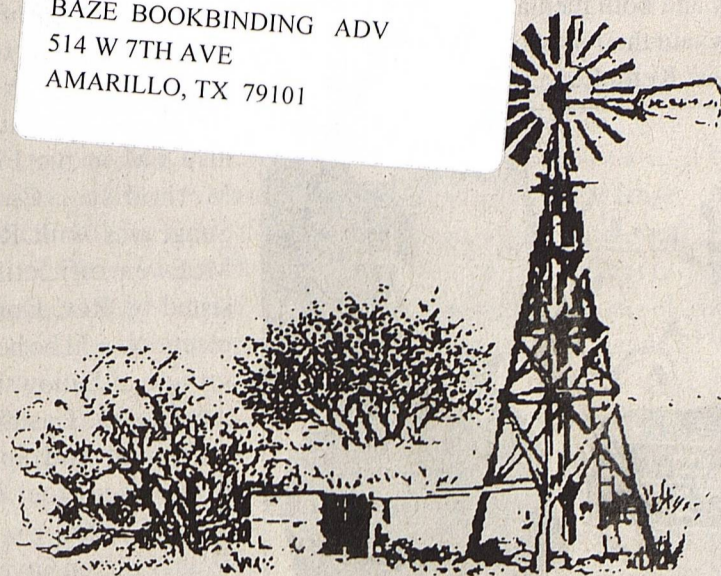


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Awards For Cowboy Baseball Keep Rolling In

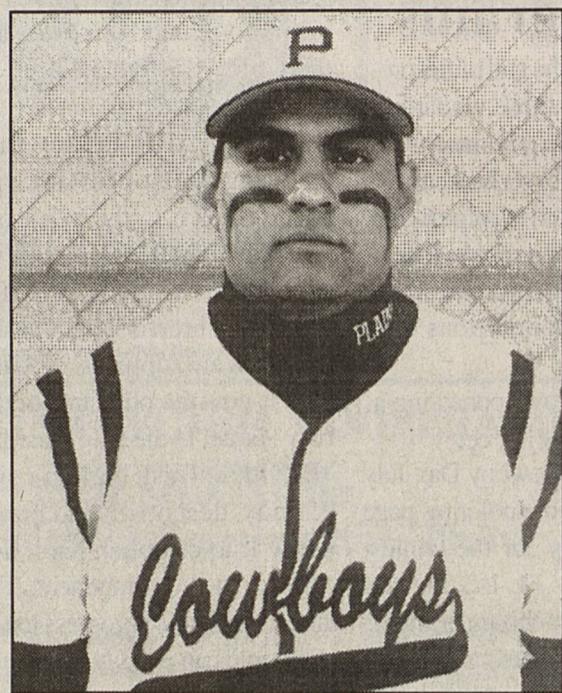
The 2006 Cowboy baseball season is over and the rewards continue coming in. Coach Kevin Bartley reported to CCN his notification five of his Cowboy players had been honored with selection to the All South Plains Team, while two of them were named to the highly prestigious All State Team.

Graduate T.J. Cordova was especially honored by being named for the All South Plains Player of the Year award. He was also named to the Texas All State Team at third base. He also broke or tied seven school records; Batting Avg. .653, 47 hits, 42 RBI's, On Base Percentage .717, 1.139 slugging percentage, 23 game hitting streak. He also tied fellow teammates Blake O'Quinn and Landon Craft with six home runs.

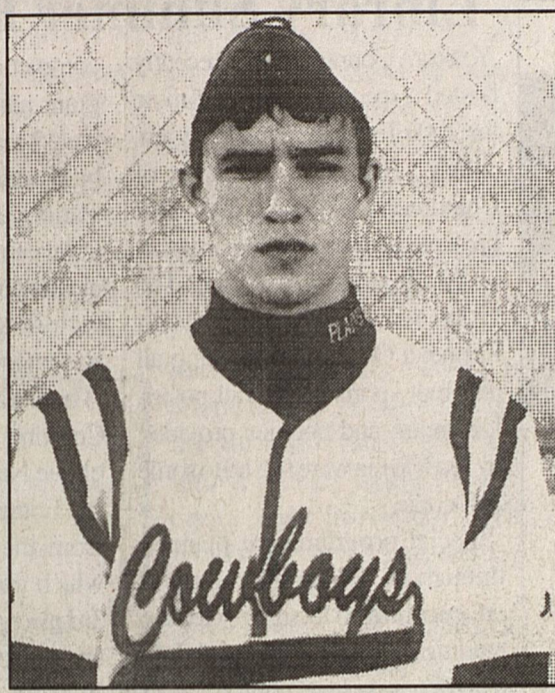
A 2006 Junior, Landon Craft made the All South Plains team as catcher. He finished the season with a .435 batting avg., had 37 hits, 12 doubles (two shy of school record), 2 triples, 6 HR's, 31 RBI's, 30 runs scored.

