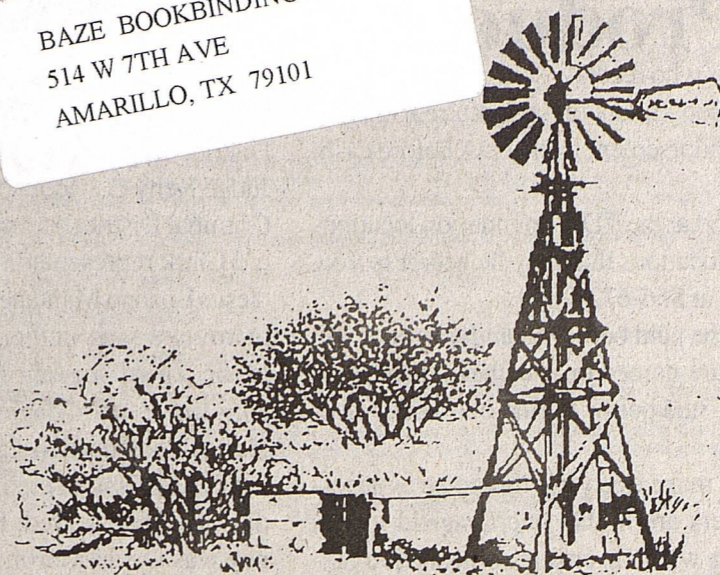


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Emergency farm loan applications being accepted now

"Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and heat on January 1, 2006 and continuing are available at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Seminole," Wayne Cornelius said today.

On October 10, 2006, the Secretary of Agriculture designated One Texas County as primary disaster area. This action is based on damages and losses caused by drought and heat occurring January 1, 2006 and continuing. Also in accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, five additional counties are named as contiguous disaster counties. Yoakum County was named as one of the the five contiguous counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses from drought and heat.

Wayne Cornelius, Farm Loan Manager said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 100% of their actual losses or loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Cornelius said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining losses.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 11, 2007, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Cornelius said.

FSA is an credit agency of the US Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognize farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet US citizenship requirements and to farmer partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which US citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Seminole is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Cowboys fall to Sundown 33-6

The 2006 Cowboys meeting with Sundown's Roughnecks October 20 produced one positive result; The loss leaves only three more games to go on the tough schedule. They again proved guts and valor were abundant on the field, but could not stop the Roughnecks from wrapping up 360 yards total offense in the 33-6 win.

Early in the first period the Cowboys showed life, Chris Addison tossing to Chris Gonzales for 7 yards, and three plays later connected with Mario Ruvalcaba for a first down, but the drive sputtered and the Cowboys were forced to punt. The ball was caught but then fumbled, and the Cowboys got the ball back at the 28. Runs by Cody Mayes, John Tyson and Ruvalcaba advanced the ball to to the Sundown 16, but a fumble dashed Plains hope for a score. The Roughnecks stayed on the ground in their possession, grinding out yardage for their first score with three minute of the first period on the clock. They would manage a 23 yard field goal for a 10 point lead to start the second period.

The Cowboy linemenn provided up front blocking for Addison to throw completions to Rudy and Chris Gonzales and and brother Scott Addison for consecutive completions to the Roughneck 25, but there an errant throw gave the ball back to Sundown, and they dominated



John Tyson, 44, and Mario Ruvalcaba, 22, about to put the mash on a Roughneck runner

the second quarter to end the first half with a 33-0 lead.

Late in the final period the Cowboys would attain their high water mark of the long night. With some 3 minutes on the clock and the Roughnecks threatening, a third down pass to a Roughneck was snared by Rudy Gonzales at the 40 yard line, and he sped 60 yards for the Cowboys only score of the evening.

Cowboy runners Tyson, Mayes, Guetersloh, Ruvalcaba could collectively gain only 27

yards on the ground. Chris Addison completed 14 passes for 79 yards, Guetersloh 2 for 2. Leading Cowboy tacklers were Tyson, Ruvalcaba, Antonio Martinez, Justin Vasquez, Rudy Gonzales, Mayes, Guetersloh, Zach Ramos, Sergio Olivas, Derek Garza and Braden Loya in that order.

Remaining on the Cowboys schedule are foes O'Donnell, Morton and Smyer. They haven't thrown the towel in, and we hope you haven't either!

**C'mon
Cowboys!
Pluck
The
O'Donnell
Eagles !!**

Construction Boom Going On Here ?



Not exactly. The photo on the left shows work in progress raising the long awaited new city water tower. As picture indicates, construction workers have a ways to go before water flows from the tower. The other photo shows another construction crane in action, removing an air conditioner to enable a new, non-leaking roof to be installed on the Sandy Land Water District office building.

Brief And Routine Commissioners Court

The October 23 session of Commissioners Court took all of 30 minutes to take care of a brief agenda of county business. Judge Brewer presented a resolution affirming the 2007 Indigent Defense Grant Program, a special state grant fund to assist indigents in county legal matters.

