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43rd LIVESTOCK SHOW BIG SUCCESS

The Yoakum County 4-H and FFA livestock Association Show and Sale wound down Saturday afternoon before a large crowd of buyers and supporters. The event started Thursday with the weigh-in of show animals. The young exhibitors, parents, association members and volunteer workers spent three long, grueling days and nights prepping the animals and the show barn facilities.

Livestock Association Pres. Jim Brown credited the success of the annual show to the enthusiasm, dedication and hard work of each of scores of people having a support role in the event.

"I want to especially thank Debbie Smith and Debbie Rushing for their secretarial assistance, Edith Tuggle and Jamie Brown

for their buyers luncheon work, Tammy Bowlin and Pam McMillen," Brown stated. He said the entire Association Board thanked Precinct 4 Commissioner Macky McWhirter and his county employees for their help with the show facilities. He also cited the past board members for their help and advice, and Secretary-Treasurer Larry Mason for his efforts.

Tadd Knight, County Ag Extension Agent, Joe Pierce, PISD Ag Instructor and FFA Coordinator, and his counterpart in the Denver City Schools, Geoff Cooper, earned the praise of the Directors for the many long hours they spent at the show.

Ex-President Mike Blount presented Crip Henard with a plaque dedicating this year's stock show to the memory of her late husband, Pat, who was a Charter Member of the original Board of Directors in 1952. Wayne Williams of Denver City was presented the Major Contributor Award for 1995.

The conclusion of the county show is just the start of a fast and furious schedule for some of the exhibitors. A large number of animals were loaded

back on stock trailers Sunday morning for a trek to the big San Antonio Livestock Show the week of Feb. 13. Another large county exhibitor group will ship their pigs to the preliminary judging in Brenham in hopes of qualifying for the even larger Houston Stock Show, while lamb showers will try to qualify for that event in Rosenberg. Showmanship Awards were presented to the following exhibitors:

Jr. Rabbit - Grady McNabb
Jr. Swine - Ashlei Mason
Jr. Lamb - Tadd Coston
Jr. Steer - Ashlei Mason
Sr. Rabbit - Dusty Valdez
Sr. Swine - Kelly McGinty
Sr. Lamb - Jerry Lindt
Sr. Steer - Kelton Mason
Sr. Heifer - Kelly McGinty

Wendy Beckham of Plains was voted Livestock Association Queen for 1995.

The following is a list of Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Award winners and sale prices, and first three class winners in each animal class. We regret space limitations will not allow us to publish each exhibitors results.

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Young exhibitor Elizabeth Clanahan encourages her Hamp.

City Secretary Is Certified

Suann Parrish, City Secretary, City of Plains, graduated from the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program on January 26, 1995. Ms. Parrish has been employed by the City of Plains as Secretary since May 29, 1990.

Graduates of the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program complete approximately 200 hours of individual study over a four-course curriculum and attend eight two-day seminars for an additional 100 hours of

classroom study. The curriculum includes selected texts and a number of special readings on the topics of public administration, election law, budgeting and finance, municipal law, and personnel management.

The Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program, located at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas is a university-level professional education program for city clerks and city secretaries in Texas. The program is the third oldest of thirty-three such programs in the country.

The Certification Program

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TEXAS SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS "ROBIN HOOD"

In a surprising and unexpected decision, the Texas Supreme Court upheld the theory of "Robin Hood" or the sharing of wealth required of so-called wealthy districts to finance public schools. The decision, by a narrow 5-4 majority and bipartisan (3 Democrats and 2 Republicans voted for a 3 Republicans and 1 Democrat voted against), denied the legal challenges of both property-poor and property-rich districts that the latest state public school financing plan (Senate Bill 7) was unconstitutional. The decision effectively put an end to the nearly 10 year history of Edgewood litigation. It left in place the \$280,000 per student wealth cap and required districts above that wealth level to reduce its wealth by one of five ways: (1) consolidation, (2) detachment of territory, (3) purchase of ADA credits (send money to state), (4) contracting for the education of nonresident students, or (5) tax base consolidation. Plains ISD has a property value of approximately \$563,000 per pupil. Plains ISD voters approved options 3 or 4 as a method of reducing wealth pending the court's decision. Plains ISD used option 3 in 93-94 and option 4 in 94-95. Districts

not voluntarily complying with one or more of the mechanisms to reduce wealth may have their tax base reduced by the Commissioner of Education to comply with the law. Property-wealthy districts like Plains ISD were given a phase-in period of three years to comply with the law. The last year of phase-in will be the school year of 1995-96.

As mentioned above, Plains ISD used option 3 in 1993-94 and sent almost \$6 million to the state. Slight changes in the interpretation of the law made option 4 more advantageous to Plains ISD in 94-95. The board of trustees chose that option and the voters approved it in May, 1994. Under option 4 in 94-95, Plains ISD will send some \$4.5 million to New Deal ISD and Brownfield ISD. According to Superintendent Pete Simmons, the receiving districts will not benefit all that much. "Due to the state's formulas, New Deal and Brownfield will not receive as much state money. They will only receive the difference in their revenue per pupil and our revenue per pupil. As a result, New Deal's net gain will be approximately \$150,000 and Brownfield will gain approximately \$200,000. In return for

using option 4, Plains ISD will get to keep approximately \$150,000 it would not get to keep under any other wealth-reduction option."