Graduating Casson Curtis made first team All South Plains, and broke the school record with 39 runs scored this season. His BA was .423, he had 33 hits, 9 doubles, a triple, two HRs, 18 RBI's, scored 39 runs and had 18 stolen bases.

As a sophomore, Cody Mayes made the All South Plains Team



T. J. Cordova



Casson Curtis

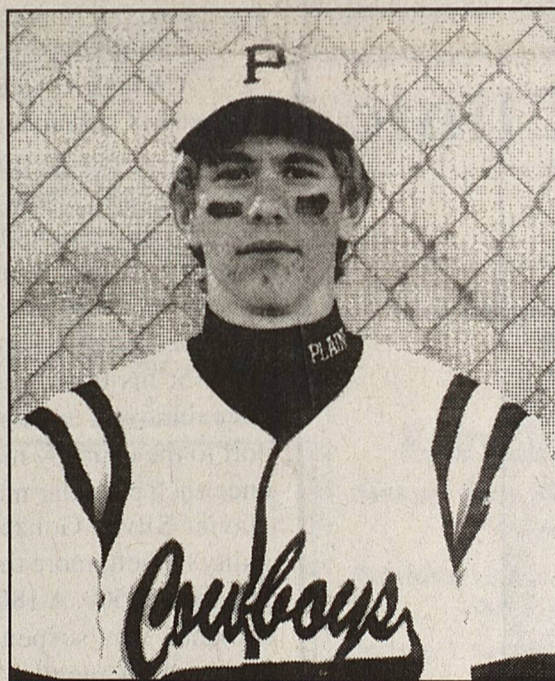


Blake O'Quinn

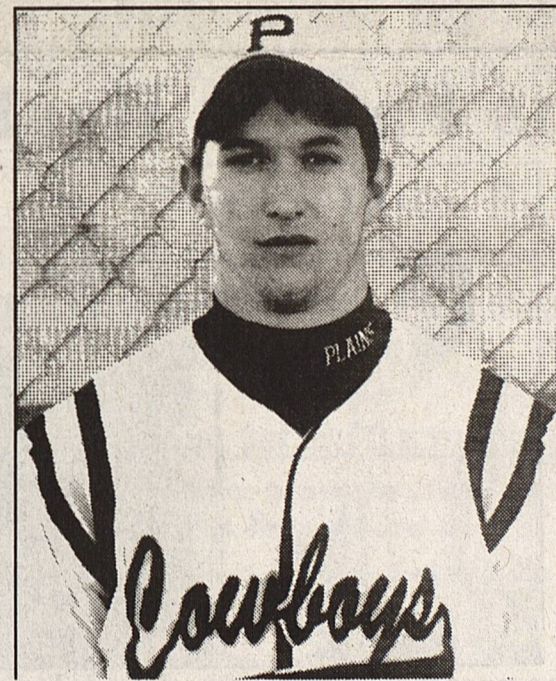
as a pitcher. His record was 8 and 3, he had 2.25 ERA, and struck out 82 batters.

Graduating Blake O'Quinn made the All South Plains Second Team as an outfielder. He finished the year with a .417 BA, 25 hits, 7 doubles, 1 triple, 6 HR's, 37 RBI's, and scored 22 runs.

Coach Bartley said, "The Cowboys had a great season in 2006 with their Bi-District Championship, then runner-up honors in the Regional Quarter finals. These individual awards are deserved recognition for the players hard work and the dedication they displayed throughout the season. I am proud of them."



Landon Craft



Cody Mayes

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Are Now Being Accepted

"Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and high winds are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Seminole," Wayne Cornelius said recently.

Gaines, Yoakum and Andrews counties are three of sixteen counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought and high winds.

Wayne Cornelius, Farm Loan Manager, said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 100% of their actual losses or the operation loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever

is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.7 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.

"As a general rule under this emergency designation applications will be accepted until January 18, 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 a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized 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 farming 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.

Crime cases in recent court session

Three criminal cases were heard in the June 21 session of County Court, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

David Esquivel, in cause #9916, pled true to a motion to revoke supervision from a prior theft of services cause, and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail with credit for 58 days served, and will pay \$238 delinquent restitution. In cause 10139, he pled guilty to burglary of a vehicle, class A misdemeanor. A 51 day jail sentence had been met with 58 days served. He must pay \$224 court costs. Lupe Garcia, Denver City Police, was investigating officer, and Bill Helwig served as his attorney in both cases.

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Plains School District to lose three sports staff members

"Mid-summer is never a good time to lose coaching staff members, and our district now has three vacancies to fill by the start of our Fall semester," Superintendent Jim Haynes told CCN this week. All three PISD campuses will be affected by the resignations. Todd Davis, head PHS cross country coach and leader of the 2004 State 1A Championship team, will be moving on. He and his family will be moving to Henrietta, where he has signed a teaching contract. His wife Tina is employed here by Lea County Electric Cooperative.

