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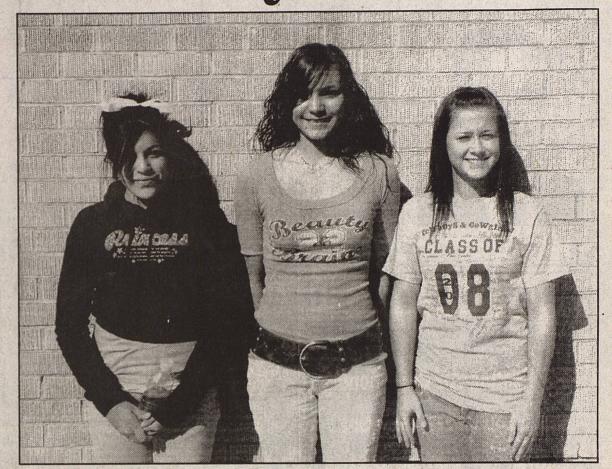


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A Future Queen & Her Royal Court



PHS Senior Queen Candidates Araceli Mendoza, Jennifer Eccles, and Angelica Gomez



The 2006 Homecoming Queen will be announced 30 minutes prior to the kickoff of the football game against Crosbyton Friday, October 6

**Duchesses Fresman Jasmine Mares, Soph Reyna** G allegos, and Junior Katie Winn

#### **Conservation Reserve Program** payments to be issued October 2

CED Gary Six, Yoakum and for generations to come." County Executive Director for The payments announced to-USDA's Farm Service Agency day are annual rental payments today announced that on Oc- earned on the 4.0 million acres gram (CRP) payments to elithan \$1.7 billion in CRP payments are being made on 36

ing cooperatively with America's farmers and ranchers to conserve and preserve the soil and water we, and numerous wildlife species, depend on for survival," said Six. "These payments represnet an investment in the nation's land that will pay dividends in the form of a cleaner environment today expenses for establishing cover

tober 2, 2006, FSA will begin enrolled in fiscal year 2007, issuing some \$142 million in Producers holding 25,399 con-Conservation Reserve Pro- tracts on 18,334 farms will receive an average of \$7,764 per gible producers in Texas. More farm or \$35.12 per acre. The number of contracts is higher than the number of farms bemillion acres across the councause producers may have multiple contracts on a single farm. "The Conservation Reserve This payment announcement Program is celebrating its 20th does not include rental payanniversary this year of work- ments for 1 million acres re- wildlife or provide substantial cently enrolled under CRP general sign-up 33, held from March 27 to April 28, 2006. vation uses. Payments for new CRP acreage will be issued starting in prodecers should contact the Octover 2007.

throughout the year, including 2132 or visit FSA's Web site a 50-percent reimbursement of at http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

and incentive programs and incentive payments for enrolling eligible conservation practices, such as wetland restorations and conservation buffers. In fiscal year 2007, these payments are anticipated to total about \$195 million nationwide,

Under CRP, producers voluntarily retire environmentally sensitive cropland for 10 to 15 years. Land to be entolled must be either highly erodable, contribute to a serious water quality problem, provide important environmental benefits if devoted to certain specific conser-

For more information on CRP, local Farm Service Agency Other CRP payments are made (FSA) office at 806-4546-

# Residents learn success tips on economic development



resident and supporter of the Panhandle town of Stratford, told Plains locals at a September 19 community building meeting, " There are no shortcuts to effective economic development efforts in small communities".

