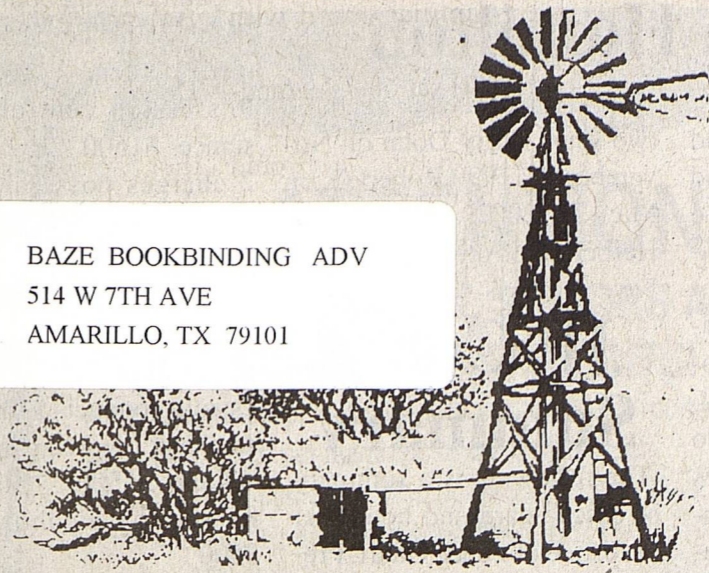


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Plans for County Nursing Home put on temporary hold

A dozen supporters and committee members of the proposed nursing home and assisted living project attended the December 11 session of Commissioner Court, with initial plans to propose the Court support a bond election for the construction of a county owned nursing home and assisted living facility in Denver City. Chairman of the group Joe Kay told the court the dual facility had been the plan proposal submitted by their a consulting firm. He said the survey indicated a number of such area facilities were operating successfully and within budgets.

Following considerable discussion, Judge Brewer said while he supported the idea, he had learned securing financial assistance from the county could be a difficult step. He said he had learned from Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark the issue as then presented faced legal problems. A document from his office states "The ownership and licensing of nursing and/or convalescent homes is governed by Chapter 242 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Section 242.033 of the code specifically lists a governmental unit as an acceptable applicant for a license. Section 242.02 includes a county in the definition of a government unit." Clark's letter continues, "Ownership and licensing of an assisted living is governed by 247 of the Texas Health and Safety Code,..... "and does not include a governmental unit as an acceptable owner or licensee of an assisted living center." Clark summed up by adding, "From my reading the two chapters..... I would say Yoakum County can own/operate a nursing/convalescent home but not an assisted living center."

Judge Brewer suggested no further action be taken on the proposal, and Chairman Kay agreed. Judge Brewer suggested the Committee return to Court at a future date after they could do more research. He also added for the Committee's information the earliest action could be taken on a voter approved bond election would be in the month of May. Committee Chair Kay agreed more study and research on the matter would be required.

District Court Cases

Two felony criminal cases were heard in the December 7 session of District Court. Judge Kelly G. Moore was presiding officer and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Jerome Geronimo Yzaguirre entered a plea bargain to judgement revoking terms of supervision from a prior third or more DWI cause, a third degree felony. He was sentenced to seven years in state prison, with credit for 74 days jail time served in Lubbock County. Chuck Lanehart served as his attorney.

Eilario Caballero Jr. pled guilty and sentence was reduced to lesser included offense of evading arrest or detention, adjudication deferred. He will be under community supervision 24 months, must pay \$209 court costs and court appointed attorney fees of \$300, and will serve 50 hours community service. His appointed attorney was Warren New.

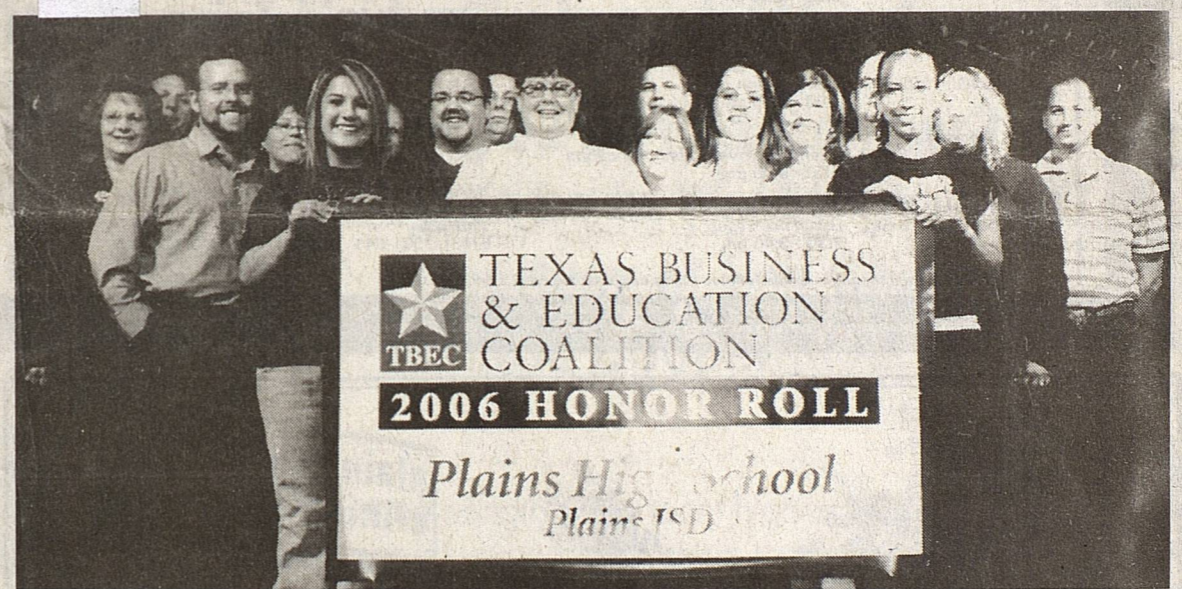
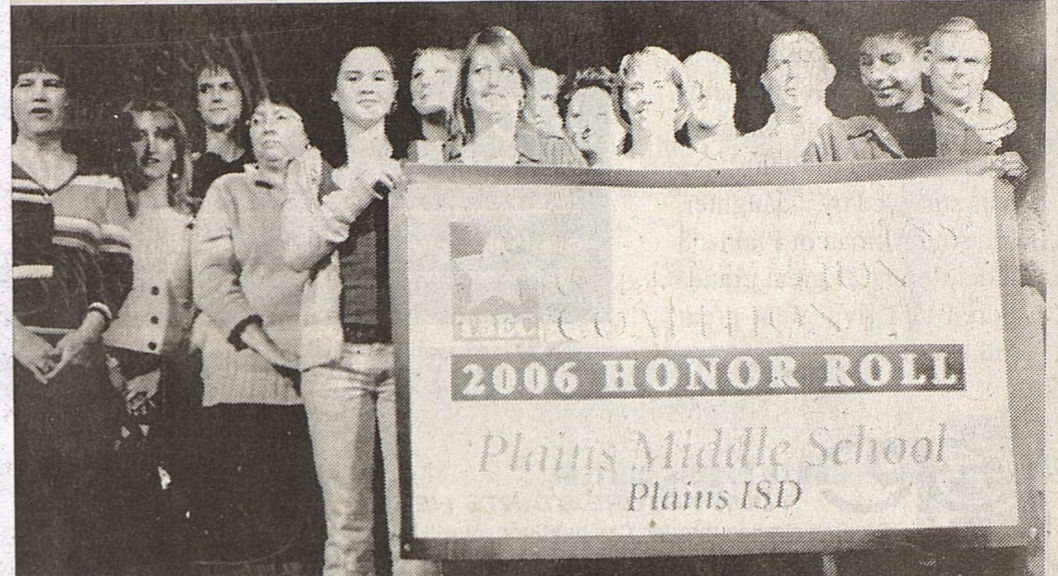
CITY SERVES BREAKFAST



