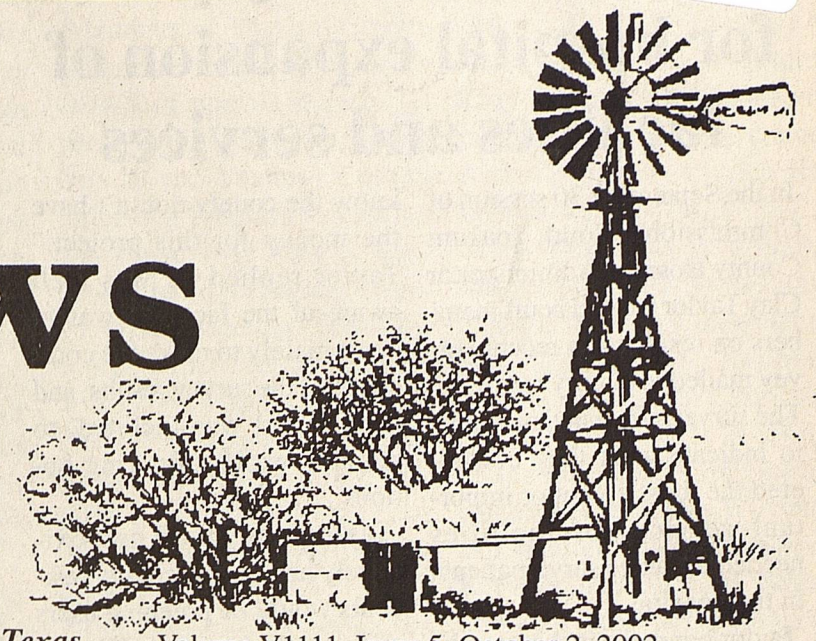


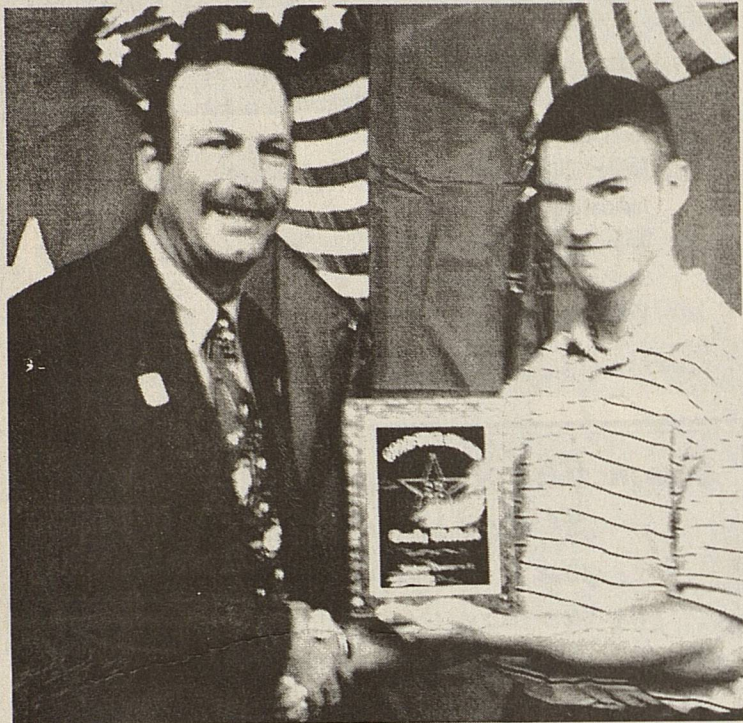
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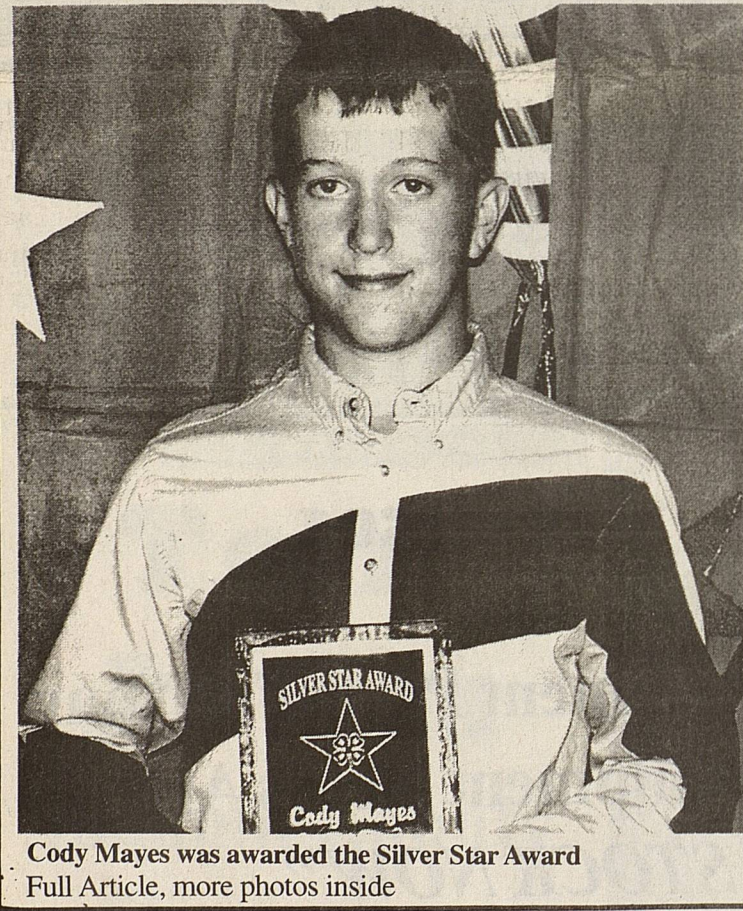
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4-H members honored at annual awards banquet



Extension Agent Arlan Gentry presents Gold Star award to Grady McNabb



Cody Mayes was awarded the Silver Star Award
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Extension agreements available for producers

To aid Western High Plains Zone cotton growers who have been affected by adverse weather conditions, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is offering payment extension agreements.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

She encourages those who have not made arrangements for an extension agreement to contact Foundation headquarters immediately.

The extension agreement allows producers to pay out their assessments over a set period of time. The interest rate on extension agreements is 1 percent per month. Those who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late penalty of 1.5 percent per month.

To avoid delinquency problems associated with late payment, contact the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Assessments Department in Abilene at this toll free number, 866-672-2800.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a non-profit, grower initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Cowboys lose heartbreaker to Ralls 8 seconds on the clock, and Jack rabbits win 26-22



Playing their hearts out for old PHS and the Cowboys!

