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County jail receives clean bill of health

Texas Commission on Jail Standards personnel paid their annual inspection visit to the county jail September 10, and according to Sheriff Department Deputy Captain Jerry Howard, also the Jail Administrator, passed inspection with flying colors. Howard said the inspection resulted in the county lockup being officially certified as an Approved Jail Facility. The detailed inspection took some five hours, and the inspecting officials told Deputy Howard, "It looks to us like your jail personnel are doing a very good job, and all your facilities here look in very good shape." Failure to meet the Commission's stringent standards can often result in very expensive remedies by the county, Howard told CCN.

Grand Jury returns indictments on 9

The Yoakum County Grand Jury, convened September 6, returned 10 true bills of indictments on 9 defendants. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in presenting indictments. Jose Medina Rodriguez, AKA Martin Lujan, was indicted for aggravated perjury, a third degree felony. Bond was \$5000, by Jerome Head. Ellis Morales Jr. was indicted for delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine, a second degree felony. Bond was \$5000, Lonnie Folmar. Ramiro Guzman was indicted for a third or more DWI, a third degree felony. District Attorney Clark recused himself, and indictment was presented by Attorney Pro Tem Ramon Gallegos. Bond was \$2500, Jerome Head. Jorge Valentin Salinas was indicted for theft, \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000, a third degree felony. He was also indicted for unauthorized use of a vehicle, a state jail felony. Bond was \$3500, Jerome Head. Guadalupe Martinez Jr. was indicted for aggravated assault, a second degree felony. Bond was \$2000, Lynn Cook. Shawn Grady Rogers was also indicted on two causes, third or more DWI, a third degree felony, and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, a state jail felony. Two \$2500 bonds, by Jerome Head. Jack Ray Savage was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, heroin, a state jail felony. Bond was \$2500, Lonnie Folmar. Mario Humberto Orona was indicted for a third or more DWI, a third degree felony. Bond was \$1500, Lonnie Folmar. All bonds felony indictments are set by Judge Kelly G. Moore.

Criminal cases in District and County Court

In District Court September 3, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Victor Calderon Manzano pled guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to spend seven years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Paul Mansur served as his attorney, and investigating officer was William Gardner, Denver City Police. In County Court September 11, County Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Jesus Manuel Corral III pled guilty to criminal trespass. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He must pay \$256 court costs and \$200 court appointed attorney fees. He must also complete the TAIP program. Investigating officer was William Gardner, and his attorney was Bill Helwig. Micaela Romero Bayona pled guilty to possession of alcohol with intent to sell. He was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. He will be under community supervision six months, must pay \$211 court costs and \$250 fine. He will spend 24 hours in jail with credit for 12 hours served. Lisa Switzer, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force was investigating officer, and Emilio Abeyta was his attorney. Octavio Paul Lopez pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury/family violence. A sixty day jail sentence was sus-

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Hornets sting Cowboys 21 - 7 Lackluster offense spells doom



Manuel Ramoz follows Cowboy blockers for gain against Hornets

Last Friday's matchup between the Cowboys and Sudan Hornets was a case of too much and too little - too much offensive power by the Hornets, not enough from the Cowboys. The Cowboys could manage only 81 yards of total offense, while the Hornets rolled up 230 yards on the ground and another 18 yards in the air. Sudan took the opening kickoff and started on their 42. Stellar defensive work by Nick Hays, Zach Broome, Jordan Bean and Justin Chambliss stopped the Hornets in their tracks and gave the ball to the Cowboys at the 42. Unfortunately, the Cowboys could not move the ball, and on third down fumbled the ball to the Hornets at the 42. The first down run moved the ball to the Cowboys 18 for another first. Ryan Martinez dropped a Hornet runner for a two yard loss, and three rushing plays moved the ball to the 6, and a third down pass play and PAT kick put the Hornets up 7-0. The Cowboys took the kickoff at the 15, but two run attempts and an incomplete pass forced a punt from their 17. The Hornets ground attack started on their 37 yardline, and in 12 rushes, pushed the ball across the goal for their second score, and the kick put them up 14-7 early in the second period. The first half ended after both teams were held in check on the ground and through the air.

In the second half, neither the Cowboys or Hornets could move the ball in their first possessions. Five minutes into the period, a Cowboy pass was intercepted and gave the Hornets the ball at midfield. They drove the ball to the 39, where Cowboy defenders stiffened. On

third and ten, Ryan Martinez stopped a run, forcing the Hornets to punt. Starting on their 5, Kevin Bartley gained two yards, Manuel Ramoz got 5 yards with blocking from the left