Kevin Bartley, head Cowboy baseball coach with a very good track record here, has accepted a contract with Maypearl ISD, a 2A school southwest of Waxahachie. Bartley was also active in Plains Elementary in the physical education program, and served as an assistant coach with the football program. His wife Darla is employed by Plains State Bank.

Angela Barefield, a multi-sport coach in Plains Middle School, will be leaving to seek employment in an East Texas school district. She has been active in junior high girls sports including volleyball, basketball and track.

Superintendent Haynes told CCN, "It's always difficult to replace good people, especially this late in the summer months. We will miss them, and we wish all three well. Our board members and three campus principals and our athletic director are all helping us in our search".

Stepping down after 22 total years service

Brad Palmer and Wayne Sisson were recently honored for their years of service to the school district. Palmer served on the board 12 years, Sisson 10, and both men are former presidents of the board. Supt. Haynes said their service showed total commitment to the district. Pres. Keith Earnest presented plaques.



BRAD PALMER



WAYNE SISSON

Memorial for Walter 'Bud' Givan

An informal memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Walter L. 'Bud' Givan Saturday, July 15, 2006 at 2 PM in the First United Methodist Church of Seagraves with Rev. Dustin McEwen officiating and assisted by Rev. Don Boren. A reception will be held after the service in Fellowship Hall of the church. Casual dress is requested and appreciated. Bud passed from this life on June 26, 2006.

Walter Linton Givan was born August 1, 1919 in Bayonne, New Jersey to William Linton and Edna Bingham Givan and graduated from Westfield High at Westfield, New Jersey in 1938.

In WW II Bud served as a

bombardier on B 17's flying over Europe. He and his wife Joanna bought the Ben Franklin Store in Seagraves in 1952, and operated it until their retirement in 1986.

He is survived by his wife; sons Cameron and wife Karen of Plains, Bob and wife Brenda, Centennial, Colorado, Doak and wife Cynthia of Early, Tx.; Grandchildren Parker, Ceilidh, Cara, Wesley, Keith, Thomas, Andrew and Jennifer, and Allison and Katie Eccles, Plains, sister Doris and husband Dick Brown, Eden Prairie, MN.

Memorials suggested include First United Methodist Churches of Seagraves and Plains, Family Services Center, Brownfield.

"The family wishes to thank many friends for their love, support and prayers, and special thanks to the doctors, nurses and caregivers who have meant so much in our past years".

Library Summer Programs

Yoakum County Library recently hosted a special event to promote the 2006 Texas Reading Program, called: Reading; The Sport of Champions. Connie McWhirter presented an entertaining program on the importance of reading. The group was challenged to assist Renetta O'Quinn in naming all different sports for a wall poster. Ice cream and cookies provided by Tsa Mo Ga were served to some 70 people.

Special programs are planned throughout the summer. Patrons are encouraged to sign up for the reading program which ends July 31. There's is plenty of time to read the ten required books to receive special prizes and certificates of

completion. At the end of the program names of those who completed reading requirements will be in a drawing for six basketballs. Patrons are invited to come by the library to check on movie schedules and participate in other games, including trivia questions and scavenger hunt.

The library is now sponsoring a Coloring Contest to celebrate National Cowboy Day July 23. Entrants need a coloring page from the library for the contest which ends July 14. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners chosen from two age groups, Elementary and below, Jr. High and above. All entrants names will be placed in a drawing for a prize.

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In District Court June 22, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Matthew Ryan Hanneman pled true to a motion modifying supervision from a prior cocaine possession cause. He must pay delinquent court costs of \$65 by July 15; his travel restrictions were removed, and he must report to the court by mail or fax once each calendar month.

Javier Silvas Gonzalez pled guilty to theft, more than \$500, less than \$1500. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$256 court costs and \$25 time payment fee and \$640 restitution to Big Dog Drilling Company. He will serve 80 hours community service. Investigating officer was Sgt. Justin Scott, State of Comptroller office. Mike Brown served as his attorney.

TEXAS ☆ TIMES
John Cornyn
 UNITED STATES SENATOR • TEXAS

The Cost Of Freedom

During this week exactly 230 years ago, delegates to the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence at the Pennsylvania State House in Philadelphia. Their action led directly to our war for independence and, some 11 hard years later, the U.S. Constitution and the United States of America.

The Declaration laid the foundation for the freedoms and liberties that have made the United States of America the great nation it is today. But independence, and those liberties, did not come easily. They were secured only after years of struggle, and with the assistance of several foreign powers.