Donaldson, a member and supporter of Stratford's team striving for successful economic effort ventures in his hometown, said the Stratford Area Foundation has been the guiding force responsible for some \$700,000 investments in the town and area, boosting developments, major repairs to the local community center, Boy Scout headquarters, a

B.A. Donaldson, long term \$11,000 improvemnt in equipment for the EMT unit, refurbishing of the Senior Citizen' Center, improvements to the Main Street Park and many more projects in the town and

> He acknowledged all small towns must strive for local projects with a force of volunteers. "It's only after you gain some knowledge and expertise and success you realize you will need a salaried person with some financial experience to actually run the show". The Area Foundation in Stratford, a town of some 2,000, recently thought they had been successful in recruiting an Alco Variety Store for their

city, but the deal fell through at a late moment in the process. Donaldson said he was pleased to report the Foundation was close to seeing a local citizen near the final signing of documents which would create a Ben Franklin Group store for the town.

Donaldson told the almost three dozen citizens at the meeting "It is absolutely imperative your economic development volunteers enlist the full support of all your government entities, City Hall, the school district, and the elected county officials. "If they don't get on the job with you, you're

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#### **Routine busines for Commissioners**

It was business as usual in the September 25 session of Commissioners Court. Vicky Delgado, driver of the Senior Citizen bus, had requested substitute drivers be assigned to the position to cover times when she would be unable to be on the job. Mrs. Martin Flores and Nikki Jimenez were approved for the substitute driver position.

County Clerk Deborah Rushing requested the Court's approval of the purchase of a new scanner. She reported the current scannner was obsolete and unable to perform needed functions. She told the Court CTSI offered a suitable scanner for \$3,804, including installation and warranty. Her request was approved.

County Treasurer Barbara Wright sought approval to purchase needed furniture items for her office. She reported Hester-McGlaun had the needed items on sale for the delivery price of \$1885. The request was approved.

Clay Taylor, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator, requested approval to advertise for bids for C-Arm equipment, a device used in many surgical x-ray procedures. He also requersted approval for a contract for lease of a Coagulation Analyzer and Chemistry System needed for the Dialysis Center. He suggested the lease would be around \$12,000 per year for use of the equipment. The Center will soon have 24 stations in operation for dialysis patients treatment.

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in for trouble'. He cautioned listeners, "You're going to need a constant supply of money, even if we're not talking huge amounts. You need small projects to act as seed money to attract larger amounts of funds for bigger projects".

He pointed out most smaller towns in West Texas are becoming aware they must look for ways to bring opportunities and people to their hometowns, citing current advertising taking place in near by communities including Tahoka, Sundown and Post. "They've found something about their communities to tell others about, to bring new faces and their money to these communities".

#### New items at the **Yoakum County Library**

Non-Fiction;

Dallas Cowboys Ouips & Quotes-by Alan Burton

Chesapeake; Exploring the Fiction; trail of Capt. Joun Smith- John Page Williams

guide to pain management, medication, diet, exercise, surgery & physical therapy; H.A.

The complete idiots guide to. Hooper social security & medicare; Lita Epstein

Dians- Sarah Bradford Forever young-My friendship with John F. Kennedy; William S. Noonan

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Commissioner Pct. 4

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Ricochet; Sandra Brown Audio Books (CDs); Ricochet; Sandra Brown Deal Breaker: Harlan Coben Smitten; Jane Evanovich Judge & Jury; James Patterson Dead Wrong; J.A. Jance Takedown; Brad Thor Crisis; Robin Cook Break no bones; Kathy Reichs

#### Golden Threads; Kay Hooper Information Please **Program**

The first Information Please Program of the school year was held Thursday, September 21 in the Heritage Room of the Yoakum County Library. Brad McWhirfer was on hand to present a a very interesting and informative program on his family's involvement in water-

melon farming in Yoakum County.

The McWhirter family has been raising melons here since the early 1980's. Brad presented a Power Point program showing the process and progress made through the years in the production of watermelons. Fourteen in the audience enjoyed sampling several kinds of melons furnished by Mr. McWhirter.

### JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding

37 traffic

1 juvenile statement taken 1 felony case Bonds set:

4 - Driving with invalid license - \$500

Driving while license suspended/invalid Gaines County- \$1500

Motion to revoke probation-Moore County-\$1000 Fugitive from justice, New Mexico- \$5000

Driving while license suspended, enhanced-\$1000 Failure to identify, fugitive-

Failuire to appear- \$500 No drivers license-\$500 Failure to register as sex offender/Howard County-\$50,000

#### 121st District **Court Case**

In the September 22 session of District Court, David Longoria entered a plea bargain to the state's motion to revoke supervision from a prior conviction of transporting chemicals with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, a second degree felony. 121st District Judge Kelly G. Moore ordered modified probation terms including intensive supervision for six months by reporting weekly to supervision officer; defendant shall pay delinquent court costs totaling \$368 by October 22; Must pay appointed attorney fee of \$250, fine balance of \$1500 and original \$525 attorney fees with \$25 monthly payments; pay delinquent supervision fees of \$683 in monthly installments of \$10 starting October 22; pay restitution balance of \$193.55 (joint and several liability of \$387.10) with \$10 monthly payments starting October 22. All provision of original judgement of July 22, 2004 will remain in effect. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

## **Important Change** In Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Law

buy a vehicle from an individual, you will be charged tax on either 80 percent of the retail value or on actual price paid, whichever is more. This applies to cars, trucks, trailers, campers, motor homes, motorcycles, dollies, etc. that are less than 25 years old, with certain exceptions.

As part of the education tax reform package passed by the Legislature this spring, House Bill 4 changes the way sales tax is charged for sales of most motor vehicles between private parties (non-dealer sales). A taxable value will be determined called a "standard presumptive value" (SPV). The Comptroller defines this SPV as 'The third party transaction value of a motor vehicle as determined by the Texas Dept. of Transportation based on an appropriate regional guidebook of a nationally recog- trailer. The dealers must nized motor vehicle value charge no less than \$100 up to guide service, or based on another motor motor vehicle \$40) or a travel trailer apguide publication the department determines is appropriate if a private party transaction value for the vehicle is not Assessor. Collector.

Beginning October 1 if you available from a regional guidebook,"

The new law requires county tax offices to determine the tax due by using one of two methods, and calculating tax on the greater of:

(1) The amount paid for the vehicle, or

(2) 80% of the standard presumptive value.

If the amount paid is less than 80% of the SPV, the buyer may establish a lower value by obtaining a certified appraisal on a form prescribed by the Comptroller office from a licensed vehicle dealer or an insurance adjuster. Insurance adjustors are not limited to the amount charged for their appraisal.

A licensed vehicle dealer can appraise only the types of vehicle they are licensed to sell, such as passenger car/truck, trailer, motorcycle or travel \$300 (motorcycles start at praisal may be up to \$500.

For questions on the new law contact your local Tax

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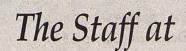
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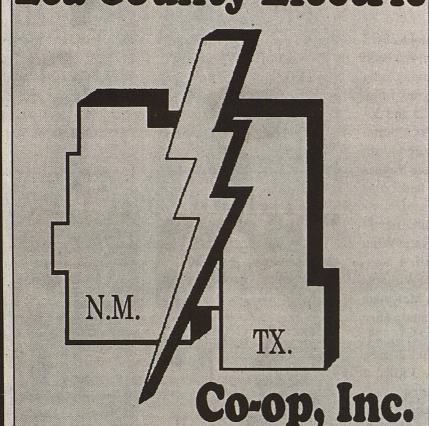


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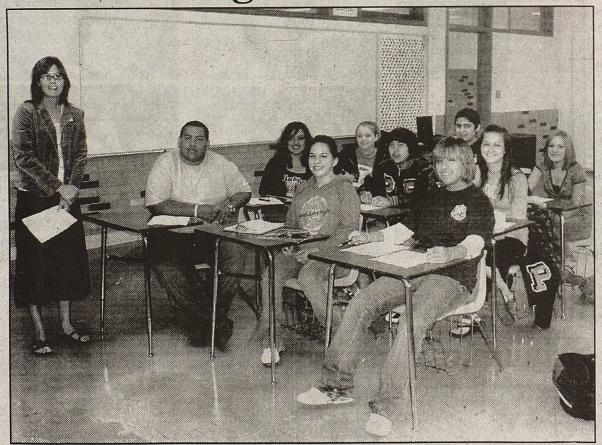
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Camy Brunson standing- L-R, C.J. Tarango, Angelica Gomez, Meghan Garcia, Nancy Lozano, Regina Morales, Katie Winn, Erika Lowen, Joe Luis Gallegos, Jordan Williams

