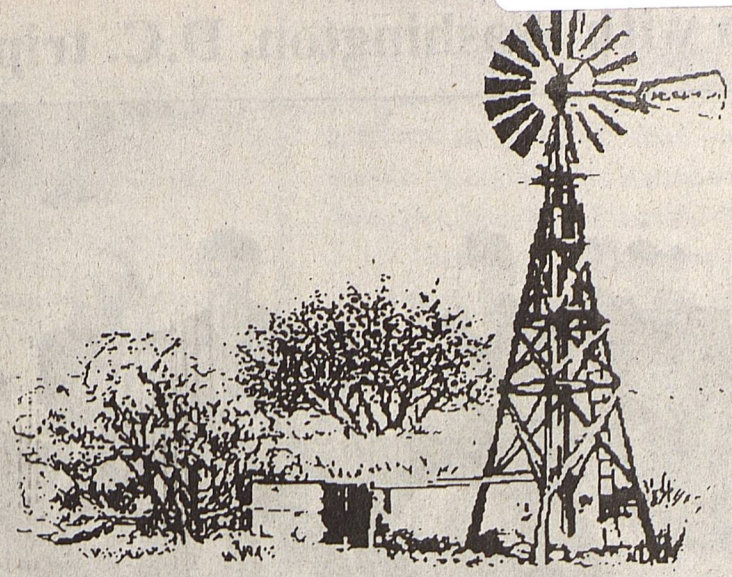


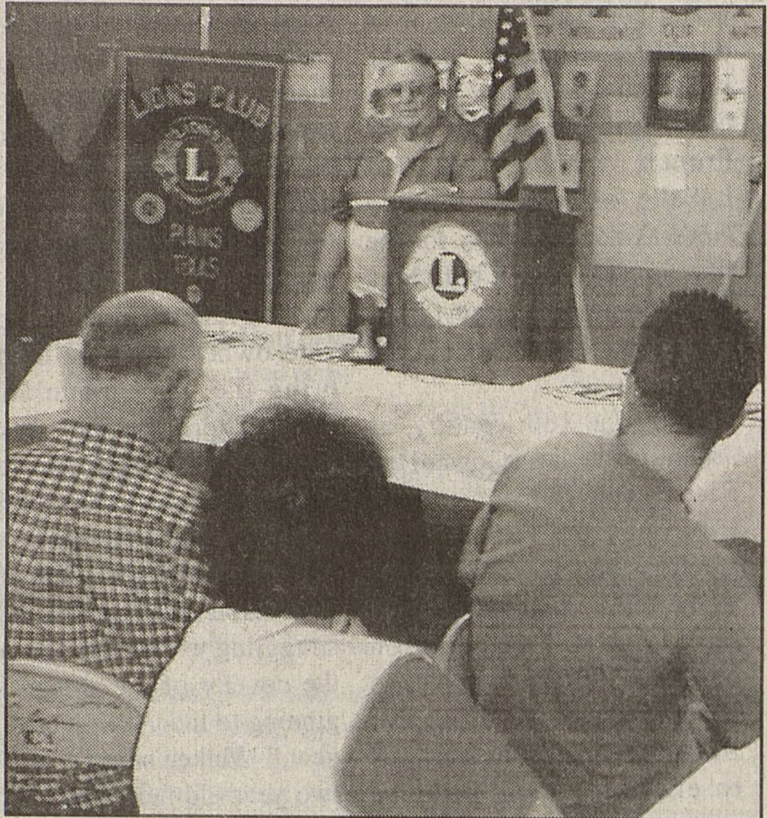
# Cowboy Country News

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## Lions updated on Girls Town



Wayne Ward, guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Plains Lions Club and Chairman of the Board at Girls Town, expressed appreciation to the club for their continued support of the Cal Farley affiliated home for girls aged 9 through 18.

The facility currently has 50 residents. Ward said the home now has a full staff of professional counselors, and the cottages housing the girls all have two house parents and relief parents. The girls attend school in Whiteface and participate in all extra-curricular activities. They attend Chapel Services at the Girls Town facility. Ward told the Lions the girls can attend college after graduating from high school, thanks to generous donations. He reported area Lions Clubs have played a major role in the success of Girls Town with their contributions and participation in annual events.

## Criminal cases heard in county court

In County Court July 30, Fernando Guterrez Gonzalez pled true to causes of revocation of community supervision from a prior DWI case. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with credit for 25 days served. On August 4, Paul Christopher Trevino pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test refused. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs, \$200 court appointed attorney fees, and \$25 time payment fee. He must complete the DWI first offender program, serve 24 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, and spend 72 hours in jail, with credit for 6.5 hours served. Bill Helwig served as his attorney, and Jason Wilson, Denver City Police, was investigating officer.

