

Welcome To The 43rd Annual Rodeo & Old Settlers Reunion



No matter how you Travel, see you at the Rodeo & Reunion. Here's a schedule of events you can enjoy August 1 through 3.

If not the premier weekend of the year, the 43rd annual Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion, starting August 1, is easily the oldest community sponsored event, once again expected to draw scores of local and out of town visitors.

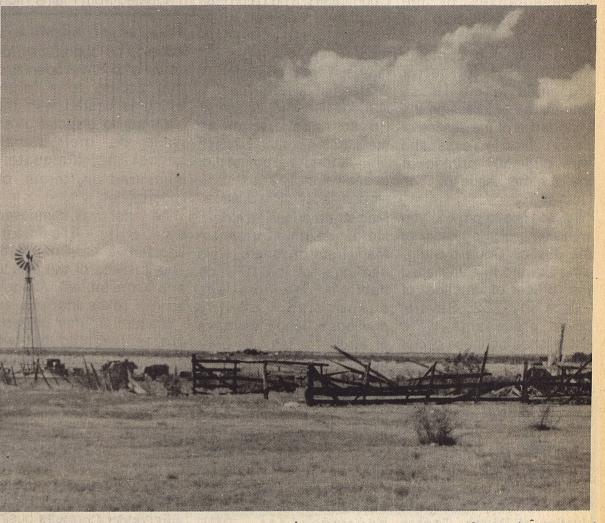
The busy weekend starts with the first Rodeo performance Thursday evening, August 1, at 8 PM, followed by performances Friday and Saturday at the same time. There will be a cowboy dance each night in the livestock show barn following each rodeo performance, with music provided by The Texas Express band.

# County Court Meets

Commissioner's Court for Yoakum County met Monday, July 29. Among the agenda items discussed and acted on bids for removing existing lights at the Precinct 2 Little League Baseball Park, and installing new lights, poles and lines. Two bids were received, one from Kay & Kompany, for a total project cost of \$11,611.90, and a bid totalling \$7,802.11 from Ranger Electric. The Court accepted the Ranger Electric bid.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark reported to the Court his proposal to hire Vicki Blundell as a part time clerk in his office. He reported, "She has some 13 years experience as a legal secretary and is very well qualified for the position." The Court approved Blundell's part time employment on a 30 hour per week basis. Clark stated he would try to conduct his offices' business with the two present full time deputies and Ms. Blundell in

# **This Is How Most Of Yoakum County Looked** Some 80 Years Ago



This pastoral scene is farming efforts began to cers of today, typical of what the early take place countywide. and few settlers of the Those first hearty, deter-

and undoubtedly offered up the same prayer; "Oh Lord, County would have gazed mined lovers of the land, please give us rain, and a This scene was shot in a Hennard Ranch pasture windmills were the chief with the Old Settlers just north of First Street, a scene hundreds of resi-Those first settlers shared dents glance at daily, without recognizing all its historic significance.

The street parade will start Saturday morning at 10AM. Once again, the trek thru town will feature floats, ancient tractors, restored older cars, kids on bikes, candy tossers, and horsemen. The parade will form up. in front of the school.

The Old Settlers Barbecue will draw many hundreds of hungry visitors at noon Saturday in Stanford Park, with plenty of barbecued brisket and all the trimmings, cobblers, iced tea and coffee, all for a \$5 adult ticket. \$4 for children under 12, and will include admission to the Saturday night Rodeo.

The rodeo will be produced by T-N-T Rodeo Co. of Anson. Last years show drew a surprising number of top rated Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association hands, including two former World Champion Team Ropers, Bobby Hurley and Alan Bach, and three time Calf Roping runner up champ Raymond Hollabaugh. In all, 28 PRCA card holders competed here. Events include Bareback, Saddle Bronc and Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ladies Breakaway Roping, Ladies Barrel Racing, and the always popular Yoakum County Roping Association Membership Ribbon Roping.

An impressive, custom built saddle will be drawn for during the Saturday night Rodeo performance. The three Rodeo Queen Candidates, Dacia Humphrey, Tanya Vasquez and Lindsey Six are still selling \$1 tickets for the drawing, with each ticket sold a vote for the seller.

Those enjoying art will want to take in the events planned by the Yoakum County Art Association members. For those who have made purchase award pledges, selections will be available Wednesday, July 31, from 9AM to 2PM in the Art building. The Art Show and Sale hours are Friday, 1PM to 6PM, and Saturday, 10AM to 6PM. The Judge for this years Art Show is Caturia (Terry) Watson, a High School Art teacher from Clovis, New Mexico.

There will be many family and school class reunions going on during the three days, something for everyone during the three big days.

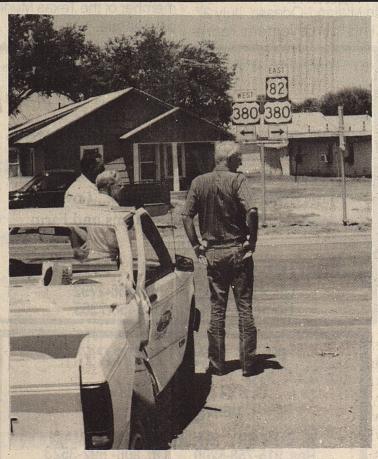
See You At These Events!

her part time position.

Treasurer Toni Jones reported to the Court the June ending County balance of \$7,019,807. A Soil Conservation request to level

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**Wreck Here Could Have Been Worse** 



Deputy Terry Maynard, C. B. Carpenter & Pct. 3 Commissioner Jim Barron at crash site.

