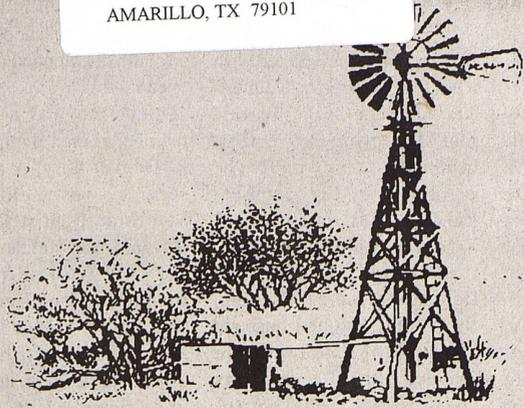


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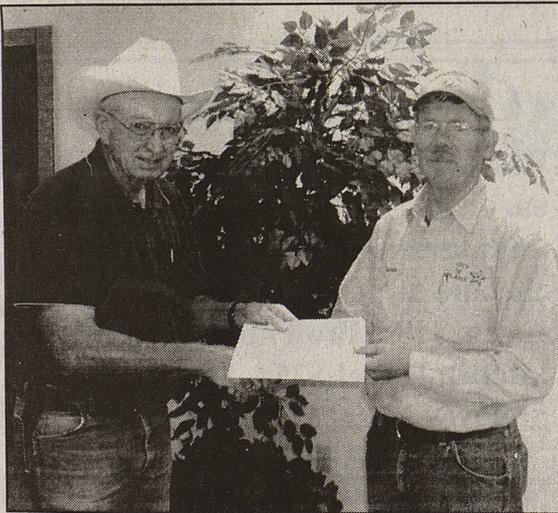


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We are looking for stories, anecdotes and yarns happening in Yoakum County between 1907 and 2007. Write it down on a single sheet of paper, or e-mai Brenda Canada - bcanada@crosswind.net to preserve your heritage and a chuckle. Names, locations and dates are important to include if possible. You may turn in your cherished work to either Yoakum County Library or any Historical Commission Member. Yoakum County Historical Commission also reserves the right to edit for length and prose. However, every effort will be made to include your story in the publication. Your story is due by OCTOBER 31, 2006! The Historical Play Committee meets October 5, 6 PM at the Plains Library (call Christy Canada at 456-8992) and the Museum Committee meets October 12 (call Jeannette Head 456-7450) if you are interested in helping with either of these Centennial activities.

We will give you a penny for your thoughts!

Farm Bureau assists with fire training



Lanny Smith, President of the local Farm Bureau, recently presented Plains Volunteer Fire Department Captain Charles Diamond a Farm Bureau check for \$675 check, used to defray expenses of the annual Municipal Fire Training School held on the campus of Texas A&M University. The school is one of the largest gatherings of volunteer fire fighters in the nation, who get hands-on training with the latest equipment available to protect small rural communities. The local department has been sending volunteers to the school for some ten years. Attending this year were Diamond, Jesus Mendia, Arnold Perez, Tony Perez, and Alex Barrientes.

ORCA awards go to area applicants

State Representative Delwin Jones (R-Lubbock Dist. 83) has announced several awards have been made within this district by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA). Funds will go to a variety of undertakings which benefit people in the area.

Yoakum County Hospital will receive \$9,280. An award of \$350,000 will go to Gaines County and will assist Loop Water Supply to correct water supply and distribution deficiencies.

Cochran County will receive
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The Cowboys may have simply been sick and tired of looking good on the stat sheets following earlier losses to Anton and Sudan, for in the third game of the season against the Springlake-Earth Wolverines, they not only dominated the statistics columns but shut the Wolverines out convincingly.

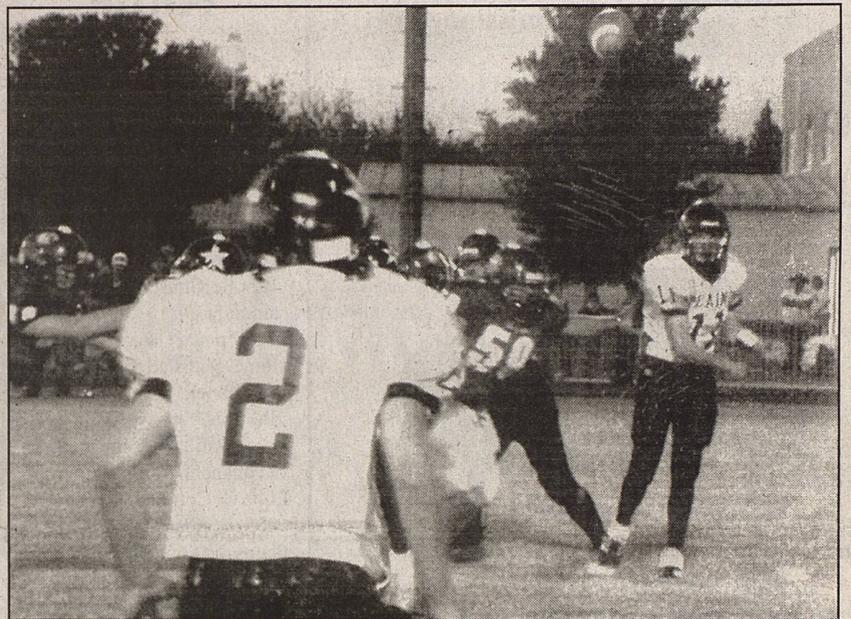
The shutout win again featured impressive end of game numbers: Plains had 326 total offense yards to Springlake's 129, including 198 on the ground and 128 passing. They sacked the Wolverine quarterback three times for 46 minus yards, and intercepted Springlake 6 times for 63 yard gains.

