# Cowboy Country News 



[^0]- YCH Foundation annual Gala in


## final plan stages

The very first fund raising event staged by the Yoakum County Hospital Foundation was a solid success New Year's Eve, December 31, and the fourth Gala event promises to be "be bigger
and better", according to many volunteers helping plan the event. and better", according to many volunteers helping plan the event.
Because New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the 'fun and fund raising' bash will take place at 7 PM, December 7 at the downtown Denver location of 116 North Main Street. According to current reports of ticket sales, if you plan to be part of the nights events you should purchase your tickets NOW -
Only 200 hundred will be sold, and tickets must be shown at the
entry door.
This year's theme for the event is " Denim \& Diamonds presen the Carribean Cowboy " night of food, fun and dancing. During the evening bot Silent and Live Ausctions will be held, with bidding on some fabulous prizes up for grabs - valuable firearms, a
trip for two anywhere Southwest Airlines flies in the United States. trip for two anywhere Southwest Airlines flies in the United States.
At this time $\$ 20$ tickets are being sold on a custom designed golf cart - the vehicle may not improve your game but your transportation around the course should draw plenty of attention.
Movers and shakers boosting the Denim and Diamond affair include Suzie Parker, Gala chairperson,Joanna Marion, decorations Denise Dean, fundraising chair, Mara Fortner and Joe Kay, fird chairs.
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$\$ 100$ tickets for the fourth annual event can be purchased most of
the above volunteers, as well as Edith the above volunteers, as well as Edith Kidd, Sandy Bell, Terri
Deaton, Janet Andis and Beverly Mills. Deaton, Janet Andis and Beverly Mills.
Funds raised by the Gala will help the YCH Foundation purchase equipment for the hospital. The last three Denim and Diamonds Gala have funded the purchase of the following hospital equip$\$ 23,000$, new patient beds; $\$ 7,400$, patient room TV's; $\$ 7,276$, room IV poles; $\$ 9,971$, IV poles and infusion pumps; $\$ 4,700$ for patient


Friday, November 3, is last day for Early Voting !!

## Opening of new classroom signals quantum leap for Learning Center

Souit Panas colvege and Work Source of the South Plains held a grand opening of the new Interactive Television classroom October 23 at the Yoakum County Learning Center in Denver City. The ceremony focused on educational opportunities not only in general education curriculum, but will provide courses essential in training area students in the always expanding fields of the medical industry,
Kathy Clark, director of Yoakum County Family Literacy, told dozens of well wishers and guests at the opening "The partnership between Work Source and SPC has
taken the Yoakum County taken the Yoakum County The ITV classroom is a culFamily Literacy program to a mination of distance learning higher level of educational efforts to provide education services for county and area services to Yoakum County residents. This ITV classroom and area towns, with assistallows students the opportu- ance and support from sources nity to complete their educa- other than SPC, Work Force tional goals close to home." and the Learning Center; One of the speacial features Yoakum County Hospital, of the new classroom is a giant Denver City and Plains two way monitor and compu- School Districts, Yoakum ter. The instructor is seen and County Commissioners heard by the students, and they Court,Region 17 Educational are able to address questions Service Center, city governand information to the instruc- ments of both Denver City tor in 'Live Time'. This inter- and Plains.
action provides the atmosphere Making welcoming and conof a traditional class room. gratulatory remarks at the Work Force provided the tech- grand opening were Denver nological equipment for the City Mayor David Bruton, Dr. ITV classroom, and South Kevin Sharp,Pres. of SPC Plains College is offering a va- Martin Aguirre, Work Source
riety of subjects which will be


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Tufnbough, Executive Director Denver City Chamber, representatives of US Senator John Cornyn and US Congressman Randy Neugebauer. Dr, Kevin Sharp, SPC, explained and demonstrated the