These historical facts are particularly relevant during this July 4 week as the Congress debates conduct of our war against terrorism, and our support for the fledgling democracy of Iraq.

Since its founding, the United States has become the central beacon for liberty and democracy throughout the world. In the past few decades alone, U.S. led efforts have freed hundreds of millions of people from the yoke of oppression in Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa and elsewhere. We are justifiably proud of our efforts to bring hope to corners of the world where hope did not previously exist.

Our expenditure of lives and treasure around the world has been motivated by more than idealism. Through the 45 years of the Cold War, our leaders in both political parties recognized tyranny and despotism are inherently aggressive, and will always pose a continuing threat to free people. They knew the enduring truth of certain wisdom. Freedom is never free. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. They appreciated also the best way to protect America was to oppose aggressive tyranny and encourage a world of peaceful democracies.

Terrorism breeds where basic human rights are denied and political rights are suppressed. After the progress we've made, the Middle East is now the only area of the world without functioning democracy - Israel is the sole exception. There is no short fix.

President Bush has a far sighted strategy to break the cycle of tyranny, despotism and human rights abuse in that region. Assisting Iraq establish itself as a model among the world democracies is a key component. The strategy is working. Because of our initiative, signs of progress toward expanded human rights and democratic rule can already be seen across the entire Middle East and into Asia.

There is no doubt we are winning. Our military cannot be bested. Iraqi's have voted three times - in greater numbers than we vote in the U.S. - and are steadily planting democratic institutions and restoring order in their country. They are moving to reconcile dissident segments within the country, and to pave the way for our troops to leave.

The United States has never been enthusiastic about going to war. Democracies seldom are. The war on terror promises to be long and costly, and four years into the struggle, our resolve is being tested. Do we have the national will to see this through?

As we debated Iraq policy in the Senate last month, I took note of a State Department publication, "Significant Terrorist Incidents, 1961 - 2003." It is 19 pages long. It shows beyond argument the building threat to democracy, particularly the U.S., from terrorism. The events listed, the first World Trade Center bombing, attacks on our embassies and diplomatic outposts, even assaults on our warships, culminating in the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks of September 11 - were growing steadily in their severity and boldness. We are now fighting back, and its no coincidence assaults on civilian targets have largely abated. Yet in the Senate debate, I was struck by short-term thinking of some Iraq policy opponents. Some characterized their objectives not as protecting the U.S. from threat, but as creating a unified position within their political party. I asked aloud; "Can they be serious?"

In Texas we continue to mourn Texan Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, killed by terrorists June 19 near Baghdad as he served his country. I am grateful there are men and women like Menchaca and other Texans who will place themselves in harm's way and risk making the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom.

As we celebrate Independence Day this week, we should remember Menchaca and all our troops. We should take pride in the leadership the U.S. is taking in the global war on terror. The sacrifices being made now are our best hope to protect our safety, and safeguard our future liberty.

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Power in the Gulf

Texas lands historic wind energy projects

By 2009, wind generated electricity will flow into Texas from 50 turbines built off the coast near Galveston.

Once the offshore turbines, the first of their kind in the nation, are up and pumping power to Texas, beachgoers should hardly notice them according to Jim Suydam of the Texas General Land Office (GLO).

"The developers are looking to put them up about eight miles offshore. That makes them about as big as a thumbnail when viewed from the coast, so they're not real visible from the shore," he said.

At full production Texas can currently generate about 2,000 megawatts (MW) of installed electricity, or about 2 percent of its total energy use, from renewable energy sources such as wind. The 2005 Legislature directed the state to increase that to 10,000 MW by 2025.

About 70 percent of Texas' electricity generation is produced on natural gas, according to Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of GLO. "It's a depleting resource," he said.

"This is part of the mix of things we have to do to address the fact someday oil and gas goes away."

In May the GLO announced the state's second, and the nation's largest offshore wind farm, which will be built off the coast of Padre Island. It will generate 500 MW of electricity, enough to power 125,000

homes. The project should be running in five years.

At 3 MW apiece, the 50 wind turbines of the Galveston wind farm will crank out about 150 MW of electricity, enough for about 40,000 average homes. The project, to be built by Louisiana based Wind Energy Systems Technologies LLC (WEST) could be running within two years.

WEST's turbine design for the offshore project will differ from land based turbines. "We have designed for offshore projects for many years, and we know what we're doing there. We have a design that includes a telescoping tower, and the turbines can be lowered from their operating height of 260 feet down to about 60 feet. Once lowered, the turbine blades will fold into a cluster against a category four hurricane, with winds up to 155 miles per hour."

Following a six month, \$5 million test period, the \$220 to \$240 million wind farm should be operational within two years. "A great thing about wind in the Gulf, it's about eight miles from the grid," Patterson said. "With wind power in far West Texas

you may have to build transmission lines 300 miles long at \$1 million per mile. Wind has lots of things going for it, but the one that's not is you can't turn it on and off when you need to."