Desperate for the first win in a frustrating season, the Plains Cowboys had their most productive effort of the season against the Ralls Jackrabbits, but with only seconds from a victory, saw the Rabbits score 7 final points, and after the PAT, the clock showed just 3 seconds remaining in the game.

The Cowboys kicked off to start the game, and stout defensive play from Grady McNabb and Nick Hays allowed them only two yards, forcing a punt.

With the ball on Ralls' 40, Hays gained 13 yards up the middle, Richard Diaz skirted the right end for 6, Kevin Bartley hit Justin Chambliss for a 11 yard pass completion, Diaz gained 8 to the Jackrab-

bits 1, where Bartley pushed it into the end zone, and Mario Bonilla's kick gave them a 7-0 lead.

Late in the first quarter, the Cowboys had possession on their 43. Diaz got good blocking to move the ball to the 34, Hays went over left guard for 4 yard, and on a bit of razzle dazzle, Diaz passed to Cahmbliss for a 22 yard gain. The drive stalled at the 9, but Bonilla's field goal kick was good for a 10-0 Cowboy lead.

Midway in the second period, the Jackrabbits began to move, racking good yardage on the ground, and got points on the board to make the game 10-6 with 4 minutes left in the half. When the Cowboys again had

the ball, a third down pass from Bartley to Diaz was intercepted by a Jackrabbit at the 34 and returned for a score. The extra point try failed, and at halftime the Jacks were up 12-10.

The second half started with the Cowboys in possession after a touchback at their 20. The linemen opened holes for Diaz to gain a first down, but the drive stalled and a fourth down rush failed, to give Ralls the ball on the Cowboy 40. Their first play from scrimmage produced a 40 yard scamper for the score, and the kick put them up 19-10.

The Cowboys took the kick-off at their 30. Bartley got good

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Volunteer fireman attends annual firefighter school at A & M

Darrell Dusek, fireman of Plains Volunteer Fire Department, attended the 73rd Annual Municipal Fireman's Training School recently. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students, representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, is held on the Texas A&M University campus.

Firemen can choose a course at the school from a list including Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Department Officer Development, Fire Service Rescue Practices, Specialized Fire Protection and Public Safety Emergency Service Dispatcher.

Fireman Darrell Dusek was sponsored by Yoakum County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing toward the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attend-



Fire Chief Charles Diamond, Farm Bureau President Lanny Smith, Darrell Dusek receiving check and diploma.

ing this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 firemen at the school.

"Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire Departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Texas Farm Bureau president, Donald Patman of Wacahachie.

Concerned citizen expresses views on homecoming bonfire fiasco

"What If?"

By James Haynes

What would you do if you told your nine-year child they couldn't walk across town and they did anyway? First of all, what would be your reason for telling them they couldn't go for a visit? Foremost, your concern as a parent might be crossing busy streets, and not knowing where they were for a length of time until they got to the friend's house. In other words, you would be concerned for their safety. So, if they chose to make the trip anyway, without your permission, how would you handle it?

I am going to hazard a guess based on what I would do. First, they would be picked up from the friend's house and returned home. At that time additional punishment would be administered either in the form of a spanking, an extended time without selected privileges, or both. I have gone through this lengthy story to make a point about something unfortunate that happened during homecoming week in Plains. Our bonfire was cancelled on Wednesday for safety reasons. The weather went from high winds to stormy conditions. The decision to cancel was a good one I support 100 percent. Unfortunately, someone determined they wanted the bonfire, which was located on city property, to burn the following evening without consulting with city officials or Athletic Booster Club officials, who sponsor the bonfire each year.

Several things concern me about this particular situation. First, it was unsafe. There were no fire trucks or safety personnel present when the fire was set. Second, the choice to set the fire deprived most of the people in the school and the community to participate and enjoy the bonfire. The bonfire is an event for the entire community and not just one particular group. Finally, there were those who thought that just because the fire was burning they should have been allowed to stay and enjoy it. To allow this would have been the same as allowing the child who disobeyed his/her parent to stay at the friend's house as described in my example at the beginning of this editorial.

As adults, it is up to us to set a proper example for our young people and to provide guidance when needed. There is another lesson involved here, and it may be the most important lesson of all. As adults we cannot make everything in life conform to our children's every desire. Sometimes things just don't work out. Our children need to learn how to deal with disappointment. In this case the booster club had determined a date when the bonfire could be held and all the community could be involved. What a shame, for our children and community, that some individuals determined their personal desires outweighed those of the community as a whole.

Commissioner Court hears preliminary plans for hospital expansion of facilities and services

In the September 30 session of Commissioner Court, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor briefed court members on results of a recent survey mailed to county residents. The survey requested residents to indicate what they considered the most urgent or important services or facilities needed to better serve patients in the hospital.

Taylor handed out sheets indicating what responses were made concerning services/facilities requested or needed, and a listing of services county residents are now going out of county for. Over 170 responses to the survey were returned to the hospital. Leading the list of services desired was a dialysis center, followed by a fitness center, additional medical personnel, home health services, cardiac/pulmonary rehab, assisted living center, emergency room expansion, extended clinic hours, a nursing home, hospice services, community room, and birthing rooms.

Taylor told the court the hospital board of directors had held preliminary discussions at a recent meeting of the survey results, and had focused on four major concerns; a possible dialysis center, fitness center, expansion of emergency room, and birthing rooms. An architectural firm had given the board an estimate on construction costs of the four facilities, plus equipment, approximately a \$2.7 million project.

At that point, Judge Brewer told Mr. Taylor, "Clay, you

know the county doesn't have the money for this project." Taylor replied he was well aware of the fact, but was in court mainly to make the court aware of the survey results, and if the court was inclined, to possibly explore financing options.

Taylor was asked approximately how many county residents would be potential users of the dialysis center. He said an official count in 1999 indicated 10 county people were taking weekly dialysis treatments. He said he thinks there are probably a few more patients now. He said area patients now must go to Hobbs for dialysis, or to several sites in Lubbock, and added, the Hobbs facility stays full every week. "We feel sure we would also draw patients from Garies and other counties. Experts tell us, "It's like the movie about the ballfield in the corn patch... if you build it, people will come."

No official action was taken following the discussion, but Judge Brewer suggested the hospital board make preliminary investigations of possible financing sources for the projects and to keep the court informed.

In other court business, authority for BP Pipeline Inc. to lay and maintain a pipeline under county road 370 was approved, and new premium rates for county employee health insurance were approved for the December 1, 2002 anniversary date.



Obituary

Memorial Services Held For Donald George McNabb



Memorial services for Donald George McNabb, 63, of Mulberry, Fla. will be held at a later date in Lubbock.

He died Wednesday, August 28, 2002.