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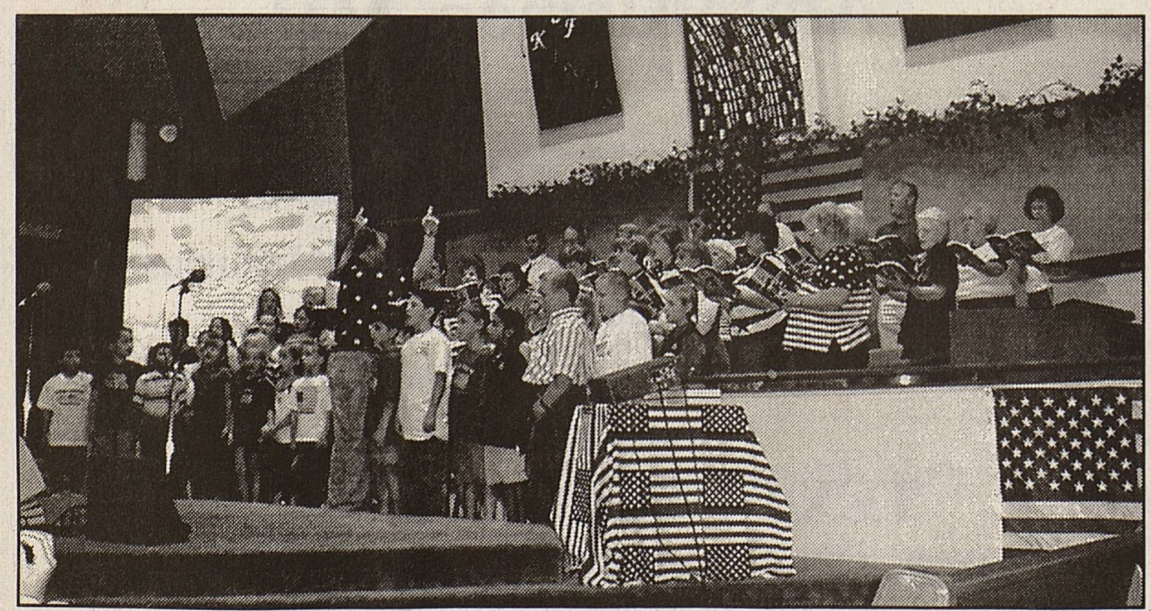
PHS grads attend Multi-Class Reunion

PHS graduates of five classes attended a two day reunion in Lubbock recently, headquartered at the Barcelona Courts. Members of the classes of 1960, '61, '62, '63 and '64 spent 48 hours attending a performance at the Cactus Theater, dining, reminiscing about their Plains High days, and got very little sleep. One class member reported, "I've never had so much fun, or have been so tired when it was all over!" (More photos inside)



Only four members of the 1964 class were present, James (Hampton) Newkirk, Manuel Souter, Olan Smith, and Tonya Randolph Patton, middle.

FBC's 'Home Of The Brave' a smash hit



Last Wednesday's First Baptist Church musical production, *Home Of The Brave*, completely filled the church auditorium with locals and many out of town visitors. The production was in memory of the 9-11 terrorist attacks, and a salute to our nation's history of service and sacrifice by our people in the pursuit of freedom. The all community choir was joined in several numbers by a special youth choir. All veterans and people involved in law enforcement and emergency response pursuits were recognized and honored. The outstanding production was under direction of FBC Music Director, Patrick Hamilton. Prior to the performance, the Church hosted a barbecue and all the trimmings meal which filled Fellowship Hall with more than four hundred folks

Homecoming 2002
 Bon Fire Wednesday, Sept. 18, 8:45 PM, featuring the Cowboy Band, Cherleaders, and Weiner Roast! Homecoming Queen ceremonies start Friday evening, 30 minutes before the game. We urge you to attend both events, and help the Cowboys Beat Wink !!!

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 pending and probated 12 months. He must pay \$211 court costs, \$250 fine, \$200 court appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. He must serve 80 hours community service and complete the anger management counseling course at his \$25 cost. Investigating officer was Lt. Gary Hester, D.C. Police, and Paul Mansur was his attorney. Benito Longoria Jr. pled guilty to criminal mischief, \$500 or more, less than \$1500. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$256 court costs and time payment fee of \$25. He must also pay \$556 restitution to Alfredo Guerra. He will attend weekly AA meetings and complete the anger management course at his expense of \$25. Paul Mansur was his attorney, and investigating officer was Kenley Powell, Yoakum County Sheriff Department. Jason Ray Garcia pled guilty to public intoxication, third

enhanced. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 6 months. He must pay a \$100 fine, \$211 court costs, \$200 court appointed attorney fees, and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 24 hours in jail with credit for 14 hours served, attend weekly AA meetings, and surrender his license 180 days. Investigating officer was DPS Trooper Bard Taylor, and Bill Helwig served as his attorney. Crispin Martinez Jr. pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury to a family member. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$210 court costs, complete a batterer's treatment program at his cost and serve 80 hours community service. Investigating officer was Deputy Larry Murphree. Juan Jesus Hidalgo pled guilty to criminal mischief, over \$50 but less than \$500. He must pay a \$100 fine and \$256 court costs. Investigating officer was William Gardner, D.C. Police.

Salvador Terrazas-Chavez pled guilty to operating a vehicle without financial responsibility. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$211 court costs. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS. Dustin Roper Lamance pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 6 months. he must pay \$140 restitution to DPS, \$250 fine and \$178 court costs. He must attend weekly narcotics meetings, surrender his license 180 days, and complete the drug offender program. Bill Helwig served as his attorney, and investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS. Mario Alberto Bernal pled guilty to purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 49 days served. He was fined \$200 and will pay \$211 court costs. Paul Mansur was his attorney, investigating officer was Sheriff deputy Inoe Valdez.

Five classes of PHS graduates celebrate



Class of '60 - Zoleta Brantley Root, Linda Watson Huffman, Jerry Holbert, Harry White, Linda Jones Carmack, Harman Meixner, D'Lois McGinty Bryson, Alfred Pippin.