For the second consecutive year, City Hall served breakfast to residents Thursday morning. City Officials and Council members consider the event a small Christmas gift to local townspeople as a gesture of appreciation for their support. City Administrator Terry Howard reported he, Pam Rowe, Sylvia and husband Alfred prepared two choices of breakfast burritos, fresh fruit, muffins, coffee, hot cider, cranberry and orange juice to some seventy diners, and heard very few complaints!

To be recognized *BY The Best*, you must be *Among The Best!*

PISD Middle School campuses recognized by TBEC



Plains Independent School District is no "Johnny Come Lately" when it comes to earning kudos for academic honors awarded by state education agencies. The three campus halls of Plains ISD are lined with an impressive number of plaques awarded by the Texas Education Agency, signifying students achieving the highest academic honor - ratings of Exemplary, primarily awarded for scores earned in rigorous TAKS test scores, mandated by the state.

In early December, Plains Middle School Principal Mike Michaleson and High School Principal Steven O'Quinn were honored guests of the Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC) seventh annual banquet in Austin, recipients of awards earned by students of their two campuses. The significance of the awards is almost overwhelming; Both campuses were placed on TBEC's Honor Roll of Achievements. Plains Middle School was one of only 49 honorees, Plains High was one of only 44 honorees identified by TBEC. A total of 271 Texas schools made the honor role. This achievement reaches even higher stature upon realizing there are over 7,900 schools in the State of Texas. Unlike many formulas for assessing student proficiency, TBEC calculates percentage of passing scores on TAKS over a *THREE* year period.

Superintendent James Haynes told CCN, "What is really gratifying to me is the make-up of our campuses. We have a student body made up largely from lower income families,

we are involved in the ESL program, and of course, we have well less than 500 students; yet our administrators, teachers, and of course our students are accustomed to hardwork and achievements. Our elementary campus missed out on these honors this year, but there is one inescapable fact I am very proud of. Our elementary program is producing some top quality material to fill seats in middle school and high school. Elementary Principal Vernon Hise and his gifted and dedicated teachers are doing a great job, and these scholastic

achievements recognized by TBEC are ample proof of this." On Monday, Cindy Chapman, state president of the Association of Texas Professional Educators and representing TBEC, presented banners during the regular high school assembly, with middle school staff and students as special guests. In her remarks, Chapman said, "This elite award recognizes you as two of the schools in the top three percent recognized in the entire state!" Chapman, who teaches in Whiteface, added, added, "It's such a privilege to present these

awards to a small school in our area. These presentation ceremonies are usually made to schools along the I-35 corridor. Schools in our area get their awards mailed to them." She introduced Superintendent Haynes, who told the assembly "We celebrate the accomplishments of the students, staff and administrators. You are the cream of the crop and I congratulate you for that. I thank the students for their hard work, the teachers for your diligence in working with all the students, and the administrators for their leadership."

Yoakum County Hospital brings fun time to the season

Yoakum County Hospital's fifth annual Christmas Party was an evening of good food, and plenty of entertainment. Hospital staffers organized the event, including a barbecue dinner for some 170 people. Highlight of the evening was a repeat performance of the MR & MISS YCH Beauty Pageant with very little emphasis on beauty. The show featured a novelty - 'He's' were 'She's', and vice-versa. Stunning beauty of either sex was in short supply, as photos inside will prove!



Services for Mary Lou Rea Hamilton

Graveside services for Mary Lou Rea Hamilton were held at 3 PM December 5 at Brad Cemetery in Palo Pinto County, Rev. Bill Wright officiating. Services were provided by Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors/Plains Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Hamilton was born to James Ellis and Frances (Fanny) Rhodes Rea November 13, 1910, in Antlers, Oklahoma. She attended schools there and graduated in 1927. She moved with her family to Belton, Arkansas. She was one of five children in the family. On June 19, 1933, she married the love of her life Robert Hamilton in Walters, OK. He passed away September 6, 1966.

She worked in the cafeteria at Ranger Jr. College for a number of years. She moved to Brownfield to be near her family and worked at South Plains Nursing Home. She later retired and moved to Plains.

She is survived by a daughter, Patria Ann Altman of Plains; 8 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Garry Donn on November 15, 1990, Robert G. on May 29, 2002, two brothers, Herbert and Aubie, and sisters Faye and Avis.

