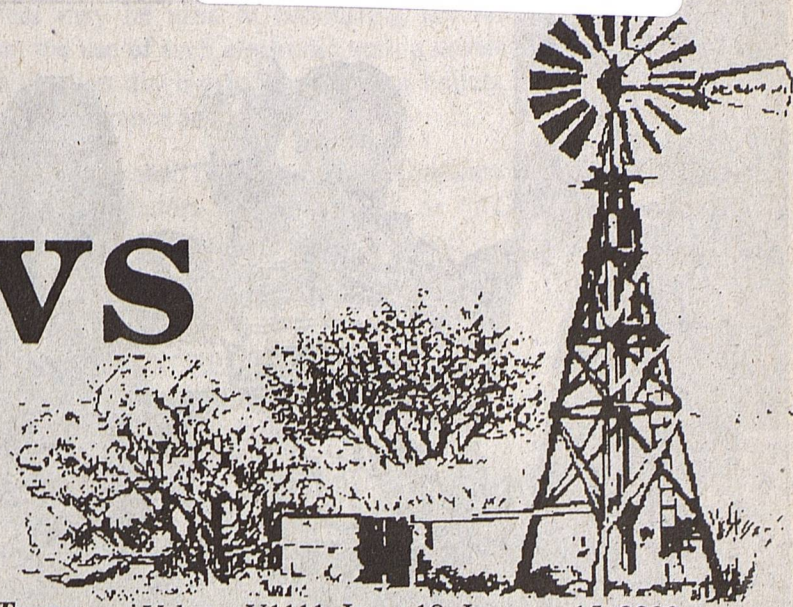


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County's 2002 ag income could hit \$95 million

According to Arlan Gentry, Texas Cooperative Extension County Agent-Ag, the estimated value of the 2002 agricultural commodity crops and livestock will be close to \$95 million, some \$23 million more than the 2001 production figures. Gentry cites healthy gains in grain sorghum, cotton and cotton seed values for the large increase in production dollars.

As indicated in the chart below, income from cotton and cotton seed jumped over \$15 million from the 2001 crop, with an additional almost \$1 million from sorghum production. Surprisingly, income from two other major crops, peanuts and watermelons fell almost \$12 million.

Gentry stressed the results produced are only estimates because of many factors. "The large jump in economic values of our ag industry look good, and are encouraging, but producers continue to be faced with always rising production costs. Any bottom line figure for the entire county is impossible to determine, but producers continue to face profitability troubles."

COMMODITY	ESTIMATED 2001	ESTIMATED 2002
Rye	\$283,000	0
Wheat	1,551,000	\$2,190,000
Hay	432,000	826,000
Sorghum	296,000	1,227,000
Cotton	12,794,000	40,613,000
Cottonseed	2,369,000	7,798,000
Peanuts	16,839,000	13,509,000
Sunflowers	22,000	28,000
Food Corn	158,000	0
Melons	786,000	466,000
Vegetables	1,305,000	647,000
Watermelon	16,292,000	7,942,000
Cowpeas	408,000	82,000
Guar	295,000	99,000
Grapes	216,000	206,000
Alfalfa	0	215,000
Other Crops	835,000	0
Beef	1,500,000	1,525,000
Goats	7,000	35,000
Hogs	50,000	45,000
Hunting	6,000	6,000
Subtotal	56,444,000	77,459,000
Govt. Pmt. (CRP)	2,556,000	2,568,000
Other Govt. Pmt.	12,321,000	14,234,000
Total w/Govt.	71,321,000	94,261,000

Routine session of Commissioners Court

In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, approval was given to install a new and expanded hub for all courthouse computers to allow expanded use of the internet and other related equipment items.

The court granted approval to Tax Assessor Rivas to refund \$751.08 overpaid taxes to an individual.

County holidays for the year 2003 were approved, observing

the same schedule as 2002. Salaries for full time employees as reflected in the budget were approved, and part time maximum clerical rates were set at \$6 per hour and \$7 per hour for roadhands.

Mileage rates for out-of-county travel were set to the state payment rate, currently .35 cents per mile.

Compensation for jury service was set at \$7 per day for report-

51st Jr. Stock Show set for this month

The long planned annual Yoakum County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for January 23 through January 25. The Texas Cooperative Extension office here is putting finishing touches on the annual program, and contains the following schedules;

Thursday, January 23:
Swine weigh-in 9 am - 12 pm
Lamb weigh-in - 1 pm - 1:30 pm
Goat weigh-in - 1:30 pm-2:30 pm
Steer weigh-in- 2:30 pm

Friday, January 24:
Lamb Show - 8 am
Rabbit Check-in- 8:30 am
Goat Show- 8:30 am
Rabbit Show- 10 am
Steer Show- 11 am
Market Gilt Show 12 noon
Market Barrow Show- after Gilt Show

Saturday, January 25:
Events include a Buyer's Lunch, 11am- 12 pm in the school cafeteria. Presentaion of the Queen Contestants and Presentation Awards at 1 pm. The Premium Sale and Cowpatty Bingo events are scheduled at 1:30 pm.

2003 Yoakum County Livestock Association officers this year are, Danny Williams, Pres.; Casey Clark, Vice-Pres., and Dottie Mayes, Secretary. Directors include Tim Addison. Chris Chambliss, Tracy Moore, Mike Roberts, Bill Rowe, Danny Williams and Lanny Woods. The show Secretary/Treasure is Lisa Woods, and Advisory Committee members include Joe Pierce, Plains High Ag Science Instructor, and Arlan Gentry, Yoakum County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

2003 Livestock Queen Candidates are Leah Gibson, Denver City FFA, Chelsea Blount, Plains FFA, Sara Horn, Plains 4-H, and Kaitlyn Moore, Denver City 4-H. The animal division superintendents are officers or directors of the Association. The 2003 sale auctioneer is Mike Snyers of Denver City.

This year's show features 94 hard working young exhibitors showing 273 animals.

The Association urges all county residents to attend the show and support these young exhibitors.

ing, \$14 per day for serving.

Nine names were drawn for the 2003 Salary Grievance Committee.

The court nominated the following residents to serve two year terms on the Historical Commission; Mary Jo St. Romain, Mattie Field, Grace New, Linda Powell, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Euple Taylor, Ed

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Connection Elects New Officers At Annual Meeting



Part of the audience at the Connection meeting, including a delighted Wilma Powell, displaying her door prize check

The annual Meeting of Yoakum County Connection was held January 9 at 6:30 PM at the Connection Building in Denver City. Denver City Methodist Church Praise Band under the direction of Gene Hudgins provided the entertainment. Chair LeAnn Romines presided over the election of new directors Elsa Moya, Tim Addison and Judy London. Current directors re-elected include Romines and Connie Webb. Debbie Rushing and Holly Dyer served refreshments to the thirty persons in attendance. Sue Holder and Dennis Harrison registered the attendees. L.J. Sanders gave the financial report and Janie Ramos reported on the successful Summer Youth Program. Outgoing directors Bill Helwig, Carolyn Culwell and Jeannette Head

were recognized. Lisa Brown and Jeannette Head collected the door prizes that were donated by: Uncle's Convenience Store, Marjorie's Coiffures, Mary Jo St. Romain, Golden Girls, Debbie Pollard, Totally Unique, Liberty Drug, Grand Entry, Tangerine Tree House, Helwig Law Firm, Kathy's General Store, Higginbotham Bartlett, Pat Walker's, Ace Hardware, D-MAC, Lanelle's, Yoakum County Art Association, Agro Distribution, Lowes Pay and Save, Yoakum County Historical Commission, Tsa Mo Ga Club, Image 'N That, Wilma Powell, Bayer Lumber, and Ty Earl Powell.

by Linda Powell

You Are Invited !!