Judge Dallas Brewer presided in both sessions, and the state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

## 'Throwing' Yoakum County Around

Plains Chamber of Commerce members Toni Jones and Tina Davis display a full color sample of a decorative Throw depicting what Yoakum County is noted for - ranch scenes, oil production, cotton fields, rodeos, wine grape vineyards, and of course, the county's famed watermelons.

The two ladies displaying the Throw volunteered to come up with proposed artwork for the fund raising effort, and spent many hours reviewing sample art from the milling company in North Carolina. The black and white photo does not do the full color design justice.

Chamber officials are confident the Throws will arrive in plenty of time for the upcoming 8th Watermelon Round Up August 30. Only 100 throws have been ordered, and all Chamber members are now taking advance orders for the Throws.



## Routine Session Of Commissioner Court

In the August 11 session of commissioners court, County Treasurer Barbara Wright delivered an amended 2nd quarter Investment Report, accepted by the court.

Bids were opened for all of Block 139, Original Town of Plains, held for delinquent taxes. A bid in the amount of \$1,500 from Joe Humphrey was accepted for the property. Another bid from Linda Lozano in the amount of \$2,000 on the property could not be accepted, as it specified the bid was for all of Block 39 in Plains.

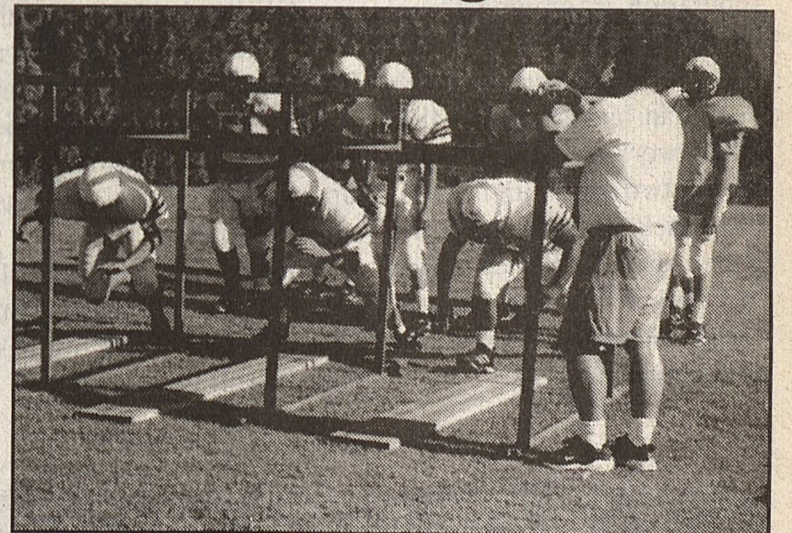
A bid of \$500 from John Friessen was accepted on lots 2 and 4, Block 6, Second Addition to Allred, also held for delinquent taxes.

## Heat wave eases.... a little, anyway

According to Duncan Axisa, meteorologist for the Southern Ogallala Aquifer Rainfall program (SOAR) stationed at the county airport, July was hot, but August has been considerably hotter.

According to charts prepared by Axisa for CCN, the month of July saw only four days of one hundred degree or more heat. August started off with one hundred on the first day of the month, which continued for another seven days, through August 8. Hottest day in the period was Sunday, August 3, when the mercury hit 104.1 - and nary a drop of rain yet.

## Cowboys working hard for upcoming season

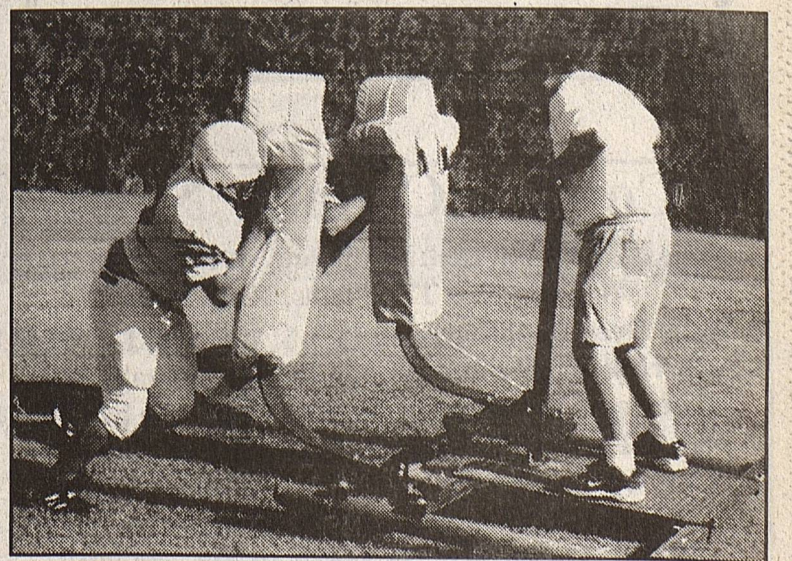


Cowboy linemen learning to keep low and DRIVE!

