Cowboy Country

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

The 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 representing the state. that year. The amount for 1979 is one-half of that year's remaining 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 Cooperative to insure its financial stability, to reduce or eliminate the must pay \$207 court costs, need to finance debt, and to keep rates as low as possible. "Our 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 information, contact the Cooperative at (800) 510-5232.

PHS student athletes receive honors

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. Men-District 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. Men-Moriah Traweek. Honorable Mention nominees Sr. Jill Gray, Soph. Jesenia Suarez.

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

tion linebacker; Sr. Nick Hays, Def. End; Kevin Bartley, 2nd team punter

Criminal cases in **District Court**

Six criminal cases were heard in District Court November 25, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark

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, \$140 restitution to DPS, and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 120 hours community service, attend weekly AA (narcotics) meetings, complete the drug offender education program, 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 suspended 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-

Keni Dawnette Beck pled guilty to delivery of cocaine, less than one gram. She was fined \$1500, must pay \$140

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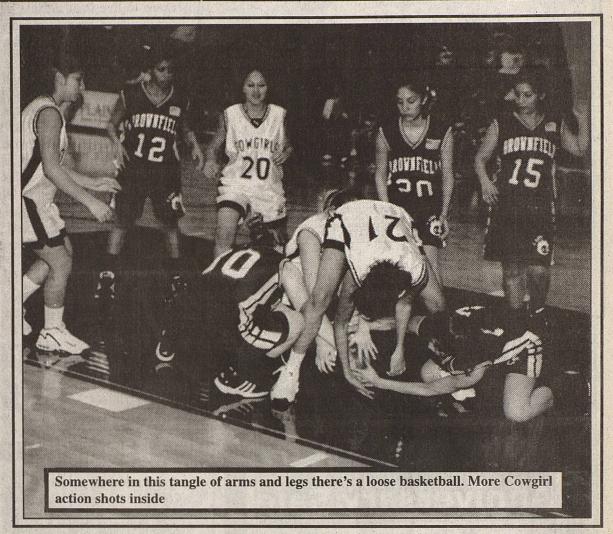
Fourth year of weevil eradication program successfully winds down

Field personnel of the Western High Plains Boll duction from the 9,752,456 acres treated in Weevil Eradication Zone are busy this week 2000. 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 from 2001. That year we found 41,683 average of .022 weevils per trap. This year's throughout the year. average catch was .003 weevils per trap," Dusek 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-

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 1,907,500 traps, and caught 4,973 weevils. This Plains District, with 13 full time district and is an 86 percent reduction in the weevil count zone employees. Dusek said cotton producers in the zone should be aware supervisory perbollweevils in 1,886,858 deployed traps, an sonnel will be available at each district office

> 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 al- that end I have found the Ten ers, players' must follow rules. ready hearing about the abuse Commandments for Parents Athletics is very demanding 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 embarrassing the kids and they are embarrassing themselves. I am also a firm believer that their 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 need to go into a game motivated to do one thing and that is win. If they are successful they should win with grace and if they are unsuccessful they should lose just as gracefully and without excuses. Toward

and Supporters of Student Athletes. I have submitted them here for your consideration and 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.

their best.

the youngster to play for them? nine months a year and they 4. Encourage your child to follow the rules. Whether they are First Stringers or Fourth String-

and coaches must concern themselves with a players' off the filed/court activities in orwould say that following them der to get maximum physical and mental performances out of their players.

> 5. 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.

2. Don't offer your child ex- 6. Don't try to live vicariously cuses if they are not playing. through your child. Athletics is Encourage them to work and do a kid's game; Let them play it. Don't show animosity or jeal-3. Don't put their coaches ously to any of your child's down. Remember the Coach teammates. This type of envy represents the "Leader", the can rub off on your child and "Authority", the "Parent", the devastate a team. Who cares "Teacher", and the "Role who scores as long as everyone Model". If you are constantly does his/her job to the fullest? bad mouthing your child's 7. Don't be know it all. The coaches, how can you expect coaches work with the players

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Court chooses pay-back option for county hospital projects

