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## Construction bid awarded for new Physician's Clinic

In a special session of Commissioners Court on October 18, the court acted on the recommendation of the Yoakum County Hospital Board and approved a bid proposal from J.C. Roberts Construction of Midland for construction of a new Physician's Clinic to be built on Avenue F in Denver City. The company's bid proposal was for \$1,128,556, the lowest of seven bids submitted, and includes construction of the clinic, paving and sight work and lighted parking space.

Commissioner Jim Barron, Pct. 3, served as Judge Pro-Tem in the absence of County Judge Dallas Brewer. The court session adjourned at 11 a.m., and went into Executive Session to consider a number of county personnel issues. Upon reconvening at 1 p.m., Pct. 1 Commissioner Woody Lindsey made the motion to hire Ed Rogers as Yoakum County Hospital Administrator with a monthly salary of \$4,500 and county benefits. The motion carried unanimously.

Barron moved to approve any former Yoakum County employee who spent work time in a county medical facility while employed by either Saint Mary or Covenant Health Systems being granted full employment time to be considered for longevity pay purposes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Barron also proposed three employees of Dr. Larry Boyd's Clinic be considered county employees, and the proposal passed. Barron explained Dr. Boyd's contract with Covenant had earlier expired.

The new Physician's Clinic will furnish space for all four of the Doctor's now practicing in the county, Doctors Boyd, Cotton, Bodindr and Halipoto. Terms of the bid proposal call for completion of the new facility within 270 days after final acceptance.

Commissioner Barron told CCN the county's management contract with Covenant Systems will expire in February. "The county is currently in negotiations with Covenant, considering a possible new management contract with them. It is my personal opinion Covenant's strong position in medical services in Lubbock has lessened their interest in management roles of small rural hospital's like our county hospital here. We may not be in as strong a negotiating position as we were when we entered the original contract." Barron added it may be some time before the county knows for certain the details of future hospital management.

## Early voting underway for November election

Early voting for the November 7 general election started Monday, October 23, and will continue until 5 PM November 3. In person ballots may be cast in Plains at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse, and in Denver City at the County Tax Office.

The election, less than two weeks away, is prompting a number of local candidates to make concerted last minute efforts to appeal to voters. Doors are being knocked upon, business firms are being visited, office seekers are appearing regularly at coffee shops and restaurants, and campaign signs everywhere are competing for voters attention.

Local races creating considerable interest and speculation include the Sheriff's office, County Commissioner of Precinct 3, and County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Former Sheriff Deputy Don Corzine (R) is making a bid for the sheriff job, running against incumbent Sheriff Jimmie Rice (D).

Suann Parrish (R) is challenging Betty N. Rivas (D) for the Tax Collector/Assessor job, both hoping to take the place of retiring Wanda Smith.

When Precinct 3 Commissioner Jim Barron steps down from office January 1, two local Plains men are hoping to be named his replacement. Rex Swann (R) is running for the position against Ty Earl Powell, (D)

Other locals with unopposed spots on the general election ballot include State Representative Gary Walker (R), District 80; Kelly G. Moore, (R), District Judge, 121st District; Shirley Dene Rafferty (D), Pct. 1 Constable; Gordon Sefcik (D), Pct.2 Constable.

Many political observers are hoping the ongoing presidential candidate debates, and media attention to the Gore-Bush battle will reduce voter apathy, painfully apparent in recent state and national elections.

## Coahoma Bulldogs down Cowboys 20-14



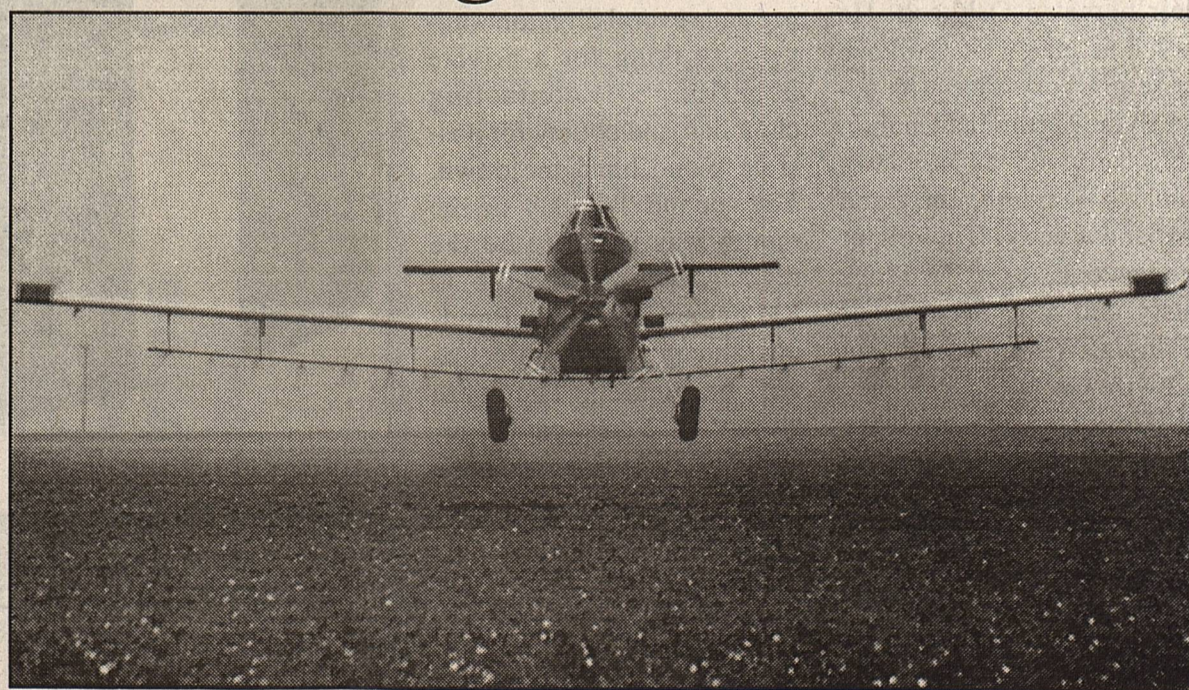
Jared Bell led Cowboy rushing with 147 yards on runs like this around left corner

In last Friday's district game against the Coahoma Bulldogs, the Cowboys got off to a fast start, but couldn't sustain their momentum in the final period of play. In the first quarter, neither team could move the ball

in their first possessions. Midway through the period, the Cowboys started on their own 20, and with good blocking from the line, Jared Bell, Adam Garcia and Brett Squires ground out good yardage, and

moved the ball to the Bulldog 8 yard line. On fourth down, Bell found Squires open and threw for the first score of the game. Aaron Cain's kick put the

## Year Two Of Boll Weevil Eradication Program Nearing Final Phases



An Air Tractor 802, the largest aircraft built for agricultural spraying purposes, is showing applying malathion to a county cotton field.

The second year of the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication program efforts now face a life-span which will largely be controlled by Mother Nature. Approximately 220,000 acres of the Plains' District cotton crop remains unharvested, and recent damp, rainy weather has drastically slowed harvesting of the 2000 crop.

Darrel Dusek, manger of the WHP Zone headquarters here, told CCN last week, "Aerial spraying of boll weevils continue, based on weevil trap counts, and will continue until the district receives a killing freeze, or all hostable cotton fields are harvested." Dusek said weekly flights from the county airport here are spraying Malathion solutions on some 55 percent of the remaining acres of cotton.

The most recent trap count of weevils in the Plains district showed an average of 1.019 weevils per trap. This figure indicates an impres-

sive reduction of the cotton pest from last year; In the same period of 1999, each trap contained an average of 22.93 weevils.

Dusek said seasonal field employees continue to monitor and record daily trap counts. When the killing freeze occurs, or all hostable cotton material is removed, the crews will concentrate work efforts on retrieving the thousands of field traps and stakes, recycling those suitable for another years service, receiving and storing new trap materials, and servicing and winterizing the more than 50 field vehicles in service before their temporary employment is terminated.

During the idle winter months of the eradication effort, ten full time employees will remain at the district headquarters, and seven staff people will remain on duty at the zone headquarters in the old courthouse building.

