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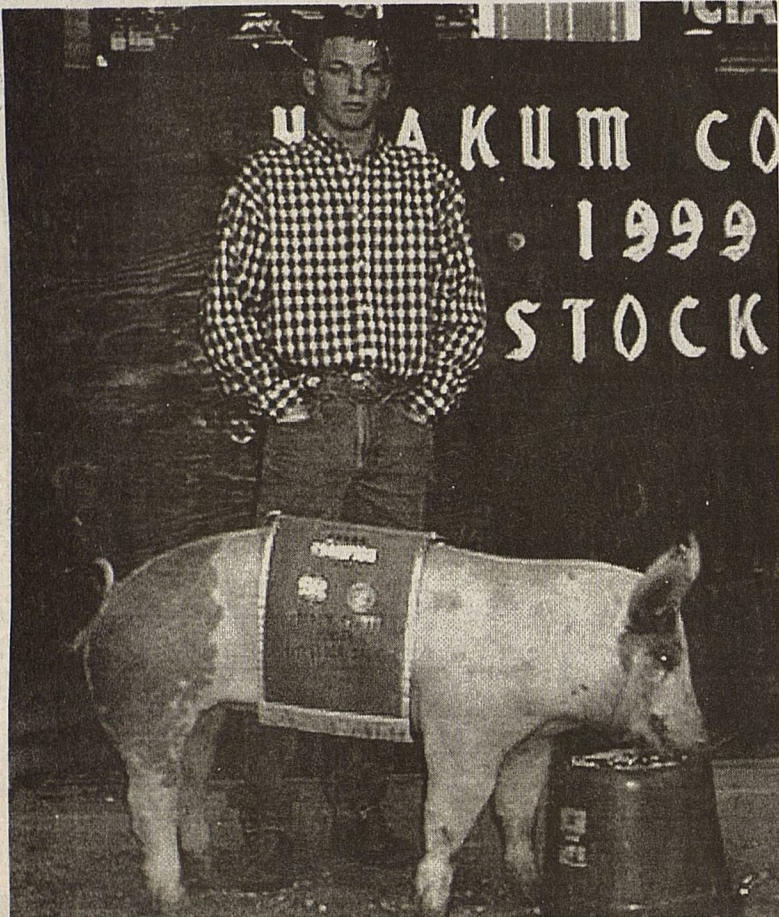
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47th Junior Livestock Issue



Tanner Blount with Grand Champion Barrow



Skylar Keese showed the Grand Champion Steer



Jeremy Humphrey and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow

The 47th annual livestock show ended a successful three day run last Saturday. Despite cold, rainy, even snowy weather Thursday and Friday, despite hard times in both agriculture and the petroleum industry, the show ended on a happy note thanks to the dedication and extremely hard work by members of the Livestock Association, and the young exhibitors. The annual show was dedicated to the memory of the late Gene Bennett, and his wife Vera and sons Chip and Bruce were on hand at the Satur-

day sale when the dedication was announced. County Judge Dallas Brewer opened the final ceremonies with a prayer reminding all, despite many adversities, West Texans would survive and prosper. Prior to Saturday's sale, a number of members and exhibitors expressed concerns about buyers being present to make the auction successful. While dollar amounts of bidding were not available at press time, the event went very well.



Stormy McDowell, left, Denver City FFA, was crowned 1999 Livestock Show Queen, shown with Dawn Garland, Plains FFA Candidate, Lindsey Turner, Denver City FFA, and Jennifer Lollar, Plains 4-H

Plains, Denver City ISD's to focus on families role in stressing education

Both county school districts, with assistance of The Learning Center in Denver City, are collaborating on promoting a program which will stress the vital importance of families, and getting young people to understand the vital importance of education. Kathy Clark, Director of the Learning Center in Denver City, has arranged a two day rally featuring guest speaker Ron Johnson in both Plains and Denver City. March 22nd and 23rd. Mr. Johnson, a graduate of Columbia University, is the author of "VISIONS: A Rites Of Passage Workbook". The book was published by the California Department of Education. The Rites of Passage program has been adopted by many public schools and churches. It is a social recovery plan for parents and youth, designed to harvest productive adults for communities and the nation. A letter from Denver City ISD Superintendent Steve Mills outlined the effort and March rally.

Mills stated, "It is my hope the schools, cities, county and churches in Yoakum County will unite behind this two day rally and produce a great outcome for all our citizens." A tentative schedule for Johnson's presentation has him speaking to Denver City and Plains High School students at Jones Auditorium in Denver City on March 22 at 9 a.m., followed by his talk to Junior High students of both schools in Plains at 1 p.m. That evening at 7 p.m. a Rally will be held for dads and teenage boys in Denver City, and the next day at 7 p.m. there will be a Rally for moms and teenage girls in Plains. The Learning Center in Denver City has a video tape of Ron Johnson's presentation. The tape is available to individuals, churches, and civic organizations, and to obtain the tape Mrs. Clark may be contacted at 592-5977. Plains ISD Superintendent

James Haynes said, "I have seen the video, and have shown it to our Junior High and High School Principals, and we all are tremendously impressed at the potential the program has for our youth, but especially for their families. I like Ron Johnson's philosophy, and his approach to education and life. He makes it clear we all, parents, teachers, and students, are accountable for what we do with our lives. The decisions we make affect our own lives and those around us. You can never stress too strongly how our young people must be made to understand how vitally important it is to start their adult lives with a solid education behind them. I especially appreciate Johnson's message, that reading skills form the very foundation a good education is built on. I urge our citizens to help this program succeed here. CCN will report future developments on the Rites of Passage program.

Court hears hospital, clinic report

Commissioner's heard a detailed 4th quarter report on the county hospital and Plains Clinic Monday morning. Ed Rogers and Clay Taylor used an overhead projector to outline financial progress made by the two medical facilities. The Plains Clinic, reopened May 18 of last year, had a total of 2,212 patient visits as of December 31, 255 of those gratis. The County Hospital averaged 3.2 admitted patients per day in 1998, compared to 3.7 patients in 1997. Revenues totaled \$5,812,200, up some \$315,000 over 1997, and the net loss for the year was \$363,788. County tax dollars used in operations Turn to Page 2, "COURT"

Walker named as Chairman

State Representative Gary L. Walker (R-Plains) was appointed to serve as chair of the Land and Resource Management Committee, and retained his membership on the Natural Resources Committee. Walker was the only third term member to receive a chairmanship. "I am honored by these appointments," Walker said. "I appreciate Speaker Laney showing such confidence in me. I intend to work hard, not only to prove his confidence is appreciated, but to show that West Texans know the value of hard work." The House Committee on Land and Resource Management has oversight of: the management of public lands, the power to eminent domain, and annexation, zoning and other governmental regulation of land use. The House Committee on Natural Resources has oversight of: land and water conservation, water usage, irrigation, reclamation and water supply districts, and the control and development of land and water resources.

