## Lea County Board Votes To Return Over \$982,000 In

 Capital CreditsThe trustees of Lea County Electric Cooperative recently approved the return of $\$ 982,968.48$ in patronage capital to members who received service from the Cooperative during 1978 and

- 1979. The amount returned for 1978 will be $\$ 621,934.96$; for 1979 the amount will be $\$ 361,033.52$. The 1978 figure represents the total remaining amount of capital credits to be paid for that year. The amount for 1979 is one-half of that year's remain ing allocation not already paid to estates and members over the age of 66 . Checks should be in the mail by December 10 . Capital credits for a cooperative represent margins earned over and above expenses for a given fiscal year. These margins are not returned immediately, but are instead retained by the Coop erative to insure its financial stability, to reduce or eliminate the need to finance debt, and to keep rates as low as possible. "Ou trustees are extremely pleased to be able to return these credits to our members," said Michael Dreyspring, General Manager of the Cooperative. "Our board is committed to providing all of our customers with real value through the supply of reliable, high quality power at competitive rates. The ability to return these capital credits to our members underscores the utility's strength as well as the benefit of membership!", said Dreyspring. Members who have reached the age of 66 are reminded that they may be eligible to receive payments of their capital credits, subject to a limit of $\$ 300$ per year, for prior years. For more

PHS student athletes

## receive honors

A number of Plains High ath- Cowboy football players letes were recently recognized named to the Academic All for both their sports skills and District Team were Seniors their academic achievements. Kevin Bartley, Jordan Bean, Named to the District 6-1A Mario Bonilla, Nick Hays and Volleyball Academic All-Dis- Angel Ruiz; also Juniors Grady trict were Jill Gray, Kristian McNabb, Nolan Newsom and Morales, Moriah Traweek, Evan Cain
Manuela Villegas and Kayla Cowboys named to the District Willis. Receiving All District 6 -Class A team were Sr. Justin honors for their playing skills Chambliss, 2nd team tight end; were Plains Sr. Chelsea Blount, So. Zach Broome, Hon. MenDistrict Most Valuable Player; tion receiver; Sr. Angel Ruiz First team, Jr. Manuela 2nd team lineman; Sr. Kevin Villegas, Soph Kristian Mo- Bartley, 2nd team secondary; rales, Sr. Kayla Willis, Jr. Sr. Mario Bonilla, Hon. MenMoriah Traweek. Honorable tion linebacker; Sr. Nick Hays, Mention nominees Sr. Jill Gray, Def. End; Kevin Bartley, 2nd Soph. Jesenia Suarez.

## Criminal cases in

 District Court Six criminal cases were heardin District Court November 25 , with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state. representing the state.
Matthew Ryan Hanneman pled guilty to delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined $\$ 1000$, must pay $\$ 207$ court costs, $\$ 140$ restitution to DPS, and $\$ 25$ time payment fee. He will serve 120 hours community service, attend weekly 120 hours com ervics) ment war drug offender education prodrug offender education pro
gram, and surrender his license 180 days. Bill Helwig was his attorney, and Antonio De La Cruz, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force, was investigating

Frederick S. Wright III pled guilty to DWI, 2nd, and was sentenced to lesser included offense, DWI 2nd, BTR. A one year jail sentence was sus pended and probated 24 months. He was fined $\$ 1000$, must pay $\$ 280$ court costs and $\$ 25$ time payment fee. He will spend 8 days in jail beginning Feb. 13, He will attend weekly AA meetings, serve 80 hours community service, surrender his license 90 days, and complete the TAIP outpatient program. Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer, and Terry G, Collins was his attor
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guilty ess to delivery of cocaine fined $\$ 1500$, must pay $\$ 140$ Turn to Page 3

## 'Court' <br> Fourth year of weevil eradication program successfully winds down

Field personnel of the Western High Plains Boll ductio
Weevil Eradication Zone are busy this week 2000.
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inspecting and removing the now familiar inspecting and removing the now familiar
staked, yellow and green cotton boll weevil traps around area cotton fields. Zone Manager Darrel Dusek considers the 2002 eradication effort a dramatic success. "This year, we inspected $1,907,500$ traps, and caught 4,973 weevils. This is an 86 percent reduction in the weevil count from 2001. That year we found 41,683 bollweevils in $1,886,858$ deployed traps, an average of .022 weevils per trap. This year's average catch was .003 weevils per trap," Duse reported. These figures are for the entire Zone, comprised of Yoakum, Terry, Gaines, Andrews and the southern half of Lynn county
Dusek said this year a total of 306,654 acres of cotton were sprayed with a Malathion solution by both air and ground treatments. This is a 7,5 percent reduction in treated acres from the $1,245,631$ acres treated in 2001, and a huge re-
uction from the $9,752,456$ acres treated in 2000.

Seasonal field personnel will spend this week and possibly the next removing, re-cycling and storing field stakes and traps, and preparing all the vehicles in each district for winter storage. 36 seasonal personnel were employed in the Plains District, with 13 full time district and zone employees. Dusek said cotton producers in the zone should be aware supervisory personnel will be available at each district office throughout the year.