The Wolverines opened the game, managed a first down, then tossed an errant ball intercepted by Rudy Gonzales and returned to the Cowboys five yard line. Carries by John Tyson and Chris Addison produced a Cowboy first at their 17, but a third down toss by Addison went astray and the Wolverines intercepted at the 48. With the help of a holding penalty on the Cowboys, Springlake moved on the ground and through the air for three first downs to the Cowboys 7, where Rudy Gonzales sacked their quarterback for a 15 yard loss to give the Cowboys the ball on the 22. Chase Guetersloh threw to Mario Ruvalcaba for 30 yards, and runs by Cody Mayes and Tyson

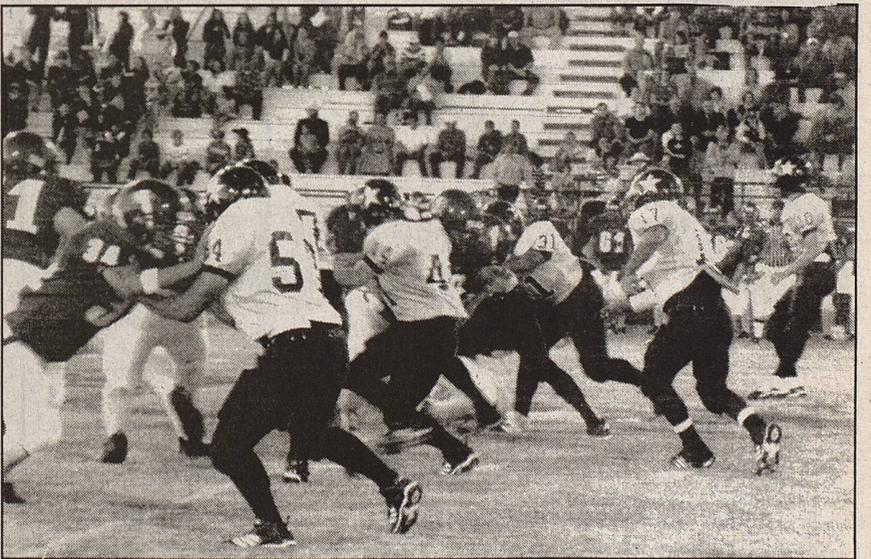
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! Jubilation !

Cowboys down Wolverines 19-0 for season's first win



Above - Chris Addison fires a strike to Chase Guetersloh, 2. Below - Cowboy defenders maintained an effective wall most of the evening.



Court OK's Local Museum Idea

Urges Project To Be Entire Community Project

In the October 2 session of Commissioners Court local Jeannette Head presented initial ideas for the creation of a historical museum, now planned to occupy two rooms in the old courthouse on the west side of the square. She credited the Denver City Museum as a successful example of an outstanding facility in a small town. She reported she and Precint 3 Commissioner Ty Earl Powell had discussed the idea at length, and sought the Court's permission to initially use two rooms of the building, with additional

rooms available if the museum expanded.

Head and Powell stated they were asking only for the courts permission to use the building, and continue furnishing its utilities. Head said she was confident local residents and even former residents would be willing to donate items of historical interest to the museum. "I think the museums old relics from our earlier history would make great displays of real life history for our school youngsters, even some of our more mature adults." Commissioner Powell re-

ported there is currently discussion about possibly relocating the "Old Bonus Shack" from its present location by the Tsa Mo Ga Club building. "It would be an excellent addition to the courthouse museum, a real attraction for all the traffic passing through town".

There was discussion about getting the entire community involved in the museum idea, with a suggestion for the City of Plains to play a role in the project.

Head said it might be possible to secure funds for the project by creating an agree-

ment with the Yoakum County Connection to allow museum funding to be made available through the Connection's 501 C3 tax status. She will discuss the issue with Connection officials. Commissione Lindsey made a motion to approve the request for two rooms for the museum, continuing to pay building utilities, and present the idea to the City Council as a joint participant.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark reported escalating prices for required law

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Services held for Larry Don Williams

Larry Don Williams of Prosper, Texas, formerly of Denver City and Plains, passed away September 15 at his home after a long struggle with meningioma. He was born to the late W.C. (Dub) and Melba Williams January 20, 1946. He moved with his family to Denver City in 1948.

He attended schools in Denver City and Plains, graduating from Plains High in 1964. He continued his education at Texas Tech. He was a long time oil field contractor, and after his father's death, co-owner of COFC, Inc. in Denver City.