A two vehicle collision ience Store, Where US here Friday afternoon Highway 82 and State 380 could have been much divide going west. more serious than it was. A small County Chevrolet investigate the collision. The crash occured just pickup, driven by Precinct east of Uncle's Conven- 3 employee Jess Gass,

upon daily in the early who first planted their roots fair price for our labors". 1900's. Grasslands, cattle, here, are the same folks horses, corrals, and we honor this weekend physical assets of most of Reunion and Rodeo. the original old settlers. It

would be several years the same optimistic hopes later before serious of our agriculture produ-

> was attempting to turn left at the intersection, to US 82 enroute to the Precinct barn.

He was struck broadside by an east bound welding pickup belonging to Clay Tank Trucks, Inc., of Denver City, the impact spinning the County vehicle around 180 degrees. Gass was shaken, but unhurt in the collision.

He reported he was following a slow moving case was heard in the pickup pulling a trailer 121st District Court last which was in the left turn week, with Judge Kelly G. lane, with it's left turn Moore presiding. Richard signals on. Instead of Clark, Criminal District turning, the pickup and Attorney, represented the trailer continued straight State. ahead, blocking Gass's Arturo Valverde, 30, on view of any oncoming probation for a 1994 prior traffice approaching on offense, pled true to the Hwy. 380. He failed to see State's motion to revoke the approaching welding probation. He was sententruck.

Safety officers were readily Criminal Justice Instituavailable when the crash tional division, with occured, and Sheriff substance abuse treatment Department Deputies Terry recommended, was fined Maynard and Lisa Switzer \$1000, and must pay handled the event until a \$169.50 in Court costs.

DPS officer arrived to

District Court Criminal Case Heard

Only one criminal Court

ced to three years in the No Department of Public Texas Department of He was represented by

Attorney Jerry Corbin.

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# **Justice of Peace** office requires wearing many hats Move to abolish office statewide unlikely to succeed.

The House Committee on diction over County Affairs met in misdemeanors punishable Austin last May, to discuss by fine only in his or her potential changes in or precinct, including the abolition of county offices. following; Traffic violations The two most frequently filed by state and county mentioned elective offices officials. Alcohol beverage cited as unnecessary by offenses. Parks and some groups include the Wildlife offenses. Penal of-Justice of Peace, and the fenses. Education Code office of Constable.

Representatives from most offenses. Counties.

presented to the House property in Justice Courts. Docket'.

Law".

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all offenses. Animal health

of the elected officials or- "Justice Courts have civil ganizations were present jurisdiction over Justice at the meeting, along with Court and Small Claims representatives of the Court cases. The Court has Texas Association of exclusive original jurisdiction over landlord-The following contains tenant disputes. A plaintiff portions of a letter may sue for possession of Committee, addressing the "In addition, the Justice of importance of the Justice of Peace also serve as Peace office in Texas, and magistrates for their county. was originally printed in This added responsibility the summer issue of 'The greatly increases the measured in terms of pal elected officials. Only responsibility of the Justice. "I would like to provide you Magistrate duties include; with some of the history of Hold death inquests. the Justice Court system. Magistrate prisoners. Hold King Edward III established hearings for the DPS on the office of Justice of habitual offenders and and Constables' Associ-Peace in 1362. Several suspending driving court precedents were privileges. Issue warrants established by these circuit of arrest for felonies after riding Judges, and many of complaints are filed. Hold their considerations have examining trials and report come down to what is to grand juries on criminal today called "Common cases. Hold fugitive from justice bond hearings. Act "When the American as county registrar for vital Perform one of the first offices marriages. Con-duct established was the suspension and denial Justice of Peace. George hearings for DPS and District Courts of.

Peace for a short time. emergency protective

# Last Rites Held For **Vennette Fitzgerald Olenik**

side Church of Christ in 1985 in Lubbock. Plains, and Les Carey, minister of Idalou Church of for a mortgage loan com-Christ, officiating.

Graveside services were held at 5 p.m. in the husband; three daughters, Plains Cemetery under the Meagan, Maudie and Mallory, direction of Resthaven Fu- all of the home; her parents, neral Home.

Hospital.

1963 in Brownfield. She Vonda Jones and VeeAnn graduated from Plains High Fitzgerald, both of Lubbock.

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The letter was composed by Bill Freeman, wide. Legislative Co-Chairman, The Justices of the Peace ation of Texas, Inc.

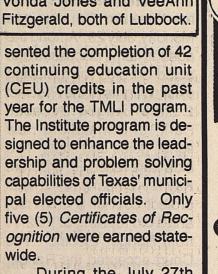
Yoakum County citizens are represented by two Justices', Judge Melba Crutcher, Precinct 1, and Judge Kenny Smith Precinct 2. An examination of either of their busy weekly schedule will quickly indicate the very large burden their Justice offices relieve our County

Councilm government.

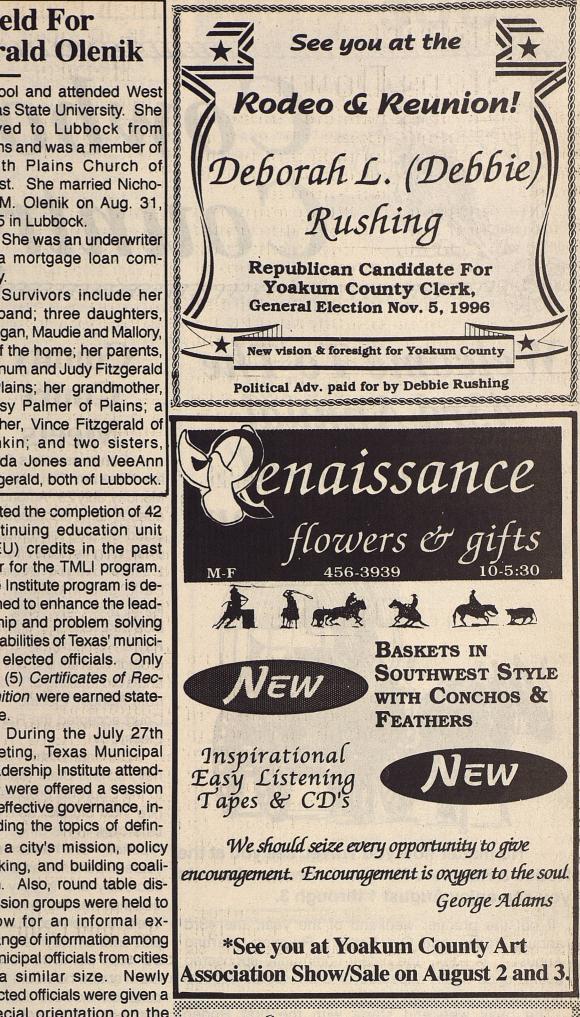
Services for Vennette School and attended West Fitzgerald Olenik, 33, of Lub- Texas State University. She bock was held at 2 p.m., moved to Lubbock from Sunday, July 28, 1996 at the Plains and was a member of South Plains Church of South Plains Church of Christ Church with Ray Christ. She married Nicho-Young, minister of the Hill- las M. Olenik on Aug. 31,