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases Filed"

96 traffic cases
1 Open container alcohol in motor vehicle.
1 minor in possession alcohol.
1 Disorderly conduct.
2 Parks and Wildlife cases.
Bonds Set:
Evading arrest with motor vehicle - \$5000

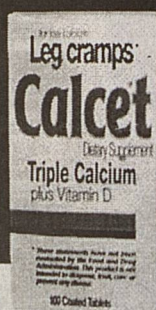
Assault causing bodily injury- \$2500
Assault causing bodily injury/family violence- \$2599m protective order
Possession controlled substance- \$1500
2 charges possession marijuana- \$500
Tampering with government record- \$3000
Failure to identify- \$1500
DWI- \$1000
Deadly conduct- \$3000
Accident involving damage to vehicle- \$1500
Possession alcohol, minor- \$500
Possession Marijuana- Dallas County- \$500
Motion to revoke probation- Denied
DWI, 3rd or more- \$2500, interlock device ordered.
DWI, 2nd, \$1500, interlock device ordered
3- Driving invalid license- \$500
Reckless driving- \$500

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HIST 1302-544 History of U.S. Since 1876
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Monday / Wednesday
SPCH 1321-541 Business and Professional Speech
1:00 - 2:15 pm
ENGL 1302-545 Composition II
4:00 - 5:15 pm

Wednesday
GOVT 2302-542 American Government, Functions
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Monday / Wednesday / Friday
MATH 0315-541 Beginning Algebra
2:30 - 3:45 pm

Tuesday
*MATH 1314-545 College Algebra
6:00 - 9:00 PM
*SOCW 2361-541 Intro to Social Work
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Tuesday / Thursday
READ 0320-541 College Learning Strategies II
1:00 - 2:15 pm
*ENGL 0302-541 Developmental English
2:30 - 3:45 PM
*ARTS 1301-541 Art Appreciation
2:30 - 3:45 PM
*MATH 0320-541 Intermediate Algebra
2:30 - 3:45 PM

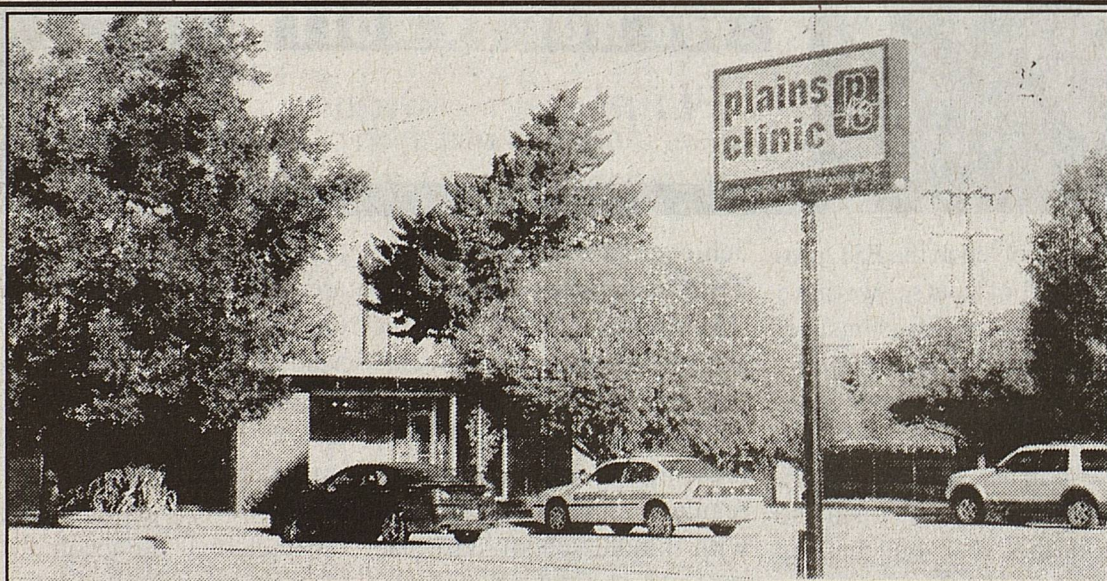
Thursday
ENGL 1301-541 Composition I
6:00 - 9:00 pm

*Locations will choose one class offered at this day and time (varies upon location)

For admissions and online registration information, contact 806-894-9611, extension 2374, 2375 or 2372

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December 14, 2006 -- 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm
Yoakum County Park Party House
Highway 214 between Denver City and Plains
Beans and cornbread will be served!

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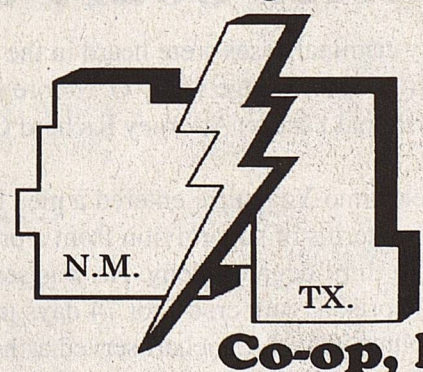
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December 19th

