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Pace of boll weevil eradication program temporarily slows



A turbine engine spray plane takes on a fresh load of chemicals at G&B Aerial

as 15 aircraft were flying from G & B's hangar at the county airport, spraying malathion on the costly cotton pests.

Guetersloh at G & B told CCN five aircraft are currently spraying cotton fields in the Plains District. Darrell Dusek, Zone Manager, said "We are currently spraying roughly ten percent of planted acreage in the district, about 23,000 acres per week."

Dusek said the reduced aerial application on weevil infesta-

During the 1999 program in tions is a result of the Eradicathe Western High Plains Boll tion Foundation's decision to Weevil Eradication Zone, with increase the trigger level, based its headquarters here, as many on weevils caught in almost 30,000 traps in the district.

"When four or more weevils are caught in forty acres of planted cotton, it calls for ap-Last Thursday, Dain plication. This can change from week to week, and from area to area; If the count goes up dramatically, more spraying will occur."

He said another factor reducing application flights is the Foundation's effort to maintain healthy populations of beneficial insects, the natural enemies of beet army worms and cotton boll worms. Both insects have recently shown great increases in numbers throughout the entire eradication zone.

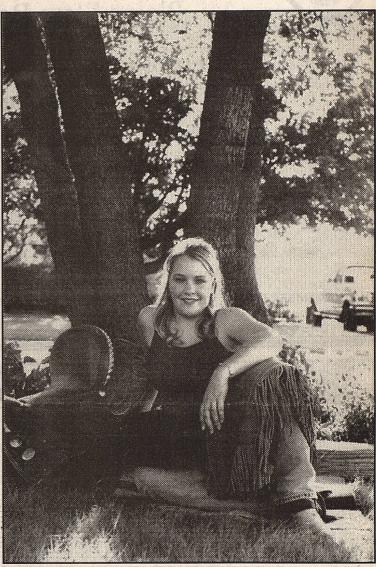
Dusek told CCN, "We feel G & B Aerial has done a great job in managing the air operation at their facility here, and the pilots work has been great also. We have had no formal complaints about their many flights." He said when the cotton plants reach the stage where they are not producing any more cotton, aerial application will increase on areas showing weevil populations of only two trapped per forty acres.

Rodeo, Reunion, Art Talent **Showcased This Week**

One of two large community events kicks off this Thursday evening with the opening performance of the 47th annual Plains Rodeo, with performances Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 PM. A youth oriented outdoor dance to tapes and CD's will be held Thursday night after the rodeo, and a live band will entertain Friday and Saturday nights. A custom built saddle will be drawn for Saturday night from tickets purchased to support the three local Queen Candidates, Candace Bowers, Allison Butler and Elizabeth Clanahan.

The Old Settlers Reunion in Stanford Park gets under way around noon Saturday, and will feature a catered barbecue meal. Local and area residents will be able to greet former residents coming to the Reunion, many from great dis-

The Yoakum County Art Association will hold its annual show during the three busy days. The show at the Art Building, will be open to the public Friday and Saturday.



Kimbe Jones, reigning 1999-2000 Rodeo Queen, will pass her crown to the 2000-2001 Queen to be announced during Saturday nights rodeo performance.

Criminal cases heard in county court

Seven criminal cases were heard in County Court Wednesday, July 26, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the

Grady Wilson Hart agreed on the state's motion to modify conditions of his supervision. He must pay delinquent fines and supervision fees of \$259 by July 31. He will serve an additional 26 hours community

active in FCA, and was

named to the National Honor

Society. She will attend

Hardin Simmons University

this fall.

service under direction of the CSCD where he resides.