pany.

Survivors include her Vennum and Judy Fitzgerald Vennette died Friday, of Plains; her grandmother, July 26, 1996 at Methodist Pansy Palmer of Plains; a brother, Vince Fitzgerald of She was born June 5, Rankin; and two sisters,



During the July 27th meeting, Texas Municipal Leadership Institute attendees were offered a session on effective governance, including the topics of defining a city's mission, policy making, and building coalition. Also, round table discussion groups were held to allow for an informal exchange of information among municipal officials from cities of a similar size. Newly elected officials were given a special orientation on the basis of effective municipal



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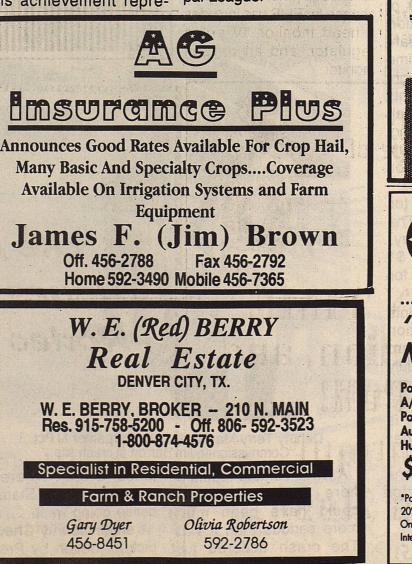
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848 Justice of Peace "After election and taking Courts in Texas. The sheer system if the Justice Court tion at the Texas Municipal "I would like to go over system were abolished.

# Schneider Recognized

City of Plains Council Member Owen Schneider, in recognition of his commitment to continuing education in the field of municipal government, was a recipient of a Certificate of Recogni-Leadership Institute (TMLI) in Midland-Odessa, July 27. This achievement repre-

Nearly 700 elected officials and their spouses attended this series of TMI sessions and other workshops during a three and one-half day educational conference sponsored by the Texas Municipal League, a voluntary association of over 1,000 Texas cities, in cooperation with the Association of Mayors, Council members, and Commissioners, a TMI affiliate. The City of Plains is a member of the Texas Municipal League.



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# **District** Aide **Steps Down**

tive July 31.

"I have decided to run

ing remaining on the state or call 512-463-0678. payroll while running for the county office.

leave," Representative terim at 806-456-7470.

Austin: Debbie Rushing, Walker said. "She is knowldistrict aide for State Repre- edgeable, efficient and exsentative Gary Walker, ten- tremely dedicated. I wish her dered her resignation effec- all the luck in the work on her race." Walker said.

With the resignation of for Yoakum County Clerk," Rushing, all district matters Rushing said. "I think by will now be handled through stepping down I can devote Walker's Capitol office. All my full attention to the race." concerns and questions can According to the Texas be routed to State Represen-Ethics Commission, there is tative Gary Walker, P.O. Box no ethical conflict with Rush- 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910

**Representative Walker** 

can still be reached at the "I hate to see Debbie Plains office during the in-

# **Criminal Charges Filed Against Driver Causing Two Deaths**

Kenny Smith, Justice of as John Lynn Delinges, and her husband, Bill Jim 0.07". St. Clair.

Safety on July 11.

Information was received The only occupant of the late last week from Judge Ford pickup was identified Peace, Precinct 2, Denver and later stated that he had City, of charges filed by fallen asleep and woke up Criminal District Attorney just prior to the accident. A Richard Clark, against blood specimen was John Lynn Dellinges, a/k/a secured from Dellinges John Lynn Dellings, driver and submitted to the DPS of a vehicle involved in a Lab in Lubbock for two car crash June 7, analysis, which showed resulting in the deaths of Dellinges to have a blood Marlene Cooper St. Clair alcohol concentration of

The document continued, A complaint detailing the in part, "John Lynn fatal head on crash was Dellinges, defendant, did signed by Complainant then and there recklessly Mike McClure, Sgt., Texas cause the death of an Department of Public individual, namely Bill Jim St. Clair, by the

#### **High Plains** Jr. Rodeo Results Colorado City July 4, 5, & 6:

Blake Parrish won a 9th place for the 8 & Under in Poles. Marcey House won a 4th place in the girls 13-15 Poles. Robin Squyres held on to a 10th place in the girls 16-19 Breakaway Roping and Brett Squyres won a 9th place in boys 9-12 Ribbon Roping, a 4th place in the 9-12 Calf Touching and a 3rd place in the 9-12 Steer Stopping.