More Livestock Show photos,
results inside

A look back in time

Or, where in the world is Midway, N.M.?

Last week Kenneth Burns visited CCN, and left us a copy of a hand written series of humorous vignettes about everyday life around the community of Midway. Not anxious to expose my ignorance, I was forced to ask where Midway was. Thankfully, Kenneth was not absolutely sure either, but thought it at one time was a settlement somewhere near what is now called New Tex.

It still surprises me my parents could live and work so many years at the state line across the highway from New Tex Gin, and I did not know just a few hundred yards further west, just inside New Mexico, the community of Midway once thrived.

A series of phone calls to W.H. Graham and Idell Savisky of Lovington, a talk with Lefty Spears, and a few hours spent with a number of Lea County historical books convinced me, yes indeed, there really was a Midway, New Mexico. If you were on US 82 at New Tex, as you cross into New Mexico, the area to the immediate north and south of the highway would be where the settlement stood.

According to a historical work by Lynn C. Mauldin, the first families to settle in the Chavez County area which would develop into Midway were the Adam Hickman Spears and David Burton Sudduth clans, who journeyed there in covered wagons from Dallas County, Texas in 1903.

By 1907, there were enough families in the area to invest in a school building. To allow neighboring families in Yoakum County to send their children to the school, the 40 by 60 foot white-frame building was built squarely astraddle the state line, which prompted the school and community to be named Midway. Families paid a small amount per child to send them to the school, and also had to purchase their books.

The community slowly grew. Over the years, a post office was established, a blacksmith and mercantile store opened, and a dentist operated from the mercantile second floor. A physician from Plains, Dr. George Washington Lasater, moved his business to Midway. In 1910, Dud Pollock donated 2 acres of land about two miles southwest of Midway for a cemetery. Today it is known as the Antioch Cemetery.

In it's heyday, the Midway school was used by both Texas and New Mexico couples for weddings; The Texas couples were asked to step to the front of the church, and the New Mexico folks ceremony took place in the rear of the church.

Like many other small settlements. Midway's star began to dim, and in 1917, when the Post Office was closed and moved to Plainview, its fate was sealed. The school was consolidated with another in 1919, and by 1920, the town of Midway ceased to exist.

The handwritten article mentioned at the start of this column is still some sort of mystery. It is titled "The Midway Hustler". Does this indicate the presence of a newspaper at Midway? Was it the author's pen name? No one to date has come up with a conclusive answer. In any event, here are the writings, with absolutely no editing, ending with the words "Written by Frank Sudduth Dec. 1908 at his home six miles northwest of Midway N.M."

"Mr Roy Worley started out a deer hunting last Saturday evening on a mule. he started down by Mr Bakers but he couldn't get his mule through the gate.

"Mr. Jim Spears ask Mosters Boy what he would charge to cary notes from house to Midway. Mosters Boys said he would carry them just to get to stop in.

"Mosters Boy like to got killed last Friday evening at Midway. He was riding a stick horse along and this horse fell on him but I don't think his wound will prove seirous.

"Mr Edd Syfrett and the rake tooth - Mr Ed Syfrett thought he was about to win him a home at Ms Robbins but Miss Eulalia got tired of him and run him off. With a rake tooth but it wasn't Mary this time.

"Uncle Gus Burns has big signes on his house cook wanted. It doesn't seem like the girls has seen it. So he stayed home last Sunday printing signes to put up on the forks of the road, especialy around Midway.

"Mr Jim Spears went to see his girl last Sunday evening and he was sitting by her and after along silence Jimmie looked up and said Myrtle there is a feather on your dress and Myrtle said well no wonder I have been sitting by a goose so long.

"Mr Henry Baker said if he couldn't beat Harvey Harris time he was going to leave the country and die an old bachelor.

"Mr Jim Chaddrick said that the girls dont think that he wants to marry but he does very bad indeed.

"Mr Doc Chaddrick and Mr Odis Fillingem must have got slighted last Sunday from the way they were blushing when they come back in the house from helping Miss Ivey and her mother on their horses.

"I heard Mr Worley gave Miss Stella a dime last Saturday evening not to pay any more attention to Uncle Gus.

"Mr Hazle Burns has been casting goo goo eyes at Miss Gussie Baker but she dont seem to admire them very much.

"Mr Dock Chaddrick said he would have his dugout completed by Christmas and he said he wasnt going to live by himself. Wonder who he thinks he can fool?

"It seems as though Ed Syfrett is hardt to rutn from Ms Robbins. he is trying to make up with Eulalia and the rake tooth again. he proposed to bring her to the box supper last Monday evening. When they were going home from school she told him he could if he could outrun her to the gate, so Edd's horse gave out and he lost out again.

About some of the people mentioned in these ramblings; We've determined Jim Spears was Lefty Spears dad; Mosters Boy was the son of Moster Lewis of Midway; Uncle Gus was a Burns, married Stella, who was probably a Spears; Hazel Burns was Kenneth's dad; The author, Frank Sudduth, was an uncle of Lee Roy McCravey. Small world, isn't it

Snow Scenes



What ingredient goes best with a snow covered hill? Kids, and something to slide on, of course. The Jim Haynes kids (of varying ages) were giving the hill in Stanford Park a workout last Saturday morning.



Brock and Caitlin Carter got very wet and very cold building this giant snowman Saturday. Brock said it looked a lot like his dad, Eddie.

According to the official weather recording chart at City Hall, the weekend snowfall translated into .52 inches of moisture, bringing the January total to .84 inches. That may not be an indicator the drought is over, but it sure beats a sandstorm.

Water Board approves Sandy Land Loan

The Texas Water Development Board today approved a \$500,000 loan from the Agricultural Water Conservation loan program to Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District (UWCD).

Sandy Land UWCD will use the funds to make low interest loans to area farmers for the purchase and installation of more efficient water conservation equipment, including high efficiency sprinkler systems, underground pipelines, tail water pits, flow meters and low pressure drip irrigation systems.