Cowboy head football coach Blake McWhirter, asked if this year's team could post a better record than the 2002 Cowboys, who were winless, didn't hesitate when he replied, "You bet they can. It's all about attitude. If we can instill a 'want to' attitude in these guys, we'll do alright."

Cowboy faithful will get a sneak preview of the upcoming season when they scrimmage Lorenzo here Saturday morning at 10:30. Another scrimmage is scheduled against Hale Center here August 22, and the first game of the season will also be at home against Farwell August 29.

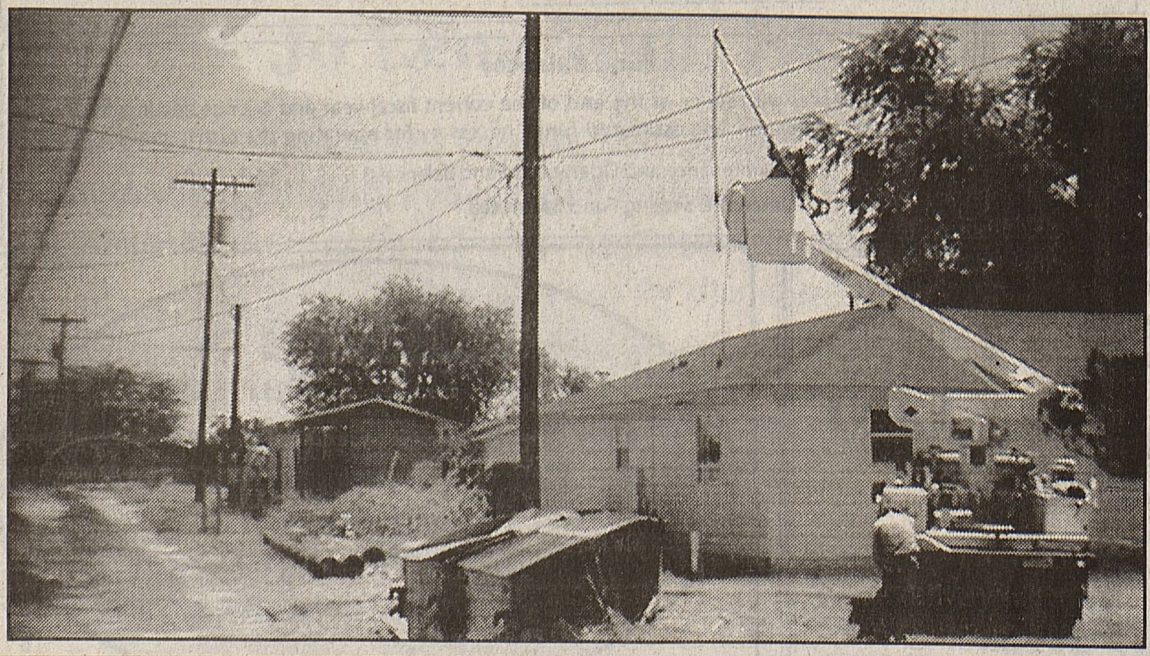
Coach McWhirter listed Ryan Martinez, Richard Diaz, Armando Ramirez, Nolan Newsom, Grady McNabb, Zach Broome and Isaac Ramon as returning starters from last year's squad. "We're trying to develop the will to fight in these guys. Fighting for a win builds character. If we can develop this, we'll be better than last year."



Pair of Cowboys crunch into blocking sled manned by Coach Davis



Around 1:20 PM last Wednesday, August 6, this Central Freight truck pulled down a cable TV line, and distribution line carrying electricity to some 120 local Lea County Electric Cooperative accounts on the north side of town, in an area north from 4th Street to 1st Street, between Avenue A and Avenue Q. Lea County Electric linemen crews had lines repaired or replaced to about 90 member accounts by 2:35 PM, but some 30 accounts along Avenues C and D were without power until about 5:30 PM. No injuries were reported in the potentially very dangerous incident.



## Local students say "THANKS" for help with Washington, D.C. trip



This group of Plains ISD students enjoyed a summer time educational and sightseeing trip to the nation's capitol, reported earlier in CCN. Shown above in front row, Nicole Culwell, Skylar Keesee, Meghan Garcia, Joe Louis Gallegos, second row, Todd Williams, Abel Ramos, B.J. Lester, sponsor Kyley Bearden, Caitlin Carter, back row Colby Wilmeth, not pictured Douglas Conway. The students expressed their thanks for the community's support, and helped make the trip possible by purchasing Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in a fund raising project, and special thanks to these organizations, firms and individuals for their assistance; Dairy Queen, Johnnie's Restaurant, Lalito's, Chamber of Commerce, TsamoGa Club, Fine Arts Club, Evertt McAdams, Lowe's, Ag Insurance Plus, Life's A Party, PHS Student Council.



