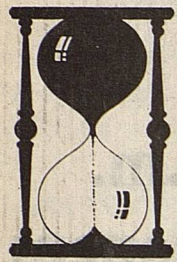
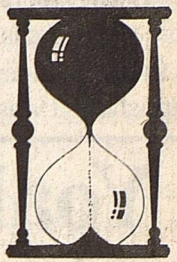


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Counting Down To Round Up #6!



On August 14, Yoakum County Connection held its last regular meeting prior to the 6th annual Watermelon Round Up coming up Saturday, September 1. The Connection is the primary fund raising organization for the youth summer arts program, and this summer 401 county youth took part in the program.

Round Up Chair Jeannette Head reported plans were virtually complete for the day long, fun filled event. Publicity committee members Lori Vantine, Linda Powell, Gary Dyer and Russell Jones have used area newspapers, radio stations and TV stations to promote the event, and The Denver City Press and CCN have mailed promotional tabloids to out of town subscribers.

Music and stage entertainment Chair James Altman has arranged for day long entertainment from the stage, and Wadonna Davis, co-chair of the Classic Car Show with husband Terry Davis expects this Round Up to draw even more cars than the 112 registered last year.

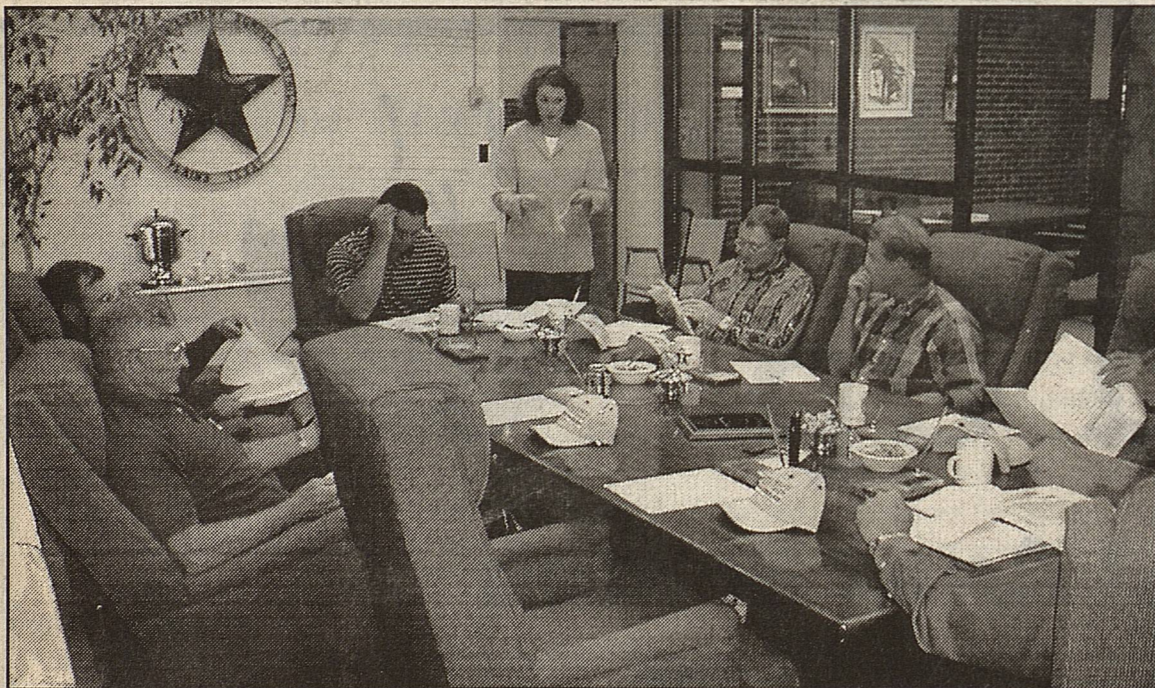
Plains State Bank employees will have watermelons for sale to the public from a new tent this year, and Toni Jones will for the 6th time headup the melon slice give-away. Wells Fargo Bank, Plains State Bank, and Sundown State Banks of Denver City and Brownfield will award U.S. Savings Bonds for winners in the new watermelon decorating contest. Deadline for receiving entries in the contest is 10 AM, Saturday, September 1. Alltel Communications is sponsoring the Toddler and Fun Run events, chaired by Melvin Dearing. Entry fee for the Horse Shoe Pitching event, single or doubles, is \$15, and contestants in the round-robin format will compete for the cash kitty. The event is chaired by Karen Williams. Melissa and Steve Crump, Shannon and Tonya Patton and Karen Williams will supervise kids games, Kathy Jones and Ty Earl Powell will stage the Cow Patty Bingo event, Bill Helwig will handle the melon growing contest, and Ted Welch will again oversee the

Chili and Brisket Cook Off.

Jan Parrish reported team ropers from a number of states have registered for the day long team roping. Extension agents Debbie Pollard and Arlon Gentry will exhibit local grown watermelons in front of the Extension office, and Gentry and Dottie Mays will be in charge of the new Pig Racing event. BP-Denver City Production has donated \$300 to ice the free watermelon slice day long event.

Texas-Oklahoma Watermelon Queen Amanda Key's Saturday appearance is sponsored by Anderson Produce, McWhirter Farms and Earnest Farms. If you would like a job in the day long activities, call 45 MELON. This family fun day should make all of Yoakum County proud, and the volunteer spirit making the Round Up a success is what helps make the county, our state and nation great.