Sandy Land UWCD is located in the city of Plains. Its area includes all of Yoakum County covering approximately 531,200 acres in the southern high plains of Texas. There are more than 95,000 acres of irrigated land in Yoakum County.

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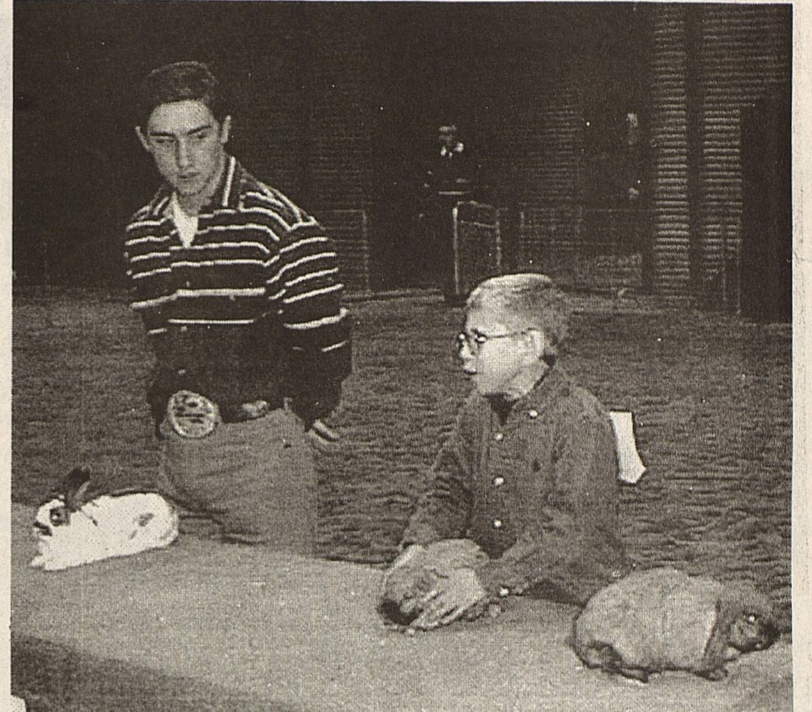
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totaled \$650,000, some \$72,000 lower than budgeted for.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark told the court the Batters Intervention Prevention Program (BIPP), sponsored by the Womens Protective Services of Lubbock, and partially supported by county tax dollars, has been very successful, but is facing funding problems. Clark said those ordered by the court to attend the program are expected to pay \$15 for each of 24 sessions, or \$360. He said because of current economic conditions in the county, many offenders cannot afford this payment. He asked the courts

permission to lower the cash portion to \$5 per session, and have the offenders perform community service work equivalent to the \$10 balance. The court agreed.

The court also approved the proposed county drug/alcohol policy, one of only a few around the state. The Zero Tolerance program has provisions for employees to inform supervisors of any related problems they are experiencing, and they may be eligible for rehabilitation programs through their county insurance policy. Clark said if random drug/alcohol tests revealed substance abuse, the policy means what it is referred to, Zero Tolerance.



Jeremy Horn eyes Matt McKenzie struggle with pair of unruly rabbits.



These young ladies paid attention to Rabbit Judge.

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PISD Basketball Recap

JUNIOR HIGH

7th Girls - The younger Lady Wranglers took on Post last week, and unfortunately came up short, 35-15. Manuela Villegas had 9 points, Jeannie Longoria 4, and Carmen Ponce 2. Coach said Manuela and Moriah Traweek had outstanding games.

8th Girls - The 8th girls downed Post in a good game, 44-34. Chelsea Blount led the scoring with 13, Jessica Rodriguez had 9, Joana Diaz 8, Mckenzie Winn 5, Jessica Knight 4, Kayla Willis 3, and Liz Wilmeth 2.

Both girl teams face Stanton here February 8 for their final game. Sorry, no Jr. High Boys results available



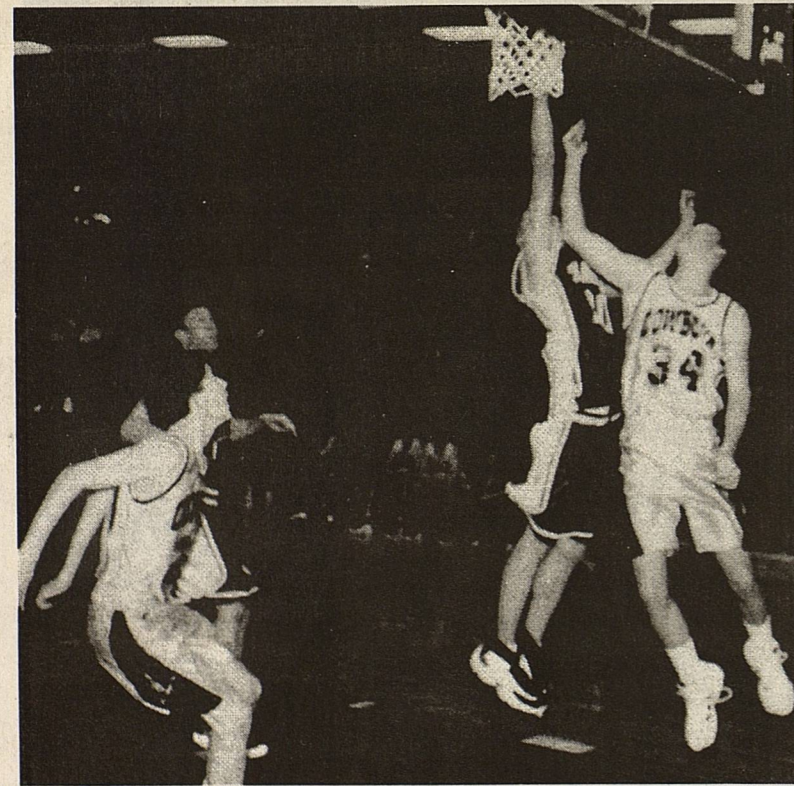
Kayla Redman puts up two points

JV Cowgirls.

The younger Cowgirls had a great effort against Tahoka, winning 30-28. Chelsi Wagon had 12 points, Annaliesa O'Quinn 6, Lexi Warren and Frances Cordova 4 each. Coach said "The girls played hard, got physical, had fun!"

The JV Girls also tamed Seagraves 31-22. Chelsi had 15 points, Kim 8, Frances 3, Amanda Garcia and Annaliesa 2 each, Lexi 1. Kim had 8 rebounds, Chelsi 4 steals, Frances was 50% on free throws, Lexi was outstanding on defense.