## Agriculture Commissioner sets area Town Hall Meeting

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced recently the Texas Departments of Agriculture will host a series of town hall meetings throughout the state in September and October. Commissioner Combs will meet with farmers, ranchers and rural community leaders to discuss issue affecting the agricultural industry and rural Texas.

The Gaines County town hall meeting will be at 9 a.m. Thursday, October 26 at the Gaines County Park Building, Seminole.

"I want to hear firsthand what's on the minds of farmers, ranchers and citizens of our rural communities," Combs said. "I want to know what issues are affecting them, their families and their community and to hear their ideas and solutions for the future. Agriculture is one of the most dynamic industries in Texas. By working with our producers and agribusiness leaders, we can keep our industry on the forefront of change in the 21st century," Combs said.

TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Rural Development Council and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across the state. The meeting is free and open to the public.

## Hunter Education Class Slated

A Texas Parks & Wildlife hunter education course will be offered at the Women's Building at Levelland's fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29. Cost of the class is \$10. Classes meet at 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday. Instructors will be Rick and Betty Monger. Every Texas hunter born on or after September 2, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course. The minimum age to be certified is 12. The class meets the certification requirements for out of state hunters also. A hunter is supposed to carry some form of identification with him, along with the hunter education certificate and hunting license. Deer season in Texas for white-tail hunters opens November 4 in most counties, along with quail season.

To pre-register or for more information for the course, call 806-229-8871.

## Obituaries

### Services Held For Maurine Moreland

Graveside services for Maurine Moreland, 88, Plains were held at 10:00 Saturday, October 14, 2000 in Reasthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Steve Vernon, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Levelland, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Geo.C. Price Funeral Directors.

She died at 12:00 noon, October 11, 2000 in Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

She was born April 18, 1912 in Comanche Texas. She married Herman "Buck" Moreland, May 28th, 1933 in Lovington, New Mx. He preceded her in death September 29th 2000.

She began her teaching in Center Texas, A school that was located between Ropesville and Locketville, Texas. She later taught in Levelland and Ropesville school systems. She began a drapery business making and hanging drapes all over West Texas.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church Levelland and over the years was a Sunday school teacher and a department director.

She was survived by (2) sons and their wives: Rev. Donald and Betsy Moreland, Levelland, Texas; Larry and Faye Moreland, Denver City, Texas; one (1) brother: Vernon Davis, Orlando, Florida; one (1) sister: Vivian Davis of Merkel, Texas Five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

### Services held for Benjamin Franklin Wallace

Services for "Pee Wee" Wallace, 88, were held Sunday, October 5, 2000 in the First Baptist Church of Seminole, with Rev. Charles Hargrove officiating.

Interment at Gains County Cemetery South under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home, Eunice, New Mexico.

He was born April 13, 1912 at Mundy, Tex, the son of Jack and Leda Wallace who homesteaded there in 1897. He attended school in Mundy and married Elsie Mae McConkle December 29, 1931. She preceded him in death December 1, 1956. He married Sarah Johnston of Eunice on July 16, 1971.

He farmed in Mundy and worked for Magnolia Oil Co.

and Texas Highway Department until retirement. He was active in the First Baptist Church of Seminole, and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He coached Little League teams and was active in other children activities.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Barbara Ward, Hobbs, N Mx and Vicki Ancinec. Plains Three step-children Nine Grand children Twenty three Great grand children and one Great Great grandchild Numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and four sisters.

### Memorial Services for Alvin Leroy Howell

Alvin Leroy Howell, age 63, Mayor of Oshkosh, Neb. Died Thursday

morning, October 12, 2000, at his home after a prolonged illness. Memorial services were held on Monday October 16th 2000 at 10:30 A.M. at the United Methodist Church of Oshkosh with Rev. Jerry Mercer officiating. Private committal services will be at a later time. Cremation was in Scottsbluff, Neb. Memorials may be made to the Garden County Foundation or the City of Oshkosh. Holechek Funeral Home of Oshkosh was in charge of the arrangement.

He was born September 21, 1937, at

Aspermont, Texas, to Alvin "Buck" and Emma La Velle (Green) Howell. He grew up in Seagraves and graduated from Seagraves High School. He married Barbara White on July 11, 1958, at Oshkosh. They made their home in Plains, Texas. Barbara preceded him in death January 3, 1992. He was married to Sandra Roudebush on October 10, 1993. They made their home in Oshkosh. He served as mayor of Oshkosh for eight years. He was active in the Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, a daughter, Terry and husband Lyndyl Tidwell of Brownwood, Texas; Two sons Rusty and wife Melanie of Olympia, Washington; Robin and wife Carol of Oceanside California. A stepson Gary Roudebush and wife Laura of Stockton California a step daughter Teresa Jenkins and husband Dale of Oshkosh. A sister JoAnn Barron and husband Jim Barron of Plains, Tx. and his mother LaVelle Howell of Seagraves, Tx. and

fourteen grandchildren; Numerous other family and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Buck Howell.

### Yoakum County Connection Meeting Held

Yoakum County Connection met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the connection building in Denver City. Directors present included Chair Linda Powell, Executive director Tonya Patton, Jeannette Head, Billy Boiles, Carolyn Culwell, L.J. Sanders, James Altman, Bill Helwig, and Sue Holder. L.J. Sanders reported over \$7000 profit was made from the Yoakum County Watermelon Round UP held September 2. The 112 judged vehicles Classic Car Show chaired by Terry and Wadonna Davis and the tabloids sold by Jannette Head were a big portion of the profit. The rentals of 80 arts and crafts booths and 19 food booths also helped balance the budget, as did donations of watermelons from area growers. It takes everyone's help and participation to make the festival a yearly success. Total expenses were nearly \$19,000 for the one day affair and that doesn't include financial and man power help by the City Of Plains, Yoakum County Commissioners and Judge, numerous individuals and businesses in the area and Brownfield Regional CRT. Bill Helwig will chair a committee to revamp the Largest Watermelon Contest for 2001 and Jannette Head suggested better use of the connection building and visiting local civic clubs for ideas and help with monthly activities. A leadership retreat or activity for ages 25 to 40 county citizens was discussed with Billy Boiles volunteering to coordinate with the Denver City Chamber of Commerce. A piano is needed for the building and several directors suggested asking for a private donation, contacting churches, and county for possible piano hand me down. The second Tuesday of the month was voted to be the regular meeting date at 6:30 PM in the Connection Building January 11. New directors will be elected. There are presently 72 dues paying individuals or businesses in the

county. Tonya Patton reported on the grant application process and the two storytellers who will be in the county elementary school on Tuesday, October 17. She commended great cooperation from Denver City and Plains elementary personnel. They will be financed with a grant from the Texas Commission on Arts and YCC.

By Linda Powell

### JP Court Summary

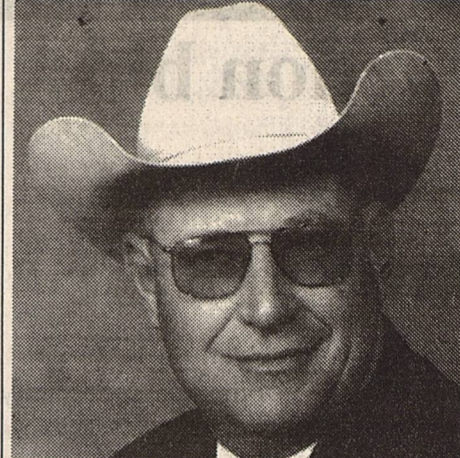
Cases filed:  
103 traffic cases, 3 felonies, 1 forcible detainer suit  
The following is a summary of cases heard, bonds and fines set in Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.  
Four cases 1st DWI, \$1000 bond  
Fleeing Peace Officer, \$500 DWI, 2nd -\$1500 bond, interlock ordered  
Assault causing bodily injury to family member (2)-\$1500 bond  
False report to officer- \$500  
Resisting arrest- \$1000  
Fugitive from justice-bond denied  
Motion to revoke probation Ector County (2) held until

\$500 (2)- \$500  
No Texas registration-warrant- \$200  
Injury to a child- \$2500  
Consumption of alcohol by minor-3rd- \$500  
Military desertion- held until transported by Army  
Possession of controlled substance- \$500  
Fugitive from justice- held until transported by state.  
No Liability Ins. \$330 capias fine  
Theft over \$50, less than

### Poor Driving Habits

Nearly half (45.6%) of respondents report expressing their anger at other drivers while behind the wheel. SUV and sports car owners are most likely to shout and swear at other drivers to express anger, followed closely by station wagon owners. Women are more likely than men to shout or swear at other drivers to express anger when behind the wheel, while men are twice as likely as women to use hand gestures.