Jose Manuel Rivera pled

guilty to a first DWI, breath test .142/.135. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. \$225 court costs and a \$500 fine will be met with time payments. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 12 served, and perform 24 hours community service. He must attend weekly AA meetings and complete the DWI first Offender program. Brady Cole Hilliard pled guilty to a subsequent DWI, breath-blood test refusal.His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. Court costs and fine totaling \$1020 will be met with time payments. He will perform 80 hours community service, complete the repeat offenders DWI program, pay supervision fees of \$40 per

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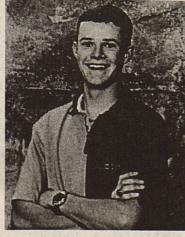
Sandy Land Scholarship Winners Named

Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District recently announced the winners of its annual "Scholarship Essay Contest." Sandy Land offers the scholarship contest to all seniors of both Plains and Denver City High Schools. Contest winners from each school receive a \$1000 scholarship for first place, and a \$500 scholarship for second place.

This years recipients of \$1000 college scholarships are Jason Swann, Plains High, and Glinnis Wolf, Denver City High.

Winners of \$500 college scholarships are Nichole Newsom, Plains High, and Shaunda Eady, Denver City High.

Jason Riley Swann is the 17 year old son of Rex and cal Science. He then plans to Sherry Swann. While in attend medical shool and be-Plains High, Jason was a come an anesthesiologist.



member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High Schools, was treasurer of FFA, district champ and regional qualifier in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, a state participant in One Act Play, and was voted most likely to succeed. He will attend Texas A & M and major in Bio-Medi-

Glinnis Wolf, 18, is the daughter of Richard and Nancy Dickson, and a lifelong resident of Denver City, and is an active member of the Church of Christ.



This fall Glinnis will attend Lubbock Christian University where she will major in elementary education.

Nichole Newsom, 18, is the daughter of Neal and Janice Newsom. At Plains High she was a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in UIL Editorial Writing and Literary Criticism.



She plans to attend Texas Tech this fall and major in Allied Health with a minor in Business.

Shaunda Eady, 18, is the daughter of Brent and Darlene Eady of Denver City. She was the top graduate in her class of 2000. She was active in both volleyball and track, and student council. She participated in UIL, and was second in state in Spelling and Vocabulary, and was



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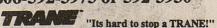
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World War II Veterans **Numbers Dwindling**

Direct United States involvement in the catastrophic World War II began with the December 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and other military installations in the Hawaiian Islands. The next day, President Roosevelt told the U.S. Congress and nationwide radio audience Sunday, December 7, would be remembered in history as a "Day of Infamy."

The true 'World War' didn't end for the United States until V-J Day, August 14, 1945, when the Japanese government announced it's surrender to Allied forces.

Our cost in the victory was extremely high. 16,112,566 American men and women served in all branches of the service. We suffered 1.078.674 casualties, including 293,986 battle deaths, 113,842 other deaths, and almost 700,000 wounded. More Americans were killed from December 7, 1941 through August 14, 1945 than the combined losses of Federal and Confederate forces

during the entire Civil War. As the war progressed, the carnage increased; In 1943, the American casualty rate was around 5,000 a month. Early in 1944, as fighting spread to and increased in the Mediterranean area, the rate increased to 13,700 per month, and following the Normandy D-Day invasion, it leaped to 59,000, then 80,000 a month. American servicemen and women were buried from Guadalcanal to the Aleutians, from North Africa to England.

Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall wrote, "It is impossible for the nation to compensate for the services of a fighting man. There is no pay scale that is high enough to buy the services of a single soldier during even a few minutes of the agony of combat, the physical miseries of the campaign, or of the extreme personal inconvenience of leaving his home to go out to the most unpleasant and dangerous spots on earth to serve his Nation."

Millions of veterans, of course, survived World War II, but natural attrition is now rapidly thinning their ranks. Tom Brokaw, anchoring a recent NBC evening news show, reported over 1,000 veterans are being buried daily; Over 375,000 veterans deaths are expected in 2000, and the death rate will inevitably rise as years

A stroll through the Plains Cemetery will reveal large numbers of bronze plaques commemorating the passing of a World War II veteran, and all graves of those who served are not marked with the plaques available through the VA.