This group of Plains High students recently met with ices to the County Hospital in Denver City. They will Carry Brunson, standing, Coordinator of the Area have to agree to work a minimum five hours per month. Health Education Center in Plainview.

high school students, familiarizing them with the many tal, hopefully encouraging them to consider health care fields of medical health available as a vocation upon as a profession. Upon graduation, the hospital offers a graduation from high school and advanced training. \$500 bonus to a student in the program who chooses Brunson acts as a recruit officer for both schools, seek- to work at the hospital. ing students who will volunteer their time and serv-

The students will be involved with the many different Brunson is working with the Plains and Denver City departments of health services available at the hospi-

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When it comes to agriculture production, many important jobs extend beyond farming and ranching. Those who work in marketing, transportation, warehousing and distribution also have significant and essential responsibilities that factor into the logistics of moving Texas farm goods to foreign markets. Thankfully, we have all been very busy, and Texas currently ranks third in U.S. agricultural exports with a value of \$3.5 billion.

Texas regained its third-place position, closely following number-two Iowa and California at the top spot accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Overall U.S. agricultural exports reached a new record in fiscal 2005 at \$62.4 billion.

Texas continues to rank first in exports of cotton and cottonseeds; second in feeds, fodders and peanuts; third in animal fats, hides and skins; fourth in tree nuts; fifth in sunflower seeds and oil; sixth in wheat, poultry and rice; seventh in live animals, meat and fruits; and ninth in feed grains, dairy products and seeds.

Texans use 80 percent of their land for some form of agricultural production and individuals or families still run 92 percent of Texas' agricultural operations However, even though agriculture employs one out of every seven working Texans, less than 2 percent of the opulation has an involvement in day-to day farming or ranching.

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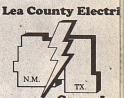
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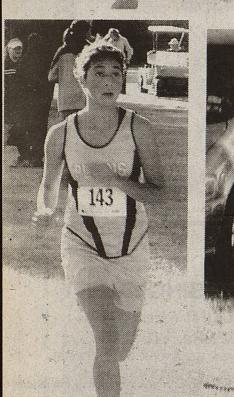
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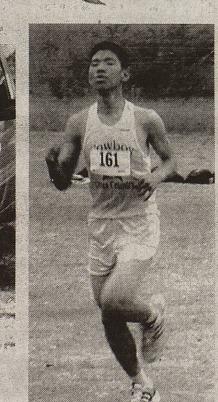














#### **Cross Country Meet**

The annual Cowgirl-Cowboy Cross Country Invitational Meet was held Saturday, September 23 in ideal weather at Yoakum County Park. Fourteen schools were represented in the meet. including 1A and 2A rankings. A good turnout of local volunteers helped produce a well organized and on schedule meet. Plains school division results included:

JR. HIGH GIRLS:(name, place, time)

Hannah Crump 11, 15:52 \* Jasmine Whitzel 12, 15:54 Fabiola Ruvalcaba 14, 16:01\* Samantha DeLaRosa 22, 16:25 Stephanie Addison, 26, 16:47 \* Patty Avila, 33, 17:33 Suzette Bonilla, 48, 19:41\* The five girl team took 3rd place. JV GIRLS: No Entries

