

PLAINS FFA TALENT TEAM finished as runners-up in the State Convention competition last week in Amarillo. Team members are, left to right, Kenley Powell, base and keyboard; Michael Earnest, lead guitar; Chad Wall, back-up singer and sound technician; Keith Earnest, drums; and Brad McWhirter, rhythm guitar and lead singer.

## Janice Herrera Crowned Jamaica Queen Sunday

Janice Herrera was named microwave; B.D. McDonnell, color Jamaica Queen during festivities last weekend by Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garza and Joe Herrera of Plainview, Queen Janice earned the glittering crown and wand with an accompanying bouquet of red roses by selling 1,445 tickets for the Jamaica project. She was also presented prize money totaling $\$ 150$.
First runner-up in the queen's race was Rachel Medina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregario Medina. She sold 775 tickets and received $\$ 75$ in prize money. Denise Garza was second runner-up. Selling 306 tickets, she received $\$ 25$. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garza. Lisa Coronado, third runner-up, sold 264 tickets and also received $\$ 25$. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Coronado. Each runnerup was presented a bouquet of car nations.
Lucky winners of the four valuable gifts were Gregorio Medina, waterbed; Frank Alvarado,
microwave; B.D. McDonnell, color
TV and Becky Maldonado of Levelland, VCR.
Some four to five hundred persons attended the festivities Members of Sacred Heart extend their appreciation to everyone who helped make the event a tremendous success. Thanks are also extended to Jim Barron who made it possible for the event to be held in the park.
The volleyball tournament drew good response with four teams entered from Plains, two from Denver City and one from Tatum, N.M. The Denver City teams battled for the team trophy until darkness. The championship game will be held Sunday afternoon, July 27 at 5 p.m. in the Denver City Park.
Fun activities of the day included a dart throw booth, grab bag, fishing tank and dunking board.
Music was presented by Los 4 Aces de Ancho Garcio.
Food booths were kept busy selling snow cones, hamburgers and Mexican food specialties.

## FFA Talent Team Performs, Finishes Second At State

Plains High School's FFA Talent Team competed last week in the annual Texas State FFA Convention in Amarillo Convention Center. Members of the team are Michael and Keith Earnest, Kenley Powell, Kenneth Powell, Chad Wall and Brad McWhirter. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Earnest, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wall and Mr. and Mrs. Mackey McWhirter.
Previously victors in the District and Area I competitions, the team finished second in run-off performances. In competition with teams from the other nine area winners, from the other nine area winners,
the PHS group played "I'm A Long


## Begins Thursday With Parade

Big events are in store for area residents next weekend with the 33rd Annual Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo. "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" has been selected for the theme of the big event.
The Rodeo Parade will launch the big weekend. It is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31. The rodeo will open that evening at 8 p.m. and continue at that hour Friday and Saturday in Yoakum County Rodeo Arena. A cowboy dance is scheduled each evening after the rodeo.
Admission to the rodeo is $\$ 3$ for adults and children 12 years and older. Children five to 11 years will be charged $\$ 2$. Those under five will be admitted free.
Events include team roping, bareback riding, saddle bronc

Tall Texan," "Honky Tonk Man" and "Johnny Be Good." In the runoff performance, they played "Kansas City, Here I Come." State winner was an Area VI Future Farmer whose ventriliquist performance features an FFA dummy.
Sponsor for the group is FFA's instructor Joe Pierce.

Attending the performance to lend support were Bonnie and Eddie Earnest and Jennifer; Joe Pierce, Marty, Monte and Darce; Kenneth and Susie Powell and Kari; Linda Wall and parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.R. Jones of Hereford; Robert
riding, bull riding, double mugging, calf roping, steer wrestling, membership ribbon roping, ladies, breakaway roping and ladies' barrel racing. Belt buckles will be awarded in each event.
Entry fee is $\$ 50$ per event. Rodeo secretary may be reached at (806) 456-2700. Books will open July 29 at 8 a.m. and close July 30 at 5 p.m.
Saturday's events are scheduled throughout the day. Coffee and doughnuts will be served to homecoming exes in the home economics room at school beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday.
Yoakum County Historical Commission will have a booth set up in the park for "old settlers" seventyfive years and older to register. Continued to page 5


JAMAICA QUEEN \& HER COURT - Itr, are Lisa Coronado, third runner-up; Janice Herrera, queen; Racheal Medina, first runner-up; and Denise Garza, second runner-up.

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## Pre-Kindergarten Not Offered

Plains Independent School District will not offer a prekindergarten program for four-year-old students for the 1986-87 school year.
Any student who is five years old prior to Sept. 1, 1986 is eligible for the kindergarten program and is en couraged to enroll as soon as possible. For enrollment information, please contact John Nance at 456-7438.