LCP Deadline Near
The USDA has announced the sign-up for the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) for cattle, sheep, goats and buffalo producers will end December 13, 2002


The Ten Commandments For Parents/ Supporters Of Student Athletes

By James Haynes
It is already starting; I am already hearing about the abuse of referees, game officials and the second guessing of our coaches at our basketball games. Unfortunately it always seems to come from those who are either unwilling or unable to commit to helping the kids themselves. I am concerned that the people who do this do not recognize several things. They are embarrassing the community, they are embar rassing the kids and they are embarrassing themselves. I am also a firm believer that thei embarrassment of the officials has never caused the official to do a better job. That same questioning of the official or the coach for that matter, gives the student athlete a built in excuse for failure. Our student athletes oed to our student athletes need to go into a game motivated to do one thing and that they should in wuccessful if they hould are unsuccessful they should lose just as gracefully and without excuses. Toward
hat end I have found the Ten ers, players' must follow rules. Commandments for Parents and Supporters of Student Ath hetes. I have submitted them would say that following them would go a long way toward helping achieve the goals that athletic competition was originally created for.

1. Be Positive with your child: Let them know they are accomplishing something by simply being a part of the team. Don't put them down.
2. Don't offer your child ex cuses if they are not playing. Encourage them to work and do their best.
3. Don't put their coaches down. Remember the Coach represents the "Leader", the "Authority", the "Parent", the "Teacher", and the "Role Model" If you are constantly Model". If you are constantly bad mouthing your child's coaches, how can you expect coaches work with it all. The the youngster to play for them? nine months a year and they 4. Encourage your child to follow the rules. Whether they are demanding and coaches must concern themselves with a players' off themselves with a players' off the filed/court activities in order to get maximum physical
and mental performances out of their players.
4. Insist on good grades. If they don't have passing grades they cannot play. Emphasize the importance of grades throughout the year, Beginning, Middle, and the End of the Year.
5. Don't try to live vicariously through your child. Athletics is a kid's game; Let them play it. Don't show animosity or jealously to any of your child's teammates. This type of envy can rub off on your child and devastate a team. Who cares who scores as long as everyone does his/her job to the fullest? . Don't be know it all. The

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 'Haynes'
## Court chooses pay-back option for county hospital projects

In the December 2 session o Commissioners Court, Yoakum
County Hospital Administrator County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor detailed three possible options to repay
$\$ 2,950,000$ in certificates of $\$ 2,950,000$ in certificates of
obligation recently approved for construction and improve ments projects to the hospital After lengthy discussion on the options, prepared by Southwest Securities which will handle
sale, the court approved option \#1, reproduced on page 2 In other court agenda items, County Treasurer Toni Jones reported a general fund balance of $\$ 6,756,121$ at the end of October.
The court approved the purchase of a new fire truck for the Denver City Fire Department purchased through the Hous-ton-Galveston Area
Council(HGAC). The trucks
sales price was $\$ 164,617$ after trade-in and $\$ 2000$ HGAC fee. Payment for the unit will be from 2003 budgeted funds. Gerald Baker, currently First Deputy Clerk in the County Clerk office, was appointed Yoakum County Veteran Service Officer, effective January , 2003. Baker, who served 22 ears in the US Navy re places retiring Johnny Jones.

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## YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS

Pre-Bid Semi-Annual Principal and Interest Schedule
January 15 Principal with January 15, 2004 First Interest Payment
Option \#1

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| 07/15/04 |  | 55,300 | 55,300 | 368,133 |
| 01/15/05 | 260,000 | 55,300 | 315,300 |  |
| 07/15/05 |  | 50,100 | 50,100 | 365,400 |
| 01/15/06 | 270,000 | 50,100 | 320,100 |  |
| 07/15/06 |  | 44,700 | 44,700 | 364,800 |
| 01/15/07 | 280,000 | 44,700 | 324,700 |  |
| 07/15/07 |  | 39,100 | 39,100 | 363,800 |
| 01/15/08 | 295,000 | 39,100 | 334,100 |  |
| 07/15/08 |  | 33,200 | - 33,200 | 367,300 |
| 01/15/09 | 305,000 | 33,200 | 338,200 |  |
| 07/15/09 |  | 27,100 | 27,100 | 365,300 |
| 01/15/10 | 320,000 | 27,100 | 347,100 |  |
| 07/15/10 |  | 20,700 | 20,700 | 367,800 |
| 01/15/11 | 330,000 | 20,700 | 350,700 |  |
| 07/15/11 |  | 14,100 | 14,100 | 364,800 |
| 01/15/12 | 345,000 | 14,100 | 359,100 |  |
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## New campaign seeks to reverse alarming trend in Texas higher education