Chamber of Commerce 18th Annual Banquet

Thursday, January 16, 7 PM in the school cafeteria.

Lots of Door Prizes!
Great Catered Meal!

Guest Speaker Ronny Wall!

All this for only \$7.50 per plate!

Please join us and help support our community!

YCSWCD Scholarship Winner



The first annual \$2000 Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship was awarded to Michaela Traweek, daughter of Marc and Zanna Traweek of Plains. Michaela is a sophomore at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Religion. The scholarship is redeemed at \$500 per semester for four semesters. Eligible participants must maintain a GPA of 2.5 for the four semesters and provide a transcript each semester to the Yoakum SWCD Board of Directors from their respective college or university. As a way of giving back to the community, the Yoakum County Commissioners and Judge Dallas Brewer assist the Yoakum SWCD with funding to make the annual scholarship possible.

Shown left to right are: Bud Forbus, Yoakum SWCD Director, Larry Nelson, SWCD Director, Judge Dallas Brewer (seated), Ty Powell, County Commissioner, Michaela Traweek (recipient), Jack Cobb, County Commissioner, and Brad Crump, SWCD Director.

Criminal cases in County Court

In a lengthy session January 8, 12 criminal cases were heard in County Court with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Wesland Galindo agreed on the state's motion to modify community supervision from a prior DWI cause. Supervision will be extended six months, he will pay \$60 per month during supervision, and must perform additional 80 hours of community service. A charge of false report to police officer was adjudicated.

Luis Alberto Guerra pled true to state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior possession of alcohol by minor, 3rd enhanced. A 30 day jail sentence had been met with 36 days served.

Rosario Sinola Ontiveras pled guilty to DWI, b.t. .197/.201. A 30 day jail sentence had been met with 40 days served. He was held for U.S. Border Patrol. His attorney was Warren New, and Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating officer.

Guadalupe Morales pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior criminal trespass of a habitation. A 90 day jail sentence had been met with 1,356 days served.

Jose Ramon Lopez Mendias pled guilty to a 2nd DWI, blood test .20. A 60 day jail sentence had been met with 109 days served. He was held for the US Border Patrol. Paul Mansur was his attorney, and Brad Taylor,

DPS, was investigating officer. Victoria Bobbie Sanchez pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior possession of less than two ounces marijuana cause. She will spend 60 days in jail with credit for 58 days served. Investigating Officer was Deputy Kenley Powell. Marcie Mellisa Khalyleh pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior possession of marijuana cause. She will spend 30 days in jail with credit for 12 days served.

Norberto Olmeda Vasquez pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He must pay \$200 fine and \$211 court costs by January 10. Investigating officer was Brad Taylor, DPS. Jamie Dwayne Bell pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior DWI/open container. He will serve 90 days in jail with credit for 46 days served. Investigating officer was Deputy Kenley Powell.

Bobby Carl Dye pled true to state's motion to proceed on a possession of marijuana cause, and received a 30 day jail sentence with credit for 6 days served.

Elizabeth Snyder Sanders pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay \$256 court costs, \$250 fine and \$25 time payment fee. She will serve 80 hours community service. Her attorney was Bill

Helwig, and investigating officer was Sgt. William Gardner, Denver City Police.

David Longoria pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior assault causes bodily injury cause. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 18 days served.

District Court Cases

In District Court January 10, Judge Jack Young presiding, Steven Keith Black pled true to state's motion to revocation of community supervision from a prior methamphetamine possession. He was sentenced to 20 months in the TDCJ State Jail Division with credit for 4 days jail time served. Paul Mansur was his attorney.

With Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Mauro Sotelo Caro pled guilty to possession of cocaine, less than one gram. He will serve two years in the TDCJ State Jail Division with credit for 140 days jail time. He must pay \$207 court costs and \$2,400 fine, and forfeited \$1,919. Jack Stern was his attorney, and investigating officer was Inoe Valdez.

The Yoakum County Golf Club will host a One - Person Scramble Tournament Saturday, January 18 at 11:00 AM, weather permitting. Entry fee is \$25, which includes a \$5 donation to the Golf Club Scholarship Fund. To Enter, or for more Information, call the golf course, 592-2947

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Farm Bureau Says Water Agreement Too Little Too Late

The president of Texas' largest farm organization described the recent water agreement between the U.S. and Mexico as "far too little and much too late."

"Essentially, Mexico has said it will honor the terms of the treaty for the coming year only, and much of it too late for the current growing season," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Mexico has repeatedly refused to address the water debt from previous years."

The Associated Press reported Friday that Mexico agreed to provide 350,000 acre feet of water by September 30 of this year and an additional 50,000 acre feet if climate conditions allow it. The agreement calls for 200,000 acre feet to be delivered by January 31, in time for spring planting. Mexico has been in violation of a 1944 treaty between the two nations that obligates Mexico to release 350,000 acre feet of water into the Rio Grande annually. The U.S. must allow 1.5 million acre feet of low into Mexico from the Colorado River. The U.S. is in compliance but Mexico now owes a water deficit of more 1.7 million acre feet. Farmers in the Rio Grande Valley charge that the treaty violation has cost them millions in a time of severe drought.

The Texas Farm Bureau has called for actions, including withholding water for use on the U.S. side of the border.

Officials of the Mexican government claim they do not have enough water to honor the treaty. Texas and U.S. officials have charged that the water has been impounded south of the Rio Grande for irrigation in the interior of Mexico.

Dierschke says Farm Bureau has asked for sanctions to encourage Mexico compliance. These include, compliance language in pending U.S. Mexico legislation, Congressional inquiry into the U.S. State Department's inability to force resolution, withholding water obligated to Mexico from the Colorado Rivers and embargo of Mexican imports.

From Pg. 1 'Comm.'

Gayle, Brenda Canada, Laverne Newsom, Christine Henard, Janelle Brantley, Lattrell McDonnell, Vera Bennett, Wilma Powell, Connie Webb and Elizabeth Chandler.

Town Hall meeting set to air Hospital Project and bond election issues

Yoakum County Hospital administrative staff and members of the Board of Directors will host a town hall type meeting here Monday, January 20, at 7:00 PM in the Community Building. Citizens here will be able to hear more details about the planned expansion and improvement proposal, to be funded if the Certificate of Obligation Election passes February 1. Citizens will also be able to question staff and directors of the hospital about any aspect of the the proposal. All residents are urged to attend.

CITY HALL will be closed on Friday, January 17th to prepare the New CITY HALL

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO. 8099

WESTGATE ENERGY PARTNERS, INC. § IN THE 121ST DISTRICT COURT
VS. § OF
THE UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS OF CRESCENT § YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS
OIL & GAS CORP. §

TO: THE UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS OF CRESCENT OIL & GAS CORP. and THEIR HEIRS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, IF ANY OF SAID PERSON ARE DECEASED, DEFENDANTS IN THE CAUSE HEREIN DESCRIBED, GREETINGS:

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, February 24, 2003, before the Honorable 121st District Court of Yoakum County, at the Courthouse in said County in Plains, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court on January 2, 2003, in the above-entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Section 64.09 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code for undivided leasehold interest owned by the Defendants in the following described lands in Yoakum County, Texas, to-wit:

A tract of land, being the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) and North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 SE/4) of Section 5, Block K, PSL, Yoakum County, Texas;

and to execute term assignments thereof to the Plaintiff and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court at Plains, Texas, on January 8th, 2003.