Class Of '61 - Darrell & Sue Barron, Mike Sink, James Alberding, Vernon Ethridge, Eldridge Tidwell, Ray Faught, Roy Lowrey, Kayla Clark Hawkins, Jimmy Taylor, Carolyn Bass Culwell - Sheron Smith Smith & Linda Fitzgerald Huddleston not pictured.



Class of '62 - Kenneth Patton, Butch Sims, Jeff Smith, Steve McGinty, Jerry Jones, Ruth Hinkle Murphree, Peggy Hartman Welch, Sue Bookout Faught, Weldon Spencer, Sonnie Smith Stephens, Milton Watson, Martel Souter, Sandy Canales, Carolyn James Newkirk, Marsh White Shaffer, Ann Batchler Adams, Carolyn Murphy Garner, Butch Hawkins and Sandy 'Willy' Williams Thompson.



Class of '63 - Jimmy O'Neal, Norman Huddleston, Ty Earl Powell, Billy (Hampton) Newkirk, Dennis (Hickman) Allen, J.B. Wilson, Jean Williams Patton, Marilyn Jones McCormick, Ernie Anderson, Dana Dyer Strawn, Clyde Lynn, Cote Trout, Johnny Pippin, Janith Tucker Moore, Carolyn Warren Doyle, Betty Stewart Smith.

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Last Wednesday, September 11, *Levelland & Hockley County News-Press* published a special edition commemorating September 11, 2001. Two full pages contained poems and articles written by Levelland High School students. This poem, by Erin Methvin, caught our eye;

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Youthful volunteer food servers (and one not quite so youthful) at FBC's barbecue dinner prior to the church's *Home Of The Brave* musical program sported patriotic theme headware, which they apparently thought were hilarious.

Services held for Othell Norman

Services for Othell (Price) Norman of Brownfield will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2:30 PM at Plains First United Methodist Church, with Reverend Tom Carter officiating. Ms. Norman, of Brownfield, 81, died Sunday, September 15. She will be buried at Plains-Yoakum County Cemetery under direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors.

Ms. Price was born November 19, 1920 in Brownfield, the daughter of Bayne and Pearl Price.

She married A.N. Norman in Clovis, New Mexico in 1970, and he preceded her in death May 1, 1996. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Millsap in 1982. She is survived by a sister, Virginia Sanders of Plains, granddaughters Melinda Kitto of Plains,

Melonie Atwood of Abilene, Mylonne Hurst of Lorenzo, and nine great grandchildren.

After graduating from high school, she attended Arlene's Beauty College in Brownfield. She was a member of Plains United Methodist Church. Pallbearers included Roy San Fillippo, David Sanders, Jason Richards, Karl Hurst, John Kitto, Josh Gonzales, Ty Earl Powell.

The family suggest memorials to Plains United Methodist Church, Box 396, Plains, Texas 79355.

Services for Alonzo Bearden

Memorial services for Alonzo Bearden, 74, were held at 2:30 PM September 15 at First Baptist Church in Plains, with Rev. Bill Wright officiating.

He died Thursday, September 12, 2002.

Mr. Bearden was born December 26, 1927, in Hart, Texas. He

worked on a turkey farm in Mexia several years before moving to North Carolina to do the same work. He moved to Plains in 1980 and retired. He was a Baptist.

His body was donated to Texas Tech Health Science Center.

He is survived by two brothers, Alfred of Plains and John of Seminole; three sisters, Fern Walsler of Evant, Zillah Kate Bearden and Weida Mae Bearden, both os Seminole.

The family suggests memorials to a hospice.

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Cookoff, sanctioned by Lone Star BBQ Society - turn in times to be announced. 9 am cooks meeting Horseshoe Tournament, 9 am registration, at Liberty Pavillion Center Stage.

AG Contest, 12 noon, Liberty Pavillion - categories; tallest, ugliest Weed - Biggest. most 2 kernel peanut pod on plant - Tallest, most bolls on cotton plant (squares don't count) Awards at 5 PM, Liberty Pavillion

