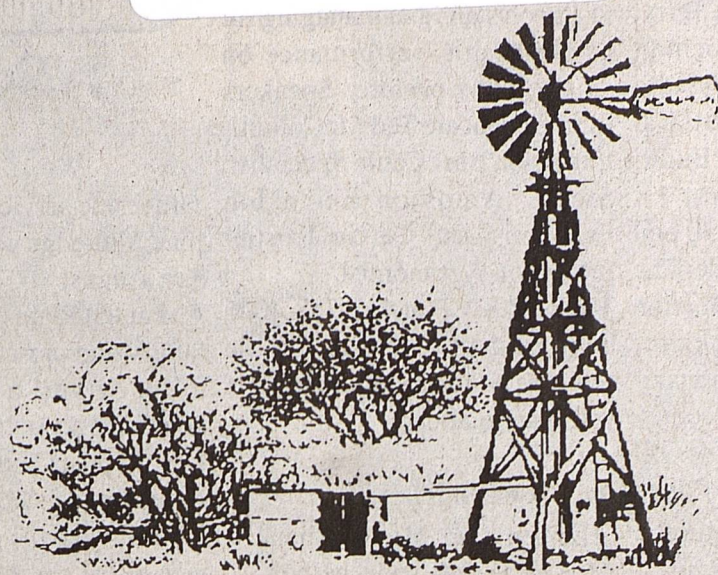


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A Busy Weekend.....Rodeo, Parade, Reunion, Art Show!



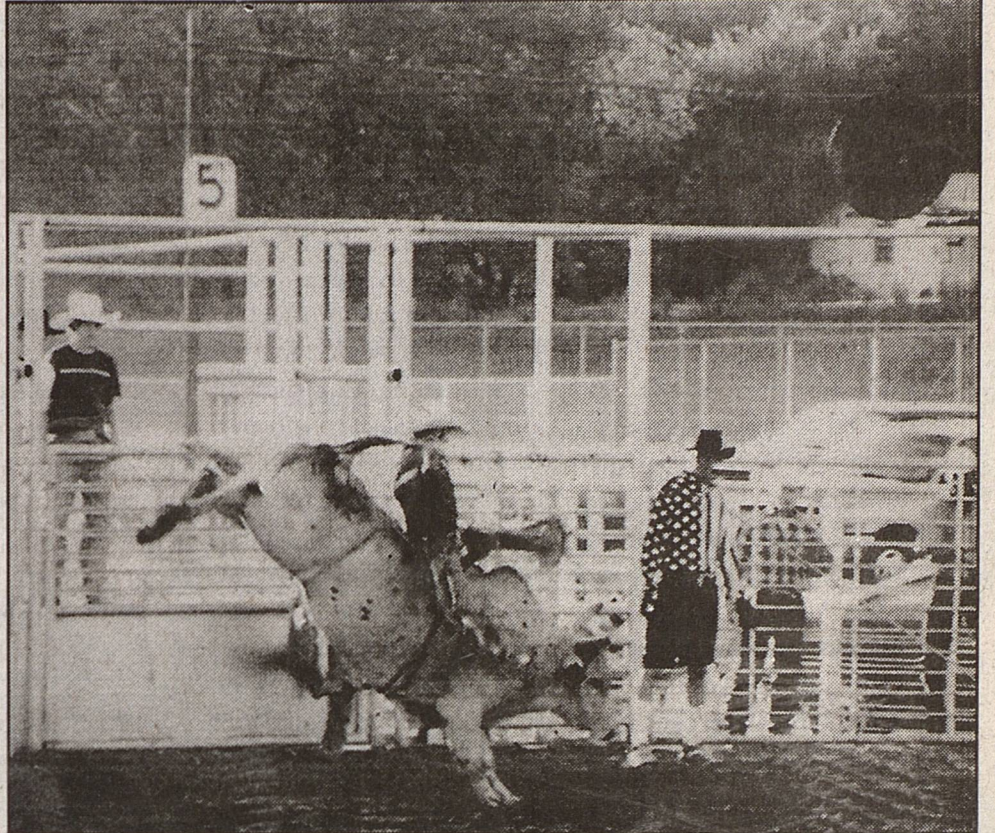
2003 Queen Ashley Vantine, Queen Skylar Keesee, Daniela Lazos, Priscila Mares

The 51st Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion is now successful history, thanks to a tremendous amount of dedication and work by the Plains Roping Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Art Association, and dozens of self-less volunteers. The now reigning Rodeo Queen is Skylar Keesee, Roping Club Candidate, who sold 3,321 fund raising tickets. She was closely followed by Daniela Lazos, Plains Lions Club, 2201 tickets, and Priscilla Mares, Chamber candidate with 2032 tickets sold. The Queen contestants efforts play a major role in continuing the rodeo. Art Association officials were elated with this years show and sale. Many visitors at the show considered this years art exhibits of exceptional quality in all divisions.

The Saturday morning parade along Cowboy Way did not seem to attract an abundance of 'watchers', but there were more mounted riders, excellent floats, and possibly a ton of candy tossed to the kids along the way.

Johnnie's Barbecue from Odessa served an excellent Saturday lunch for the Reunion crowd in Stanford Park, and the weather was perfect for eating barbecue and lots of visiting. The Roping Club and TNT Rodeo from Anton had another successful three night run. The calves and steers were swift, and the rough stock was rough enough.

It will likely be several days or weeks before all expenses for the 51 year old event are tallied, and its future is determined.



T-N-T bulls were tougher than most of the cowboys



The "PRISSY PORCH PATOOTIES" in all their charm and beauty



The girls pose prettily, the boys swap tall and taller tales

Bees & More Bees!

Bees are here! Bees are there! Bees are everywhere! "My office has received many calls the last 2 - 3 weeks about swarms of honey bees," said Arlan Gentry, County Extension Agent with Texas Cooperative Extension. They are in trees, carports, attics, old houses, barns, storage areas, etc.

Honey bees are beneficial insects. Pollination of agricultural crops brings a better quality and better quantity of food to our table. About one-third of the food we eat is improved by honey bee pollination.