PISD Board sets rollback election date, approves proposed redistricting plan



Attorney Portia Bosse explains proposed redistricting plan at PISD Trustees meeting

In a special called meeting Tuesday, August 21, Plains Independent School District Trustees voted to set a Roll Back election for September 29, 2001. The election is mandatory after the Trustees approved a lower tax rate for 2001-02, which nevertheless generated more ad valorem tax dollars than the 2000-01 tax year. The issue has been explained twice in recent issues of CCN by PISD Superintendent Jim Haynes. Dolores Davis was nominated and approved as Judge of the special election, and will appoint election clerks.

In other board matters, Portia Bosse, representing Allison, Bass & Associates, presented data and maps showing proposed new district lines for the school's five at-large board member

voting districts. The redistricting plan and maps were unanimously approved by the board. The proposed redistricting plan must be submitted to the Attorney General office, and then approved by the U.S. Justice Department. When final approval is received, detailed voting district maps will be reproduced in future issues of CCN.

The Board also approved the District joining the Houston-Galveston Purchasing Cooperative, an organization serving governmental entities throughout the state. The cooperative is usually able to purchase large dollar items such as vehicles and school buses at greatly reduced rates.

'Weevil War' results encouraging

Darrell Dusek, Manager of the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone here, is encouraged with data compiled by Plains District field personnel. "Trap count numbers of weevils are up a bit, which in a sense is good news. It means the area cotton crop is starting to cut-out, and the bolls are maturing, meaning less food for the pests. They are traveling from field to field, and as host material decreases, they are finding the Pherimone

chemical in our traps to be more appealing than some of the cotton they have been feeding on."

Field trappers are counting more boll weevils, but the aerial treatment trigger remains at one weevil per field. The percentage of number of acres being treated doesn't dramatically increase. The week ending August 19 found 8.4 percent of district cotton fields being treated, and the August 26 week showed 8 percent

treatment.

There are a total of 178,000 remaining acres of cotton in the Plains District, and to date this year, some 99,600 acres have been treated. In year 2000, 435,850 acres were treated.

In the August 19 week of work, the average count of weevils per trap was .008; The same date in 2000, .290 weevils. In 1999, an average of 3.761 weevils were trapped.

That is encouraging progress.

City to lose a major asset David Brunson accepts Muleshoe offer to serve as City Manager

At the August 21 Council meeting, City Administrator David Brunson announced he had accepted employment with the City of Muleshoe as City Manager. He will assume those duties on October 1.

Brunson was named Plains' City Administrator on September 4, 1991. Prior to then he had served as Quitaque's City Administrator five years.

Muleshoe's City Council probably had no problems in choosing Brunson to head up their city government, for he has an impressive resume of achievements during his ten years here. He was instrumental in obtaining grant funding for a number of major projects, including revamping and improving the city water system. Two state of the art water storage tanks were constructed to handle new water obtained from three wells drilled on property purchased by the city, and brought here through almost 20,000 feet of 12 inch PVC pipe. Water flow from the city's present six wells is closely monitored by a new electronic system.

To meet the demands of TNRC, a new and expanded wastewater treatment plant was constructed a few miles north of town, and most of the city's steel natural gas distribution lines were replaced. Brunson was instrumental in securing a five year fixed price for the city's natural gas, saving residents thousands of dollars when gas prices skyrocketed.

During his tenure here, a monumental achievement occurred when Brunson negotiated with Lea County Elect-

ric Cooperative officials for the successful sale of the city owned electric distribution system to the Cooperative, and also negotiated a 25 year franchise with the Cooperative for a 4 percent franchise fee, 2 percent paid up front and provisions for the initial payment to be adjusted yearly.

Grant funds allowed replacement of all street signs in the city, computer and software improvements were made at City Hall, and a weather monitoring station were a few of the many other projects Brunson helped bring to Plains. The recent completion of a new Fire

Department and EMS building on city purchased property was another project pushed hard for.

In last week's interview, Brunson told CCN, "I hope you won't write the article where I accomplished these things single handedly. None of the projects could have succeeded without the vital help of all the Council members and the Mayor. Throughout my career here, they have been supportive, and worked hard and diligently on every improvement we have accomplished in the last ten years. I

Turn to Page 3,
"David Brunson"

'Let There Be Light'



Lea County Electric line crews were busy last week in the lofty task of replacing defective lights at PHS' Cowboy Stadium. Lighting should be good for the Cowboy season opening game here against Abernathy at 8 P.M. Friday, August 7.

Yoakum County Hospital Receives County Best Practices Award

Austin - Yoakum County was one of 13 counties and one individual honored by the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Foundation August 16, for demonstrating outstanding innovation, achievement and effective management of county government facilities, processes or programs. Dallas Brewer, County Judge, accepted the award at the event.

Yoakum County Hospital in the 1990's was costing the citizens of Yoakum County over a million dollars a year. In fiscal year 2000, the hospital used no tax funds for operations and was able to build cash reserves for the first time in history. This accomplishment was the result

of the leadership and vision of the county commissioners, county judge and the hospital board members.

The major initiatives have led to the strength of Yoakum County Hospital. The first was to enter into a management agreement with the St. Mary Health System in 1995, the second was to replace an aging financial software package with a modern state of the art system, and third was to participate in the Medicare Critical Access Hospital Program.