There is no existing official record of all the local men and women who served this country in that war. We do know the following veterans are at rest on the hill just north of town, and in other cemeteries:

Dick Payne, Albert Norman Jr., Hugh Bolling, Kenneth

Bastogne to Iwo Jima, from O'Neill, Alvis Milstead, J.W. Harlan, Oscar Lowrey, Louie Kerrick, 'Toad' Snodgrass,

William 'Pat'Henard,Lloyd Allsup, Joe Cleveland, Pete Dyer, Jim Story, Jim Beal, Dick McGinty, Norman Wood, Kit Morris, John S. O'neal, Donald Bookout, Milton Bayer, Barron Blair, Harold Waldrop, Fred Lowrey, Thomas Bearden.

We know the following veterans of World War II are still with us; Ray Bearden, Johnnie Fitzgerald, John Holly, Bud Forbus, Garland Swann, James Warren, Pep Turner, James Wauson, Bob Fillipp, Joe Ellison, Red Harbour, Johnny Layton, T.J. Miller, Bill Nokes, James Redman, Polly Rushing, A.C. Jones, Leo Harrison, Earl Kizer, Gilbert Pierce, Lee Roy McCravey., Alfred Bearden, Joe Ancinec.

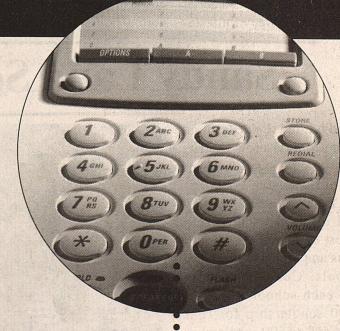
For those veterans who have passed on, it is of course too late to express our gratitude for their service and sacrifices. It is not, however, too late to say thanks to those listed here still with us..

*** Because of the lack of official records of local veterans, we were forced to rely on memory - ours, and many other locals. It is quite possible, even likely, we missed some who served, and for that, we sincerely apologize.



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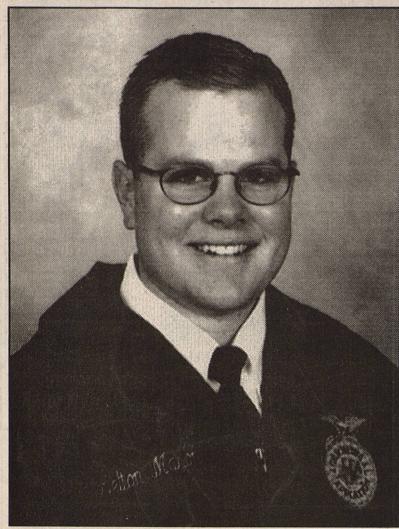
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Mason Wins Entrepreneurship **State Award**



and a member of Brownfield FFA Chapter was named the Swine Production-Entrepreneurship State FFA winner and received a \$100 check at the state FFA convention. State winners will advance to competition for national finalist.

National finalists will each receive a plaque and a \$250 check and are eligible to participate in an educational international travel seminar in June of 2001. The national winner will be selected from this group and will receive an additional plaque and a \$250 check.

program recognizes outstanding FFA members for using efficiently produce and market FFA members for achievement learned in the classroom.

Kelton K. Mason of Plains in activities leading to careers in agriculture.

> The Swine Production-Entrepreneurship award program is sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health and Purina Mills, Inc., as a special award of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

FFA is a national organization of 451,997 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The organization ha 7,268 local chapters located throughout the United Purchase of alcohol for a mi-States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students DWI, \$1000 bond. The Swine Production-Entre- by developing their potential for preneurship Proficiency award premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. best management practices to Local, state and national activities and award programs proswine. It is one of 45 national vide opportunities for students award areas that recognize to apply knowledge and skills

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Drilling permits double in year, June completions up

The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,045 original drilling permits in June compared to 517 in June

Total drilling permits for 2000 to date is 5,625, up from 3,529 recorded during the same period in 1999. The June total included 746 permits for new oil and gas wells, 60 to re-enter existing well bores, and 239 for re-comple-

In June this year, operators reported 245 oil, 423 gas, 15 injection and four other

JP Court Review

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

Cases filed - 82 traffic cases, one felony case. Bonds set:

Motion to revoke probation, held until hearing. Unauthorized use of vehicle,

\$1500 bond. Fugitive from justice, held un-

til transported. Possession of marijuana, under two ounces (two cases).