ADDRESS OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
BRAD MILLER
500 W. TEXAS, STE. #1310
MIDLAND, TX 79701
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**** The U.S. Department of Justice requires the following format of certificate of obligation election notices for the upcoming February 1 election ****

NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF YOAKUM §
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TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
 YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS
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TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in Yoakum County, Texas on February 1, 2003, in obedience to an order duly entered by the Commissioners Court of the County on December 23, 2002, which order reads substantially as follows:

AN ORDER CALLING A CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION ELECTION TO BE HELD IN YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court (the Court) of Yoakum County, Texas (the County) previously adopted a resolution on November 25, 2002 authorizing notice to be given of its intention to issue certificates of obligation in the maximum principal amount of \$2,950,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of contractual obligations of the County to be incurred for (1) constructing, renovating, and equipping the County hospital, (2) the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, land, rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes relating to the County hospital, (3) payment for professional services relating to the construction and financing of the aforementioned project; and

WHEREAS, this notice was duly published in a newspaper hereby found and determined to be of general circulation in the County, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks, the date of the first publication of such notice being not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the tentative date stated therein for the passage of the order authorizing the issuance of such certificates of obligation; and

WHEREAS, a petition protesting the issuance of the certificates of obligation described in the notice and requesting an election to be held on the proposed issuance of the certificates of obligation, which was signed by at least 5% of the qualified voters of the County, was presented to or filed with the County Clerk prior to the date set in such notice for the passage of the order authorizing the certificates of obligation as provided by the provisions of the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended, Texas Local Government Code Sections 271.041 through 271.063 (the Act); and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the Court shall be authorized to issue certificates of obligation of the County in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified; and

WHEREAS, the Court hereby finds and determines that the holding of this election on the date set forth below, a uniform election date, is in the public interest; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. An election shall be held on the 1st day of February, 2003, a uniform election date, in YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS, which date is not less than fifteen (15) nor more than ninety (90) days from the date of the adoption of this order (the Order), for the purposes of submitting the following proposition to the qualified voters of the County:

PROPOSITION

"Shall the Commissioners Court of the Yoakum County, Texas be authorized to issue and sell certificates of obligation of the County in the principal amount of not to exceed \$2,950,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of contractual obligations of the County to be incurred for (1) constructing, renovating, and equipping the County hospital, (2) the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, land, rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes relating to the County hospital, (3) payment for professional services relating to the construction and financing of the aforementioned project; such certificates of obligation to mature serially or otherwise not more than forty (40) years from their date; and any issue or series of said bonds to bear interest at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, provided that such rate of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of said certificates of obligation; and shall the Commissioners Court of the County be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, within the limitations prescribed by law, on all taxable property in said County sufficient to pay the annual interest and provide a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity?"

SECTION 2. The County election precincts, polling places designated for holding the election, and the Presiding Judges and the Alternate Presiding Judges hereby appointed for holding the election are identified in Exhibit A to this Order, and this exhibit is incorporated by reference for all purposes.

The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) resident qualified voters of the County to act as clerks to properly conduct the election. However, if the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. The appointment of such clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on the day of the election. In the absence of the Presiding Judge named above, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge.

The election shall be held in the County as prescribed by any applicable law and on the day of the election, the polls shall be open from 7:00 o'clock a.m. to 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Early voting shall be conducted at the Main Early Voting Location, located at the Yoakum County Clerk's Office, Avenue G and Cowboy Way, Plains, Texas 79355 and at the Branch Early Voting Location located at the Yoakum County Branch Tax Office, 122 West 4th Street, Denver City, Texas 79323. With the exception of Saturdays, Sundays, and official State holidays, these offices or places shall remain open from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 5:00 o'clock p.m. for early voting. Deborah Rushing, the County Clerk (whose mailing address is the Post Office Box 309, Plains, Texas 79355) is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk. Donna Givens is hereby appointed as a Deputy Early Voting Clerk. The County Clerk will appoint any other Deputy Early Voting Clerks. Early voting shall commence on the 17th day before the election and continue through the 4th preceding the date of the election all as provided by the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. Hazel Lowrey is appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) resident qualified voters of the County to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board. In addition, the Commissioners Court establishes the rate of pay for judges and clerks to be \$6.00 per hour as established in the Texas Election Code. The presiding judge or alternate presiding judge shall be compensated an additional \$25.00.

SECTION 3. Voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the election on election day; provided, however, that if the use of voting machines is not practicable, then in that event, electronic voting devices may be used in conducting the election on election day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting devices is not practicable, the election may be conducted on election day by the use of paper ballots. Paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance and by mail.

SECTION 4. The official ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid propositions which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

"THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,950,000 OF YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF."

SECTION 5. All resident qualified voters of the County shall be permitted to vote at the election and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the designated polling place. The election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, and the provisions of Chapter 1251, as amended, Texas Government Code and the Act, and as may be required by any other law. All election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 6. A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as a proper notice of the election. This notice, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted at three (3) public places within the County and at the County Courthouse not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date the election is to be held, and be published on the same day in each of two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, the first of these publications to appear in such newspaper not more than thirty (30) days, and not less than fifteen (15) full days prior to the day of the election.

SECTION 7. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Commissioners Court.

SECTION 8. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 9. This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 10. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this Commissioners Court hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 11. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 12. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage and it is so ordered.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 23rd day of December, 2002.

YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS

Deborah Rushing
 County Judge

ATTEST:
Deborah L. Rushing
 County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
 of the Commissioners Court of
 Yoakum County, Texas

EXHIBIT A

Election Precincts	County Election Precincts	Presiding Judges	Alternate Judges	Polling Places
No. 1	No. 101	Dalphone Benson	Kathy Smiley	Precinct #1 Building 139 East Broadway Denver City, Texas 79323
No. 2	No. 202	Donna Givens	Earlene Freeman	Community Building 311 West 15th Street Denver City, Texas 79323
No. 3	No. 303	Charlotte Palmer	Edith Tuggle	Yoakum County Library 901 Avenue E Plains, Texas 79355
No. 4	No. 404	Martha Palmer	Faye Nelms	Corral Youth Center 911 Avenue G Plains, Texas 79355
No. 5	No. 305	Flora Quintanillo	Angel Perez	Yoakum County Library 204 West 4th Street Denver City, Texas 79323
No. 6	No. 406	David Bruton	Bruce Greer	Yoakum County Branch Tax Office 122 West 4th Street Denver City, Texas 79323

YOU WILL, THEREFORE, take notice of all the matters and facts set out in the foregoing Notice of Election.

Deborah L. Rushing
 s/ Deborah Rushing
 County Clerk
 Yoakum County, Texas

Sample Ballot **YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS** **Sample Ballot**
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION ELECTION
 (La eleccion para certificados de obligacion en el condado de Yoakum, Texas)
 February 1, 2003
 (dia 1 de febrero de 2003)
OFFICIAL BALLOT
 (Boleto Oficial)

Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote. (Ponga una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en la cual usted quiere votar.)

	FOR	PROPOSITION	PROPOSICION
		THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,950,000 OF YOAKUM COUNTY TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND THE LEVYING IF A TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.	LA EMISION DE A NO EXCEDER \$2,950,000 DE CERTIFICADOS DE OBLIGACION DE TEXAS PARA EL CONDADO DE YOAKUM, Y LA IMPOSICION DE UN IMPUESTO EN PAGO DE ESOS.