"The concern of the calls I've received have to do with the media attention of the Africanized Honey Bee (AHB), aka 'Killer Bees'. These bees look just like our regular European Honey Bee; same size, same color. All honey bees respond to perceived threats to their colony, which includes their home, stored food and young bees. AHB's are very defensive and more aggressive. AHB's are no more toxic than our regular bees, but because of their aggressiveness, they attack in more numbers," Gentry said.

"There are three situations in which you may encounter bees. 1) An individual bee or small group of bees foraging for food or water. These bees are not interested in you; If you leave them alone they will leave you alone. 2) A Swarm is a group of bees from the old colony. The swarm flies a few to several hundred yards and lands on a low hanging tree limb or other structure. Then scout bees seek out a suitable location to establish a new colony. Swarms only stay in their temporary location a few hours to a couple of days. Swarms have NO comb/hive, stored food or young bees to protect, therefore they are rarely defensive 3) An established Colony holds the greatest threat to humans. It is easily recognized by the presence of wax comb, honey, etc. and bees have remained in the location for a week or more. Once a group of bees has produced comb, stored food and started rear-

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Crime Cases in County Court

Four cases were heard in the August 4 session of County Court, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Daniel Valverde pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$250, must pay \$214 court costs and \$25 monthly time payment fee. He spent 3 days in jail, must serve 80 hours community service, pay \$50 monthly supervision fees and complete anger management counseling at his expense. His attorney was Joe Nagy and Officer Benito Gonzales, Denver City Police, was investigating officer.

Scottie Glenn Armstrong pled guilty to unlawfully carrying a weapon. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$211 court costs, \$200 fine and \$25 time payment fee, serve 24

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Plains losing City Administrator

Ed Hansen accepts City Manager job at Speaman

City Administrator Ed Hansen informed the City Council last week he will resign from his position to accept employment as City Manager of the City of Spearmen. He expects to make the transition around September 1.

Hansen came to Plains in March, 1999, hired by then City Administrator David Brunson. He and his family moved here from Sundown, where he was employed by Chevron Oil Company. He was later named Utilities Supervisor, and when Brunson accepted the City Manager position in Muleshoe, the Plains council named Hansen administrator October 1, 2001.

Spearmen, a town approximately twice the size of Plains, "Offered a financial package I couldn't refuse, and a number of challenges and opportunities I am looking forward to," Hansen said last weekend. He said the city has its own police department, and is in charge of its parks and swimming pool.

He admitted he had very mixed emotions about leaving Plains. "This town to me is rather unique. It is an excellent example of the community coming together to make plans and programs work. This week's rodeo, reunion, art show, the parade, the upcoming Watermelon Round Up, are good examples of community pride and dedication. My family and I will miss this."

Hansen said he was very appreciative of the council and mayor and their dedication to the



city. "I appreciate their West Texas attitude of 'pay as you go' for city projects. Under their guidance they have approved building our present fire department and EMS buildings, this new City Hall, purchased a new and very expensive garbage truck, a number of city vehicles, all of this and more without raising taxes, issuing bonds or incurring any debts. I consider these major achievements."

He also cited the recent creation of the Economic Development Corporation, and the citizens recent approval of the one-half cent sales tax increase, to be used on projects to attract people and revenue to the city. Hansen acknowledged the town

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Stocker Cattle/Grain meeting

Producers from Yoakum, Terry, Gaines, Dawson and Cochran counties are invited to attend a Stocker Cattle/Grain Meeting at the Gaines County Civic Building in Seminole on August 17, 2004 from 10:30 am til 2:30 pm. Topics to be covers include: The National Animal Identification Program; market outlooks for grain and cattle; keys for maximizing grain and forage production of wheat; getting calves off

to a good start; and managing for stocker cattle performance on small grains pasture. Speakers for the event are Ted McCollum-Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, Steve Amosson-Extension Economist and Calvin Trostle-Extension Agronomist. Please R.S.V.P. at 432-758-4006 by August 13 to register for the sessions and a noon luncheon if you plan to attend.

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face challenges. "Our natural gas contract expires August 31, and gas prices have recently skyrocketed. With the current market, there is absolutely no way we can prevent an increase in the price of natural gas for your home or business. The city will soon go on a floating price system. We will read city gas meters on September 15, and the bills we send out in October will reflect the new rates."

Hansen said Mayor Shane McKinzie will soon be contacting the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) and start reviewing possible city administrator candidates in the area. He added, "My family and I have enjoyed Plains, its people, the fine school system, and we will certainly miss all this. We feel this is an opportunity we must take advantage of."

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ing young, they will defend the colony against a perceived threat.

Bees are easily controlled and destroyed by most insecticides. General use insecticides such as Malathion, liquid Sevin, Orthene, Diazinon and Dursban are very effective. Diazinon and Dursban have been taken off the market, but consumers may still use up any supplies they have on hand. Aerosol cans such as Hot Shot and Raid have

not proven as successful as the above mentioned insecticides. Please follow all label directions when mixing sprays.

If bees attack, run from their territory, seek shelter, pull clothes over face or skin or cover with blankets. If stung, seek safety and remove stingers by scraping at skin surface. Victims of multiple stings and victims allergic to stings should seek medical help immediately.

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hours community service, and forfeit a pair of brass knuckles. DPS Trooper Carmen Medrano was investigating officer.

Aldan Lee Garza pled guilty to first DWI, BTR, open container. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for 1 day

served, must pay \$600 fine and \$326 court costs. A cause of terroristic threat was adjudicated. His license was suspended one year. DPS Trooper Robert Munsell was investigating officer.



Obituary

Services Held For Pat Alldredge

Graveside services for Patricia June Alldredge were held Tuesday, August 10, 2004 at 10:30 AM at the Plains Cemetery for family and close friends. Prior to the service a viewing was held from 8:00-10:00 am in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary. A memorial celebration of Pat's life followed the graveside service at the church with Reverend Bill Wright officiating and Reverend Pat Riley assisting. Arrangements were made by Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Pat was born January 8, 1955 in San Marcos to George & Wanda Wiede. She was united in marriage to Steve Alldredge on July 8, 1984 in Floydada. Pat went home to rest in the arms of her Heavenly Father on August 6, 2004.

Pat attended San Antonio Junior College, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida Bible College and earned her Registered Nursing degree as a public school nurse at Oak Grove Elementary in

Brownfield and various health care facilities. Pat's passion in her work was educating students in prevention of teen pregnancy.