The following is an analysis of the effect of the court's ruling and the subsequent implementation of SB7 on Plains ISD by Superintendent Pete Simmons:

The ruling by the Supreme Court probably brings to an end any hope of reversing the "share the wealth" or "equal access to all property wealth by all students in Texas" provisions required by the district court and the subsequent legislation passed to implement the court mandate. There is slight chance that the court will grant a motion for rehearing and of course only one vote change would reverse the decision. Most political observers do not expect any change in the court's position. However, the battle over financing Texas public schools is far from over. Most observers declare that any further major change will not come until the state's tax structure is overhauled and state laws and formulas requiring the state's public school's dependence on

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STATEWIDE RABIES QUARANTINE SET

The Texas Board of Health today approved emergency rules designating all Texas counties as a quarantine area to prevent the spread of rabies. The quarantine, effective immediately, forbids the transport of potentially infected animals within or from the state.

"We must act quickly to contain the threat of rabies now rampant in South and Central Texas. We must do this to minimize the number of animal rabies cases and reduce the threat this deadly disease poses to people," Dr. David Smith, Commissioner of Health, said.

He explained that the board took action following reports of the exportation of coyotes and foxes, including some infected animals, to other states.

"We know that South Texas coyotes have been shipped out of state to stock hunting clubs. And just this week we learned that two of four foxes shipped from Texas to

Montana have been confirmed with rabies. This is a dangerous situation—one which can spread rabies beyond the point of our ability to control it," Dr. Smith said.

Similar transportation of potentially infected animals exists within Texas, but the extent is unknown, he added.

"This situation is similar to the raccoon rabies outbreak in the eastern United States. When it began in the 1950s, it was considered a local problem. Another outbreak began in the 1970s in Virginia, after infected raccoons were shipped from Florida to hunting clubs there. Now the entire East Coast is battling a raccoon rabies epizootic," Dr. Smith said.

Animals subject to the quarantine are dogs and cats over 3 months old without a current rabies vaccination certificate, hybrid animals—such as domestic dog-wolf crosses—and wild animals at high risk of rabies—such as skunks, bats, foxes, coyotes and raccoons.

In South Texas, a canine rabies epizootic (an epidemic in animals) began in 1988 in Starr County and rapidly moved northward, now including at least 18 counties. Canine rabies is a strain of rabies virus that has become established in coyotes and is readily transmitted from coyotes to domestic dogs and, subsequently, between domestic dogs. Because it often infects domestic dogs, this rabies strain poses a greater risk for human exposure.

From 1988 through 1994, some 530 cases of canine rabies were confirmed, primarily in coyotes and domestic dogs. During this period, about 1,500 people in South Texas were exposed to rabies and received treatment. In recent years, two Texans died from canine rabies—Star County woman in 1991 and Hidalgo County in November 1994.

The Texas Department

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property taxes to provide most of their revenue is changed.

Most political observers do not expect this to happen for four to six years. The present state leadership certainly does not plan any major changes in this legislative session.

Property-wealthy districts like Plains ISD were given three years of "phase-in" or "hold harmless." in order to maintain our current revenue per pupil, we were required to tax at an effective rate of \$1.375/\$100 of property wealth in 1993-94 and \$1.50 effective rate for 1994-95 and 1995-96. The \$1.50 rate is the statutory limit upheld by the court for tax rates for maintenance and operation. Formulas were put in place which only allowed us to keep our 1992-93 revenue per pupil. We were required to reduce our wealth or revenue in one of the five ways listed in the law. The Plains ISD board of education chose the option of sending out money. All other choices would require our giving up taxable property or consolidating our district or our tax base. Once the district was consolidated in any way or taxable properties detached, it would be forever irreversible. Meanwhile, by choosing the options of sending our dollars out of the district (by using options 3 or 4), allowed for the hope that if the law was ever reversed, at least our district would still be undivided and unconsolidated. This logic remains true even with the upholding of SB7. We still need to hold on to our district's boundaries and work for changes in the law and/or the court's interpretation of the law.

We believe a mistake was made in the final drafting of SB7 which causes us to suffer any loss in property value on our side of the formula. We are working to get that portion of the law changed. Present formulas force us to use the previous year's value in determining our required reduction. When we have a 23% loss in value as we did last year, we suffer some loss in revenue. We believe we can get this changed to have the formulas use current year values. Then, continuing decline in oil values would not affect us until the actual current year value per student goes below the standard of \$280,000 from the present \$563,000. Most analysts believe the loss in value in the oil patch will slow and possibly even gain a little.

We continue to work in Austin to try to influence legislation favorable to our district. Just a small change in a funding formula or two can make a tremendous difference in our revenue. Our hopes are slim that "Robin Hood" will go away this session, but we must continue to try to seek any improvement in the law or its interpretation which will help our district.

The actual effect on Plains ISD remains to be seen. Present projections and laws will allow Plains ISD to maintain our 92-93 revenue per pupil through the year of 1995-96. Plains students and residents owe a debt of gratitude to previous boards and superintendents who were conservative and good stewards of the property wealth in previous years. Although lo-tax, high-wealth districts like ours were the target of the original lawsuit, Plains ISD will still be able to keep approximately the same revenue it was using in 1992-93. Which means that Plains ISD, unlike many other more extravagant "wealthy" dist-

tricts, has been operating at the level of maximum allowable revenue for wealthy districts set by SB7. This translates into the fact that Plains ISD will be able to keep and to live with approximately the same revenue from 1992 until any future changes in the tax structure or changes in the plan for funding Texas' schools. The positive side of this is that it is anticipated that no major adjustments or lowering of standards, quality, or programs will result as long as we are willing to tax at \$1.50.