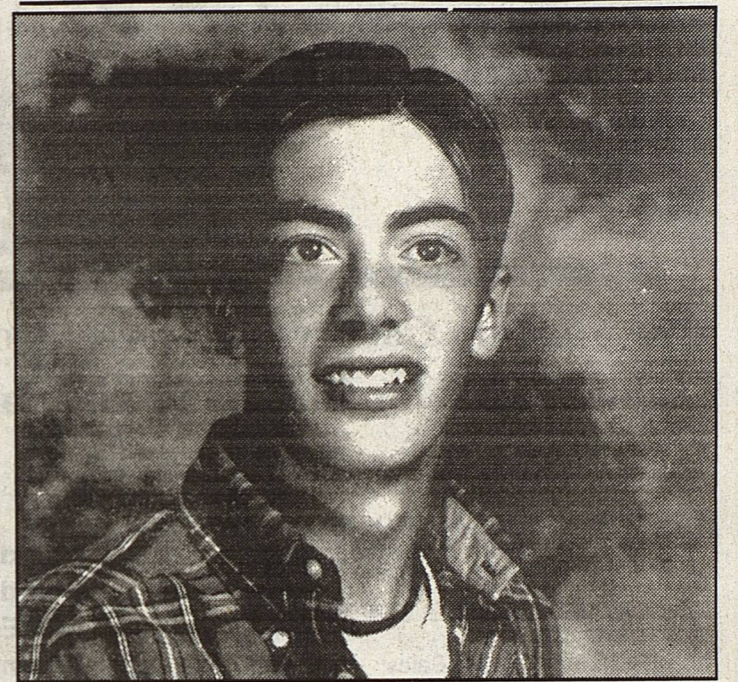
Over the planned 30 year lease, the wind farm will save the state about 20.7 million barrels of oil or 6.5 million tons of coal, either of which would be needed to generate electricity for 40,000 homes. That reduction will eliminate the release of some 270,000 tons of carbon dioxide, 21,000 tons of sulfur dioxide and about 10,000 tons of nitrogen oxides.

Patterson added, "Wind is clean, it produces no emissions, its cost is zero and will stay at zero. My goal is that whenever

the wind is blowing we can leave dormant all other methods of production. We should not be burning any hydrocarbons when the wind's blowing."

A factor in the remarkably short construction phase of the project is the relative shallow Gulf water where the 50 turbines will be erected. It will make a much easier work environment. The deeper the water, the higher the cost and construction time for the towers. WEST's initial underwater surveys at the planned site found an average depth of about 52 feet. "barely deep enough to get your feet wet," said Herman Schellstede, West's President. "That's not deep at all when you're talking about these platforms. The Gulf's bottom is shallow, quite flat, good for the platforms".

CONGRATULATIONS!



To Kelsey Blundell, on being named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University. Kelsey is a candidate for graduation August 12, 2006.

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Entry Date: Tuesday, August 1st, 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Fees per entry: \$3.00/Members and \$5.00/non-members for both Fine Art and Crafts.

** Yoakum County Art Association gets 15% commission on all sales.**

Eligibility: Limited to those works not previously entered in YCAA competition. Crafts must be made by person entering them.

Judge: Fritz Herron, Odessa, Texas

Judging: Thursday, August 3rd. This is restricted to appointed personnel.

Critique: Thursday, August 3rd, 1:30 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.

Open to the Public: Friday, August 4th, 10:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 5th, 11:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

Awards: Best of Show ~ \$ 100.00

Best of Photography ~ \$ 50.00

Best of Crafts ~ \$ 50.00

Purchase Awards: Will be selected by businesses and private patrons Wednesday, August 2nd, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Only authorized members are allowed at this time.

Cash Awards and Ribbons:

In each category: 1st place \$ 25.00

2nd place \$ 15.00

3rd place \$ 10.00

* Cash awards will be given only in originals and photography.

* Ribbons awarded in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention places in all categories.

* No cash prizes will be awarded in divisions with less than 10 entries.

* Ribbons and awards presented at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 5th.

Categories: Originals-Photography-Copies-Graphics-Class work-Students (Adult/Junior and Senior Youth divisions). No fee for students. CRAFTS-Wood, Fiber and Other.

Divisions: Landscape-Still Life-Portraits-Wildlife-Miniatures.

* Miniatures can be no larger than 5" X 7" (inside dimensions not including the frame).

* No entry larger than 30" X 40" (inside dimensions not including the frame).

* Divisions will be established, combined and/or eliminated as necessary.