He was born August 23, 1939, in Tahoka. He lived in Plains and attended school there before entering the Navy. He served 22 years before retiring as lieutenant commander. He

was a program maintenance manager for several years for ship companies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Opal, a brother, Gordon Dale.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; a son, Kevin Hagg of Halifax, Va.; two daughters, Kimberly Brogan of Virginia Beach, Va. and Jeanne Kerner of Newport News, Va.; one stepdaughter, Laura Matsko of Lakeland, Fla.; two brothers, Derral of Harleton and Delton of Smyer; two sisters, Peggie Clyburn of Lubbock and Thelma Primm of Dallas; 10 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and one step grandchild.

Revenue not available for state employee planned pay raise

In 2001, the Texas Legislature approved a pair of across-the-board state employee pay raises for the 2002-2003 biennium.

The Legislature, however, only budgeted \$191.7 million for state employees and \$157.6 million for faculty employees. That was enough to fund the first raise, a 4 percent increase, for two years. Funding for the second raise, however, is contingent upon tax revenues exceeding expectations, which only a sharp economic rebound could generate.

Revenues have not exceeded the amounts forecasted by the

Comptroller, making it unlikely funding will be available for the second raise. The 2001 Legislature left a number of items, including the second employee raise, on a "wish list" that it hoped could be financed by increased revenues.

The pay raise was placed fifth on the wish list, and only the Legislature has the authority to change the order of the list.

Items ahead of the raise include a financial assistance program for community and technical school students, funding for junior colleges and a judicial pay raise.

"The practical reality is that to get to number five, we would need to have an additional \$191 million in revenue above my revenue estimate in this biennium," says Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "I have also told the members of the Legislature they should appropriate money each year for a pay raise. They simply did not appropriate the funds for \$2003."

By not funding the raise, problems many agencies are having attracting and retaining personnel are compounded. Non-competitive salaries have led to a state employee turnover rate of

17.6 percent, which has cost the state more than \$1 billion in training costs, lost productivity and other costs since 1999, according to the Texas Public Employees Association.

Rylander has indicated the state will not have enough additional revenue for the second raise. If conditions warrant, she can inform the Legislature that money is available for additional spending, such as the second raise. But that's not likely to happen. "The funds simply aren't there," Rylander says. "If the Legislature had wanted state employees to have the raise they clearly deserve, they should have appropriated the money, not left me an I.O.U. to cash."

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Legislative priorities

The Texas Legislature needs an additional \$191 million in revenue to pay for the state employee pay raise.

Contingency	Biennial cost (in millions)
Texas Grants II	\$ 10
Junior Colleges Formula Funding	10
Judicial Pay Raise	10
Various Contingent Legislation	65
Second-Year Employee Pay Raise	96
Article IX Contingency	200

SOURCE: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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4-H Nut Sale

Yoakum County 4-H members are beginning their Annual Nut Sale fund raiser. Orders will be taken from September 25 through October 18 and products should be received in time for delivery before Thanksgiving. Items available will be similar to last year; pecans, peanuts, flavored peanuts, walnuts and nut & fruit mixed.

If you are missed, please call any Yoakum County 4-H member or the County Extension office at 456-2263.

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we get interesting letters...

A 91 year old man does a lot of thinking about the past. I'm thinking about foolish things I did during my 22 years as Superintendent of the wonderful Plains school. I am surprised that the fine people of Plains allowed me to stay. I believe I am the world's champion in doing foolish things. The following is an example, I can't remember the date but I know it happened. We were making preparations for the Home Coming football game. The Pep Squad was making plans for crowning the Home Coming Queen and had painted a football helmet in school colors to be used as the crown. In going home after school I noticed the freshly painted helmet had not dried and my thought was that there was not time for it to dry. I thought I would help the girls. So I took the helmet home and put it in the oven. Within a few minutes there was a terrible odor and smoke filled the kitchen. I opened the oven door and the helmet looked like a pancake. It was plastic. I had the task of telling the pep sponsor what I had done, and neither she nor any of the girls scolded me. Of course they had to use an unpainted helmet for the crown. I will always appreciate those fine ladies and their sponsoring for not scolding me. But, this one example of the kind of people in the wonderful community of Plains, Texas. Thanks for letting the World's Champion of Foolish Things stay 22 years.

G.D. Kennedy

From Our E-Mail

I think everyone on this planet needs to read this. This was sent by a 78 yr. old former nun, the thoughts are pure and we all understand the point. GOD BLESS AMERICA!! There are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some native Americans, need to understand. First of all, it is not our responsibility to continually try not to offend you in any way. This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language, and our own lifestyle. This culture, called the "American Way" has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. Our forefathers fought, bled, and died at places such as Bunker Hill, Antietam, San Juan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Korea, Vietnam. We speak English, not Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society-learn our language! "In God We Trust" is our national motto. This is not some off the wall, Christian, Right Wing, political slogan-it is our national motto. It is engraved in stone in the House of Representatives in our Capitol and it is printed on our currency. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation and this is clearly documented throughout our history. If it is appropriate for our motto to be inscribed in the halls of our highest level of Government, then it is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. God is in our pledge, our Na-

tional Anthem, nearly every patriotic song, and in our founding documents. We honor His birth, death, and resurrection as holidays, and we turn to Him in prayer in times of crisis. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture and we are proud to have Him. We are proud of our heritage and those who have so honorably defended our freedoms. We have parades, picnics, and barbecues where we proudly wave our Flag. As an American, I have the right to wave my flag, sing my national anthem, quote my national motto, and recite my pledge whenever and wherever I Choose. If the Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet. The American culture is our way of life, our heritage, and we are proud of it. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. Like it or not, this is our country, our land, and our lifestyle. Our First Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his opinion about our government, culture, or society, and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you to take advantage of one other great American freedom: THE RIGHT TO LEAVE! Another thing: To those who do complain about the usage of words like "God" and "American" and speaking the language of our great nation. Try going to another country and speak against what you don't like. You will more than likely end up jailed, or killed. In America, you take your right to complain for granted. The more patriotism that is removed from where our children are taught, the less our children will learn about what it is to be an American and our nation's spirit will slowly be killed. Keep patriotism alive. If you agree, pass this onto other Americans! It is time to take a stand!! God Bless America and our Military and our Veterans!!!