This is not to say that we will not have to "tighten our belts." In fact, this has already begun. The board's conservatism and the superintendent's experience as a superintendent in a poor district for 8 years has come together at the right time. Our total budget has remained basically the same for the past four years. With student growth, inflation, and mandated state and federal programs, this means we have already "tightened our belt." We have been able to absorb what would have normally required increased expenditures by absorbing required new costs by trimming in non-essential areas. So far, we have been able to live within our means and still not make cuts in programs or areas that directly affect our students, or their pursuit of a 21st century education. Again, this is because of both good management and leadership in the past, and I believe now in the present.

Certainly we understand and know that our local taxpayers must now pay the price for our fine school more than ever before. Because of our low tax rate status for decades, we are not gaining any sympathy from the rest of the state or the court for our sudden rise in tax rates. We pledge to our taxpayers that we will continue to be good stewards of your tax dollars and with your help continue to maintain one of the finest school systems in Texas. Our future planning, as it has been our plan since 1992, will be to live within our means. That is to say we will be living on a fixed income. Our budget of approximately four million in local dollars in 1992 will be our absolute limit for the coming years as it has been for the past four years. We must be able to absorb costs for student growth, program changes, and inflation without cutting the curricular and extracurricular staffing and programs that have enabled our school to be successful.

Our optimism remains high that we can accomplish this task. I hope that my experience in managing a "poor" district for eight years coupled with the fine leaders we have on our school board will enable us to continue to provide the finest school and staff we can possibly have for our students. We have been able to accomplish this task since the invasion of "Robin Hood" and I believe armed with our experience, we will continue to be able to provide for our school as we continue to pursue excellence. It will continue to require the cooperation, understanding, and patience of taxpayers, patrons, parents, board members, staff, and students. I believe it can be done. In the past, in the present, and for the future, I believe Plains people have the "right stuff."

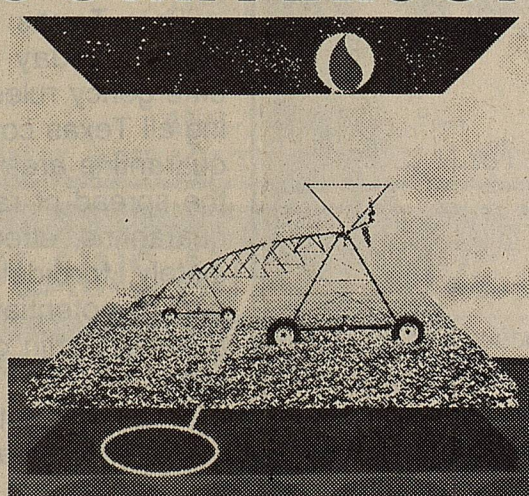


SWINE:			
Gr. Champ.	Ashlei Mason	York	\$ 500
Reserve	Austin Keesee	Hamp	400
LAMBS:			
Gr. Champ.	Jerry Lindt	Med. Wool	500
Reserve	Jerry Lindt	FWX	300
STEERS:			
Gr. Champ.	Kelton Mason	Hvy. X	1250
Reserve	Ashlei Mason	Lt. X	500
HEIFERS:			
Gr. Champ	Jason Swann		
Reserve	Kelly McGinty		
RABBITS:			
Best of Show	Chelsey Anne Bearden		250

CLASS WINNERS:			
SWINE:			
BERKS			
Chance Bowlin	first	Chase Clanahan	first
Kaylyn Hix	second	Kirk Parrish	second
Jessica Brown	third	Rebecca Robertson	third
HVY. CHESTERS			
Melissa Asebedo	first	Blake Parrish	first
Evan Cain	second	Julie Hancock	second
Yancey House	third	Staci Tuggle	third
MW. DUROCS			
Shana Bowlin	first	Armando Ramirez	first
Dustin Six	second	Marcey House	second
Ragan McGinty	third	Trey Cleveland	third
LW. HAMPS			
Blake Parrish	first	Austin Keesee	first
Jonathan Teaff	second	Amanda Durham	second
Chance Bowlin	third	Aaron Cain	third
L-HW HAMP			
Ashlei Mason	first	Armando Ramirez	first
Shawna Box	second	Dusty Bryan	second
Lisa Parrish	third	Jose Ramirez	third
LW POLAND			
Jerry Lindt	first	Ragan McGinty	first
Kyley Bearden	second	Michelle Smith	second
Kristi Guetersloh	third	Austen McMillin	third
LW YORKS			
Marte Pierce	first	Ashlei Mason	first
Rebecca Robertson	second	Kelton Mason	second
Clayton Oswalt	third	Katie Oswalt	third
LW CROSS			
Luke Smith	first	Austin Keesee	first
Aaron Cain	second	Maranda Box	second
Frances Cordova	third	Rowdy Warren	third
LHW CROSS			
Randi Warren	first	Kelton Mason	first
Chase Howell	second	Fabian Garza	second
Wendy Beckham	third	Rustin Knight	third
SHEEP:			
FW SHEEP			
Kipp Blount	first	Marshall Bales	first
Marcey House	second	Christelle Taylor	second
Lucas Ford	third	Bryce Sellers	third
MW FW CROSS			
Jerry Lindt	first	Lindsey Six	first
Tadd Coston	second	Mandi Anderson	second
Julie Hancock	third	Leo Sellers	third
SOUTHDOWN			
T. J. Kitchens	first	Katrina Hart	first
Chance Kitchens	second	Dustin Six	second
Kutter Anderson	third	Marshall Bales	third
MW MED WOOL			
Jerry Lindt	first	Yancey House	first
Yancey House	second	Marte Pierce	second
Marcey House	third	Chelsea Blount	third
LW STEERS			
Ashlei Mason	first	Marcey House	first
Marcey House	second	Kelly McGinty	second
Kelly McGinty	third	Ragan McGinty	third
HW STEERS			
Kelton Mason	first		
Austin Keesee	second		