Entry Standards: All paintings must be securely wired and ready for hanging at time of arrival. No saw tooth hangers, no wet paint and no nudity. YCAA "reserves the right" to reject any entry. Each entry must have a form on back stating artist name, title of entry, and price. The long form should have each entry listed. YCAA will not be responsible for any loss or damage. All work submitted will signify an agreement by the artist to the above stated conditions.

Saleroom: Club members only, and they must have at least one entry in competition. Each entry must have an entry form attached to each item, with price, name and number and be listed on the long entry form.

Door Prizes: Drawn at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, August 5th. These will be paintings by club members only, and cannot be sold before the drawing.

Pick-Up: Works may NOT be picked up before 5:30 p.m., Saturday, August 5th. Anything left after that will not be the responsibility of the Yoakum County Art Association.



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- Texzona Cattle Feeders
- Yoakum County F.C.U.
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- Plains Cotton Growers

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- Plains I.S.D. Administrators
- Plains State Bank
- Powell, Ty Earl & Linda
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- Production Fishing & Rental Tools
- PYCO Industries
- Rawls Equipment Company
- Reese, Kay
- Roberts, Mike & Jenna
- Savage, Forest & Shirley
- Savage, Michael & Shirley
- Schlehuber Oil Tools, LLC
- Sellers, Ricky & Penny
- Smith Fans
- South Plains Implement
- Southwest Cotton Growers
- Southwest Spice
- Sun Cot Gin
- Sundown State Bank
- Susan Leach Insurance
- Sutton, Brian & Angie
- T N T Feeds
- T T & K Farms
- Tedford, Dave & Joyce
- Terry County Farm Bureau
- Terry County Veterinary Hospital
- Texzona Cattle Feeders
- Thriftway Foods
- Tokio Coop Gin
- Toney, Dallas & Kim
- Trout, Glenn & Sheila
- Tuggle, Randy & Edith
- UAP
- United Supermarkets
- Valley Irrigation & Pump Services, Inc.
- Wagner, Charlie
- Walker, Gary
- Wells Fargo Bank Texas, N.A.
- West Texas Agriplex
- West Texas Center Pivots
- West Texas Consultants
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- Williams, Albert
- Williams, Clara Ellen
- Williams, Cody & Lisa
- Williams, Danny & Tonnia
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- Wood, Lanny & Lesa
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Summer Time Is Here, And Teens Want Tans

Summer is here and that means thousands of teens are hitting the tanning salons to get the perfect tan. But before your teen gets a tan, consider this; tanning isn't as healthy as it looks.

Tanning beds have been marketed as a 'safe' alternative to sunbathing outdoors; Tanning, however, is actually an unhealthy habit. In spite of popular beliefs, tanning salons may not be a good alternative to tanning in the sun, say experts from Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Cancer Council. Research from the American Cancer Society indicate:

* Womewen who visit a tanning salon at least once a month have a 55 percent greater risk of developing melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, than women who don't go to the tanning salons.

* For women 20 - 29, the risk of developing melanoma is two and a half times greater if they visit tanning salons at least once a month than for women who don't.

Still think it's OK for your teen to visit a tanning salon or lay outside to get that perfect tan? Tanning, whether outdoors or indoors, is caused by UV-A (ultraviolet-A) radiation. Radiation causes damage at an even deeper depth than a sunburn and changes underlying skin structure in a way that can lead to skin cancer at a later time. Since UV-A damages the skin at a deeper level, it took scientists longer to determine it did cause changes that could be precancerous. This is why tanning beds were once marketed as being safe - science had not caught up with them.

Current figures from the American Cancer Society show twice as many cases of melanoma in America than were reported 30 years ago, and the numbers are still going up. Researchers are looking for a science based alternative way to tan safely. In the meantime, tanning salons advertise a "base tan" that can offer protection from sunburns, and young women seem to be buying it. A recent study showed by age 19, nearly half of white women had used a tanning booth at least three or more times.

"There's a whole tanning industry trying to promote ultraviolet exposure as a good thing and that's a problem," says Dr. Martin Weinstock, chair of the American Cancer Societies skin cancer advisory group. The problem is radiation causing tanning also caused deep skin changes that lead to skin cancer.

A tan is a sign skin has been injured. And this kind of injury accumulates, so every suntan further damages the skin. In addition, tans speed up the aging process and increase the risk of cancer. You don't wish old-looking skin on your son or daughter at a younger age. If your son or daughter would like a little more color in their skin, promote a safer alternative and try one of the many self-tanning lotions now on the market. Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Cancer Council encourage you to take charge of your child's health now, which will lead to a healthier tomorrow.

W.T.A.M. Graduate



Becky Linee Wilmeth, daughter of Jet and Gay Wilmeth of Tokio and granddaughter of Gena Wilmeth of Brownfield and Johnnie Jenkins of Mangum, Oklahoma, recently graduated from Texas A&M University with a BS Degrees in Communication Disorders. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a member of the the Alpha Chi and Gamma Beta Phi honor societies. She will be attending Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in the fall to obtain a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology. She was a 2002 graduate of Plains High School.