Officials say closing education gaps key to avoiding bleak economic future

State leaders today launched an unprecedented statewide campaign, called College for of thousands of additional peo ple in Texas to pursue higher ple in Texas to pursue higher
education over the next decad and more.
"An educated Texan inherits a world of unlimited opportunity, and higher education is critical to achieving higher aspirations," said Texas Governo Rick Perry. "This campaign will help empower more young Texans to live their dreams by teaching them how to prepare for college."
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College
College presidents, school superintendents, and state officials joined students and teachElementary Schol in Austin to help kick off the campaign. It help kick off the campaign. It
was authorized by the Texas was authorized by the Texas
Legislature last year and is Legislature last year and is
directed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Education Coordinating Board.
"Although more people than ever are enrolled in Texas colleges and universities, the increases haven't kept pace with the state's population growth, leaving Texas on a path to becoming a less educated, to becoming a less educated,
less prosperous state." said

In a national survey conducted
in 2001 by the Newshour with Jim in 2001 by the Newshour with Jim
Lehe Kaiser Family Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health, the majority of Americans said the government is not doing enough to enforce quality standards for nursing homes. A majority of survey respondents also said they favored
increased regulation of nursing increased regulation of nursing
homes, and one in four respondents with nursing home experience said they knew a resident who

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 'Haynes'know what each kid can do and what they cannot do. As a fan you are entitled to scream your head off, but please don't become belligerent and arrogant toward the players, the coaches, or the game officials. The athletes are amateurs. Coaches know their talent. Respect that knowledge.
8. Insist on your child's respect for team rules, school rules, game officials, and Sportsmanship. Don't let them make fools of their family, school, and team by some "uncalled for" gesture. Self-respect begins with Self control. Model self control as a parent and as a fan. Don't embarrass the student athletes because of your behav-

## ior.

9. Encourage children to improve their self image by believing in themselves. Every person has been created with worth and value. Always remind your child of this fact. Tell them that they are special and that they are only limited by the degree that they limit themselves. Don't compare or contrast your child with family members who played previously. Every youngster is different.
10. Encourage your child to play for the love of the game, not for a scholarship or something that is in the hands of the college recruiters. Insist on unselfishness. Usually good things happen to unselfish and hard working people.

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Commissioner of Higher Education Don Brown. "We must close the gaps in student participation and success for all
of the state's people, especially of the state's people, especially
for low-income groups for low-income groups and people in regions of the stat
with low college-going rates." with low college-going rates." College for Texans also wi motivate primary and secondary students to prepare and aim for college and ensure that colleges and universities reach out to embrace those students. The campaign will inspire parents, relatives, teachers, counselors, and communities to suppor each child's aspirations to pre pare and enro
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people, especially families without any higher education experience, information about the value of higher educa
$n$, the preparation needed to participate and succeed in college, and ways to find financial aid or otherwise pay for college. "Our challenge is to ensure t people from all groups and
> in all regions of the state know hat higher education is possible pursue it," said they should pursue it,"
Brown.
> "Many students and their families believe that higher education is not affordable, or that it is too difficult for them We must provide them with better information about how to prepare financially and academically for college, as well as essary steps to enroll and sucessary steps to enroll and succeed in college. This campaign
will help us do that." The campaign is The campaign is a key strategy identified in the state's
Closing the Gaps by 2015 eduClosing the Gaps by 2015 eduby the Coordinating Board in October 2000 and has become widely accepted throughout the state. The plan calls for closing student participation and success gaps within the state, and when Texas is compared with
other states, by 2015. (See the Closing the Gaps plan at www.thecb.state.tx.us.)
> The plan notes that approximately one million Texans were enrolled in higher education in 2000 , representing 4.9 percent of the states's population. This
in New York ( 5.6 percent), California ( 6.1 percent), Michigan ( 5.7 percent), Illinois
( 6 percent), and other populous ( 6 percent), and other populous states and lower than the state's rate a decade ago. If current trends continue, Texas will have 1.2 million students enrolled in college by 2015, but that will represent only 4.6 percent of the state's population.
As higher education participation rates and educational attainment decline, average annual household income is projected to fall by an estimated $\$ 30$ billion to $\$ 40$ billion statewide by 2030 - with dire effects for Texas families and to demographers.
In response, the campaign is aimed at helping the state bring 300,000 additional academically prepared people - beyond the 200,000 additional students expected to enroll based on current trends - into higher education by 2015.
Most of these new students re now children just beginning their formal education, but some have already left high school or college without having attained a diploma, certificate, or degree.