He married Dana Dyer with whom he fathered two daughters. On June 23 he married Joni McNeely in Denver City. In addition to his wife Joni he is survived by his daughters, Dana Don McGuire and husband Joe Bob of Durango, Colo. and grandchildren DeMar and Bailey McGuire; Vicki Ann Diaz and husband Michael of Durango and grandchildren T.J. and Max Diaz, Stoney Con Thomas, Misty York and husband Joey of Rockwall, Texas and granddaughter Graycie York. He is also survived by two brothers, Sam Williams and wife Marje

of Denver City, Rick Williams of Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, and a sister, Sandra Thompson and husband Murrell of Lubbock, as well as nieces, nephews, and a wealth of extended family and friends.

Larry Don was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Denver City. A memorial service was held at the Southside Baptist Church in Bowie, Texas Monday, September 18 with Rev. Gene Benningfield of Denver City officiating, assisted by Rev. John Roblez of Bowie. His ashes will be taken to Durango to be dispersed in the scenic mountains close to his beloved daughters.

Throughout his struggle with his illness he kept his keen wit and sense of humor. He never lost his faith he would be healed.

Services held for Katie Herrera Coronado

Funeral mass for Katie Herrera Coronado, 71, of Lubbock was held September 26, 2006 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Rosary was said Sept. 25 at 7 pm at Guajardo Funeral Home. She died September 23 in Lubbock.

She was born April 30, 1935 in Jonah. She moved to Levelland in 1955 and married Lupe G. Coronado August 21, 1955 in Sudan. They moved to Plains in 1966. She worked for PISD, and was an active

Cursillista of the Diocese of Lubbock since 1968. She was awarded the God Parent Altar Service Award from Sacred Heart in Plains. Lupe and Katy moved to Shallowater in 2000. She was a seamstress and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Antonio and Francisca Herrera and a brother, Antonio Herrera Jr.

Survivors include her husband Lupe; a son Lupe Jr. and his wife Eva of Shallowater; a daughter, Francis Coronado of Lubbock; two custodial degaussers, Veronica Torres and Rebecca Alcorta; four sisters, Delores Vasquez and husband Benny of Wichita Falls, Anita Gonzalez and husband Simon of Arkansas, Lupe Herrera of Plains and Mary Tienda of Levelland; 3 grand-aaron and Eric Coronado, five great grandchildren, Selen Lemon, Anthony Torres, Xavier Martinez, Kiara Amalla and Angel Torres.

Services held for Mary Opal Coker

Services for Mary Opal Coker, 95, of Seminole were held Saturday, September 30, 2006 at the First Assembly of God Church with David Moore officiating. Burial followed in Gaines County Cenetry. Services were under direction of Boyer Funeral Home of Seminole.

Mrs Coker passed away September 27, 2006 at Seminole Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was born April 9, 1911 to Edd Ward and Annie Lee Heath in Plains. She lived in Seminole many years after moving from Plains. She was a member of First Assembly of God in Seminole. She was a homemaker and worked for both Williams Clothiers and Ann Kelly's dress shop, and was owner of Seminole Floral four years.

She is survived by a son, Ronald Coker of Gainesville; a daughter, Shirley Barnett of Seminole, five grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

2006 Homecoming Gala 7:00 PM Before Crosbyton Game !!

Local roper scores well in USCRA event

Local calf roper Brett Squyres qualified for the prestigious USCRA in Stephenville September 20-24th. Squyres, a 2001 graduate of Plains High, competed in the big event against 150 other qualifying contestants. He roped three calves in times of 8.98, 10.39 and 9.88 seconds to finish third in the average and move on to the showdown roping Saturday. 75 qualifiers competed in the last big roping event of the USCRA season. He won an overall 4th place in the average, roping four calves in 39.86 seconds, averaging less than 10 seconds on 7 calves during the two days of competition.

Squyres is also a member of the Texas Cowboy Rodeo Association, and has qualified for the finals of the organization to be held in October at the Amarillo National Center. He finished their season 11th in tie-down calf roping, 13th in steer wrestling, and is ranked 12th in the All-Around competition.

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porter to be recorded in the Court minutes. Auditor Darinda McWhirter's salary was set at \$60,450, First Deputy Valencia Criswell \$29,107, Deputy Kasey Stephens \$25,991, and the Court Reporter will receive \$21,453 from Yoakum County, \$32,180 from Terry County.

He reported a representative of the on line law program would be available at a later date to further discuss the programs with all offices requiring law books for reference.

Judge Dallas Brewer read an order prepared by 121st District Judge Kelly G. Moore appointing and setting salaries for the County Auditor, Auditor Assistants and the District Court Re-

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\$168,553 for an alternate water well for the community of Bledsoe. Morton will receive \$350,000 for work on a sewer main and to construct a facultative lagoon wastewater treatment plant.