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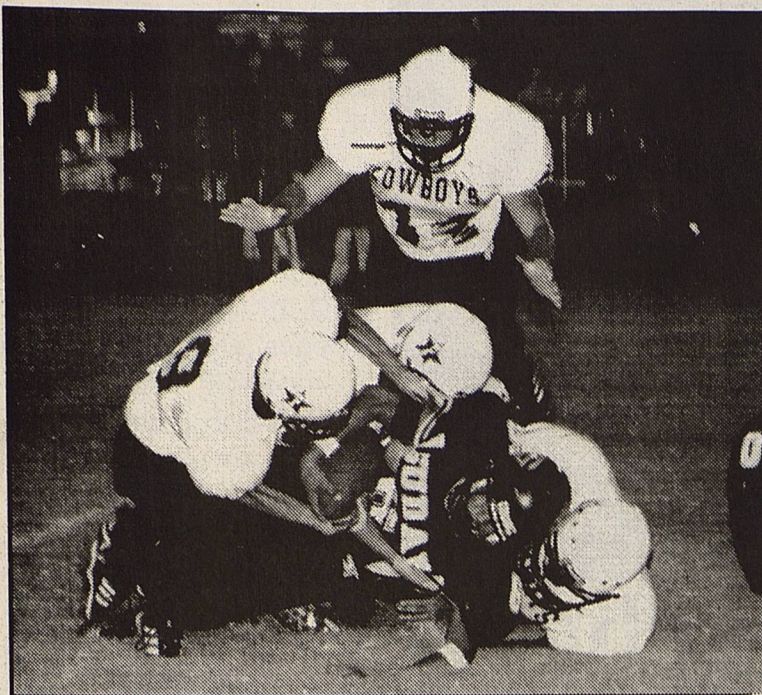
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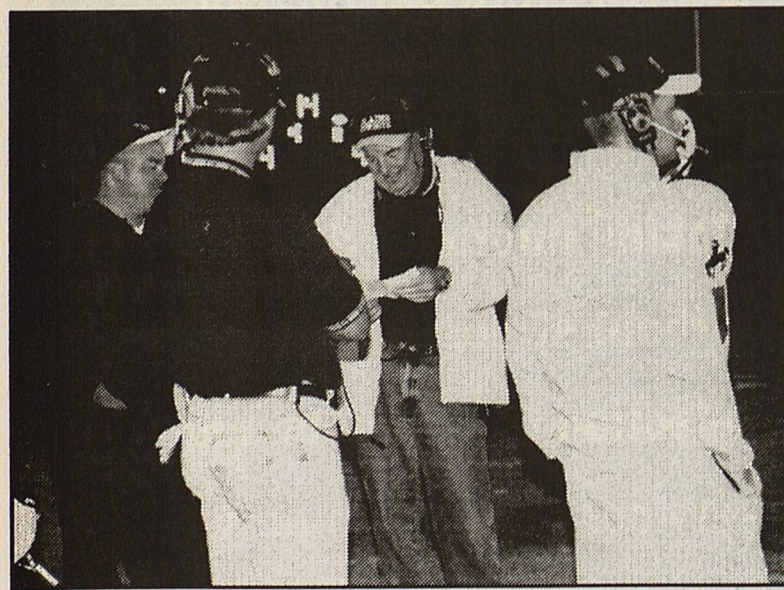
Three Cowboys maul a Hornet runner



Cowboy band makes impressive entry



The cheerleaders never gave up



Coaches conduct mini-think tank session

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side of the line, and Hays gained the first down. Ramoz added another first down with rushes to the left. Now in the fourth quarter, Richard Diaz burst over left guard for 25 yards, but the Cowboys could advance no further than the 40. With six minutes on the clock, the Hornets had the ball on their 47. Three rushes produced a first down at the 38, where their runner Mojica went the distance then kicked the PAT to go ahead 21-0.

The next play was the brightest spot in the long night for the Cowboys. Kevin Bartley took the kickoff at the 11 yard line, picked up Cowboy blockers and went 89 yards for the Cowboys only touchdown. Mario Bonilla's kick added a point

PISD Sports Summary

Junior Varsity Football: The younger Cowboys also had a tough time with the Sudan Hornets JV, falling 26-6. Coach Davis reported he was proud of the way they work hard and continue to improve. Todd Williams accounted for their only score, and had over 100 yards rushing and receiving.

Cross Country: Our cross country teams competed in the Morton Invitational and all divisions had outstanding performances. The Junior High boys claimed the team championship for the second consecutive year, led by Jose Villegas, 1st, Zachary Ramos, 8th, Rudy Gonzales, Kurt Alldredge 11, Steven Dominguez 12, Jacob Rivera 13.

Junior High girls took the silver medal, with a strong run by Desiraye Broome, 2nd, followed by Lauren Davis, 17th, Meghan Garcia 27th, and Nicole Culwell 28th. The girls had to compete in the volleyball tourney the same day.

The JV girls Ashlee Vantine, competing the first time this year, finished in first place. Coach Todd Davis said she would have been in the top ten had she been running with the varsity division.

The JV Cowboys finished third, with a 3rd place run by Brandon Davis, and 7th by Daniel Estrada.

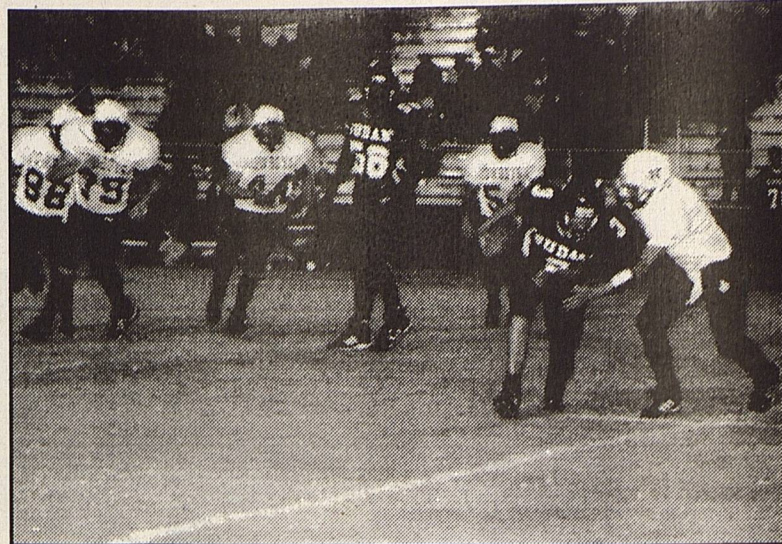
Varsity Cowboys were led by Jose Ramirez, 5th, top finisher in Class A competition, followed by Armando Ramirez 7th, Payton Bean 8th, Jonathan DeLaRosa 12th, Chisum Justus 13th, and Arnold Cordova 15th. The teams compete this week in the Olton meet.