### Ty Earl Powell



**\*Lifelong Yoakum County Resident**  
**\* Experience Working With Tax Valuations And Taxing Entities**

Democrat Candidate For  
**County Commissioner, Precinct 3**

In The November 7 General Election  
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**YOAKUM COUNTY**  
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### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Yoakum, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Yoakum, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2000, for voting in a general election to elect presidential electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abirran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de noviembre de 2000 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir electores presidenciales, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto.)

#### LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

ELECTION PRECINCT	NAME OF FACILITY	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
101	Precinct 1 Building	139 E. Broadway	Denver City, TX
202	Community Building	West 15th Street	Denver City, TX
303	Yoakum County Library	901 Avenue E	Plains, TX
305	Yoakum County Library	205 E. 4th Street	Denver City, TX
404	Corral Youth Center	911 Avenue G	Plains, TX
406	Tax Office (Branch)	122 W. 4th Street (West 4th @ Ave. B)	Denver City, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains, TX & Yoakum County Tax Office, Denver City, TX (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)



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## PISD Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

### Elementary

#### 'A' Honor Roll

#### First Grade

Troy Alldredge  
Greg Andazola  
Vanessa Andazola  
Suzette Bonilla  
Miguel Carrillo  
Andrew Conway  
Adriana Corrales  
Bianca Corrales  
Shelby Covarrubias  
Indira Derma  
Myles Diaz  
Dakota Earnest  
Cedrick Flournoy  
Carolina Hernandez  
Lexi Isaacks  
Zachary Lamar  
Maria Loewen  
Sahara Loewen  
Mariela Martinez  
Samuel Melendez  
Eva Neudorf  
Fabiola Rubalcaba  
CamiShay Rubio  
Denise Tarango  
Mercedes Torres  
Yvonne Valverde

#### Second Grade

Stephanie Addison  
Patricia Avila  
Jaxon Bean  
Forrest Booth  
Hannah Crump  
Emily Davis  
Lee Dearing  
Samantha DelaRosa  
Cody Friesen  
Gladys Gallegos  
Kevin John Gass  
Johnny Harms  
Kristen Knight  
Lupe Lara  
Brittanie Lira  
Pino Martinez  
Adam Nixon  
Chase Ortega  
Suzanna Penner  
Roberto Reyna  
Mychal Sainz  
Edgar Vasquez  
Hunter Welch  
Magen Whitford

#### Third Grade

Claudia Andazola  
Taylor Banfield  
Jacob Brink  
Natalie Butler  
Brock Carter  
Hannah Cotton  
Brandon Craft  
Jason Durham  
Emilia Gallegos  
Brett Hawthorne  
Natalie Haynes  
Abigail Hernandez  
Miguel Lopez  
Hector Luna  
Nathan McCravey

Troy Parrish  
Shyann Vantine  
Katelynn Young

#### Fourth Grade

Chris Addison  
Landon Earnest  
Reyna Gallegos  
Derek Garza  
Yesenia Loya  
Holden Welch  
Kimber Williams

#### Elementary

#### 'A-1 B' Honor Roll

#### First Grade

Sarah Garza  
Yvonne Valverde

#### Second Grade

Jose Corrales  
Rochelle Moya  
Peter Neudorf  
Jonathan Penner  
Federico Villegas  
Xavier Williams

#### Third Grade

Justin Gonzales  
Miguel Lopez  
Cami Neudorf

#### Fourth Grade

Crystal Tarango

#### Junior High

#### 'A' Honor Roll

#### Fifth Grade

Douglas Conway  
Ryan Crump  
Lauren Davis  
Amber Friesen  
Lauren Hise  
Zachary Ramos  
John Tyson

#### Sixth Grade

Scott Addison  
Caitlin Carter  
Landon Craft  
Erika Loewen  
Angelica Mendoza  
Araceli Mendoza

#### Seventh Grade

Michael Crump  
Allison Friesen  
Reagan Haynes  
Skylar Keesee  
B.J. Lester  
Adam McCravey  
Blake O'Quinn  
Abel Ramos

#### Eighth Grade

Evan Cain  
Cody Flores  
Breck Hamm  
Brandon Hise  
Kelby Johnson  
Kerry Sisson

#### Junior High

#### 'A-1 B' Honor Roll

Kurt Alldredge  
Maria Andazola  
L'Shae Arnett  
Anna Harms

Trent Hawthorne

#### Sixth Grade

Hallie Cotton  
Nicole Culwell  
Joe Luis Gallegos  
Lisa Neufeld  
Colby Wilmeth