Earth, July 11, 12, & 13:

Kimberly Jackson won a 5th place in the 8 & Under Poles and Blake Parrish won a 7th place in the Poles.

rodeo, placing in 3 events. She this fall won a 2nd place in the Ribbon Roping, a 5th place in the Poles, and an 8th place in the girls Breakaway Roping.

Brett Squyres won a 4th place in the boys Breakaway Roping, and Robin Squyres won a 7th place in the Breakaway. Big Springs, July 18, 19, & 20:

Blake Parrish won two- 6th places in Barrels and Breakaway Roping. Marcey House won a 4th place in the Poles, and a 7th place in Ribbon Roping. Brett Squyres won a 4th place in Calf Touching, and a 5th place in Steer Stopping. Big Springs was the final

regular season Rodeo. The HPJRA finals begin in Clovis on Wednesday, July 24th.

The membership has now topped 500 members.

Saddles will be awarded to each event winner for the year in each age group. Saddles will go to the All-Around winner and the Reserve winner in each age group. Prizes will be awarded for the year and given through 10th place in each event.

An All-Around Saddle will also be up for grabs for the Finals rodeo in each age group.

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blow sand on John Gray's property on Section 197 along County Road 4L was approved. Approval was granted to advertise for bids



These four and five row John Deere cotton strippers make an impressive scene on the equipment yard of Texas Equipment, Inc. Some company owned machines, others brought in for repairs by local Marcey House had her best producers. They are just a few of the mechanical harvesters cotton farmers are hoping to use on the crop

> After Mother Nature's induced rocky start this growing season, which included hail, crop damaging high winds, searing heat and drought, the 1996 crop, according to area ginners and cotton experts, looks surprisingly productive.

# Auto Hail Damage? The Dent Company

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County Road P14. The the death of Mrs. St. Clair. accident involved a 1996 Ford pickup and a 1990 Nissan four door sedan. The two vehicles collided head on in the south bound traffic lane of Highway 214. The Ford pickup was headed north in the south bound lane, or wrong side, not passing, at 73 miles per hour. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, the occupants of the Nissan, were killed in the accident.

The document read, in introduction of alcohol into part, "On June 7, 1996, the Defendant's body, Texas DPS Trooper speeding in excess of 70 Olegario Rodriguez was miles per hour, and driving notified of a fatal accident on the wrong side of the located at the intersection road." An identical of Highway 214, and document was signed for



"We're so happy to be going to the Rodeo!"

on crushed caliche for use by Precinct 3 for the balance of 1996 and 1997. Approval was granted for the advertising for bids on a new light duty truck for Precinct 3. Denver City EMS Direc-

tor Karen Tovar addressed the Court concerning a matching grant request from the state to be used for emergency medical equipment used by EMS in emergency cases. The total amount of the grant request is \$23,196, half of which the County must fund. Equipment to be purchased for EMS use includes a heart monitor, IV pump regulator, and an oxygen monitor.

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# **Medal at National Tumbling Meet**



Christopher Estrada competed in trampoline, poline. power tumbling, double 12th in power tumbling, and of you! 25th in trampoline. There overfive hundred competitors. the year!

Chris also competed in and his coach, Penny the World Age Group Rank-Green, recently went to ing competition which was Phoenix, Arizona to compete held July 9th. He was fifth in the USATT National Tum- overall on double-mini, 9th in bling Meet on July 4-8. He tumbling, and 12th in tram-

The south Plains Royal mini-trampoline, and syn- Bounders and his coach, chronized trampoline. He Penny Green want to conplaced 2nd on the double- gratulate Christopher on his mini, 3rd in synchronize, success. We are so proud

We would also like to were over fifty competitors in thank the Plains Community his age group. The meet held for all of the support through

### **Former Resident Makes News In Colorado**

Earl Powell.

By Jeff Fleischman Longmont: Dallas Powell remain positive." knows that some days are ers on the golf course.

some are just stones."

Sunday's second round of made the complete circle. the Norwest City Golf Championships. Powell shot an the breaks of the game will 84 at Sunset Golf Course to even themselves out. Somemove him within one stroke times putts drop that of Ted Wright in the low-net shouldn't have, and some division of the senior flight. shots work out better than

game guite rapidly for a man you have to remain on an who didn't pick up a club until even level." age 40. A right-handed by of West Texas colloquialisms. even level." "It really removes the

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The following article tension of the moment," appeared in the July 15 edi- Powell said of his good-nation of the Denver, Colorado tured Texas dialect. "Golf's "Daily Times - Call" Dallas a good game because it Powell is the son of Wilma helps keep your mind off Powell, and brother of Ty some of the bad things that may have happened during a round. And you've got to

"If you get to looking going to be better than oth- back, and worrying, you're just fixing to mess up again," It's the nature of the Powell added. "This game is game. Or as the 57-year-old a lot like life. You get one West Texas native puts it, thing going, and something "some days are diamonds, else goes sour. Then you solve that problem, and If that's the case, something else goes bad. Powell was a jewel in Before you know it, you've

"You've got to figure that Powell has learned the they should have. That's why

(Ed.'s note) I've had the nature, he is often heckled pleasure of playing golf with for his awkward left-handed Dallas, and he usually manswing, and his colorful use ages to stay on an effective

# **A Letter From Your School System**

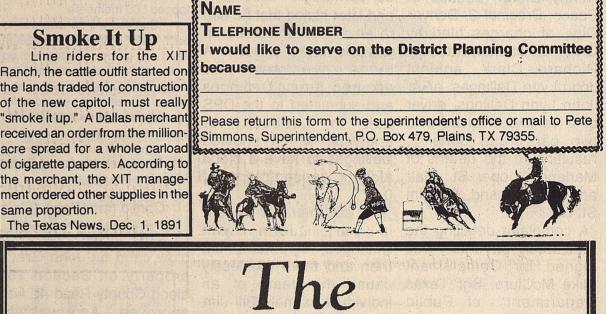
once again to help educate resentatives on the commitevents, and in sports.