AVISO DE ELECCION

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS)
)
CONDADO DE YOAKUM)

A LOS VOTANTES HABILITADOS QUE RESIDEN EN

EL CONDADO DE YOAKUM, TEXAS

NOTIFIQUESE que se celebrará una elección en el Condado de Yoakum, Texas, el 1 de febrero de 2003, en cumplimiento de una orden que fue debidamente iniciada por la Corte de Comisionados del Condado el 23 de diciembre de 2002, y la orden lee substancialmente de este modo:

UNA ORDEN LLAMANDO UNA ELECCION SOBRE UN CERTIFICADO DE OBLIGACION QUE SE LLEVARA A CABO EN EL CONDADO DE YOAKUM, TEXAS; DISPONIENDO EL MANEJO DE LA ELECCION; RESOLVIENDO OTROS ASUNTOS QUE SEAN INCIDENTES Y PERTINENTES A DICHA ELECCION; Y DISPONIENDO UNA FECHA DE VALOR

VISTO QUE, la Corte de Comisionados (la "Corte") del Condado de Yoakum, Texas (el "Condado") anteriormente aprobó una resolución el 25 de noviembre de 2002 autorizando que se dé aviso del intento de emitir certificados de obligación en la cantidad máxima de \$2,950,000, con el propósito de suministrar fondos para el pago de obligaciones contractuales del Condado que se incurrirán para (1) construir, renovar, y equipar al hospital del Condado, (2) adquirir los materiales, útiles, equipo, maquinaria, terreno, y derechos de paso para las necesidades y propósitos autorizados que pertenezcan al hospital del Condado, (3) pagar los honorarios para servicios profesionales perteneciendo a la construcción y financiamiento del antemencionado proyecto; y

VISTO QUE, este aviso estuvo debidamente publicado en un periódico que por la presente se halla y determina ser de circulación general en el Condado, una vez por semana por dos (2) semanas consecutivas, y la fecha de la primera publicación de dicho aviso será a lo menos quince (15) días antes de la fecha tentativa mencionada allí dentro para la aprobación de la orden autorizando la emisión de tales certificados de obligación; y

VISTO QUE, una petición protestando la emisión de certificados de obligación descrita en el aviso y pidiendo que se lleve a cabo una elección sobre la propuesta emisión de los certificados de obligación, la cual fue firmada por a lo menos 5% de los votantes habilitados del Condado, se le presentó a o fue archivada con el Secretario del Condado antes de la fecha designada en tal aviso para la aprobación de la orden autorizando a los certificados de obligación según provisto por las disposiciones del Acto Sobre Certificados de Obligación de 1971, como enmendado, y la Sección 271.041 a 271.063 del Código de Gobiernos Locales de Texas (el "Acto"); y

VISTO QUE, por la presente la Corte halla y determina que se deberá celebrar una elección de bonos para determinar si la Corte estará autorizada para emitir certificados de obligación del Condado en la cantidad y con los propósitos identificados más abajo aquí dentro; y

VISTO QUE, por la presente la Corte halla y determina que será provechoso al público celebrar esta elección en la fecha designada más abajo, y esta fecha es fecha de elección uniforme; ahora, por lo tanto,

ORDENESE POR LA CORTE DE COMISIONADOS DEL CONDADO DE YOAKUM, TEXAS, QUE:

SECCION 1. Se celebre una elección el 1 de febrero de 2003, esta siendo fecha de elección uniforme, en el CONDADO DE YOAKUM, TEXAS, y esta fecha cae entre quince (15) y noventa (90) días después de la fecha en que se adoptó esta orden (la "Orden") con el propósito de presentar la siguiente proposición a los votantes habilitados del Condado:

PROPOSICION

"Deberá de estar autorizada la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Yoakum, Texas, para emitir y vender los certificados de obligación del Condado en la cantidad principal a no exceder \$2,950,000 con el propósito de suministrar fondos para el pago de las obligaciones contractuales del Condado que se incurrirán para (1) construir, renovar, y equipar al hospital del Condado, (2) adquirir los materiales, útiles, equipo, maquinaria, terreno, y derechos de paso para las necesidades y propósitos autorizados perteneciendo al hospital del Condado, (3) pagar los honorarios para servicios profesionales perteneciendo a la construcción y el financiamiento del antemencionado proyecto; tales certificados de obligación se vencerán en serie o de otro modo dentro de cuarenta (40) años después de su fecha; cualquier emisión o serie de dichos bonos llevará interés por año a tal tipo o tipos (sean fijos, flotantes, variables o de otro modo) según pueda determinarse dentro del miramiento de la Corte de Comisionados, con tal de que tal tipo o tipos de interés no excedan el tipo máximo por año que fue autorizado por ley durante el tiempo en que fue emitida cualquier emisión o serie de dichos certificados de obligación; y deberá de esta autorizada la Corte de Comisionados del Condado para imponer y empeñar, y hacer que se tasen y recauden cada año los impuestos ad valorem sobre todos los bienes imponibles en el Condado que sean suficientes para pagar el interés por año y para establecer un fondo de amortización para pagar los bonos cuando se venzan?"

SECCION 2. Por la presente los precintos escolares del Condado, los sitios de votación que están señalados para manejar la elección, y los Jueces Presidentes y los Jueces Presidentes Alternos que están nombrados para manejar la elección están identificados en el Documento de Prueba "A" que está adjunto a esta Orden, y este documento está incorporado por referencia en todos sentidos.

El Juez Presidente nombrará a lo menos dos (2) votantes habilitados que residen en dicho Condado para servir como escribanos para manejar la elección apropiadamente. Sin embargo, si el Juez Presidente que está nombrado sirve actualmente, el Juez Presidente Alterno servirá como uno de los escribanos. El nombramiento de tales escribanos deberá incluir una persona que sepa bien el español para servir como escribano para prestar ayuda oral en español a cualquier votante que desea tal ayuda en los sitios de votación el día de las elecciones. Si el arribanombro Juez Presidente está ausente, el Juez Presidente Alterno cumplirá con las obligaciones del Juez Presidente.

La elección se llevará a cabo en el Condado según prescriban cualesquier leyes, y, en el día de las elecciones, los sitios de votación estarán abiertos de las 7 de la mañana a las 7 de la noche.

La votación anticipada se manejará en la ubicación principal para la votación anticipada, la cual queda en las oficinas del Secretario del Condado de Yoakum, la cual se encuentra por la Avenida "G" y Cowboy Way, en Plains, Texas 79355, y en la ubicación auxiliar para la votación anticipada que queda en las Oficinas de Impuesto Auxiliares del Condado de Yoakum, las cuales quedan a 122 West 4th Street, Denver City, Texas 79323. Con la excepción de sábados, domingos, y días de fiesta oficiales del Estado, estas oficinas o lugares estarán abiertos de las 8 de la mañana a las 5 de la tarde para la votación anticipada. Por la presente Deborah Rushing, Secretaria del Condado (cuya dirección postal es Post Office Box 309, Plains, Texas 79355) esta nombrada Secretaria de la Votación Anticipada. Por la presente Donna Givens esta nombrada Subsecretaria de la Votación Anticipada. La Secretaria del Condado nombrará a cualesquier otros Subsecretarios para la Votación Anticipada. La votación anticipada empezará 17 días antes de la elección y continuará hasta el cuarto día antes de la fecha de la elección, todo como provisto por las disposiciones del Código de Elecciones de Texas.

Por la presente se establece la Junta Sobre la Votación Anticipada, con el propósito de procesar los resultados para la votación anticipada. Por la presente Hazel Lowrey esta nombrada Jueza Presidente de la Junta Sobre la Votación Anticipada. La Jueza Presidente nombrará a lo menos dos (2) votantes habilitados que residen en el Condado para servir como miembros de la Junta Sobre la Votación Anticipada. Además, la Corte de Comisionados establece que el honorario para jueces y escribanos será \$6.00 por hora según establezca el Código de Elecciones de Texas. La jueza presidente o la jueza presidente alterna recibirán unos otros \$25.00.