Volleyball: Junior High Girls- The 7th girls competed in Shallowater and came away with a 15-8, 15-6 win. They next competed in the Brownfield Tournament, where they came out of pool play to win the title game and tournament, downing Brownfield 15-8, 15-6.

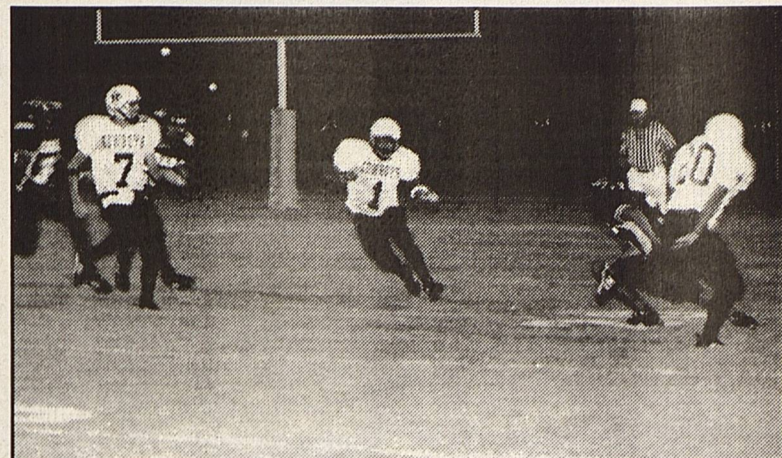
The 8th girls A team fell to Shallowater 12-15, the B girls then won 15-13, and in the rallying score game three the A team won handily 25-15. In the Brownfield tournament pool play, they faced the Cooper red team and halved, 15-8, 2-15. Against Brownfield white, they scored 15-8, 15-5. They lost the game for third place in the tourney to Lubbock Trinity, 5-15, 15-7 and 10-15. The JV Cowgirls faced Denver City September 10, losing the first game 15-11, 13-15, 7-15. In match 2, the black team fell to D.C. 8-15, 14-16. Coach Thaggard lauded their team play and hustle, and said their skills are improving daily.

They next competed in the Lamesa tournament facing much bigger schools. In match one they were downed by Big Spring 6-15, 1-15. They were defeated by Denver City 8-15, 7-15, and in match three they fell to Brownfield 15-10, 10-15 and 11-15.

Varsity Cowgirls- The Cowgirls were downed by Denver City 11-15, 6-15 on September 10. They next faced Levelland, and came away with a big win, 10-15, 15-5, 15-11. Coach Lusk reports they are showing great team work and improvements.



Cowboy defenders surround Hornet back



Richard Diaz, #1, appears wide open - not for long, however

PHS Student of the Week

PHS Student of the Week is Allison Friesen, a freshman and daughter of Brad and Donna Friesen. She was nominated by Mr. Portillo, who said, "Allison is a great asset to all the activities she is involved in. Her ability to focus and work has helped her and her teammates see success. She is a joy to have in class, and always has a smile on her face. Not only is she a great individual, but an awesome team player. I think we will see lots more success



from this student in the years to come."

The Yoakum County Tax Office, in both Plains and Denver City will be closed Thursday, September 19, 2002, in order for all tax office employees to attend a RTSII training seminar in Lubbock. We will reopen both offices on Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. Thank You

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM, Friday, October 4, 2002, for the purchase of (3) New Flex-Wing Rotary Mowers with trade-in of (1) Used Flex-Wing Rotary Mower for Precinct #1, #2 and #4. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, October 7, 2002. Bid Price will be paid from 2002 budgeted funds.

To inspect the trade-in, please contact Woody Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #1, 139 E. Broadway, Denver City, Texas 79323, or call 806-592-3601.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806/456-2422) or Woody Lindsey, Commissioner Precinct #1, 139 E. Broadway, Denver City Texas.

Sealed bids should be marked "MOWERS" on the envelope and mailed 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 all bids.

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The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10 AM, Friday, October 4, 2002, for the purchase of (1) Used two-wheel drive tractor for Precinct #4. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in the Commissioners Court on Monday, October 7th, 2002. Bid price will be paid from 2002 budgeted funds.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806/456-2422) or Jack Cobb, Commissioner Precinct #4, PO Box 207, Plains, Texas 79355 (806/456-6525).

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BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
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Explanatory Brief for HJR 2

HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711. PUBLISHED BY SECRETARY OF STATE GWYN SHEA

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Mary Lou Parks Attends High School Reunion; Celebrates Birthday



Mary Lou Parks attended the Peaster all school reunion earlier this summer in Parker County. She is a graduate of the 1932 class of Peaster High School and was celebrating her 70th high school reunion. Mrs. Parks was presented the award for representing the earliest class. Her late husband, the Rev. Neil Parks, was also a member of the class of '32 and served as the valedictorian. He received a scholarship to Weatherford College. Mary Lou's cousin Barksdale Waller of Shreveport and niece Wanda Todd of Weatherford attended the festivities. Mary Lou also celebrated her 89th birthday, September 6, with a cook-out in the home of Jim and Lela Warren. All of her 4 children attended which included Dr. Weldon Parks of Lewisville, Kittie Armstrong of Bossier City, LA. and Janelle Cobb and Lela Warren both of Plains.