#### Seventh Grade

#### Eighth Grade

#### Elementary

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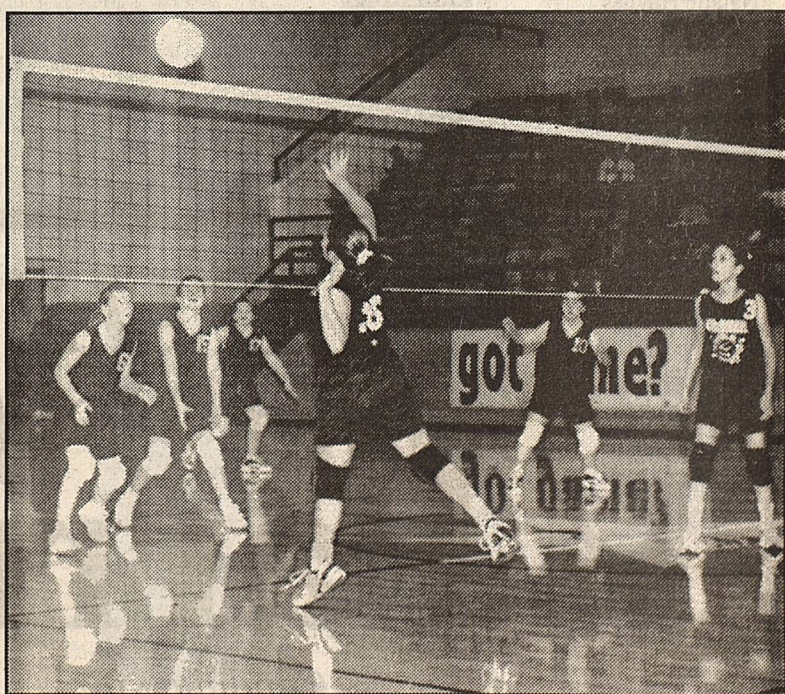
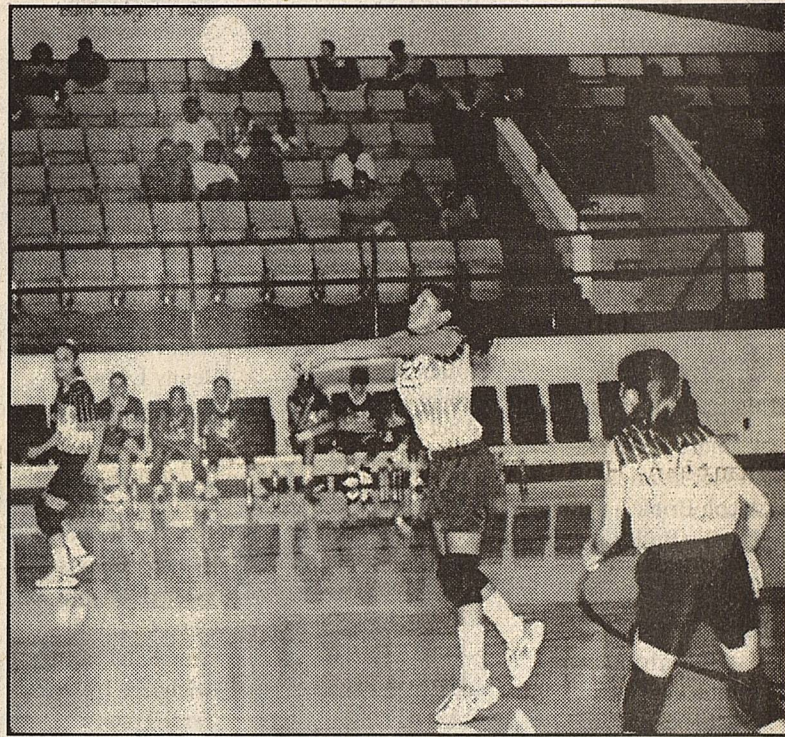
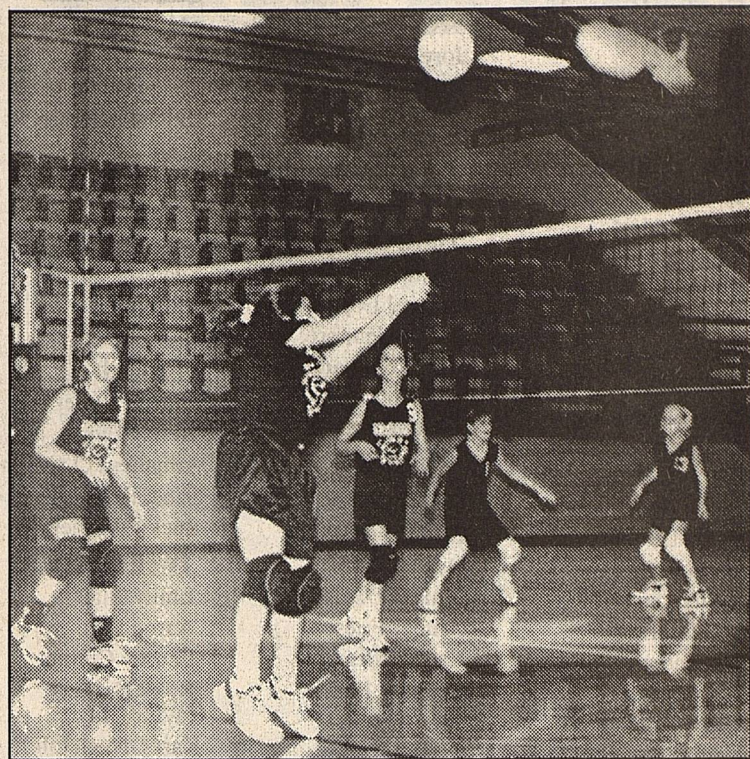
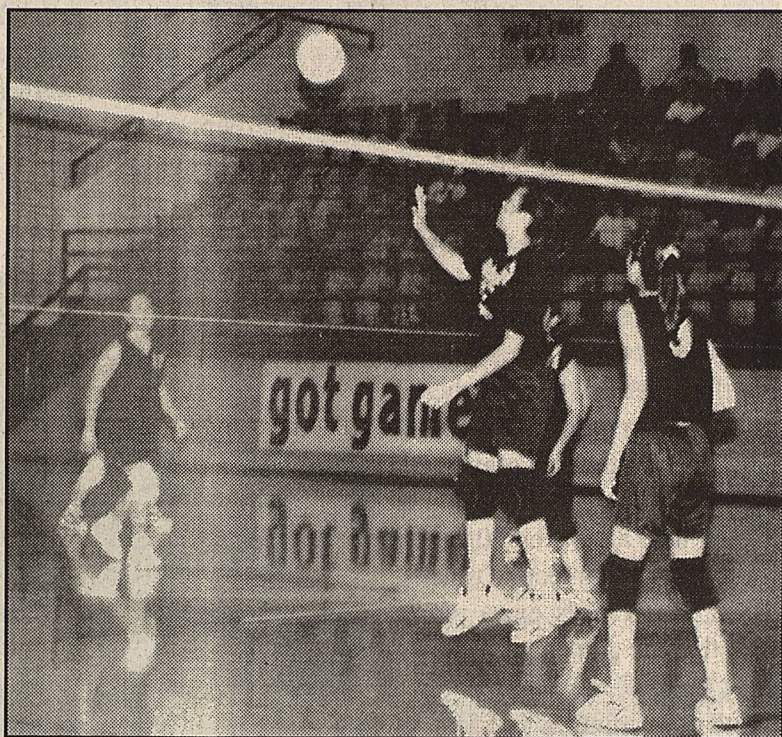
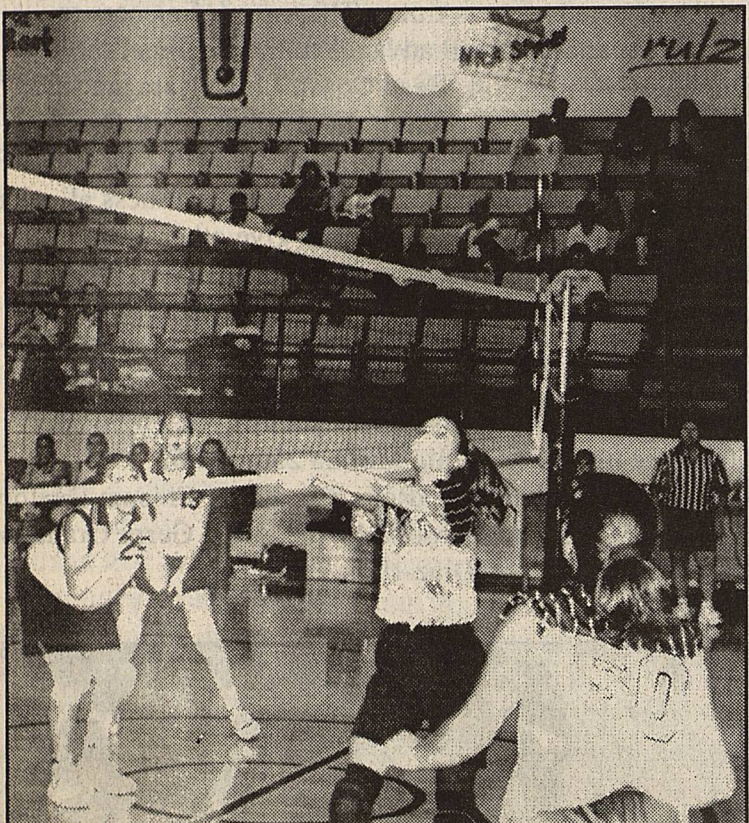
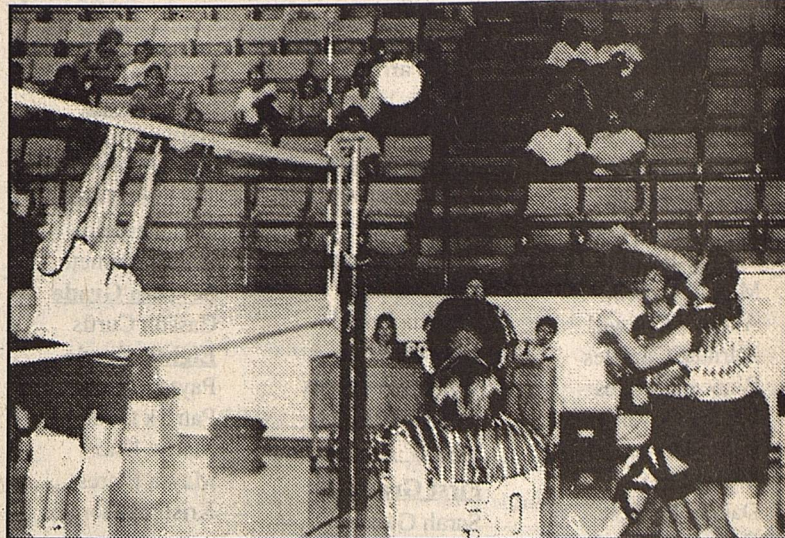
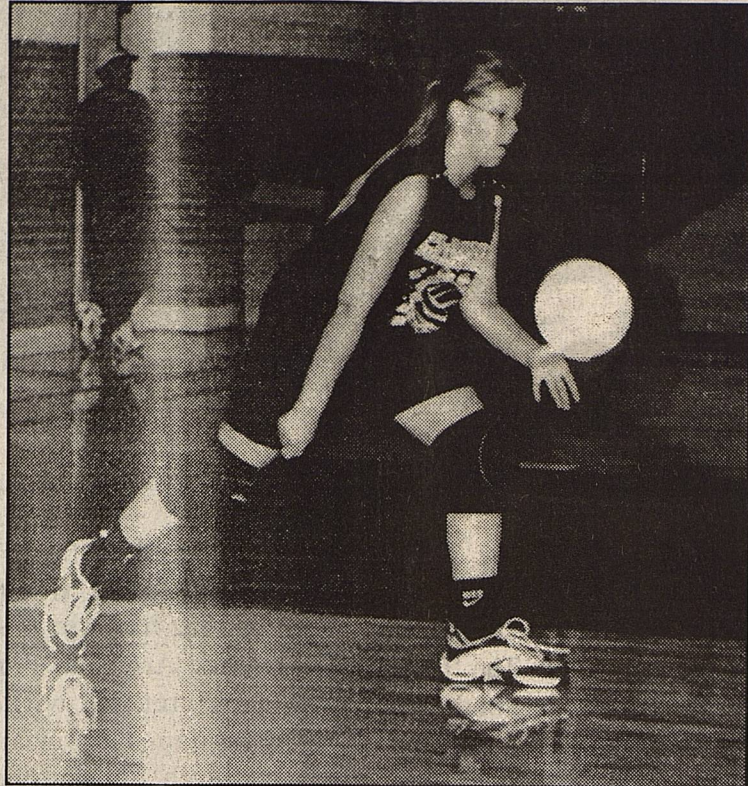
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#### 'A-1 B' Honor Roll