A petition from Duke Energy Field Services was approved, allowing the firm to lay, construct and maintain a steel pipeline to transport natural gas and other hydrocarbons under County Road 390.

Freda Johnson, Human Resources Director, reviewed proposed changes to county retirees benefits through the County Choice Silver prescription and medical expense program. Judge Brewer reported he, Mrs. Johnson, Secretary Toni Jones, Auditor Darinda McWhirter and future County Judge Jim Barron had reviewed the proposal, and were convinced the proposal would benefit county retirees. The proposal was approved.

Early voting is underway, and will continue until November 3. Polling places are the County Clerk's office in the Plains courthouse, and the branch tax office in Denver City. This year the general election is vitally important to ALL Americans, and we urge you to exercise your hard earned right to VOTE !

Attention Area Cotton Producers

Western High Plains producers who recently sold cotton and were given a check with the Texas Department of Agriculture named as a joint payee must obtain an endorsement from TDA before cashing or depositing the check.

Endorsements may be obtained at the TDA Foundation locations listed below. For other office locations that may be nearer to you, call the Abilene Headquarters at 866-672-2800.

In general, assessments must be paid before an endorsement will be given, but if other parties are named on the check, producers should call one of the offices listed below to find out what procedures to follow.

TDA and the Foundation will make every attempt to be as accessible as possible, but producers are highly encouraged to call before going to any office. This will help ensure someone is available to assist them and that their visit can be handled effectively. Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Offices, Abilene, 866-672-2800 Western High Plains Zone Office, Plains, 806-456-4113 Western High Plains Dist. Office Brownfield, 806-755-2617 Western High Plains Dist. Office Seminole, 432-758-1261.

District Crime Cases Heard

Two cases were heard in 121st District Court October 19 with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Jesus Lozano Mantanez motion to revoke was denied from a prior third or more DWI conviction, third degree felony. He was sentenced to state prison for five years with credit for 321 days jail time served. His attorney was David Martinez.

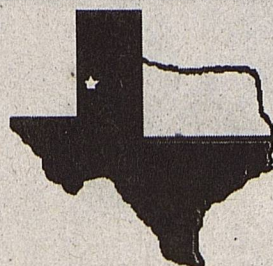
Claranaldo Matthew Davila also failed in motion to revoke from a prior financial instrument forgery, state jail felony. He received a 7 year prison sentence with credit for 461 days jail time served. He must pay \$125 additional court costs and pay \$38 delinquent court costs. His attorney was Richard Waldroup.

Scanning out cancer

Detecting cancer just got easier. Instead of invasive poking and prodding, doctors can conduct an optical scan to find diseased cells, thanks to doctors and researchers at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center and British Columbia Cancer Agency.

Optical detection can be used by health care providers for quick, painless testing, through use of optical fluorescence and reflection. Doctors can read and compare physiologic differences in diseased and healthy tissues. 19 patents have been issued for the equipment system, with five more patents pending

RE-ELECT JACK COBB County Commissioner Precinct No. 4 Yoakum



Election time is almost here and I encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Early voting is from Oct. 23rd. to Nov. 3rd. and regular voting day is Tuesday, Nov. 7th. I am the current Commissioner of Precinct 4.

Yoakum County has been my home for most of my life. I am a graduate of Plains School and hold a Bachelors Degree from Howard Payne University along with a Masters Degree from Texas Tech University. I taught school for fifteen years, twelve of those serving as a High School Principal. I have farmed and operated my own aerial spraying business.

My wife Janelle and I have three daughters, Kristi, Karen, and Kemi. I have served on the Plains School Board, am in my twentieth year of serving on the Yoakum County Hospital Board, and am a Deacon for First Baptist Church of Plains.

ORGANIZATIONS

- Texas Integrated Pest Management Board of Directors
- Texas and National Sorghum Producers Associations Board of Directors
- U.S. Grain Council Executive Board
- South Plains Association of Governments Executive Board
- Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board
- Texas and National Association of Counties
- Texas Baptist Disaster Relief
- Municipal Solid Waste Advisory Council for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

In the last eight years, serving as Commissioner of Precinct 4, I have had the opportunity to become familiar with County Government and feel certain that I can continue to make decisions that will benefit the citizens of Yoakum County. I am very committed to Yoakum County Hospital and will do everything I can to keep it as a viable institution in our community.

Your vote for me as Commissioner of Precinct 4 and the opportunity to continue to serve the People of Yoakum County would be greatly appreciated.

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Think Texas Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

Whether you're looking for juicy watermelon and peaches or crispy zucchini and okra, there's no better place to find healthy, fresh-picked, delicious, seasonally-grown products than at a farmers market. Growers pick most of the produce within 24 hours of market time and buyers rave about the quality, variety and price of each fruit and vegetable available.

Although most people go to buy or sell, farmers markets offers much more than that. By eating with the seasons, you get fruits and vegetables that have had a chance to ripen on the vine until the last possible minute, improving both the freshness and taste of the food. Plus, farmers market shoppers have the unique experience of interacting with the people who produce the food they eat.

