



THE PLAINS PRIDE

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1994 in Review

JANUARY

Linda Lowrey asked the Plains Pride to announce that she is a candidate for re-election as Yoakum County's Criminal District Attorney. A former government and economics teacher at San Angelo Central High, Mrs. Lowrey has a special concern for cases involving young people.

Rex Swann retired after serving three consecutive three-year terms as Yoakum County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee Chairman. He began his service in 1984 and has served since that time.

Gary Walker officially kicked off his campaign as Republican candidate for State Representative District 80, with a meeting in Johnnie's Restaurant. Approximately 30 persons attended.

FEBRUARY

Plains Chamber of Commerce directors met to continue plans for the annual banquet. Nominations were being accepted for the selection of the 1993 Citizen of the Year.

Four young ladies are busy selling memberships to benefit the Yoakum County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. The winner of the queen title will be one of the four. They are Kyley Bearden, Lyndi Rowe, Mandi Kleam and Jinger Hancock.

Teresa Bell, manager of West Texas Gas, Inc. "Uncles" Convenience Store was named one of the top five managers of the WTG chain of convenience stores. The store was selected as West Texas Gas, Inc. number one store for 1993 based on operation, cleanliness and customer-employee relations.

Yoakum county Federal Credit Union held its 45th Annual Dinner Feb. 26 in the Plains School Cafeteria. Entertainment was provided by Sidney Pippin Band.

MARCH

The Plains I.S.D. School Board called for an election for the purpose of electing three school trustees. As of March 7, eight persons have filed. They are Anna Gonzales, Don Burgess, Hershel Smith for District #1;

Rickey Bearden and Cyndy Koncaba for District #5; and Raymond Diaz, Brad Palmer and Ty Wilmeth for At-Large #6.

The Ninth Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held in the Plains School Cafeteria. Master of Ceremonies was David Brunson, president. Highlight of the evening was the declaration of Plains Citizen of the Year Mrs. Ty Earl (Linda) Powell. Following the potluck dinner, Master

of Ceremonies Gary Walker introduced guest speaker, Tom Harkey of Claude.

All Region Band Members were Matt Morgan, Jr. High Band, chosen as first chair trumpet; Steve Bunch, Jr. High Ban, chosen as first chair tuba; Eric Estrada, Jr. High Band, chosen fourth chair trumpet and Jason Robertson, High School Band, was selected 12th chair trombone. Jeremy Dearing earned a first division rating for his

saxophone solo and qualified for state. Class 1 brass ensemble, first division included Eric Estrada, Brad Seaton, Matt Morgan, Tessa Romain, Jason Robertson, Jerry Dominquez, Josh Traweek and Steven Bitolas.

APRIL

The Plains Pride begins 10th year of publication.

The Easter egg hunt at the Yoakum County Library was well attended by lots of youngsters.

Plains Fine Arts Club Sponsored their 34th annual Sacred Music Program in First United Methodist Church. The program featured choirs from all the local churches.

T.J. Miller, Mayor of the City of Plains was appointed to the Texas Municipal League Legislative Policy Committee on Public Safety.

Mrs. Sue Alexander received a resolution from Plains ISD Board Trustees and "Outstanding Junior Public School Mathematics Teacher Award" from Texas Tech University.

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MAY

The City of Plains was awarded a Texas Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for water systems improvements.

Election results were Mayor, T.J. Miller with 116 votes, and City Councilmen Kent Welch with 152 votes; Pam Redman with 116 votes and Steve Jones with 114 votes. Plains ISD

To our Readers

This issue of The Plains Pride - Wednesday, Dec. 28, will be the last.

I informed Joe and Debbie Alcorta that I was turning the paper back over to them, after the last issue of December. Since they are now involved in another business, they are no longer interested in publishing the paper.

It was with mixed emotions that I came to this decision. I came to Plains with Debbie when we were asked to start a paper for the community. Throughout the years, it has been put together at the Enterprise office. It's like letting go of a part of us - she published it for a period of more than ten years.

All things considered, I feel that it is unfair that the merchants in Plains are being asked to support two papers; the residents are being asked to support two papers and from what I understand, this is also causing rifts in the community. This causes problems and I don't want to have any part of hurting businesses or residents. It's hard enough to survive in today's world without this.

I feel that there are a great number of you that are still very loyal to The Plains Pride and for that I am appreciative. We have been encouraged by many of you to "hang in there" but there are several factors that contributed to my decision.

The women at the Library, who had collected news items since the inception of The Plains Pride, were forced to stop such collections -

(thanks for all your years of assistance); Pay-n-Save was lured into going with the other paper upon promise of more subscribers - (thanks to all who called asking that the ad stay with The Plains Pride); the school - who had been a staunch financial supporter from the beginning - could not financially support both papers, so they were forced out - (thanks for all the news turned in about such a great bunch of athletes and scholars); Yoakum County Hospital cancelled their ad to "re-evaluate" their situation and others have dropped their advertising support. Only time will tell if these businesses made the right decision for them. But for The Plains Pride, it was the "kiss of death" - for without adequate advertising, it could no longer survive.