This was accomplished by adding services such as assisted living, swing beds, CT scan, bone density, birthing rooms and specialists. In addition, the

county recruited an OB/GYN to assist the three family practitioners practicing locally. Additionally, an offsite clinic 15 miles away was opened to care for the needs of citizens of Plains.

"These awards are presented for those county programs serving as role models for effective government," said Susan Weems, chief executive officer of the foundation. "It is important to recognize the county officials who go the extra mile to focus on a particular need in their community and find an answer for it."

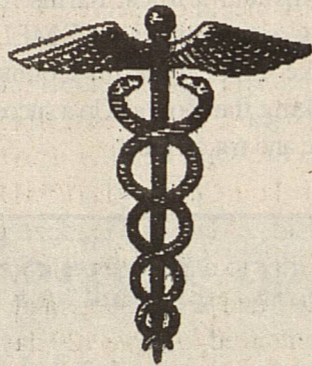
Counties Leadership Foundation serves as an education resource for Texas county officials.

Yoakum County Hospital

Dialysis Survey

Yoakum County Hospital is considering the feasibility of adding a dialysis center. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in receiving dialysis service locally, please contact the hospital at (806) 592-2121

This survey will be used to determine the extent of the local need for these services.



NOTICE

of Vote on Tax Rate

The Yoakum County Commissioners Court

conducted a public hearing on a proposal

to increase the total tax revenues of

Yoakum County

by 8 (eight) percent

on August 22, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

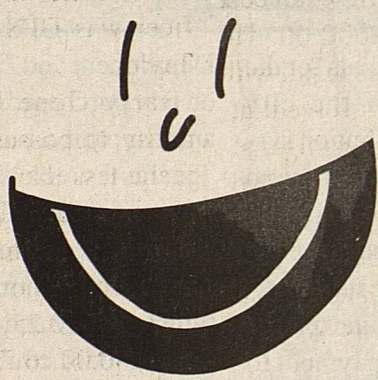
The Yoakum County Commissioners Court

is scheduled to vote

on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase

at a public meeting to be held on September 5, 2001 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

at the District Courtroom in the Courthouse at Plains



Watermelon Round Up



Have you invited Aunt Beulah and Uncle Gomer yet ??



2001 Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen

Amanda Key is the 20-year-old daughter of Michael and Debra Key from McAllen, Texas. Amanda was chosen as the 2001 Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen in January at the annual meeting held in McAllen, Texas. She presently attends Austin Community College in Austin, Texas. In the fall Amanda plans on attending the University of Texas in Austin to continue her studies in elementary education.

Amanda is a spokesperson for the Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Association for one year and will then compete for the National Watermelon Queen title in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in February 2002. She will be doing in-store promotions, parades, and festivals like ours in Yoakum County.

WELCOME TO YOAKUM COUNTY, AMANDA !

Amanda would like to meet you at the 6th annual Yoakum County Watermelon Round Up Saturday, September 1 !



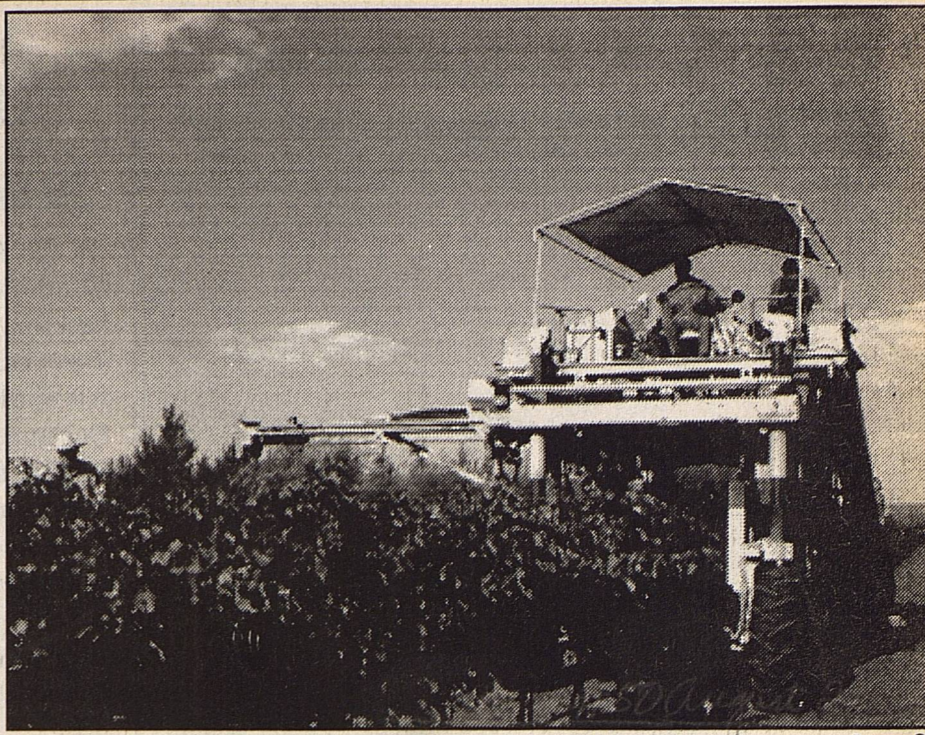
If you were hired to harvest grapes, would you want to do it like this.....