Texas Tech University Students Excel

LUBBOCK-Summer commencement at Texas Tech University took place on Saturday, August 10, 2002. Approximately 1,027 students were awarded degrees - 803 bachelor degrees, 186 master degrees and 39 doctorates.

Additionally, a growing number of students enrolled in courses at Texas Tech this summer. Several took 12 hours of course credits and earned a 4.0 grade point average (GPA), qualifying them for the President's list. Other students distinguished themselves by carrying 12 qualifying hours with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9, earning them a place on the Dean's list.

Former Plains High students now at Texas Tech achieving the Dean's List of honors include Jose M. Martinez III, and Laura Leigh Flores. Flores graduated August 10 with Magna Cum Laude Honors and a bachelor of science degree.

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Mrs. Jeremy Dearing (nee Jessica Stowers) on Sunday, September 29, 2002 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM Heritage Room Yoakum County Library, Plains Selections at Nelson's Pharmacy-Dillard's-Linens and Things

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Sunday Schedule
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Choir Rehearsal - 5:00 pm

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Other Opportunities
English as a Second Language
Thursday Evenings - 6:00-7:00 pm

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Senior Citizens Corner

Health Fair: September 24th from 10:30 am. to 1:30 pm. Senior Center gymnasium. Attention is called again to the Health Fair sponsored by AAA (Area Agency on Aging), a program of South Plains Association of Governments in Lubbock. Health screenings and checkups such as blood -pressure, diabetes, hearing, nutrition, cholesterol and bone density will be offered at no cost to seniors. Several booths will provide information on medication management, home safety, Alzheimer's disease and more. You are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Funding for this Health Fair is provided by the Texas Department on Aging. You may call 1-800-858-1809 to learn more about the programs and services of this agency.

Garage Sale: September 21st am. Attention is called again to the garage sale planned for this date. Look about your home. If you have anything you need no longer, our van can drop by and pick it up for you. We appreciate your contributions to this fund raising effort. Drop in and see if someone else's discard isn't exactly what you've been looking for!

Chris McDonald, a sister of Frankie Minor, joined us for lunch one day this week. Travis Pharr and Gail Ribble came for lunch two days as well as Nancy Chamberlain and Alice Lehnert. Welcome to each of you and come again.

We Yoakum county seniors awake each day knowing that we can come to our Senior Center and enjoy a delicious and healthful lunch. (No cooking and no dish washing brightens anyone's day!) We come day after day expecting this as well as time to sit and visit with friends or play any of the various games that are available. Then we can go home for nap time or catch up on some tasks laid aside until this time of day. How often do we really stop to ponder what is involved in making this comfortable setting available for us?

Let me introduce to you our very efficient staff: Gloria Carrasco serves as our Site Director (and wears many other hats as needed). She has come up through the ranks and has been with us for ten years. Her job description includes supervising the kitchen staff and the ordering of supplies as needed. She writes checks, working in conjunction with the bookkeeper. She checks the time sheets for the employees and keeps the Board informed of the daily operation and in turn implements the decisions of the Board concerning the Center.

Ann Holland is our long time dependable bookkeeper. This is her nineteenth year in this position. Her tasks are just what the name implies. She is responsible for all records, bank accounts, and reports to SPAG in a timely manner. One of her major responsibilities is the preparation and submission of the annual Budget Proposal. Our primary funding for the Center comes through the approval of this document. We will recognize the local funding available to us, for which we are very thankful, in another column.

The kitchen staff is ably led by our head cook, Mary Flores. She has been with us off and on since 1984, with a permanent position since 1996. Her responsibilities include supervision of all food preparation for the congregate and home delivered meals each day. Working together with Gloria, she orders, checks and stores the supplies. She supervises and participates in all phases of cooking and storing the left over food and in cleaning the premises daily. Her staff includes Mary Moya, who has been with us for five years and is prepared to step into the head cook position as needed, and Estella Montez who has been on staff for two years. All of these girls work together, with apparent enjoyment, to provide the daily meal and prepare for the next day before leaving for their homes.

Our van driver, Sylvia Lozano, makes two trips daily to pick up those wishing a ride to the Center. After delivering them, she helps prepare home delivered lunches and takes them to those who depend on them daily. Our average number of home deliveries at this time is twenty three. Eight of those go to Plains daily and is a story for another column. After lunch is over she takes everyone home again, making stops as requested for the grocery, pharmacy, doctor, etc.

Alfredo Salinas is our 'all around' helper furnished to us by Green Thumb. He can be seen anywhere around the Center doing what is needed to keep things running smoothly.

We should cultivate an attitude and remember to speak words of encouragement to these folks.

At lunchtime on Monday Bill McCubbin, Therman Meyer, Eugene Moore, Duncan Ashmore and Alice Lehnert celebrated birthdays while Duncan and Lucile Ashmore counted sixty nine years of marriage and Elmer and June Hanneman celebrated sixty years together.

What About?

"What About" is just what it says. What about lots of things: from funeral service, civic issues, aging, grief issues, support groups and self help programs, drug and alcohol abuse, gangs in our nation, the local school district and of course one of my favorite subjects...the kids.

Lots of good things are going on in this area. For the past 9 months we have loved being one of your neighbors, living here, and serving you during some of the most difficult days of your life. We see all kinds of good around this community.

There's such a rich heritage, fullness of life, and good friends here so many communities of our nation never know. We have seen tragedy come and you, the communities around here turned out to comfort and help those families involved.