## Obituary

### Services Held For Linda Bass

Linda Bass, 58, died on August 3, 2003, in Georgetown, Texas. Daughter of the late Arnold C. and Gladys L. Schlueter, she was born in Sioux Rapids, Iowa and spent much of her youth in Wichita, Kansas. At 19, she moved to Kansas City and began working at Hallmark Cards, Inc., where she established a career and a national reputation in organizational design, management, and training. She earned her bachelor's degree in business at UMKC while working full time and raising two sons with her husband Jack L. Bass. Upon her retirement in 1999, they moved to Georgetown. She enjoyed bridge, international travel, and volunteer work.

In addition to her husband, Linda is survived by her son Darren S. Bass, her daughter in law Robin, and her twin grandchildren, Blake and Makenzie of McKinney, TX; her son Brian T. Bass of Denver, Colorado and her sister, Karen S. Budd of Oak Park, Illinois.

Memorial services were held on August 11, 2003, at 10:00 am at Wellspring United Methodist Church in Georgetown. The family suggests donations to Hospice Austin's Christopher House, 4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78759.

"She was a remarkable woman, wife and mother, but most of all she was my best friend". JLB

### Locals attend firefighter training class

Four of Plains Volunteer Firefighters recently completed training during the 74th Annual Municipal Texas Fire Training School July 20 thru 25.

Each summer, the annual school enrolls more than 2,500 fire prevention, suppression, control and safety personnel from municipalities, industries, state and federal agencies and the armed forces, representing over 775 cities from 25 states and numerous provinces and countries.

The annual school delivers five days of vigorous classroom lectures and hands-on field exercises at one of the largest fire training facilities in the world, and is sponsored by the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEK), a member of the Texas A&M University System. Plains firemen completing the course included Alex Barrientes, Jerry Dominguez, Tony Perez, and Michael Barrientes.



## Where the bison roam

More than 30 million bison, commonly called buffalo, roamed North America at the beginning of the 19th century. According to the National Bison Association (NBA), the number could have been as high as 60 million.

In this year's legislative session, HB 641 was passed, recognizing the bison's role in Texas history and changed its official designation from exotic to an animal considered wild and indigenous to Texas, and adds bison to the Health and Safety Code's definition of livestock, which includes cattle, sheep, swine, goats and horses.

Bison have been in Texas since long before American settlers moved west. Findings at the Lubbock Lake Landmark archaeological site have revealed evidence of a bison kill more than 10,000 years ago. It is this long standing tie with Texas that Hugh Fitzsimmons, president of the Texas Bison Association (TBA), says the organization hopes to preserve and honor. "It's about respect for an animal that is part of Texas," Fitzsimmons says. He adds when bison were removed from the endangered list, officials did not know how to classify them, so they were placed on the exotic list.

"They're not exotic," he says. "It's like having a bald eagle categorized in line with an English sparrow."

Craig Walker, also with TBA, agrees. He says bison provided a source of clothing and food for early settlers and workers in the West.

"They're indigenous to the state," Walker states. "They're the largest land animal to survive the ice age. Without them, we probably would not have been as successful in this state as we have been."

Bison may have ranged across North America for 10,000 years, but early on they went by a different name - buffalo. Fitzsimmons says they were incorrectly dubbed buffalo by the French explorer, Robert LaSalle, who upon seeing a North American bison for the first time called it a buffalo, a name commonly used for its European counterpart, the Wisent.

During the 18th century, as settlers pushed west toward the Pacific, only Native American tribes and the Plains Bison stood in their way. According to the NBA, Texas Representative James Throckmorton opined in 1876 the best way to handle the presence of Native American tribes in the west was to eliminate their primary source of food and material - the bison. By the end of the 19th century, only about 1,000 bison remained.

The slaughter of bison was halted in time to save the species from extinction, but the bison's general nature contrib-

uted to its decline.

Charly Seale, executive director of the Exotic Wildlife Association (EWA), says, "They're not wild. They're domesticated, like cattle. The reason the buffalo almost became extinct is because they stand around. They're not exactly the smartest animal in the world, and can be hunted rather easily."

The TBA claims, though, bison are still wild animals and need to be treated that way, from their interaction with humans to the fencing required to keep them penned. Bison can move as fast as 30 miles per hour and can clear four foot fencing, something cattle cannot do.

Conservation efforts and private ownership have helped bring the bison population back. There are now bison herds in all 50 states, and have come back from near extinction to a population believed by the NBA to be as high as 350,000. The bison industry has been struggling with prices low and the novelty of the animal beginning to fade. "It's a buyer's year," Walker says. A one to two year old heifer would get you \$1500 in the late 90's. Now, it might bring \$800."