## Softball Tourney <br> Set Aug. 15-17

Yoakum County Child Welfare Board is sponsoring a Men's Slow Pitch Open Class Softball Tourney Aug. 15-17 in Yoakum County Park. Proceeds will go to the Child Welfare Board.
Entry deadline is noon, Aug. 12 Fee for entering is $\$ 100$ per team. Additional information may be obtained by calling 456-2652 or mail entries to Child Welfare Board, Box 694, Denver City, Tx. 79323.
Team trophies will be presented for first through fourth places. Individual awards include a bat bag for first place and cap for second place. Awards will be given for Golden Glove and Best Average.
A concession stand will be operated. Qualified umpires have been obtained.

CHAMBER TO MEET
Chamber of Commerce directors meeting is Tuesday, July 29 at 7 a.m. in Johnnie's Restaurant.

## Commissioners

 CourtSpecial session of Yoakum County Commissioners Court was held July 21. Representatives of Denver City Chamber of Commerce and Hospital Board met with the court to request that petitions for a hospital tax bond election continue to be checked and validated until after Aug. 4 to allow the election to be held with the general election Nov. 4. The court agreed with the request.
Upon recommendation of the Hospital Board, the court approved a motion to advertise to receive bids for the purchase of an anesthetic machine.
Kathy Wood, director of nonresidential services, Community Services Division of Lubbock State School, and Letha Nixon of Denver City met with the court to ask support for mentally retarded people over 21 years of age who are ineligible to attend public school. They presented a request for funds to furnish transportation of participants from Yoakum County to attend teaching and training workshop in Seminole and participate in a work program. Action was postponed for further study.
Howard Gayle of Gayle Enterprises of Denver City requested the county to enter an operating agreement with his company and Rural Cable Inc., an Arkansas corporation, to run a cable company outside the existing franchise area of Denver City and Plains. Commissioners will consult with County Attorney before making decision.
Judge Cobb read a letter from State Treasurer stating that a prorata portion of lateral road funds will be sent Oct. 14 to the County Treasurer for use in the upcoming fiscal year for county lateral roads.

A budget amendment for line item transfers was requested and granted Sheriff Rice.

## Musical Plans Are Continuing

Plans are continuing and entries being accepted for the Community Musical to be held Saturday, Aug. 30 beginning at 7 p.m.
Flatland Bluegrass, Plains FFA Talent Team, The Rubies and Jeanett Wauson are entered. Other entries are invited.
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## Ordinances Approved

Three ordinances were adopted by the city council at their last meeting, two of which were deemed necessary to help with the clean-up campaign underway in Plains.
Ordinance No. 81 deals with both residential and business property. It states that owners or occupants of lots or properties, both business and residential in the city of Plains must be kept free from weeds, brush and rubbish, such as abandoned or junk autos, abandoned oil field equipment, abandoned houses beyond repair, unsightly pens and outhouses, dead or fallen trees, unusable appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, washing machines and furniture beyond repair; old boxes, cartons and other unsightly or unsanitary matter. Notices will be given to owner or occupants of lots or properties in violation of this ordinance.
Ordinance No. 82 pertains to junk vehicles and allows for such to be declared a public nuisance. The ordinance further provides for a notice to abate such public nuisance; provides for a public hearing for the disposal of junk vehicles to be demolished and also provides
for a penalty and to establish an effect date and suspend the rule of requirements of reading of the ordinance of three separate days.

Ordinance No. 80 dispenses the office of marshal in the City of Plains and confers the duties of said officer on a peace officer of Yoakum County.


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## Yoakum County Residents

## To Vote On Hospital Proposal

Yoakum County residents will go to the polls Nov. 4 to decide the fate of a proposed new $\$ 3.8$ million hospital for Yoakum County. Ac cording to Hospital Administrator Ed Rodgers, "The vote will be a simple yes or no choice.

The hospital board is accepting proposals from architects interested , in developing the site. If approved by bond election, the new hospital

## Chamber Sponsors

"Texas" Trip

Reservations are being accepted from Plains residents who would like to take the charter bus trip to Palo Duro State Park and see the Aug. 23 performance of "Texas.' Reservations may be made by calling 456-6000 or 456-2877.

Cost of the bus trip is $\$ 19$ per person if 47 people sign up. Fewer persons than 47 , would bring the cost to $\$ 21$ per person. The charter bus will seat 39 to 47 persons

Tickets to see the performance will cost an additional $\$ 5.85$ per person. Barbecue supper is $\$ 5$ per per son or persons may take picnic supper.
The trip is a project of Plains Chamber of Commerce
would be built on the current hospital's site and would use some of its facilities.

The new hospital has been sup ported by the board and the Denver City Chamber of Commerce, says Rodgers. An information campaign is to be launched soon, he said, informing the public how the new hospital will affect individual taxes. A petition was presented by the board to the commissioners court June 23 containing signatures representing at least 10 percent of registered voters in Yoakum County, the minimum needed to set a bond election.