4-H awards banquet

Members of Yoakum County 4-H were honored before a crowd of approximately 93 peers, family, guests and members of the Yoakum County Extension Program Council at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet/Extension Program Council Annual Meeting. The affair was held in the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church in Plains. Everyone enjoyed brisket and all the trimmings, topping it off with birthday cake celebrating 4-H's 100th Birthday! Mistresses of Ceremonies for the evening were Ragan McGinty, Plains 4-H Club President and Chelsey Anne Bearden, Denver City 4-H Club President. Guest speaker for the evening was Joni Dodgins from Amarillo. Her topic, "Do You Grab Life or Does Life Grab You?", was full of humor and wisdom gained from her personal experiences in dealing with M.S. Bill J. Helwig was awarded the Friend of 4-H Award, with Elsa Moya of The Helwig Law Firm accepting in his absence. Jimmy Bearden of Denver City and Mark Lewis of Plains were the Outstanding 4-H Leaders for the year. Twenty three 4-H members received year pins and/or project awards. Record book participants were Cody Mayes, son of John & Dottie Mayes, Grady McNabb, son of Darryl & Pat McNabb and Chelsey Anne Bearden, daughter of Jimmy & Mary Lucy Bearden and T.J. Kitchens, daughter of Danny & Tonia Williams. They received various awards presented by the 4-H Leader Association and \$10 each presented by the local TEEA Clubs. TEEA also awarded the Margaret Box 4-H Scholarship to Ragan McGinty, daughter of Ann and the late Kenneth McGinty, Elizabeth Clanahan, daughter of N.C. & Beth Clanahan, Becky Wilmeth, daughter of Jet & Gay Wilmeth, and Jennifer Hiller, daughter of Kevin & Janet Gibson. Ragan McGinty received the Kenneth McGinty 4-H Goat Scholarship from Plains 4-H Club. The 4-H Watermelon Scholarship provided by Anderson Produce and the Earnest & McWhirter families was awarded to Ragan McGinty and Becky Wilmeth. Grady McNabb was given the Tokio Coop Gin Scholarship by Marc Traweek. The Danforth "I Dare You" Award was presented to Chelsey Anne Bearden, T.J. Kitchens and Austin Keesee, son of Kreg & LaTonna Keesee. Receiving the Silver Star Award for 4-H achievement was Cody Mayes. The highest achievement award for 4-H participation is the Gold Star. Honored this year were Chelsey Anne Bearden and Grady McNabb. In addition, the Gold Star recipients received the Blaine McWhirter Memorial Scholarship and the 4-H Leader Association Scholarship.



Part of the Band's brass section at Ralls game

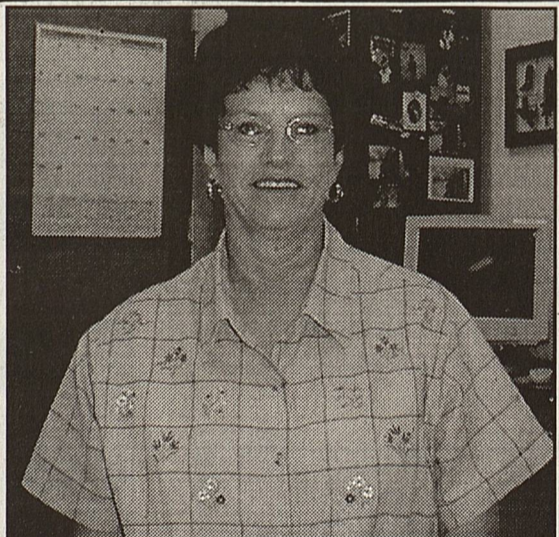
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blocking from his linemen and gained two quick first downs. He then found Chambliss open for a 13 yard gain to the 2 yard line, where Diaz went over left tackle for the score. Bonilla's kick was wide, and at the end of the third period the scoreboard read Jacks 19, Cowboys 16.

Early in the final quarter neither team could find a productive offense. With a little more than five minutes on the clock, Hays recovered a Ralls fumble to give the Cowboys the ball. Diaz gained 5 yards around left end, and a penalty gave the Cowboys a first down.

Diaz and Bartley found holes open to push the ball to the 34, where Bartley gained 4 more yards with a toss to Chambliss. Bartley skirted his left end for 12 yards, then again hit Chambliss for an 18 yard touchdown. Bonilla's kick was blocked, but with 25 seconds showing on the clock, the Cow-

boys were up a seemingly safe 22-19.

The desperate Jackrabbits took Bonilla's kick off at their 29. On third down, a pass moved the ball to the 26. A second pass with 8 seconds on the clock went the distance, and the PAT kick produced the final 26-22 heartbreaking score. The scoreboard clock showed 3 seconds remaining in the game.

The Cowboys had 194 yards rushing, 73 yards in the air. Diaz was credited with 92 yards rushing, Bartley 74, Hays 28. Bartley had 6 completions in 14 attempts, Chambliss had 5 receptions, Diaz 2. Bonilla had 6 kickoffs averaging 39.5 yards. Grady McNabb was credited with most tackles, and Armando Ramirez and Bonilla both had tackles for losses.

The Cowboys have a week off to recuperate before their first district contest against O'Donnell here October 11.

PISD Sports Update

Football:

Junior High - The combined 7th and 8th grade Wranglers recorded their first victory over Ralls last Thursday, a convincing 30-6 win. The only high point for the Jackrabbits was their return of the opening kickoff for their only score.

The Wranglers quickly mounted a seventy yard drive, and J.L. Vasquez got the TD to tie the game. Cody Mays scored a two point run to put them up 8-6. On the last play in the half, Mays scored again, but a penalty called it back. Landon Craft then tossed a pass to Vasquez for 6 points, and they got two more points when Craft threw to Scott Addison on the conversion to end the half. In the second half, Mays ran for another touchdown, and Craft skirted the end for another score, and Mays added two points on his run. Other highlights included blocking a Ralls punt, and Addison recovering a fumble to stop a Jackrabbit drive. "Overall, the team played exceptionally well. It's our goal to get better every week, and we did improve in every part of the game this week," Coach Brink said. The Wranglers will have a week off, then face O'Donnell there at 5PM October 10.

JV Cowboys - Game highlights included Todd Williams 10 yard run for their first score, with Blake O'Quinn throwing to T.J. Cordova for two points and 8-0 lead. In the second period, O'Quinn ran 9 yards on a QB sneak for their second score, and Williams added two more points and 16-0 score. Late in the first period, Williams dashed eight yards for another TD, and the Cowboys led 22-0 at the half.

The second half was a different story. Two turnovers allowed the Rabbits to score 12 points in the third period to make the score 20-12. In the fourth period, the Cowboys fumbled again, and the Rabbits went 70 yards for another score. A late Cowboy drive was stopped on fourth and goal for the final 26-22 score. Todd Williams had 207 yards on the ground and another 32 yards on pass receptions, and Michael Crump rushed for 93 yards.

Volleyball:

Junior High - The 7th Girls started slow against Denver City but rallied to win the match 10-15, 15-8 and 15-11. Their season record is now 8 wins, 2 losses.