Material for this article courtesy Fiscal Notes, a monthly publication of the Texas Comptroller Office

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Plains Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Office August 25, 2003.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates				
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ -0-	\$ 1.50	\$ 14,278	\$ -0-
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.55	\$ .175 *	\$ 1.725	\$ 15,478	\$ -0-
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.325	\$ .175 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 14,965	\$ -0-

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

	Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence	
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$34,010	\$ 38,187
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$13,484	\$ 16,962
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$202.26	\$ 254.43
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 52.17

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.725. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.725.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,550,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

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2003		Property Tax Rates in		Yoakum County	
<p>This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for Yoakum County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.</p>					
	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund			
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>					
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 6,817,084	\$ 1,198,325			
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0	\$ 0			
Last year's total taxes	\$ 6,817,084	\$ 1,198,325			
Last year's tax base	\$ 1,716,587,534	\$ 1,713,361,914			
Last year's total tax rate	\$ .397130 /\$100	\$ .069940 /\$100			
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>					
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 6,813,913	\$ 1,197,702			
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 1,770,227,545	\$ 1,767,000,165			
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ .38491 /\$100	\$ .06778 /\$100			
Total effective tax rate	\$ .45269 /\$100				
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ .46627 /\$100				
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>					
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 6,813,913	\$ 1,197,702			
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 1,770,227,545	\$ 1,767,000,165			
- This year's effective operating rate	\$ .38491 /\$100	\$ .06778 /\$100			
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ .41570 /\$100	\$ .07320 /\$100			
+ This year's debt rate	\$ .01877 /\$100	\$ 0 /\$100			
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ .43447 /\$100	\$ .07320 /\$100			
This year's total rollback rate	\$ .50767 /\$100				
<b>Statement of Increase/Decrease</b>					
If Yoakum County adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ .45269 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2002 taxes by \$ 161.00					
<b>Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances</b>					
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.					
Type of Property Tax Fund	Permanent Improvement	Balance			
General		259,959			
Road & Bridge Precincts		1,282,564			
Jury		41,476			
<b>Schedule B - 2003 Debt Service</b>					
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).					
Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment	
	\$ 210,000	\$ 122,551	\$	\$ 332,551	
<i>(expand as needed)</i>					
Total required for 2003 debt service			\$ 332,551		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$ 0		
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0		
- Total to be paid from taxes in 2003			\$ 332,551		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100% of its taxes in 2003			\$ 0		
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 332,551		
This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Yoakum Co. Tax Office - Ave G & Cowboy Way, Plains, Tx. Name of person preparing this notice: <u>Berry N. Rivas</u> Title: <u>Tax Assessor/Collector</u> Date prepared: <u>08/08/03</u>					

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The Four County Shared Services Arrangement provides special education services for students from birth to age 22 who live in the Brownfield, Denver City, Loop, New Home, O'Donnell, Plains, Seagraves, Tahoka, and Wellman-Union school districts. Services are provided for the speech, visually or hearing impaired, and also provide for the learning disabled, emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded and for students with health or physical disabilities who attend public school, private schools, or home schools. If you know of a child who needs services, call (806) 637-8448 or your local school district for more information.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Yoakum County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.0 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 22nd at 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
FOR the proposal: Dallas Brewer, Woody Lindsey, Ben Coston, Ty Powell, Jack Cobb  
AGAINST the proposal: None  
PRESENT and not voting: None  
ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home, this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 37,888	\$ 38,366
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 37,888	\$ 38,366
Tax rate	.46707/100	.50767/100
Tax	\$ 176.96	\$ 194.77

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$ 17.81 or 10.0 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$ .0406 per \$100 of taxable value or 8.7 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

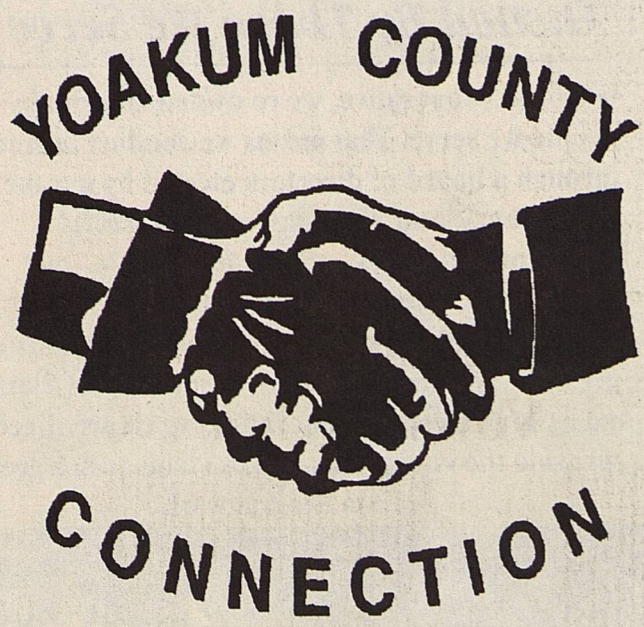
**Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):**  
The Yoakum County Auditor certifies that Yoakum County has spent \$ 13,824 in the previous 12 months beginning August, 2002, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Yoakum County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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**Games & Rides**

