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Candi Seaton to collect news for Plains Pride

Announcement was made this week by Yoakum County Library, that no items will be collected for any newspaper. That decision was made due to increased demands on library personnel. "The library has served as a collection site and news drop for the past ten years now," states Debbie Alcorta, editor of The Plains Pride newspaper, "and we don't know how to say 'thank you' enough for their dedication to The Plains Pride. Continually, over the years, we have received many, many letters stressing the importance of a paper to the little town of Plains and our out-of-town subscribers when they renew they always say how much they appreciate the paper. For this, we can only say again, "Thanks to the Ladies at the Library"...which do include all those ladies at the library...even the ones that just drop by ... every one of you have played a part."

Instead of taking away any more of their valuable time from their library duties, Latrell, Dolores and Pat will direct persons interested in placing news or advertising with The Plains Pride, to Candi Seaton, who will be serving as Pride correspondent. Her address is 506 8th Street in Plains, right near the library. There will also be drop envelopes at Lowe's Pay-n-Save Marketplace and Anne's Mini Mart. You may also continue to mail articles in at P.O. Box 774, Olton, Texas 79064; or FAX them to us at (806) 285-2606.

Publisher and editor, Joe and Debbie Alcorta are also in Plains on Fridays, calling on businesses, county and city offices and the school for news, legal notices and adverstising. "We thank you for your efforts in providing us with your news, and your desire for us to continue to publish your hometown newspaper is appreciated. ~ But again, if you really want to thank someone for establishing the newspaper and keeping it going... THANK THE LIBRARY!!"

Arlon Alexander says registration packets available

Arlon Alexander, counselor at Plains High School, announces that registration packets are available at his office for those persons who are out of school but who have not passed the TAAS tests.

Completed registrations must be in Iowa City, IO. no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 27, Alexander states.



JENNIFER LOLLAR

Top Salesman in 16-county area

Jennifer Lollar of Cadet Girl Scout Troop 74 was named the 1994 Top Cookie Salesman for Caprock Girl Scout Council, a 16county area.

The 13-year-old daughter of Jerri and David Lollar, Jennifer sold an astounding "864 boxes of cookies". She is an eighth grader at Plains Junior High School.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS - The 1994-95 Wrangler Cheerleaders for seventh grade are Krystle Blundell, Autumn Deaton and Anne Palmer. Eighth grade cheerleaders are Maranda Box, Tandi Jones and Lisa Parrish. Plains Wranglers are gearing up for Spirit Week, Sept. 19-22. The pep rally for this Thursday will be at 2:55 p.m. All players and coaches of fall sports will be recognized. The Wrangler pep rallies will be held every Thursday at 7:55 a.m., beginning Sept. 29, in the old gym. "We invite friends, family and the community to come support all the teams at the pep rallies and games!"



PLAINS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS - 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. Pictured, left to right, Coach Charles Cain, Coach Joyce Pierce, Robin Squyres, sophomore; Heather McDonnell, junior; Kyley Bearden, sophomore; Stacey Jones, senior; Amber Bryan, senior; Misty Willett, senior; Margie Gonzales, senior; and Valerie Blair, junior. (Photo courtesy of Peggy Squyres and Plains Athletic Boosters)

Yoakum County Annual Farm Bureau Meeting held

Yoakum County's annual Farm Bureau Meeting was held Sept. 13 in Plains Community Building with approximately 83 members attending. A barbecue luncheon, cooked by Gary Six and Company was served.

Jennifer Earnest spoke on "Free Enterprise". She will represent the group in the District Free Enterprise Speech Contest in Lubbock next month. Winner of the district contest will advance to state competition. College scholarships are awarded to the district and state finalists.

Jerry Parrish was the lucky winner of a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond donated by Texas Farm Bureau Financial Services.

Special guests at the meeting were three Russian farmers visiting in the U.S. as representatives of AKKOR, an organization in southern Russia similar to the farm bureau organization in the United States.

Other special guests were Mrs. Barbara White, representing her husband, State Farm Bureau Director Leland White, and Martin Lefevere of Brownfield, area field representative. Mr. White was unable to attend.