Rep. Jones will present these awards at a meeting October 10 at the South Plains Association of Governments, 1323 58th St., Lubbock

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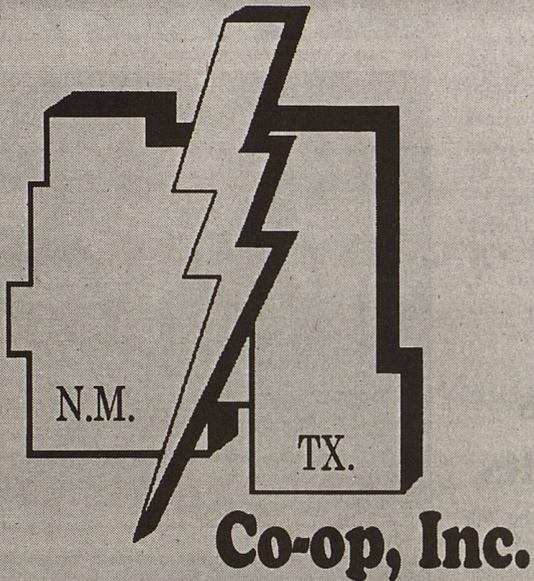
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A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers

Newswire: People are selling their old scrap gold that is gathering dust for its cash value because gold prices are so high. With the price of gold at a 25 year high (over \$650.00 per ounce), it makes sense. ScrapGold.com, a gold recycler, offers free insured recycle kits so people may cash in their scrap with 24 hour service and guarantee satisfaction. They accept broken and outdated items like chains, charms, rings and more. "Everyone has bits of gold just lying around which can be turned into cash" says Richard Zakroff, VP of marketing. "Even old dental gold has value." ScrapGold.com processes over 10,000 recycle Kits per month. People can get a free GoldKit at 1-800-283-4700 or ScrapGold.com.

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"the total enrollment is strong for SPC," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC President. "There are many factors contributing to the decrease in numbers. The increased gas prices boosted our distance education numbers, yet might have led to our decreased on-campus enrollment."

SPC did not experience growth in total enrollment but the Interactive Television, Dual Credit and Internet classes did experience significant growth. The ITV enrollment recorded a 52.3 percent increase with numbers increasing from 185 in fall 2005 to 388 in fall 2006. Internet enrollment moved from 1140 students to 1400 in fall 2006, an 18.6 percent increase.

"The job market is also very strong with activity in the oil field and other industries," Sharp added. "Many students are making the choice to enter the workforce rather than attend college."

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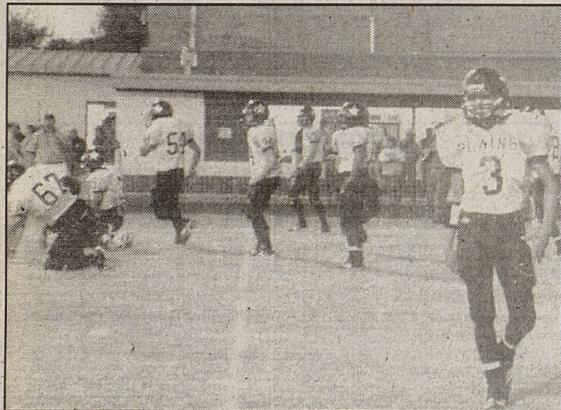
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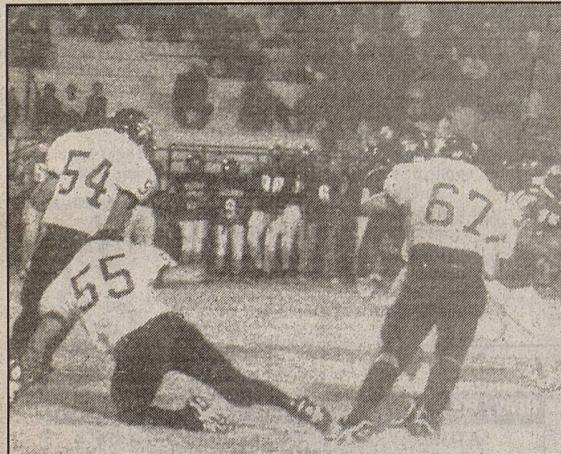
Antonio Martinez gets game underway



11 Chris Addison throws behind protection



Rudy Gonzales, 3, and other defenders



Antonio Martinez, Bradon Loya, Sergio Olivas



Addison throws, John Tyson blocks, Chase Guetersloh receiver

From Page 1, COWBOYS moved them to the 40. and despite Chris Addison's throw to brother Scott Addison the drive stalled at the end of the first period.

In the second quarter, the Cowboys took a Wolverine punt deep on their own 15 yardline. Addison's throw to Zach Ramos gained six yards, and Addison over left guard produced a first down. Cowboy offensive linemen provided blocking allowing a ground and air attack and reeled off four first downs on runs by Gonzales, Ruvalcaba, Mayes and Tyson, pushing the ball to the Wolverine 5 yard where they were stopped cold.