Pat loved the Lord and was a humble servant, playing the piano and organ as often as possible in her church or accompanying young people in competitions.

Survivors in Plains include the love of her life, best friend and husband, Steve Alldredge; daughter Stacie, and three sons: David, Kurt, and Troy. Also, she is survived by her parents George and Wanda Wiede of Peralta, NM, and one sister Debbie Wiede of Albuquerque, NM.

The Pat Alldredge Memorial Scholarship fund has been established for Stacie, David, Kurk, and Troy Alldredge, at the following banks: First National Bank, PO Box 1067, Brownfield, TX 79316 or Plains State Bank, PO Box 549, Plains, TX 79355.

Jury Selection List For County Court

The following is a list of petit jurors who have been summoned for jury service before the County Court of Yoakum County. Jurors are to appear at the County Courtroom, 2nd Floor of the Courthouse in Plains, on Monday, August 16, 2004 at 1:30 P.M.

Denver City Residents:

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- Michael Zavala
- Thomas Eugene McCray
- Billy Ray Moore
- Pedro Hernandez Gabaldon
- Ismael Mendoza
- Heather Gail Williams
- Deloris Browning
- Guadalupe Spraggins Mendoza
- Julia Ann Puentes
- Opal Roberts
- Fernando Lee Montes
- Rosendo Holguin
- James Forrest Brown
- Abran Duane Ramirez
- James Berry
- Sharon Smith
- Aurelio Hernandez Larrea
- Charles E. Downing
- Samuel Gabriel Manzano
- Bob R. Sturdivant
- Linda Fausey
- Kenneth Dean Smith
- Frances Sherryne Taylor
- Taryn Nicole Rogers
- Betty Tucker
- Leonard Stephenson
- Phil Macey Hinson
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- Maria Isabel Moreno
- Sandra Kay Foster
- Billie O'Neal

- Chad Eric Burris
- Elsie P White
- Edgar Allen Moreno
- Inoe R. Valdez
- Brian Ray Marion
- Jackie Collett Hill
- Margarito Mendoza
- L.C. Brasuel
- Mark Alan Reyes
- Betty Rivas
- Phillip Givens
- Jesse Perez Aguilar
- Fabian Joshua Rubio
- Billy Nurmon Sides
- M.W. Harper
- Charles D. Jividen
- Marilyn Reinert
- Sherri Seuzette Smith
- Walter Guillermo Ayala
- Jesse Aguerre Valverde
- Bradley S. Cochran
- Eddie Wayne Bishop
- Anita Fern Hudgpeth
- Sonya D. Sanchez
- Juanita M. Nunez
- Bliss Michelle Sturdivant
- Carol L. Patterson
- Alberto Florentino Reyna
- Esperanza Lopez Foster
- Alfredo Escobar

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- Roque G. Moreno
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"The most important thing (in the Olympic Games) is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well." The Olympic Creed

We've all been inspired by Texas' athletic stars, hometown heroes to many of us. But there is one star who seems to shine brighter with each summer victory. Lance Armstrong has done it again. He's accomplished what no other cyclist has done before, winning his sixth straight Tour de France.

The Austin native held up six fingers as he raced to the finish line in Paris, pedaling his way out of Montereau and into history as one of the greatest athletes ever.

Cyclists from all over the world compete along 2,050 miles of road ranging from flat wheat fields to the steep Alps, making the Tour de France known not only for its beautiful terrain, but also as one of the most grueling sporting events of the modern era. Lance Armstrong has been an inspiration through his cycling accomplishments. Yet the headlines and glory fall a distant second behind his victory over cancer.

In October of 1996, while seemingly at the top of his game, the two-time Olympian was stricken with pain and forced off his bike. Armstrong was given less than a 50-50 chance to live after testicular cancer spread to his lungs and brain. As if scripted by Hollywood, the promising athlete fought and persevered to defeat the disease, and then employed that same tenacity to get back on the bike and back on top.

Today, our Texas hometown hero uses his triumphs to serve as a symbol of hope, inspiration and survivorship. He established the non-profit Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF), which has become one of the nation's preeminent cancer research organizations. This year, the LAF sold yellow bracelets with the words "Live Strong" with a goal of raising \$5 million for cancer patients and their families. So far, LAF has sold seven million bracelets,

bringing a total of \$7 million to the cause already and more on back order.

The competitive side of Texas will continue to shine this summer as the country and the world heads to Athens, Greece for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

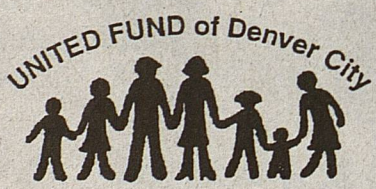
Every four years, the world comes together as one in celebration of the globe's most prestigious athletic event. All too often our nations are unified only through tragedy, but, for the past 108 years, the Olympic Games have brought us together for friendly competition.

In the first modern Olympic Games, approximately 300 athletes from 13 countries competed in only nine events. This month, nearly 10,500 athletes from 202 countries will partake in 37 different events.

So who will be next in joining Lance Armstrong and Michael Johnson in Texas Olympic history? Texas is the home state of 29 athletes on the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team. We are proud to field more athletes than any other state, except California. Fellow Texans will be cheering on their hometown heroes, including returning Olympians Mia Hamm, Sheryl Swoopes, Laura Wilkinson, Amy Acuff, Glenn Fuller, Connie Schiller Smotek, and Stacy Sykora. Texans are accustomed to being among the biggest and the best, but this competition is world class. Each one of these Lone Stars will be doing their utmost, competing for the gold and fighting to be among the great Texas Olympians.

I congratulate our Texas hometown heroes, Lance Armstrong and our Olympic athletes, in all they have achieved and have yet to accomplish. They make us proud.