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- THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO HOUSEPLANTS
- TASTE OF HOME'S FAVORITE BRAND NAME RECIPES 2006
- 101 QUESTIONS ABOUT SLEEP AND DREAMS by Faith Brynie
- ANXIETY DISORDERS by Bruce Hyman
- THE LAST OF THE OLD-TIME COWBOYS by Patrick Dearen
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- TEXAS MONTHLY ON TEXAS WOMEN by Evan Smith
- IN HOSTILE SKIES: AN AMERICAN B-24 PILOT IN WORLD WAR II by James Davis

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- IN PLAIN SIGHT by C.J. Box
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From The Hack

Every month I receive printed material from the office of the Texas Comptroller. You know, the 'One tough Grandma', Carole Keeton Rylander, who along with Kinky Friedman and one forlorn Democrat whose name I can never recall will challenge Rick Perry for his Governor's chair and mansion in November. What I enjoy most about the Comp's printed material is, I can legally steal it for this and other space in CCN. I wish Kinky were so charitable and would send me some of his cigars to puff on. I doubt if the Democrat guy has anything I'd be interested in.

Anyway, I discovered the following literary gem in a recent publication from the Tough Grandma called the Texas Innovator, which features the quaint motto on the cover page, "Innovation will be our daily companion." Clever, don't you agree?

Remember the anthrax scare following 9 - 11? Seems this high school kid heard his dad say high heat would kill anthrax. Since the real stuff is not legally available, the kids dad obtained another bacteria spore which is more heat resistant than the real anthrax. He discovered when he put the spore in an envelope, and applied an iron adjusted to 400 degrees for at least five minutes it would kill the stuff graveyard dead.

Quite naturally I truthfully pray our local postoffice is never contaminated with anthrax. If it is, our two female staffers could no doubt superbly iron each piece of mail five minutes, but I would

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wager serious money the one male whose initials are Melvin would be lost and unable to keep up with his ironing quota, possible even setting the building on fire. A bit scary, isn't it?

I SWEAR the following is NOT derived from any local preacher:

One Sunday this preacher became annoyed when he saw one of his flock walking out before he finished his sermon. When they later met, the preacher asked the guy why he had walked out early that day. The man said he had left to go get his haircut. The puzzled man of the cloth asked, "For Heaven's sake, if you needed a haircut why didn't you get one before you came to church?" The man said, "Because, Preacher, when I came to church I didn't need a haircut."

In defense of all bald men: This obnoxious guy approaches a totally bald friend, rubs his hand over the smooth, hairless pate and chuckles, "feels just like my wife's bottom!" The bald guy reaches up, thoroughly rubs his own slick head and says, "you know, it really does!"

Most all recall the tale of John Nance Garner describing his job of being the Vice President of the United States.; "It's not worth a bucket of warm spit". It's reported, not quite so famously, he later told this story: "There were two brothers born

to a family in Kentucky. When they grew up, one ran off to sea, and the other became Vice President of the United States. Neither one was ever heard from again."

And to be remembered by all would-be office seekers - If you win you will be bombarded with congratulations and flatter - " Flattery is like perfume: It's very nice to wear, but not ever to be swallowed."

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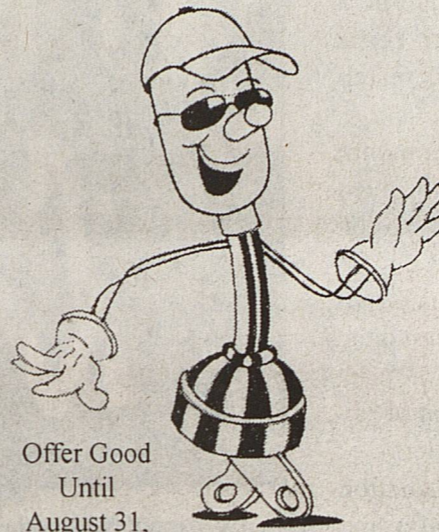
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- Cases filed:
49 traffic cases
2 public intoxication
2 minors in possession alcohol
1 minor driving under influence alcohol
1 felony case
Bonds Set:
Disregard stop sign - \$500
Fail to yield right of way to emergency vehicle- \$500
DWI - \$1000
Resisting arrest, search- \$1500
2 - driving/invalid license- \$1000
Possession controled substance- Held for Border Patrol
Fugitive from justice, New Mexico- Held for transport
Assault causing bodily injury to family member- \$2000
Theft, property- \$10,000
Credit/Debit card abuse- \$10,000
Engaging in organized criminal activity- \$10,000
DWI, Third or more - \$100,000, interlock device ordered

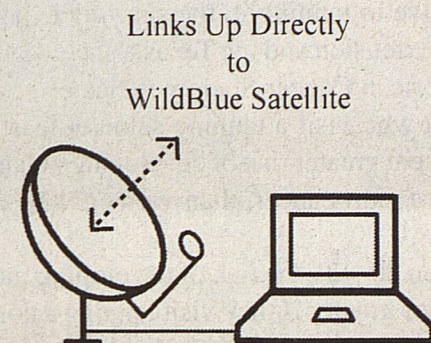
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Rural economic development remains a priority for the Texas Department of Agriculture. I visit hundreds of small towns across our state to get feedback from local residents, educate rural citizens about the importance of economic development in small communities and offer information about programs TDA has to assist them.