The second half started with the Cowboys taking the kickoff at their 45. Two carries by Tyson produced a nine yard gain, but a fumble went to Springlake at th 38. They ran two plays and on the third Rudy Gonzales intercepted a pass to give theCowbys the ball at the 29, but they failed to make a fourth down rush work and

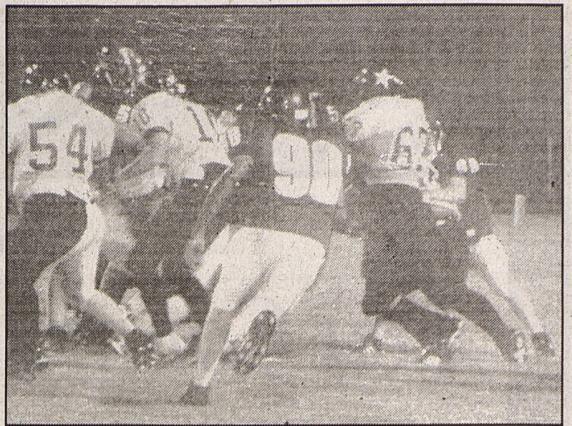
The Wolverines went to the air, two passes going incomplete, and on the third try Rudy Gonzales intercepted the ball at the Cowboy 15. On third and ten Addison threw to Chris Gonzales for 11 yards, hit Rudy Gonzales and Zach Ramos for gains to the 40. Tyson added 4 yards, and Chase Guetersloh then

launched a bomb to Rudy Gonzales for a 57 yard touchdown. The PAT failed, and the Cowboys led 6-0.

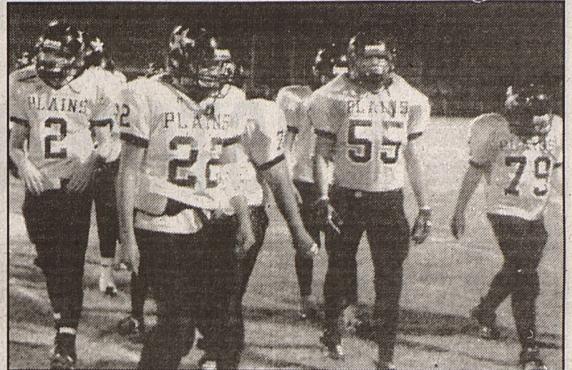
Following the kickoff the Wolverines could go nowhere on the ground, and on the third try fumbled at their 26, recovered by John Tyson who hustled the ball across the goal for the score. The pass for the PAT again failed, but the Cowboys led 12-0.

Early in the final period the Cowboys moved the ball on the ground with rushes by Tyson and Mayes for two first downs, but the drive sputtered to give Springlake tha ball. They managed a first down at their 41, but there Rudy Gonzales intercepted and returned the ball 44 yards to the 24. There John Tyson went up the middle for 9 yards, Mario Ruvalcaba went around right end for 9, following the same path to go the last 6 yards and score the touchdown. Antonio Martinez kick was good to produce the Cowboy's 19-0 first win of the season.

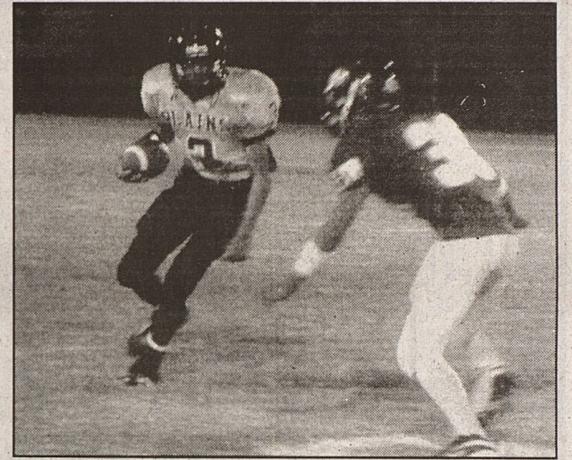
The Cowboys had possession of the ball almost 32 minutes compared to the Wolverines 16. Individual stats included leading rushers Mayes, 81 yards, Tyson 53, Addison 35, Ruvalcaba 17; QB sacks Derek Garza 2; Interceptions R. Gonzales 3, Ramos 1, Ruvalcaba 1;



Martinez 54, Mayes 10, Olivas 67



The crew comes off for a breather



Rudy Gonzales tries to get loose



Mario Ruvalcaba gets ball from Addison

Varsity Boys Cross Country Meet Results

The varsity Cowqboy cross country team competed in the 29th annual Lubbock Invitational Meet at Mae Simmons Park September 25. The Cowboys ran in the 26 team A and AA division. The Cowboys finished in a very competitive 9th place. Individual results included:

Jonathan Lira, 10th * Scott Addison, 14th * Zachary Ramos, 67th * John Tyson, 107th * Jae Sun, 146th * Cody Mayes 148th. There were 206 runners in the division.

On Saturday, September 7, the Jr. High girls and boys, JV boys, Varsity boys and girls will compete in the Sundown meet, starting at 9 AM

PHS Cowgirl Volleyball

JV Cowgirls: On September 26 the JV lost to Wink 22-25 and 8-25. Natalie Butler has 5 digs, 2 kills, 1 ace. Natalie Haynes had 3 digs, 1 kill, 1 block, Jasmine Mares had 4 digs, 2 assists. Courtini Asebedo had 2 digs, Lydia Whitzel 2 digs, Abby Hernandez 13 digs, and Ashlee Torres 1 dig.