'Use a little wine for thy stomach's sake

Timothy 1, 5-23

Harvesting of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes was in full swing last week at Peggy and Kent Welch's vineyard north of town. Both mechanical and hand picking of the four year old grapes took place on the two acre plot. Mechanically harvested grapes were partially crushed, and the juice was stored in barrels in a refrigerated truck for the trip to the winery in the Dallas area. A total of three wineries were purchasing the grapes for further processing.

Peggy Welch told CCN they are hoping the harvest will produce a total of six tons of grapes from the two acres.



Or like this, on a giant mechanical harvester which shakes the grapes loose?

From Page One, "David Brunson"

can't stress enough how thankful I am for every council member I have worked with here in Plains."

Large improvement projects are costly, yet the city is now in a much stronger position than when Brunson came in 1991.

David will not only be missed at City Hall. He has played a very large role in local organizations, and helping to promote the community and county. He is currently Chairman of the Yoakum County Connection, and has worked tirelessly instigating the Watermelon Round Up from its inception. He is a past President of the Plains Lions Club, an organization he has belonged to 26 years. He has served as President of the Plains Chamber of Commerce seven years, he was named Citizen of the

Year, is a past President of Yoakum County Crime Line, and was Chairman of the Yoakum County Resources and Development Board.

He told CCN, "I honestly don't relish leaving this town. It's a good place to live, a good place to work. I accepted the job offer at Muleshoe because it's a step forward in my professional career. It's a larger community, with more challenges, and too, it is closer to the homes of my wife Dianne's and my families. I feel like I have given a part of myself to Plains, but nowhere near as much as Plains has given to me. It has been a most pleasant and rewarding experience."

He and Dianne are hoping to be able to sell their home here and find new quarters in Muleshoe before he starts work there.

Out Of State Car Buyers Face Higher Tab For Registration

In May the state legislature passed Senate Bill 5 requiring that vehicles brought into this state must have the Vehicle Identification Number verified and pay \$225 prior to the vehicle being registered and titled in Texas. This requirement will be met by certified vehicle inspectors verifying and recording the required information on a new form called the "Out of State Vehicle Identification" Form V1-30. Additionally, Senate Bill 5 increased the cost of commercial vehicle inspections from \$50 to \$60.

Any out of state or country registered vehicle presented for inspection on or after November 1, 2001, to be titled and registered in this state is required to have the new Form V1-30 completed and pay the \$225 fee EXCEPT vehicles owned by military personnel or their dependents. Persons claiming the military exception must provide a copy of documentation

verifying military status to the inspector.

The certified inspector at a station will complete the V1-30 form after the vehicle passes the safety and or emissions tests and charge a fee of \$225 in addition to the appropriate inspection fee. The station will be allowed to retain \$5 of this fee for administrative costs and \$220 will be remitted to the DPS.

The station will provide the vehicle operator with the Customer Copy (Blue Copy) of the V1-30 to present to the county registrar for titling and registering the vehicle.

Effective November 1, 2001, the fee for all commercial vehicle inspections will be \$60. Commercial Vehicle Inspection Certificates, both windshield and trailer certificates, sold to commercial vehicle inspection stations on or after November 1, 2001, will be sold for \$200 in books of ten.

County Court Criminal Cases

Nineteen criminal cases were heard in County Court August 22, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Bernardo Nunez Saenz pled guilty to a 1st DWI, blood test .25. A 90 days jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will make time payments on \$225.25 court costs, and was fined \$500.00. He must pay \$56.75 restitution to Yoakum County Hospital. He will serve 72 hours in jail, with credit for 11 hours served. He must attend weekly AA meetings and provide written proof to supervision officer, complete first offenders program, and perform 24 hours community service. The investigating officer was DPS Trooper Brad Taylor.

Angel Villegas Martinez pled guilty to a 1st DWI and was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail with credit for 66 days served.

Steven Hernandez Amalla pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to pay court cost of \$210.25 and pay a fine of \$200.00.

Inez Villa Silva pled guilty to DWI, blood test .21/open container. His 12 month sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He will make time payments on \$275.25 court

cost and was fined \$750.00. He must pay restitution of \$262.54. He must serve 10 days in jail with 1 day credit for time served, perform 80 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, and complete the DWI Repeat Offender's Education Program. He must surrender his driver's license for 90 days and complete Managed Care Center In Patient Treatment Program. Cliff Payne was his attorney and investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart.

Alfredo H. Escobar, Jr. pled guilty to a 1st DWI blood test .124 and .125/open container. His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will make time payments on \$225.25 court cost and was fined \$500.00. He must serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 11 hours served, attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service, and complete the DWI 1st offenders program. The investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart.

Roy Alton McGee, Jr. pled guilty to a theft by check charge and was sentenced to attend twice weekly AA meetings, successfully complete Anger Management, and serve 40 hours of community service.

Patricia Ann Rodriguez pled guilty to a theft of \$500.00 but

less than \$1,500.00 charge and was sentenced to 24 months community service, pay court cost of \$225.25 and pay restitution of \$1,497.99 to Stage Stores, Inc d/b/a Bealls Department Store. The investigating officer was Lt. Charlie Higgs DCPD.