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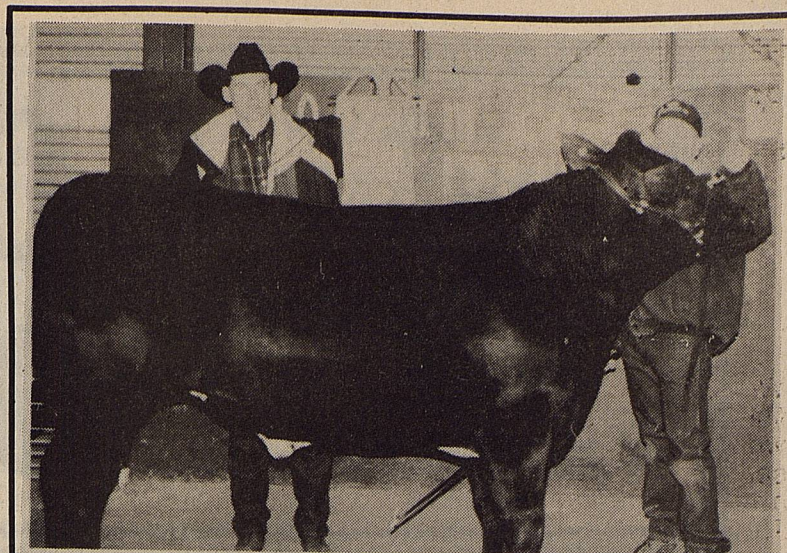
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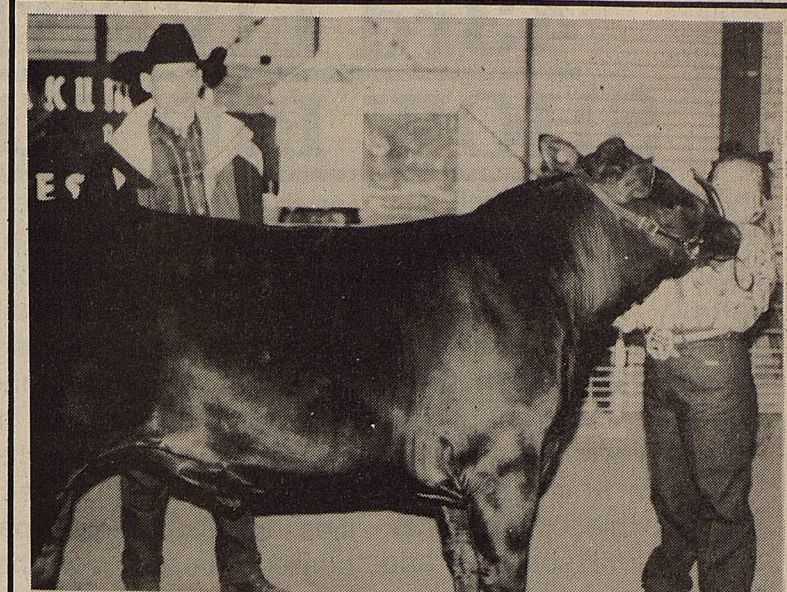
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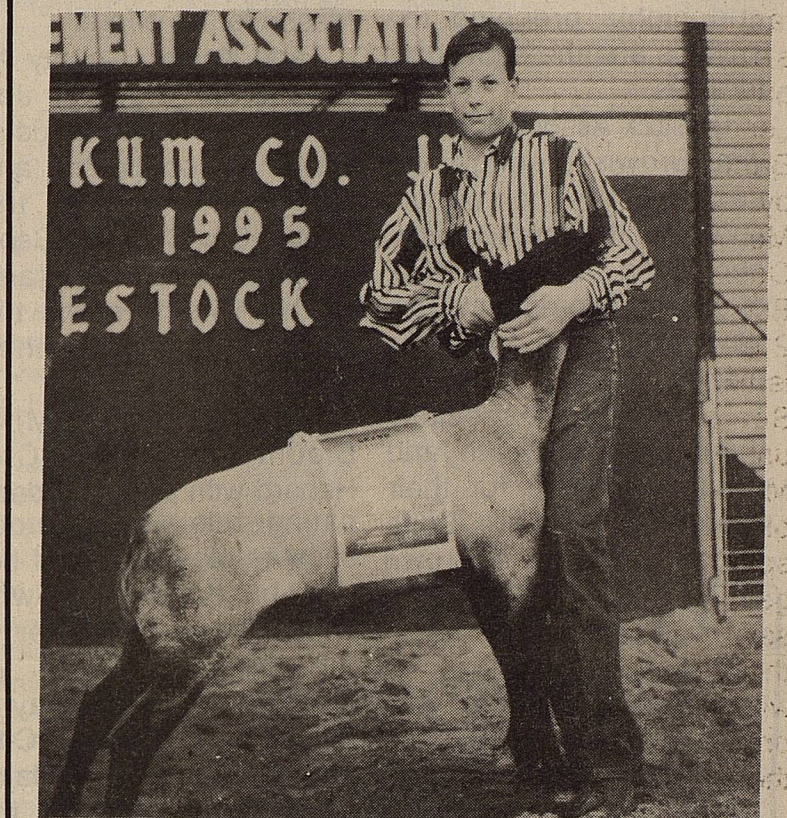
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7th Grade Wrangler Season