from the community, repre- tion. sentatives from businesses the committee would be to serving on this committee. improve student perfor-

The 1996-97 school mance. This committee will year will begin very soon. have at least two meetings We are excited at Plains ISD per year and will be comabout having the opportunity prised of 19 members. Repthe young people of this tee will serve staggered community. The citizens of three-year terms and will be this school district have con- limited to two consecutive sistently shown tremendous terms. If you would be interinterest in the students and ested in volunteering for the support of their academic District Planning Committee, and extra-curricular activi- please complete the form ties. The results of this in- below. This will be a unique terest have been high per- opportunity for you to play a formance by our students in direct part in the education of the classroom, at UIL our students--an education

that should prepare each in-For any school to best dividual to achieve his or her meet the needs of its com- very best and to have skills munity there must be input preparing them to enter the from parents, individuals work force or higher educa-

Since membership on in the community, and the committee is limited by school staff. This year there policy, not all volunteers may will be a District Planning be used. However, there will Committee comprised of be other times when interparents, community mem- ested persons' skills can be bers, business representa- used by the school district. tives, teachers, and admin- We would appreciate your istrators. The overall aim of serious consideration of







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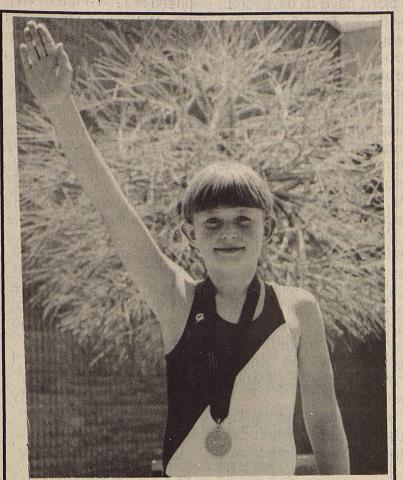


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Kelly Bowers traveled with Donna, Candace Bowers, Joshua Bell, Alfred Bearden and Faye Bearden to Phoenix, AZ for the Trampoline and Tumbling National Finals meet on July 2 and 3.

Kelly won 2nd in Tumbling and 4th in Trampoline. He was coached by Brent Hood of Hobbs. His cousin, Shirley Rae from Phoenix also attended the meet.

His parents said they were very proud of Kelly's hard work, and said he really missed his teammate Mackenzie Winn this year.

#### **Chought For The Beek** Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in justice; and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. Psalms 25: 8-10

#### REMINDER

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WHAT; Cheerleading Camp. WHEN; August 5-8 WHO; Grades 1-6, 1996-97 school year TIME; Register 8:15-9:00 Aug.5 Aug. 5-7 9-11:30 am Aug. 8 10-11:00 am, awards, parents welcome COST: \$15, includes T shirt WHERE; High School Boys Gym

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#### **Card of Thanks**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair, Perhaps you sent us flowers if so, we saw them there Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day

Perhaps you nourished our bodies with food to give us strength and hope Maybe you lent us a shoulder to cry on when we couldn't cope. We appreciate all you did for us, for letting us know you care But most of all we Thank You for all your love and prayers. Sincerely, The family of Paula and Shandy Willett

Our Sincere Condolences to the Fitzgerald and Olenik families in their time of great loss. Holly & Gary Dyer and Díane Brown

#### Senior Citizens Corner

The Plains "Cowboy Country News" Editor has a new name for the woeful music of doves. Here at Denver City we step outside and hear "Peck, Peck" everywhere It could be woodpeckers, but its roofers putting a new top on our town.

This has been a week of visitors, and all are welcome and invited back.

June is free of her walking shoe and is back at the Center. The Hannans have had several of their family with them this week.

Other visitors were the Ivy's grandson, Ireta Davis' grandson, Bro. Garner, Raymond & Christine Wood, guests of Sam and Fay Bruton, Brody and Sara Narried, and Donna Clark.

Donna is a representative of SPAG, and she made a very informative talk on Benefits and Counseling for Seniors, also a Guide to Health Insurance. She left pamplets so if anyone wishes to have them, please come by.

On Tuesday, the Senior Companion girls met, and had lunch with us. Upcoming activities: Mon., Wed., and Fri. we have Line Dancing at 9:45 AM Thurs. is Gale Ballor at 11 AM to help with insurance claims.

Lunch everyday at 11:30 AM. The Watermelon Festival is just a month away. Anyone planning to make something for the booth must get busy. Also the "Friendship" Quilt blocks. Be a friend and make a block. Call Wanda for instructions.

See you next week, Smitty

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#### FAMILIES SHOULD MAKE PLANS TO EAT TOGETHER

Those who eat together also must plan and organize to make it happen. For families used to grabbing food and taking off, or dinners in front of the television, a return to the family table requires renewed priorities and commitment by all members.

These suggestions can help families plan meals together:

Start with one meal each week. Make it the top priority whether it is brunch on Saturday or a traditional Sunday dinner. Make sure it is a planned event. Once the family becomes accustomed to one shared meal each week, gradually add a second or third mealtime together.

Hold a family meeting each week, deciding on the days and times that will work around children and parents activities and meetings. Write down meals on the family calendar like any other scheduled event.

Build creativity and flexibility into your mealtime plans. At times you may have to replace the "6 p.m. supper" with dessert around the table at 8 p.m. Or eat cold sandwiches on the grass at the ballpark.

Establish rules about proper topics and appropriate conversation to keep mealtime positive. Negative discussions will inevitably lead to conflict.

■ Focus on each other, not the food. Allow children to eat until they are full without forcing "one more bite" or a clean plate. Most experts agree that children develop healthy eating attitudes when they can choose from a variety of nutritious offerings - and not by force or coercion.