To learn more on the Lance Armstrong Foundation visit www.laf.org and www.livestrong.com to order a Live Strong bracelet. Keep up to date on the US Olympic team and Olympic events at www.usolympicteam.com and www.athens2004.com



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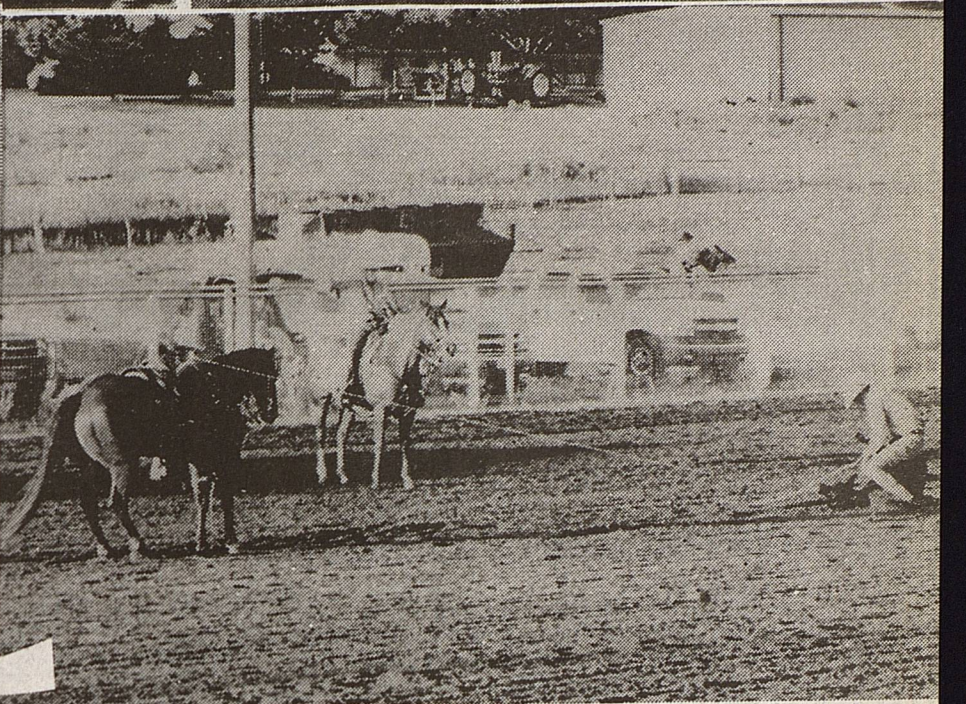
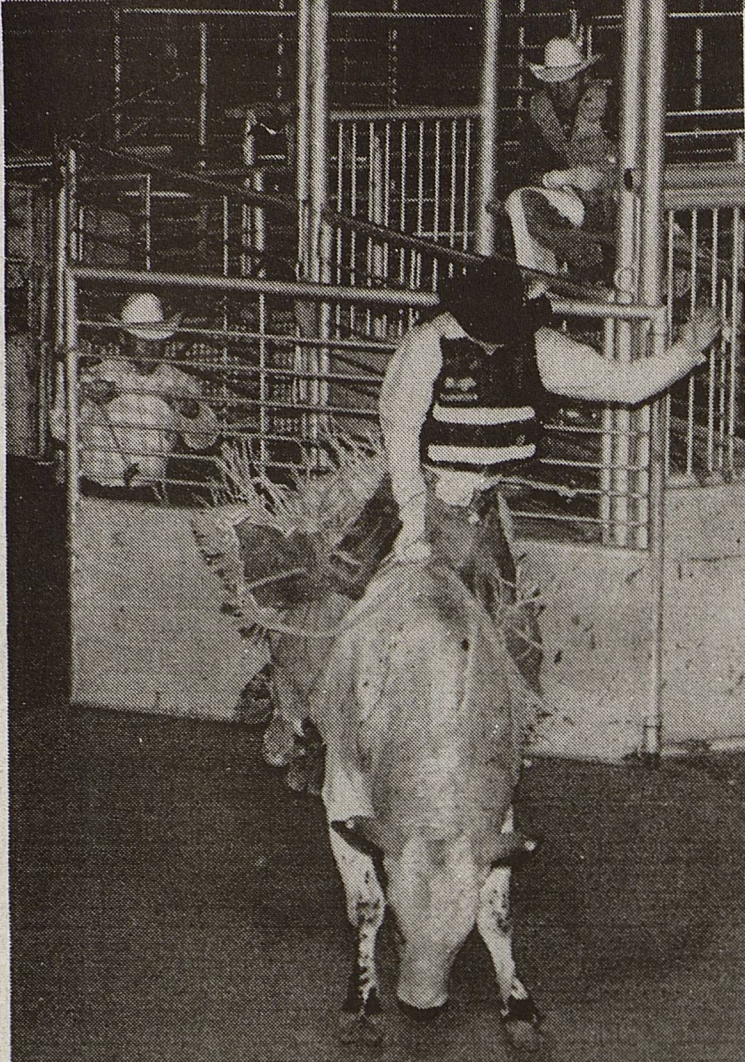