JV Cowboys- The boys found Tahoka a bit too much, and fell 62-49. Blundell, Newland, Sqyres and Gonzales all finished with 10 points.



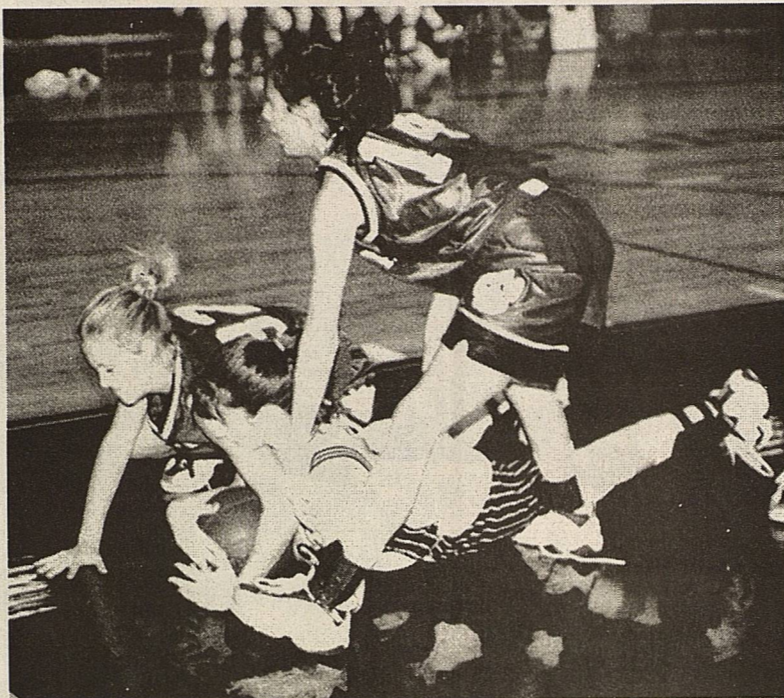
Josh Bell slips two point layup in



Momma, right, cheers Jill Gray on her \$55 'Dash For Cash' effort

They came back with a good win against Seagraves, 45-39. Blundell had the hot hand with 19 points, Sqyres had 14, Gonzales 8. Their season record is 5 and 2.

Cowgirls - The girls had a good win against Tahoka, 49-38. Kimberly Newland led the scoring with 16 points, Kayla Redman had 14, Krystle Blundell 8, Jessica Flores 6, Kristen Gray 3, and Candace Bowers 2.



Candace Bowers, middle, battles Bulldogs for ball

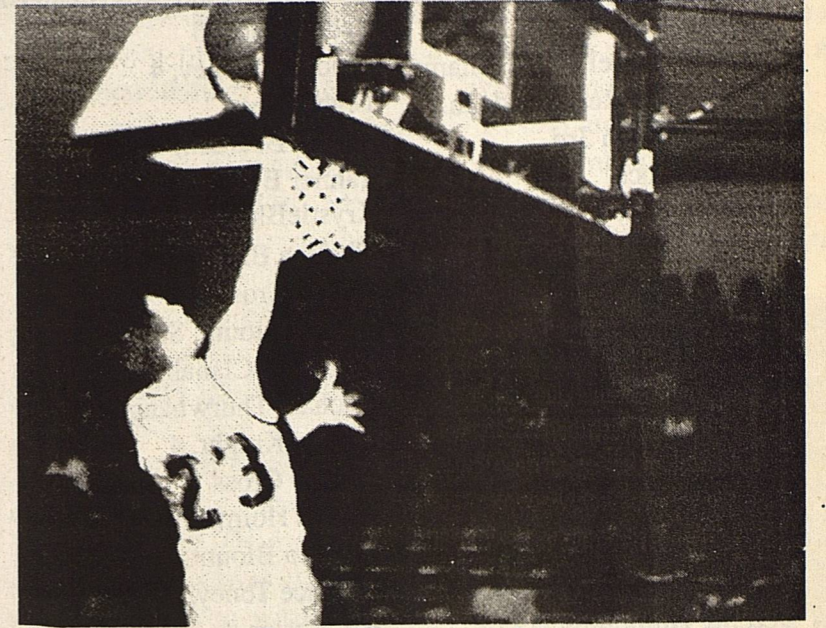


Adam Garcia gets inside for good layup

Kayla had 11 rebounds, Candace 10, and Krystle had 5 steals. The girls next came up just 3 points short in a 42-39 loss to Seagraves, managing just 20% of their shots from the field. Kimberly had 17 points, Krystle and Kayla 5 each, Kristen and Candace 4 each, Kimbe Jones and Anne Palmer 2 each. Kayla had 9 rebounds and 4 steals.

Cowboys - The Cowboys pulled out a 54-50 win against district foe Tahoka. Tanner Blount had 19 points, Adam Garcia 15, Fermin Luna 10, Kyle Sisson and Josh Bell 4 each, Jared Bell 2. Tanner had 9 rebounds, Josh had 7.

The Cowboys had another close win over Seagraves, 53-49. Tanner came up with 24 points, Adam had 14, Jared 5, Fermin and Josh 4 each, Patrick McGinty 2.

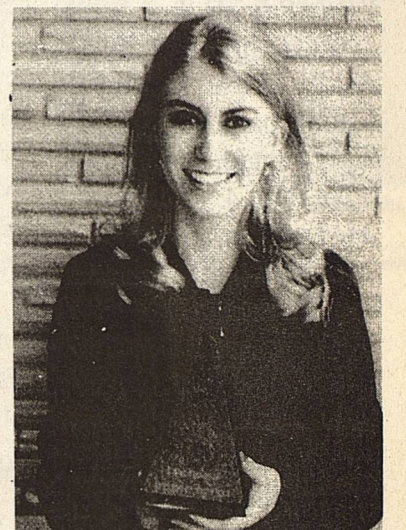


Tanner Blount soars for two

Student of the Week

Student of the week is Krystle Blundell, a junior, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Blundell.

She was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, who said, "Krystle is a very conscientious person. She is self-motivated and has a drive rarely seen in today's students. In class she works very diligently to learn all she can learn and participates in class discussions. Outside of class she works just as hard



whether it is on the basketball court or working for me on a Student Council project.

LCEC commissions customer survey

Beginning later this week, a polling agency commissioned by Lea County Electric Cooperative will be randomly surveying around 300 to 400 members of the cooperative in New Mexico and West Texas to determine customer preferences about billing options as well as characteristics about their use of electrical appliances. The survey will be conducted by Research Polling, Inc. of Albuquerque. Members contacted are under no obligation to participate and will not be asked to purchase anything.