So many communities do not realize what they have, so they eventually loose it all. We can't allow that to happen to this County.

I have my "pet" issues. Yes, I will state my opinions and you can write to us or e-mail us at "markjones@ntsonline.net" to give us your thoughts on what we have said along with your additional comments. I will be presenting to you the good, the bad and the ugly of our area.

Keep Looking Up!
Mark Jones

Hydrogen Sulfide Training Set

A three hour course in Hydrogen Sulfide Training is scheduled Sept. 9 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Classes will meet 6-9 pm. in the Law Enforcement Building, Room 108. Instructor is Paul Harbin, instructor in power and electrical transmission technology. Tuition is \$10.

The course will cover all aspects of the deadly gas, hydrogen sulfide, including detection, safety procedures and demonstration in the use of safety masks. The course meets safety training requirements for work in the oil field.

To preregister and obtain more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 894-9611, ext. 2341.

Additional classes will be offered October 7, November 4 and December 2.

Yoakum 4-H'ers hold successful first shooting event

Yoakum County 4 - H youth took part in a first county shooting event on September 7. If other youths are interested in the shooting events, more information is available from Jamey Collinworth, 806-546-2541, or Tracey Welch, 456-3361.

Junior Division High Point Overall - Rifle Collinworth

Trap

1. Rifle Collinworth
2. Reagan Haynes
3. Justin Brown
4. Blake Parrish

Skeet

1. Reagan Haynes
2. Rifle Collinworth
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Sub-Junior Division High Point Overall - Doug Goehry

Trap

1. Landon Craft
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3. Colby Willmeth
4. Ryan Henson
5. Cody Friesen
6. Nik Gudel
7. Holden Welch
8. Troy Parrish
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From The Hack

Further remembrances of the September 11 terrorist attack:

It took 6 years, 8 months to build the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center - it took 1 hour, 42 minutes to completely destroy them.

Engineers and architects determined a Boeing 707 jet could strike either tower at 180 m.p.h., but they would not be destroyed. The two Boeing 767 jets struck the towers at 470 and 590 m.p.h.

When the north tower collapsed, it created a 2.3 register on a tremor scale some 20 miles away.

60 NY Police officers were killed. 343 NY firefighters perished, including 60 officially off duty officers.

The estimated temperature of the fire created by the burning jet fuel in both towers was 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. Steel loses at least half its strength at 1022f, and melts at some 2500f.

ONE financial corporation lost 658 employees in the destruction.

Ten bystanders were killed by falling debris, many hundreds more injured.

Almost 20,000 body parts were recovered from the rubble. Less than 5,000 have been identified.

Only 15 people were able to escape from above the floor on the South Tower where the plane hit. NONE escaped above where the plane hit the North Tower.

Only 18 survivors were found in the carnage rubble by the next day - 12 firemen, 3 police, and three civilians.

Some \$4 to \$6 BILLION dollars are expected to be paid to victim's families.

Finally, a POSITIVE note- 116,000 American flags were reported sold that September 11 day by Wal Mart alone. It's already a week and a year after the event.... Let's never forget it.

I knew I would be caught. My partner in the golfing Labor Day Scramble wrote the following. I decided to print it, without too much protest, in hopes I can continue to win a few bucks from him;

Dear Editor (or better yet, what keeps Plains from having one):

I would like to rebute some, no, make that all, of the statements that were made in the "Illustrious Hack" concerning certain individuals and a Labor Day golf tournament.

Now, I'm not saying there were bald face lies, but just that the truth doesn't live in the same neighborhood.

Concerning the matter of a hip replacement with melted down beer cans and water bottles instead of genuine "Titanium", I can assure you is untrue. Due to a shortage at the Doctor's office of titanium, I had to take my "Big Bertha" driver and have them melt it down to have the proper material for the replacement.

Our partner, a former citizen of Plains, Bill Guetersloh, and I had a long and serious discussion as to what we needed to do to win the golf tournament. It was really quite simple.

Since the Editor would have the advantage of hitting off the Senior tee box (short tee box), we could use his drive in this scramble format. (You do have to be quite elderly to use the Senior tee box). Since we were using his drive, and we didn't win the golf tournament, it doesn't take a Rocket Scientist to figure out what happened!

So now you have the rest of the story, if printed as written, and only the author and editor will know.

Sincerely,
Vaughn Culwell

P.S.: Holly, MAY GOD be with you. We only have to put up with him about once a week at the golf course, but you on the other hand "get" to live with him every day!!!

I heard on a recent radio talk show Forbes's Fortune 500 Magazine has recently released their annual list of the nation's wealthiest (guess what) 500

hundred American individuals.

I mentioned this to the Bride, and related one of her favorite personalities, Martha Stewart of TV fame failed to make the list this year. She was dismayed.

" I love Martha and her show. She is so talented, so knowledgeable, so nice, homey type woman!"

I reminded her Martha, bless her heart, had been making headlines and airwaves recently about her activities with her company's stock, which I thought at one time might make her appear before a Senate Committee to determine how severely they would punish her.

" Oh, she's just a victim of politics, some way, I'm sure," Bride purred."

As you know, Martha managed to avoid Senate hearings, which virtually gave her a new lease on life.

Don't read this wrong! I have nothing against the attractive lady, obviously very talented and successful.