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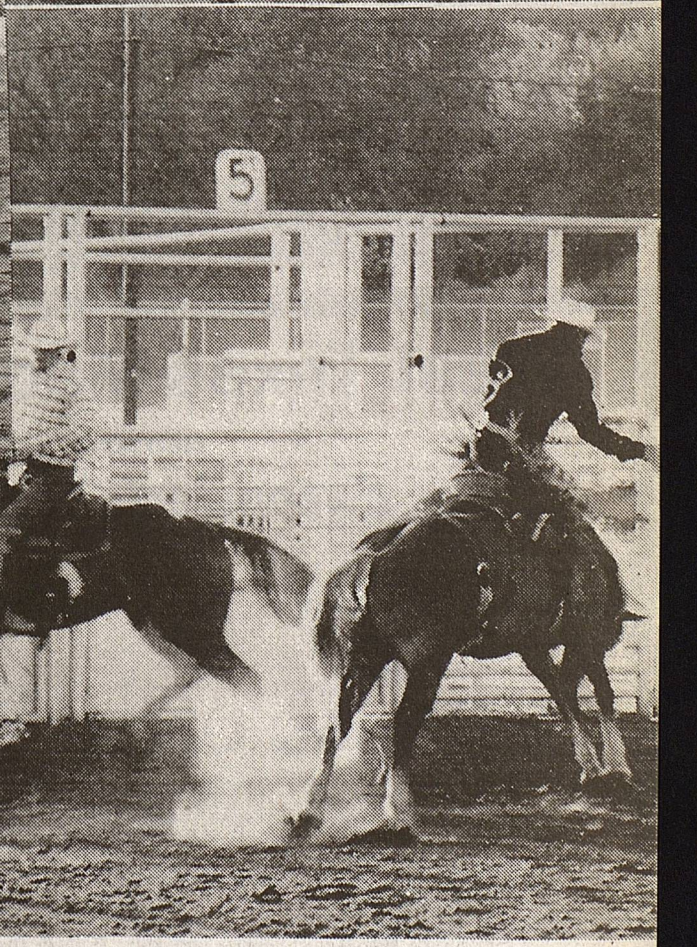
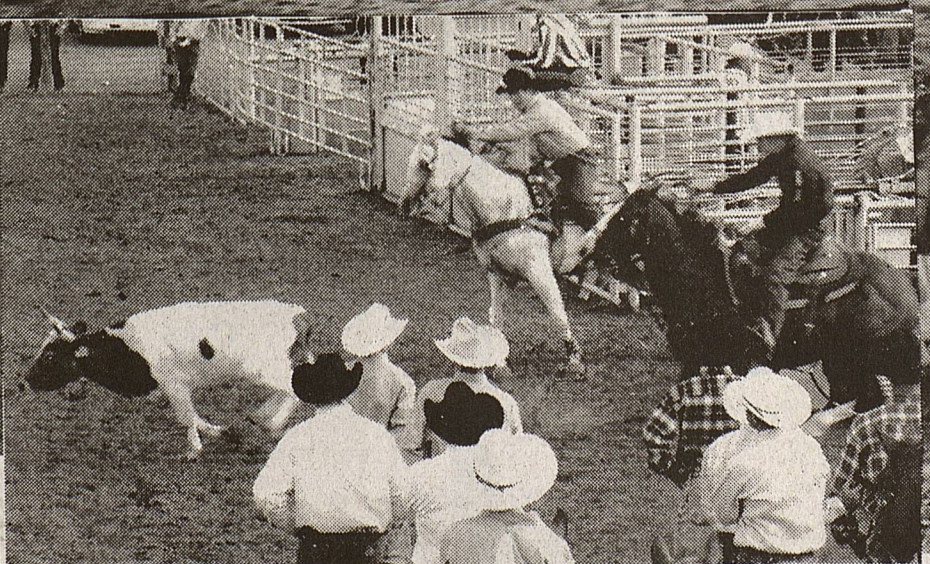
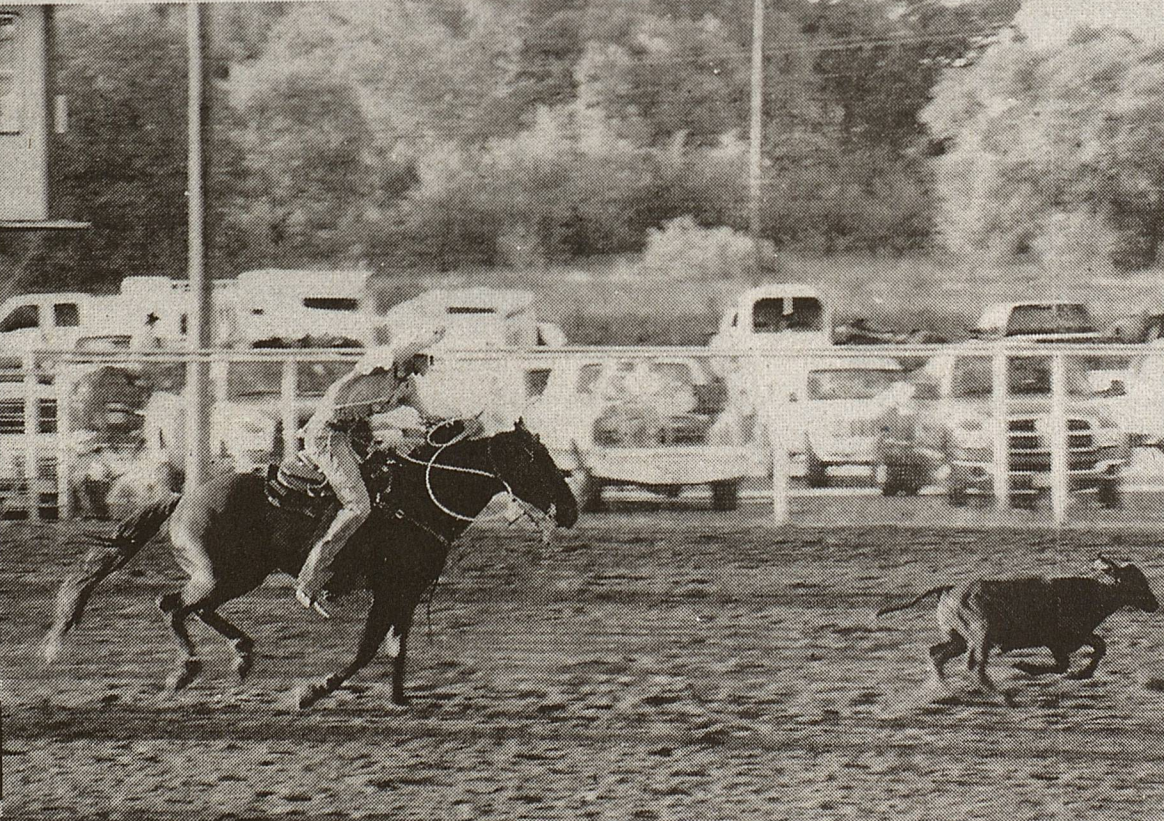
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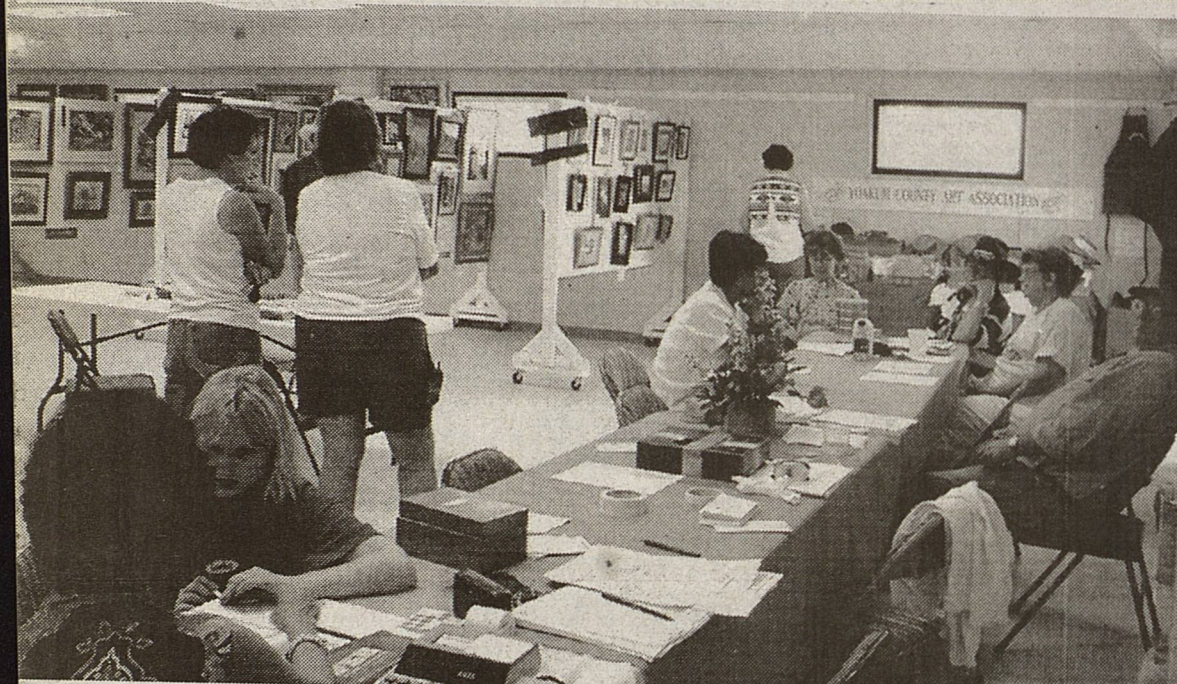
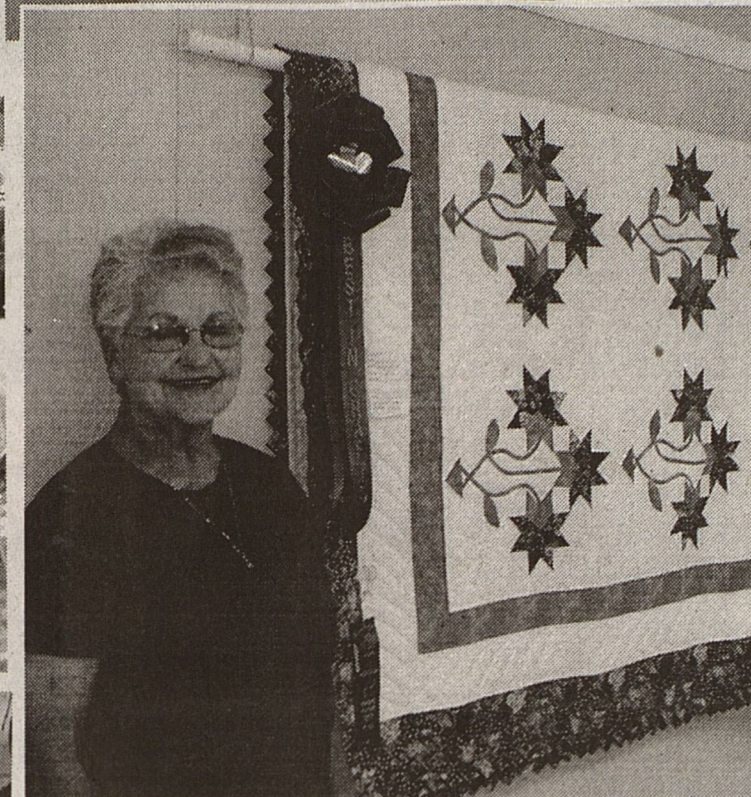
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Senior Citizens Corner