PROJECT COMPLETED - Finishing touches on the mural on the east outside wall of the old theatre building were made last week. The beautifica tion project sponsored by the Yoakum County Art Association not only displays beauty, but also talented art work by club members.

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Judie Gracia and Mike Cheatham were married May 20 in Lubbock. Of ficiating was Judge L.J. Blalack. The couple is at home in Lubbock
Mrs. Cheatham is the daughter of Julia Alaniz of Los Fresnos and the late Francisco Gracia. She graduated from Los Fresnos High School and is currently attending Texas Tech University. She will receive a degree in zoology in August.
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cheatham of Tokio. A graduate of Plains High School, he recently graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in mathematics.

## Jessica Henry Complimented With Layette Courtesy

Little Miss Jessica Henry, infant daughter of Julie and Jim Henry, was complimented Tuesday afternoon with a layette shower in the

## McDonnell Family Has Get Together

Eighty-six persons attended the three-day McDonnell Family Reunion held last weekend at the Pennaltas River Campground west of Hope, N.M.

Attending from Plains were Bob and Wilma McDonnell, Mutt and Odessa McDonnell, Jackie, Heather and Brandon McDonnell, Little Bob and Latrell McDonald, Richard and Dusty Rafferty and Billie and C.A. Kilgore.

Heritage Room of Yoakum County Library.
Special guest was Alice Robert son, grandmother of the little miss. Fresh flowers graced the white laid party table. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served.
Mrs. Henry received a corsage designed of infant sox and in dividual gifts.

## Mrs. Guetersloh To Be Honored

Mrs. Randy Guetersloh, nee Michelle Morrow, will be com plimented with a gift coffee Saturday, July 26 in the Heritage Room of Yoakum County Library. Calling hours are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Friends and relatives are invited.


## 'Pink \& Blue' Tea Fetes Boiles, Loveless Infants

A pink and blue tea was held Sun- punch were served by hostesses Jan day afternoon in the Heritage Room Lester, Karon Willis and Edith Tugof Yoakum County Library for Dray Lyn Boiles and Kolin Joseph Loveless, infant sons of Teresa Bilbrey Boiles of Denver City and Paula Crump Loveless of Lubbock. Both new mothers are formerly of Plains.
Other honor guests were the infants' grandmothers, Mmes. Joe Crump and Harry Bilbrey.

Refreshments of pineapple bars, sand tarts, mints, nuts and lime GLASSES FOUND
A pair of children's glasses were found at the Jamaica Sunday afternoon. Contact Kenneth or Ann ncGinty.

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"The Rubies" will begin entertainment approximately 11 a.m. Saturday in the park. They will sing songs of the 50 's. Composed of Barbara Thrash, Jean Patton, Betty Estep and Inetta Teaff, "The Rubies" performed for the first time together in the 1976 Band Appreciation Day. They have been inging together since that time.
Others presenting musical entertainment will be the FFA Talent Team and members of Fine Arts Club.

Members of the Historical Commission will be accepting orders for copies of Texas Sesquicentennial Historical Book, Yoakum County Edition, for $\$ 45$ each. Books may be mailed for an additional $\$ 2$ charge.
Plains Eastern Star will be selling Texas Sesquicentennial pins for $\$ 1.25$ each from their booth in the park.
Tsa Mo Ga will operate a booth and will accept donations through the day for a quilt which will be given away about 2:30 p.m. Contributions of $\$ 3$ or two for $\$ 5$ will be accepted. The Tsa Mo Ga Memorial Museum will be open from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday. It is located at 1109 Avenue H .
Serving will begin at 12 noon Saturday in Stanford Park for an Old Settlers Barbecue. Barbecue, coffee and iced tea will be served for $\$ 4$ for adults and $\$ 3$ for children under 12. Persons are asked to bring potato salad and cobbler for the

## Local Artists <br> To Compete

Local artists are invited to compete in Yoakum County Art Association's Sesquicentennial Show, July 31 to Aug. 2. The exhibit will be opened Thursday, July 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 1 from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2 from 2 to 6 p.m.
Entries must be hand delivered July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A $\$ 2$ entry fee has been set for members; $\$ 4$ entry fee for non-members. Student entries will not be assessed entry fees.
Paintings must be framed and securely wired for hanging. Each entry must have a card attached to the back giving required information. Canvas size must not exceed 900 square inches.
Wet paint will not be accepted. Work not considered in good taste will be rejected.
Judging will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. July 31. Entrants may attend the critique immediately following the judging. Purchase awards will be selected from 2 to 4 p.m.
There will be no admission charge.

dinner. Purchase of barbecue tickets will also include admission to Saturday night's rodeo performance. Women who would help serve the barbecue lunch are invited to volunteer.
Candidates seeking to be crowned
sponsored by Plains Lions Club; Kristi Harris, sponsored by Roping Club and Krissy Bowen, sponsored by Plains Chamber of Commerce.
Donations are being accepted by the queen candidates for a saddle to be given away during rodeo events. A band from Hobbs, N.M. will
be playing nightly for the cowboy dances. The dance will begin at 9:30 each evening. Admission will be $\$ 3$ per person or $\$ 5$ per couple.
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Entertainment was presented by Michael and Keith Earnest, Kenley Powell, Chad Wall and Brad McWhirter; Cheryl Lewis of Hamlin; and Ray and Opal Hughlute and a group of singers from Brownfield.