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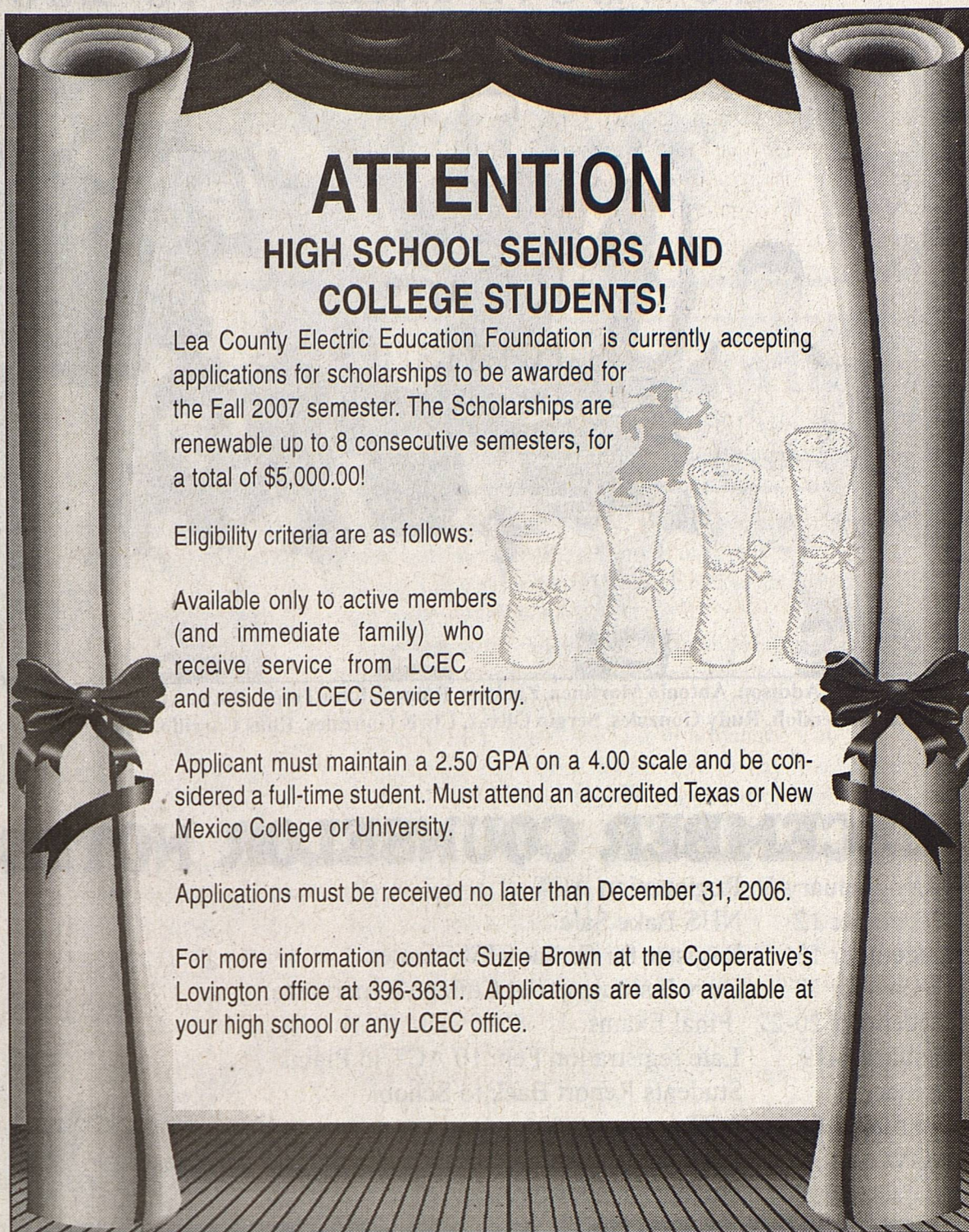
Eligibility criteria are as follows:

Available only to active members (and immediate family) who receive service from LCEC and reside in LCEC Service territory.

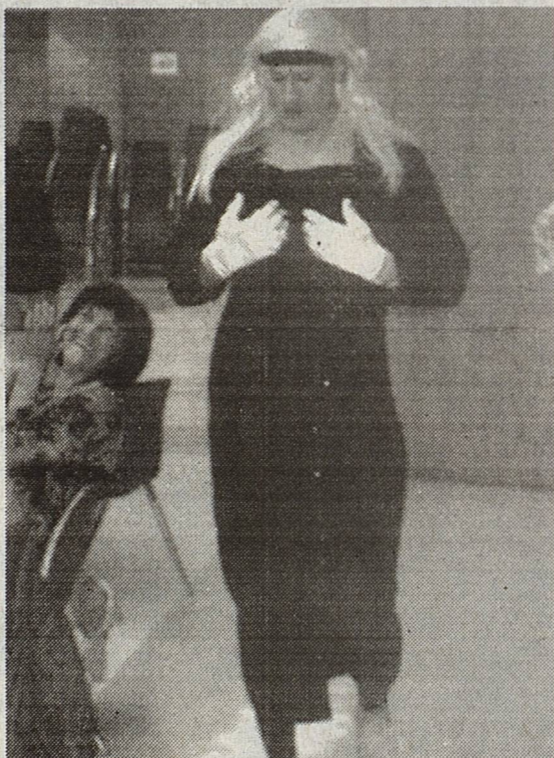
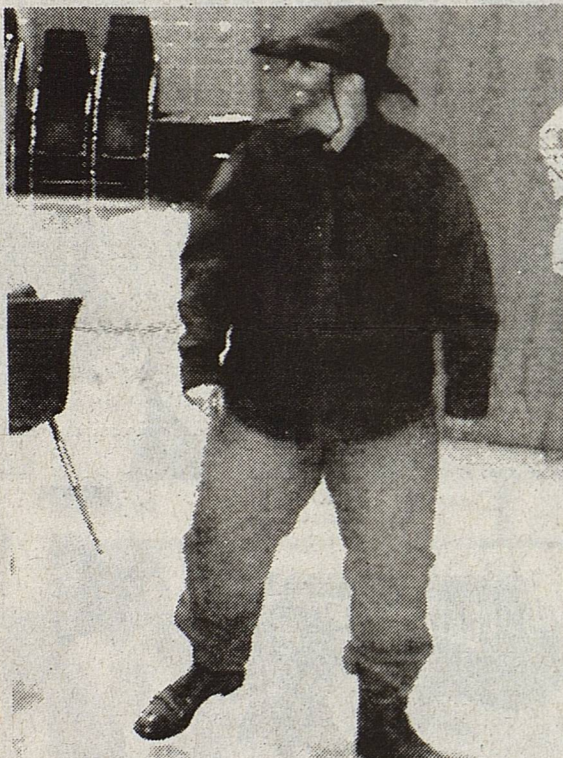
Applicant must maintain a 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale and be considered a full-time student. Must attend an accredited Texas or New Mexico College or University.

Applications must be received no later than December 31, 2006.

For more information contact Suzie Brown at the Cooperative's Lovington office at 396-3631. Applications are also available at your high school or any LCEC office.