> Make mealtime fun. Laugh together, share funny stories, celebrate your cultural/ethnic heritage, or start your own silly traditions.

> Aside from the joy that mealtime sharing brings today, parents also will fill their child's memory with the special thoughts that only family togetherness can bring.

Penny Green's Tumbling

Fall Registration for Plains students Monday, August 5, 5PM - 8PM, at the Royal Bounders Tumbling Gym

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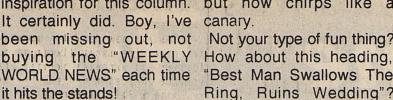
to the party. I was very quickly informed they were performing an official task,



Another golden opportu- of our laws. They contin- Barbie Doll As Bass Lure". present the ring, screamed, laughing along with the your problem lies". nity lost! I happened to be ued to pour the frothy stuff and catches a 14 pound "I can't stand this!", and four. Dirk noticed this, cruising between the down the drain, can after Florida lunker. No wonder swallowed the thing. Courthouse and the Bank can. It was almost enough the dolls have been so Don't tell me this column appreciate a guy with a not sure originated with Friday afternoon, looked to make one weep. Still popular all this time. I'll bet features bizarre, hard to sense of humor", leaned up, and almost lost control thinking of the media Jim Brown, Butch Gayle believe stuff. of my pickup. There, before angle, I politely asked if and N.C. Clanahan buy out quickly stopped, mouth for me to run home and hours of reading this.

That met with a rather you on? How about "Man of Dirk West, cartoonist and This Monday morning, deep in Millers and saw Marcene's mouth guy SUED HIMSELF... humor and artistic talent. Budweiser! I cursed my twitching nervously, so claimed the accident I met the man, very briefly by me, a camera with no kidding, your Honor, your and he was covered by his the Meadowbrook Golf for those afflicted with Troopership, your Deputy- Homeowners Insurance Course in Lubbock about In my normal jovial ship, just kidding!', and policy. It also said he won lunch time one week day, manner, I asked the three hastily returned home, but the lawsuit for \$300,000. why they hadn't invited me being very careful to break. We really can't dig too the dining facility. In came no traffic laws.

destroying confiscated copy of one of those groin with softball really mine. beer resulting from numer- 'checkstand tabloid scan- does sing soprano like an ous bad deeds by breakers dal sheets' the other day, opera star". Honest, It



Consider these fascinating Seems the guy was secbits found in the July 30 retly in love with the to-be issue; "Fisherman Uses bride, and when asked to and I found myself time, whichever direction

deep in this, but another Dirk, with three of his article featured this intri- cronies, fresh off the links, A local guy gave me a guing headline; "Man hit in and they took a table near reported he could not carry



telling me it might contain a tune prior to the accident,

Ring, Ruins Wedding"?

Fishing tales don't turn days, lamenting the death tainer.

Kubota,

of his very successful just minutes, he had the WORLD NEWS" each time "Best Man Swallows The three guffawing at his tales and jokes. The conversation was at the level where I didn't have to eavesdrop, looked at me, said, "I

over, and shook my hand.

my very eyes, an amazing they could possibly cease the entire supply of Thousands of words have minutes listening to the story reported, "My town event was taking place. I their pouring long enough Barbie's in Lubbock within been printed and read in group, but mainly to Dirk. was so tiny the largest the media the last few he was that type of enter- business in town was the

chilly look from all three. I Knocks Self Out With wit 'par excellence' of Bride and I were listening each grasping a can of really think I could read Boomerang". The article Lubbock. He will be to the 'Big Ed Show' on would-be bank robber beer taken from a goodly Judge Crutcher's mind .... details how a guy in Ken- missed by Lubbock A-J Lubbock's AM 580 station, handed a teller a note stack of the bubbly stuff. "go ahead, buster, you may tucky flung a boomerang, readers, and scores of fans and Big Ed, Paul R. Beane reading, "This is a holdup, Yes, true story; Judge come before me someday", and had it fly back, around the state. His and callers in were and I've got a gun. Put the Melba Crutcher, DPS Troo- and then my eyes focused cracking himself in the cartoons lampooning the reminiscing about Dirk, his money in a paper bag". per Tom Horn, Deputy on the very large revolver head. Not so incredible, Southwest Conference talents, and his wit, or, The teller wrote back,, "I Marcene Phillips, knee on Trooper Horn's hip, and you say? Maybe... but this sports teams are true icons of "Dark humor", as Paul R. don't have a paper bag!" referred to it.

He recalled hearing Dirk handed. rotten luck, a camera lying very humbly I said, "Just occurred on his property, many years ago. I visited describe the perfect cure

I don't know if the others chronic irregularity (such inspiration for this column. but now chirps like a were just friends, or clients as my East Texas brother in law), referring to those been missing out, not Not your type of fun thing? advertising agency, but in who couldn't, or could too much; Dirk said "All you have to do is sit on a 50 pound block of cheese, and eat a mouse at the same time ... it'll work every

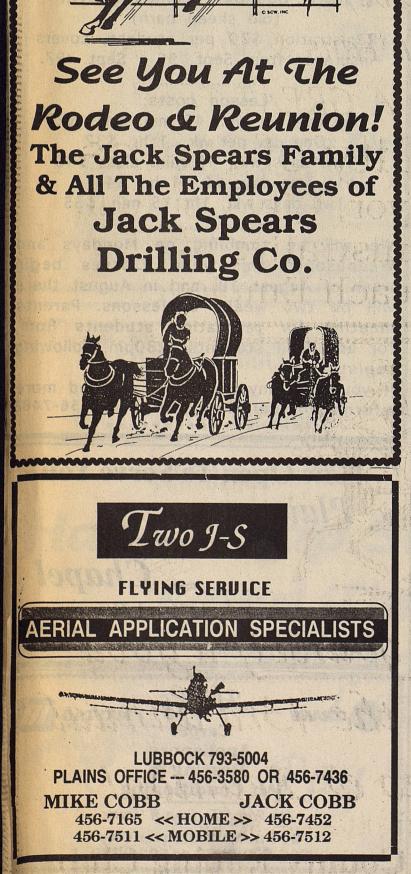
> On the same radio show, I heard another bit which I'm Dirk, but sure sounded like him. Talking of small I spent about twenty more towns, the originator of the 300 pound Avon lady".