The 8th girls B Team lost the first game to Denver City 6-15. In the second game, they came from behind to tie at 14-14, but finally fell 14-16. The A Team girls fell behind to Denver City, but Meghan Garcia scored 5 straight serves, and the girls rallied to win game one 16-14, but lost the second 15-18.

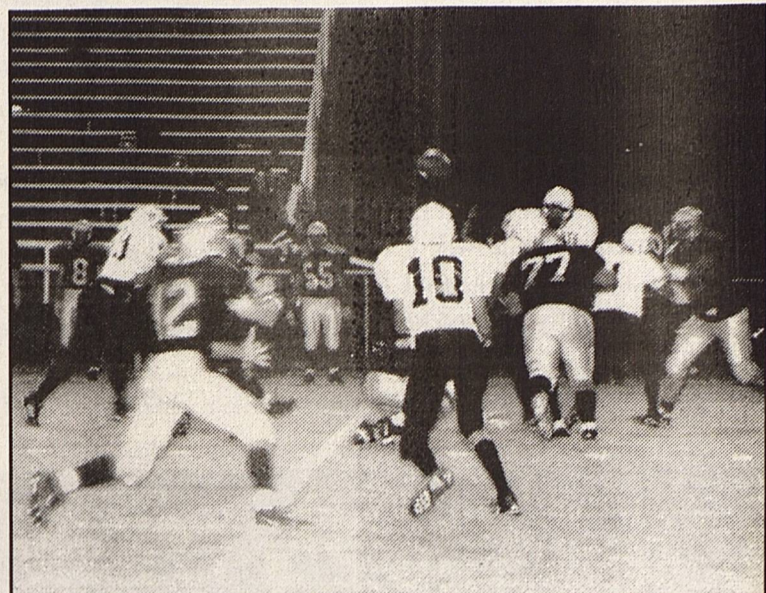
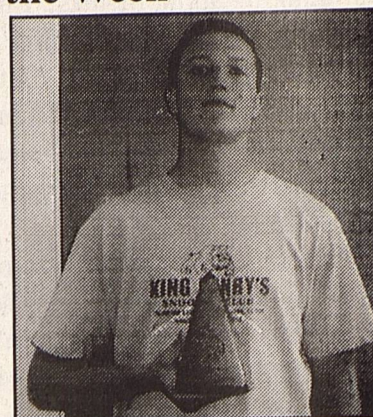
JV Cowgirls - The Cowgirls hosted Brownfield, and played hard and hustled well, but fell short 6-15, 8-15. Coach Thaggard said the girls continue to improve their serving, passing, setting and hitting. The girls bounced back with a much improved match against Shallowater Sept. 28, winning 15-6, 15-13. Kim Trent served three hot Aces.

Varsity Cowgirls - The Cowgirls took on Brownfield Sept. 24, and fell 9-15, 2-15. They had a much better outing against Shallowater, winning 15-7, 15-12. Coach Lusk said they scored in all but one rotation, and only missed one serve the first game.

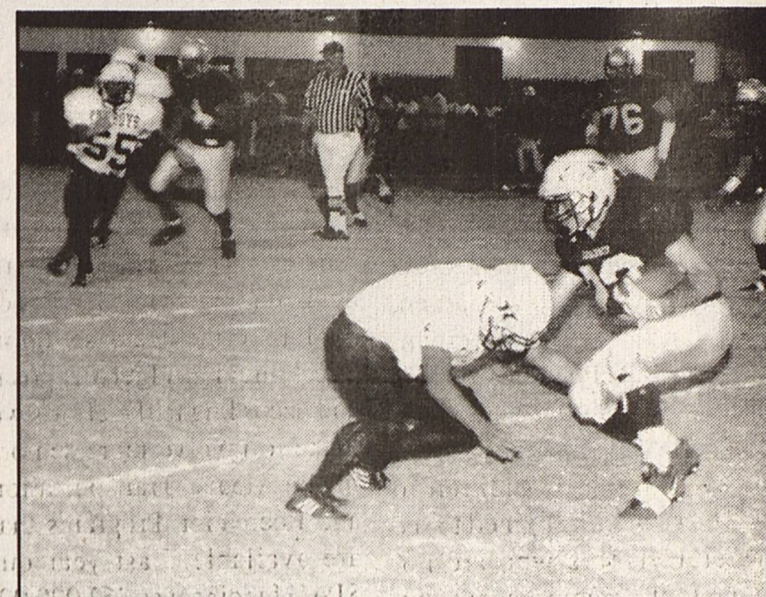
Cross Country - The Cowboys ran against 40 schools and 26 teams in Lubbock last Saturday, and finished tops in the 1-A grouping, and 7th over all, an outstanding performance. Armando Ramirez placed 18th against 196 runners. He was followed by Payton Bean 45th, Adam Guerrero 62nd, Jonathan De La Rosa 86th, Abel Ramos 95th, and Arnold Cordova 107th. Jose Ramirez was injured in Friday night football and did not run. Coach Davis said, "It really shows the heart and character of our kids, that they were able to rise above the absence of our usual front runner and win our division." 8th grader Jose Villegas, competing in the Open Division against Jr. High and High School runners, ran the 3 mile race in 18:32 to claim fourth place. He was followed by Brandon Davis, 68th, and Daniel Estrada 72nd. The teams run Next at Sundown.

Student of the Week

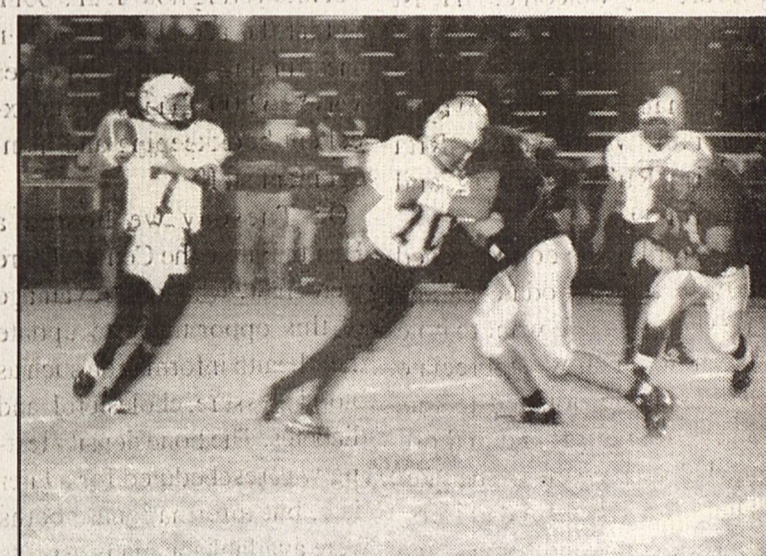
Student of the Week is Jordan Bean, a Senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Bean. He was nominated by Mr. Friesen, who said, "Jordan is an involved student. He is a hard worker. He is dedicated to perform his best in everything he does. He has excelled in academics, band and football. He has performed at the state level in academics, and hopefully, will again this year."