The Plains 7th grade Wranglers had a great season, finishing 14-1. The Wranglers won two tournaments this season, winning the Plains and Sundown events. Throughout the season I felt we showed improvement each game. This is a great group of young men that enjoy playing the game, and I have enjoyed having them this year! GREAT JOB! Kyle Sisson, Justin Bennett, Patrick McGinty, Chris Willis, Keith Jackson, Josh Bell, Colt Winn, Rustin Knight, Fermin Luna, Isaac Gonzales, Jeremy Gonzales, Jesus Garcia, Alex Tarango, Paul Lopez, Jeremy Morphis, Jeremy Humphrey, Jason Swan. Coach. Michael Davis

8th WRANGLERS FINISH STRONG

The 8th grade boys bombed New Home 43-20 last week, ending their season with an outstanding 16-0 record. Leading scorer was Dustin Brunson with 13, followed by Tanner Blount 10, Matt Morgan 10, Mike Bell 4, Cosme Casillas, Steve Bunch and Jesus Gandara 2 each. The perfect record is the first since this years Senior Cowboys were undefeated in 1990. Coach McAdams said, "they played with great team spirit. They pulled three games from defeat with seven seconds or less on the clock. They have the will to compete, and I am proud to have coached them. GREAT JOB, MEN!"

COWBOY FRESHMEN FINISH STRONG

The Freshmen traveled to Sudan Feb. 6, and handed that old foe a 55-33 defeat, to cap an excellent season of 12 wins vs. 2 losses. They played very well the entire season, and are to be commended for their good team effort. Jamie Caballero was leading scorer at Sudan with 19 points, followed by Roy Ramirez, Abraham Garcia and David Flores 8 each, Eric Estrada and Adam Dominguez 4 each, and Derek Brunson and Jonah Moreno 2 each. Doug Rushing, Shawn Cullins, Gideon Traweck, Travis Bennett and Will St. Romain also saw action.

7th & 8th LADY WRANGLERS BEAT NEW HOME

The combined 7th and 8th grade ended their long basketball season with a 34-31 downing of the New Home girls. The 8th girls finished with 5 wins vs. 11 losses. They won Consolation honors in the Sundown tournament, and finished 2nd in their home tourney. Top scorer against New Home was Candace Bowers with 8 points, followed by Rebecca Robertson and Lisa Parrish 6 each, Marcey House 5, Kelli Osborn 4, Kayla Redman 3, Tandi Jones and Anne Palmer 1 each.

JV BOYS DOWN SMYER

The J.V. Cowboys closed out their season with a fine 19-4 record, whipping SMYER Feb. 7, 60-30. Chris Payne was top scorer with 15 points, followed by Jacob Lester 14, Chase Clananah 10, Ralph Ramirez 7, Yancy House 5, Joey DeFriess 4, Jeremy Dearing 2, Spencer Deaton 2, Jamey Garland 1. They won the Plains and Sundown J.V. tournaments and finished 3rd in the District 3-AAA tournament. The Cowboys were undefeated in district play for the 3rd straight year. Coach Brink praised the young men for their effort and enthusiasm.

COWBOYS DOWN SMYER

The Cowboys had a smooth 80-29 over Smyer February 7, to end district action tied for first place with Anton. Every team member scored and had rebounds in a good team effort. Brad Mc Minn had 10 rebounds, Shannon Ward and Ladd Winn had 4 assists each and Winn and Stephen Bitolas each had four steals. McMinn scored 17 points, followed by Winn 16, Ward 12, Victor Bernal 11, Bitolas 9, Johnny Davis 6, Kirk Parrish 5, and Ken McAdams 4.

COWGIRLS WHIP SMYER

The Varsity Cowgirls wound up their 1995 district season with a convincing 63-46 victory win over the Smyer Lady Bobcats Feb. 7. Robin Squyres had 9 rebounds, closely followed by Amber Bryan with 8, and Kassie Lowe had 4 steals. Scoring leader was Kiley Bearden with 17, followed by Squyres 12, Stacey Jones 9, Tessa St. Romain 7, Bryan 6, Sandi Warren 5, Misty Willett 4, Shyloh Winn 2, and Bridget Bernal 1.