## Middle School Volleyball Action Scenes



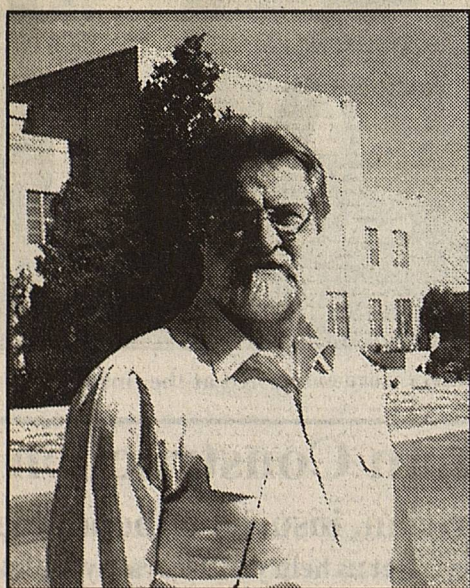
### Early Voting Underway

### Celebracion

The Buddy Holly Center Fine Arts Gallery presents *Celebracion*, an annual exhibition of artwork centered around the history and meaning of Dia de Los Muertos or Day of the Dead. The exhibition will open for viewing on Tuesday, October 24, 2000 and continue through Saturday, November 18. The opening reception for *Celebracion* will take place Thursday, November 2, 2000 from 8:00 pm. to 10:00 pm. at the Buddy Holly Center, 1801 Avenue G. Live music will be provided by Los Classicos. Traditional Mexican food for Dia de Los Muertos, including pan de los muertos, bread of the dead, will be served.

Other Dia de Los Muertos activities scheduled to take place on November 2nd include a photography exhibition at the International Cultural Center; interpretive dance and poetry at the Regional Art Center; altars for Day of the Dead at the Texas Tech Art Department, and a community ofrenda exhibition at the Lubbock Arts Alliance. Guests are encouraged to visit all sites.

## Rex Swann



### “People Skills”

- \* Ability to listen
- \* Resolve conflicts
- \* Create teamwork
- \* Genuine concern
- \* Influence
- \* Persuade
- \* Open minded

Republican Candidate For

### Yoakum County Commissioner Precinct 3

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# Lifelines & Styles

## Tsa Mo Ga Club Meets

Tsa Mo Ga Club met October 9th with President Judy Head presiding. The club celebrated their 65th Birthday by reflecting on the past. Presentations of past club activities were made by active past presidents in period dress. Charter member Mary Jo St Romain and Wilma Powell gave a very informative presentation on the organization of the club. President Head presented each panelist with a gift that matched the personality of each past president. Mary Jo St Romain served birthday cake and punch in keeping with our 65th Birthday Celebration.

The club continues their annual fund raising project. Contact any member for your gift wrapping needs.

## Library Story Time

We had a wonderful time at Storytime on Wednesday, ) October 18th at Yoakum County Library. We said the pledges to the United States and Texas flags, sang songs, read the book, "The Dragon's Halloween Party". listened to the finger plays called "five Little Jack - O - Lanterns" and "Going on a Pumpkin Hunt" We also watched two films, Lonesome Ghost" and "Test Pilot Donald". Micah St Romain celebrated her 4th birthday at Storytime with a party of cookies and punch supplied by her grandmother, Mary Jo St Romain. The children attending today were: Bailey Winn, Micah St. Romain, Clayton Gass, Jentry Wall, Clair Carpenter, Colby Bearden, Lucus Hernandez, Sieanna Sosa, Bryanna Garcia, Iris Mejia, Eric Mejia, and Amanda Dusek.



PHS Cheerleaders and Bell Ringers got together for a whoop-it-up session at Coahoma last Friday

## Garden Club Meets

The Plains Garden Club met October 17, 2000 in the Library with Debbie Morphis, President, presiding over the meeting.

The Central Zone Meeting will be in Levelland at the

South Plains College Wednesday November 15th.

Ita Young was appointed as chairman of Operation Christmas Card for this year. Ita's telephone number is 456-8811 or you may contact any club member.

Kay Canon presented the program on Interesting Sights showing a very interesting and

educational film.

The next meeting will be November 21st in the club room at 9:30 am.

Those in attendance were: Mary Lou Parks, Debbie Morphis, Ruby Sellers, Kay Canon and Dean Richardson.

HINT: Fertilize spring flowering shrubs with high phosphate bud stimulating plant food.

## We Get Letters

Dear Editor,

I would like to use this method to publicly thank our local EMS Volunteers for their unselfish and dedicated efforts in aiding our community.

I recently had a medical emergency which resulted in a call to 911. My call was answered promptly and I was assured help was on the way.

Within ten minutes the emergency personnel arrived at my home and quickly assessed my problem. In another few minutes I was loaded into the ambulance and on my way to Yoakum County Hospital's emergency room. My treatment actually started as soon as the team came to my house, and continued in the ambulance on the way to Denver City.

All of this was accomplished by the emergency team in a calm, efficient, professional manner. I was told by the Doctor in the emergency room if my treatment had been delayed another twenty minutes, I would have been in "Big Trouble." Without a doubt, I felt like I was in big trouble the minute I called 911.

I will forever be grateful to our EMS volunteers. I feel very fortunate and blessed to live in a community dedicated to the safety of it's citizens.

I would also like to urge anyone who has an interest in volunteering for this community service to please contact City Hall for information.

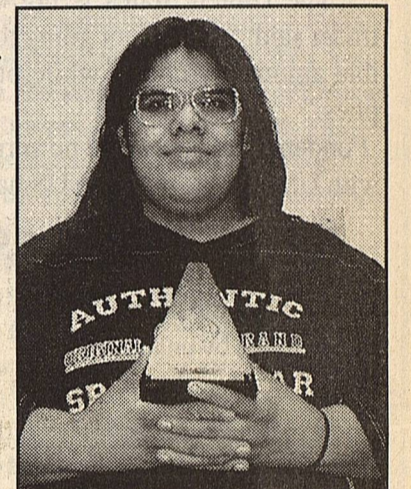
Sincerely yours,  
Janelle Brantley

## Students of the Week

First student of the week is Liz Ramirez, a junior, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicolas Ramirez. She was nominated by Mr. Friesen, who said, "One of the lessons we learn as we mature is the importance of tenacity. I admire students who do not give up. Liz is involved in church and band. Even though she is a quiet student, Liz is not afraid of work, she is diligent in her studies, and she has a sweet spirit about her.