Participation in the survey is completely voluntary, and should take around ten minutes to complete. The results will be kept confidential, and will be used by the cooperative to provide information on

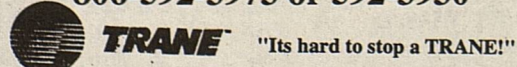
bill format changes and long-range planning needs due to electric appliance saturation.

"Getting timely, accurate information from our members is important for us as we set out to plan for additions and changes to increase our systems reliability. In addition, we want to know not only what our customers want their bill to look like, but also what type of information they would like their bill to contain," said Mike Dreyspring, General Manager of the cooperative.

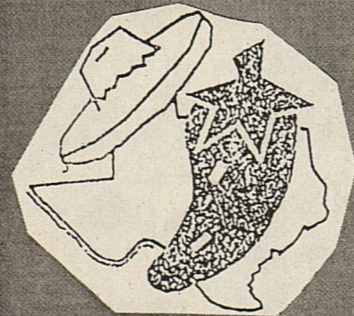
"We would encourage any of our members who have questions about the survey, or would like to get more information, to give us a call at 505-396-3631 or 1-800-510-5232."

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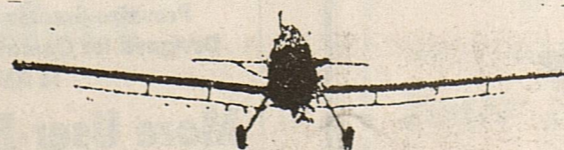
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Livestock Show Results

(First four places shown)

STEERS

Skylar Keesee- Grand Champ.

Austin Keesee- Res. Champ

SWINE - Barrows

Berk's

Lindsey Turney, Breed Champ

Alecia Bearden, Res. Breed Ch.

Chester Whites

Cassie Coronel Breed Champ

Leslie Row, Res Breed Ch.

Chris Addison 3rd

Light Durocs

Staci Tuggel, 1

Tanner Blount, 2

Amanda Owens, 3

Jason Smith, 4

Med. Durocs

Elizabeth Clanahan, Breed Ch.

Leo Sellers, Res Breed Ch.

Lisa Parrish, 3

Michael Thurwhanger, 4

Heavy Durocs

Amanda (Hiller) Gibson, 1

Jeremy Humphrey, 2

Jessica Knight, 3

Blake Parrish, 4

Light Hampshires

Ashley Unger, Breed Champ

Justin Chambliss, 2

Staci Tuggel, 3

Mike Bell, 4

Medium Hampshires

Chelsey Bearden, 1

B. J. Lester, 2

Dustin Sellers, 3

Krystle Blundell, 4

Heavy Hampshires

Troy Parrish, Res. Breed Ch.

Sandi Anderson, 2

Alyssa Holmes, 3

Dustin Cummings 4

Light Poland/Spot

Troy Parrish, 1

Shay Allsup, 2

Jeremy Ponce, 3

Tadd Coston 4

Heavy Poland/Spot

Elizabeth Clanahan, Breed Ch.

Todd Bailey, 2

Patrick Sizemore, 3

Krystal Sellers 4

Ligh Yorkshires

Michael Thurwhanger, 1

Jeremy Humphrey, 2

Jeremy Ponce, 3

Chelsea Blount, 4

Heavy Yorkshires

Casey Mayes, Breed Champ

Jennifer Gibson, Res Breed Ch.

Todd Bailey, 3

Lindsey Turney, 4

Light Cross

Alecia Bearden, 1

Tanner Blount, 2

KrystleBlundell,3

Chelsea Blount 4

Heavy Cross

Tanner Blount, Show Champ.

Elizabeth Clanahan, 2

Michael Thurwhanger 3

Jessica Knight, 4

Lt/Hvy Cross

Alyssa Holmes 1

Chelsea Blount, 2

Kandice Toney, 3

B.J. Lester, 4

Heavy Cross

Jeremy Humphrey, Show Res

Champ

Leslie Rowe, 2

Rustin Knight, 3

Stormy McDowell, 4

Gilts

Lt. Chesterwhites

Annaliesa O'Quinn, Res. Ch.

Stephanie Addison, 2

Chris Addison, 3

Becky Coronel 4

Heavy Chesterwhites

Dustin Cummings, Breed Ch.

Kutter Anderson, 2

Sandi Anderson, 3

Leslie Rowe, 4

Lt. Durocs,Shay Allsup, 1

Jason Smith, 2

Trey Cleveland, 3

ChrisCleveland, 4

Heavy Durocs

Jennifer Coston, Breed Ch.