Cowgirls advance to Area competition


Cowgirls get final word from Coach Eddleman before practice scrin mage against Brownfield October 28
He Cowgirls finished second in District 3-1A with a win over McCamey, and started the play-off action too late to make this issue of CCN. They faced Water Valley for Bi-District honors.
 game's total 48 , running 60 of- Cowboys simply could not one yard on the ground in 9
rushing attempts, and only 48 yards in 17 runs the second yards.
The Eagles took the opening kickoff and quickly set the tone of the game. From their 43, they quickly ground out two first downs and a 19 yard dash around left end for a 6 point lead.
The Cowboys could not move the ball, and Mayes punt gave the Eagles the ball on their 34. They ran the ball for three quick first downs before Cowboy defenders Antonio Martinez and Sergio Olivas
sacked the quarterback for a sacked the quarterback for a
nine yard loss and the Cowboys were in possession at the

Chase Guetersloh's throw to Mario Ruvalcaba was inter-
cepted, and the Eagles were off cepted, and the Eagles were off to two quick firsts, but a fum-
ble forced a field goal and the Turn To Page 4, COWBOYS

Elect Tim Addison
Yoakum Co. Commissioner Precinct 4


In the past few months, I have been fortunate to meet and discuss the issues with many of you. I appreciate all of your comments and I tried to compile a list of things that you told me were important to you. Space limits me in mentioning all of them, but I would like to touch on some of the major points.

- Taxes and Finances- Commissioner's Court has a responsibility to spend you tax dollars wisely. A workable budget must be created and strictly adhered to Cost overruns and unplanned spending can lead to raising your tax rate
- Improved Roads and Streets- Agriculture and Oil are the two main industries in our county. They depend heavily on a road system that will adequately meet their needs. Roads in poor repair not only affect productivity but can create an unsafe environment.
- Capital Improvements and Expenditures- New projects must be carefully evaluated to see that their cost does not outweigh their benefit. Most proposals brought to Commissioner's Court have some merit but must compete for a limited amount of funds. Projects must be categorized in order of their impact on the citizens of Yoakum County in relation to their cost.
- County Services- We are very fortunate to live in a county that has a large tax base in proportion to the size of its population. This allows us to maintain an outstanding medical complex as well as a very capable law enforcement agency. We must not allow these services to be interrupted because of a lack of adequate funding. A conservative approach to spending on new projects must be implemented with special attention given to future associated operating costs.
have lived in Yoakum County for 43 years and have owned and operated my own farm since 1985. My wife, Judi, and I have three children and we attend First Baptist of Plains where I serve as deacon. I have served as President of the Plains ISD Board of Trustees and currently serve as Vice President of Yoakum Co. Farm Bureau. Upon completion of my education at Texas Tech in Economics and Finance, I worked in Denver City at Wells Fargo as a Business Banker. I feel that my experience in banking and running my own business for 21 years has given me a unique perspective of County Government. Please help me keep Yoakum County a great place to live by supporting me with your vote on holp me keep $7^{\text {th }}$

Early Voting thru November $3^{\text {rd }}$
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RE-ELECT JACK COBB County Commissioner Precinct No. 4 Yoakum


Election time is almost here and I encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Early voting is from Oct. $23^{\text {rd }}$. to Nov. $3^{\text {rd }}$, and regular voting day is Tuesday, Nov. $7^{\text {th }}$. I am the current Commissioner of Precinct 4 .

Yoakum County has been my home for most of my life. I am a graduate of Plains School and hold a Bachelors Degree from Howard Payne University along with a Masters Degree from Texas Tech University. I taught school for fifteen years, twelve of those serving as a High School Principal. I have farmed and operated my own aerial spraying business.

My wife Janelle and I have three daughters, Kristi, Karen, and Kemi. I have served on the Plains School Board, am in my twentieth year of serving on the Yoakum County Hospital Board, and am a Deacon for First Baptist Church of Plains

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In the last eight years, serving as Commissioner of Precinct 4, I have had the Opportunity to become familiar with County Government and feel certain that I can continue to make, decisions that will benefit the citizens of Yoakum County. am very committed to Yoakum County Hospital and will do everything I can to keep it as a viable institution in our community.

Your vote for me as Commissioner of Precinct 4 and the opportunity to continue
to serve the People of Yoakum County would be greatly appreciated.