Bernabe Acosta Garcia pled guilty to a DWI 1st blood test .140/.131 and was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail probated and suspended 12 months. He will make time payments on \$225.24 court cost, and was fined \$500.00. He must serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 11 hours served, attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service, and complete the DWI 1st offenders program. The investigating officer was Kenley Powell, Yoakum County Sheriff's Dept.

Isidro Medina Mendoza pled guilty to a DWI 1st Blood test .207 and .218 charge and was sentenced to serve 120 days in jail suspended and probated 18 months. He will make time payments on \$225.25 court cost and was fined \$600.00. He must serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 11 hours served, attend weekly AA meetings, attend 1st Offender's DWI Program, and serve 24 hours community service. Richard Keen was his attorney. The investigating Officer was William Gardner DCPD.

Ronald Dale Martin pled guilty to DWI 1st blood test .103/.102/open container and was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail suspended and probated 12 months. He will make time payments on \$225.25 court cost

and pay a fine of \$500.00. He must attend weekly AA meetings, server 24 hours community service, successfully complete 1st DWI Offenders Program, and serve 72 hours in jail with 13 hours credit for time served. The investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart.

Dacia Leann Humphrey pled guilty to a furnish/purchase alcohol to minor charge and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail suspended and probated 6 months. She must pay \$210.25 court cost, serve 50 hours community service, and attend weekly AA meetings. Investigating officer was Kenley Powell YCSD.

Steven Paul Latzel pled guilty to possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. and sentenced to adjudication of guilty deferred; community supervision for 12 months; pay \$210.25 court cost; pay restitution of \$140.00 to DPS, successfully complete TAIP drug treatment program, and serve 24 hours community service. The investigating officer was DPS Trooper Brad Taylor.

Barry Gene Calicott pled guilty to possession of marijuana less than 2 oz. and sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred; community supervision for 12 months; pay court cost of \$210.25; pay restitution of \$140.00 to DPS, complete TAIP drug treatment program, serve 24 hours community service, and serve 36 hours in jail with credit for 3.5 hours served. His attorney was Warren New, investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart.

Cotton ' Turnrow Meetings '

Scott Russell, Extension Agent, Integrated Pest Mangement for Terry and Yoakum Counties, has scheduled a number of meetings for area cotton producers. Topics scheduled for discussion at the meetings include current insect pest problems, and crop termination. One CEU in the General category will be earned at each meeting.

TOKIO Co-Op GIN - Wednesday, August 29, 10:30 AM
TERRY COUNTY Co-Op GIN - Wednesday, August 30, 8:30 AM
YOAKUM COUNTY Co-Op GIN - Tuesday, September 4, 9:30 AM.

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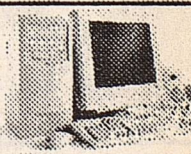
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Marte Pierce, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pierce of Plains, recently graduated from Tarleton State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Services and Development. Marte will attend graduate school this Fall at Tarleton. He is the grandson of James and Jerry Warren and Gilbert Pierce, all of Plains. Congratulations, Marte!

See you at the Round Up!!



NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK OWNERS
ALL BRANDS AND MARKS ON TEXAS LIVESTOCK
MUST BE RERECORDED WITH COUNTY CLERKS
WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF AUGUST 30, 2001
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 6899 J, VERNON'S
TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES. (Sept. 1, 2001 Thru Feb. 28,
2002)

The owner shall have the right during this six month period to file the brand and marks now recorded in his name. After this time any unrecorded brand will be available for use on a "first come" basis. It should be noted that it is illegal to brand livestock without first properly recording the brand with the County Clerk in the county in which the livestock are held.

When the brand or brands are recorded, the location on the animal, it must be recorded and each additional location for the brand on the animal shall constitute a separate recording of that brand.

There is no limit to the number of brands and/or marks which may be recorded in a county by a person as long as requirements of this law governing the recording and rerecording of livestock brands are met. Minors may have marks and brands separate from that of the father or guardian, which must be recorded as provided by the law. The fee each separate recording of brand is \$10.00.

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Another 'Meth' lab bust in area

In the August 27 session of Commissioners Court, Rick Dickson, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force, described a joint effort by the Terry County Sheriff Department and the Task Force leading to the arrest of Justin Rinehart of that county, who was charged with possession and manufacture of methamphetamines, possession of firearms by a felon and possession and transport of anhydrous ammonia.