Hannah Crump, Res Br. Champ

Justin Chambliss, 3

Ashley Unger, 4

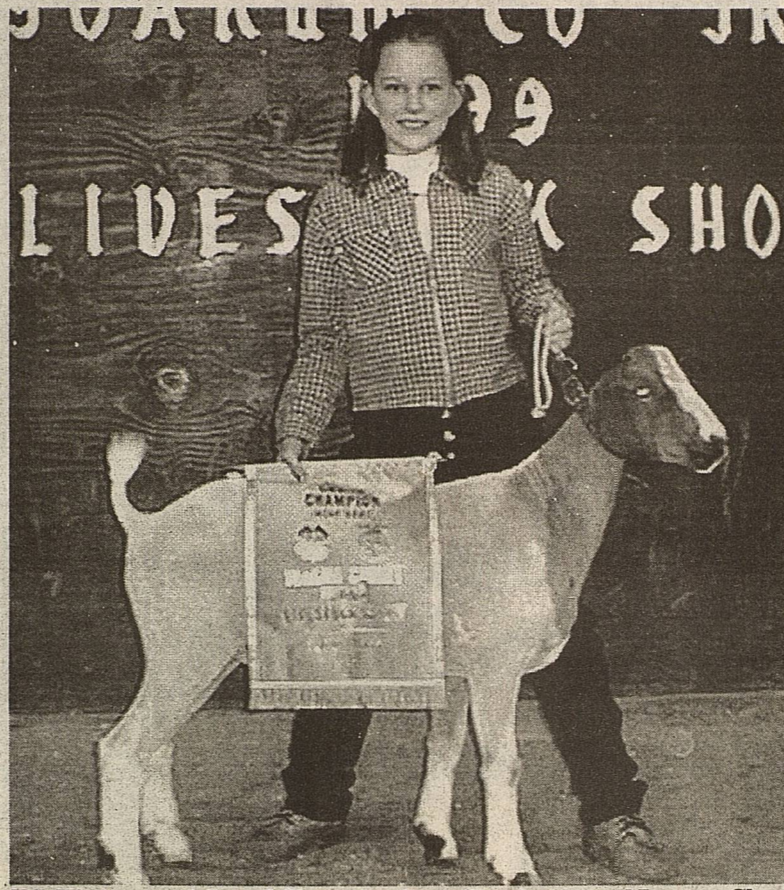
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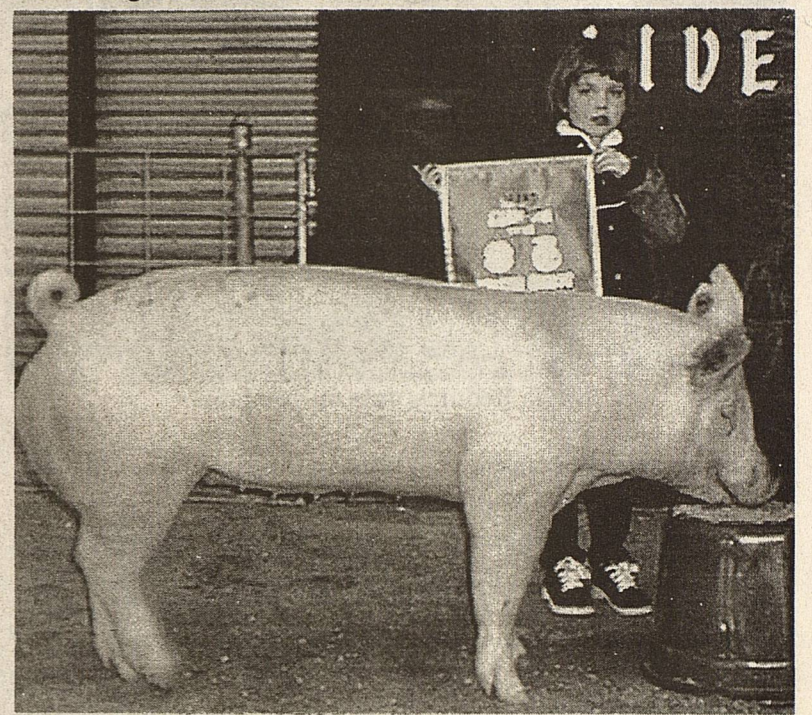
Mandi Anderson and Grand Champion Lamb, dad in background



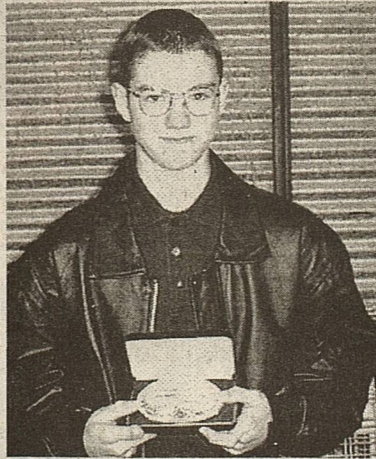
Lance Unger and Reserve Champ Lamb



T.J. Kitchens and Grand Champion Goat. She also showed Reserve Champion.



Kristen Knight and Grand Champ Gilt.



Grady McNabb won rabbit show-manship award



Jordan Bean, left, showed his brother Payton's rabbit for championship honors, Cody Mayes showed Best Opposite.

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Plains Students Named To SPC Honor Lists

Residents of Plains are among students who have been named to the combined President and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall semester at South Plains College.

"It is a privilege and honor to announce the names of those students who have worked hard to achieve and maintain excellent grade point averages," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "South Plains College is proud of them and we know their families are proud of them." Students represent the SPC Levelland and Lubbock campuses and Reese Center campus.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college level work.

Named to the President's Honor List are Vicki Bayer, Yvonne Gonzales and Lela Howard.

Named to the Dean's Honor List are Kyley Bearden and Kassie Lowe.

Tsa Mo Ga Meets at Library



Tsa Mo Ga Club met at the Plains Library, Jan. 25, 1999 to hear local ladies JoAnn Barron and Wadonna Davis, featuring a slide presentation and talk of their trip to the African Nation of Malawi last summer. They also displayed a number of African arts and crafts.

Their evangelist mission was to share the gospel with villagers in the vicinity of the Malawi City of Lilongwa. JoAnn and Wadonna said they spent the days visiting with the people, and church services were held each night. Some 60 evangelists from African nations helped conduct the services. They reported many thousands of Africans were brought to Christ in two evangelical rallies.

JoAnn said Baptist Churches in the Odessa, Denver City and Plains area raised over \$3400 for Bibles, which were distributed in the villages visited. Former residents Calvin and Juanes Beach were also on the trip.

As part of the club's "Adopt-A-Library" Project, a check was presented to the Library and Literacy Program which

Latrell McDonnell conducts each week. A Monetary Christmas Gift was given at the Christmas Dinner Party.

Tsa Mo Ga President Judy Head extended congratulations to Sarah Jane Shelton for her recognition as Citizen of the Year at the Plains Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Leticia Canon PHS Student, was recognized for her Volunteerism at the Library.

Hostesses Dolores Davis and Renetta O'Quinn served refreshments to eleven members and four guest, including Carolyn Culwell, Mattie Field, Judy Head, Connie McWhirter, Martha Palmer, Betty Rushing, Mary Jo St. Romain, Sarah Jane Shelton, and Elouise St. Romain. Guest were JoAnn Barron, Wadonna Davis, Kay Canon and Leticia Canon.

"Water Conservation" will be the topic for the February 8th meeting, 7:00 p.m. at the Tsa Mo Ga Clubhouse. County Judge Dallas Brewer, a member of Llano Estacado Region O, Water District Planning Committee, will speak on the progress of this vital asset.

Margaret Box Recognized



A handsome frame enclosing a plaque and photograph of the late Margaret Box now hangs on the north wall of the concession stand in the main livestock show barn. The frame was constructed by Greg McCravey, with wood salvaged from the old ranch house west of town where Lee Roy McCravey was born. The inscription on the plaque reads:

In memory of Margaret Box. This concession is dedicated to the Yoakum County Home Extension Clubs for their years of behind the scene community service work. Margaret Box was unsurpassed in her love for children of all ages. This long time club leader and founder will forever be etched in our hearts. Yoakum County Livestock Association.