In the December 2 session of Commissioners Court, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor detailed three possible options to repay \$2,950,000 in certificates of obligation recently approved for construction and improvements projects to the hospital. After lengthy discussion on the options, prepared by Southwest Securities which will handle the certificates promotion and

sale, the court approved option sales price was \$164,617 after

#1, reproduced on page 2. In other court agenda items, County Treasurer Toni Jones from 2003 budgeted funds. reported a general fund balance October.

chase of a new fire truck for the vice Officer, effective January Denver City Fire Department 1, 2003. Baker, who served 22 purchased through the Hous- years in the US Navy reton-Galveston Council(HGAC). The trucks

trade-in and\$2000 HGAC fee. Payment for the unit will be Gerald Baker, currently First of \$6,756,121 at the end of Deputy Clerk in the County Clerk office, was appointed The court approved the pur- Yoakum County Veteran Ser-Area places retiring Johnny Jones.

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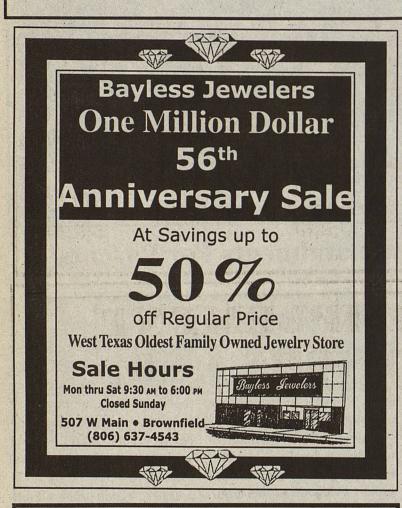
Pre-Bid Semi-Annual Principal and Interest Schedule

January 15 Principal with January 15, 2004 First Interest Payment

Option # 1

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07/15/13		-		367,200
	\$ 2,950,000	\$ 710,833	\$ 3,660,833	\$3,660,833

(a) Interest is calculated using 4.00% for illustration purposes Includes accrued interest of \$12,128.



Thank You!

for your support and vote of confidence in the General Election

It has truly been a privilige serving the people of this county and I look forward to serving you for another term

Sincerely, Vicki Blundell

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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 Texans, to encourage hundreds of thousands of additional people in Texas to pursue higher education over the next decade and more.

"An educated Texan inherits a world of unlimited opportunity, and higher education is critical to achieving higher aspirations," said Texas Governor Rick Perry. "This campaign will help empower more young Texans to live their dreams by teaching them how to prepare academically and financially for college.'

College presidents, school superintendents, and state officials joined students and teachers of J.J. "Jake" Pickle Elementary School in Austin to help kick off the campaign. It was authorized by the Texas Legislature last year and is directed by the Texas Higher 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, less prosperous state," said that people from all groups and

Commissioner of Higher Education Don Brown. "We must close the gaps in student participation and success for all of the state's people, especially for low-income groups and people in regions of the state with low college-going rates."

College for Texans also will 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 support each child's aspirations to prepare and enroll in post-secondary education.

College for Texans will reach Texas families via television, radio, newspapers, the Internet, and through a statewide network of community partners. This broad outreach approach is designed to give all people, especially families without any higher education experience, information about

the value of higher education, 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

in all regions of the state know that higher education is possible for them and that they should pursue it," said Commissioner

"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 encourage them to take the necessary steps to enroll and succeed in college. This campaign will help us do that."

The campaign is a key strategy identified in the state's Closing the Gaps by 2015 education plan, which was adopted by 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 state's population. This participation rate is lower than cate, or degree.

in New York (5.6 percent), California (6.1 percent), Michigan (5.7 percent), Illinois (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 the state's economy, according 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 are now children just beginning their formal education, but some have already left high school or college without having attained a diploma, certifi-

Information on nursing home quality available from Medicare

In a national survey conducted in 2001 by the Newshour with Jim Lehrer, the 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 homes, and one in four respondents with nursing home experience said they knew a resident who

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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-

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.

The survey, published in November of 2001, came just one week before the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, announced a sweeping new initiative to help consumers find nursing homes that consistently provide a high quality of care for their residents.

fruition this November 12th, when 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 www.medicare.gov. Individuals searching for information on the quality of care provided to residents in every nursing home in the country now have immediate, 24hour-a-day access to that information at the Medicare Web site and can use the information to help choose a nursing home for themselves or a family member.