\$1000. Parole violation, no bond. Driving while license sus-

pended, \$500. Bond forfeiture, DWI, \$1500

nor, \$500.

Minor consuming alcoholic beverage, \$500.

under foundation fleet policy.

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completions to the Texas Railroad Commission. That compares to 160 oil, 301 gas, 23 injection and two other completions during June last

The total number of well completions for 2000 to date is 3,923, up from 2,803 recorded during the same period in 1999.

Operators reported 505 holes plugged and 73 dry holes in June compared to 519 plugged and 64 dry holes in June, 1999.

Grant for Task Force approved

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, a state grant in the amount of \$209,980 was accepted by the court. The funds will be used to organize and administer the Terry and Yoakum County Drug Task Force, with participation by the City of Brownfield. The drug fighting coalition will be administered by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark. The court also approved con-

struction plans for the new four doctor clinic to be built in Denver City. The architectural firm will now finalize plans for the building and furnish preliminary cost figures to the court. At that time, the court can approve or reject the project. If accepted, bids for the construction will be solicited

Securities owned by Sundown State Bank and pledged to the county totaling \$1,145,000 were released to the county.

*Mist Blow Operators

Joint Redistricting meeting scheduled

The Texas House and Senate Committees on state Redistricting will hold a joint hearing in Lubbock at 12 noon August 25. The meeting will be in the Texas Tech International Cultural Center at 601 Indiana Avenue. U.S. Census officials will deliver an update on data generated in the recent census.

At 1 P.M. public testimony will be accepted. House Representative Delwin Jones of Lubbock stated, "The main purpose of the hearing is to allow citizens and local officials to offer public comment on the redistricting process, with special emphasis on issues affecting our area of the state. I urge all area citizens and office holders to attend and share their concerns with the committees."

Irrigation Survey

In the Jan/Feb issue of "Irrigated. gation Journal", the 1999 Irrigation Survey showed an 0.8% increase in irrigated acerage for 1999. This increase is almost one-half of the 1998 increase of 1.44%

Statistics compiled by Guy Fipps of the TAES indicate Texas has 6,459,000 irrigated acres. Of those acres, 62% or 4,050,000 are sprinkler irri- www.greenindustry,com.

Crops irrigated are as follows: Cotton (2,000,000 acres), Corn (1,100,000 acres), Wheat (900,000 Acres), Forage Crops (750,000 acres), Rice (250,000 acres), and nuts & vegetables (each w/less 250,000 acres).

The survey can be downloaded from the "Irrigation Journal" web sire, http://

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If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us. Sincerely,

TX Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

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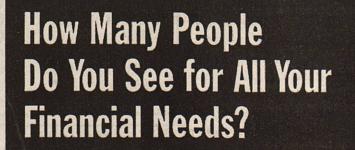
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Obituaries

Services Held For Robert Benjamin 'Bob' White

Services were held for Bob White, 71, of Lubbock, at Red Bud Baptist Church on July 10, 2000 at 10:00 am. with Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating and Rev. Joe Ainsworth assisting, interment was at Terry County Memorial in Brownfield under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. Mr. White passed away July 6, 2000 in Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

He was born January 25, 1928 in Terry County. He graduated from Brownfield in 1946 and graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in business. He married Myrna Marshall November 29, 1958 in Plains and he farmed in the Tokio community until retiring in 1992. He moved to Lubbock in 1994. He was a member of the Red Bud Baptist Church.

Myrna, a daughter; June White of Lubbock, a son; Monroe 5 great grandchildren. White of Chapel Hill, N.C.