SECCION 3. Se podrán usar máquinas de votar para celebrar y manejar la elección el día de las elecciones; con tal de que, sin embargo, si el uso de máquinas de votar no sea practicable, luego se podrán usar tarjetas electrónicas para manejar la elección el día de las elecciones; con tal de que, sin embargo, en caso de que el uso de dichas boletas electrónicas no sea practicable, la elección se podrá manejar por usar boletas de papel. Las boletas de papel podran usarse para la votación anticipada en persona y por correo.

SECCION 4. Las boletas oficiales se prepararán de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Código de Elecciones de Texas, como enmendado, de manera que permitan que los votantes voten o "A FAVOR DE" o "EN CONTRA DE" la antemencionada proposición que aparecerá en la boleta substancialmente de este modo:

PROPOSICION

"LA EMISION DE A NO EXCEDER \$2,950,000 DE CERTIFICADOS DE OBLIGACION DE TEXAS PARA EL CONDADO DE YOAKUM, Y LA IMPOSICION DE UN IMPUESTO EN PAGO DE ESOS."

SECCION 5. Todos los votantes habilitados que residen en el Condado estarán permitidos votar en la elección, y, en el día de las elecciones, dichos votantes votarán en el designado sitio de votación. La elección se celebrará y se manejará de acuerdo con las disposiciones del Código de Elecciones de Texas, como enmendado, y las disposiciones del Capítulo 1251, como enmendado, el Código de Gobiernos de Texas y el Acto, según puedan requerir las leyes. Todos los materiales y procedimientos electorales estarán impresos en inglés tanto como en español.

SECCION 6. Una copia substancial de esta Orden servirá como aviso propio de la elección. Este aviso, incluyendo una traducción al español, se fijará en tres (3) lugares públicos dentro del Condado y en la Casa de Corte del Condado dentro de veintidós (22) días antes de la fecha en que se llevará a cabo la elección, y se publicará el mismo día de cada de dos (2) semanas sucesivas en un periódico de circulación general en el Condado, y la primera de estas publicaciones aparecerá en dicho periódico entre quince (15) y treinta (30) días completos antes del día de la elección.

SECCION 7. Las declaraciones que están contenidas en el preámbulo de esta por la presente se hallan ser verdaderas, y por la presente dichas declaraciones se hacen parte de esta Orden en todos sentidos y están adoptadas como parte de la decisión y las determinaciones de la Corte de Comisionados.

SECCION 8. Todas las ordenes y resoluciones, o partes de éstas, que están opuestas o contradictorias a cualquier disposición de esta Orden por la presente están revocadas hasta el punto de dicho conflicto, y las disposiciones de esta Orden predominarán y seguirán predominando en cuanto a los asuntos ordenados aquí dentro.

SECCION 9. Esta Orden se interpretará y tendrá vigor según las leyes del Estado de Texas y los Estados Unidos de América.

SECCION 10. Si alguna disposición de esta Orden o la aplicación de esta a alguna persona o circunstancia se declara inválida, el resto de esta Orden y la aplicación de dicha disposición a otras personas y circunstancias de todos modos se declarará válida, y por la presente esta corte de Comisionados declara que esta Orden se hubiera legislado sin dicha disposición inválida.

SECCION 11. Se halla, determina, y declara oficialmente que la junta en que se adoptó esta Orden estuvo abierta al público y que se dio aviso público de la hora, lugar, y tema del negocio público que se considerará durante dicha junta, incluyendo esta Orden, todo según requiere el Capítulo 551, como enmendado, del Código de Gobierno de Texas.

SECCION 12. Esta Orden tendrá vigor y estará vigente desde y después de su aprobación final, y así se ordena.

ACORDADA Y APROBADA este día 23 de diciembre de 2002.

CONDADO DE YOAKUM, TEXAS

Dallas Brown
Juez del Condado

CERTIFICO:

Deborah L. Rushing
Secretaria del Condado y
Secretario Ex Oficio de la
Corte de Comisionados del
Condado de Yoakum, Texas

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Documento de Prueba "A"

Pctos. del Elect.	Pctos. del Condado	Jueces Presidentes	Jueces Alternos	Sitios de Votación
Núm. 1	Núm. 101	Dalphine Benson	Kathy Smiley	Edificio del Precinto #1 139 East Broadway Denver City, Texas 79323
Núm. 2	Núm. 202	Donna Givens	Earlene Freeman	Edificio Comunitario 311 West 15th Street Denver City, Texas 79323
Núm. 3	Núm. 303	Charlotte Palmer	Edith Tuggle	Biblioteca del Condado de Yoakum 901 Avenida "E" Plains, Texas 79355
Núm. 4	Núm. 404	Martha Palmer	Faye Nelms	Corral Youth Center 911 Avenida "G" Plains, Texas 79355
Núm. 5	Núm. 305	Flora Quintanillo	Angel Perez	Biblioteca del Condado de Yoakum 204 West 4th Street Denver City, Texas 79323
Núm. 6	Núm. 406	David Bruton	Bruce Greer	Oficina de Impuestos Auxiliar del Condado de Yoakum 122 West 4th Street Denver City, Texas 79323

USTED, POR LO TANTO, notará todos los asuntos y hechos manifestados en el precedente Aviso de Elección.

Deborah L. Rushing
Secretaria del Condado
Condado de Yoakum, Texas

NOTICE

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE

FOR THE FEBRUARY 1ST, 2003 **CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION ELECTION** WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, IN THE COURTHOUSE AT PLAINS AND

THE DENVER CITY BRANCH TAX OFFICE, AT 122 W. 4TH ST.

Beginning: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2003

Ending: TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003

VOTING WILL BE CONDUCTED WEEKDAYS ONLY,

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early by personal appearance.

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Under certain conditions (see below) qualified voter is eligible to vote early by mail. Application forms for ballot by mail, may be picked up at the Denver City Branch Tax Office, or at the County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains. An application for ballot by mail must be received in the County Clerk's Office on or before Monday, January 27, 2003 to be eligible to vote in the Certificate of Obligation Election/Saturday, February 1, 2003.

Conditions for voting by mail:

1. Voter is or expects to be ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY of the voter's residence on election day.
2. Voter has a SICKNESS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY that prevents him/her from appearing at the polling place on election day.
3. Voter is 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER on election day.
4. Voter is *CONFINED IN JAIL.

* For more information on the above conditions for voting by mail, call the County Clerk's Office at 806/456-2721.

Filed: January 6, 2003 at 10:00 o'clock P.M.

Deborah L. Rushing
Deborah L. Rushing, Yoakum County Clerk

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and

Jo Lena Wall, PA - C

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TEXAS HEALTH STEPS

Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8-5

Wednesday 8-5

Thursday & Friday 8-5

Will take walk-ins

Appointments preferred

Please call 806-456-6365

New Books At The Library

FICTION:

Fat Ollie's Book...Ed McBain, *Final Witness*...Simon Tolkien, *The Sea Hunters II*...Clive Cusser, *Much Ado About Murder*...Simon Hawke, *Hornet Flight*...Ken Follett, *The October Horse*...Colleen McCullough, *By The Light Of The Moon*...Dean Koontz, *Samaritan*...Richard Price, *A Place Called Rainwater*...Dorothy Garlock, *This Time Love*...Elizabeth Lowell, *Light In Shadow*...Jayne Ann Krentz.