Library Filmtime

On January 6, 1999 there were 12 children that attended Filmtime. They were: Karla Powell, Whitney Davis, Clayton Gass, Taya Hamilton, Matthew Ramos, Silas Williams, Autumn Friesen, Johnathan Davis, Haley Welch, Macy Banfield, Merrit Crump, Jaxon Williams. The children played a game, sang three songs, heard two stories, and watched a movie.

Senior Citizens Corner

Visitors this week were Kaye Levy, Marianna's friend, Johnny Fulbright and Roy Ivy's grandson. Its always nice to see a new face.

The Garage Sale is the big news. Anyone having usable things they wish to donate,

please call or bring them by before Friday. Make it a fun day and come in a browse.

The '42' Tournament was fun. Billie O'Neal and Inez Turner won first place. Ruby Harmon and I came in second.

Layne Black is driving the bus again after a few days off with the 'bug'.

Elmer and June Hannaman are away due to a family death. Our condolences to them at this time of sorrow.

January is about to pass, and the weather man is saying snow. So bundle up warmly and come on in and attend the Garage Sale. You may find something you really 'must have'.

See you next week, Smitty

Recipe for a Happy Child

Take one child; any age, sex, or color. Mix with generous portions of good humor, and understanding. Blend in discipline as needed. Use caution. Surround with wholesome music, love of nature, pets, and friends. Fold in a generous amount of patience. Retain some for future use. Bake in a warm pleasant atmosphere. Baste frequently with love and affection. (You will never run short of this basting material. You will find that it multiplies as it is used. Do not be uneasy. You can not over baste. Do not use an apron while basting. Much of the material will get on you and you will be a better person as a result.) Do not be discouraged, if at times, object does not seem to be turning out to your expectation. Continue basting and adding patience. Before you realize it your delight turns out even better than you had hoped for.

To protect and preserve, start spiritual training at an early age and continue until child is prop-

erly aged for release.

CAUTION! If you are afraid of falling in love, you are advised to not use this recipe.

Results are guaranteed and the recipe is absolutely free.

Submitted by G.D. Kennedy, former PISD Superintendent, now of Whitney, Texas.



Ragan McGinty & Showmanship award

District Sponsors Scholarship...

The Sandy Land UWCD is again sponsoring an essay writing contest for senior students at Denver City and Plains High Schools.

All senior students are eligible to enter the essay contest. Contest winners from each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for 1st Place and a \$500 scholarship for 2nd Place to the college(s) of their choice.

The topic of the essay should relate to an evaluation of the water situation in our area and contain proposals for future conservation of that water.

The essays, due no later than April 5, 1999, should have a minimum of 1,000 words, and be typed and double spaced with parenthetical footnotes. References must accompany the paper in the form of a bibliography page. Reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land UWCD office in Plains. In submitting the papers, students must supply cover sheets containing: their names, essay title, local high school and date.

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A fund has been established at Plains State Bank for David and Lyndia Alexander. David and Lyndia live approximately 32 miles northwest of Plains. Lyndia is the dealer for this area of the state for Elna sewing machines, sergers, presses, part and supplies. On Sunday, January 24, in the early hours of the morning, her shop located behind their house was consumed by fire. Everything in the shop was totally destroyed. Their friends would like to help them replace some of the items lost. Donations can be made at Plains State Bank. For more information contact Sheila Stephens or Linda Wall. The Alexander children, Dundee, Wendie, and Dave all attended Plains Schools. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

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From The Hack

There are occasions when you're tempted to shriek with joy... like Saturday afternoon when the stockshow ended. I never realized there were 28,103 pigs, 18,000 lambs 14,231 goats, a million rabbits and only two steers until the Jr. Livestock Show started. I believe I photoed all of them.. and maybe half the kids attached to them by ropes, halters, bubblegum, whatever.

Late Friday afternoon during the show, I looked at the announcer's desk, and Judge Brewer looked a bit pale about the gills. He'd been announcing the thing about as long as I'd been taking photos. I approached him sympathetically and said, "Judge, I'll trade my tired feet for yours." He quickly responded, "not unless I can trade in my bad knee too."

When is the last time you attended a livestock show and sale? That's too long, pardner.

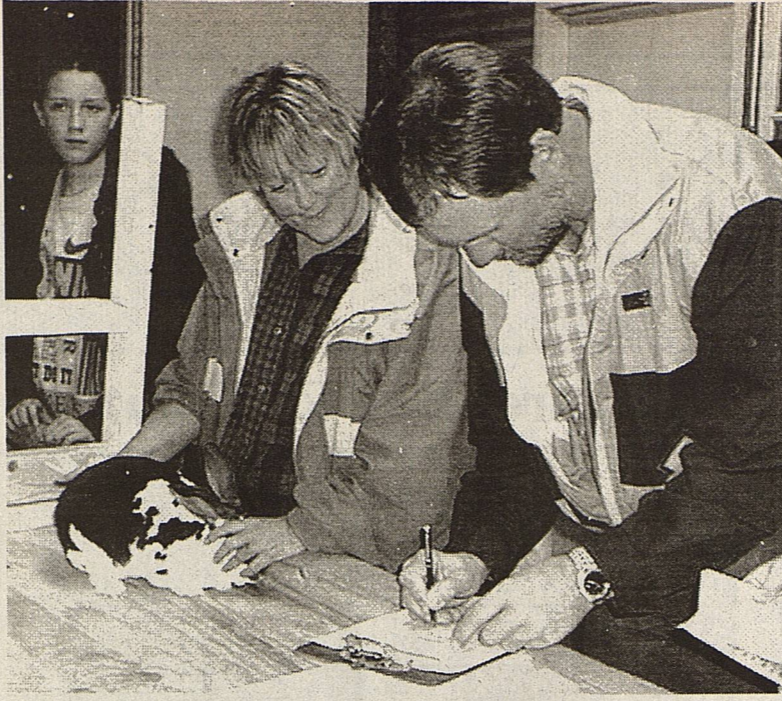
I was passing through the pig barn, something you'd normally like to do in warp speed, but I began picking up some pretty interesting comments from observers and exhibiting kids, dads.

We were in a huge aisle of gilt pigs... you know, people, the little girl pigs, when I began to hear this conversation..."Well, I think she's long and lean enough, but look how she moves out... that ain't good... Yeah, and I think the judge will knock her a bit for not being filled out up front."