A special note of thanks goes to ALL who have been so gracious as to furnish pictures, news items and advertising throughout the years. Especially do we want to say thank you to Candi Seaton who took part of her precious time to continue to collect and send news to us each week after the library could no longer be the collection point.

We thank those of you who have remained supporters and we DO understand the situation with those who could no longer afford to support two papers. We hope you all understand that we could no longer afford to publish the newspaper.

Sincerely,
Sue Cannon

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1994 in Review

Trustee election was: District 1: Anna M Gonzalez, 70 votes; Hershel Smith, 14 and Donald Burgess, 5. Trustee at large: Brad Palmer, 219 votes; Ramon H. Diaz, 178 votes and Ty Wilmeth, 96. Trustee, District 5: Tim Addison, 44; Ricky Bearden(I), 21.

Class of 1994 received diplomas in commencement exercises in the high school auditorium. Twenty-eight members compose the seventy-second graduating class of Plains High School. Delivering the salutatory address was Jay Rushing with Lenny Marrow giving the valedictory.

The JTPA Summer Youth Program held an organizational meeting in the Heritage Room of Plains Library.

Heather Bowlin was winner of \$125 in an essay contest sponsored by Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Participating students speak and share their ideas of the future in competition. Lea County Electric awards scholarships in encouragement for students to attend college.

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JUNE

The third annual Cowgirl Volleyball Camp was held with 41 Plains girls attending and 6 girls from Andrews with a total of 47 participants.

Jennifer Earnest attends the Texas Farm Bureau annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

The Yoakum County Child Welfare Board in the Plains Library. New officers elected were Teresa Howard, Chairman; Claudia Thompson, Vice-Chairman; Rose Kirkland, Secretary and Debbie Smith, Treasurer.

Jack Cobb was re-elected chairman of the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board.

Linda Powell was honored as the Yoakum County 4-H Outstanding Leader at the South Plains 4-H Volunteer Leaders Association Luncheon held in Levelland.

Julie Hancock and Katrina won first place in the state 4-H Housing and Environment contest.

JULY

"Memories for this Old House" cookbook was given to the Yoakum County Library by Tommie Brown, Marguerite Adams and Helen Beal. This cookbook is dedicated to their mother, Tinnie Jane Worley Murph Pride.

The hot dry weather and late evening lightening storms in June and July combined to cause a rash of fire calls for the Plains Fire Department. Only one of the 16 fire calls was located inside the City limits, while the other 15 were range fires.

The first annual Western Days Celebration was held July 23 at Pay-N-Save Grocery with several fun events for the day, including a "Western

BBQ" cooked by Kenneth McGinty.

Tommie Brown was honored for 27 years of service with the Postal Service as a mail carrier in the Plains area. Sharing in her reception were friends and family members.

A fundraiser for Gary Walker, Republican candidate for State Representative District 80, was held in Stanford Park. Approximately 200 people enjoyed hamburgers with all the trimmings.

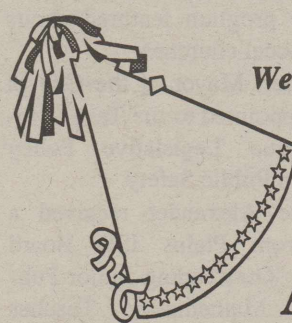
AUGUST

New banner purchased by Plains Chamber of Commerce and placed at the east entrance of town to advertise the Olton Settlers' Reunion and Rodeo.

The 41st annual Old Settlers' Rodeo and Reunion began Aug. 4 through Aug. 6. Robin Squyres, daughter of Newell and Peggy Squyres, was crowned Rodeo Queen. Jason Durham, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Durham was winner of the saddle. Mackenzie Winn was the winner of a jewelry armoire given by Tsa Mo Ga Study Club.

Bronze figurines sculpted by C.C. Copeland were displayed in the Yoakum County Library.

SUCCESS TO YOU



*We wish you success & happiness in the
years to come.*

Happy New Year!

from your friends at
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Welcome
1995



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house: HAPPY NEW
YEAR.

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Flowers & Gifts

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All Wreaths

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20 % off

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Unique ornaments - all 1/3 off

*Thanks for your business & may 1995 bring
each of you health, prosperity & happiness*

New Year's Greetings

*Best wishes
for a happy and
prosperous new year!*



*Enjoy your
holiday celebration.*

Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

1994 continued

Meeting in regular session, the Plains ISD school board adopted the budget for the coming year. Total budget included estimated revenue of \$9,010, 349 and estimated expenditures of \$9,002, 399.

Plains Booster Club finalized plans to sponsor tailgate parties prior to each home football game.

Yoakum County Senior Citizens held their 1994 Fair in the senior citizens building. Theme of the fair was "Route 66" with appropriate decorations and banner by June Hanneman.

During a regular meeting the Plains City Council adopted the annual operating budget for the City of Plains. This year's budget shows an increase of 15% over the FY93-94 budget.

New cheerleaders for the new school year were Sonia Avila, Shawna Box, Misty Willett, Amber Bryan, Amanda Koncaba and Shyloh Winn.

SEPTEMBER

Local John Deere dealership, Texas Equipment Co., Inc. held open house inviting everyone to come and see the "revolutionary new John Deere 8000 Series Tractors."