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**Fun Run**

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**Big Melon Contest**

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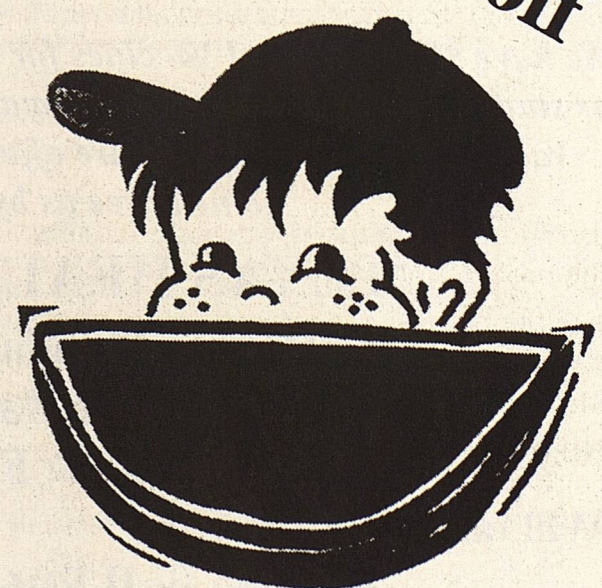
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# Lifelines & Styles

## Mary Lou Parks Surprised With Birthday Celebration



Mary Lou Wolfenberger Parks was honored with a birthday celebration week-end July 25-26 in Weatherford, Texas, at the Holiday Inn. Russell Warren, grandson, planned and organized the event. As Mary Lou arrived, she was greeted by a host of relatives and friends. The reception room was decorated by Patricia Rodrigue, granddaughter, with various pictures from different periods of Mary Lou's life including one of her 4th grade class of 1923-24. Friends and relatives continued to register and visit throughout the day Saturday. Zion Hill, the longtime home place of the Wolfenberger family, was the setting for the highlight of the week-end. Jordan Warren, great granddaughter, began the birthday party by singing The Star Spangled Banner, assisted by other great granddaughters Tatum Warren, Shelby Rodrigue, and Carole Osborne. The prayer was led by Weldon Parks, Mary Lou's son. A catered Bar-B-Q dinner was enjoyed by approximately 100 family and friends. Her great grandchildren sang Happy Birthday as she blew out the candles on a beautifully decorated yellow and white cake.

Mary Lou was certainly surprised and thoroughly enjoyed visiting. She will be '90 years young' on September 6. All four of her children and spouses attended which included Weldon Parks, Kittie and Harold Armstrong, Janelle and Jack Cobb, and Lela and Jim Warren. Ten grandchildren along with seventeen great grandchildren attended.

## Scholarship Winner



PHS 2003 graduate Liz Wilmeth was the recipient of the Annual Clark Scholarship, presented in memory of his parents by Richard Clark. Liz is the daughter of Ty and Mary Wilmeth, and will attend Howard Payne University this fall.

## Plains High School Registration

Registration for Plains High School students will be Monday and Wednesday, August 11 and 13, in the foyer of the high school. Students are strongly urged to attend at the assigned times to review their class schedules and chose a locker for the school year.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 11** Seniors 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Juniors 1 - 3 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13** Sophomores 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Freshmen 1 - 3 p.m.

## Senior Citizens Corner

We had several guests this week during the lunch hour. Rojean Therwanger and Sandra Holt were guests of Wanda and Layne Black; Mike Hanneman had lunch with his parents, Elmer and June; and Brenda O'Neal joined her mother, Billie O'Neal, for a lunch of turkey and dressing.

Everyone was delighted to see Thelma Smith come walking in at lunchtime this week. She was in town for the day and took time to come and greet everyone. She reports that she is getting well settled in Snyder and is enjoying the Senior Center there. She says the many choices of games are delightful but the food doesn't compare with Denver City. For those wishing to contact her, the address is 1911 Martha Ann Blvd, #103, Snyder, TX 79549. Sally Sims brought her oldest sister, Dorothy, to lunch this week. They are enjoying a long visit together. Sally says she and Johnny are making plans to move to the Dallas Area to be near their son.

Thanks to Anna Taylor for her lively and informative health program again this month. The individual fruit treats she brought for everyone were delicious.

A big thanks from all of the Bingo players to the anonymous donor of a new Bingo set. It makes the job of calling numbers much nicer, and it appears that we had a nice group of winners again this week.

Marsene Beattie enjoyed a nice, long visit with her oldest daughter, Nelda Coutee, from Pineville, Louisiana, this week. Marsene says Nelda has been ill, so it had been too long since their last visit.

Within two weeks we will have all of the information

about the computer class for seniors. We have been working with the school on this project and they will let us know when and where the class will be held. There is still time to get your name on the 'sign-up' sheet. The class is free to seniors and the information we've received thus far indicates that the textbook cost will be \$12.00 for those under sixty.