The nursing home quality information distributed by Medicare is based on eight quality measures. They are divided into two categories, long-term residents and short-term residents. Among the measures are:

percent of residents who need

more help doing daily activities; percent of residents with pain;

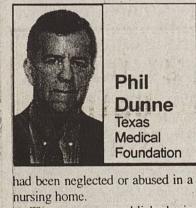
percent of residents with pres-

sure 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 condition, need and functional level of every resident of a nursing home that is certified to participate in 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 implemented a national validation process to link positive performance on each measure with good resident out-

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 selected for the initiative are risk 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 improvement initiative for nursing homes is being led by the state Quality Improvement **Organizations** (QIOs), entities that administer Medicare quality improvement 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.



That initiative came to full

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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 experienced after September 11 was in our nations airports. We have implemented more intense 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 at his time? An overwhelming 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 transition occurs.

Air cargo security. Another ports. Fifty-two percent of retransportation 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 twothirds of you felt that all cargo on passenger flights should be inspected. Ten percent felt cargo from established shippers should be exempt from inspection abd 24 percent felt that cargo should be banned from passenger flights. One Texan ground checks for employees thoughtfully suggested that even established shippers could be victims of foul play without their knowledge. The Senate passed my air corgo security bill in Novewmber, but unfortunately the House of Representatives was unable to act before it adjourned. The bill

establishes a more reliable and accountable known shipper program, with frequent inspections of shipping facilities, tamper proof identification cards for employees, and an accessible shipper database.

It also gives the TSA the power 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 question 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 nations ports. How do you think we should protect our ports? This \$1500, and must pay \$238 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 indicate that you too are concerned about the security of our 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; backwith access to secure areas, and improved identification technology for both individuals and vessels traveling in U.S. waters. While it lays the foundation for a better port security system, I will continue to push for more resources and greater emphasis on port security.

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restitution to DPS, \$225 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. She will serve 29 days in 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 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 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 seven years. He was fined court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will attend weekly 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 device on any driven vehicle, and spend 29 days in jail.

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Services held for Garland Swann

Services for Garland H. Swann. 84, 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 En-

Wilson High School. He attended Texas Tech before joining the Marine Corps June 16, 1940. He was a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

After his discharge in 1946 he returned to Wilson where he farmed until 1951. He moved to Plains where he farmed and ranched until he retired in 1985.

He married Mary Lee Thompson March 24, 1945 in Slaton. She died Sept. 5, 1998. He married Tissie Smith Oct. 7, 1999, and had lived in Lubbock until that time.

He was a member of First Baptist ergy, attended schools at Seagraves Church, Plains, and the Victory Sun-

and Tahoka and graduated from day School class at Bacon Heights Baptist Church. He was past President of the local Pearl Harbor Assn., and the Lovington VFW.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Rex of Plains and Harold of Plano; two daughters, Kay Swann, Plains, and Gay Kelley, Midland; a stepson, Danny Smith, El Paso; two stepdaughters, Judy Field, Austin,, Becky Timok, Lancaster, Cal.; A brother, Jiggs, Slaton, a sister, Betty Blevins, Wilson; 8 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Veterans Memorial in Lubbock or a favorite charity

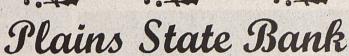












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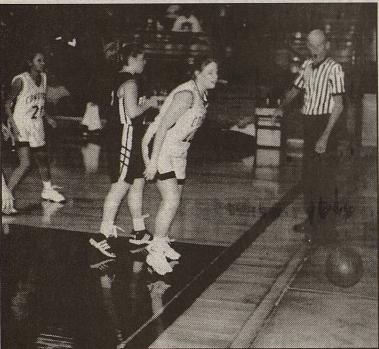
Cowgirl Action Shots



Moriah Traweek tries to move the ball inside



Prisma Ortiz takes free shot



Kayla Willis and Ref study a loose ball

Student Of the Week

Student of the week is Stacie 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 Council. She was our 2002 Rodeo Queen and sold an enor-



in U.I.L. activities and Student school spirit by either being cheerleader or our school mascot. She fires everyone up just mous amount of tickets over the by being the delightful, happy, summer. She fires up our 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 5 each, Arnold Cordova and Todd Williams 4 each, Payton Bean 3, Kerry Sisson and Brandon Davis 2 each. They next had a scoreless 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 1.