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## Services for Willie Mae Jones

Willie Mae Jones, 74 , passed
away Thursday, October 26 in Denver City. Menver City. ber 8, 1931 to Shird and Josie Lee in Crosbyton. She attended school in Hereford and has been in Plains 45 years. Mrs. Jones was a dietician for Plains Independent School Distrit for 30 years. She retired in 1993. Her favorite hobby was reading. She read 90 books in one year, Westerns and Mystery novels. Her other hobbies included yard work and fishing.
On November 1, 1952, Willie met the love of her life Curl Jones. They were married in Clovis, New Mexico. He preceded her in death in January, 2006. Those left

## memory include her son

## Routine c

In the October 30 session of Com granted to dispose of old nonable office equipment, fixtures and furniture at the Community Super vision office here.
Human Resource Directo Freda Johnson requested the court's approval to purcahse

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Canyon, a sister Lela Wilson of Garland. She left two grandchildren, Kimberly Jones and fiancee Stanley Turner, Tandi Moore and husband Matt. a great grandchild, Cade Moore She also left numerous niece. and nephews
She was preceded in death by two sisters. Eva Shanahan and Claudia sisters.
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Services were at 2 PM SaturBaptist Church in 2006 at First Baptist Church in Plains, Rev. Bill Wright officiating. Burial followed at Plains Cemewtery
The family requests memori-
als be made to the Yoakum County Library, PO Box 419 Pla
Personal services were provided by Mirk A. Jones Funeral Dire ors/Plains Memorial Chapel
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equipment for her office includa HP color laser printer for $\$ 831$ and a four drawer. locking file cabinet for $\$ 509$. Bids were from CTSI and Tascosa Office Supply, and were approved. A memorial valued at $\$ 27$ to the Cecil Bickley Library in Denver City for a memorial to Ruben Solis was approved. A bid of $\$ 500$ on Lots 52-53 Blk. 11 S. Addition Denver City held by Yoakum County Prop erty in Trust was accepted from Jim Hunnicut was accepted to restore the property to tax rolls. A bid of $\$ 600$ on lots 35 and E/2 lot 34 in the Newman addition from E. Loya was ac cepted to restore the property to tax rolls.
Ken Barnes, representing the chief architectural firm in the development of the proposed

County Law Enforcemnt Center project reported he had received three propósals from construc ion firms requesting being named the Construction Man-ager-at-Risk for the multi-mil lion dollar project. Following discussion, the Court agreeed to study the proposals and postpone any decision until the Court ses sion November 13. Proposal discussed were furnished by Templeton Construction San Angelo, EBCO Genreal Con ractor, Cameron ConGen Con A\& Amarillo. Construction Contractor:


## JP Court

## Summary

The following is a summary o
cases filed and bonds set in Pct 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases filed"
29 traffic : 2 public intoxication Bonds set: $\$ 1000$ Burglary of building- $\$ 3000$ Driving suspended license$\$ 500$
No driver license- $\$ 500$ Driving under influence alcohol by minor- $\$ 500$ Bond forfeiture/DWI- Gaines County-S1500 FWI- $\$ 1000$
Alcoholic beverage, dry area S1000
Aggravated kidnapping 5100.000

Motion to revoke probation. DWLS- Denied Theft- Andrews County- $\$ 500$ Assault causing bodliy injury/ amily violence- Andrew County-S500)

Voters across Texas are currently taking advantag of our early balloting procedures and making their preferences known for those who will serve in federal, state and local office If recent trends are any indication, fewer than half of all eligible voters will cast a ballot by time polls disturbiong The United States has be This disturbiong. The United Star leader in promoting democracy around the worl and we shouldn't take it for granted here at home Though it hass't been widy noted, we ve made steady progress in recent decades to help exten human rights and democracy to millions of people worldwide Freedom House, a non-profit, non-partisan zation w. fing por dand eno freedom, dos an annal sarvey of politcal conditions around the globe, evaluating coun tries based on their open political competition, re spect for civil liberries, and independence of thei countries - accounting for less the In 1972, only 42 corld's - accounting for less than a quarter of the But by last year that number increased significantly, with 89 countries advancing to the "free" category, people. The entire Western Hemisphere ( except for Cuba ) has moved to "free" or "partly free" during that time, thanks in large part to U.S. leadership. Unfortunately, their remains large segments of the globe, including Russia, China and the entire Arab world, that remain in the third Freedom House category. not free. $\qquad$ ing democracy When human rights are respected, ing democracy. When human rights are respecte including equality for women and minorities, the potent reminder to us all of the freedoms we enjoy discontent that breeds terrorism is removed. History I urge Texans to help keep our democracy strong eaches democratic governments are far less aggres