The dining room was full on Monday when we celebrated the monthly Birthday/Anniversary hour. There were several guests on hand to share the activities. Wilda Warren, from Lamesa, came as a guest of Harold and Vera Brown. She has been staying with them while recuperating from foot surgery. Gary Chapman and his wife were guests of Paul and Wanda Sweitzer. Other names appearing on the guest list on Monday were Lula Belle Crawford, Jesus Grejeda, Fred Ramos, Sue Ramos, and Jesse Ramirez. Welcome to each one.

We extend our sympathy to Jean Sparks and to the family of R.C. Sparks in the death of his wife who died on Monday morning in Lubbock. Funeral plans were not available at the time of this writing.

A welcome telephone call came from Ireta Davis on Sunday evening. She sends greetings to everyone at the Senior Center. Ireta was an active part of our line dancing group, pool contestant, and domino player while she lived in this area. She also served on our Board of Directors at one time. She says Frankston is beginning to feel like home and while she misses Carl daily, she is beginning to participate in the local church group and plays some 'Chicken Foot', which is the choice game down there. She still has her home in Seminole and plans to visit this area as soon as she finishes caring for her sister in Oklahoma who has had foot surgery.

Many people collect one thing or another over the years. One of these folks is Melba Gayle who has been collecting dolls since 1960 and has about three hundred in her collection. As we sat and looked at photos of different places in her home where the dolls are displayed, she shared these interesting facts about her unusual hobby. She has a very real looking doll which was the doll her sister received when she was three

years old. There are thirty-eight Avon dolls, fifteen Cabbage Patch babies, ten Madame Alexander dolls, over a dozen Barbie dolls, and three newborn Baby dolls. There are three dolls, about two inches high, which belonged to and were played with by her grandmother when she was a little girl.

There were dolls of various nationalities including Japanese, Indian, Negro and Mexican. There was one Hallmark Cupie doll which is a Christmas decoration and a beautiful Avon Barbie doll within a large egg, which is a music box. There are also several action (Army/Navy) dolls.

Melba says she does not have room to display all of them at once, so changes them out on about a three month cycle. She has 129 on display at this time but there are more than two hundred in cases awaiting their turn on the shelves and furniture. Thanks, Melba for sharing your interesting hobby.