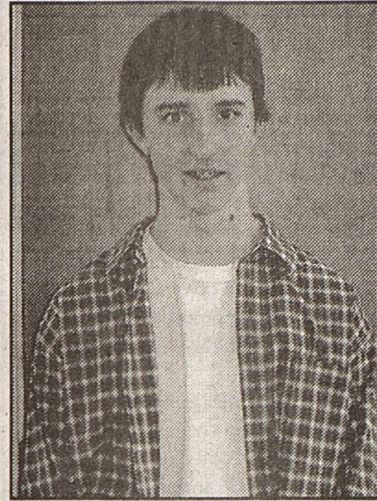
NON-FICTION:

Healing Outside The Margins: The Survivor's Guide To Integrative Cancer Care...Carole O'Tool, *Take It From Me*...Erin Brockovich, *Mayo Clinic On Depression*, *The Get With The Program Guide To Good Eating*...Bob Greene, *Merv: Making The Good Life Last*...Merv Griffin, *Elvis Presley*...Bobbie Ann Mason, *Abraham Lincoln*...Thomas Keneally

Student's of the Week

Student of the week is Brandon Hise a sophomore and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Hise. Brandon Hise was nominated by Mrs. Thaggard, who said, "Brandon is a conscientious and hard working student and athlete. He participates and excels in U.I.L. Math, Calculator, and Number Sense contests. He consistently places 1st or 2nd highest at the U.I.L. meets. He is very talented with the computer. This young man is also involved in Church and community activities. He exhibits all the Pillars of Character and is well thought of by his peers."

Second student of the week is Sarah Martinez a junior and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Martinez. She was nominated by Mrs. Thaggard, who said, "It is an honor to present this week's student of the week. Sarah Martinez is more than deserving for this honor. She has a strong work ethic in her classes and in athletics. More than that, she is dependable, prompt, trustworthy, and pleasant to work with. Sarah is a joy to teach and coach. Her great attitude will play a big part in her success in life."



4-H's Show At Odessa

Two Yoakum County 4-H members showed their goat projects at the annual Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo in Odessa, January 4-5, 2003, according to Arlan Gentry, CEA-Ag.

T.J. Kitchens of Denver City and Cody Mayes of Plains exhibited 7 of the 418 goats shown. T.J. placed 1st, 3rd, 4th 5th and 7th. Both Cody and T.J. were called back for Showmanship.

Congratulations to both of these 4-H'ers and their families.

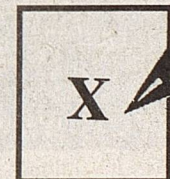
The City Of Plains will take bids on two former Suburban ambulances. Bids are due February 3, 2003, at 3:00 PM at City Hall. Both vehicles can be seen at the old light plant. One is a 1974 suburban with 62,161 miles, the other is a 1978 model with 13,912 miles. Both have 350 cu. in. engines

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Great Shot!

On January 8, local golfer Pat Hinkle scored a hole-in-one on the 145 yard #3 hole at Yoakum County Golf Course. The shot was witnessed by husband Don. Congratulations!!

Please Vote!



Yoakum County Hospital Improvements Certificate of Obligation Election Saturday, Feb. 1

(Early voting begins Wednesday, January 15)

Project Recommendations Include:

* *Dialysis Center*

Convenient access to care for an estimated 50 area dialysis patients

* *Physical Therapy Center*

Increased access to therapy, rehabilitation and fitness equipment

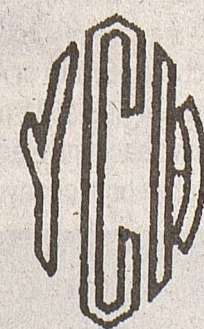
Emergency Room Expansion

Over 6,000 visits made to YCH emergency room in 2002

* *Birthing Rooms*

Featuring latest state of the art medical equipment and facilities

* *Additional Hospital Equipment*



NOTICE OF PETITION

Texas ALLTEL, Inc. (Texas ALLTEL) has filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish a surcharge to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) petitions for several Texas ALLTEL exchanges. The submission of this petition is based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221, a measure established in Senate Bill 632 in the 73rd session of the Texas State Legislature.

ELCS permits an exchange to expand its local calling scope to include one or more exchanges if customers approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues recoverable through a surcharge are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee, and are to be recovered from all access lines within the company. Because the ELCS surcharge that Texas ALLTEL customers are currently paying on the ELCS routes implemented prior to September 1, 1996 and in the year 2000 was only approved by the Commission for two years, that portion of the surcharge customers are currently paying will expire in February 2003. The breakout of the surcharge customers are currently paying is:

Business	Residential
\$1.60	\$.80 (Expires October 2005)
\$1.22	\$.61 (Expires February 2003)
\$2.82	\$1.41 Total customers are currently paying

The costs and lost revenues for which recovery is sought in this petition are for ELCS routes implemented prior to September 1, 1996 and those implemented in the years 2000 and 2002. If the Texas ALLTEL petition is approved, the surcharge that customers will pay will be:

Business	Residential
\$1.60	\$.80 (Expires October 2005)
\$2.20	\$1.10 (Requested in this Petition—Includes add'l routes implemented in the year 2002)
\$3.80	\$1.90 Total customers would pay, if petition is approved

Customers will see no change in their monthly bill until and unless the Commission approves a surcharge different from the surcharge currently being charged. When a final rate is approved by the Commission, customer bills will be changed to reflect the new approved monthly surcharge with an effective date of February 20, 2003, with appropriate retroactive adjustments made as needed.

The net annual effect on the revenues of Texas ALLTEL will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses Texas ALLTEL for the increased direct cost of service associated with all ELCS petitions placed in service prior to September 1, 1996 and after January 1, 2000. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Texas ALLTEL seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$41,250 monthly.

If you have questions about this charge or would like further information, please call Texas ALLTEL at 1-800-452-5354.

The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27033 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the Commission by February 10, 2003. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. For information on intervening, please call the Commission at (512) 936-7120. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO DESOLICITUD

Texas ALLTEL, Inc. (Texas ALLTEL) ha presentado una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) (Comisión) para establecer un recargo para recuperar ingresos perdidos y el aumento de los costos asociados con la solicitud del Servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) (ELCS) para varias áreas de Texas ALLTEL. La presentación de esta solicitud se basa en la Regla Legislativa 26.221 de la Comisión, una medida establecida en el Proyecto de Ley 632 del Senado en la 73a sesión de la Legislatura del Estado de Texas.

El ELCS permite que un área amplíe los límites del área de llamadas locales para incluir a una o más áreas si los clientes dan su aprobación por medio de una votación para el pago de una tarifa por el ELCS en lugar de cargos por llamadas de larga distancia. Los costos e ingresos perdidos recuperables a través del recargo son aquellos que no son recuperables a través de la tarifa por el ELCS, y serán recuperados de todas las líneas de acceso dentro de la compañía. Debido a que el recargo por el ELCS que los clientes de Texas ALLTEL están pagando actualmente en las rutas del ELCS implementadas antes del 1 de septiembre de 1996 y en el año 2000 fue aprobado por la Comisión solamente por dos años, esa porción del recargo que los clientes están pagando en la actualidad caducará en febrero de 2003. El detalle del recargo que los clientes están pagando en la actualidad es:

Comercial	Residencial
\$1.60	\$.80 (Caduca en octubre de 2005)
\$1.22	\$.61 (Caduca en febrero de 2003)
\$2.82	\$1.41 Total que los clientes están pagando en la actualidad

Los costos e ingresos perdidos para los cuales se desea obtener la recuperación en esta solicitud son para las rutas del ELCS implementadas antes del 1 de septiembre de 1996 y aquellas implementadas en los años 2000 y 2002. Si se aprueba la solicitud de Texas ALLTEL, el recargo que los clientes pagarán será:

Comercial	Residencial
\$1.60	\$.80 (Caduca en octubre de 2005)
\$2.20	\$1.10 (Solicitado en esta petición—incluye rutas adicionales implementadas en el año 2002)
\$3.80	\$1.90 Total que los clientes pagarán, si se aprueba la solicitud

Los clientes no observarán ningún cambio en su factura mensual hasta que la Comisión apruebe un recargo distinto al recargo que se está cobrando en la actualidad. Cuando la Comisión apruebe una tarifa final, se cambiarán las facturas de los clientes para reflejar el nuevo recargo mensual aprobado con una fecha de entrada en vigor del 20 de febrero de 2003, con ajustes retroactivos aproximados según sea necesario.