I am honored to present this week's Student of the Week to Liz Ramirez."

Second student of the week is Lexi Warren, a senior, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howard. Lexi was nominated by Mrs. Lusk, who said, "Lexi creates a bubbly, happy, upbeat atmosphere wherever she goes. Academically, this student goes above and beyond whatever is required to excel in her classes. This student athlete is a leader off and on the court, and maintains a positive attitude no matter what the circumstances. Her laughter is



infectious, and she is a pleasure to be around.

## First United Methodist Church Chili Luncheon Election Day Tuesday November 7th 11:00 AM. until 2:00 PM.

Bake Sale-8:00 am. till ?

Bazar-8:00 am. till ?

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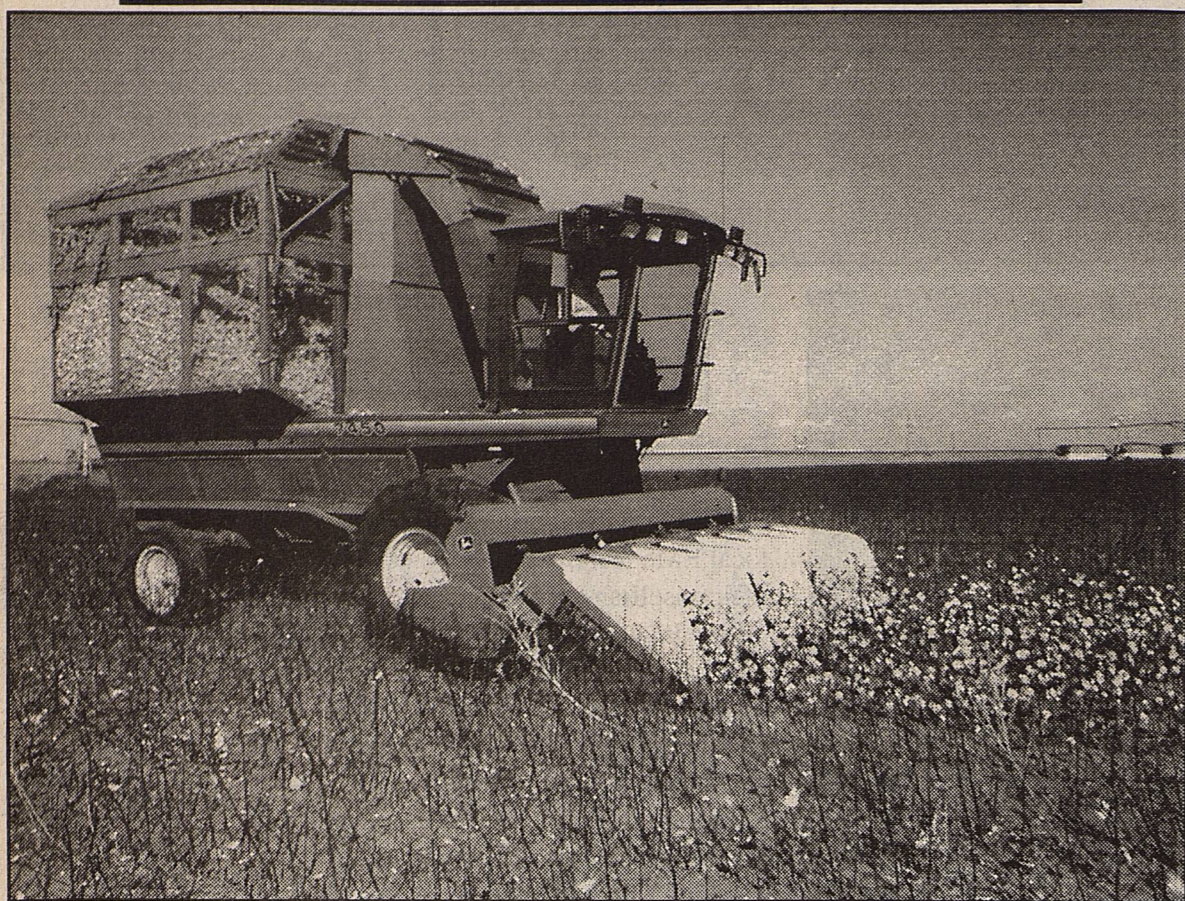
Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 6:15 pm

Wednesday Evening Study 6:30 pm

Tuesday Afternoon Study 5:15 pm

## 2000 Cotton Update



This John Deere 5 row stripper was photographed late last Friday finishing an excellent field of irrigated cotton on the stateline. Rain and damp weather have put the yearly harvest considerably behind schedule.

The October 20 *Telcot Report* contained the following excerpts about the year 2000 cotton outlook:

Sales commitments are running 48 percent of total projected sales for upland cotton compared with a five year average of 60 percent. Weak world currencies coupled with a strong US dollar are the main reasons for lagging sales, according to traders. Analysts said the US dollar's strength compared to the Euro and Australian dollar was making US cotton too expensive for overseas buyers.

"The United States is not competitive," a trader said. "We're not going to sell an incredible amount of cotton while others have supplies."

Fundamental news held no surprises this week with USDA reporting the US harvest at 52 per-

cent complete as compared to a five year average of 40 percent. The department showed 46 percent of Texas cotton is now out of the field, but harvesting in the state may stall due to expectations of heavy rain on the High Plains.

Now that China is increasing the pace of state cotton reserve sales to keep its domestic prices down and its textile exports competitive could be bullish for world cotton prices over the long term, analysts said. It casts doubt on a general market assumption that China will import cotton this spring. USDA estimated China's 2000-2001 ending stocks at 10.25 million bales, down from last year's 14.95 million bales. With entry into the World Trade Organization as a goal, China has been working ending stocks down to a more manageable size.

## Senate passes bill to settle TX-OK border

In late September, the US Senate approved by unanimous consent historic legislation ratifying the Red River Boundary Compact between Texas and Oklahoma, and ends a border dispute dating back to the Louisiana Purchase.

HJ Res. 72, introduced by Rep. Mack Thonberry, R-Clarendon, passed the House of Representatives in July. The bill establishes the boundary between the states as the vegetation line on

the south bank of the Red River, and therefore leaves the riverbed under Oklahoma jurisdiction. "Ratifying agreements between two or more states is one of Congress' Constitutional duties," Thornberry said, "The Senate's unanimous approval of the bill helps put an end to this boundary dispute."

The agreement is based upon a boundary compact that was approved last year by the Texas and Oklahoma legislatures and

signed into law by Governors Bush and Keating. The compact also ensures the property, claims and sovereignty of federally recognized Native American Indian tribes living in the area will not be altered in anyway. "This bill will help to make life a little easier for those who work and live in the area, while protecting the rights of those who have a vested interest in the boundary compact," Thornberry said.

## Turkey Shoot Slated

Come out and win a Holiday Turkey at the Terry County 4-H Club Turkey Shoot, to be held Saturday, November 4 beginning at 10:00 A.M. The location will be at Tokio about 16 1/2 miles west of Brownfield, south on CR125.

Events will include something for all age groups including (1) Straight Trap, (2) Annie Oakley, (3) Doubles, Jackpot, Partners and other contests such as, ALL LADIES rounds and all YOUTH ONLY rounds if there is enough interest.

Shooters need to bring their own gun and shells. A limited supply of shells will be available for purchase on site.

Concession Stand will be sponsored by Terry County 4-H Clubs.

For more information contact Terry County Office at 806-637-4060.

## Cowgirls Win District



Front, L-R, Michaela Traweek, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Kim Willis. Middle, Amanda Garcia, Mackenzie Winn, Tanya Vasquez, Frances Cordova. Back, Lexi Warren, Kari Guetersloh, Chelsi Wagnon

For the 38th consecutive year, the Cowgirls Volleyball team clinched the district championship with convincing wins over Tahoka and Colorado City. On October 10th they defeated Tahoka 15-8, 15-5. On October 17th, they downed Colorado City 15-5, 15-3, and on October 21st, downed Tahoka again 15-10 and 17-15. The Cowgirls have earned a Bye in Bi-District action, and will face Tornillo in area action at a future date.