Final Services Held For T. A. Elmore

Services were held for Thomas Alton Elmore, 81, of Tokio, at First United Methodist Church in Brownfield, at 2:00 pm., July 25, 2000 with Rev. Beverly Titus, Pastor, interment was Terry County Memorial in Brownfield.

Mr. Elmore passed away July 23, 2000 in Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock. He was born June 20, 1919 in Ethridge, Tennessee. He moved with his parents to the Tokio Community in 1927 where he has farmed since. He attended school in Tokio, was a Mason and served on the Board of Directors of the PCA and was a members of First United Methodist Church. He married Romalee Gauldin January 7, 1940 in Lovington, NM

He is survived by his wife Romalee, 2 sons; Tommy Elmore of Ft. Stockton, Tx, Rick Elmore of Brownfield, Tx. 2 sisters; Hattie Bea Brantley of He is survived by his wife Brownfield, Eunice Moore of Tyler, Tx. 6 grandchildren and

Rural small businesses get loan access Do you need to buy land, build- of the financing, at a long term

ings and equipment for your fixed rate. And the borrower small rural Business? Such must provide the remaining 10 business owners can help with expansion loans from the Capital Certified Development Corporation (CCDC), a statewide have profits of less than \$2 milnonprofit that covers 154 Texas lion for the previous two years pand.

CCDC companies..nonprofit The total size of the project is Hawley. D-Portland, who corporations set up to contrib- unlimited, but the maximum ute to the economic development of the community or pation is generally limited to region..act as intermediaries \$750,000 including the fees and between the business, the any other SBA debt owed by the lender and the SBA in the de- borrower. It may go up to \$1 velopment process.

up to 90 percent of a project's cost. The participating financial institution agrees to provide long term financing for 50 percent of the project's cost. The CDC provides up to 40 percent

percent.

To qualify a business must be worth less than \$6 million and counties. The CCDC helps or it must be a manufacturing businesses through the federal business with less than 500 He must serve 24 hours com-Small Business Administration employees. Projects generally munity supervision, com-504 loan program that assists range from \$125,000 to \$2.5 small businesses with pur- million and the borrower must chases with purchases. It is pri-show that (for every \$35,000 of marily designed for successful the debenture) one job is cresmall businesses ready to ex- ated or retained that would have otherwise been lost.

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> "Taking advantage of the CCDC and the SBA 504 loan program is a missed opportunity for many small businesses in rural areas," said Rep. Judy

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month, and serve 30 days in jail. His license will be suspended 90 days, and he must pay \$247 restitution to DPS.

Gabriel Anthony Marin pled guilty to deadly conduct. A year jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will serve 80 hours community service, and attend a \$25 anger management course at his expense. His attorney was Bill Helwig.

Adelina Garcia pled guilty to theft of service, more than \$500 but less than \$1500, a class A misdemeanor. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. A fine and court costs of \$505 will be met with time payments, and \$1432 restitution must be paid to US Cable.

Juan Manuel Ruan Jr. pled guilty to Assault causing bodily injury. Court costs and fine totaling \$1005 will be met with time payments. He will serve 80 hours community service, attend AA weekly meetings, and have his license suspended 90 days.

David Cory Cummings pled guilty to criminal mischief. Court costs and fine totaling \$505 will be met with time payments, and he must pay restitution of \$207. He must obtain alcohol/drug evaluation to determine any substance abuse treatments. and complete the batterer's treatment program.

Victor Manuel Hurtado pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test .192/,188. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. Fine and court costs totaling \$725 will be paid with time payments. plete the DWI first offender program, attend weekly AA meetings, and spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 15 served. His attorney was Bill Helwig.

chairs the House Rural Caucus. "The program enables small businesses to get a long term, fixed rate that is usually lower than conventional financing." Since 1993, the CCDC has provided more than 169 SBA 504 loans to small businesses representing \$64 million and creating 2,500 jobs for Texans. For more information call local Small Business Administration offices or the CCDC at 1-800-504-2232.