Urban and rural residents alike have discovered several great economical reasons for shopping at a farmers market. Not only does it allow people to take an active part in a community's activities, but buyers also effectively support local businesses. Eating fresh produce helps local farmers earn a living because 100 percent of the profits go back to the farmers involved.

By supporting local farmers today, you can help ensure that farms will exist in your community tomorrow and that future generations will have access to nourishing, flavorful and abundant food.

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A Gold Mine in Bedroom Drawers
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OFFICIAL BALLOT - GENERAL ELECTION (BOLETA OFICIAL) - (ELECCION GENERAL)

PETIT JURY SELECTION FOR THE 121ST DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 27, 2006 AT 9:00 AM

A Petit Jury Selection will be held for the 121st District Court on October 27, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. in the courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear;

DENVER CITY RESIDENTS:

YOLANDA GONZALEZ ROSALINDA M URIAS OLIVIA CHAVEZ SANDOVAL CHELSEY ANNE BEARDEN JUSTIN GABRIEL GONZALEZ JOSH A LACEY MARK ANTHONY SHERMAN MARIA SOCORRO SANCHEZ FRANKLIN GERALD HUMMEL M W HARPER TAMARA PROSPERO SANDRA AYALA JOSE MARY PEREZ NOBERTO NEVAREZ JASON BRADLEY LYNCH TONY DALE MCCRAY MOLLY FLORES PEREZ WM PAUL PEEVY RACHEL FLOREZ PILLAI RUTH ALVAREZ MERINO H L WALSER KIM LOREE DIERSCHKE JUAN JOSE HERNANDEZ KRISTIE DEANNE HIX CASANDRA NICOLE CARRILLO LESLIE EFIRD ESMERALDA CENICEROS JOHN WILLIAM BLAND RODRIGO MARTINEZ PEREZ SOTO MARIA GARCIA ANGELA MARIA FLOURNOY BARBARITA SOVERON BARBOSA LEE TURNER PEELER

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PETIT JURY SELECTION FOR THE 121ST DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 27, AT 1:00 PM

A Petit Jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on October 17, 2006 at 1:00 PM in the courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

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U.S. Representative, District 19 (Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Num. 19)

Mike Sadler

Governor (Gobernador) Chief Justice, Supreme Court Un-expired term (Juez Presidente, Corte Suprema, Duración Restante del Cargo)

James "Patriot" Dillon

Charles E. Waterbury

*You may vote for a write-in candidate by writing in the name of the candidate on the line provided and darkening in the oval provided to the left of the line. (Usted podra votar por insercion escrita escribiendo el nombre del candidato en la linea provista y llenando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda de la linea.)

LEGEND OF PARTY AFFILIATION (Leyenda del partido Afiliación)

Rep-Republican (Republicano) Dem-Democratic (Democrat) Lib-Libertarian (Libertario) Ind-Independent (Independiente)

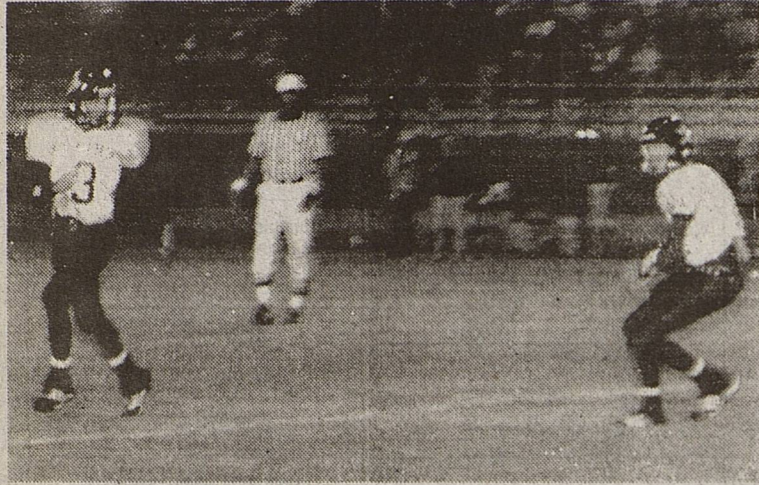
Official ballot for Precinct 303, Yoakum County, Texas, November 7th, 2006. Includes instructions in English and Spanish, and a grid of candidates for various offices including Governor, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, United States Senator, United States Representative, Attorney General, and various Justices.

Continuation of the official ballot for Precinct 303, Yoakum County, Texas, November 7th, 2006. Includes candidates for Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4, 6, 8; Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2, 3; Criminal District Attorney; and various County and State positions.