JR. HIGH BOYS: Federico Villegas 1st, 11:41\* Roberto Reyna 3, 13:06 \*Mychal Sainz 4, 13:09 \* Peter Neufeld 5, 13.24 Jaxon Bean 6, 13:32 \* Theodore Cordova 9, 14:15\* Dray DeBusk 13, 14:34 \* Kameron Loya 15:02\* Shawn Flores 18:20 The first five Wranglers won first place with 19 points - 15 points is the perfect score. JV COWBOYS:

Joseph Loya 1st, 20:22 \* Holden Welch 22, 24:38 VARSITY COWGIRLS: Only three Cowgirls competed: Courtni Asebedo, 16:25\* Brittani Thomas 16:31\* Elizabeth Perez 18:21

VARSITY COWBOYS: Scott Addison 5, 18:42 \* Jonathan Lira 9, 18:59\* Zachary Ramos 24, 20:31 \* John Tyson 30, 21:17 Cody Mayes 38, 21:55 \* Jae Sun 41, 22.34 The Cowboys placed 5th with 106 points

#### **Cowgirl Volleyball**

JV Cowgirls: On September 19 the JV beat Littlefield 25-17 and 25-12. Natalie Butler had 3 digs, 2 kills, Courtni Asebedo had 5 digs, 2 kills, 1 assist. Lydia Whitzel had 5 digs, Abby Hernandez 3 digs, Ashlee Torres 2 digs, Natalie Haynes 1 dig. On September 23 the JV lost to Dimmitt 25-11, 23-25 and 20-25. Natalie Butler had 6 digs, 4 kills, 2 aces and 2 blocks, Courtni had 4 digs, 4 kills, 3 assists and 1 block. Lydia had 9 digs, 1 kill, 4 blocks, 1 ace. Abby had 11 digs, 1 kill, 1 block, Natalie Haynes had 6 digs, 2 kills, 1 assist, 2 aces. Teresa Anderson had 2 digs and an assist, Ashlee Torres had 4 digs

Varsity Cowgirls: September 19 the Varsity beat Littlefiewld 25-4, 25-7 and 25-9. Joani Bell had 5 digs, 8 kills, Katie Winn had 8 assista, 1 ace, Reyna Gallegos 2 digs, 1 kill, 4 aces. Desiraye Broome had 6 digs, 4 kills, 2 aces, Kimber Williams 4 digs, 1 kill, Liz Perez 1 dig, 9 assists, 1 ace, M'Leah McKinzie had 2 digs, 2 aces, Meghan Garcia 19 digs, 1 kill, Lauren Hise 3 kills. On September 23 the varsity beat Dimmitt 25-18, 25-22 and 25-9. Joani had 7 digs, 9 kills, 7 blocks and 2 aces. Katie 2 digs, 7 assists and 3 aces, Reyna 15 digs, 3 kills, 2 blocks, Desiraye 4 digs, 5 kills, 6 blocks, 1 ace, Lauren

3 kills, 1 assists, 4 blocks, Kimber 2 digs, 4 kills, 1 ace. Liz had 3 digs, 1 kill, 7 assists, Heather 1 dig, 1 kill, 5 blocks. Meghan 12 digs, M'Leah 6 digs.

#### Student of the Week

Student of the Week is Jose Valdez, a Junior and the son of Jose Valdez and Adriana Adame. He was nominated by Adam Jones, who said, "It;s said the measure of a persaon is determioned by what his or her peers think of them. In this case it's not what I think about im. He is a great student who goes above and beyond what is ple in class with him know if he's great to have in class". they need something all they



asked of him. What makes this have to do is ask. He isn't alstudent great is seeing how peo- ways the most vocal person, but