Hospital Christmas Party Scenes

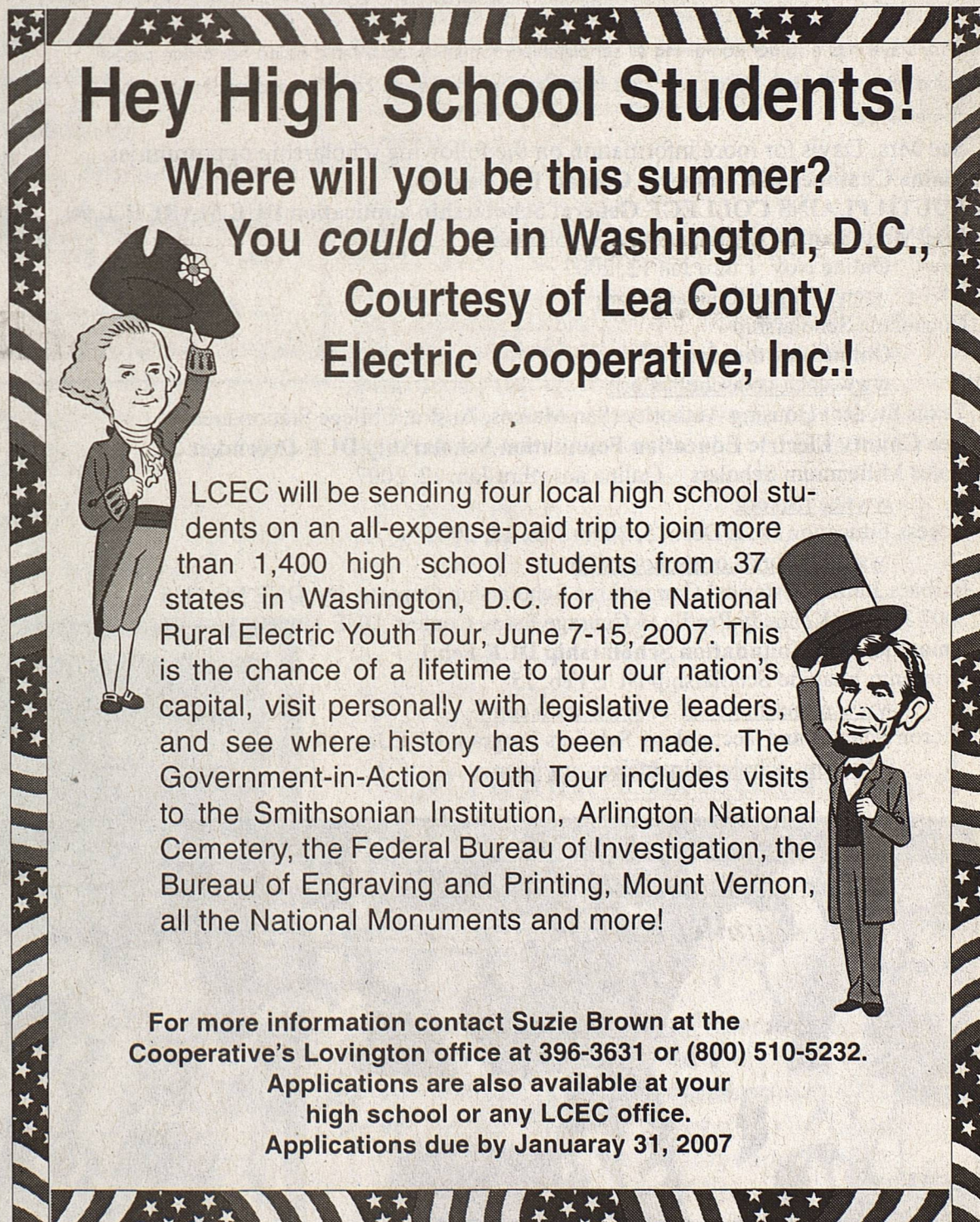


*From the top - Left To Right;
Totally un-appealing "Male"
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For more information contact Suzie Brown at the Cooperative's Lovington office at 396-3631 or (800) 510-5232. Applications are also available at your high school or any LCEC office. Applications due by January 31, 2007




Females in this photo played suspicious roles in "Pageant"

Cowboys named to 2006 7-A All District Teams



Front, Chris Addison, Antonio Martinez, Zachary Ramos, John Tyson. Back, Chris Addison, Chase Guetersloh, Rudy Gonzales, Sergio Olivas, Chris Gonzales, Elias Carrillo, Cody Mayes.

Head football Coach and Athletic Director Tom Harvey recently announced eleven members of the 2006 football team have been named to offense and defense units of the District 7-A All District Teams.

Named to the Offense 1st Team were Rudy Gonzales, a Junior receiver - 52 receptions, 670 yds, 7 TD's. Zachary Ramos, Junior Specialist. Named to the 2nd Team were Sergio Olivas, Junior Offensive Lineman, and Chris 'Gonzo' Gonzales, Sophomore Tight End, 20 receptions, 2 TDs. Honorable Mention honors went to Antonio Martinez, Sr, and Elias Carrillo, Jr. Offensive Linemen, Cody Mayes and John Tyson, Jr, Running

Backs, Chris Addison, Soph, QB, Chase Guetersloh, Jr, Rec., and Cody Mayes, Punter.

Named to the First Team Defense were Bradon Loya, N, 28 solo tackles, 17 assts, 3 tfl, 1 fr, 1 cf, 1 bep; Antonio Martinez, DE, 27 solo, 16 asst, 5tfl, 3 sacks, 1bp. 2nd Team- Sergio Olivas, DT, 34 solo, 22 assts, 6tfl, 2 sacks, 2 fr. John Tyson, LB, 34 solo, 23 assts, 9tfl, 1 sack, 1 fr, TD. Rudy Gonzales, DB, 27 solo, 10 assts, 4BB, 9 int, td. Honorable Mention; JL Vasquez, LB, Mario Ruvalcaba, DB, Zach Ramos, DB, Derek Garza, DT, Cody Mayes, DB.

DECEMBER COUNSELOR NOTES

- Now- January 5 Registration ACT
- December 12 NHS Bake Sale
- December 13 Register for Online/iTV Classes
- December 18 Dvry Institute about College Experience
- December 20-22 Final Exams
- January 6-19 Late registration Feb. 10 ACT in Plains
- January 9 Students Report Back to School
- February 10 ACT
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SCHOLARSHIPS

Mrs. Davis has a folder containing all scholarship information on a table inside her office please come browse through during your free time. Parents feel free to come by and go through the contents also.