Election Judge's Signature



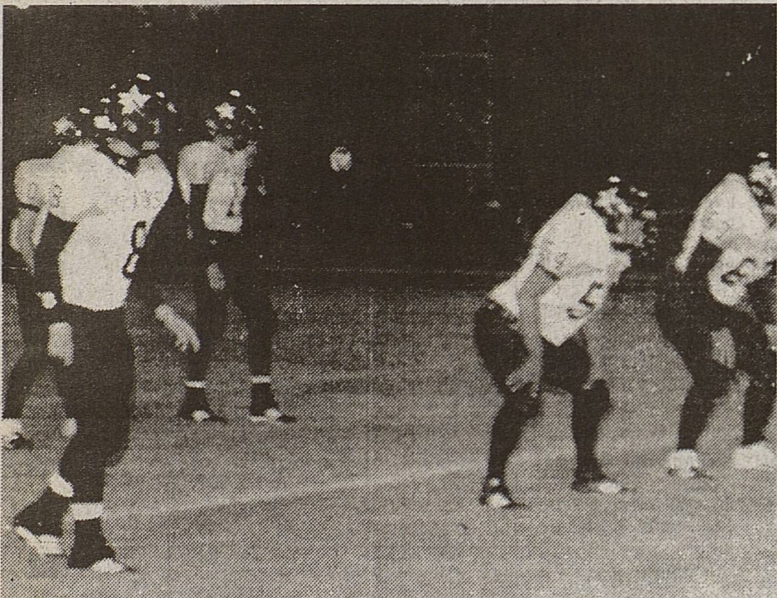
Chase Guetersloh throws, linemen block



#3 Rudy Gonzales eyes toss from Chris Addison



Traffic Jam



Waiting for the count

Plains ISD Happenings

Math/Science Team travels to Sweetwater; The PHS Math & Science team competed in the Texas State Technical College UIL practice meet at Sweetwater October 21. Freshmen competitors were Emilia Gallegos, Seong Jae Kim and Nathan McCravey. Sophomores were Chris Addison, Zachary Guerra, Yesenia Loya, and Juniors were Kurt Alldredge, Lauren Davis, Edgar Munoz, and Hunter Liu. Plains competed with A-AAA schools.

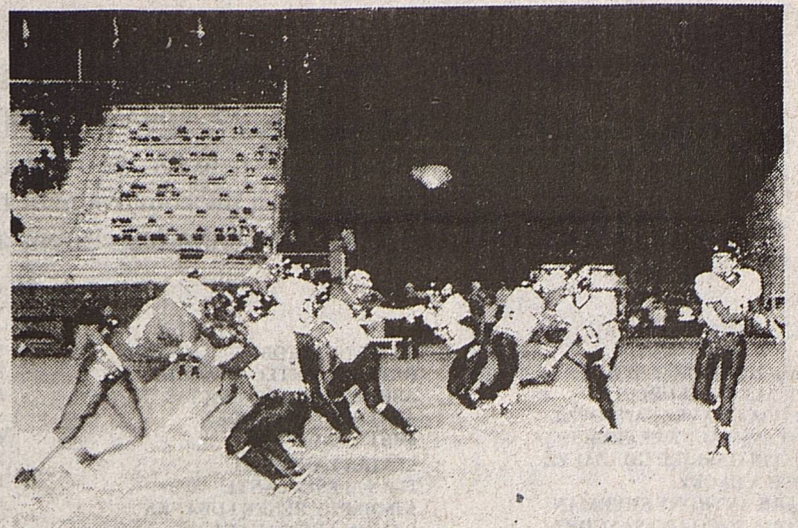
Results included; Emilia Gallegos 7th math, 6th sci. Seong Jae Kim 1st math, 9th sci., Nathan McCravey 3rd number sense, 8th calculator, 4th math, 2nd sci., Chris Addison 5th number sense, 3rd calculator, 3rd math, 3rd sci., Zach Guerra 9th math, 1st sci., Yesenia Loya 5th calculator, 4th math, 6th sci., Kurt Alldredge 1st number sense, 4th calculator, 1st math, 1st science, Lauren Davis 3rd calculator, 8th math, 10th science, Edgar Munoz 6th number sense, 9th math, Hunter Liu 7th number sense, 5th math, 6th science.

Zachary Guerra was recognized for the top biology score in the small school division. The number sense team placed third, calculator team 4th, math and science teams were second. PHS was third in Sweepstakes. The team travels to Lubbock October 28 to compete at Coronado.

Cowgirl Volleyball:

October 21 the JV volleyball team beat Buana Vista 25-15, 25-22. Natalie Haynes had 7 digs, 4 kills, 4 aces. Courtni Asebedo had 3 digs, 5 kills, 7 assists. Jasmine Mares 7 digs, 2 kills, 6 assists, 1 ace. Lydia Whitzel 8 digs, 4 kills, Ashlee Torres 1 dig, Brittany Thomas 4 digs, Teresa Anderson 3 digs.