## Information on nursing home

## quality available from Medicare

 had been neglect
nursing home The survey, published in November of 2001, came just one
week before the federal Centers for week before the federal Centers for Medicare \& Medicaid Services
(CMS), part of the U.S. Deparunent of Health and Human Services. announced a sweeping new initiative to help consumers
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their residents That initiative came to full
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CMS announced that information on the quality of all nursing homes in the U.S. is now available on the Nursing Home Compare section of Medicare's Web site at
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dents in every nursing home in the country now have immediate, 24 nour-a-day access to that informa-
lion at the Medicare Web site and
can use the information to help
chouse a nursing home for them selves or a family member. The nursing home quality information distributed by Medicare is based on eight quality measures. They are divided into two cate-
gories. long-term residents and gories. long-term residents and
shor-term residents. Among the shor-lerm residents. Among the
measures are: - percent of residents who need
more help doing daily activities; - percent of residents with pain
and percent of residents with pressure ulcers (bed sores).
These measures were calculated using information from the Minimum Data Set, a national database created by CMS to collect
information on the medical condiinformation on the medical condition, need and functional level of
every resident of a nursing home every issident of a nursing home Medicare and Medicaid. Nursing home employees complete this information as part of a comprehensive assessment of each resident's functional capabilities and medical needs, and the information is updated periodically, according to the CMS rules. To ensure that the quality measures are accurate
and reliable, CMS has implementand reliable, CMS has implement-
ed a national validation process to ed a national validation process to
link positive performance on each measure with good resident outcomes.

The National Quality Forum NQF), a private, nonprofit organization that develops and implements national healthcare quality reporting strategies, worked with Medicare to research and recommend the quality measures.
Medicare's quality measures Medicare's quality measures adjusted. This means that the adjusted. This means that the
measures take into consideration certain resident characteristics, which may predispose the resident to a condition. This adjustment helps to level the playing field for homes that treat a more acute or dependent resident population. This national quality improve-
ment initiative for nursing homes is ment initiative for nursing homes is
being led by the state Quality being led by the state Quality (QIOs), entities that administer Medicare quality improvemen Medicare quality improvement
activities in their respective states activities in their respective states
and territories under contract with the federal government. The Texas Medical Foundation (TMF) is the QIO for Texas and is responsible for promoting the initiative and educating consumers about using the information in conjunction with other factors in the nursing home decision-making process. In addition, TMF also is responsible
for working with the nursing home industry on community-based quality improvement efforts.

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CAPITOL COMMENT

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Securing our transportation infrastructure. In this, the second in a series of columns dedicated to your survey responses, I'd like to focus on a relatively new issue of concern for many Americans transportation security. In the post-September 11 atmosphere, the safety of our nations transportation infrastructure has become a number one priority in Congress and I wanted to hear Texans thoughts on the issue.
Aviation security. Regarding aviation security I asked, one of the first and most visible security overhauls our nation ex perienced after September 11 was in our nations airports. We have implemented more in tense screening processes for baggage and passengers and, by years end, fedweal screeners will be in place at our nations airports. What are your thoughts om aviation security thoughts om aviation security 67 percent felt the new selming 67 percent felt the new security measures have made flying safer. I couldn't Agree more. We are continually working to strengthen aviation security. The TSA has placed federal screeners in each of our nation's 439 airports, and most airports can continue serving their passengers while maintaining the highest levels of secruity while the lransition occurs.
Air cargo security. Another transportation question dealt with air cargo security. I asked, while 22 percent of air cargo travels on passenger flights only a tiny percentage is inspected before the flight. How do you think we should address this probl;em? More than two thirds of you felt that all cargo on passenger flights should be on passenger flights should be inspected. Ten percent fel cargo from established shippers should be exempt from inspec tion abd 24 percent felt that cargo should be banned from passenger flights. One Texan thoughtfully suggested that even established shippers could be victims of foul play without their knowledge. The Senate their knowledge. The Senate passed my air corgo security tunately the House of Repre tunately the Hoase of Repre before it adjourned. The bill
establishes a more reliable and accountable known shipper program, with frequent inspections of shipping facilities tions of shipping facilities, tamper proof identification cards for employees, and an accessible shipper database. It also gives the TSA the powe to revoke the license of a shipper or freight forwarder whose practices are unsound, or who has engaged in illegal activity, among other provisions. As I resume chairmanship of the Senate Aviation Subcommittee one of my top priorities will be to finalize this bill and send it to President Bush for his signature.
Port security. The final quesion on this issue concerned port security. I wrote, ninetyfive percent of our nations overseas trade is carried via ship. Yet only two percent of inbound containers are checked by U.S. Customs at our nation ports. How do you think we should protect your think we should protect our ports? This issue is critical for all coastal points of entry in the nation, especially here in Texas where numerous ports line the Gulf of Mexico. The Port of Houston takes in more foreign tonnage than any other port in America and handles half of the petrochemical capacity in the country. Your survey responses in tica. Your survey responses in icate that you too are con erned about the security of ou ports. Fifty-two percent of re spondents felt that ships entering U.S. ports should be subject to as much security as airplanes coming into U.S. airports, while 32 percent felt that cargo aboard ships should be inspected at random.
I'm pleased to report that Congress took important action on this issue since we issued the survey. The Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 passed in November. The legislation will require security plans for every port; back ground checks for employees with access to secure areas, and improved identification technology for both individuals and vessels traveling in U.S. waters. While it lays the found waters. a better port security system for will continue to purity system, will continue to push for more resources and greater emphasis on port security.