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From Pg. 1, Cowboys another score and 22-6 lead
-0 lead to start the second pe-
riod. Cowboy ground game went nowhere, and Mayes was forced to punt to the 47. Two quick Eagle dashes went 47 yards to cross the goal and a 15 point lead.
With just over two minutes left in the first half. Chris Addison threw effectively to Rudy Gonzales for 21 yards. Chris Gonzales for 4, Guetersloh for 9 and another first down, Justin Vasquez for 15 and another first down, but then Addison was sacked for a 11 yard loss at the 16. The Cowboys called time out with 12 seconds on the clock. On fourth down, Addison launched a Hail Mary
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clock ran out for a halftime 15 clock ran out for a halftime 15 -
6 score. In the third period the Cowboys managed a pair of first downs from runs by Mayes and
Tyson and receptions by Ramos and Rudy Gonzales, but they and Rudy Gonzales, but they
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own with managed a first Mayes, but a fumble gave the Eagles the ball at the 45 . and on second down they would score again for the final 35-6
Individual performances included rushing by Tyson for 36 yards. Mayes 34. Addison completed 18 of 31 passes and no interceptions. Rudy receptions,Chris Gonzales 3 Mayes ? Ramos Guetersloh, J. Vasquez and Scott Addison 1. Leiding tacklers were J. Vasquez 8. Braden Loya 6. Cody Mayes 5. C. Gonzales, M. Ruvalcaba and S. Olivas 4 each. Vasquez was credited with a quarterback sack, and $A$. Martinez and $S$. Olivas shared a sack The Cowboys have only two games remaining on the schedule. Morton and Smyer. They have not given up. nor should you give up on them.


## P.I.S.D. Happenings

Jr. High Football:
The 7th grade Wranglers dropped a close 29-24 game to Lubbock Christian Jr. High October 26 in Lubbock. They were powered by three touchdowns and three two point conversions by Miguel Carrillo. Defensively they had fumble recoveries from Jesus Chavez, Miguel Carrillo and Hunter Parrott. Parrott. Carrillo, Sam Melendez, Gerardo Rojas and Shawn Flores all contributed quarterback sacks. Coach Steven Bunch said "Our kids showed a ton of heart and character. It would have been easy to give up. The Lubbock team was mostly 8th grade athletes." The 7th graders record is now 3-2.
The 8th Junior High team visited O'Donnell and beat them 22-0. In the first quarter Dylan DeBusk found Jeffrey Barrientes open for a ten yard scoring pass, then threw a two point conversion pass to Robert Reyna. In the second quarter DeBusk again found Barrientes open for a 11 yard scoring throw, and Jaron Bell ran the two point conversion for a 16-0 score. The defense continued the shut out, and Jaron Bell's four yard run made the final score 22-0. Coach Tom Harvey praised the 8th graders for staying focused, particularly the defense which didnt allow their goal line to be threatened. Their recerd is now also 3 and 2