On October 17 the Varsity Cowgirls beat Grandfalls-Royalty 25-8, 25-9, 25-6. Joani Bell had 3 digs, 19 kills, 3 blocks. Katie Winn had 3 digs, 16 assists, 1 ace. Reyna Gallegos had 13 digs, 3 kills, 1 ace, Desiraye Broome 3 digs, 4 kills, Lauren Hise 5 digs, 5 kills, 1 assist, 1 block. Kimber Williams 4 digs, 3 kills, Liz Perez 3 digs, 16 assists, Heather Parrott 2 digs, 4 kills, Meghan Garcia 25 digs, 2 kills, M'Leah McKinzie 6 digs. October 21 the Cowgirls beat Imperial Buena Vista 25-21, 25-17, 22-25 and 25-20. Joani had 3 digs, 20 kills, 1 assist, 8 blocks, Katie had 8 digs, 16 assists, 1 ace. Reyna had 25 digs, 2 blocks, 1 ace, Desiraye 5 digs, 7 kills, 2 blocks. Lauren had 6 digs, 6 kills, 3 assists, 1 block, Kimber had 4 digs, 2 kills, Liz 6 digs, 1 kill, 14 assists, 1 ace, Regina 20 digs. The Cowgirls have an overall record of 18-12, district record of 5-2, and will be the Runner Up in District 3 - 1A.



Addison goes to the air behind linemen



Defense gets ready



Tyson, 44, blocks for Guetersloh



Addison goes to the air

Student Of The Week



Student of the Weeks is Emilia Gallegos, a freshman and the daughter of Martha Loya and Jesus Gallegos. She was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said "Quality work, quality thoughts and quality effort is an everyday part of the student's school experience. She works hard and has extended those efforts to Student Council and UIL competition. She is a joy to have in class."



Cowboys Salute Their Faithful Supporters

Austin - Former Governor James E. Ferguson stated today that the legislature which impeached and removed him from office constituted little more than a "Kangaroo Court." Most observers here see little justification for such a contention. Many forces worked for the impeachment of the governor, but the most powerful of the lot was a record which supplied an apparently limited number of mistakes.

THE TEXAS NEWS, November 1, 1917

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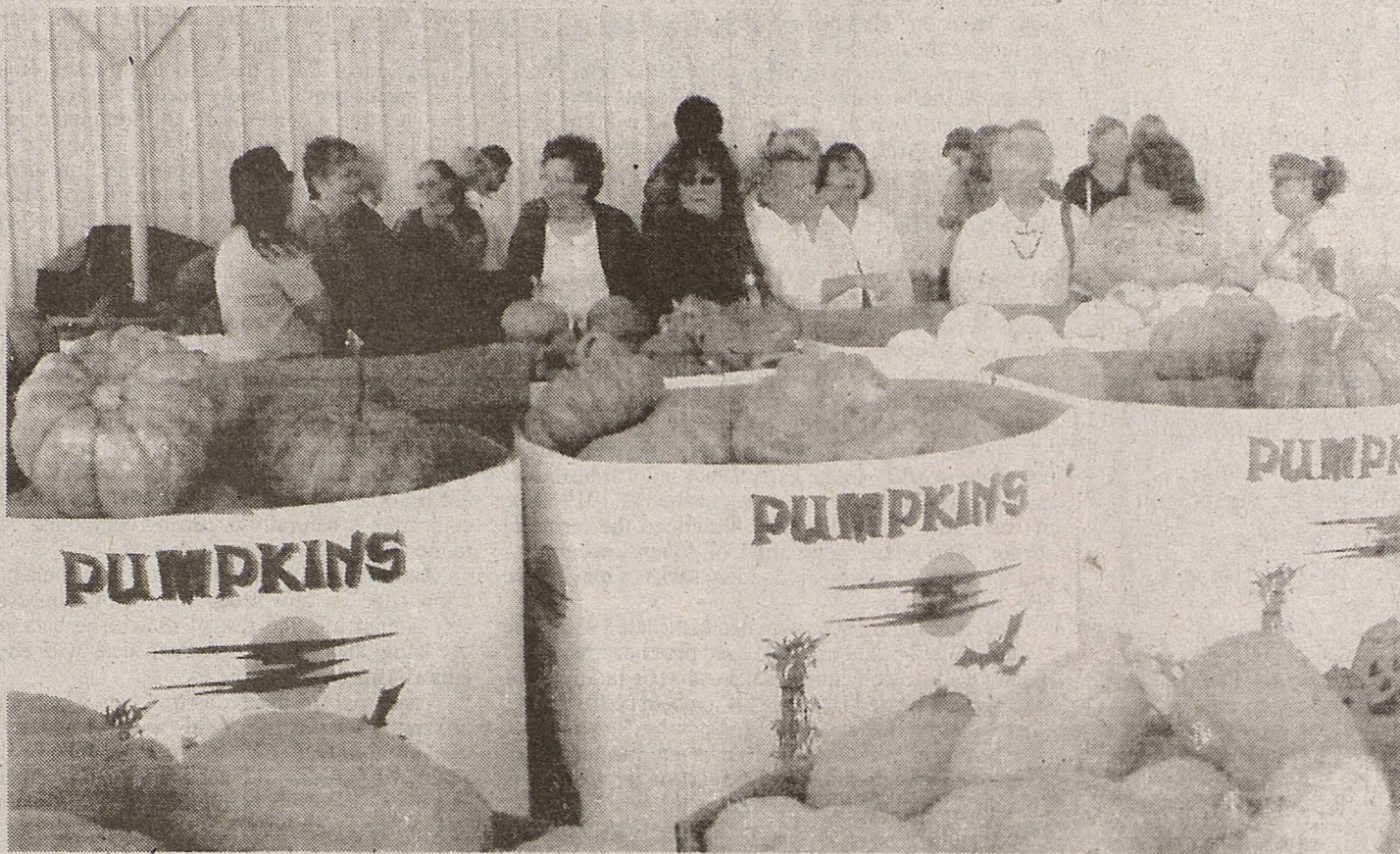
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County ladies find the 'Punkin Patch'