From Page 1 'Court'
restitution to DPS, $\$ 225$ court costs and $\$ 25$ time payment costs and $\$ 25$ time payment
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jail, surrender her license 180 days, complete the drug offender program and the TAIP outpatient program and serve 120 hours community service. Joe Nagy, for Bill Helwig was her attorney, and investigating officer was Antonio De La Cruz, Llano Estacado Drug Cruz, Llano Estacado Drug
Task Force. Rogelio Laureles pled guilty to a third or more DWI. A seven year state prison sentence was suspended and probated seven years. He was fined $\$ 1500$, must pay $\$ 248$ court costs and $\$ 25$ time payment fee. He will spend 28 days in jail, complete the DWI repeat offender program, surrender his license 180 gram, surrender his license 180 days, serve 120 hours community service and complete the TAIP outpatient program. Sheriff Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating officer, and Joe Nagy was his attorney. Shawn Grady Rogers pled guilty to DWI, third or more. A seven year prison sentence was suspended and probated was suspended and probated $\$ 1500$, and must pay $\$ 238$ $\$ 1500$, and must pay $\$ 238$ court costs and $\$ 25$ time payment fee. He will attend weekly
AA meetings, complete the AA meetings, complete the
DWI repeat offender program, TAIP outpatient program, serve 160 days community service, surrender his license 180 days, install an ignition interlock deinstall an ignition interlock despend 29 days in jail.

## 21 Days Until Hmas

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Services held for Garland Swann Services for Garland H. Swann.
84, were held at 2 PM Tuesday, De84 ,were held at 2 PM Tuesday, December 3 at First Baptist Church of Plains with Reverend Bill Wright officiating. Burial with military rites was in the Plains Cemetery under direction of Englunds Funeral Service of Slaton.He died Saturday, November 30, 2002.
He was born May 5, 1918 in EnHe was born May 5,1918 in En-

Page 3. Cowboy Country News, December 4. 2002 and Tahoka and graduated from day School class at Bacon Heights Wilson High School. He attended Baptist Church. He was past President Texas Tech before joining the Ma- of the local Pearl Harbor Assn., and rine Corps June 16, 1940. He was a the Lovington VFW. survivor of the attack on Pearl Har- Survivors include his wife; two sons, bor Dec. 7, 1941. Rex of Plains and Harold of Plano; After his discharge in 1946 he re- two daughters, Kay Swann, Plains, turned to Wilson where he farmed and Gay Kelley, Midland; a stepson, until 1951. He moved to Plains Danny Smith, El Paso; two stepdaughwhere he farmed and ranched until ters, Judy Field, Austin,, Becky Timok, he retired in 1985. He married Mary Lee Thompson $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lancaster, Cal.; A brother, Jiggs, } \\ & \text { Slaton, a sister B }\end{aligned}$ March 24, 1945 in Sle Slaton, a sister, Betty Blevins, Wilson; Sept. 5, 1998 . Smith Oct. 7, 1999 and had lisie 5 step-grandchildren. Sn Lubbock 7, 1999, and had lived in Lubbock until that time. He was a member of First Baptist The amily suggests memorials to the Veterans Memorial in Lubbock or a
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Cowgirl Action Shots


Prisma Ortiz takes free shot


## Student Of the Week

 Alldredge, a junior and the daughter of Mr. \& Mrs. Steve Alldredge. She was nominated by Mrs. Thaggard, who said" Stacie is very active in the community, Church and school. She is active in Youth and F.C.A. She has played the piano for 10 years and is very involved in band playing the flute and mallots. She has been involved in U.I.L. activities and Student Council. She was our 2002 Rodeo Queen and sold an mous amount of tickets over the summer. She fires up our
school spirit by either being cheerleader or our school masSheerleader or our school masby being the delightful, happy positive, young lady that she is!

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PISD Sports Capsule
7th Girls: The younger Lady Wranglers are having a good year They defeated Sudan 23-12. Lauren Davis topped scoring with 15 points. Joanie Bell and Katie Winn were cited for rebounding and hustle. They next downed Whiteface 31-18. Lauren again led scoring with 15 points, Katie Winn, Amber Freisen and Lauren Hise all had a good game. They finally fell to Sundown $30-20$ Lauren had 11 points
8th Girls: The older Lady Wranglers found Sundown too tough and fell 58-24. Meghan Garcia had 15 points, Nicole Culwell 8 and Caitlin Carter 1.
7th Boys: The Wranglers fell to Sundown 39-29. Scoring included Zach Ramos 7, Elias Carrillo, Kirt Alldredge and Cody Mayes 4, Juan Lara, Trent Hawthorne, Doug Conway 2, Jacob Rivera 1. Curtis Arteaga and John Tyson also saw action