PHS Honor Roll 2nd Six Weeks

Grady McNabb

Helena Neufeld

Nolan Newsom

Carmen Ponce

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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 located at Plains ISD, (806) 456-7498, Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355. Legal parent / guardian or adult student with disabilities

may request copies of these records at the school. *AVISO*

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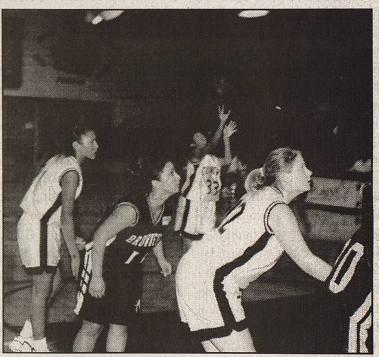
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Marlie Diaz goes up for shot



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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were beautifully decorated and is seeing some improvement excitement was in the air as each day. people arrived early and moved about visiting with one another. and her husband, Walter en-This was the scene on Thurs- countered highway problems as day morning as the Center celebrated this annual holiday. monthly meeting this week. It Over one hundred and fifty turappears the problem was the key 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, Share Card. This card is ac-Earon Cochran, Betty Snodgrass, V.C., Snodgrass, Dallas Brewer, Barbara thing you have been looking for 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 as often as you can.

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; Thurston and Bruce Greer. probably at the top of the list, just as it was for our Pilgrim doing right to help make this 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

THANKSGIVING! Tables several months of therapy but

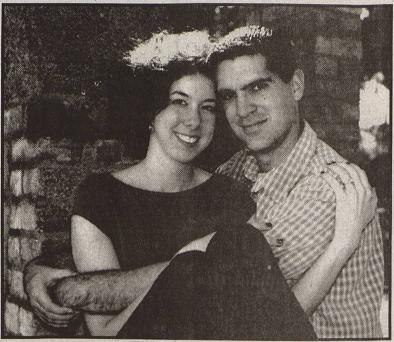
Ann Holland, our bookkeeper, she was on her way to SPAG fault of the highway department who towed her car to Brownfield for all expense paid repairs. She did miss the meeting, however.

Be sure to check with Gloria, our director, about the feasibility of signing up for the Pficer cepted at both of our local pharmacies and may be just the 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 concerning your Senior Center. The other folks serving on the Board are Pat Altman, Reta need assistance to come on and between these two Yoakum Peeler, Jack Sessions, Charlie join us for lunch everyday. Gillis, Faye Black, Bob for at this special season and These folk would appreciate you telling them what they are 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

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.

Heather 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, Chevrolet and we hope this arrangement van this week! No one would will encourage those who may reveal how fast it will run

Our seniors from Plains are

County towns.

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**

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 Dyke, and the grandson of said. Plains' Bo and Sheila Stephens. The Hobbs trophy case is getting a new tenant, one like it has never seen.

School students traveled to Kentucky to participate in the help," Chance said. national Future Farmers of America competition--with the nation award in their cat-pared.

first in the category of agricultural knowledge. According to Brent Van Dyke, coach and state," Van Dyke said. "Once agricultural advisor, a Hobbs we knew we were going to nateam has never placed first in tionals they studied even the nation in any category.

"We have had some students finish second and third, but never best in the nation," Van for over 20 years.

The winning team included: hours," Van Dyke said. Brittanny Aguirre, Andrea Drown, Alex Hunt and Chance

For Hunt, 15, and the others, it was a special moment.

"We were the best in the counthe son of Brent and Kim Van try. Number 1 out of 50," Hunt

> Chance, 15, said he looks at the bigger picture when it comes to the award.

"Colleges know how much Four teams of Hobbs High work it takes to win this kind of competition and it can only

As part of the competition, the students took a test, for which one team winning the best in they say they were well pre-

"It took me 15 minutes to fin-The four member team placed ish the test while it took some others two hours," Hunt said.