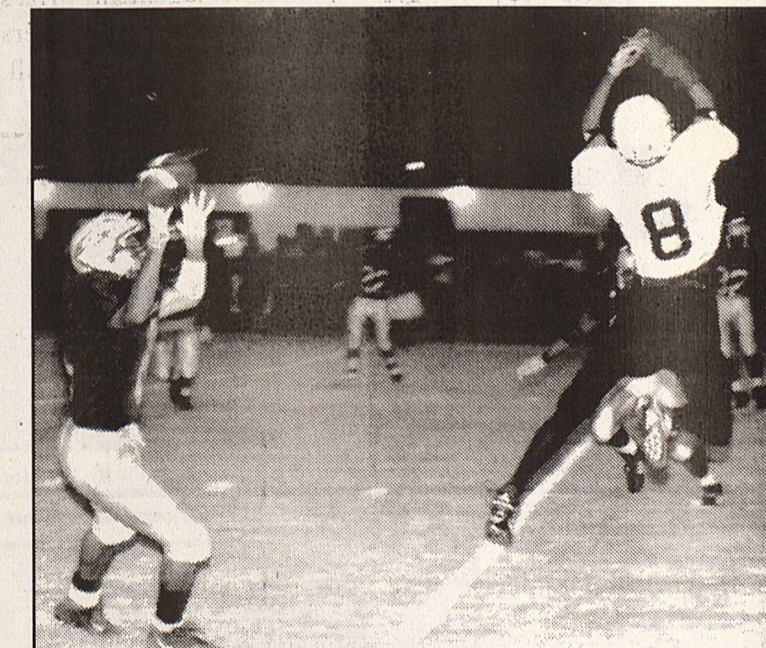
Evan Cain, #10, about to receive a pass from Kevin Bartley



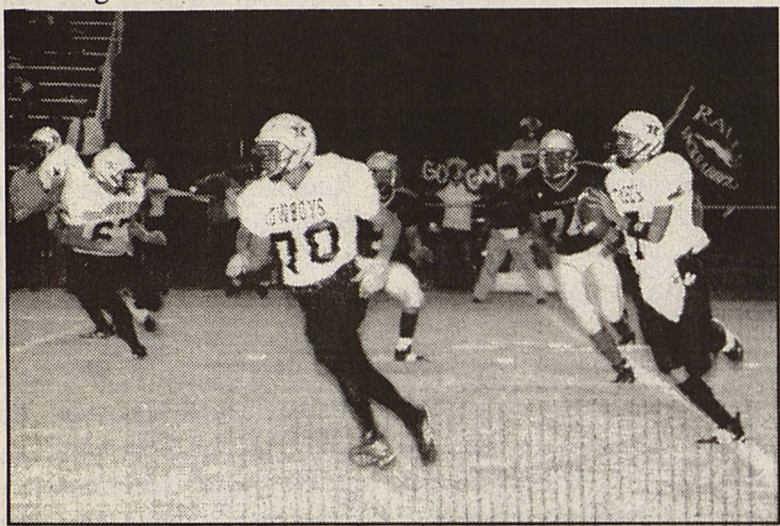
Unidentified Cowboy prepares to hit Jackrabbit back



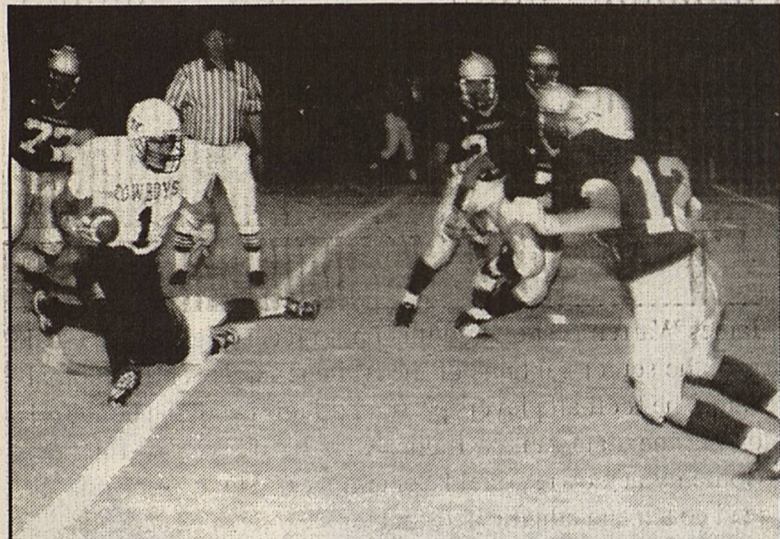
Bonilla, #70, prepares to block for Bartley's pass



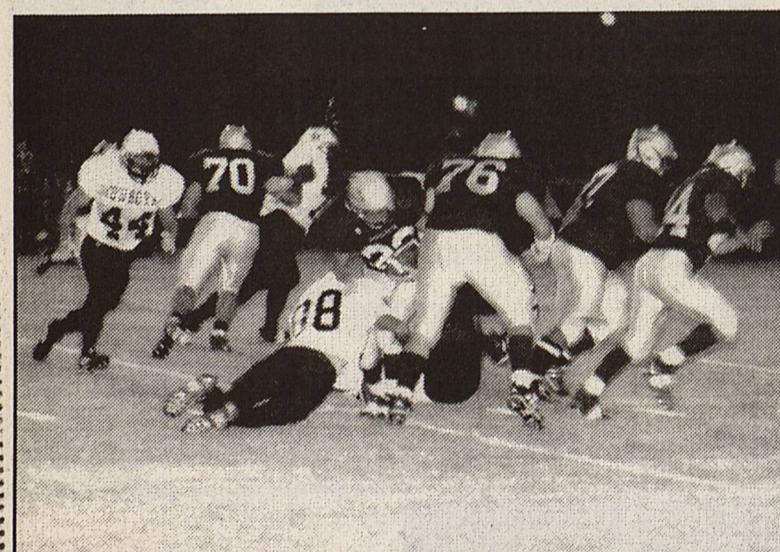
Zach Broome, #8, soars high for overthrown ball



Mario Bonilla, #70, lead blocks for Kevin Bartley



Richard Diaz, #1, about to be greeted rudely by Jackrabbits



Cowboys maul a Ralls runner



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Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met on September 3 for their first meeting of the new year. A report about the success of the recent art show was given by Betty Estep. After the meeting, Jeanie Jones of Lubbock gave a demonstration of making pottery on a potter's wheel. Following the demonstration, members enjoyed refreshments

furnished by Betty Estep and Jimmie Bayer. Marquerite Barron was artist of the month. Next month Juan Rodriguez will give a demonstration of art using spray paint. Anyone interested in art is invited to attend. The meeting will be October 1 in the club room of the old courthouse. We hope to see you there.