JV Girls & Boys

Girls 11:30

Boys 11:50

### Remaining 2006 Cross **Country Schedule**

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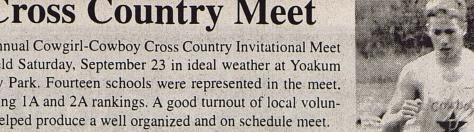
Sept. 30***	Mae Simmons Park	Varsity Girls & Boy
Oct. 7***	Sundown	Jr. High Girls & Boy JV Girls & Boys Varsity Girls & Boy
Oct. 14	O'Donnell	Jr. High Girls & Boy JV Girls & Boys Varsity Girls & Boy
Oct. 25	O'Donnell	Jr. High Girls & Boy JV Girls & Boys Varsity Girls & Boy
Nov. 4.	Regional Mae Simmons Park	Varsity

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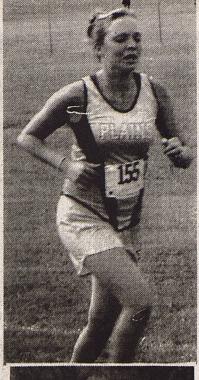




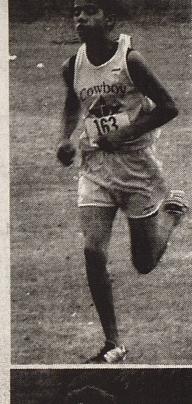


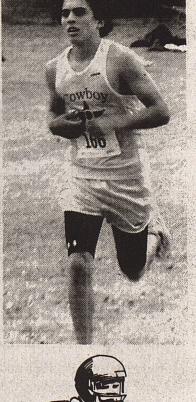






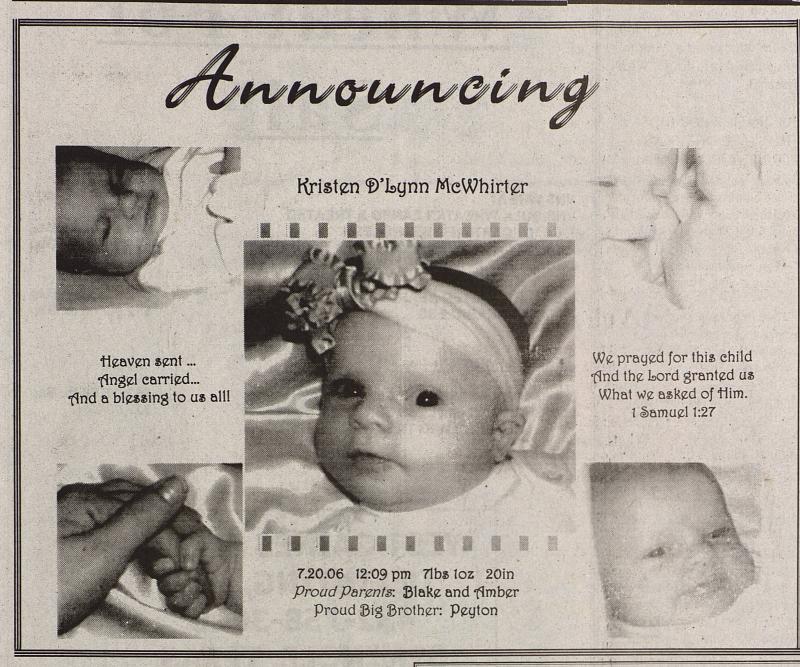








# Lifelines & Styles



# 3rd Annual Ladies Farm Tour On Tap

The Yoakum County Soil & Water Conservation District Ladies Farm Tour will be held October 2, starting at 9 am. The Denver City guests will depart from the Baptist Church and Hospital Fitness Center parking lot on Fourth Street, and Plains tour members will leave from the FSA office, 1305 Cowboy Way.

The groups will tour the Hartman gourd and pumpkin farms, and will ebjoy a catered lunch by Casey Clark and Danny Williams. Mustang Chevrolet will furnish the tour transporta-

For more information and to RSVP by September 27 call Jackie Pate, 806-456-3703 ext. 3 or 806-592-1426.

#### **Retired Teachers Meet**

The first meeting of the Yoakum County Retired School Personnel Association was held Tuesday, September 19. Brenda Canada, president, led a discussion about current legislation that will affect retired personnel and current teachers.