Persons attended from Texas,

California, New Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The meal was catered by Hens and Finns of Lubbock.
Hosts for the occasion were Lewis and Sue Waters, Ray and Joyce Bearden, T.A. and Romalee Elmore, Jesse and Rita Mae Snodgrass and Ray and Dorothy Jones.
Sunday afternoon, a group stayed for more visiting at the Tokio Baptist Church. Texas shaped cakes, made by Sue Waters, were served with chips, dips and iced tea.

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*3-5 p.m. Tsa Mo Ga Memorial Museum located 1109 Ave H
*9 p.m. - Crowning of Rodeo Queen
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From The Superintendent's Desk

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This week we heard the news of a special session of the legislature being called on August 6, 1986, to address the budget shortfall of about 3.2 billion dollars. The State leadership has insisted that education reform would not be touched in trying to find monies to correct this deficit.

I think education will be addressed in three areas during the special session. Those areas are consolidation, increased sales tax, and career ladder.

Disenchantment over the career ladder has prompted some key lawmakers to talk about scrapping it to help bail the state out of its budget crisis. One of those persons quoted in the news was Senator Ray Farabee of Wichita Falls. "The teachers I have heard from would not object to doing away with it -- and it does have the potential to save the state a lot of money," Farabee was quoted as saying.

Senator Carl Parker of Port Arthur, one of the original proponents of the program, said, "Some districts have regarded the career ladder as a mere gimmick for passing along money rather than as a system for ensuring quality."

Some criticisms of the plan are that the program has been underfunded from the start, with many capable teachers who meet the selection criteria being left out because their school districts did not have enough money to give them bonuses. Also some claim that the system for determining which teachers should qualify has been too political and often has resulted in deserving teachers be-
ing shut out of the program. Teacher groups complain that evaluations, a critical factor in determining whether a teacher qualifies for the career ladder, were slipshod in many school districts. Thousands of teachers appealed local decisions with reportedly about 300 of those appeals now before the Texas Education Agency.

Commissioner Kirby says that the State Board's recent adoption of a statewide appraisal system to be used by all school districts will help solve the problem. "I believe the people of Texas still want to pay more to our best teachers.... and I believe the system has to be given a fair chance to work," he said.

Districts were supposed to spend at least 30 percent of their state funds for career ladder and other school reforms on incentive pay. A study by TEA reportedly indicates that more than 300 of the state's 1,092 school districts did not spend all they were required to on incentive pay. Many of the districts said that they needed the money for budget shortfalls in other areas.

We will talk about increased sales tax and consolidation in another article.

Congratulations are in order for our FFA Talent Team on being selected second in state, competition. Team members are Brad McWhirter, Michael Earnest, Keith Earnest, Kenley Powell and Chad Wall. Joe Pierce is their sponsor. Congratulations to all for an outstanding achievement!

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Buddy and Janelle Brantley an nounce the arrival of their fifth grandchild. Little Miss Laura Lynn Cox arrived Sunday, July 20 at 8:22 a.m. Weighing eight pounds two ounces, she is 20 and three-quarters inches long. Her parents are Lynn and Rhonda Cox of Wolfforth. The little miss has a sister, five and a half. Her paternal grandparents are Rom and Georgia Cox of Wolforth, formerly of Plains. Greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Whitehead of Ropesville, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Brantley and R.A. Patterson of San Antonio.

## ABWA Presents

Two Scholarships
Plains Chapter American Business Women's Association met Thursday evening, July 17 in the Heritage Room of Yoakum County Library
Toni Lowrey and Martha Morales, 1986 graduates of Plains High School, were presented checks for $\$ 200$ each as the club's scholarship recipients. Presentation was by Paula Cullins, education chairman. Brenda Canada gave a vocational program.
Guests attending also included Hazel Lowrey, Minnie Blair, Velvet Canada and Jill Carey.
Members attending were Barbara Brown, Brenda Canada, Paula Cullins, Carolyn Culwell, Cindy Davis, Dolores Davis, Raynee Davis, Wadonna Davis, Kathy Jones, Linda Lowrey, Sandra Mason, Jean Patton, Sonnie Stephens and Clara Williams.
Next meeting is 7 p.m. Aug. 21 in the Heritage Room.


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