## PHS Volleyball

On Oct. 24 the JV Cowgirls beat McCamey 25-18 and 25-15. Jasmine Mares had 7 digs, 5 kills, 5 assists, 3 aces, Courtni Asebedo had digs, 7 kills, 5 assists, Lydia Whitzel had 3 digs, 3 kills. Abby Hernandez had 8 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace, Natalie Haynes had 4 digs, 3 kills. 1 block, Natalie Butler 3 kills, 2 aces, Brittany Thomas 2 digs. Teresa Anderson 1 dig, 1 kill . The JV ended the season with an overall record
of $8-13$ and district record of $4-2$ of 8-13 and district record of 4-2
The Varsity Cowgirls also beat McCamey 25-17, 25-11 and 25-11.
Joani.Bell had I dig, 15 kills, 6 blocks, Katie Winn 6 digs, 10 assists, Joani. Bell had 1 dig, 15 kills, 6 blocks, Katie Winn 6 digs, 10 asssists,
Reyna Gallegos 9 digs, 3 kills, 2 aces. Deisraye Broome had 4 digs 7 Reyna Gallegos 9 digs, 3 kills, 2 aces. Deisraye Broome had 4 digs, 7
kills, 1 block, 2 aces. Lauren Hise had 1 dig, 4 kills, 4 blocks, 2 askists. Liz Perez 5 digs, 13 assists, 1 ace, Regina Morales 20 digs, M'Leah McKinzie 5 digs. The Cowgirls had a district record of 6-2 Mnd are District 31 1-A runner up. On October 28 they played a warm and are District $31-A$ runner up. On October 28 they played a warm
up game against Brownfield and lost $24-26,25-23,19-25,27-25$ and 13-15. Joani had 8 digs, 13 kills, 12 blocks, Katie 6 digs, 18 assists. 1 ace, Reyna 19 digs, 2 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace, Desiraye 4 digs, 8 kills, 10
blocks. Lauren 10 digs, 5 kills, 3 assists, 7 blocks, Kimber Williams 7 blocks. Lauren 10 digs, 5 kills, 3 assists, 7 blocks, Kimber Williams 7 Meghan Garcia 13 digs, 2 kills. M'Leah McKinzie 12 digs. The Cowgirls overall record was 19-13.

## Student of the Week



Student of the Weeks is Bradon Loya, a junior and the son o Alfred and Sonya Loya. He was nominated by Matt Hill, who said " We are constantly evaluating students potential and trying to help them rise to meet those abilities. It can be frustrating when a student has so much capoability, but does not seem to be reaching toward it. On the other hand, sometimes a student will suddenly 'wake-up' and begin doing the quality of work we had always suspected they were capable of. Bradon has recently had an academic awakening. Dread of misbehavior in the classroom and feeble half-hearted attempts at learning have been replaced with attentiveness, along with consistent accuracy on work and high marks on different exams. For me, it is awakening such as. these that keep me coming back to teach more."


Zach Ramos, Rudy Gonzales foil an Eagle pass


Liz Perez, Lauren Hise, Desiraye Broome


Katie Winn, 4, passes the ball

K. Williams, Joani Bell guard the net


The crew waits for serve

## Math/Science Team Competes at Coronado

 The Plains High Math \& Science team traveled to Lubbock to dents from Plains made the trip. Seniors were Landon Craft, Angelica Mendoza, Colby Wilmeth; Juniors, Kurt Alldredge, Ryan Crump, Lauren Davis, Amber Friesen, Edgar Munoz and Hunter Liu; Sophomores Zachary Guerra, and Yesenia Loya and freshmen Brandon Craft, Emilia Gallegos, Seong Jae Kim Nathan McCravey and Justin Taylor. They competed in the A AAA division with students in their own grade level. Results below include number sense (NS). Calculator (Calc), Mathematics (Math) and Science (Sci)Brandon Craft-10th math: Emelia Gallegos 7th math, 4th SCI; Seong Jae Kim Ist NS. Ist Math: Justin Taylor 10thCalc, 9th Sci: Zach Guerra 4th Math, 2nd Sci: Yesenia Loya 1st Calc, 7th Math, 5th Sci; Kurt Alldredge Ist NS, 6th Calc, 1st Math; Ryan Crump 9th Math: Lauren Davis 3rd Calc, 8th Math: Amber Friesen 7th NS. 1st Calc, 6th Math. 5th Sci.; Edgar Munoz 4th NS, 3rd Math:
Hunter Liu 8 th N : 2nd Math: Landon Craft 5th Math; Angelica Mendoza 5th NS, 4th Calc. 6th Math: Colby Wilmeth 7th Math. Congratulations to all.