Courthouse personnel hosted a retirement reception for Faye Nelms last Friday afternoon. She announced her retirement after 10 years service as a deputy clerk in the county clerk's office. She is shown here opening one of her many gifts, including a money tree, assisted by her young friend Michelle Wauson.

Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Vocational Programs

Plains Independent School District offers vocational programs in Agriculture, Home Economics, and Industrial Arts. Admission to these programs is based on need, interest, and ability

It is the policy of Plains ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Plains ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator/Section 504 Coordinator, James Haynes, at PO Box 479, Plains, Tx 79355, (806) 456-7401.

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Soul Burns	0.20	0.00	0.85	1.00	0.00	12.80	14.85
163	0.10	0.10	1.70	0.25	0.00	4.40	6.55
167	0.05	0.00	4.35	0.20	0.00	3.90	8.50
187	0.00	0,00	1.95	0.20	0.00	3.20	5.35
255	0.20	0.05	1.25	0.60	0.00	5.80	7.90
265	0.30	0.00	1.20	1.05	0.00	13.20	15.75
298	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.10	0.00	3.40	4.40
308	0.00	0.00	1.85	0.05	0.00	5.60	7.50
342	0.00	0.10	1.30	0.10	0.00	4.60	6.10
432	0.40	0.00	1.00	0.80	0.00	6.80	9.00
535	0.00	0.00	1.45	0.00	0.00	3.60	5.05
563	0.30	0.05	1.80	0.00	0.00	6.20	8.35
568	0.15	0.10	2.30	0.00	0.00	3.20	5.75
575	0.00	0.00	n/a	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00
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Pictured from L-R: Ashlee Davis & Mesa, Raynee Andrews & Delaney, Lauren Davis, Dolores Davis, Cindy Davis and in front Whitney Davis. Delaney Rae Andrews, daughter of Kyle and Raynee, of Corpus Christi and her mother were honored with a baby shower on Saturday, June 17th from 10:00 to 11:30 am. in the home of Mrs. Vaughn Culwell.

Delaney's mother was presented a corsage made of socks and the hostess gift was a stroller.

The serving table was covered with a white lace cloth over pink. The centerpiece was fresh flowers. Refreshments of dipped strawberries and an assortment of breakfast foods were served with coffee and Orange Julius.

Special guests were grandmother, Mrs. Dolores Davis, aunts, Mrs. Cindy Davis and Mrs. Ashlee Davis and cousins, Lauren, Whitney and Mesa. Other relatives from Plains attending were Mrs. Wadonna Davis and Mrs. Dana Davis & Courtney. Out of town friends and relatives were Gail, Ashley and Monica Smith of Whiteface, Keely and Kenzee Kemp of Sweetwater, Kay Wood of Levelland, Julie Beene of Lubbock, Ruby Davis, Lynnette and Hayden Whitten of Morton.

Hostesses were Martha Palmer, Frankie Walker, Sandra Ellison, LeAnn Lewis, Ruth Murphree, Loma Jones, Janelle Brantley, Kathy Jones, Linda Harris, Jo Ann Barron and Carolyn Culwell.

First United Methodist Church of Plains Invites you to Worship!

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Senior Citizens Corner

Here it is Wednesday again. I am trying to find out some news for the papers here and Plains. You know that Plains people like to know what's going on at our Center. We have quite a group of people from Plains who come down here. Some come pretty regular and we are proud of each and every one who comes. Some come on the bus which runs from Plains every Monday through Friday. They also carry lunches to several shut-ins up there.

They told us yesterday that Bertie (Smitty) is moving to Lubbock. She will be in a new assisted living place on Slide Road. She said all of her friends could come and see her when she gets there. From the way she sounds, she is as "Frisky" as ever. Hope it's not too long we will see her smiling face again. Winners of '42' Tournament were Gladys Thomason and Lillie Brown.'

Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Art Program June 2000

Very special THANKS to the FOLLOWING for making the Summer Youth Art Program of

2000 a great success!

Texas Rural Communities, Texas Alliance For The Arts, Yoakum County Library, Cecil Bickley Library, Cowboy Country News, Denver City Press, Commissioner Precinct 2 Woody Lindsey, Yoakum County Extension Services, Andrews County Extension Services, Commissioner Precinct 4 Jack Cobb, City Of Plains, Lea County Electric, Lowe's Pay-n-Save, Thrift-Way, Bayer Lumber, Dairy Queen, Johnnies Restaurant, Cowboy Restaurant, Allsup's, Anne's Mini-Mart, McDonald's, Higginbotham Bartlett Co., Denver City Chamber Of Commerce, Altura Oil, Inc., Plains Chamber Of Commerce, Yoakum County Art Association, L.J. Sanders, Jeannette Head, Tommy and Sara Kay Burrus, Ty and Linda Powell, Tracy Lowrey, Denise Maltby, Darla Welch, Shannon and Tonya Patton, Kim Scott, Tanya Vasquez, Sara Horn, Jessica Henry, and to all of you parents who allowed us to teach your children a little about the arts. To all the following instructors: Get Down w/gardening; Beverly Lowrey, Photography; Pat McNabb, Clay; Margaret Williams. Watercolor; Leann Romines, Creative Painting; Tracy Lowrey & Tonya Patton,

There was a good crowd for the lunch today. There is always a good crowd on Turkey and Dressing day and just about every other day of the week. We are so glad people are coming to eat and also enjoy the fellowship. We need to

do more of the fellowship. Don't forget the Tuesday the 1st of August, Anna Taylor will be here to talk on nutrition.

Generations come twice a month on Tuesday, and Memorial Home Health are here every Thursday. The time is 10:30 to 11:30 am. for both. Gayle Ballou is here on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We still have several in hospitals. Think of us in the next week or two-Layne is going to

have surgery in Lubbock.

Velda Dorethy has her daugh-

ter from Muleshoe here.

'Til later' Wanda B.

Pizza Pizzazz; Tonya Patton, Tracy Lowrey, Shannan Hallan, Project Pride; Idalia Garza, Tye Dye; JoBeth Cromer, Tonya Patton, Snack Attack; Tracy Lowrey, JoBeth Cromer, Tonay Patton, Jessica Henry & Sara Horn, Microwave Munchies; JoBeth Cromer, Tracy Lowrey & Tonya Patton, Cartoon Art; Lance Scott, Creative Crafting; Tonya Patton.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or compliments, please write P.O. Box 117, Plains, Texas 79355. Please address to Yoakum County Connection Attention: Tonya Patton.

Card of Thanks

Thanks Plains!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience serving as your temporary Postmaster. You are fortunate to have two experienced and dedicated Postal employees, Jan Lester and Melvin Dearing. It was a pleasure meeting and serving all you great Plains Folks! If you're in the Brownfield Post Office, say Hi to me! Sincerely,

Patty Alaman

TSA MO GA Club Attends **TFWC Workshop**



Members of TSA MO GA Club attended of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs (TFWC) on July 11th at Lubbock. The workshop was hosted by Caprock District, Sandra Harmon, President, Denver City and Executive Committee.

At the beginning of the administration, the TFWC officers travel to each of the 14 districts to bring Federation News to the clubwomen.

TFWC President Guy feels the effort put forth by the Traveling Team is very important. She said, "Traveling to each district gives the officers an opportunity to visit with clubwomen who don't always go to the annual conventions. This makes the officers very approachable which is important in an organization as large as the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs." Mary Beth Guy is the 51st President of TFWC.