The PHS volleyballers captured the Wink Tournament with Valerie Blair named Most Valuable Player. Stacey Jones and Kyley Bearden were named to the All Tournament Team.

Wayne Lee Davis was recognized as Yoakum county Young Farmer of the Year and David Turnbough of Denver City was named Farmer of the

HAPPY NEW YEAR



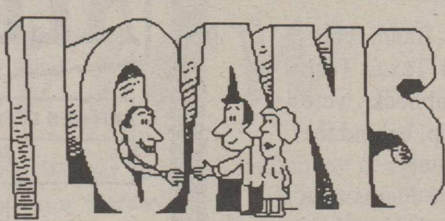
Predicting great happenings for the new guy in town — *Mr. 1995*

Yoakum County Co-op Gin



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Jack Spears Drilling



LOW INTEREST loan applications for **SPRINKLER SYSTEMS** and **SPRINKLER PACKAGES** will be accepted until **January 12, 1995**, by the SANDY LAND UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. Monies available at 4.8% interest are for six (6) years and monies available at 6.5% are for 7 years. If you are interested in one of these loans, please contact the District soon. Completed loan applications will not be accepted after January 12, 1995.

Make Sure You're Well Connected.
Dial the Area Code on All Long Distance Calls
January 3, 1995



Effective January 3, 1995, telephone customers must start dialing the area code on all long distance calls, no matter if you are calling in-state or out-of-state.

In other words, you must dial 1+ or 0+ the area code and the remaining seven digits for any long distance call. Local dialing procedures will not be affected.

This dialing change is the result of a new area code plan, being implemented nationwide, which will increase the number pool of available area codes and will allow telephone companies across the nation to meet the rapid population and telephone usage growth for years to come.

ALLTEL has been phasing in the new dialing procedures since July 1, 1994, to allow customers the necessary time to make any needed changes. **Effective January 3, 1995, the new dialing plan will become mandatory.** Customers who do not dial the area code on all long distance calls will receive a recorded announcement which will explain the new dialing procedures.

Remember, dial the area code on all long distance calls beginning January 3, 1995.

(Remember, it may be necessary to reprogram office phone systems including PBX's and key systems, as well as certain features such as Call Forwarding, Speed Dialing, etc.)

Looking back at '94

Year at the annual Yoakum county Farm Tour.

Chris Bundell delivered this year's first bale of cotton for Yoakum County. It was ginned Sept. 21 by New-Tex Gin.

Sue Cannon, who was instrumental in establishing The Plains Pride for the Plains Community in April 1985, has taken over as the publisher of the weekly newspaper. Joe and Debbie Al-corta entered into a new business venture.

Amber Bryan, 17-year-old daughter of Lola Bryan, was crowned Homecoming Queen by last year's queen, Shandy Willett, daughter of Jerry and Paula Willett.

OCTOBER

The Plains Cowboy Band, competing at the 18th annual Texas Tech Marching Festival in Lubbock were named Class 1A Runner-up, behind the State Champions Irion County.

Two cotton gins in the Plains area reported that this year's crop was better than last year's overall, as of Oct. 12.

William D. Gooch, Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library, announced that the Yoakum county Library was accredited as a member of the Texas State Library System for fiscal year 1995.

The individual gold medal winner in the Junior High Cross country division of district 2 1-A meet was Krystle Blundell pf Plains.

Competing against 1A, 2A and 3A schools, Plains math/science students finished fifth out of 20 teams overall in Sweetwater.

NOVEMBER

Plains Cross Country Team qualified for the state meet in Georgetown with a second-place finish at the Region 1-1A cross country meet held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.

The Plains Cowboys took the field against the Smyer Bobcats with a win of 56-0. The win also marked a milestone for Coach Larry McMinn as it brought the 100th win in his career.

School Menu

JAN. 3-7

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY - Donuts, toast, apple juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, sausage, orange juice, milk.

THURSDAY - Waffles, syrup, fruit punch, milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal, toast, orange/pine-apple juice, milk.

LUNCH

TUESDAY - Chicken sandwich, French fries, catsup, peach slices, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburger, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, chips, mixed fruit, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

THURSDAY - Stew, pinto beans, Kosh-er spears, cornbread, cherry cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY - Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, Jello, milk.

DECEMBER

The Community Christmas Pro-gram and band concert was held in the school auditorium Dec. 18.

Plains placed 11 Cowboys on the All-District Football Team. They in-cluded Brad McMinn, Ken McAdams,

Chase Clanahan, Victor Bernal, Shan-non Ward, Lee Roy Vasquez, Joey Guerra and David Bitolas.

Shannon Ward and Brad McMinn were named to the A-J All South Plains team.

First Baptist Church presented

"The Don't Be Afraid Brigade," a Christmas musical for kids.

The Plains Pride discontinues publishing after 10 years of service to the Plains Community.



RING IN THE NEW YEAR

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SHURFINE WHOLE PEELED TOMATOES **49¢**

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SUGARLESS TRIDENT GUM VAL-U-PAK **69¢**

SHURFINE APPLE JUICE **99¢ 64 OZ**

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