Karen Cargill reminded members about bringing children's books that will be given to children from pre-school to fourth grade. Members will start bringing the books to the next meet-

The group welcomed a new member, Glenda Allen. Members present were Sue Alexander, Pam Smith, Pat Smith, Karen Cargill, Brenda Canada, Brenda Massey, Glenda Allen. Thelma Cheatham, Willie Mae Engle and Kenneth Engle.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10. All retired school peersonnelare urged to attend.



For more program information or to select your or exchange student from applications with photos.

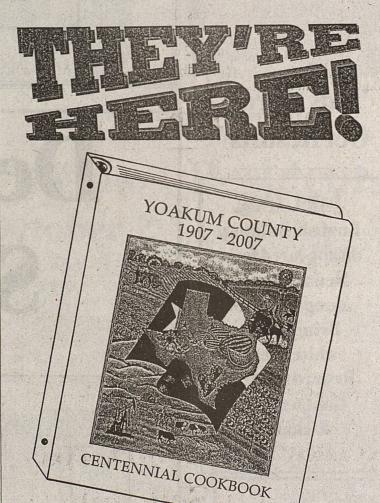
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I stumbled across the following recently. This is only a portion of the original stuff sent to me by a kissing relative. I have no clue what happened to I don't go around saying I am the rest of the stuff. Perhaps I a European-American because will stumble across it again, my great-great-great grandfabut I doubt it, My stumbles ther was from Europe. I'm usually make stuff disappear forever and ever.

"We did not go to the aid of certain foreign countries and risk our lives in wars to defend freedoms, so decades later they could come over here and tell us our constitution is a living document and open to their interpretations.

"I think Bill Gates has every right to keep every penny he should be firm is limp, and the made and continue to make more. If it ticks you off, go invent the next, better operating system and put your name on the new building.

"It doesn't take a whole village to raise a child right, but it does take a parent to stand up to the kid and smack their little bottom when necessary and say "NO!"

"I think tatoos are fine if you

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want them but please don't pretend they are a political statement. And, please stay home until the new lip ring heals. I don't want to look at your ugly infected mouth as you serve me french fries.

"I am sick of political correctness. I know many black people, and not one of them was born in Africa, so how can they be 'African-Americans'? And besides. Africa is a continent. proud to be from America and nowhere else.

Pretty good stuff, even if I did only find part of it.

On aging and other stuff:

Getting older is like visiting an all you can eat buffet; What should be hot is cold, what buns are bigger than anything else on the menu.

When the neighbors music gets too loud, I go out in the backyard and dance naked. Shuts 'em down pretty quick. Ever notice how people who tell you to calm down are usually the ones who got you mad in the first place?

If you're not supposed to stick cue tips in your ears, what else are they for?

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Actually, you can continue having a healthy sex life in later years; Assuming you can stand the sight of people your age naked.

Ever get the feeling your 'stuff' strutted off without you?

Don't ever let age get you down. It's way too hard to get back up.

Don't even think of hot flashes; think of it as your inner-child playing with matches.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

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

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

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

Sealed bids should be marked "C-ARM EQUIPMENT" on the envelope and maifed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456 / Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEOTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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**Lost Dog** 

English Bulldog, disappeared from **Henard Ranch** along CR 200. **Brindle** with white chest. Reward offered. Contact Luke Richards, 456-3370

# **Public Notice for Plains** Independent School District

Plains Independent School District has earned a rating of: Superior Achievement on the Financial **Integrity Rating System of Texas for the 2005-**2006 school year. The rating system is administered by the Texas Education Agency.

This is the highest rating that a school district can earn and reflects the administration and use of sound accounting practices by the district and adherence to specific accounting guidelines as well as correct staffing and budgeting for the district.

The FIRST rating will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled board meeting which will take place on October 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the board room in the superintendent's office.

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