> > In Portland, Oregon, a The robber fled empty

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Peaches are grown in many areas of Texas, but the Hill Country is widely known for the fruit's high quality and abundance. Orchards featuring early-maturing, low-chill varieties are making it profitable to grow peaches deeper into South Texas. Low chill peaches are those that need fewer hours of less than 40 degrees to mature and sweeten.

1995 Texas Peach Production Rank in U.S. #12 Acres harvested 12,000 Total production value Total U.S. \$6.48 million Production



### **Plains C of C Meets**

The Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday morning at Johnnie's Restaurant. Plans were discussed for the Chamber's role in the Rodeo and Reunion this weekend.

The Reunion Barbecue Saturday, August 3, will see over a ton of briskets slow smoked, over 100 pounds of beans, 200 pounds of potato salad, and scores of fruit cobblers being served.

#### \* Re-Roofing Proposals \*

Plains Independent School District invites interested parties to make proposals for re-roofing the Plains ISD campus facilities. The specified roofing system is polyurethane foam. Proposals will be received until 12:00 noon on August 19, 1996 at the Business Office. Proposals should be addressed to Eric Banfield Business Manager, 1000 10th St., Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355 For information please contact Eric Banfield at 806-456-7483.

Plains ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept o reject any and all proposals and to waive all technicalities. Plains ISD reserves the right to contract with the vendor that represents the best value to the district.

#### \*Notice of Public Hearing\*

The Board of Trustees of the Plains Independent School District will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1996-97 budget. The public hearing will be held on August 12, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board room of the Plains ISD Administration Office at 1000 Tenth Street.

# **\*BID NOTICE\***

Plains ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for providing milk for its school lunch program beginning August

# **In Special Olympics**

Randy Barnes, a 33vear-old Plains resident, affiliated with the Lubbock State School, participated in the State level competitions in the Special Olympics held in Austin the week of May 20th.

Randy placed 1st Overall in his division for the 100m dash and 2nd Overall in the 400m relay, bringing home Gold & Silver medals.

Randy and his team have been honored with an invitation to participate in the Special Olympics World Competition to be held the summer of 1997 in North Carolina. The competition is by invitation only.

The Lubbock region of Special Olympics holds competitions year round in 8 different sporting events.

Upcoming events include: August - Aquatics Competition; September -Softball Competition; October - Bowling Competition.

To help sponsor an athlete to the World games, donations or volunteers should contact Anthony Norman, **Regional Director - Special** Olympics, 2402 52nd, Suite 1-C, Lubbock, TX 79412 or call (806) 799-7000.

In furnishing information for this article, Randy's sister, Sandy Meyers of Denver City added, "Our family is very proud of Randy. He accomplished a great deal and enjoyed himself doing so. Randy is a Special Guy and deserves a little recognition. I hope to be able to help Randy raise funds to compete in the World games, or maybe help as a volunteer. We support him 100%."

#### Local Wins | A Letter To All Elementary Student Parents Dear Parents

As your new elementary school principal, I would like to extend a welcome to each of you to come and visit with me as time allows. I began my duties on Monday, July 8 and have been very impressed with the students, teachers and community members I have had an opportunity to meet. Please be assured of my dedication to continue the positive trends and high expectations held for all. I am also very pleased with the quality of the personnel at Plains Elementary.

We have an exciting opportunity this school year to possibly offer a pre-kindergarten class. If you have a child who is four years old or will be on or prior to September 1, please call this office for more information. It is most difficult to project the enrollment until school has been in session for a few days. State law allows us to offer this class to those students who qualify. Our minimum class size must be fifteen students.

Our Kindergarten class currently has twenty six students pre-registered for the 1996-97 school year. This seems to be a small group of students compared to the rest of our class sizes. As you may know, our philosophy has been to maintain a low pupil/teacher ratio.

Because of the uncertainty of the Pre-k and the lack of pre-registration in the kindergarten level, we are not placing children in these classes prior to the beginning of school. The first four days we are going to have the students come to school and attend class as a group. Please do not send supplies with your child. When we gather enough information concerning student registration, we will make classroom assignments by Friday, August

#### PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

August 13-16 Pre-k 7:45 (for breakfast) or 8:10-11:15 Students will eat lunch at school. Parents, please pick your child up at 11:15 each day. 7:45 (for breakfast) or 8:10-11:15 August 13-16 Kindergarten Students will eat lunch at school. We will deliver the students home after lunch. School will begin and end at the regular time August 13-16 Grades 1-4 (same as the last school year)

Class lists for grades 1-4 will be posted on the entrance doors of the elementary school on Friday, August 9 at 3:00 PM

We also have had a number of parent requests for the 1996-97 school year. I have included a form if you choose to make a request. (See printed form below) Please be assured of our effort to do our very best to match your child's learning style to the instructional philosophy of our instructors. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

Don Weems, Principal **Plains Elementary School** 

#### Dear Parents,

Room assignments for students are determined by the school principal with the assistance of the classroom teachers. On occasion, parents feel compelled to request a particular teacher. Those requests will be considered However, the following applies to all requests:

The request must be submitted in writing to the school principal and include valid reasons for the request. Al written requests must be received by noon on August 8, 1996.