Front: Marcey House, Jolene Burgess
Back: Coach Cain, Lisa Parrish, Miranda Box, Kayla Redman, Tandi Jones

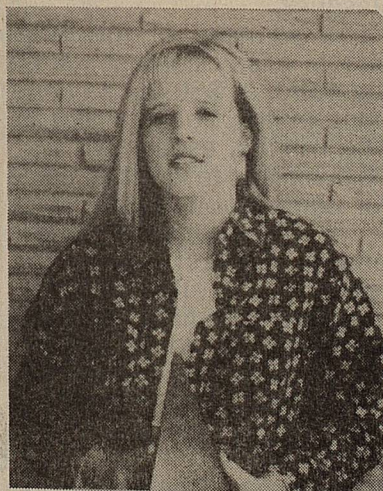
COWBOYS DOWN EAGLES

The combined Varsity and Junior Varsity journeyed to Sterling City Feb. 10 and came away with a convincing 78-44 win, extending their season record to 25-2. They also moved into 9th place in the State Rating Polls. Ladd Winn led the scoring with 18 points, followed by Victor Bernal 16, Brad McMinn 14, Shannon Ward 7, Chase Clananah 6, Stephen Bitolas and Johnny Davis 5, Ralph Ramirez, Kirk Parrish, and Ken McAdams 2, and Jacob Lester 1.

The team faces Anton in a district playoff game at 7 PM in the Whiteface Gym, and take on Class 2-A and State rated Spring Lake-Earth Friday at 8 PM in the Levelland H.S. Gym. Tuesday, Feb. 21 the Cowboys meet the Wink Wildcats at 7PM in the Odessa College Gym. Good Luck, Cowboys!

COWGIRLS LOSE TO STERLING CITY

In the season finale Feb. 10, the Varsity girls were downed 52-35 by the Lady Eagles. The Cowgirls shot a dismal 20% of their field goals, turned the ball over 19 times, yet managed 5 steals to the Eagles 0. Stacey Jones led the scoring with 8 points, followed by Robin Squyres 7, Tessa St. Romain and Amber Bryan 5, Misty Willett and Sandi Warren 3, and Kiley Bearden 2.



LIVESTOCK SHOW QUEEN SAYS, "THANK YOU!"
Wendy Beckham, recently elected Queen of the Yoakum County Livestock Show, wants to thank all of her friends and supporters who purchased tickets from her during the show. "This is a great honor, and I thank each and everyone of you!"

GO COWBOYS BEAT ANTON!!

First Annual NHS Quiz Bowl

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a Quiz Bowl competition among the four high school classes in February.

Each class has selected two teams, composed of three members each, who will compete against each other. After deciding class members of the senior class, the seniors will play the sophomores and juniors will play the freshmen to see who becomes grade champion. Class competition was determined February 7-8. Grade champions will compete February 23-24 to determine who will play a faculty team (yet to be determined) for the school championship.

has turned in academic questions to be used in the contest. Questions for the school championship match will come from outside the school system.

A date for the faculty and grade contest has not been scheduled, but will be announced later in the newspaper or school bulletin.

Members of the senior team are Brad McMinn, Jennifer Earnest, and Ken McAdams.

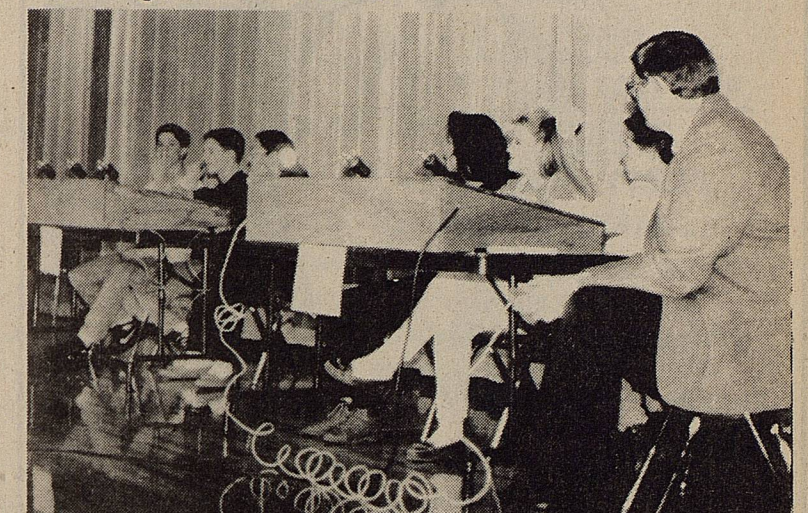
Members of the juniors are, Kiri Ancinic, Valerie Blair, and Kirk Parrish.

Members for the sophomores are, Yancey House, Jacob Lester, and Mary Morales.

Members of the freshmen class are, Vicki Bayer, Shawn Cullins, and Shawna Box.

The public is invited and the contests will begin at 10 am on each day.