October 22 ladies from the county area participated in the third annual Ladies Farm Tour to learn about gourds and pumpkins growing in the county. More than two dozen women were on the tour sponsored by Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District. Rhonda Bowlins of J&A Farms gave a power point presentation and and tour of the gourd and pumpkin processing facility. The ladies also enjoyed the colorful display of decorated gourds

TsaMoGa hears history of neighboring Allred

Published poet and literary award winner Ruth Alldredge Trice of Hobbs offered a glimpse back to the history of Allred, Texas at the club's October 9 meeting.

As part of the club's focus on history and the county and its centennial, Mrs. Trice, a 1941 graduate of Plains High, gave members a look at the thriving community and its schools. She moved to Allred with her family in 1939 when her father assumed the job of school superintendent "for \$1,800 a year."

Trice's life in the oil patch and living-conditions of a small west Texas town have been the inspiration for her many poems and book *Exploring the Land of the Moo Cow*. Trice was introduced by Debbie Spears who read the poet's *Saddle Up For Awhile*, and Mrs. Trice also read "*Mother's Garden From Hades*," a humorous look at her mother's attempt to grow plants and make a garden produce in the dry climate.

"It was a thrilling little oasis, raw and rough and was named for Texas Governor Allred," she said. The family lived in a little shotgun shack and as a girl she thought they "might get shot," moving to a little town in the middle of the oil field.

Besides, the community boasted a post office, grocery store, cafes, as stations, an electric generating plant, a church and Goldsmith's domino parlor.

"The oil camps in the area all had baseball teams and lighted fields," Trice said. "The competition was fierce."

In 1957 the Allred school consolidated with Denver City after 18 years. Some of the buildings were moved to Denver City, and one is part of the Catholic Church there. Also attending the meeting was Trice's daughter Judy Hanna, also of Hobbs, who is the owner, publisher and editor of the *Lea County Tribune* which prints news from the entire Lea County area. Hostesses for the evening were Martha Palmer and Betty Rushing. *By Renetta O'Quinn*

Storytime at the Library

Twenty boys and girls attended Storytime October 8. A special program was presented by Assistant Firechief Jerry Dominguez and Fireman Tony Perez of the Plains Volunteer Fire Department, dressed in their fire fighting gear. They explained how serious a fire can be, what to do should a fire start in their home, and what to do if their clothing caught afire. They learned the 'Stop, Drop and Roll' method to extinguish the fire. The boys and girls enjoyed practicing this with Mr. Dominguez. The highlight of the program was exploring the fire truck, sitting in the cab and turning on the siren. The firemen presented each child with a fire hat and goody bag of information on fires, colorbook and other gifts items. Fire Prevention Week is observed each October. Attending were Grace, Joanna and Jadon McAdams, Ellie and Cason Russell, Kiarsen Harris, Bret'lei Dominguez, Kaitlyn Ward, Lance Taylor, Tyler Hunphrey, Mallory Bunch, Abigail and Elijah McAdams, Taryn, Delese and Brie Willis, Ivey Davis, Raven and Ranger Harvey.

Are Artificial Sweeteners Safe ?

"There are currently five low-calorie (non-nutritive) sweeteners approved for use in the U.S.," said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension Health specialist. "Extensive scientific research has demonstrated the safety of these five sugar substitutes." The only U.S. approved sugar substitute requiring a label for safety is aspartame. Products containing aspartame must be labeled with a statement indicating they contain the amino acid phenylalanine. This statement is to protect individuals with a rare heredity metabolic condition called phenylketonuria, or PKU. Individuals with this condition cannot metabolize phenylalanine and must completely restrict this amino acid from their diets. Unless the disorder is detected in early infancy and treated with a phenylalanine restricted diet, it results in mental retardation and other severe, permanent effects. Thus, apparently normal individuals cannot have the disease without knowing it.

Newborns have been screened for phenylketonuria in the U.S. and other industrialized countries for the last 50 years. Therefore, there is no need for undue concern in regards to the safety labeling on aspartame containing products. If you or a loved one has phenylketonuria, you would know it.

"Claims of adverse behavioral, neurological, carcinogenic allergic and other adverse effects have been made against sugar substitutes, particularly aspartame," said Dr. Mary Bielamowicz, Extension Nutrition Specialist. "These claims are often highly circulated through e-mail and internet sites, but they have not been supported by scientific research. In fact, numerous studies have been conducted finding aspartame to be safe, and these claims to be unfounded."