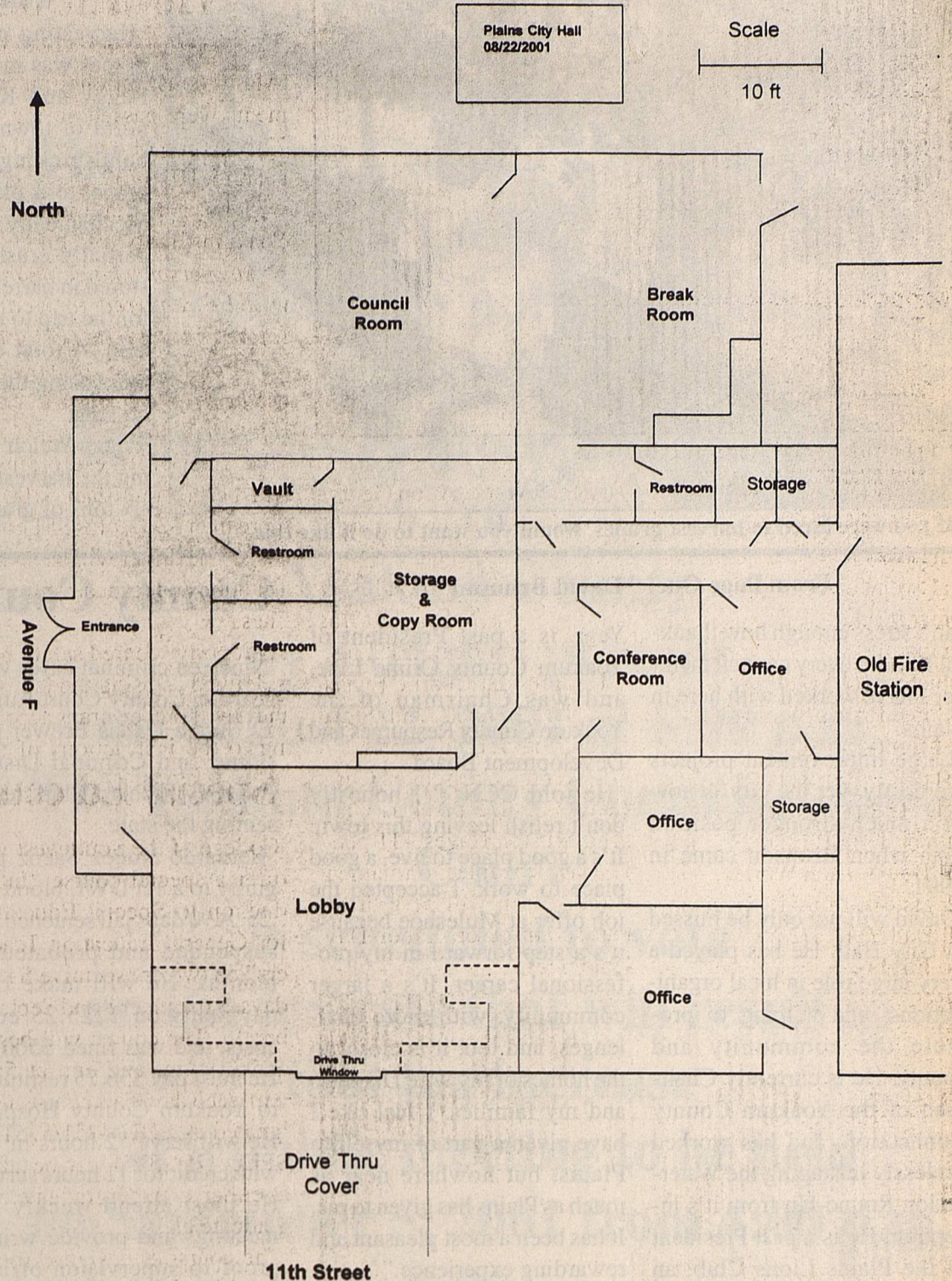
Dickson said a Terry County deputy in the area of a mobile home a few miles north of Brownfield became suspicious when he detected the odor of anhydrous, and ether, both ingredients used in making meth, or 'speed'. The Drug Task Force was notified after several weeks of investigation by Terry County Sheriff deputies.

When the joint law officials approached the home, they could smell chemicals burning, and found a woman and child outside the home. She agreed to allow a search of the premises. Justin Rinehart met the officers and also agreed to the search.

Dickson said the thorough search turned up 8 grams of meth, plus assorted weapons including an AR 15 rifle, plus two pistols, one capable of fully automatic fire. ATF officers sent the AR 15 to Washington to determine if it had been modified for automatic fire.

Dickson told the court he felt the operation is just the tip of an approaching iceberg. "The really scary thing about methamphetamines is the ease of obtaining all the chemicals to manufacture 'speed'. Almost all of them are available very cheaply at a Wal Mart or hardware store. Ether is obtained from starter fluid, and the anhydrous ammonia is usually stolen from supplies on area farms. Dealers and users are regularly coming to our agricultural area to steal the anhydrous, even though it is extremely dangerous. And, anyone with access to a computer can quite easily go on line and look up the recipe for making the stuff."

New City Hall Planned



This drawing depicts the recently approved plan for a new City Hall building. The present building will be torn down, and the new building will be erected in its present location. City Administrator David Brunson said bid proposals will be advertised around October 1, and actual construction will start around the first of year 2002. The 3800 square foot project will take three to four months to complete. The old Fire and EMS building will also probably be renovated, and used for storage purposes.

The Plains Booster Club will meet August 27 at 7 PM in the school cafeteria to finalize plans for the annual "Meet the Cowboys, Cowgirls and Band Members" scheduled for Thursday, August 30 at 7 PM at the football field

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YCGC Tournament Results



1st flight winners Ray Roberts, David Seals

Yoakum County Golf Club held its next to last tournament of the year last weekend under ideal weather conditions. The format for the event was a two man partnership with modified Stableford scoring. Final results for three flights included;

1st Flight-

First place- Ray Roberts, David Seals, +12 points. 2nd - James Stinnett, Jerry Reffner, +11 pts. 3rd- Bob & Alan Worley, +5 1/2 pts. 4th- David Brunson, Bill Butler, +4 1/2 pts.