Mark your calendar for August 20th! We will be having a Health Fair sponsored by Right Way Medical and Covenant Home Health. From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be blood pressure checks, foot screening, and fitting for shoes in the gymnasium. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

We had four folks who lined up for their birthday photo on Monday. They were Zelma Boone, Ed Hicks, Harold Brown and Sandra Wells. Congratulations to each of you!

We leave you this week with this thought: "What a difference a century makes." In 1903...The average life expectancy was forty-seven; 14% of the U.S. homes had a bathtub; 8% had a telephone. There were 8,000 cars in the U.S. with 144 miles of paved roads and the maximum speed limit in most cities was 10mph. The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour. More than 95% of all births took place at home. Most women washed their hair only once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. The population of Las Vegas was 30. Only one in ten U.S. adults could read or write. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented...It boggles the mind to think what it will be like in another 100 years.

## ACT Deadline

Deadline for juniors and seniors to register for the September 27 administration of the ACT is August 22.

Students may pick up registration packets from counselor Cindy Davis at the high school. Packets will be available until the registration deadline.

Students who do not make the August 22 postmark deadline may register late for the September test, but will have to pay a late fee.

The ACT will also be administered in December and February at Plains High School.

## Kirkendall-Burrus Vows Exchanged



Katherine Diane Kirkendall and Clint Field Burrus were united in marriage July 26, 2003, at First United Methodist Church in Seguin. Performing the ceremony was the Reverend Jim McClain. Music was provided by the bride's aunt, Kate Acuna; the bride's uncle, Joe Kirkendall; organist Thomas Engler; and the Guadalupe Valley String Quartet. The bride is the daughter of W.C. and Alice Kirkendall of Seguin and the granddaughter of Mrs. Charles Elam Scull Jr. of Seguin and Mrs. Walter Murray Kirkendall of Austin, Tx.

The groom is the son of Tommy and Sarah K. Burrus of Plains, TX., and the grandson of Mrs. Robert Field of Plains, TX., and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Burrus of Gail, TX.

Maids of honor were Margaret Ann Kirkendall of Waco, TX, and Sarah Christine Bodenman of San Antonio. Bridesmaids were Addie Lynn Reed of San Diego; Amy Scull Skaggs of Waco, TX; Megan Michelle Scull of Los Angeles; Cynthia Eileen Cooper of Fort Worth, TX; Ann Elizabeth Raney of San Antonio; Courtney Michelle Cristiani of Austin, TX. Flower girls were Sarah Elizabeth Doherty of Lubbock, Tx and Emily Margaret Acuna of Austin, TX.

Best men were Joseph Bidal Alexander of Georgetown, Tx and Mark Nathan Stoner of Houston. Groomsmen were Charles Alan Cogan of Houston; William Robert Key of Dallas; Samuel Elam Kirkendall of Seguin; William David Caldwell of Lubbock, TX; Savador Albertus Lopez of Georgetown, TX; and Nathaniel Gifford Walter of Austin, TX. Ringbearer was William Thomas Doherty of Lubbock, TX.

Ushers were Matthew Terrell Stevens of Plano, TX; John Francis Marrs of St. Louis, MO; and Robert Warren Frets of Seguin.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at The Gardens at Nolte Farms with music provided by The Sonata Band of Austin. Members of the house party were Kelly Christine Hayden, Betsy Lynn Knight, Jordan Eileigh Head, Susan Elaine Cates and Kristin Diane Scull.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Southwestern University. She is attending Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Southwestern University. He is attending Yale School of Architecture in New Haven, Conn.

***I don't know anything about luck. I've never banked on it, and I'm afraid of people who do. Luck to me is something else; hard work and realizing what is opportunity and what isn't.***  
Lucille Ball

## First United Methodist Church

1202 Avenue G - Plains, Texas  
456-3727



**Sunday Schedule**  
Children's Choir - 9:45 am  
followed by Sunday School  
Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Morning Worship - 10:45 am

***If God is your co-pilot,  
You need to switch seats!***

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Plains, Texas

**Sunday School**  
9:30 am.  
**Morning Worship**  
10:45 am.  
**Evening Program**  
6:00 pm.

# From The Hack

By time this issue goes into circulation Wednesday morn, August 13, I will have abstained from Demon Nicotine exactly three decades, four years and 28 hours. That, of course, is how long my abstinence seems to me. In truth, I have not had a cigarette (Note- At the mention of that word, I salivate like a Labrador dog seeing a flying duck, a hungry baby seeing a full bottle of what ever gruel they feed 'em now) since 5.32:06 Monday eve, August 4 in the Year of Our Lord. Seems just a flickering moment to you, doesn't it? Just a walk in the park, tra-la-la, la-la-la-la. It seems like a life