I love it when she whips up a new Fondue recipe, usually accompanied by a much more talented Chef, not to mean I have the slightest idea what Fondue is, or do I care. I also have slight, at the most, interest, in stuffing pots with exotic plants of gorgeous colors, plants which if I were to buy and give to Bride to nurture, she would kill graveyard dead within a week.

I was tremendously overwrought with compassion when I heard on the radio Martha had disappeared from the Fortune 500 list, estimated to be worth only \$400 million, down a bit from last year's estimated \$1 BILLION.

Obviously, she will have to cut back on her overhead. Use cheaper stuff for her Fondues, and stuffed baby squid. The commentator suggested she might even fire her Sushi staff of experts. Pity.

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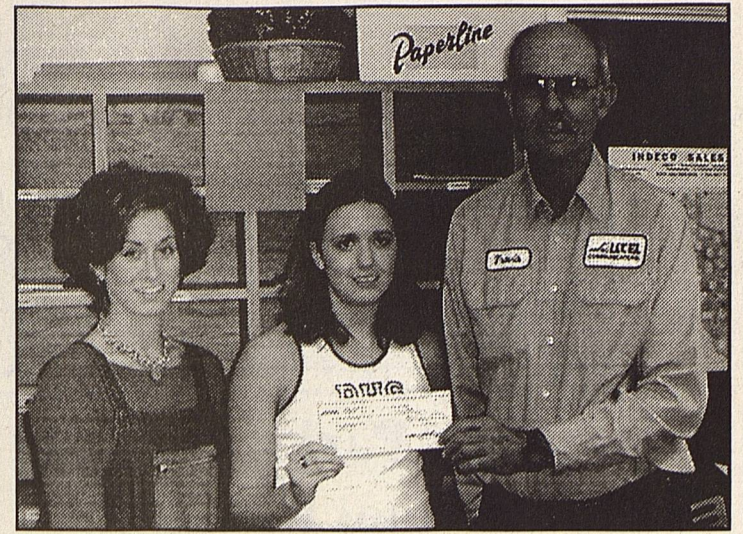
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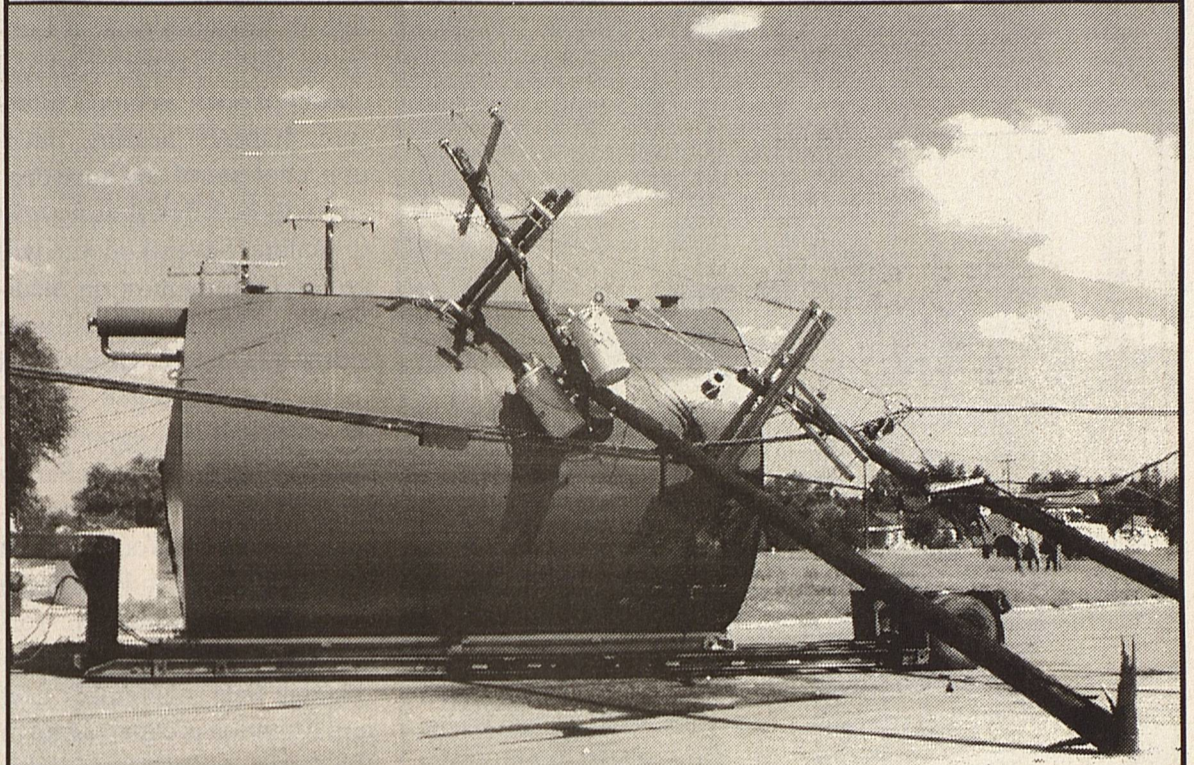


ALLTEL gives Student Council financial boost

ALLTEL Communications representative Travis Jones is shown presenting his company's check for \$100 to Jill Gray, Plains High Student Council President. Michelle Jones, council sponsor was also on hand for the donation. Jones said the donation was an example of Alltel commitment to communities they serve.



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