Members of the Traveling Team shared their expertise on 2000-2002 programs and Winn.

projects. The GFWC Woman's Health Program has been revised and will include important information concerning Social Security. The Libraries 2000 Program is being continued on a national level, and literacy, safety in the home, and disability issues will have special emphasis in this new administra-

The Texas Federation of Women's Clubs is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest and oldest nondenominational, nonpartisan, international service organization of volunteer women in the world. TFWC boasts over 8,000 members in 300 clubs throughout the state. TSA MO GA Club was founded in 1935 and became affiliated with TFWC in September 1935. A 56th Federation Millennium Party will be celebrated this fall. TSA MO GA Club members attending the Special District Workshop was Judy Head, President, Sarah Jane Shelton, Carolyn Culwell, Ann McGinty, new information that will as- Mary Jo St. Romain, Wilma sist clubs in planning their Powell, Zareta and Valeria

Round Up Meeting Scheduled

Yoakum County Watermelon Round Up committees and volunteers will meet August 10 at 7:00 pm. in the Plains Community Building. This is an open meeting and everyone needs to come and help plan for the September 2 festival on the Yoakum County courthouse grounds. Plains State Bank has agreed to give the \$250 savings bonds for the Junior (ages up to 12) and Youth 12 to 18) categories of the Largest Melon Contest. Wells Fargo Bank of Denver City will donate the \$250 savings bond award for largest Sr. (ages 65 and older) grown watermelon and Sundown State Banks of Denver City and Brownfield will give the \$500 savings bond award for the largest melon grown. Judging/ weighing will be at Pioneer Plaza at 9:00 am. Bill Helwig of Denver City is the chair of this event. The record for the largest melon is 183.3 pounds, grown by John Lowen in 1998. For questions about the event call 45-MELON or Linda Powell 456-3171 or Jeannette Head 456-7450.

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Praise the Lord for others with talent. Sheer laziness made me reluctant to start this column, and lo and behold, I found the following in a recent issue of the Levelland News Press, courtesy of Stephen Henry, Publisher. He was grousing about having to deal with hitech gadgets, including answering machines. According to Henry, the following are messages left on the machines by mostly younger residents;

* A is for academics, B is for beer. One of those reasons is why we're not here. Leave mesage.

* This is John. If you are the phone company, I already sent the money. If you are my parents please send money. If you are my banker you didn't lend enough money. If you are a female I have plenty of money.

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ing machine, who are you? * Hello. If you leave a message soon I'll call you soon. If you leave a sexy mesage I'll call you sooner.

* Hi. John's answering machine is broken. This is his refrigerator. Speak slowly and I'll stick your message to myself with one of these magnets.

* Hello, you are talking to a machine. My owners do not need siding, windows or a hot tub and their carpets are clean. They give to charity at the office, and if you're still with me leave your name and number.

* This is not an answering machine. This is a telepathic thought recording machine. After the tone, think about your name, number and reason for calling. I'll think about returning your call.

* Hi. I'm probably home, I'm tell you to quit screaming." just avoiding someone I don't like. Leave a message, and if I don't call you back, it's you.

* Hi, this is George. I'm sorry by your phone until I call you jaws wide open. He chuck-

I went through with the root canal last week. After the Doc

and his assistant securely strapped my arms, torso, feet, hands and head to his reclining chair, he stood over me smiling, holding a needle long enough to use on a brahma bull and a evil looking drill suitable for penetrating granite and said, "Gary, I hope I don't read anything unsavory about me in your next paper."

I devoutly promised him he would not. Of course, I did not promise to write anything good about him either.

I will have to admit, it was not nearly as bad as I had imagined. I did ask to have those padded ear phones placed on my head to drown out the drill sounds, but he shook his head no and said, "Oh, no, I can't do that. I want to make sure you can hear me if I have to In all honesty, I didn't feel any pain. It took about an hour as he'd promised. My only problem was my mouth was so I can't answer the phone right numb I mumbled I didn't want now. Leave a message and wait to go out on the street with my

led and said, "They just feel There are a few of these mes- that way, your mouth is shut. sage I am seriously consider- All you need to do now is open ing recording on our machine. it again to tell me how you plan to pay the bill."

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