El efecto anual neto sobre los ingresos de Texas ALLTEL será "cero" ya que el recargo solicitado reemplaza ingresos perdidos y reembolsa a Texas ALLTEL por el costo directo creciente del servicio asociado con todas las solicitudes del ELCS puestas en servicio antes del 1 de septiembre de 1996 y después del 1 de enero de 2000. El total calculado de los ingresos perdidos y el aumento de los costos que Texas ALLTEL desea recuperar a través de este proceso es de \$41,250 mensuales.

Si tiene preguntas acerca de este cargo o desea más información, por favor llame a Texas ALLTEL al 1-800-452-5354.

La Public Utility Commission ha asignado el número de proyecto 27033 a este proceso. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este proceso deben avisar a la Comisión antes del 10 de febrero de 2003. Todas las solicitudes para intervenir deben ser enviadas por correo a la Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para obtener información para intervenir, llamen a la Comisión al (512) 936-7120. Las personas con problemas auditivos o del habla que tengan un teléfono de texto (TTY) pueden llamar a la Comisión al (512) 936-7136.



Plains ISD

Academics & Sports

Math Science meet: In the Jan. 11 meet, competing with 1A and 3A schools, Plains High 10-12th grades finished 6th, and the Freshmen scored 1st place. Individual results included;

Seniors- Jill Gray 3rd NS, 2nd Calc, 7th Math, 10th Sci, 7th Comp Sci., Jordan Bean 8th Comp Sci.
 Jrs- Nolan Newsom 8th math, 3rd Sci.
 Sophs- Brandon Hise 1st NS, 5th Calc, 1st Math, Kerry Sisson 2nd NS, 10th Math. Patrick Cotton 8th Sci. Payton Bean 8th NS
 Frosh- Abel Ramos 6th Math. Allison Friesen 1st Calc, 3rd Math. BJ Lester 9th NS, 5th Calc., Blake O'Quinn 7th NS, 9th Calc, 5th Math. Blake Parrish 8th NS. David Alldredge 1st NS, 2nd Math. Michael Crump 12th Sci. Todd Williams 11th Sci.

Sports
 JV Girls Basketball- The young Cowgirls had a big district win over Morton, 38-35. Leading scorers were Sandra Gandara 11, Priscilla Mares 8, Micaela Villegas 5, Cecilia Bonilla 5, Allison Friesen 2, Kim Trent & La Shoda Diamond 1 each. They had a tougher time against Sundown and fell 32-22. Cecilia had 6 points., Sandra 5, Skylar Keese 4, Micaela 4, Kim 2 and LaShonda 1. They next beat Anton handily, 45-32. Sandra and Skylar each had 12 points, Allison 6, Micaela, Cecilia and Kim 4 each, Stacie Alldredge 2, LaShonda 1.

JV Cowboys: The JV boys opened district play with a good 47-34 win over Anton. T.J. Cordova topped scoring with 16, Patrick Cotton 8, Cody Flores 6, Blake O'Quinn and Brandon Davis 4

each, Payton Bean & Arnold Cordova 3, Abel Ramos 2, Kerry Sisson 1. The boys next downed Seagraves 54-37. Cody had the hot hand with 19 points, T.J. 13, Kerry 11, Blake and Brandon 3, Abel 3, Todd Williams 2. They continued their winning ways defeating Coahoma 53-39. Cody had 15 points, Kerry 11, Patrick 8, TJ 7, Arnold 4, Brandon 3, Payton and Todd 2, and Blake 1. They are 3-0 in district play, 6 and 4 overall.

Varsity Girls- The Cowgirls found Morton too tough and fell 54-25. Chelsea Blount was top scorer with 12, Jesinia Suarez 6, Jill Gray 3, Manuel Villegas and Kayla Willis 2 each. They next fell to Sundown, 68-41. Chelsea had 25 points, Kayla 8, Jamie Covarrubias 4, Moriah Traweek and Daniela Lazos 2 each. Anton treated the girls rudely, 84-38. Chelsea managed 16, Kayla 6, Jesenia 4, Prisma Ortiz and Jamie 3, Kristian, Jill and Manuela 2 each.

Varsity Cowboys: The Cowboys had a good game against Coahoma, winning 60-57. Zach Broome was top scorer with 18, Evan Cain had 12, Kevin Bartley 11, Chase Howell 8, Kelly Bowers 5, Brandon Hise 4, Richard Diaz 2. They next were downed by Seagraves 56-35. Kelly topped points with 14, Zach 9, Chase and Kevin 4 each, Richard and Bradley Palmer 2 each. They then had a barn burning win against Anton, 67-65. With 14 seconds left in the tied 65-65 game., they got the ball, and with one second on the clock Chase bucketed the winning shot. Zach had 26 big points, Chase 14, Kelly 12, Evan 9, Richard 4, Bradley 2.

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Senior Citizens Corner

Monday was the monthly Birthday/Anniversary celebration. Those who were celebrating birthdays were Madge McCubbin, Raymond Singletery, Billie McDonnell, Jose Gonzalez. I was also among those with a birthday this month and as we stood there for a photo I was reminded of the quote from a friend who said, "Life is like a roll of toilet tissue; the nearer you get to the end the faster it goes."

Frank and Susan Guerrero were honored for celebrating forty nine years of marriage.

Some of those who traveled to celebrate the holidays with their families are Harold and Vera Brown who traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to meet their children and grandchildren, and Jean Sparks who has just returned from visiting relatives in Oklahoma and Arkansas. She states that the visit was wonderful but that there's just no place like home.

Check in the office for a copy of the recent information from SPAG concerning Smallpox Basics. This is a very thorough article and with all of the recent interest in this subject, it is well to stay informed.

We are all saddened this week by the death of Lucile Ashmore, a long time member of our Senior Center family, and Jerry Gordy, who was a luncheon guest everyday he could be away from his work.

We also lost two others who have been a part of the Center through the Home Delivery Program each day, Isabel Fernandez and Baldemar "Chubby" Juarez. Our sympathy goes to the families of each of these folks.

Several guests signed our register this week. Their names are Eustalio and Rachel Ramirez, Jose Gonzalez, Manuel and Juana Ramos, Martha Arambala, Josefa Ruiz, and Rosa Guzman. It was also good to see Wanda Marlow at our lunch table. She has been with us for a long time. Welcome to all of you.

Having many talents and hobbies makes Gladys Thomason an interesting person. She played basketball in high school and learned to sew at a very early age. She was such an accomplished seamstress, she

could look at a garment or a photo of one and make a professional looking replica. She drove a school bus at one time and at another time owned a beauty salon.

After Wilton and his partner, Jeff Davis, designed and patented the first spreader box in the 1950's, paving construction became the family business. Wilton and Gladys formed Thomason Construction Company, Inc., and paved many of the roads and parking lots that exist in Denver City. Gladys served as Vice President of the corporation and served as bookkeeper and office manager for many years. They sold the business around 1980.

Gladys and Wilton owned several different airplanes and flew to many places in the United States. While never soloing a plane, Gladys served as an efficient co-pilot and navigator on these journeys.

Gladys is an avid game player. Her highly competitive nature makes her a formidable opponent as evidenced at the Senior Center on a daily basis. When she walks in, players from around the room gather at the domino table to share a fast game of dominoes or '42' before lunch.