"They studied hard to win the harder."

According to Van Dyke, they began compiling information in June. They then studied over Dyke said. Van Dyke has been 3,000 questions and a large with the Hobbs School District amount of statistical data. "They studied hundreds of

"The trip was great. It expanded my horizons, and we Van Dyke. The students earned met people from all over the the opportunity to represent country," Chance said.

Christmas 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 from 6pm to 9pm, Tickets for the tour of decorated homes may be purchased from any Senior student, ot from Wilma Powell, 456-8822. Eight homes are on the tour list; Mr. Billy 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 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 Graduation. For more information, call Judy Thompson, 592-2580

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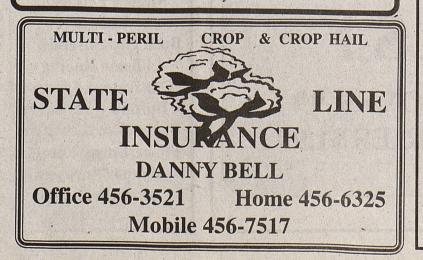


Operation Christmas Card

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 published 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 donations maybe left at Richardson Insurance Agency.

Projects that this fund have funded in the past include the 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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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 exchanged 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 offering great culinary tips on how to prepare the turkey masterpiece meal. Here are some of our favorites:

4th grader Vanessa Ojeda-" My Mom makes the best turkey! So let me show you her detailing plans for constructing recipe. First I went to the a new, 160,000 square foot jail, kitchen to get the 50 pound tur- capable of housing 423 inwere a super sized pot. Then I worked in the oven and turned it to 23 minutes to 45 minutes. giving. Vanessa Ojeda.

glish classes may be Pulitzer jail. Twelve culprits from one Prize caliber; "Thanksgiving cellblock were isolated follow-Memories" by Jessica Truitt. ing the blaze, and an investiachs settle.

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 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 one one out

Intrigued, I first read story #1, key. I got the supplies and they mates, and which could be expanded for another 100 beds. Construction on the new facility, a \$20 million project, is ex-You could smell my mom's frapected to start in April, 2003. grance on her turkey. When it OK, that's fine, well and good. starts to sizzle I take it out and What's this about burning up put it on a fancy plate. then I the old one? This article was light the chandeliere so my accompanied by photos of family and I have a nice thanks- burned mattresses, books, and smoke blackened walls in sev-This next girl in Palmer's En- eral cell blocks of the present "One year we stayed home for gation of the Saturday evening, Thanksgiving and we ate tur- November 23 event continues. key and cranberries and all that Makes one wonder. Had the stuff and then we let our stom- twelve learned they would not be able to watch Saturday

Then we always have a pie Night Live? Had they been earting contest. That year we served one too many Banquet were racing the eating contest 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 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's bumper

Of Course I Don't Look Busy-I 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 County), shall convene at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of December, 2002, at its regular meeting place in the Yoakum County Courthouse, and, during such meeting, the Court will consider the passage of an order authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$2,950,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the County to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (1)

constructing, renovating and equipping the County hospital, (2) the purchase of material, supplies, equipment, machinery, land, rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes relating to the County hospital, and (3) payment for professional services relating to the construction and financing of the aforementioned projects. The Certificates will be payable from the levy of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property within the County and additionally from a lien on and pledge of certain net revenues derived from the operation of the County's hospital.

The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and persuant to the provisions of the Certificates of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended, Texas Local Government Code Section 271.041 through Section 271.063 and Section 263.024, as amended, Texas Health and Safety Code.

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Plains & Tokio Residents:

Denver City Residents:

Billie D. Howell, Escquiel Morales, Elva Ruiz, Taylor William Gray, Marty Lee Rubio, Cecilia Moreno, Ross Howell Terry, Sonya K. Loya, Joe Charles Deaton, Denise Ann Humphrey, Debra Leann Crump, Linda Hernandez Lozano, Frank Rene Morales, Johan K. Bergen, Billie O'Neal, Phillip Jay Rushing, Victoria Leann Lamar, Stephenia Green Blount, Stacie Kay Earnest, Einrich Wiebe Fehr.

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