Other Volleyball results:

7th Lady Wranglers: The 7th girls won over Tahoka 15-3, 11-15 and 15-7. They next played Lamesa and fell 6-15, 13-15. They bounced back from an opening 12-15 to Seminole 'B' to win 15-6 and 15-2. Against Seminole 'A' they were downed 15-11, 10-15 and 6-15.

8th Lady Wranglers:

The 8th girls downed District for Tahoka on October 9th, 15-3, 10-15 and 16-14. They didn't fare so well against Lamesa, losing 4-15 and 9-15. They defeated the Seminole 'B' 15-11 and 15-5, then downed the Seminole 'A' 15-12, 7-15, 15-11.

JV Cowgirls: the younger Cowgirls handily defeated Tahoka on October 10th, 15-14 and 15-7. Lubbock Trinity proved tough, winning 8-15, 10-15. The girls are 17-7 fro the season, and 2-0 in district play.

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## Farm Bureau Endorses Combest

The Texas Farm Bureau Friends of Agriculture Fund (AGFUND) has endorsed Republican Congressman Larry Combest in his re-election bid for the 19th Congressional District.

Donald Patman, president of Texas Farm Bureau and AGFUND, said Combest has consistently supported agriculture and farm and ranch families.

"Larry Combest has shown true leadership as House Agriculture Committee Chairman in a time of crisis in agriculture," Patman said. "He is leading the charge in trying to restore profitability for farm and ranch families."

Larry Combest was born in Memphis, Texas, and is a fourth generation West Texas farmer, educator and small business owner.

Congressman Combest's common sense legislative record

began his first day in Congress, when he co-sponsored the Balanced Budget Amendment. Recognized for a fiscally responsible voting record, Combest believes families should expect to keep more of what they earn and deserve effective management of their government.

Congressman Combest has been named a "Friend of Agriculture" by the American Farm Bureau Federation three times. He has also received AFBF's prestigious Golden Plow award for distinguished service to agriculture.

AGFUND is Texas Farm Bureau's political action fund. It is legal entity separate from the Texas Farm Bureau and may endorse and contribute financially to political candidates. AGFUND is funded by voluntary contributions from TFB members.

## AgriPro Wheat to Market A&M Wheat

AgriPro Wheat, a business unit of Advanta USA, has signed a licensing agreement with Texas A&M University to market Texas A&M winter wheat and triticale varieties.

The licensing arrangement with AgriPro was initially proposed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, which is seeking private business partners to foster sustainability and growth of its research program and increase returns from its crop breeding efforts.

Frank Gilstrap, associate director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, says that for Texas A&M, the partnership with AgriPro brings key advantages. Among them: \*Greater commercial capability to market "TAM" varieties. \*A way to augment efforts to maintain seed certification standards, and enforce intellectual property rights in Texas and other states. \*A strong system for producing sufficient seed of licensed varieties to effectively meet market demand. \*A means of monitoring and auditing seed sales and usage, and conducting national and regional evaluation and performance tests of licensed varieties to identify and promote varietal adoption. \*Potential access to new technologies.

AgriPro Wheat will market TAM varieties in the same way they have marketed AgriPro Wheat varieties for more than twenty years. That includes a royalty stream, which TAM will share in. More importantly however, working with Texas A&M offers an opportunity to expand certified seed acreage in Texas, thus improving the overall health of the Texas wheat industry, says David Worrall, AgriPro Wheat breeder and co-manager of the company.

"Certified seed is planted on less than two percent of wheat acres in Texas. This means that basic seed quality in the state is substandard. Both AgriPro and Texas A&M believe we can improve that number by working with Texas A&M and its educational programs. Once the growers understand certified seed is an important quality control program designed for their benefit, we will have a healthier wheat seed industry."

Both Gilstrap and Worrall believe the partnership will benefit Texas crop producers, resulting in high quality seed adapted to Texas environments. "Buyers of Texas wheat will have a greater ability to know seed origin and its characteristics, which will benefit quality awareness of wheat grown in the state," says Gilstrap.

## Thoughts on the USS Cole

\* The following is a portion of a letter written by a young sailor, and E-mailed to CCN by a reader. Some of the details described have since changed, but there is a powerful message here.

"It wasn't until a few days ago that we started doing something I feel may be the first thing I've seen in my short Naval career truly making a difference. We are now supporting the USS Cole and her crew in Aden. When the attack occurred we were a day away. Luckily we happened to be on our way to the Suez Canal and got here in a relatively short time. I know what all you have seen on CNN, because we have seen it too. I want you to know what you have seen doesn't scratch the surface. I'm not going to get deep into it for obvious reasons. Right now there are over 250 sailors a short distance away living in Hell on earth. I'm sitting in a nice air conditioned stateroom, they're sleeping out on the deck at night. You can't imagine the conditions they're living in, yet they are still fighting 24 hours a day to save their ship and free the bodies of those still trapped and send them home. The very fact these people are still functioning is beyond my comprehension. Today I was tasked to photo rig the ship and surrounding area. It looked so much worse than I had imagined, unbelievable really, with debris and disarray everywhere, the ship listing, the huge hole in her side. The first thing that jumped out at me was seeing the Stars and Stripes flying. I can't tell you how that made me feel...even in this Hell hole our flag was more beautiful than words can describe. Then I started to notice the mass of activity going on below, scores of people working non-stop in 90 plus degree heat to save the ship. They're doing it with almost no electrical power and they're sleeping (when they can) outside on the decks because they can't stand the smell or the heat or the darkness inside. They only want to eat what we bring them because they're scared of eating something brought by the local vendors. Even with all that the USS Cole and her crew are sending a message, guys, and it's that even acts of cowardice and hate can do nothing to the spirit and pride of the United States. I have never been so proud of the men and women I serve with as I was today. There are sixteen confirmed dead sailors who put it on the line for all of us, and some of them are still trapped there. Please take a moment to pray for their families, and say a word of thanks for their sacrifice - one made so we can live the lives we do. All of you who serve with me, Thank You. All of you who have loved ones who serve, Thank You."

Well said, young man.

## In person early voting is now underway at the Courthouse and tax office in Denver City

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## \* Personal Profile Of \* Sheriff Jimmie B. Rice

Sheriff's Rice's law enforcement career began in 1969, in Lovington, Lea County, New Mexico. Experience came fast due to the size of the county and the magnitude of the job. His duties were varied, including serving civil papers, patrolling, investigating homicides, thefts and burglaries; transporting prisoners and mental patients, testifying in court, and serving as jailer for approximately 100 inmates. After only three years he was promoted to Captain, a position involving more decision making and administrative responsibilities. He directed the operations of the jail, the main office and four sub-stations, and supervised all personnel, Sheriff Rice was a certified New Mexico peace officer and certified in jail operations by the state of New Mexico and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

In 1977, Jimmie Rice returned to his native Texas and worked as an investigator for a well respected law firm with offices in Lubbock and Beaumont. He was responsible for gathering information in preparation for court cases ranging from minor injuries to homicide. His work involved cases from Lubbock to the Gulf Coast, plus New Mexico.

Even though the private sector was interesting, Rice realized his true life's work was in law enforcement. Opportunity knocked in 1977, and he was hired as a Deputy for the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department. At the law enforcement academy where he received his Texas peace officer certification, Rice was elected president of his class. When the incumbent sheriff resigned in 1981, the Commissioner's Court of Yoakum County chose Jimmie Rice to fill the vacancy. He began campaigning immediately to fill the unexpired term, at the same time working to upgrade and streamline the department and investigate the murder of a Denver City Priest. He won that election and FOUR MORE!

In addition to being certified in jail operations, Sheriff Rice has taught jail management for many West Texas jails and the law enforcement academy in Lubbock. While on the academy board, he was twice elected chairman. The Sheriff has chaired the Permian Basin Drug Task Force and served on committees of the Sheriff's Association and the Board of Texans Against Crime. Currently, the Sheriff serves on the Regional 911 Committee, Court Residential Treatment Center Board, Teen Court Board, and the Chief's and Sheriff's Association of the Permian Basin. To stay informed about Texas jail regulations and criminal laws and procedures, the Sheriff has attended countless classes, some of which were required by the state and many by his own choice. He also provides his personnel with many opportunities for quality training.