2nd Flight-

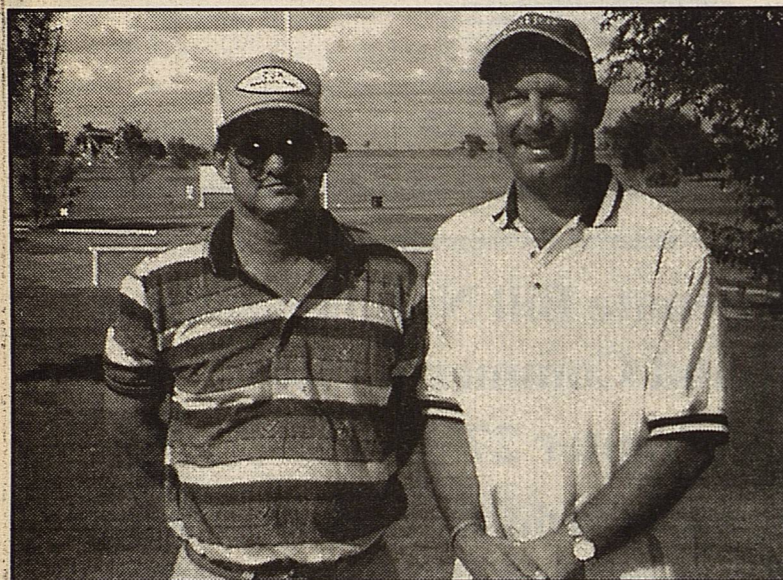
1st-Lanny Wood, Arlon Gentry, +5 pts. 2nd- Rodger Guajardo, Ted Whirlock, +3 pts.

3rd (Tie)- Ed Gonzales & Tommy Bullock, Dallas Brewer & Jim Beal, 2 1/2 pts.

3rd Flight- 1st Charlie Evans, K.O. Hart, 1 1/2 pts. 2nd- Steve Evans, Tod Shroud, -7 pts.

3rd- Kenny Dierschke, Chris Beatty, - 9 1/2 pts. 4th- Gary Long, Ruston Hayes, -11 pts.

The last scheduled tournament of the season will be a three-man scramble on Labor Day, September 3.



2nd flight winners Lanny Wood, Arlon Gentry

Fines raised for seatbelt violations September 1

Many constitutional amendments were passed during the 77th session of the Texas Legislature. HB 1739 and SB 113 will have a big impact on Yoakum County residents.

****Any person younger than 17 will be required to wear a safety belt; and, any child under 5 or under 36 inches tall will be required to be in a child safety seat.**

The fines for these offenses will be not less than \$100 or more than \$200, plus \$51 court costs. The driver will be issued a citation and responsible for the fines.

A properly secured safety belt is defined as using the lap belt and any shoulder straps according to the instructions of the

manufacturer.

Passenger vehicle is defined as a passenger car, truck or truck tractor. Effective September 1, one-ton trucks are NOT exempt from seat belt laws.

Seanate Bill 399 prohibits a child younger than 18 from riding in an open bed pickup truck, a flatbed truck, or flatbed trailer. Again, the driver of the vehicle will be cited and fined. There are some exceptions to this rule.

Thanks for your attention to these new laws and a special thanks for allowing us to serve as your Justice's of the Peace for Yoakum County - Melba Cutcher, Pct. 1, and Kenney Smith, Pct. 2.

Special Ed course offered at CSW

College of the Southwest will offer a special course "Introduction to Special Education for General Education Teachers" on two consecutive Saturdays, September 8 and September 15. The course will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. each day. This course, designated as EDU 4751/5751 or SPED 4751/5751, can be taken as either an undergraduate or a graduate class.

The course is designed to introduce and define terminology used in special education settings. Discussion will cover special education students in the regular classroom, teaching

methods appropriate for different exceptionalities, and the role of teachers at IEP meetings. Information will be provided on mandated testing, benchmarks and objectives related to all students, and current legal implications.

"Introduction to Special Education for General Education Teachers" will be offered for one hour of college credit at a cost of \$150 and will be taught by June Studley.

For more information, please call College of the Southwest at 392-6561 or come by the campus at 6610 Lovington Highway in Hobbs.

LCEC Safety Coordinator prepares for the future



Darrel Eubanks, General Manager Mike Dreyspring, LCEC Board Pres. Billy Medlin.

Lea County Electric Cooperative Safety Coordinator Darrel Eubanks has completed an intensive program in electric utility safety and loss control. The Loss Control Internship is a series of workshops offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in conjunction with the National Utility Training & Safety Education Assn. (NUTSEA). The program is designed to instruct participants in many areas related to electric utility industry safety, and is one of the most exclusive educational programs in the nation for loss control professionals.

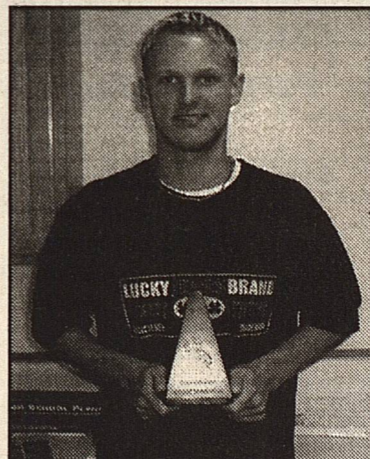
According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), 6.2 million injuries occur annually in the workplace. One of the goals of a Certified Loss Control Special-

ist is to help ensure a safe work environment for utility workers and the general public. Avoiding workplace accidents avoids down time and can lead to lower utility rates.