# Lifelines of Styles 

## A TRIP HOME

Editors Note: The following has been circulating the halls of PISD, an hought it more than worthy for these pages:
Last week while traveling to Chicago on business I noticed a Marine sergeant traveling with a folded flag, but didn't put two and two together. When we boarded I turned to the sergeant who'd been invited to sit in First Calss, just across from me, and asked if he was heading home. He said no, so I asked if he, was heading out. He said ' No, I'm escorting a soldier home,' I asked if he was going to pick him up, and he said, 'No, he's with me right now. He was killed in Iraq. I'm taking him home to his family.'
The realization of what he had been asked to do hit me like a punch in the gut. It was an honor for him. He told me although he didn't know the soldier, he had delivered the news of his passing to the soldier's family and felt as if he knew them after many conversations in the few days. I turned back to him, extended my hand and said ' Thank you. Thank you for doing what you do so my family and I can do what we do.' Landing in Chicago, the pilot stopped short of the gate and announced, 'Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to note we have been honored with having Sergeant Steeley of the United States Marine Corps on this flight. He is escorting a fallen comrade back home to his family. I ask that you please remain in your seats when we open the forward door to allow Sgt. Steeley to depalne and receivbe his fellow soldier. We will then turn off the seat belt sign.' Without a sound all went as requested. I noticed the sergeant saluting the casket as it was brought off the plane, and his actions made me realize I am so proud to be an American. So here's a public Thank You to our military men and women for what you do so we can live the way we do. Stuart Margel, Washington, DC


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Joe and Denise Humphrey of Plains are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Ashli Danielle to Jarod Galvan of Denver City. The future Bridegroom is the son of Arthur and Melissa Galvan of Denver City. The Bridegroom is the grandson of Bill and Marietta Guetersloh formerly of Plains. The Bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Plains High School and is currently attending South Plains College studying Physical Therapy, The Bridegroom is a 2006 graduate of Denver City High School and is currently employed at Extreme Powder Coating Inc. in Denver City. The couple will join in marriage July 6th, 2007

## A Summer Sunday Morning

He was just a litle boy, on a week's first day.
He was wnadering home from Sunday
School, dawding on the way. He scuffed his shoes into the grass - he found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod, and blew out all the 'filler'.
A bird nest in a tree overhead, so wisely placed so high, Was just another wonder that caught his eye. A neighbor watched his zig zag course, and hailed him from the lawn,
Asked where he'd been that day, what was going on.
"I've been to Bible School," he said, , and turned a piece of sod. He picked up a wiggly worm, replying, 'I've learned a lot of God." "A very fine way," the neighbor said, "for a boy to spend his time. If you'll tell me where God is I'll give you a new dime." Quick as a flash the answer came, nor was his accents faint. "I'll give you a dollar, Mister, if you can tell me where God ain't." Courtesy Jean Craft

The Plains Booster Club will meet Wednesday, November 1, 8 PM in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library. Parents of athletes and other interested fans are invited to attend to help make plans for the year.


## Tsa Mo Ga members hear health tips <br> By Rennetta O'Quinn

Family Nurse Practitioner Mark Anna spoke to Tsa Mo Ga members October 23 with medical hints and information. Program coordinator Zareta Winn introduced Anna who addressed the topic of "Medical Awareness For Ladies." His focus was on the, most prevalent problems affecting women today; heart disease, diabetes, cancer, stroke, Alzheimer's an
shingles. "A woman's chance of having a heart attack is equal to a man after menopause," Anna said, citing loss of estrogen as a factor in women's risk.
As for Alzheimer's disease, Anna said, " Treat your brain like a muscle - use it. Read, keep the mind active, use discussion. Diabetes can be controlled by diet and exercice and eating les processed foods. "Keeping sugars out of the body is important and making it a lifestyle, what you do day after day." he said. As for shingles, Anna said, " The quicekr the treatment the bet ter." His advice on the controversy of flu shots: " Taking one is advisable."
Hostesses for the meeting were Sarah Field. Maria Hernandez and Rennetta O'Quinn.

## Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson
Welcome from the Center. The week has been better but we still grieve for the loss of our member Billy Ray Moore. We have learned that sooner or later we are going to lose members. We all age and the day will come when we have to leave the earth, hopefully for a better place in Heaven. I know that is where Bill Ray is, well and happy, as I know Benny Bridges is also. I hope all who read this column will also be there someday. We are also praying for the family of Elaine Hicks Schneider.
We have finally heard from Spencer Randolph. He has moved to a retirement center close to Granbury, near his kids. He will be missed, always smiling, such a good man. The site council met Tuesday, and we are planning a bake sale before Thanksgiving and another before Christmas. They always go well and help raise money for the center. We also need bookcases. If anyone has an old bookcase no longer needed you can donate it to the center. We have quite a collection of books and not enough cases.
The center is a wonderful place for seniors to fellowship together and laugh. with lots of hugs and smiles. I encourage any seniors in Plains and Denver City to come see us. If unable to drive, the center has a van to pick you up and after eating lunch take you home. We have home deliveries in both towns if you qualify. Our cooks are unusually good and there is plenty of food, but they have to know numbers to prepare for, so its important you call before you come to eat.
We thank the Good Lord we have such a great place. We are still looking for a director. Ayde is doing a wonderful job in the office, but we still need a leader. Pray we find the right one and pray the weather stays good for the cotton and peanut farm-

I've always been independent, and I don't see how it conflicts with femininity......... Sylvia Porter

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From The Hack

I had the distinct honor of being invited to participate as the most senior member of a distinguished group of mass culinary, less than genius men last Sunday - the First Baptist Men's All Too Often Exhibition Of Culinary Sheer Ignorance, the men taking over the cavernous kitchen where all sorts of mysterious utensils and vessels rest peacefully until numbers of men show up at hardly Holy Hours, jerking at hardly Holy Hours, jerking
open drawers and doors, mut-- tering, " jeez, I wonder what they do with this gizmo? Looks like a torture tool from the Inquisition!", which naturally created the natural response, " What's an inquisition?" Eager to be helpful, one would - be chef opined, "It's something they use in this new thermal/ nuclear cooking routine," only to be rebuffed by an even more advanced genius, "Oh, Bosh, it's a new style potato masher, that's all!" The first twenty minutes went fairly well. At least $3 / 4$ th the chefs now had aprons on, probably 18 percent on the correct side of their anatomy. One 'cook' however had managed to tie his thumb so tightly aged to tie his thumb so tightly
behind his back his face was turning purple, and an experi-

enced, well trained cook sped forth with knife in hand to free the now swelling thumb, frightening the guy so badly he screamed and fled towards sanctuary at the Church of Christ to the north. It is rumored he will probably return to the fold when he learns they do not have a piano. Some thoughtful, efficient organizer had laid out the essentials for the AM Feast - At least a small pig farm of bacon and sausage, probably three days production of eggs from four East Texas counties, A HumVee load of pancake stuff, enough gravy mix it had to be wallowed around in a 55 gallon barrel - when the Majordomo of the Olympic sized event said in his military best voice, " OK, troops, time to get cooking - Let's start some sizzling!" Easy for him to say - he had somehow come up lame overnight, his foot and ankle wrapped about the size of a New Tex Gin cotton bale. Well, perhaps a bit larger. At that moment I was seri ously thinking, " Go AWOL! NOW ! Churches don't shoot you for deserting! Do They?" you for deserting! Do They?"
At that time the guy who At that time the guy who
stands behind the podium each Sunday stroled in, all cheery and glowing. The atmosphere changed abruptly. One 'cook' reported he had no idea he was talented enough to crack two eggs at the same time whie chewing gum. One guy without a cooking job was unanimously elected chief pot washer, and
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ately was dispatched to be "Alright men. you have two would have made even Old Adams described politics as " hidden in the dirty linen barrel choices: You can get started Blood and Guts George proud. the systematic organization of - which probably puzzled the cleaning up this pig stye, or I felt so good about the uplift- hatreds." The word politics has clean up ladies the next day, come listen to me preach and ing experience the first thing I real meaning-poly means who'd never heard a dirty table face the regular kitchen ladies did when I got home was to look many, and ticks mean bloodcloth Clank! in the morning.
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