Varsity Cowgirls: On September 26 the varsity started district play against Wink and lost 15-25, 16-25 and 19-25. Joani Bell had 10 digs, 8 kills and 5 blocks. Katie Winn had 1 dig and 6 assists. Reyna Gallegos had 5 digs, 1 kill, 1 block., Desiraye Broome 1 dig, 5 kills, 3 blocks, Lauren Hise 6 kills, 3 blocks. Meghan Garcia had 30 digs and 2 kills, M'Leah McKinzie 6 digs, Heather Parrott 1 kill, 1 block. Liz Perez had 12 assists and Kimber Williams 1 dig. Coach Eddleman and the volleyball girls want to thank the cheerleaders, teachers, administrators, parents and fans for their great support against Wink. On September 30 the varsity beat Grandfalls-Royalty 25-16, 20-25, 25-14 and 25-11. Joani had 6 digs, 4 kills, and 3 blocks, Katie had 4 digs, 5 assists, 1 ace, Reyna Gallegos had 12 digs, 2 kills and 1 ace. Desiraye had 6 digs, 6 kills and 1 block, Lauren Hise 1 dig, 2 kills, 1 assist, Kimber 4 digs and 1 kills. Liz had 8 digs, 7 assists, 2 aces, Heather 3 digs, 2 kills, Meghan 26 digs, M'Leah 3 digs.

Notes from the Counselor

October 5 - Junior Volunteer at Yoakum County Hospital Orientation * Oct. 9 - Columbus Holiday * Oct. 11 - Jrs/Srs to Career Expo in Lubbock - leaves 7:30 AM * Oct. 18 - Junior PSAT Oct. 28 ACT - Not in Plains

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Student of the Week



PHS Student of the Week is Victoria Valverde, a freshman and the daughter of Dolores Moadia and Arturo Valverde. She was nominated by Brad Frieses, who said, "Be diligent so you will receive your full reward - 2 John 8v. This is the end of the first six weeks of school and this freshman is showing signs of diligence. She spends her time in the classroom diligently trying to understand the concepts of algebra I. I hope she carries this diligence into other classrooms and into her life outside of school".

Lifelines & Styles

Former resident, student publishes children's book

Laure Leigh Flores, a former Plains resident and PHS graduate, has published a children's book called "Laney L. Leigh & The Secret of Hollow Drive," now available at Barnes & Noble bookstores and through Amazon.com.

Ms. Flores, 26, is the daughter of Cody and Diana Flores of Plains. She graduated here in 1998. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in education and minor in biology.

Her book is written for about fifth grade reading level students. It tells about a young boy named Jim Nickels, who faces his deepest fear when he is required to do the ultimate task. According to the book jacket, the characters in the book experience "the wildest summer vacation ever, filled with fun, mystery, a few scares and hard work".

Ms. Flores taught in elementary school in Tahoka from 2002 until 2006, and is currently a teacher at Preston Smith Elementary School in Lubbock.

Hello

My name is Karina Hoecker, I am 7 years old, and on Oct.

21, I will be walking in the Susan G. Komen Race for the cure to breast cancer in Dallas.

My 5 year old cousin Savannah Mena and I entered the Race in honor of the 10 year survivor anniversary of my Aunt,

Diana Huerta. I am proud to be doing this because I think the women in my family are very brave for facing breast cancer. I lost a great-great aunt last year to breast cancer. I believe supporting the Komen Foundation is a way to help in the future. My chances of breast cancer are greater because the cancer has been in my family.



Please help by donating - call me, e-mail me at Corina526@yahoo.com, or see me around town. My goal is only \$150 - not much, but no matter how small, it will help! Thanks for your help!

Karina

Managing diabetes by controlling blood sugar

People who don't have diabetes have no need to keep a close watch on their blood sugar, since their bodies automatically do that for them. But for people with diabetes, it's not that easy. A person with diabetes must regularly check blood sugar to make sure it is being maintained at a healthy level.

Blood sugar, or glucose, levels are affected by food, exercise and medications, and people with diabetes can control these levels by eating a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight, getting regular exercise and taking medicine as prescribed by their health care providers.

Eating the right kinds of food at the right times and in the right amounts is the first step in maintaining a healthy glucose level. The next step is daily exercise, which not only helps with weight control, but helps move glucose out of the blood into cells.

Some people with type 2 diabetes are prescribed oral medications to help control diabetes, but pills only work in people whose bodies still make some insulin. A healthcare provider will decide if these medications are necessary. Some factors affect blood sugar levels in a negative way, including excess weight, stress, illness and infections. Too much body fat, especially in the abdomen, can have a negative impact on blood sugar levels. Losing even a small amount, as little as 7 percent of total body weight, can produce improvements.

