30, 1999.

AVISO

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Boll Weevil Count

Oct 25-29	Current	Oct 18-22	Previous
Unit	Count	Unit	Count
713	11,344	713	4,029
714	22,291	714	8,254
715	39,823	715	12,040
716	33,442	716	14,062
717	21,932	717	5,277
718	51,230	718	38,480
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