One of the free programs aimed at helping rural areas thrive is *Texas Yes!*, which allows rural communities to apply for grants to revitalize their downtown areas, improve infrastructure or create new prospects for real estate.

Texas Yes! is also our initiative to promote and support rural Texas by educating the public about all that rural Texas can offer and encouraging members to share and exchange successful ideas. Members can advance the growth and prosperity of every small town, city and county in the state by working together to create a single rallying call for rural Texas.

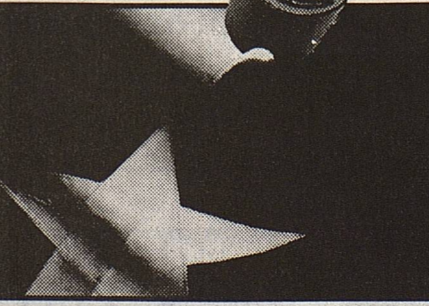
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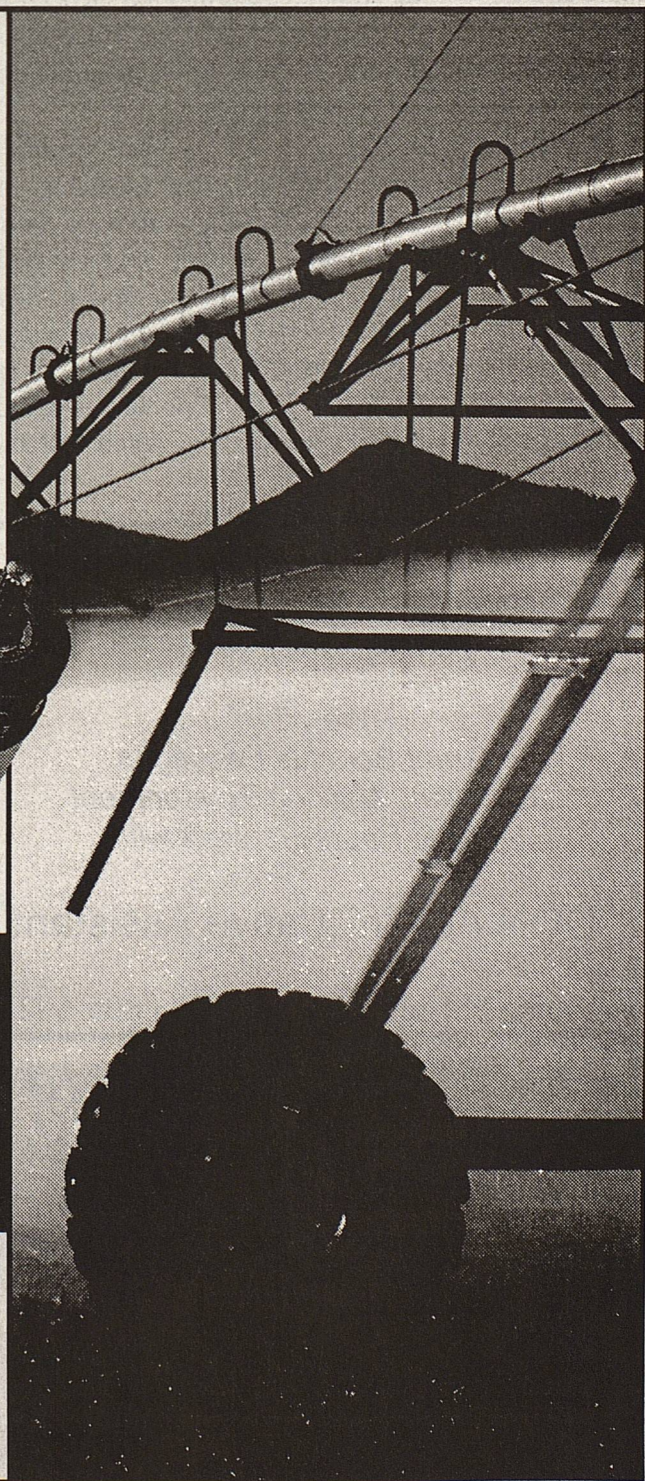
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