See Mrs. Davis for more information on the following scholarship opportunities:

Plains Chamber of Commerce Contest Due Jan. 16

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE General Scholarship application DUE MARCH 1

Wal-Mart/ Sam's Club Foundation Scholarship

Online Nov. 1 thru Jan 12, 2007

www.walmartfoundation.org

Coca-Cola Scholarship

Online now thru Jan 15th

www.coca-colascholars.org

Texas Student Housing Authority (San Marcos, Austin, College Station areas)

Lea County Electric Education Foundation Scholarship DUE December 31

Gates Millennium Scholars Online now thru Jan. 12, 2007

www.gmsp.org

Access Education DUE Dec. 15, 2006- Feb. 15, 2007

www.usafunds.org/scholarship

Barbara Jordan Historical Competition Scholarship Opportunity DUE March 5

2007 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest DUE Jan. 6

Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship DUE Feb.1

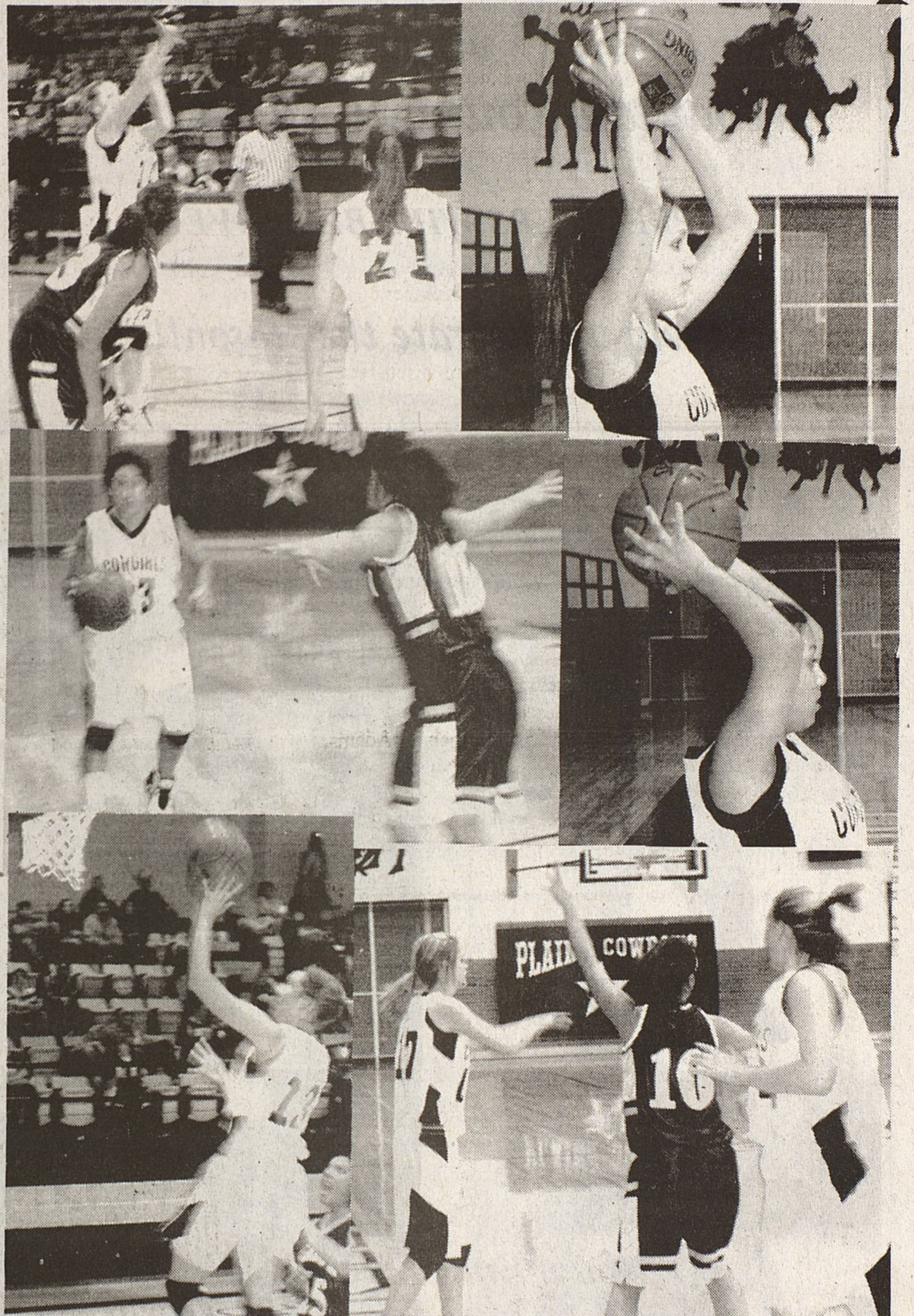
Monsanto Imagine Scholarship DUE Feb. 15

www.monsanto.com or www.nafb.com

Micron Science and Technology Scholars Program DUE Jan. 19

www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/micron

Cowgirls VS Meadow Scenes - Problems prevented reporting scores, Student of the Week



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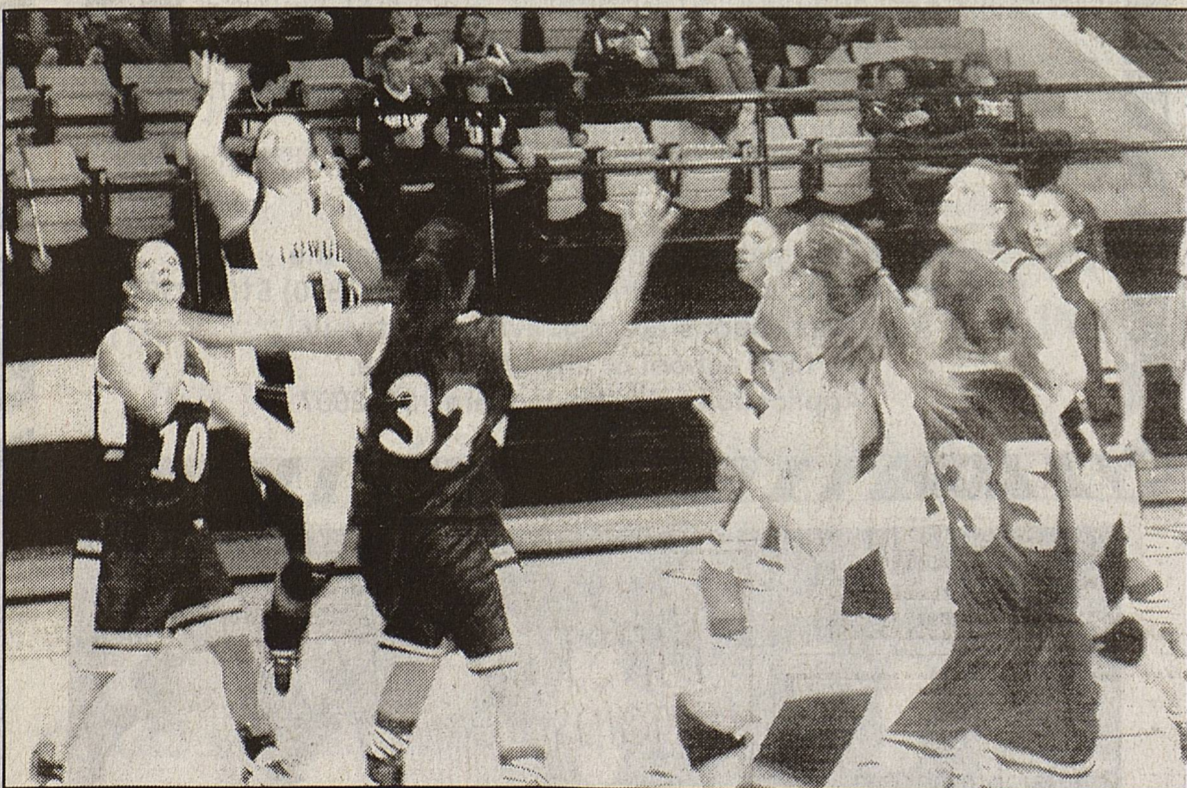
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'One-Hundred Ways To Celebrate Plains' Chamber sponsors contests to herald annual banquet and Centennial Celebration