JV Cowgirls: The younger Cowgirls fell to 3-A Brownfield 48 24. Scoring were Cecilia Bonilla and Sandra Gandara 6 each Priscilla Mares, Ashlie Hunter and Sarah Martinez 4 each.
JV Cowboys: The younger Cowboys suffered their first defeat of the year, falling to New Deal 51-36. Cody Flores topped scoring with 11 points, followed by T.J. Cordova and Patrick Cotton 3, Kerry Arnold Cordova and Todd Williams 4 each, Payton Bean less first quarter in their loss to Brownfield, but bounced back to make the final 62-43 score. T.J. had 13 points, Cody 12, Patrick 5, Kerry and David Escobar 4 each, Blake O'Quinn 3, Payton Bean2.
Varsity Cowgirls: The Brownfield girls were too tough and downed the Cowgirls 72-19. Jamie Covarrubias, Moriah Traweek and Kayla led scoring, and Kayla and Jessica Knight were noted for hustle and leadership.
Varsity Cowboys: Brownfield also treated the Cowboys tough winning $70-37$. The boys only managed $22 \%$ of their shots from the floor. Richard Diaz and Zach Broome had 9 points, Evan Cain 6, Angel Ruiz and Brandon Hise 4 each, Chase Howell 2, Kevin Bartly

## PHS Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks

## All A's

 9 th Grade Allison Friesen Reagan Haynes Ramiro Martinez Adam McCravey Abel Ramos All A's \& 1 B B.J. Lester All A's10th Grade Peyton Bean Evan Cain Cody Flores Mayra Flores Breck Hamm Brandon Hise Brant Huerta Kristian Morales Kerry Sisson All A's \& 1 B Patrick Cotton Marlie Diaz
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All A's 11th Grade Stacie Alldredge Sarah Martinez

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## *NOTICE*

Notice is hereby given that Plains Independent School District intends to destroy records of students who have received special education services. Records to be destroyed are for persons who received Special Education, including speech therapy services, prior to 1994-1995 school year. These records are 79355. Legal prin, (806) 456-7498, Box 479 , Pa dins,
may request copies of these records at the school.
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Marlie Diaz goes up for shot


Prisma Ortiz confronted by pair of Brownfield Lady Cubs


Daniela Lazos shoots, Jesenia Suarez, Kayla Willis wait for rebound
CCN, Plains Memorial Chapel \& Plains Chamber of Commerce will co-host a pre-Christmas Open House Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Community Building, 9 AM till 11 AM. Stop by for a visit and Christmas Cheer refreshments!


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## Senior Citizens Corner

THANKSGIVING! Tables several months of therapy bu were beautifully decorated and excitement was in the air as people arrived early and moved about visiting with one another. This was the scene on Thursday morning as the Center celebrated this annual holiday. Over one hundred and fifty turkey and dressing meals with all the trimmings were prepared and served from the kitchen by our competent staff. New names appearing on our luncheon guest list that day were Gretchen Ford, Moray Clark, Louise Welch, Daphne Harrison, Vanette Cochran, Earon Cochran, Betty Earon Cochran, Betty
Snodgrass, V.C., Snodgrass, Snodgrass, V.C., Snodgrass,
Dallas Brewer, Barbara Dallas Brewer, Barbara
Brewer, Delores Moore, Angie Brewer, Delores Moore, Angie
Mendez, Cecil Robles, Soila Robles, Lucenia Robles and Joe Leija. There were several other younger folk who were present as guests of our Senior Center members. Welcome to each one and we extend an invitation for you to come back vitation for you to co
as often as you can. as often as you can.
There are all kinds of
There are all kinds of plans as different members of the Center family entertain at home or go elsewhere to join family and friends to celebrate the holiday. We've so much to be thankful; for at this special season and probably at the top of the list, just as it was for our Pilgrim ancestors, is to live in America and have the countless freedoms we enjoy, so let us be thankful and "Please, God, BLESS AMERICA."
We congratulate two of our Senior Center family this week. Harley Evans and Mickey Hayes are married! Be happy, you two.
It is good to have Gleny Bownds back for lunch. She says she is looking forward to each day.
Ann Holland, our bookkeeper, and her husband, Walter encountered highway problems as she was on her way to SPAG he was on her way to SPAG monthly meeting this week. It fault of the highway was the fault of the highway department who towed her car to Brownfield for all expense paid repairs. She did miss the meeting, however.
Be sure to check with Gloria, our director, about the feasibility of signing up for the Pficer Share Card. This card is accepted at both of our local pharmacies and may be just the thing you have been looking for to help defeat some of your medication expense.
New officers of the Board of Directors for the coming year are Royce Hemmeline, Chairman; Walter Gayle, Vice Chairman; and June Hanneman, Secretary. Each of these folks are open to any suggestions and/or complaints you may have concomplaints you may have conThe other folks serving on the Board are Pat Altman, Reta Peeler, Jack Sessions, Charlie Gillis, Faye Black, Bob Thurston and Bruce Greer. These folk would appreciate you telling them what they are doing right to help make this Center a pleasant place for you. The Board is initiating a new policy for volunteers to aid those who find it difficult to go through the line to pick up their lunch tray. This service will precede the regular luncheon line up, so if you need help, let someone beside you know or if you see someone at your table who can use some help, please make your self available to help them. There are times when

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Come Home to CFI NOW HIRING Company : 0/0 Singles - Teams