spent in Alcatraz to me. Before I was enlightened about the evils of smoking, I was accustomed to leisurely reading the paper at home in the morn, having coffee with the Bride, later a bit of breakfast, and at that time I would stretch, get up, pack my Clark Kent suit in the camera bag, and leisurely stroll to my pickup after bussing Bride goodbye, of course. I would buckle up, ease away from the house very calmly, stop at the stop sign, turn right slowly, lights flashing, and when straightened out, claw frantically, desperately, feverishly at the cubicle above the dash where I kept my... my.... ( I'm trying to type cigarettes, but I am drooling so bad on the keyboard it is getting slimy) Marlboro's. When I returned home, telling Bride I might be on the trail of a Pulitzer prize winner, she would sniff me... yes, sniff me! " I swear I know you have been smoking," she would shriek. " Who, ME?? ", I would de-

mand, and I would immediately go on the offensive; " I've been to Johnnie's drinking coffee, trying to pick up a big story... I can't help it if I'm forced to sit next to those degenerate tobacco fiends and they blow the stuff on me!" It got so bad, or I became so intelligent, I found another scheme to confuse her and any other Holier Than Thou Types: I bought mouth wash by the quart, aftershave stuff by the barrel, and breath killer gum by the case. I'd smoke three in a row, down the mouthwash and chomp half a pack of gum, slap a bit of Pre-Sex Spice aftershave on, bounce in the door, cheerfully announce my presence. The Bride would emerge from wherever, give me a kiss, and scream, " You piece of rotted swine-carp, you've

lessening, my ticks and twitches are more or less under control, and the Bride is no longer pretending to sleep early morns, while actually keeping an eye on me to make sure I don't succumb to a panic attack. The chain attaching us together at the wrist is rather reassuring to her, too. Just to cover all bets, she has bribed

all the riff-raff at Johnnie's and the Dairy Queen to squeal on me should I weaken. She has seen to it Attorney Paul New has all the needed divorce papers on his desk, requiring only her signature should I weaken and fall off the tobacco wagon. Not to worry..... I have QUIT!

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### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Plains Independent School District offers vocational programs in Agriculture and Industrial Arts. Admission to these programs is based on need, interest, and ability.

It is the policy of Plains Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Plains Independent School District will take steps to ensure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocation programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator/ 504 Coordinator, James Haynes, at P.O. Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355, (806) 456-7401.

### FORMA DE MUESTRA

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Plains Independent School District tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

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### \*\*NOTICE\*\*

#### THE CITY OF PLAINS WILL CONDUCT A BUDGET HEARING

Monday, August 25, 2003 on the proposed FY 2003 - 2004 Budget

The hearing will be held at 5:45 p.m. at City of Plains City Hall 1015 Avenue F

The Public Hearing is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend this hearing, please contact City Hall at 456-2288 at least 4 hours in advance of the hearing.

**District Clerk**  
Applications will be taken for a part time (maximum of 80 hours per month) District Clerk of Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District at 1305 Cowboy Way, Plains, Texas  
Apply in person or Mail Resume & References to: Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District P.O. Box 420 Plains, Texas 79355 Until 4:30 p.m., August 27, 2003 806/456-3703 Ext. 3  
Applications will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, or the presence of a non-related medical condition or handicap.

What About?...I don't think anyone would argue that it has been hot lately. The temperature 100 degrees! Can you imagine what it was like when our founding fathers came to this area? No air conditioning, had to drink hot water because there was no refrigeration, and dug holes in the ground for homes. Of course, in today's time, we all think we are burning up when it gets to about 85 degrees! My how things have changed...or have they? Think about our men and women serving our country in the Middle East. They are working and living in about the same conditions as our founding fathers except temperatures are up around 130 degrees in the daytime. Many soldiers have not had a cool drink of water for weeks or even months. There is very little air conditioning in Baghdad for the soldiers so it is first come first serve. Many get there too late to sleep. At night when soldiers are sleeping, it's still in the upper 90's. Can you imagine sleeping without air conditioning in that kind of weather? Do you also know we have about the same number (last I heard) of soldiers in Iraq as when the Gulf War began? Many continue to visit our web site at www.majonesfuneraldirectors.com and contribute to our "Help Our Troops!" campaign. We are still in need of supplies, boxes ( about 12 inches square) and stuff to send. Currently we are sending over First Aid Ice Bags. They are about 4x5 inches and get cold only when crushed. Some of the soldiers we have heard are putting them in their water to have "ice." (The military doesn't buy ice). Others place them in their helmets. We are also sending our usual list of personal hygiene items plus anything that can be put into water to make it taste better. They say it is terrible over there and smells as bad as it tastes. So, the next time we are grumbling about it being hot over here, think about our men and women in the Armed Services. They are living in hotter conditions than we. Until next time...Mark A. Jones



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**A one-more-time friendly reminder...**  
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Get it to us by noon Friday, or all bets are off!

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