This is for all those like me, who struggle with the never ending temptation to partake of the constant stream of goodies that surround us on a daily basis. It is called 'The 23rd pound, my appetite is my shepherd, I shall not want. It maketh me to sit down and stuff myself. It leadeth me in the paths of Burger King for a Whopper. It destroyeth my shape. Yea, though I know I gaineth, I will not stop eating; For the food tasteth so good. The ice cream and cookies, they comfort me. When the table is spread before me it excites me, for I know that soon I shall dig in. As I filleth my plate continuously, my clothes runneth smaller. Surely bulges and excess weight shall follow me all the days of life, and I shall be FAT FOREVER!

Thought for today: "Common sense is not an issue in politics; it's an affliction. Neither is honesty an issue in politics. It's a miracle". Will Rogers

SPAG Offering Transportation To Seniors

South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) Area Agency on Aging has announced special funding is available to assist seniors in the rural area for transportation services. These services are offered to seniors, sixty years of age or older, who need roundtrip transportation for appointments or errands such as

community physicians, pharmacies, or grocery stores. Arrangements can be made for seniors needing to travel to Lubbock for physician appointments or other important errands, too.

For further information on transportation services, contact SPAG's Area Agency at 806-687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564.

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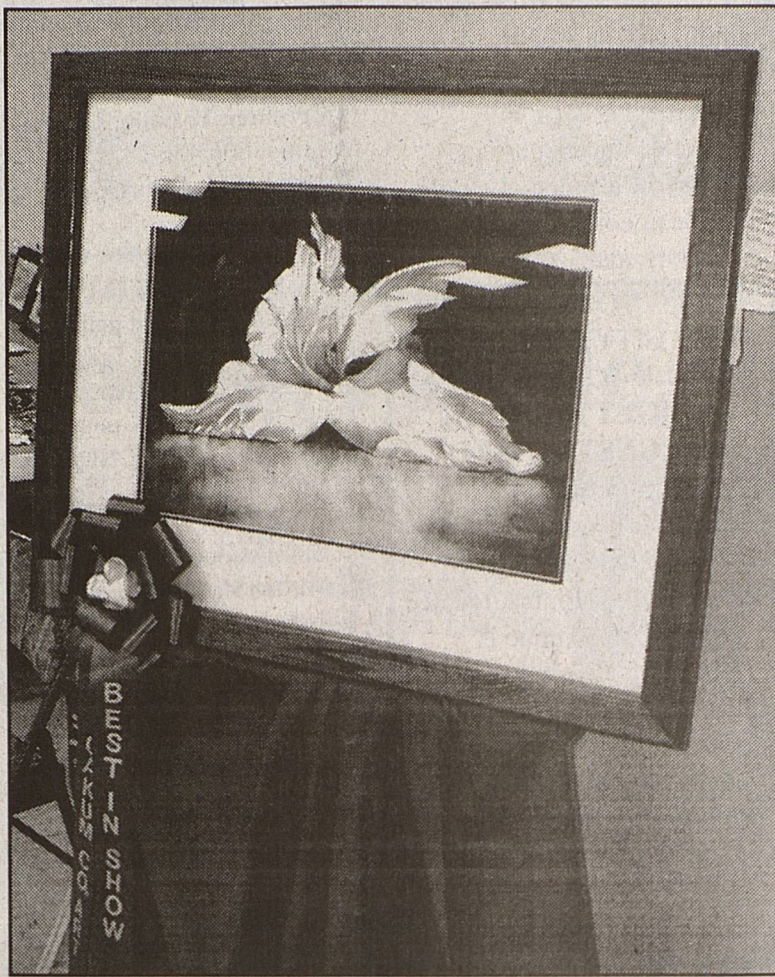


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The Art Associations "Best In Show" award went to Carol Peterson for 'Fallen Flowers'

SPC Fall Registration August 25-26

South Plains College's fall registration will be August 25 at SPC Levelland and August 26 at the Reese Center. A registration permit is required.

Fall enrollment at the Levelland campus will be 10:11:30 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. August 25 in the Administration Building.

Fall sign-up at the Reese Center campus in Lubbock will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-6 p.m. August 26 in SPC Reese Building 8, Administration Offices. Sign-up is for classes offered at Reese and the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center in Lubbock.

SPC's fall classes begin August 30. Late registration will be August 30-September 2.

New student orientation and registration is scheduled August 24-25 for students attending the Levelland campus who live more than 200 miles away and for late applicants (all majors).

An Accuplacer assessment will be offered in August at the Levelland and Reese campuses for new students who have not yet taken a college placement test prior to enrollment. Certain exemptions apply.

To pre-register for the assessment or obtain a time permit for fall registration, contact SPC Levelland at 806-894-9611 or SPC Reese at 885-3048. Additional information about the college can be accessed at www.southplainscollege.edu.

*Bridal Shower honoring Miss Darla Graham
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10:00 - 11:30 am
in the home of Mrs. Carolyn Culwell
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Tackling the obesity crisis in Texas

When the University of Texas School of Public Health released a study in May showing rates of obesity in Texas children are among the highest in the nation - and may be increasing faster than many experts previously thought - it came as no surprise to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"Nothing shocks me anymore. All the data show many Texas kids are living way too large, eating the wrong foods and packing on the pounds by choosing junk over well balanced diets," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

The study, the largest and most comprehensive to date on overweight children, showed African-American and Hispanic children are at the highest risk for being overweight. In certain age groups, the percentage of overweight children ranged from 23.1 percent to 32.6 percent, five to six times higher than national averages for overweight school children.

The Texas Department of Health presented startling figures showing by the year 2040 the number of overweight Texans will double, the number of obese Texans will triple and related state costs will quadruple, jumping from \$10 billion today to \$40 billion in 2040.

"Unfortunately, we are super-size ourselves, and its wreaking havoc not only on our physical health but also on our state's economic health," Combs said.

In June, Combs was invited to attend the TIME/ABC News Summit on Obesity to present information and be honored as one of six heroes from across the United States. The heroes were honored for their initiatives that fight obesity and serve as models for others to follow.