The Plains Chamber of Commerce announces an essay, poster and art contest for their annual banquet, and centennial celebrations. The art contest begins Monday, December 11 and runs through Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Awards and presentations will be given at the annual Chamber Banquet on Thursday, January 18 at 7 PM in the school cafeteria.

The goal for the contest is to write an essay, create art work or original drawings depicting

the theme, "One Hundred Ways To Celebrate Plains." The contest runs December 11 to January 16, 2007. Essays should not exceed 1,500 words. Essays, posters and exhibits will be displayed at the January 18 banquet at 7 PM.

Categories for entries and awards will include: Essays: Grades 1 thru 12- one winner for each grade entered. For residents- one for pre-school, one for adult.

Posters: Grades 1 thru 12- one winner for each grade entered. Residents- one for pre-school, one for adult. One over-all for best poster, art work or exhibit submitted.

Essay entries can be mailed to Plains Chamber of Commerce, Box 364, Plains, TX 79355, or e-mailed to c4givan@yahoo.com. Artwork, posters or other exhibits should be submitted to Plains, City Hall, 1015 Ave. F, Plains,

Tx 79355. Deadline for ALL entries is 5 PM Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

Please include name address and age (or school grade if entered in such division), phone number or contact information if available. The Plains Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank everyone responding to this program and their enthusiastic participation in celebrating our community and "ONE HUNDRED WAYS TO CELEBRATE PLAINS!"

Nineteen girls and boys attended Storytime at the Yoakum County Library on Wednesday, December 6, at 10 a.m. Following Toddlerobics and the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, the group sang "Hokey, Pokey" and "If You're Happy and You Know It." The group discussed SNOW and the fun things you can do when it snows. Books read were THE SNOWY DAY, SNOW, and SNOWMEN AT NIGHT. The boys and girls enjoyed watching a video: ARTHUR'S SNOW DAY to complete the program. Everyone was reminded about the special Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 20 when one of Santa's helpers will pay a visit, followed by a Christmas Party. Each child received a snowman page to color plus a Dear Santa letter form to be sent Santa Claus.

Those attending were Diana Seaton, Braleigh Lowrey, Kaitlyn Ward, Bret'lei Dominguez, Harley Longoria, Lance Taylor, Tyler Humphrey, Grace, JoAnna and Jadon McAdams, Mallory Bunch, Abigale and Elijah McAdams, Kiarsen Harris, Ivey Davis, Ranger and Raven Harvey, Erin and Cason Russell.

Storytime is held at 10 a.m. each Wednesday. Boys and girls, ages two, three and four are invited to attend the activities.

YCH Foundation Tickets

Diamond and Diamonds presents **Caribbean Cowboy**

New Year's Eve Gala
Saturday, December 30, 2006
7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
116 N. Main Avenue
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\$100 admits one

Proceeds will benefit the YCH Foundation

Ticket must be presented at the door.

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*Career is too too pompous a word.
It was a job, and I have felt
privileged to be paid for what I
love doing..... Barbara Stanwyck*

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&
Ladies Auxiliary (Pink Ladies)
Annual Bake Sale
Friday, December 15th
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Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the Center! I hope everyone is staying warm these cold days, looks like more in store for us. Someone said this winter is to be unusually cold, and so far it seems to be true, and it's not even winter yet!

This year as we celebrate Christmas, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas and whom we are honoring. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, came to earth in very humble circumstances. He was born in a stable and laid in a manger. Can you imagine what it must have been like to have to stay in a barn and give birth to a child there? And he continued throughout his life to reach out to people with little or nothing.

This year as we hustle around finding gifts for our families and decorating our homes for Christmas, we should pause and look at others around us who have little or nothing in their lives. Could we take time to forget about ourselves for a change and look at those families? There is a great opportunity for us to show the real meaning of Christmas and reach out to those who have little or nothing. They are out there, believe me! Could we show the love of Jesus this season as he did? Is it really necessary for us to have a mountain of gifts and food while others go without? Many people, yes, here in Denver City and Plains, will have little or no Christmas, while we surround ourselves with a mountain of gifts and food, much of which goes to waste.

Karen Tovar and others of the EMS are collecting food and supplies to help unfortunate families. They do this with no expectations of rewards, they just do it with hearts of love. If you would love to help those unfortunate, needy families, contact the EMS office and find out what you could do. They did not ask me to put this in my column but I felt it will be worthwhile to mention.

There are other ways to help. If you know of a family you could help them yourself or get others to help you. The reward is great! You don't have to tell anyone what you have done, but the warmth that comes from within you, knowing the satisfaction of reaching someone needy is all the reward you need. I hope everyone reading this will make an effort to share with others less fortunate this season if you are able. And, I have noticed many times the ones who share may not have much themselves. What a tribute. I cannot help but believe they do this out of a heart of love, and someday their reward will be great.