Engagement Announced


Gale McDonnell of Austin and Jackie McDonnell of Plains are joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ingle of Susanville, California in announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Heather Spring McDonnell and Nathan Paul Ingle, both of Austin, Texas.
Grandparents of the bride-elect include Billie McDonnell, Plains; Charles Carr, Girard; and great grandmother, Edith Beckham, Odessa. Grandparents of the groom-elect include Rev. Otis and Carmen Ingle, Susanville, Ca.; and Geraldine Lucas, Susanville, CA
Heathér received a degree in Clinical Laboratory Science from TTUHSC in May, 1999 and is employed by Bactes Imaging Solutions, Inc. Nate received a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accounting by URS Corp.
The wedding is planned for May 17, 2003 in Austin, Texas.
each of us can use a bit of help driving a new, white, Chevrole and we hope this arrangement van this week! No one would will encourage those who may reveal how fast it will run need assistance to come on and between these two Yoakum oin us for lunch everyday. County towns. Our seniors from Plains are

## Thank You:

The family of Eunice Moore wish to express our gratitude to the loving and careing people of Plains. Your support with food, calls, visits and especially prayers sustained us during our sorrow. May God Bless \& Keep You!

Betty Rushing Family James Moore Family Luther Moore Family Bob Moore Family

Operation Christmas Card
Operation Christmas Card Project will be sponsored again this year by Plains Dirt Gardeners Garden Club. Dean Richardson will serve as chairman. Donations are used for cemetery beautification. Donors to this fund will have their names placed in the Community Christmas Card that is pub lished in the December 25th issue of CCN. The deadline for this edition is December 20th. Names received after the deadline will be printed in a news article but cannot be included in the Christmas Card.
Any Garden Club member may accept your donations or nations maybe left at Richardson Insurance Agency Projects that this fund have funded in the past include th South Entrance, Memorial Markers for unmarked graves Street Markers, and the Planting of Live Oak trees on the east side of cemetery. Future projects will include replacing of dead trees in the border of the cemetery.


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## Locals Grandson On FFA National Championship Team

Editors Note; The following New Mexico by winning the article appeared in the Novem- state competition in June. ber 5th issue of the Hobbs, NM NEWS-SUN, written by Jarrett Renshaw. Chance Van Dyke is the son of Brent and Kim Van Dyke, and the grandson of Plains' Bo and Sheila Stephens. The Hobbs trophy case is getThe Hobbs trophy case is get-
ting a new tenant, one like it ting a new tenan
has never seen.
Four teams of Hobbs High
School students traveled to Kentucky to participate in the national Future Farmers of America competition--with
one team winning the best in one team winning the best in the nation award in their category.
The four member team placed first in the category of agriculfirst in the category of agricul-
tural knowledge. According to Brent Van Dyke, coach and Brent Van Dyke, coach and
agricultural advisor, a Hobbs team has never placed first in the nation in any category. "We have had some students finish second and third, but never best in the nation," Van Dyke said. Van Dyke has been with the Hobbs School District for over 20 years.

## The winning team included:

 Brittanny Aguirre, Andrea Drown, Alex Hunt and Chance Van Dyke. The students earned the opportunity to represent met people from all over theChristmas Parade of Homes slated for Denver City
The Denver City High School Senior class will sponsor a Christmas Parade of Homes Sunday evening, December 8, Christmas Parade of Homes Sunday evening, December 8
from 6 pm to 9 pm , Tickets for the tour of decorated homes from 6 pm to 9pm, Tickets for the tour of decorated homes
may be purchased from any Senior student, ot from Wilma may be purchased from any Senior student, ot from Wilma
Powell, 456-8822. Eight homes are on the tour list; Mr. Billy Powell, 456-8822. Eight homes are on the tour list; Mr. Billy
Boiles, 609 Santa Fe Dr., Mr.\& Mrs Teal Covington, 210 Boiles, 609 Santa Fe Dr., Mr.\& Mrs Teal Covington, 210 Mockingbird, Mr. \& Mrs. Perry Hunt, 1227 Western Ave., Mr.

\& Mrs. Danny Moore, 309 Mockingbird, Mr. \& Mrs Jim \& Mrs. Danny Moore, 309 Mockingbird, Mr. \& Mrs Jim Brown, 1214 Belaire Ave., Mr \& Mrs Dalton Dean, 794 Marr, Mr. \& Mrs. Brian Marion, 1402 N. Ave. E, Mr \& Mrs Frank Thompson, 302 Mockingbird. A Christmas Bake Sale will be held at the Boile residence. All proceeds from the Parade of | Homes and Bake Sale will go to the Senior Project Gradua- |
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| tion. For more information, call Judy Thompson, 592-2580 |



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## From The Hack

## A few post-Thanksgiving Day

 thoughts;Thank you Lord for only allowing it once a year, my belly could never stand two.... but Christmas comes perilously close.
I'm thankful recipes for the big Gorge Day only have to be exGorge Day only have to be ex-
changed via phone between changed via phone between
female kin two weeks prior, and eight days after, comparing successes and failures.
I am VERY thankful the medical profession has taken giant steps perfecting heartburn panaceas-I only suffered some four hours Thursday before mine kicked in.
Thank you Lord, for admonishing the Bride to only kick me thrice after the meal so I would not go to sleep before all the other kin.
A special thank you, United Foods, for 39 cent per pound turkeys. You may be sued, however, for the five Bride bought at that price which now over crowd and overwork every freezer device we own.