She likes to watch her soap operas and she loves pretty 'things'. When she was younger and more able, she enjoyed dancing and traveling, having been around the world and to almost every state in the U.S. Some countries and states she has visited many times. Countless souvenirs from these travels are on display as you tour her beautiful home and the astonishing thing I witnessed as we visited together was that she is able to tell the story connected with each article, where it came from on each journey or from whom it came if it were a gift item.

Gladys started coming to the Center as soon as it opened up in the early 1980's.

I quote from her daughter's story to say, "Gladys has led an exciting, full life and enjoys telling her stories". Ask her sometime about some of her adventures. You will see her eyes light up and her storytelling will take you to another world.



In 1789 the members of the first federal Congress convened with the noble goal of creating a solid foundation on which to build a great nation. Knowing that the responsibility for the success or failure of Americas Revolution laid squarely on their shoulders, they begin to create the legislation that would become the blueprint for our system of government.

This January, 214 years after our nations experiment with democracy began, we convene for the 108th Congress to continue the work of our Founding Fathers.

The 107th Congress came to a close having achieved a number of important accomplishments. When we set out in January of 2001, we could never have envisioned the tragedy that would strike our nation on September 11th. While our primary focus was rightly on securing our homeland and protecting our citizens, we were able to accomplish a great deal on other key issues.

Economic opportunity Congress passed sweeping tax relief to create jobs, strengthen the economy, and put more money in Americans pocketbooks. We also passed Trade Promotion Authority to give the President a strong hand to negotiate trade agreements and open new markets to U.S. products. Congress enacted an economic stimulus bill giving short term help to displaced workers and providing long term stimulus to help businesses create more jobs. We also addressed the need for terrorism insurance to help building projects recover.

Improving public education Congress passed the No Child Left Behind Act, the most historic education reform in a generation to increase funding, infuse accountability into our public school systems, and create opportunity to ensure that every American child has a chance to succeed.

Corporate accountability Congress passed tough corporate accountability legislation to punish acts of corruption, help restore confidence in corporate America, and protect small investors. It also established independence by prohibiting accounting firms from providing most consulting services to the clients they audit.

National security, while the U.S. Military has expertly prosecuted the war on terrorism, and rooted out Al Qaeda from

Afghanistan, Congress has worked to provide the tools and resources they need. We passed a defense bill to give our men and women in the Armed Forces upgraded equipment, technology and infrastructure, and better housing and pay for the difficult job they perform.

President Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, which will help the U.S. Government to better protect our nation against terrorism and preserve the liberties and freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

The new Congress begins with a full plate to help us grow and prosper as a nation. Here are some of the top priorities: Extend unemployment benefits for Americans who need them; Finish the appropriations bills left over from last years Congress to fully fund the initiatives and programs on which people rely; Enact an economic stimulus package to bolster our economy and strengthen the stock market; and reform Social Security and Medicare with a prescription drug component to bring those venerable programs up to date and ensure they will be there for generations to come; Enact an energy bill to make our country more self sufficient.

We will complete the work we undertook with the Department of Homeland Security. We must ensure the Department is fully funded and operational as soon as possible. Though the transition will take time, Congress will work with the President and the new Department to ensure the move is seamless and efficient.

Congress must also develop and implement a comprehensive national energy policy. Though we worked tirelessly toward that end last year, we were ultimately unable to send a bill to President Bush. I'm confident we will pass a bill that will encourage domestic production and release our nation from the grip of Middle East oil dependency.

Undoubtedly, there are many other issues that will be brought before this Congress, and our priorities may shift with the needs and concerns of the American people. But we enter this year with the echo of the first Congress noble goal foremost in our minds; we will continue to build upon the solid foundation they began and ensure that America continues to be the beacon of freedom and liberty for all people around the world.

3rd Six Weeks PISD Honor Roll

Elementary

'A' Honor Roll

First Grade

Colby Bearden
Claire Carpenter
Chasity Chavez
Lucas Hernandez
Cameron Knight
Adora Ramos
Brittney Roper
Herman Sawatzky
Jacob Sawatzky
Kelli Sellers
Perdy Sosa
Zackery Wilkins
Bailey Winn

Second Grade

Marina Corrales
Salvador Corrales
Vanessa Cueto
Johnathan Davis
Whitney Davis
Katie Dearing
Autumn-Friesen
Rebecca Garcia
Stacy Loewen
P.J. Pnado
Karla Powell
Matthew Ramos
Joseph Sainz
Haley Welch

Third Grade

Greg Andazola
Adriana Corrales
Mayra Cueto
Dakota Earnest
Taylor Fitzgerald
Carolina Hernandez
Zackary Lamar
Maria Loewen
Samuel Melendez
Denise Tarango
Brook Wilson

Fourth Grade

Stephanie Addison
Kelbi Bartley
Forrest Booth
Hannah Crump
Cody Friesen
Kevin John Gass
Kristen Knight
Brittanie Lira
Hunter Welch

'A-B' Honor Roll

First Grade

Eliza Cabellerro
Daniel Cueto
Miguel Garcia
Anthony Torres

Second Grade

Nicholas Alvarado
Jacob Neufeld
Victoria Reyes
Kailey Vasquez

Third Grade

Troy Alldredge
Christopher Davis
Hunter Parrott
Cynthia Rodriguez

Fourth Grade

Jaxon Bean
Chase Ortega
Roberto Reyna

Middle School

'A' Honor Roll

Brandon Craft
Emilia Gallegos
Brett Hawthorne
Abby Hernandez
Nathan McCravery
Troy Parrish
Shyann Vantine

Sixth Grade

Chris Addison
Reyna Gallegos

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Yesenia Loya
Maria Ruiz
Holden Welch
Kurt Alldredge
Ryan Crump
Lauren Hise
Zachary Ramos
John Tyson

Eighth Grade

Caitlin Carter
Landon Craft
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli Mendoza
Colby Wilmeth

All 'A' 1B Honor Roll

Fifth Grade

Jacob Brink
Hannah Cotton

Sixth Grade

Landon Earnest
Seventh Grade
Maria Andazola
Douglas Conway
Lauren Davis
Amber Friesen
Cody Mayes
Marissa Melendez

Eighth Grade

Erika Loewen

High School

'A' Honor Roll

9th Grade

Allison Friesen
Ramiro Martinez

10th Grade

Evan Cain
Patrick Cotton
Marlie Diaz
Cody Flores
Mayra Flores
Breck Hamm
Brandon Hise
Brant Huerta
Kerry Sisson

11th Grade

Stacie Alldredge
Cendy Lopez
Grady McNabb
Helena Neufeld
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Manuela Villegas
April Wilmeth

12th Grade

Kevin Bartley
Jordan Bean
Mario Bonilla
Kelly Bowers
Elda Fierro
Jill Gray
Nick Hays
Liz Wilmeth

All 'A' 1B Honor Roll

9th Grade

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Adam McCravery
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Things I would love to see in 2003, but probably won't: Al Gore admitting he did not invent the Atom, Atmosphere or the B-52 Bomber. Ted Kennedy voting AYE on a Republican bill advocating the observance of motherhood. Al Sharpton promising to join

either the Whig or Tory party prior to his expected bid for the presidency. The next female with both red and yellow and a French accent announcing the birth of a cloned baby girl being burned at the stake like Joan of Arc.

Probable Ex-Speaker of the House Pete Laney punching the mouths of those planners of re-districting who booted him out of the Speakership. The City of Lubbock formally declare their prairie dogs a threatened species, and for their protection ship them to Afghanistan... perhaps they could trigger some of the land mines maiming our troops. The destruction of each and every copy of the Hollywood Musical, SOUND OF MUSIC, should it ever again interfere with a scheduled holiday season football game. Pastor Bill Wright, FBC, treat

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