Our center is available to meet the needs of seniors. We provide vans to pick seniors up who no longer drive but want to come to the center, and deliver meals to seniors unable to get out, in Denver City and Plains. Takeout meals are available to seniors 60 and older, but you should call in by 10 and pick the meals up by 11. The food is great, but the greatest blessing is the fellowship, love and interaction with other seniors. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

Operation Christmas Card

Operation Christmas Card, the project helping fund cemetery beautification will again be held this year. The funds from Operation Christmas Card have been used for landscaping, installation of the fence on east side of the cemetery, many trees and shrubs, placing of markers on unmarked graves, placing street signs in the cemetery, and the last product furnished by these funds was purchasing two new flag poles, one each for the U.S. flag and one for the Texas flag. Suggestions for beautification of the cemetery are always appreciated. Contributions may be made at Richardson Insurance, or Box 558, Plains, TX 79355.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Plains, Texas

Sunday School
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.
Evening Program
6:00 P.M.

From The Hack

Yes, I know it's the law. A stupid law, never less. The following parody reminds me just how asinine some of our court rulings really are

Now I sit me down in school, where praying is against the rule, for this great nation under God finds mention of him very odd

If scripture now the class recites, it violates the Bill Of Rights. And anytime my head I bow becomes a Federal matter now

Our hair can be purple, orange or green, That's no offense; it's a freedom scene. The law is specific, the law is precise. Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall might offend someone with no faith at all. In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, and pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks. They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible. To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, and the 'unwed daddy' our Senior King. It's inappropriate to teach right from wrong, we're taught such 'judgements' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls, study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess, when chaos reigns the school's a mess. So, Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot, my soul please take!

AMEN

I came across an old Golf Digest magazine featuring a poll of both male and female golfers expressing (more or less) how they REALLY feel about playing with the opposite sex.

Asked to explain their reasons why they dislike playing with the opposite sex, men said of femme golfers, 'cause they're too slow, they don't play well enough, they gossip too much, they don't know the rules'. The femmes said 'because men give unwanted advice, they smoke cigars, they're impatient, they swear, spit and drink'. Both sides opinions seem reasonable to me.

Asked if they would play if they have a 9 am tee time and awake to a drizzle and 49 degree temp; 54% of the males said yes. 59% of the females said no. Go back to question #1 - it says a great deal about male golfers.

You're late for your tee time and as you are leaving notice a small stain on your shirt. Do you take time to change shirts? 84% of the women said yes, only 14% men said yes. Again, refer to question one for simple explanation..

You have the chance to play in the Masters at Augusta National, but only if you give up sex for one year. Do you play? Interesting. 28% of the males said yes (probably reluctantly) while 67% of the girls said yes, quite a few happily. Why is this no huge surprise to me?

Do you swear when playing golf? It was a tie! 43 percent of each gender said Yes. I did the math..... 57 of both genders percent lied.

One question I considered a no brainer..... Is it important how I look and dress on the course? Some 9 percent of all males answered yes, while 89 percent of the gals said yes. The 11 femmes who did NOT agree would no doubt be knockouts wearing a Monks robe.

Finally, your ball moves as you are addressing it. Do you call a penalty on yourself? The poll reported 52 % of the men said yes, while 49% of the gals said yes. The poll is painfully flawed and inaccurate. I have NEVER seen any golfer, gross sex or gentler sex, call a penalty on themselves. The pollsters obviously do not play any West Texas area courses..... or know any West Texas golfers.

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The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2006, for the purchase of Unleaded and Diesel Fuel for all County Departments for Calendar Year 2007.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

For more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491 Ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

Sealed bids should be marked "BID - FUEL" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2006, for the purchase of Gravel, Hot and Cold Mix, and Asphalt for all four (4) Precincts and Yoakum County Parks for Calendar Year 2007.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Wednesday, January 2, 2007

For more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491 Ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2006, for the PURCHASE of One (1) four door, 4x4 Pickup with or without trade-in of one (1) 1998

Chevrolet Pickup for Precinct #3.

Bid price will be paid from 2007 Budgeted Funds.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

For specifications and/or more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491 ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. To view trade-in, contact Ty Earl Powell, Commissioner Precinct #3.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2006 for the SALE of One (1) 1998 Chevrolet Pickup for Precinct #3.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

For information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491 ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas, 79355. For more information and/or to view the sale vehicle, contact Ty Earl Powell, Commissioner Pct. 3, 806/456-4371.

Seraled bids should be marked "SALE PICKUP- PRECINCT #3" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject and and all bids.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2006 for the SALE of one (1) John Deere

Front End Loader for Precinct #3.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

For more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491, ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. For more information and/or to view sale vehicle, contact Ty Earl Powell, 806/456-4371.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2006 for a SIX YEAR LEASE PURCHASE of a Front End Loader with or without trade-in of one (1) John Deere Front End Loader for Precinct # 3.

Bid price will be paid from 2007 Budgeted Funds.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

For specifications and/or more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491, ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. For more information and/or to view trade-in, contact Ty Earl Powell, Commissioner, Precinct 3, 806/456-4371.

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Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, December 21 for the PURCHASE of Two (2) New Police

Package 4-Door Sedan Type Patrol Vehicles and one (1) Police Package SUV 4-Door patrol /jai transport vehicle with or without trade-in of one (1) Used 2003 Ford Crown Victoria 4-Door Patrol Vehicle; one (1) used 2004 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Patrol Vehicle; and one (1) 1993 Ford F150 Extended Cab Pickup (4x4) four-wheel drive.

Bid price will be paid from 2007 Budgeted Funds.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Wednesday, December 27, 2006.

For specifications and/or more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491, ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. For more information and/or to view trade-in, contact Down Corzine, Sheriff, 806/592-2747

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NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, December 21 for the SALE of One (1) 1993 Ford Crown Victoria 4-Door Patrol Vehicle, One (1) 2004 Chevrolet Impala 4-Door Patrol Vehicle, and One (1) 1993 Ford F150 Extended Cab Pickup (4X4) four wheel drive.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Wednesday, December 27, 2006.

For information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491, ext. 292 or PO ox 516, Plains, Texas 79355. For more information and/or to view trade-in, contact Don Corzine, Sheriff, 806/592-2747.

Sealed bids should be marked "SALE VEHICLES-SHERIFF" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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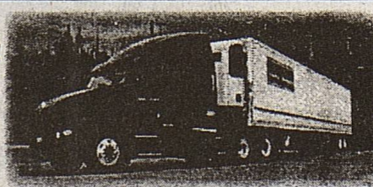


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