Senior Citizens Corner

"BUSY" is the descriptive word for the Center this week! Wednesday we hosted the monthly invitational pool tournament and since it was also 'turkey & dressing' day, the dining room was full and many extra meals were ordered for clients who cannot come to the Center to dine. There were several new faces as well as some whom we don't see very often. We welcomed Nick and Sandy Ford, Melba Bearden, John and Bernice Freeman, Margaret McPherson, Juanita Wright and Dottie Ward, from Imperial, Texas, who is a sister to Mrs. Sims. In addition to these, we were delighted to see several visitors who are not quite to the 'senior' status, but who are very welcome. That list included Rev. Ken Kelley, Brenda Kelley, Mike Hanneman, Cindy Pigg, Wayne Freeman, Misti Vance, Rita Fannin, Ruby Isenberg and Pam Young.

On Saturday the doors opened early to accommodate garage sale shoppers. We want to note here how much we appreciate all those who donated to this fund raising effort and to those who helped prepare for the sale.

There are other fund raisers, some on going and some at intervals, that help support the many needs of the Center. Luncheon Donations (\$2.00 for seniors-\$4.00 for those under

sixty), Auction Sales, Greeting Card Sales, Pool Tournaments, and Domino Tournaments are some of the means of raising money. Memorials are also a part of this funding.

United Way contributes to us each year in the amount of \$3,500.00 which is used to buy food. \$3,500.00 plus our building space and its maintenance is provided from a County/City fund each year. We receive annual funding from SPAG according to the needs set up in our Annual Budget Proposal and according to the efforts we make to involve more seniors in the Meals, Transportation and Recreation Programs that are available. Last year our SPAG funding was \$62,000.00. An interesting note at this point is that the actual difference in the funding and the expenses was \$162.00, thanks to our excellent bookkeeping and management staff.

On Tuesday we hosted a Health Fair at the Center. There were many who took advantage of this opportunity to update their health information such as blood pressure, cholesterol, and diabetes. The bone density testing was rescheduled for a later date, but informational booths were available on many aspects of health management. Prizes were given to lucky winners and a good time was had by all.

There will be an Athletic Booster Club meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 5:30 pm. in the cafeteria. There are many things that need to be discussed, and your presence at the meeting is needed. If you have any suggestions or complaints, this is the time to voice those.

**REMEMBER THURSDAY,
OCT 3-5:30PM.**

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Sunday School

9:30 am.

Morning Worship

10:45 am.

Evening Program

6:00 pm.

Tuggle - Carey Wedding



Staci Marie Tuggle and David Ray Carey were united in marriage on September 1, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., at Houston Park in Grandbury, Texas.

Parents of the couple are Randy and Edith Tuggle of Plains, Texas, David Carey of Fort Worth, Texas, and Claudia Hines of New Braunfels, Texas. Grandparents of the couple are William and Helen Worsham of Plains, Texas and Dorris and Louise Tuggle of Grandbury, Texas.

Brother Bill Wright of Plains officiated the modest family ceremony.

The couple stood in front of an archway of trees brought together with white netting accented with lavender bows and lavender silk roses. A small stream with a crossing bridge completed the background for the outdoor ceremony.

Given in marriage by her dad, the bride wore a white tulle strapless gown. The fitted bodice was covered with pearls and accented with a fold over satin cuff. The full flowing A-line skirt was accented with graduated pearl beading. White pearls were scattered through her upswept hair to complete the ensemble.

Staci carried a bouquet of white and lavender silk roses with white lace and lavender ribbon. The bouquet was made by her grandmother, Helen Worsham.

The groom wore a black tuxedo complemented by a white pintuck shirt. His boutonniere matched the bride's bouquet.

A reception following the ceremony was held in the park. The tables were covered with white lace over lavender. The two tiered heart shaped wedding cake was topped with a ceramic "Precious Moments" bride and groom. Silk lavender and white roses complemented the base cake. Nuts and lavender heart shaped mints were served from heart shaped crystal bowls. Crystal punch was served. The bride's bouquet completed the reception table decor.

The cake was served by Tanna Lampp and the punch was served by the groom's cousin, Karleigh Page.

The bride is a student at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. The groom works in upholstery in Fort Worth, Texas. The couple are making their new home in Grandbury, Texas.

TSA MO GA Members To Begin 67th Club Year

Twenty members, spouses, and guests met for the Texas Heritage Celebration and the year's theme of "Woven into the Fabric of Your Life". As with tradition, the first club meal of the year, a "Texas Supper", was hosted by members of the Luna family: Wilma Powell, Mary Jo and Elouise St. Romain. The first meeting of the club was held in the Luna home in 1935.

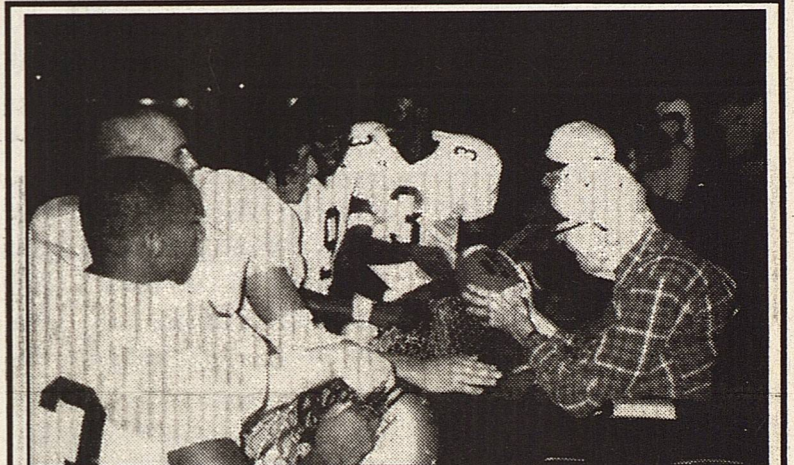
Following the dinner, program coordinator Sarah Jane Shelton introduced Powell, "The Genuine Cowgirl of Plains, Texas," to report on her visit to the opening of the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. Powell, who is a nominee for membership onto the Hall of Fame, was present for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the 33,000 square foot facility located in the cultural district of Fort Worth, also known as "Cowntown." Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

cut the ribbon for the opening of the museum. Other dignitaries including Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, State Senator Kay Granger from Fort Worth, and Governor Rick Perry also witnessed the official opening of the building.