Sheriff Rice plans to continue to operate the Sheriff's Department effectively and efficiently, so the citizens of Yoakum County can share his pride in this important law enforcement agency. He stays within his budget, returning unused funds to the county general fund every year of his tenure. He is proud of the fact that Yoakum County citizens have experienced zero jail litigation expenses while he has been Sheriff. A progressive law enforcement officer, Sheriff Rice is proud of the accomplishments of his department, and is looking forward to serving you vigorously for another four years. He asks for your support and vote to re-elect him in the upcoming election on November 7th, 2000.

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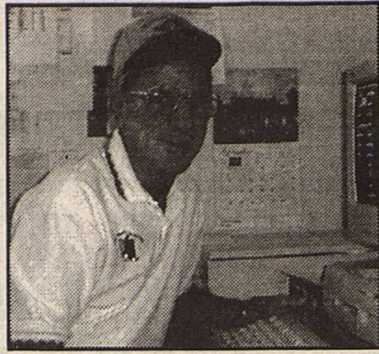
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# From The Hack



As most of you know, Bride and I returned last week from our annual Scruggs family reunion. I may be mixed up a bit, but does it not seem unreasonable to drive 600 miles (one way) to eat a balogna sandwich? That was my first dining experience Wednesday eve, October 11, when we finally arrived after fighting the horrors of I-20 for almost ten hours. The Scruggs Hotel management team were furiously doing stuff for the reunion, and sister-in-law Glenda, in quite a dither, gave us a quick hug and buss, and said "Glad you arrived alive again. There's balogna and cheese in the fridge, help yourselves, I'm trying to finish up 9 pies, a baked ham, catfish cakes and 27 baked squirrels, I just don't have time to cook supper. Eat hearty, and if I can ever get through, we'll visit a few minutes before I collapse in bed."

I already knew Thursday would be a poor day to expect anything good - the females each year reserve Thursday for an all day shopping spree, and I was scheduled to play golf with the octogenarian and seriously irregular brother in law. I will say this about old Zig. He did let me ride in his cart free, even paid my green fee. It was only two days after we returned home, however, when I discov-

ered he also stole my 9 iron. I called him, and he said he would ship it to me, as soon as he figured out the very cheapest way to get it to me, which might take several weeks.

Friday, while the women folk were frantically doing last minute chores for the Saturday reunion, I decided I would reward myself with a few hours of solitary, quality time in neighboring Louisiana, possibly visiting the Civil War battle site in Mansfield, touring an art museum or two in Shreveport, possibly visiting one or two historic vintage churches.

I still can't explain how it happened, other than the confusion of driving those torturous Louisiana roads, but somehow, I missed a turn or two and ended up square dab in front of one of the four Shreveport gambling boats floating serenely in the Red River. I was amazed at how I could have become so addled and lost, and decided to go inside the floating parlor of sin to use a phone and seek road directions via 911. It must have been a day of utter confusion, for suddenly I bumped up against something which obviously was not a phone booth, but one of eight very busy crap tables. It was so crowded I couldn't turn around, and when I asked one of the dealers where I could

find a phone, he must have misunderstood me, for he slid \$300 in red and green chips across the table to me, saying, "Three Hundred, sir, cash please, and good luck."

I fumbled in my wallet, looking for my card identifying me as a reporter for the Washington Post, and my fumbling caused three new Ben Franklins to flutter to the surface of the table, scooped up by the guy quicker than a Baptist collection plate.

I thought I would never escape the den of depravity, but my exit was speeded considerably when the last Ben Franklin disappeared.

When I finally arrived back at the Scruggs Hotel, I was greeted with, "We're exhausted, been decorating for the reunion all day, there's balogna and cheese in the fridge, do it yourself, bubba."

The next day reunion went very well, except for my realization all those kin folks are really getting older. The best part of course was visiting with some of the female family. They were much more astute and considerate in their remarks about my appearance. Seems to them I have aged only a couple of years since last years reunion.

On the long drive home I broke the monotony by counting the different ways motels can advertise themselves as such-and-such Inns. I lost count at 219, but some of the more memorable titles included Dew Drop Inn, Snooze Inn, Tarry Awhile Inn, Snore Inn, Faint Awhile Inn, and one suspiciously titled Gay Times Inn, just a few yards from a porno shop.

The Bride and I shared the driving; I drove all the way

down there, and on the return home, she managed Brownfield to Plains. We saw two bad wrecks, one on I-20 out of Fort Worth, another outside Snyder. At each scene, she shrieked, "Oh my God, slow Down!" I tried to calmly point out to her I was only doing the speed limit, the wrecks were in the other lane of traffic, but she screamed repeatedly, "No, No, the speedometer is wrong, I know you are doing 87!"

Nevertheless, you East Texans, it was a funtrip.

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We received the following via E-mail from reader Don Lackey:

Subject-Presidential debate script.

Jim Lehrer; "Welcome to the debates. The candidates have agreed on these rules; I will ask a question. The candidate will ignore the question and deliver rehearsed remarks designed to sway undecided women voters. The opponent will then have a minute to respond by trying to frighten senior citizens into voting for him. When a speaker's time has expired, I will whimper softly while he spews incomprehensible statistics for three more minutes."

"Now, Mr. Gore, can you give us the name of a downtrodden citizen and tell us his or her story in a way to strain the bounds of common sense?"

Gore: "As I was saying to Tipper last night after we tenderly made love the way we have so often during the 30 years of our rock solid marriage, the down trodden have a clear choice in this election. My opponent wants to cut taxes for the richest 1 percent of Americans. I on the other hand, want to put the richest 1 percent in an ironclad lockbox so they can't hurt

Roberta Frampinhamper, who is here tonight. She has been selling her internal organs, one by one, to pay for gas so she can drive to these debates and personify problems for me. Also, her pet poodle has arthritis.

Lehrer: "Gov. Bush, your rebuttal."

Bush: "Governors are always on the front line, hugging people, crying with them, relieving suffering anywhere a photo opportunity exists. I want to empower those crying people to make their own decisions, unlike my opponent, whose mother is not Barbara Bush."

Lehrer: "Lets go to foreign affairs. Governor, if Slobodan Milosevic were to launch a bid to return to power in Yugoslavia, would you be able to pronounce his name?"

Bush: "The current administration had eight years to deal with that guy and didn't get it done. If I'm elected, the first thing I'd do with the guy is have Dick Cheney confer with our allies. Then Dick would present me several options for dealing with that guy, then Dick would tell me which one to chose. As Governor of Texas I have to make tough foreign policy decisions everyday about how we're going to deal with New Mexico."

Lehrer: "Mr. Gore, your rebuttal."

Gore: "Foreign policy is something I have always been keenly interested in. I served my country in Vietnam. I had an uncle who was gassed in WW I. I myself lost a leg in the Franco-Prussian war. When that war was over, I came home and tenderly made love to Tipper in a way that any undecided voter would find romantic. If I'm

elected President, I pledge to deal with any threat, foreign or domestic, by putting it in an ironclad lockbox. The American people deserve a President who can comfort them with simple metaphors."

Lehrer: "Mr. Gore, how would you reform Social Security?"

Gore: "It's a vital issue, Jim. That's why Joe Lieberman and I have proposed changing the laws of math to allow us to give \$50,000 to every senior citizen without it costing the federal treasury a penny until the year 2250. My budget also commits \$60 trillion over the next 10 years to guarantee seniors free drug deliveries to their homes every Monday by a federal employee who will also help them with the child-proof cap."

Lehrer: "Gov, Bush?"

Bush: "That.s fuzzy math. I know, because as Governor of Texas I have to do math everyday. I have to add up the numbers and decide whether I will fill potholes on Rt. 36 east of Abilene or commit funds to re-roof the sheep barn at the state fair grounds."

Lehrer: "It's time for closing statements."

Gore: "I'm my own man. I may not be the most exciting politician, but I will fight for the working families of America, in addition to turning the White House into a lusty pit of marital love for Tipper and me."

Bush: "It's time to put aside the parisanship of the past by electing absolutely no one but Republicans."

Lehrer; "Good night, thank God!"

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