A controversial animal cancer study of aspartame conducted using unusual methodology is currently being reviewed by regulatory authorities in several countries. To date, this is the only outstanding controversy. No other issues about the safety of acesulfamate, aspartame, neotame, saccharin, or sucralose remain unsolved at this time.

Eating sweeteners is safe as long as you do not eat too much of them. The Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI) is the amount of a food additive that can be safely consumed on a daily basis over a person's lifetime without adverse effects. The ADI is usually set at 1/100 of the maximum level at which no adverse effect was observed in animal experiments. These levels are set to ensure actual daily intakes do not exceed the ADI. Recent worldwide evaluation indicates intakes of low-calorie sweeteners are below the ADIs for these substances.

For more information about sugar substitutes, contact Debbie Pollard, CEA-FCS at the Yoakum County Extension Office, 456-2263

Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the center. This last week has been difficult for us. Ted and I have lost two good friends, Billy Ray Moore and Benny Bridges. We go back a long way. Delores Moore's father, Harold Ramage, and my father, Claude Beattie both worked for Honolulu Oil Company and we lived in the Honolulu camp northeast of town. Benny Bridges also worked for Honolulu, later sold to Pan American then Amoco, so our lives were entwined.

Delores and I were laughing about the time when I was a freshman in high school and they were seniors. I had just gotten my drivers license and ended up chauffeuring them around town on a date. Neither of us could remember why that came about. Later they went on to get married.

Benny and JoAnn Bridges live just across the alley from us. We both had two boys close in age. We vacationed together in Colorado and one time actually piled into a car, not a station wagon, and the eight of us, four kids, four adults, went to Six Flags. I can't believe we made it in one piece and with our sanity. The Bridges, Jack and Mavis Sessions and Frank and Mary Frankfather and our families celebrated New Years Eve together for years. You can't believe the fun we had together. I have to tell another tale on Benny. One afternoon they came over and we were having trouble with our TV. You remember those old TVs, sometimes the picture would get off center and you had a line down one side. Benny said he could center our picture and he went to work. He centered the picture just fine, the problem was when he finished the picture was about the size of a postage stamp - but exactly in the center of the screen. Then JoAnn said, "Benny, I think we'd better go home". We laughed about the incident for years and the antics our boys pulled.

So, the week has been hard for lots of people. Billy Ray and Delores have lived here since their marriage, and Benny and Jo Ann lived here until 1994 when he took early retirement and they moved to Odessa to be near their kids. Our love and prayers go out to the families now.

We also want to extend our sympathy to the Elaine Hicks Schneider family. Elaine lived here many years and raised her family here. She will be missed. It was good to see Paul and Wanda Switzer. He has been ill and it was good to see them out again.

We again tend our invitation to the seniors here and in Plains to come eat lunch with us. It's a great opportunity to get out and mingle with others. Too many seniors sit home day after day, especially after the death of a spouse. Here, you can find good food, laughter and friendship, so, get out and give us a try! And today, don't pray for rain!

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From The Hack

Pondering subjects like the following keeps me awake at night - like, maybe four minutes:

I used to eat lots of natural foods until I learned most people die natural deaths.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: The quick and the dead. Life is sexually transmitted.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth. Some people are like Slinkies. Not really good for anything, but you gotta smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.

Health freaks are going to feel stupid some day, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60's people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people

take Prozac to make it normal.

Why is there a light in the fridge and not the freezer?

Why does your OB-GYN leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do illiterate people get any useful effect from Alphabet Soup?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle or tube?

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Have you ever, ever experienced a national and state General Election as odorous as the one coming up November 7? Not me. Of course. I only turned the legal 21 years of age to become eligible to cast ballots 53 years ago. You can do the math.

I honestly can't recall an election in which the Demos and Repubs hissed and struck at one another more venomously than they have the past few months. Watching TV I often recall a trip the Bride and I took to San Antonio, and I begged and bribed her into

being at my side as we toured the famous snake display at the zoo. I had to lead her by hand, for her eyes were clamped shut the entire tour. We finally made it outside, and after calling me a few choice, vile names, admitted she had only peeked once in the 20 minute trip through viperville. "I looked, and there was this ugly, ugly old snake, and I swear it looked exactly like Richard Nixon wiggling its head around!"

JFK would have applauded had he been there.

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Just read a brilliant political observation: One of Pres. Garfield's aides offered this bit of advice: "Never make the people laugh. To succeed you must be solemn, solemn as an ass." Garfield obeyed and was elected, and three months later someone shot him. Calvin Coolidge agreed, saying "I think the public does want a solemn ass as president, and I think I'll go along with them."

Makes me think of John Kerry.

Employment Opportunity

Utility Operator - Job Description; The City of Plains is seeking qualified applicants for full time position of Utility Operator. Must possess a High School diploma or GED - must obtain a D- water and wastewater certification within 6 months of employment, backhoe and utility experience preferred. Valid Texas driver license, with a clean driving record required, CDL beneficial. Salary DOQ - position open until filled. Applications may be picked up at Plains City Hall, or call 806-456-2288.