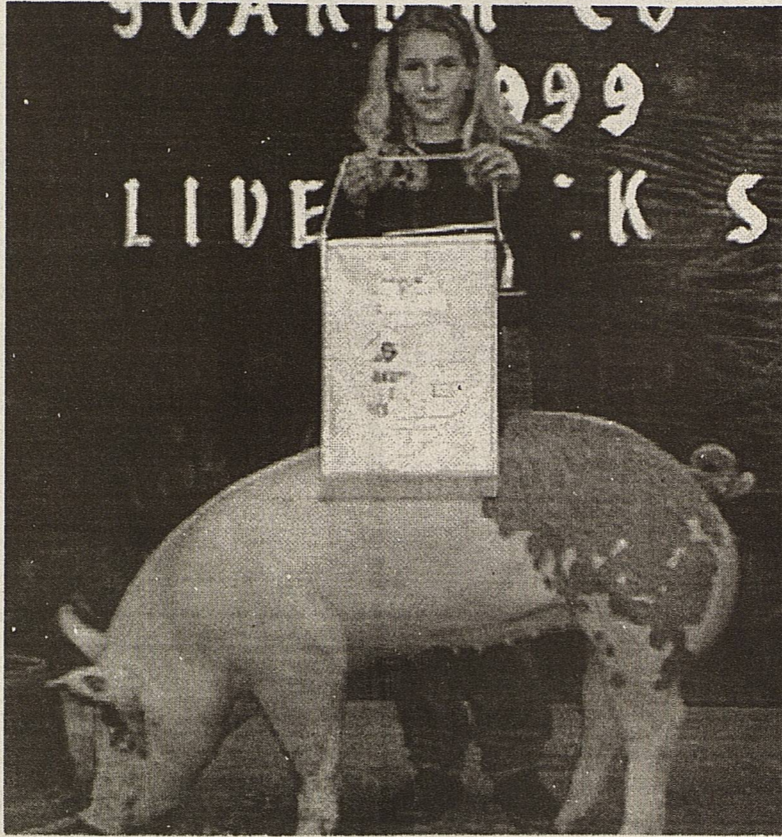
The other porker expert nodded, spat snuff and replied, "True, but just look at her hind-quarters, you talk about firm and filled out, and when she strides out, she really moves well. I think you're missing something with this little gal, she might make a big old fat TEN!"

For several moments, I thought I had mistakenly stumbled into one of those taverns of ill repute my friends sometimes tell me of in Lubbock.

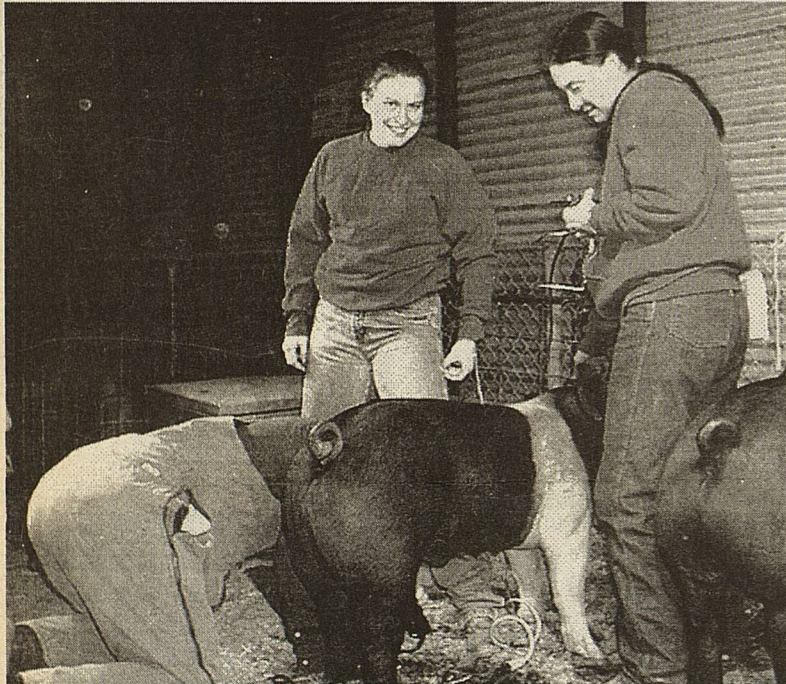
No, just innocent observations of a very comely Chesterwhite Gilt waddling her way around the show arena. With a 49 pound kid in tow waving a non-effective whip or prod.



Dottie Mayes & Jim Brown busy checking in Rabbits



Ashley Unger and Reserve Champ Gilt



Staci & Edith Tuggle are amused at Randy trying to teach pig new trick

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Walker, Texas Rep

By State Representative Gary Walker, Dist. 80

Some exciting things have been going on at the Legislature this week. This past Wednesday, Governor Bush gave his "State of the State" address before a joint session of the House and Senate, and Thursday Speaker Laney announced house members' committee assignments for the session. I was very honored to be chosen by Speaker Laney to serve as the Chairman of the Committee on Land and Resource Management as well as to remain on the Natural Resources committee. Land and Resource Management deals with issues such as annexation and zoning. It also has jurisdiction over a few state agencies, including the General Land Office. Honestly, I didn't anticipate the honor of becoming a committee chairman, but I am excited about the opportunity to work closely with the other eight committee members as well as the House leadership. Serving on Natural Resources will allow me to continue to work hard for the issues that are important to the citizens of my district. I know that water issues are important, and promise to represent your interests well.

On Wednesday, Governor Bush gave his "State of the State" address before members of the House and Senate. In that speech, he spoke about the issues that are of major concern to him for the 76th Legislative Session. Of course one issue the Governor is interested in is education--helping Texas school children gain the tools they need to be successful. I agree with Governor Bush that education should be a top priority for the legislature this year.

I think another priority for this session should be for members to work together in a bipartisan manner. Governor Bush had it right when he pointed out that the national spotlight is on Texas now, and that we have a chance to show the rest of the United States what government in our state is all about. Texas is unique because of

our limited government, which meets only 140 days every two years. It is our job this session to put partisan politics aside and show the rest of the country that we have something bigger that unites us--we're all Texans.

As always, feel free to contact my office at any time. The number of my Austin office is (512) 463-0678, and our fax number is (512) 463-1966. Laurie McAnally is my aide, and she will be glad to help you out in any way she can.

Things are really starting to take off here in Austin. I am honored to be serving you in the House of Representatives, and will continue to work hard for the interests of my constituents.

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