- Requests will be considered only after the following criteria has been established.
- An ethnic balance can be established for each class. Α.
- B. Male/Female balance can be established for each class.
- A heterogeneous grouping of abilities can be established for each class. C.
- D. An equal balance of numbers of students in each class can be established.
- E. Teacher recommendations for pupil placement have been considered.

Although we cannot guarantee your request will be honored, we will make every attempt to place your child where ne/she will receive the best educational opportunities possible. Each request will be considered carefully. We will do our best to comply with your wishes.

All requests must have a first and second choice listed.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR MY CHILD:

**1ST CHOICE** 2ND CHOICE

**REASON FOR REQUEST:** 

STUDENTS NAME

PARENTS SIGNATURE

(FOR THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE A REQUEST, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND **RETURN IT TO ME.)** 

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13, 1996. Proposals will be received until 11:00AM on August 2, 1996, at the Business Office. Proposals should be addressed to Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Plains ISD, 1000 10th Street, Box 479, Plains, Texas, 79355. For questions or other information, please contact Eric Banfield at 806-456-7483. Plains ISD reserves the right to contract with the vendor that represents the best value to the District.

Plains Independent School District will accept bids for cafeteria produce until 11:00AM, August 2, 1996, in the Administration Office. Bids will be opened and read at that time. Information can be obtained by contacting Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Plain ISD, Box 479, Plains, TX 79355, or by calling 806-456-7483.

Produce should be bid for a weekly period from August 12, 1996, through December 20, 1996, and from January 6, 1997 through May 22, 1997.

Plains ISD will purchase cafeteria food and supplies through the Region 17 Education Service Center CoOp with the exception of produce and milk.

Plains ISD Board of Trustees reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.



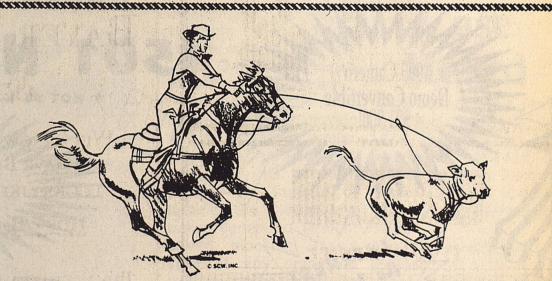
Welcome to Plaims We Hope You Enjoy The Rodeo & Reunion Plains **Chamber of Commerce** 

Proud of the past-Plans for the future

## **Busy Ports**

The 15 busiest seaports in the U.S. handled 1098 million tons of goods in 1994. Texas' three busiest ports, Houston, Corpus Christi and Texas City handled almost 25% of that total, almost 267 million tons.

Welcome, All Rodeo & Reunion Fans & Visitors. Have A GREAT Time! The City of Plains The Mayor, City Council, Administrative Staff, and each Employee

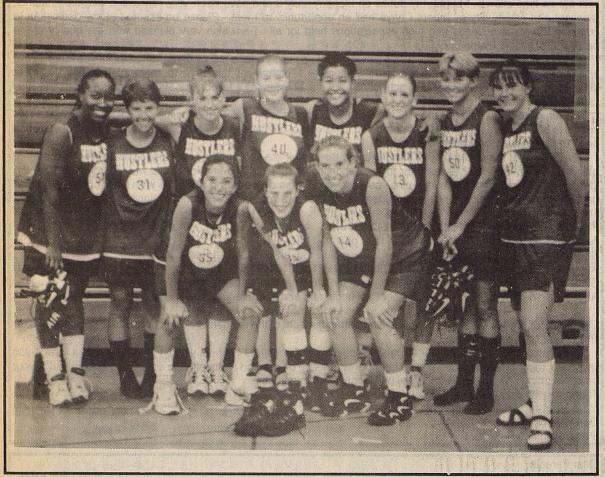


Catch yourself a good time at the 43rd annual

Rodeo & Reunion!

The Members of the **Yoakum County Roping Club**  Page 8, Cowboy Country News, Wednesday, July 31, 1996

## **BCI Tournament Draws Huge Field** Local Girls Perform Well

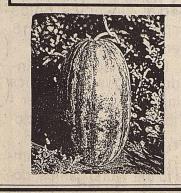


Congress International (BCI) ing teams from the Prep with the 'Lubbock Hustlers', dozens of states. Each team Plains area schools. The lection to compete in the BCI consisted of eight to twelve Hustlers played six games tournament.

The recent Basketball high school girl hoopsters. Locals Kyley Bearden, a (2), Austin, the South Coast, Girls Summer Prep basket- PHS senior, and Kayla Detroit, Mich., ball tournament in Lubbock Redman, PHS sophomore, Duncanville, compiling a 3 drew a total of 74 compet- were selected to compete and 3 record. school ranks of players from a girls team from South Kyley and Kayla for their se-

against teams from Oregon and

Congratulations to



\* Notice To ALL

**PHS Students \*** Plains High School stu-

dents are requested to

come by the high school on

the specified dates to con-

firm their schedules for the

O'Quinn will be available to visit with students and

hopefully resolve any prob-

lems that there may be. Students who are unable to

attend at the scheduled time should see Mr.

O'Quinn on Friday, August

9. between 8 a.m. and 3

Monday, August 5 -1-3 p.m. Seniors

Tuesday, August 6 -

1-3 p.m. Juniors Wednesday, August 7 -

1-3 p.m. Sophomores

Thursday, August 8 -1-3 p.m. Freshmen

p.m.

Mr. Alexander and Mr.

1996-97 school year.

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About half of the state's wheat acreage is grown on the Texas High Plains, where more than a third is irrigated. Most of the wheat grown in Texas is of the hard red winter varieties, planted in September and October. Producers only harvested about 76 million pounds in 1995, just a little above the 1994 crop.



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We're Headin' for the Rodeo & Reunion!