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Leading the way, in capitals and capitol

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

The words "proud" and "Texan" go together quite easily. They describe many of us fortunate enough to call Texas home. The words may also spotlight what irritates those unlucky souls who don't live here.

Texas is the only state that was once a nation. It's the only state to enter the union by treaty, not annexation. "Houston" was the first word spoken by man as he set foot on the moon.

The most decorated soldier of World War II was a Texan: Audie Murphy. Two U.S. presidents were born in Texas, and two of the last three call it home. The Texas State Capitol fits our pride. The building sits on one of the highest points in Austin, and the top of its dome is nearly 15 feet taller than the U.S. Capitol in Washington. Built of "sunset red" granite quarried in Burnet County, this Texas landmark is also America's largest state capitol in gross square footage.

But Austin is not by any means the only capital in Texas. Texans are great promoters. They enjoy being the biggest, the best, and at the center. Most of us know that Tyler is the rose capital of the world, and Houston is the oil capital. But other Texas cities can lay claim to distinction, less publicized to be sure.

Athens, Texas, calls itself the "Black-Eyed Pea Capital of the World." In the early 1900s, a local businessman began planting the pea in quantity. A 1919 issue of Farm and Ranch magazine described the resulting scene: "The whole population of Athens, seemingly, and then some" was busily loading sacks of black-eyed peas onto wagons.

Several canning plants opened in the late 1930s. The "Home Folks" brand of black-eyed peas became one of the town's largest businesses. The upscale retailer Neiman Marcus carried Home Folks' pickled black-eyes as "Texas Caviar" as late as 1971.

Black-eyed pea fields aren't as numerous today, but another Athens creation is going stronger than ever. The late Fletcher "Old Dave" Davis of Athens is credited with concocting the first hamburger in a little café in Athens a century ago.

Davis first offered it to the public at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Of course, some non-Texans also claim to be father of the burger. But even researchers at McDonald's "Hamburger University" have credited an "unknown food vendor" at the 1904 World's Fair with this invention.

Just up the road from Athens, in the northeast Texas town of Commerce, another distinction has taken a new turn. Commerce, you see, is the official "Bois d'Arc Capital of the World."

The Bois d'Arc is a native state tree that thrives in northeast Texas. Pronounced "BO-dark," it's also

known as the Osage Orange or Bois d'Arc Apple. Commerce sits in the middle of the tree's prime growing area.

Native Indians and early Texas settlers used durable Bois d'Arc wood for bows and arrows, fence posts, rail ties, wagon wheels and tools. Later, during the Dust Bowl, Texas Bois d'Arc seedlings were shipped all across the Great Plains to create thousands of miles of "living fences." The tree's roots slow soil erosion and its branches provide badly needed shade.

The tree's centerpiece in Commerce is "Max," a 300-year-old giant Bois d'Arc listed as a "Famous and Historic Tree" by the American Forests organization. Each year, Commerce holds a festive "Bois d'Arc Bash" on the weekend closest to the date in September 1885 when the city was incorporated.

The Bois d'Arc Bash weekend is all about fun and civic pride. But it now appears the tree may provide yet another serious benefit. Researchers at Texas A&M University-Commerce recently published an article suggesting Bois d'Arc fruit may help combat several serious diseases.

The fruit contains high levels of isoflavones, a natural chemical that helps lower risk for heart disease and cancer. Unique Bois d'Arc isoflavones have been studied by other laboratories, and may also protect brain cells from a naturally occurring compound connected to the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

As our Texas researchers continue their pursuit of knowledge on how Bois d'Arc isoflavones can protect human life, the rest of us will be backing them. We know they will pursue their ideas with energy and enthusiasm.

That's part of the Texas tradition. The greatness of Texans continues to unfold throughout our state—in the spotlight and outside it—every day. I believe the pride we have in our neighbor's achievements—not our own—is truly what defines the expression "proud Texan."

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/column

General Election Information

YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS
CONSOLIDATED POLLING PLACES
SEPTEMBER, 2005

Early Voting for all Elections

Will be conducted at the County Clerk's office, in the Courthouse at Plains, Avenue G. and Cowboy Way, and the Denver City Branch Tax Office, 122 West 4th Street, Denver City.
Voting hours will be 8AM - 5PM, Monday thru Friday, October 23 thru November 3. Last day to register to receive application for ballot to be voted by mail is Tuesday, October 31.

Polling Precincts-in Denver City (All Elections including Democratic and Republican Primaries and Run-offs).

Precincts 101, 202, 305 and 406

Owner of Building	Name of Building	Street Address
Yoakum County	Denver City Community Building	501 W. 5 th St Denver City, Tx.

Polling Precincts-in Plains (All Elections including Democratic and Republican Primaries and Run-offs).

Precincts 303 and 404

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Yoakum County	Plains Community Building	1006 Avenue G Plains, Tx.

Public Notice for Plains Independent School District

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

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

The FIRST rating will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled board meeting which will take place on NOVEMBER 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the board room in the superintendent's office.

General Election Day
Tuesday, November 7
7 AM - 7 PM