"It was an honor to be invited and to be recognized for something we are so passionate about. We understand obesity reaches far beyond the borders of Texas, which is why I was happy to share our ideas on a

national level," Combs said.

The summit, which took place in Williamsburg, Va, gathered policymakers, physicians, educators and food and beverage industry leaders to discuss the issue and to present solutions to reverse the obesity epidemic. Texas was lauded as being the first state in the nation to implement a far reaching statewide school nutrition policy and for its innovative and progressive approaches toward reversing obesity in schoolchildren. Recently TDA released a policy limiting the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas school children are served each week. TDA restricted portions for chips, cookies and frozen desserts, and it is phasing out deep fat frying in schools.

TDA established a toll-free number - (888) TEX-KIDS - as a single point of contact for nutrition questions and requests for materials. TDA has also developed a nutrition action kit for parents that includes recipes, shopping list pads, snack suggestions and tips on getting active. TDA is working with nearly a dozen top Texas chefs who also happen to be parents of grandparents, to develop a family-friendly cookbook with special recipes from their homes and restaurants. The book will include time saving tips and cost efficient, healthy meals that work well for busy families on the go, as well as photographs with the chefs and their families. TDA is also exploring ways to partner with Texas pediatricians, pharmacists, health clinics and dentists to distribute educational materials and develop special items such as stickers or pencils that promote healthy eating, to give away to parents in their offices.

"We've gone way beyond rewriting the rules on vending machines, candy and French fries," Combs said. "We are out there hitting the pavement working to educate the public and arming them with the tools to help them make smarter food choices."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Plains, Texas

Sunday School

9:30 A.M.

Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Evening Program

6:00 P.M.

From The Hack

WHOA! I recently must have been (a) out of town, state or world (b) asleep 23 hours a day (c) doing mind warping drugs, or (d) prepping for the rodeo, art show, parade, reunion ad nauseum, for until this Monday during the CNN newscast I did not realize how seriously a very scary issue is building in the country;

LETTING NON-CITIZENS VOTE IN OUR ELECTIONS.

Yes, you read that right - non citizen voters helping pick our presidents, senators, representatives, then of course down to the gov, our state rep-senator folks, and like osmosis, filtering down to county judges and commissioners, clerks, tax people, then have them mark an X or press a key for mayor, council member, and if dog catchers ever get on the ballot they will be subject to non-citizen voters also.

Have we gone tee-totally insane? We have fought some of the bloodiest, most JUST wars in the history of mankind to protect, defend our country, and just as importantly, ensure our sacred self-determination. Now, certain factions are pressing our congress, and the UN, the UN for God's sake, to apply pressure for allowing any legal alien residing here to cast a ballot.

If that is not enough to gag a hog away from week old slop, there is also a movement to "encourage outside involvement in auditing U.S. election results." This of course would lead to honorable, upstanding countries such as Sudan, Iran, North Korea to send brilliant bean counters to our shores to verify you and I Xed the correct square, stabbed the right chad, or hit a correct electronic something or other to exercise our God given right which to date has been PROTECTED from intrusive scrutiny.

I fully understand there will always be liberal-conservative view points, but I must beg the question, isn't this just a bit too far left?

Some Real Puzzlers:
Q- What's more difficult than

getting a pregnant elephant in the backseat of a car?

A- Getting an elephant pregnant in the backseat of a car.
Q- What happens if you play a country & western song backwards?

A- The singer gets his wife, house and job back.

Q- What did God say when he created man?

A- I must be able to do better than this.

Q- What did God say after creating Eve?

A- Practice makes perfect.

Q- What do all men at singles bar have in common?

A- They're married.

* NOTICE *

THE CITY OF PLAINS WILL CONDUCT A BUDGET HEARING AUGUST 23, 2004

On the proposed FY 2004 - 2005 Budget. The hearing will be held at 5:45 PM at City Hall of Plains, located at 1015 Avenue F.

The Public Hearing is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend this hearing, please contact City Hall at 456-2288 at least 4 hours in advance of the hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Plains will hold a public meeting at 5:45 P.M. on Monday, August 23, 2004 at City of Plains City Hall located at 1015 Ave. F, Plains, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004. The proposed tax rate is \$.50 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would decrease total taxes in the City of Plains by .00045%

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NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Friday, August 27, 2004, for the purchase of a nurse call system for the Yoakum County Hospital.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, August 30, 2004.

For a more detailed list of the equipment and more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422 or P.O.Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

Sealed bids should be marked "NURSE CALL STATION" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456/ Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

City Wide Clean - Up Week

August 9 - 13, 2004

The City and County employees will pick up your old furniture, old tires, junk, and any other non-toxic materials during this week.

Please put all items in your alley

Plains JV Football Schedule 2004-2005

Opponent	Site	Date	Time
Hale Center (Scrim)	Hale Center	Aug. 14	10:00 a.m.
Smyer (Scrim)	Plains	Aug. 19 Thurs.	6:00 p.m.
Farwell	Plains	Aug. 26	7:00 p.m.
Sudan	Plains	Sept. 9	7:00 p.m.
Open		Sept. 16	
Dimmitt	Dimmitt	Sept. 23	7:00 p.m.
Wink	Wink	Sept. 30	6:00 p.m.
Whiteface	Plains	Oct. 7	7:00 p.m.
Sundown	Sundown	Oct. 14	7:00 p.m.
Morton	Plains	Oct. 21	7:00 p.m.
Seagraves	Plains	Oct. 28	7:00 p.m.
O'Donnell	O'Donnell	Nov. 4	7:00 p.m.

Plains Junior High Football Schedule 2004-2005

Opponent	Site	Date	Time 7 th /8 th
Sudan	Plains	Sept. 9	5:00/6:00
Open		Sept. 16	
Dimmitt	Dimmitt	Sept. 23	5:00/6:00
Wink (8 th grade)	Wink	Sept. 30	6:00
Whiteface	Plains	Oct. 7	5:00/6:00
Sundown	Sundown	Oct. 14	5:00/6:00
Morton	Plains	Oct. 21	5:00/6:00
Seagraves	Plains	Oct. 28	5:00/6:00
O'Donnell	O'Donnell	Nov. 4	5:00/6:00

* If there is only one Jr. High team, then all games will start at 5:00.