Eubanks is one of only a few utility professionals who will receive this certification. The program requires participants to complete a rigorous series of seminars and tests, a detailed course project and a 30 hour OSHA course. Participants must also maintain their certificate by attending courses every year to stay on top of industry changes.

Eubanks has been with Lea County Electric for over 35 years. He and his wife Leona have three children, Murty Shaw Eubanks and Lajuan Hayes of Lovington, and Donna Lopez of Artesia, and five grandchildren.

PHS Student Of The Week



Student of the Week is Jarod Newland, a Senior and the son of Jan Newland. He was nominated by Mrs. Michele Jones, who said, "Jarod is a leader in his school. He

has worked hard to get the school year started right, and will strive to continue great projects throughout the year. We will see continued success in his and his Council's work

*Dear Friends,
Although the loss of Polly is a great sorrow, we have gained such a blessing from you.
Thank you for your prayers, food, flowers, calls and shared tears,
God Bless You!
Betty, Morris, Peggy and our family*

PUBLIC HEARING

As required by law, and by directive of the Commissioner's Court of Yoakum County, Texas, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Hearing on the salaries, expenses and allowances of elected County and Precinct Officers to be provided for in the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget for Yoakum County is set for 3:45 P.M., September 5th, 2001, preceding the Public Hearing on 2002 Proposed Budget. The hearing will be held in the District Courtroom, County Courthouse, Plains, Texas. The salaries and allowances will be considered and acted upon at this meeting and officially adopted before the completion of the hearing on the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget. Present salaries and allowances with the requested and proposed increases are as follows:

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From The Hack

There is an interesting little feature in most issues of the Lubbock AJ entitled 'I Never Knew That', penned by K. Van Asselt. In Sunday's edition of the AJ, he listed four Supreme Court Justices who never attended law school, including a couple of real notables, John Marshall and John Jay.

Intrigued, I began to query locals if they knew any attorneys who had never attended law school, in gathering places of higher wisdom such as Johnnie's Restaurant, the Dairy Queen, Amigas Cafe, and the driveway at Uncle's Convenience Store. I even sent a couple of emissaries out West to the Border Bar to quiz patrons there, (the Bride forbids my frequenting the place) and ask the question, "Do You Know Any Attorneys Who Didn't Attend Law School?"

Here are the factual results. Of 427 people queried, 27% said No, but they knew of many who stayed in school twelve years and are still unsuccessful. 43% said, Yes, but those would be attorneys are in jail now. 23% said, NO, all attorneys I know attended school, but I wouldn't use them. The other 7% replied, My attorney graduated with highest honors, but I'm still thinking of suing him, if I could find the right attorney.

Another feature addressed in Van Asselt's column was under the heading, "These Laws Should Be Outlawed."

Some of the more fascinating laws listed included;

"Horses cannot eat fire hydrants in Marshalltown, Iowa." Reasonable enough for me, I remember my grandmother telling me of early days in Pecos, when horses were quite common items in town. Seems a lazy farmer or rancher let his horse go without water a spell, probably while he was at the notorious Orient Saloon there, and the crazed beast tore loose from its corral and ate a fire hydrant directly in front of the courthouse. This so incensed the citizens a posse was formed, and quickly rode the beast down. Local thuggery were so incensed with anger at the dumb horse, they counterformed a lynch mob, which outnumbered the good posse guys, and drug the dumb horse to the largest cottonwood tree in Reeves County, whereupon he was hauled aloft on eight lariat ropes to meet his fate.

Another item in the column mentioned the law in Oregon which emphatically stated, "Dead people cannot serve on juries." I have been to a few court trials here in fair Yoakum County, and I am not quite sure the law applies here.

Another statute mentioned says, "Females cannot be unshaven in public" in New

Mexico. That is a bald face lie. I have seen several bearded ladies in the Hobbs Wal-Mart, and recall a fully bearded 519 pound lady at the State Fair in Albuquerque.

Another puzzler revealed, "You cannot put ice cream cones in pockets" in Kentucky. This is probably a wise, provident statute. I remember when I was a sweet child of about four or five, when the Baptist preacher and his wife were visiting us for Sunday fried chicken at my grandparents in Eden, I tried to stick a cone down the bosom of the wife, fully capable of serving as a depository for my cone, perhaps even a full quart of pistachio or chocolate. Neither she, the preacher, or my grandparents were not too thrilled with my actions, and my fate was rather painful.

Another law recommended for abolishment states, "Slurping soup is illegal in New Jersey." I disagree. It should be illegal worldwide. I once was forced to eat lunch regularly with a guy in El Paso who always had a bowl of soup with his meal. He would lean over the spoon, blow noisily, then when he took a sip it sounded exactly someone pulling a size 13 rubber boot from a mud hole. Yuk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of Texas
County of Yoakum

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on September 5, 2001 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom in Plains, Texas on the 2002 Proposed Budget for Yoakum County.

All persons attending the hearing will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments and to ask questions about the Proposed Budget. A copy of the said Proposed Budget is on file in the County Clerk's Office and may be examined there or in the office of the County Judge or County Auditor, or in the Denver City Library of Plains Library

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