Testing your blood will enable you to find out its glucose levels. Recommended levels before meals are 90 to 130 milligrams per deciliter, or mg/dl, and less than 180 mg/dl at bedtime. Your doctor will determine what is the best range for you. Higher than recommended glucose levels have been linked to eye, kidney, nerve diseases and infections that do not heal. Your doctor will give you a schedule for testing your blood sugar level. Blood glucose levels will be different at various times of day. Make a note of what it is each time you check it and bring this information with you when you visit your doctor.

Debra Pollard, CEA-FCS, Yoakum County

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Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the Center! I am sorry to report we are losing our Director, Rojean Therwhanger. She has been an asset to the center, but after surgery and health problems thought it best to resign. Ayde, our new office assistant who was hired to replace Ann, is doing a great job, but is still learning the ins and outs of the center and SPAG. Ann will be coming back some to help out as our center again makes a transition.

Genevieve Gordy is smiling these days. Her son Joe is now awake and although unable to speak because of a tracheostomy is able to smile and joke. His feeding tube was removed and he is able to eat normally. We are so glad for Genevieve and the family.

We really miss seeing Billy Ray Moore here. He has been ill and going through a rough time lately. Billy Ray and Delores, our love and prayers are with you.

We finally have some news about Spencer Randolph. He was involved in a major car accident, and his new car and another truck were totaled when Spencer's heart acted up and he passed out at the wheel. Thankfully, no one was hurt seriously, just lots of bruising. Spencer's heart continued to have arrhythmia, and doctors at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock shocked his heart and restored it to normal rhythm. Spencer was released and some of his family took him to a rehab center in Granbury, near where they live. We miss you, Spencer, and hope you soon recover completely.

We have a lot to offer seniors in Denver City and Plains. A rec room with exercise equipment, card tables, large screen TV to watch while exercising, a library, a pool room where our players have a monthly tournament with Lovington. Our bingo players play for a free meal ticket - 25 cents for each card, and three bingos get you a free ticket. You can see we have a lot to offer besides good food. My favorite is taco salad, it's really good! Of course lots of people favor the cooks great turkey and dressing.

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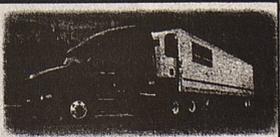
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From The Hack

I feel trouble coming from two sources, but I still think this is cute:

A little boy walking down a dirt road after Sunday church met a little girl at a crossroad coming from the other direction. They said hi to one another, and the little boy asked, "Where are you going?" The little girl said "I've been to church and I'm on my way home."

The little boy said, "Me too. What church do you go to?"

"I go to the First Baptist Church back down the road. What about you," the little girls answered.

"I go to the Methodist Church up on the hill there," he replied.

They learned they were both going the same direction so they walked on together until they came to a low spot so full of rainwater they couldn't cross without getting their clothes wet.

The little girl said, "Oh wow, if I get my Sunday dress wet my momma's going to skin me alive!" The boy said, "Yeah, my folks will bust me too if I get my suit wet and muddy."

The girl said, "I know what, I'm gonna take all my clothes off and hold them over my head and wade across." The

boy said, "Yeah, that's an idea, I'm gonna do the same thing with my suit."

They undressed, waded across, then stood there in the sunshine to drip dry. The little boy finally remarked, "You know, I never realized before just how much difference there is between a Baptist and a Methodist!"

Pot head after being busted for four pounds of marijuana: "I'm just lucky it was pot. If it had been spinach I'd be graveyard dead by now".

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The aide responded, "I'm very sorry, but she's on the floor with him".

NOTICE FOR BIDS
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The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, October 12, 2006, for the PURCHASE of C-Arm Equipment for the Yoakum County Hospital.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, October 16, 2006.

For a bid list or for more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806-456-7491 Ext. 292, PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 or Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 806-592-2121, PO Box 1130, Denver City, Texas, 79323.

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Texas joins effort to produce alternative fuel Power in the Pasture

Gasoline, take notice - your days are numbered. Maybe not entirely, but there's a stirring on the Texas plains to bring ethanol - an alternative to gasoline - to Texans, and to produce it in the Lone Star State.

Ethanol, or ethyl alcohol, can be produced chemically or biologically from grains, agricultural wastes or any material containing starch or sugar, according to the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition (NEVC). 21 states produce about 4.5 billion gallons annually, according to the Renewable Fuels Association.

But in a nation with a 140 billion gallon gasoline diet, it's hard for ethanol to make serious inroads, according to Tim Snyder, president of Lubbock-based Agri-Energy Solutions Inc., but it is starting to happen.