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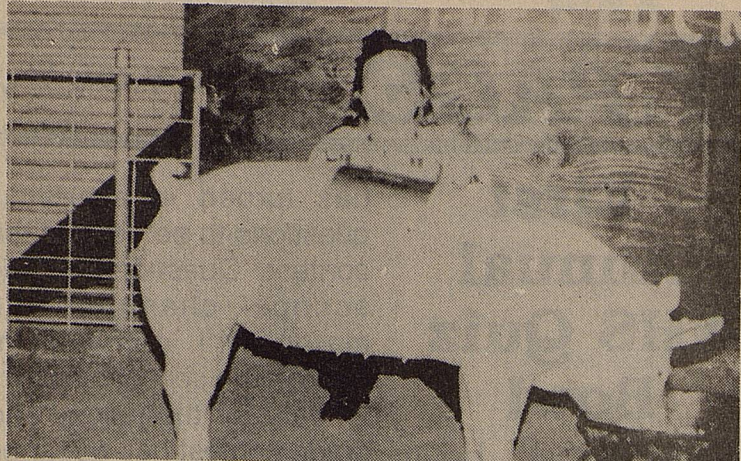
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Chelsey Anne Bearden and Best of Show Rabbit

ESSAY & POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) conducted its annual essay and poster contest during January and February. According to Linda Powell, the SWCD Director who coordinated the contest, "it was a great success". "We had 115 entries in our poster contest and 48 entries in our essay contest", stated Powell.

Programs were presented during January and February by local District Conservationist, Mario Avila, to all classes that requested a program. The themes for the elementary and Jr. High programs were "Partners in Stewardship" and "The Living Waters", and the theme for the high school was "Soil and Water Conservation". The students were to develop their posters or essays based on the respective theme, according to Powell.

A separate panel of judges was used to judge the posters and the essays. The poster judges selected the top poster in each grade. The winners of the poster contest received a ribbon and a trophy. In addition, their poster will be submitted to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for competition on the state level. The winners of the poster contest were the following:

1st Grade - A tie between Abel Ramos, son of Freddie and Yvette Ramos and B.J. Lester, son of Bruce and Jan Lester.

2nd Grade - Jamie Covarrubias, daughter of Michael and Gloria Covarrubias

3rd Grade - Trent May, son of Bill and Tana May.

4th Grade - Justin Calsoncin, son of Rudy and Gloria Calsoncin.

5th Grade - Becky Wilmeth, daughter of Jet and Gay Wilmeth.

6th Grade - Tanya Vasquez, daughter of Paul and Gloria Vasquez.

The winners of the High school essay contest will be awarded a \$50.00 savings bond by the Yoakum SWCD. The winning essays will also be submitted to the state office for competition on the state level. The winners of the essay contest were the following: Kelly McGinty, daughter of Kenneth and Ann McGinty. Heather McDonnell, daughter of Jackie and Gale McDonnell. Selena Humphrey, daughter of Joe and Freda Humphrey.

L.J. Sanders, Chairman of the Yoakum SWCD, stated that he would like to thank all of the students that participated in the contests this year, and on behalf of the Directors of

Yoakum County SWCD, thanked all of the Administrators and teachers of the three schools. The Directors also expressed their appreciation to the judges, Mrs. Ann Graham, Mrs. Jana Sellers, Mrs. Liz Jodry, Mrs. Kathy Jones, Mrs. Sheila Stephens, Mrs. Karie Preston, Mrs. Tammie White

Neal Newsom, SWCD Director, & Elementary, Middle and High School Winners.



Becky Wilmeth - Tanya Vasquez



Rear; Neal Newsom Front; Abel Ramos, B.J. Lester, Jamie Covarrubias, Trent May, Justin Calsoncin



Selena Humphrey, Kelly McGinty, Heather McDonnell

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is recognized and endorsed by Section 22.074 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes. In 1984, the College Board selected the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program as one of sixty-four exemplary professional development programs in the United States.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF AVON GARDNER BRANTLEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of AVON GARDNER BRANTLEY were issued Feb. 9, 1995, in cause No. 1255, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to:

HATTIE B. BRANTLEY

The residence of such Independent Executrix is Yoakum County, Texas. The address for purpose of presenting claims is:

P.O. Box 268

Plains, Texas 79355.

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this the 9th day of February, 1995.

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CONT'D FROM PG. 1, 'RABIES'

of Health (TDH) is planning an air drop of coyote bait containing oral rabies vaccine in hopes of stopping the spread of the South Texas epizootic. The air drop follows extensive development of the oral vaccine and delivery system. Set for next month, it is unprecedented in this state.

In 1994, a fox rabies epizootic in Central Texas resulted in 270 cases of this virus, primarily in foxes. Another 247 cases were reported from 1987 through 1993.

Gray fox rabies is readily transmitted to raccoons and livestock, especially cows and goats. It may also be transmitted to cats and dogs. More than 300 persons from the gray fox rabies epizootic area received treatment for exposure to this rabies strain in 1994.

TDH will place warning signs about the quarantine in post offices and other high-traffic areas throughout the state. Local health officials and animal control officers will also be asked to help enforce the quarantine. Violation of the quarantine is a Class C misdemeanor.

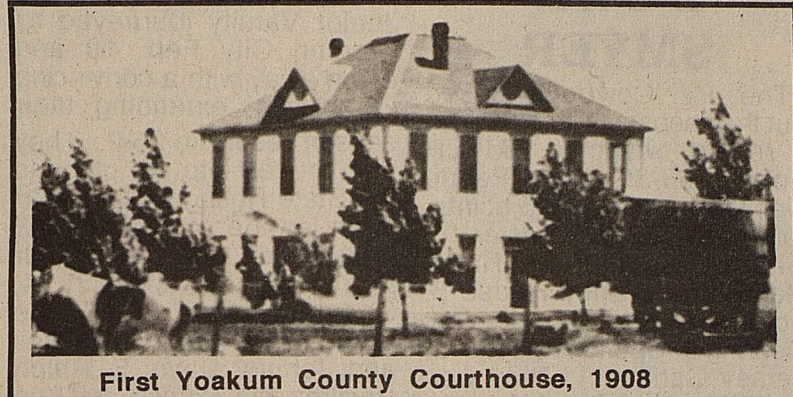
JOIN THE EASTER MUSIC PAGEANT!