Visitors to the new facility can view memorabilia that honors and documents cowgirls. Powell noted that her family brand is located on one of the seats inside the building, and several bricks with the Luna and Powell names have been donated to the museum by her son Dallas Powell.

Club members reviewed a display and portfolio of Powell's ranching activities.

Mary Jo St. Romain presented the book *Red Boots and Attitude* by Texas Women Writers that the club will donate to the state headquarters of General Federation of Women's Club.



James Warren is shown in this photo receiving the game ball from the senior captains of the Abilene High School football team. The football players presented James with the honor following the state ranked Eagles 21-14 victory over Lubbock Monterey at Lowrey Field September 6. Steve Warren is the head coach and athletic coordinator at Abilene High, and he is the eldest grandson of James and Jerry Warren. His parents Jim and Lela Warren, along with several other family members, were on hand for the AHS win.

CCN sends Happy Birthday wishes to James, who will celebrate his 90th on October 8!

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Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Choir Rehearsal - 5:00 pm

Wednesday Connection
Food, Fellowship & Study
5:30-7:30 pm

Other Opportunities
English as a Second Language
Thursday Evenings - 6:00-7:00 pm

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From The Hack

I heard a ridiculous but very funny news item reported on a Lubbock radio station last Wednesday. Seems an innocent guy drives through the take out window of a Kentucky Fried Chicken joint, orders a chicken dinner to go, and tells the guy in the window, " Gimme a couple extra biscuits, OK?"

" Right on, my man," the guy in the window replies, beaming broadly. He soon delivers the order to the customer, accepts payment, and says something like, " Have a happy day, my man!"

The customer drives off, finds a spot to eat the meal, and voila! Instead of two extra biscuits, he finds two good sized bags of cellophaned wrapped Mary Jane - you know, marijuana.

He's mystified, thinks, " Man, these ain't biscuits, unless they started making 'em of Tiajuana Gold stuff!"

A good citizen, he calls the PD, they investigate the KFC joint, and sure enough, the guy in the take out window is pegged the culprit. He finally admits, he worked for a gang distributing the grass thru the window to dealers who uttered the right password - ' couple of extra biscuits'.

Now this probably brings up many thoughts of those out there who enjoy a big drag or seven of Mary Jane - " Man, if I'd knowed it was this easy to get the stuff I'da been ordering two biscuits years ago - I'd be Rockefeller rich by now."

Other users would probably

have opened their dinner, seen the stuff, and gasped, " This is Nirvana. Instead of two biscuits, I done got me a friend for two weeks, less I make a hog of me."

Other friends of the weed would have gasped, " Bless you Lord, this is the finest, happiest Happy Meal you ever done bestowed on me! There ain't no happy meal plastic toys, but that's OK! My cup runneth over!"

If the stuff had been delivered to Bride and my car, she would have accepted it and queried, " I wonder why they gave us bird seed... we don't have a bird, do we... do YOU?" No, no bird, no experience either- I would have figured it would be pipe tobacco. Cheap tobacco, at that.

I had the almost pleasure of playing in my third Lea County Electric Golf Tourney at the Hobbs Country Club last Saturday. I believe someone announced prior to tee off it was the Cooperative's 50th event, which leads me to believe after the event the prior 47 were muchly better organized.

I say this because last year I was on the #1 WINNING TEAM. Before that, I was on a PRIZE WINNING TEAM. This year my team couldn't win a pumpkin, which are grossly plentiful this time of year.

To my chagrin, I was teamed with a Plains golfer. I hasten to add, I had NOTHING to do with this decision - they stick you with whatever names come out of the old potty they draw 'em from. I also drew a very nice lady partner, Judy, who confessed prior to hitting on the first hole, " I love golf. I play once every year, in this tournament."

Oh boy. The other partner, a very nice young man named Charlie, after his drive, which we DID NOT play on the first hole of the scramble event, prepared to hit his second shot, but

grouched, " I hate to hit a fairway wood off the ground!" I immediately understood why when he killed a mocking bird sitting innocently in a tree 80 yards from his aim point. After being threatened early on by the Plains teammate if I mentioned his name, I told him his secret name was secure with me. He is rather rotund, draws a pay check from PISD for approving check payments and other mundane chores in the business office.

We struggled. Judy, being a seldom golfer, was allowed to toss her ball from any sand trap the team found it self in. The first team trap entry found her carefully estimating distance, range, etc, and she whispered, " Here goes!". Her toss was a bit stout, and hit a member of an opposing team in the adjoining fairway in a very sensitive spot of the male anatomy.

A bit later, partner Charlie managed to hit his 7th consecutive tree with his drive, and the rotund partner quipped, " I hope to God the Hug-A-Tree folks aren't witnessing this."

Incredibly, we finished the first nine in pretty good shape, considering the shape we were in. I was preparing to tee off to start the final hole, and happened to pass Mr. Allan Brown, Director of Marketing and Member Relations and General Flunky, who casually inquired of me, " How you doing, Gary?" (He was an English major in college - a very, very small college). I said not too bad, and he asked how my temper was holding up. OK, I told

him. I thought I heard him chortle, " Not for long."

I was at the apex of my backswing on a drive, when I hear this obscene blast of noise. I swear the ground trembled, and for a moment I thought I was back in the Navy in 'Frisco bay, hearing a ship's fog horn. I think I threw my club further than the ball went. Brown had blown a huge air horn right behind me.

After the tourney, when the awards were passed out, our team won a cupcake. A CUP-CAKE! And it looked several days old.

A bit miffed, I casually men-

tioned all this to head Guru Mike Dreyspring. He appeared in shock when I related Allan Brown's caper. " The scoundrel! I questioned him if the horn had anything worthwhile to do with sales or marketing, he said, no, but it came in real handy this morning,, blowing it out by the gate on the highway so you Plains clowns wouldn't end up in Carlsbad."

You guys in the office over there better not add any penalty fees to my 'lectric bill for al this!

Health tips from the internet- Q - What are the advantages of a

regular exercise program?
A - Can't think of a single one. My philosophy is, No Pain...GOOD!
Q - Aren't fried foods bad for you?
A - Fried foods these days are fried in vegetable oil. How could more vegetables possibly hurt you.
Q - How can I calculate my bod/fat ratio.
A - If you have a body and body fat, your ratio is one-to-one. If you have two bodies, your ratio istwo to one, etc.
Q - What's the true secret to healthy eating?
A - Easy! Try thicker gravy.

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Texans may not give a lot of thought to wool socks and mufflers considering the state's mild, short winters, but Texas ranchers know a good thing when they see it. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 2001 Texas was the nation's leading wool-producing state, producing more than 6 million pounds of wool with a value of more than \$3.1 million from 870,000 sheep. Wyoming, the second-leading state, wasn't even close, with just under 4 million pounds.

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