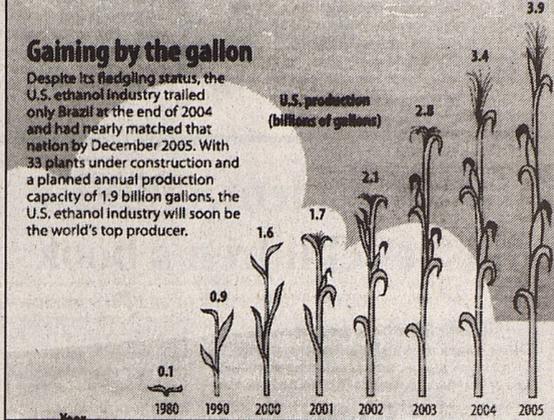
Texas is not one of the states producing ethanol, but ethanol producing plants are in the works in the Texas Panhandle, Snyder said. As many as five ethanol producing plants are planned and could be operational by the end of 2007. Corn and grain sorghum, arriving by rail, are the planned fuel source for ethanol production, which creates byproducts fitting into the existing agricultural plans of the region, Snyder said.

"Making ethanol is a distillation process where starch is extracted from corn and grain sorghum," he said. "Carbon dioxide and distiller's grain are co-products from making ethanol. With large numbers of cattle in Texas, cattle feeders and dairymen can take the distillers grain, which is a high quality animal feed."

The carbon dioxide can be used to flash freeze meat at area packing plants, or it can be injected into the ground to aid marginally producing oil wells, Snyder said.

Together, the five facilities could produce as much as 390 million gallons of ethanol annually, Snyder said. The first two have already broken ground in Hereford.

With gas prices high and dependency on foreign oil a major issue, getting the facilities operational and providing Texas and the U.S. with fuel alternatives is a priority, Snyder said.



For years, the "Hostile Herd" moniker has followed the athletic teams of Hereford High School. The 1.5 million head of dairy and beef cattle in the area stand to be the "helpful herd" when plants developed by White Energy and Panda Energy - both Dallas based - go online, possibly by late 2006.

After three years production, the Panda plant could produce 1.2 billion gallons of ethanol, replacing some 30 million barrels of imported oil, according to the company.

"Panda is going to burn cow manure as an energy source to fire the plant," said Sid Shaw, executive vice president of the Hereford Chamber of Commerce. "In the feed yards, we feed more than 1.5 million head of cattle here so there's plenty of manure."

Panda Energy specializes in burning cow manure and other agricultural wastes to power its plants, eliminating the need for natural gas as a fuel source. Construction of the two plants means jobs for Hereford, Shaw said.

"It'll be a huge shot in the arm, creating a lot of jobs during construction and production. The two plants together, you're talking probably more than 100 jobs after construction. And the trucking industry will be huge. They'll probably run 24 hours a day bringing manure to the plants. It's a win-win situation."

It's Panda Energy's first ethanol facility, according to spokesman Bill Pentack, and it will produce about 100 million gallons annually. Actual construction of a plant that size usually runs between 12 and 14 months, according to Agri-Energy's Snyder.

Once ethanol flows from

Texas plants or into Texas by rail from other states, the next hurdle is blending it into E85, a mix of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, designed for alternative and flex-fuel vehicles (FFV's).

Pure ethanol has an octane rating of about 113, while regular unleaded gasoline has a rating of about 87. Octane rating indicates how much the fuel can be compressed before spontaneously igniting. Unleaded's 87 rating means it takes the least amount of pressure to ignite. The higher octane of ethanol, which is a pure alcohol, means the engine will run hotter and with higher performance capabilities.

Traditional one-fuel vehicles aren't the prime target for ethanol fuels, according to NEVC. Every day, Flex Fuel Vehicles (FFVs) roll onto U.S. showroom floors. There's already an increasing number of FFVs on the road. "Right now there are approximately 6 million FFVs on the road, a little less than 8 percent of the total vehicles in the nation, but as far as E85 goes, I think availability is increasing across the country," said Michelle Kautz, communications director for NEVC. There are more than 400,000 FFVs in Texas, so demand for E85 is there. To supply the FFVs already in service, the Panhandle plants are a step in the right direction. Recently completed plants in New Mexico and Colorado and planned facilities for Louisiana should also help. There are currently 30 to 60 new plants under construction, evidence the pieces of the ethanol puzzle are falling into place.

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On the Job

In 2005, the nation's work force included an estimated 150 million people age 16 or older, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The nation added 2.6 million jobs in 2005. Harris County, Texas, trailed Maricopa, Ariz., and Los Angeles counties

in job growth among the nation's 10 largest counties that year. Harris County also lagged behind Miami Dade, Fla., and Maricopa, Ariz., in wage growth, while Dallas County trailed seven other counties in wage growth.

County	Wage Growth (%)
Maricopa, Ariz.	105.5
Los Angeles Calif.	72.1
Harris, Texas	61.9
Clark, Nev.	58.7
Broward, Fla.	44.9
Orange, Fla.	40.0
New York, N.Y.	37.0
Miami-Dade, Fla.	32.0
Orange, Calif.	31.6
San Bernardino, Calif.	31.1

County	Percentage Change (%)
Miami-Dade, Fla.	8.9%
Maricopa, Ariz.	8.1
Harris, Texas	7.8
San Diego, Calif.	7.3
King, Wash.	7.2
Orange, Calif.	7.1
New York, N.Y.	7.0
Dallas, Texas	6.6
Cook, Ill.	5.5
Los Angeles, Calif.	5.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
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