A pretty cute follow up on the 'turkey day': The Levelland News Press featured a multipage spread of local elementary school students giving thanks for the holiday, and younger ones - ffering great culinary tips on how to prepare the turkey masterpiece meal. Here are some of our favorites;
4th grader Vanessa OjedaMy Mom makes the best turkey! So let me show you her key! So let me show you her
recipe. First I went to the recipe. First I went to the
kitchen to get the 50 pound turkitchen to get the 50 pound tur-
key. I got the supplies and they key. I got the supplies and they
were a super sized pot. Then I worked in the oven and turned it to 23 minutes to 45 minutes. You could smell my mom's fragrance on her turkey. When it starts to sizzle I take it out and put it on a fancy plate. then I light the chandeliere so my
family and I have a nice thanksfamily and I have a nice than
giving. Vanessa Ojeda. This next girl in Palmer's English classes may be Pulitzer Prize caliber; "Thanksgiving Memories" by Jessica Truitt.
"One year we stayed home for Thanksgiving and we ate turstuff and then we let our stom achs settle.

Then we always have a pie earting contest. That year we were racing the eating contest my sister Amber always wins. Well that year she wore a white $t$-shirt, I was wearing an old red t-shirt, my other sister Courtney was wearing a green t -shirt.
Well then we started and Amber had Moose Pie, I had pumpkin pie and Courtney had cherry cheesecake pie. There goes Amber eating away. I was close to beating her in it then I just had the crust left. Courtney she had a lot left and she almost puked it up.
When we finished Amber had won again. So Amber had it all over her white $t$-shirt, Courtney and I were clean. I had it up my nose and my sister Courtney had it all over her self. My dad filmed it all. Then he started filming moms legs and my mom laughed so hard she peed all over her slippers. That was the best Thanksgiving ever!'"
I would certainly go along with that, Jessica.... by the way, what do you folks do for Christmas dinner?

Tuesday's when we print CCN at Lovington's Daily Leader plant, we always steal several of their latest issues, hoping we can find something useful we can steal for our next issue
Their November 26 issue had Their November 26 issue had two front page stories, penned very well by their Ginger Granath.
The lead story, titled "New jail almost as big as Event Center" was spread across the top of page one. Directly beneath that article and a photo, another header read, "They're still burning up the old one", also by Ginger.
Intrigued, I first read story \#1, detailing plans for constructing a new, 160,000 square foot jail, capable of housing 423 in mates, and which could be expanded for another 100 beds. Construction on the new facility, a $\$ 20$ million project, is expected to start in April, 2003. OK, that's fine, well and good. What's this about burning up the old one? This article was accompanied by photos of burned mattresses, books, and smoke blackened walls in several cell blocks of the present jail. Twelve culprits from one cellblock were isolated following the blaze, and an investigation of the Saturday evening, November 23 event continues. Makes one wonder. Had the twelve learned they would not be able to watch Saturday

Night Live? Had they been served one too many Banquet frozen TV dinners? Did they miss a session of Dr. Phil while being made to exercise? Or do you think they could have heard about the new jail project, and were just ticked off project, and were just ticked off because they were confined in an old, musty jail only costing maybe a couple million, while future perps would be able to enjoy a sumptious $\$ 20$ million lockup? I suspect a few more fires in their particular cellblock could quite possibl result in their intimate familiarity with the new jail, no matter how long it takes to build.

Seen on a sexy blonde lady’ bumper.
Of Course I Don't Look BusyI Did It Right The First Time

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO ISSUE YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Commissioners Court (the Court) of Yoakum County, Texas (the Countlock A M on the 16th day of o'clock A.M. on the 16 th day of
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271.041 through Section 271.063 and Section 263.024 , as amended, Texas Health and Safety Code.

Deborah L. Rushing County Clerk and Ex
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The would fike to invite you to our First Annual Christmas Open House On Sunday, December \&, 2002 2:00 P. TR. until 4:00 P. $\mathbb{\pi}$. 510-11th Street Seagraves, Jexas Mlark \& Beth Jones

The 2002 Christmas Assistance Program will accept applications from November 27 until the December 13 deadline.
Applications will be available at the County Treasurer office in the Courthouse. Only one adult per household may register. Applicants must have a driver license or other identification and a receipt of payment from a gas or electric bill with correct address.
Food and gift packages will be delivered to eligible applicants on December 21 .

## Grand Entry



I am now taking orders for Christmas Cards. Feel free to drop by my art room.
Susie Powell
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Grand Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court On December 9, 2002 At 9:00 A.M. A Grand Jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court of Yoakum County, Texas, on December 9,2002 at $9: 00$ a.m. in the Courtroom at the Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens have been summoned to appear:
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