Patrick Hamilton, Music Director, First Baptist Church, reminds the community of the upcoming Easter Pageant on April 12 in the school auditorium.

Rehearsals are currently taking place each Wednesday evening at 8 pm in First Baptist's Fellowship hall.

Hamilton says the towns turnout for the rehearsals has been excellent, but more singers are needed.

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LIBRARY FILM TIME

Forty seven pre-school youngsters attended the annual Valentine Day party at the Library Feb. 8. Refreshments and special Valentine theme treats were furnished by Elviera Jimenez, Cristy Brink, Becky Blomstedt, Kellie Earnest, Adell McElroy, Judi Addison, Sharon Willis, Jarena Melendez, Zachary and Lora Luna.

The children played games, sang songs, and enjoyed videos. The children attending film time were; Jonathan Penner, Ryan Crump, Marcus Riveria, Alfredo Martinez, Jasmine Mares, Wyatt and Lee Dearing, Diana Garcia, Heather and Alex Penner, Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Rhaela and Rhaena Stall, Trent and Brett Hawthorne, Landon and Dakota Earnest, Zachary, Ramon, Amanda Ramirez, Curtis Arteaga, Katie Winn, Sydney Cueto, Brandon Craft, Britnie Duren, Lexus Jimenz, Lauren Davis, Troy Don Parrish, Cody Mayes, Holden, Hunter and Haley Welch, Meagan McElroy, Jacob Brink, Morgan Willis, Marissa and Sammy Melendez, Andrianna Barrientes, Amber and Cody Friesen, Christopher and Stephanie Addison, Ashton and Cody Blomstedt, Lauren Hise, Jaaron and Joani Bell.

That same day, Plains Elementary students made their weekly visit to the library. They too saw a video and checked out library books.

PINA COLADA CAKE

1 box yellow or white cake mix,
2 eggs, beaten
TOPPING:

1(16oz.) can cream of coconut

1/2 large coconut

1 large carton Cool Whip

Grease a 9x13 inch pan with 1/4 cup oil. Dump first 4 ingredients into pan and mix together. Mixture will be lumpy and runny. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and punch holes in top while hot. Pour the cream of coconut over hot cake. Let cool completely. Mix together remaining coconut and whipped topping and spread over top of cake. Refrigerate. A requested cake at church dinners.

This recipe came from our Methodist Cook Book, also the Blackberry wine cake recipe. These Cook Books are still for sale if anyone would like to purchase one for any occasion. This recipe is a favorite at our church, and who else could make it so good but our own Crip Henard.

LITTLE DRIBBLERS TEAM ROSTERS

1995 MINOR LEAGUE BOYS

Team Name: Cowboys Coach: Tim Bowers
Kelly Bowers, Chisum Deaton, Ryan Swann, Nolan Newsom, Miguel Coronado

Team Name: ? Coach: Zeta Curtis
Joshua Curtis, Chase Howell, Trent May, Zachary Broome, Ryan Martinez, Luis Quintana

Team Name: Hornets Coach: Gloria Covarrubias
Justin Calsoncin, Grady McNabb, Tony Gomez, Antonia Avila, Armando Rameriz, Johnathon DeLaRosa

Team Name: ? Coach: Ace Hamm
Austin Keesee, Breck Hamm, Joseph Martinez, Angel Ruiz, Arnold Cordova, Anthony Loya

Team Name: ? Coach: Brad Palmer
Bradley Palmer, Richard Diaz, Justin Chambliss, Benny Loewen, Rodney Guetersloh, James Wright

1995 MINOR LEAGUE GIRLS

Team Name: D-2 Coach: Mike Blount
Moriah Traweek, Nichole Johnson, Jeannie Longoria, Miki Henry, Mandi Rogers, Chelsea Blount

Team Name: ? Coach: Debra Hice
Jessica Knight, Sandra Gallegos, Jessica Henry, Crystal Garcia, Jill Gray

Team Name: ? Coach: Sylvia Martinez
Kimberly Martinez, Sarah Martinez, Isamari Guzman, Joanna Diaz, Krystal Gonzales

Team Name: ? Coach: Chris Winn
La Shonda Diamond, Elizabeth Wilmeth, Mackenzie Winn, Elizabeth Tarango, April Wilmeth, Kayla Willis

We Will Print Major League Rosters Next Week

GAME SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 20	Tuesday, Feb. 21
5:30 Koncaba vs Wagnon	5:30 Blount vs Winn
6:45 Blount vs Hise	6:45 Hamm vs Palmer
8:00 Bowers vs Hamm	8:00 Koncaba vs Rowe

WEDDING SHOWER ANNOUNCED

Lachel Layton, Bride-elect of Tim Smith, will be honored with a wedding shower February 26, 2:30-4:00 PM, in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Culwell. Selections for the shower are available at Jerrie's Boutique, Bayer Lumber, Renaissance, Dillard's in Lubbock, and Nelson Pharmacy in Brownfield.

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