The main purpose of the annual meeting is to adopt new policies for the coming year and elect new officers and directors. Board members completing terms this year are

Chamber considers welcome signs

Plains Chamber of Commerce directors met Tuesday morning in Johnnie's Restaurant.

The annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony was discussed and scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 5:45 p.m. in Pioneer Plaza.

"Welcome to Plains" highway signs were also discussed.

Attending were Carolyn and Vaughn Culwell, David Brunson, Harry Richardson, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Gary Walker, T.J. Miller, Dolores Davis, Mary Jo St. Romain, Toni Jones, Billie Blundell and Holly and Gary Dyer.

Next meeting will be at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. Any interested persons are invited.

Art Association meets recently

Yoakumn County Art Association met in regular session Sept. 6. A request was brought before the group to submit Cowboy designs for roadsigns to be placed at each highway entrance to Plains. Members voted to complete one sign for approval.

Announcement was made that Paul Melosevick has donated one of his art books to the club to be placed in the library for anyone to check out.

Discussed was the suggestion that the Art Association be open to members outside the county. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Jean Gillis of Lubbock, former resident of Denver City, gave a slide presentation of a tour she made to the Four Corners area. Others taking the tour were Ann Hartman, Marguerite Barron, Lovella Todd, Rhonda Hartman and Ann Lane.

Hostesses Inetta Teaff and Barbara Brown served chicken salad, cheese and crackers, fruits and lemon bars.

Phyllis Addison was named Artist of the Month.

Guests also included Lovella Todd, Vickie Lanham and Johnathan Lanham.

Next meeting will be Oct. 4 for a demonstration by Kathy Teal Harris on portraits in water colors.

Rickey Bearden, Tim Addison and Tracy

After conducting the business of the organization the meeting was adjourned.

Russian Farmers visit Plains

Representatives of AKKOR, Titiana Bolshakova and Alexander Bolshakov along with their interpreter, Eva Vinokur, visited in Plains on Tuesday. They were special luncheon guests of Yoakum County Farm Bureau at their annual County Convention held Tuesday, Sept. 13.

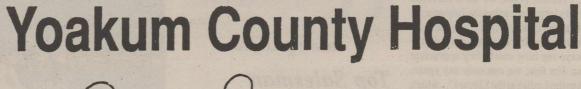
AKKOR, is an organization of the Russian private farmer, very similar to the Farm Bureau organization. Texas Farm Bureau has established a partnership with AKKOR in Krasnodar, a region in southern Russia. Several members of the Krasnodar exchange have been touring Texas. They arrived in Texas on Sept. 10 and will depart from Abilene for Moscow on Sept. 23.

Following the Farm Bureau meeting at the invitation of Mr. Steve O'Quinn, high school principal, the Russians enjoyed a tour of the Plains Schools.

The group left Plains about 2:30 p.m. Their next stop was a visit to the denim plant in Littlefield. While in this area, they are being escorted by Martin Lefevere, area field representative with Texas Farm Bureau.



ACCEPTING BOOK COVERS - ALLTEL Corporation donated drug awareness bookcovers to Plains students. Shown with Robert Williams and Travis Jones of ALLTEL, are students (ltr) Kristi Osborn and Anne Palmer.





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MRS. MACKY BRADEN McWHIRTER

Miss Rotan, Mr. McWhirter recite wedding vows Sept. 3

Miss Darinda D. Rotan and Macky Braden McWhirter pledged wedding vows in a 7:30 p.m. ceremony Sept. 3 in fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Steve Vernon officiated.

Parents of the bride are Gene and Leannah Darr. Mrs. Mary Bob Leveridge and Mrs. W.L. Darr of Cisco are her grandparents. The groom is son of Macky and Connie McWhirter. He is the grandson of Mrs. Linnie Martin of Brice.

Vows were exchanged before an altar of lattice and columns draped with white tulle and illuminated by tiny white lights. Grand magnolias, needlepoint ivy, ribbon and gold cording accented the columns. A focal point was the unity candle which was made especially for the couple by Sheila Stephens. Spiral candelabra flanked the setting.

Prelude music was presented by Carolyn Abbott, pianist.

Grandmothers of the couple were seated by Robert King, Lebert Powell and Todd Burgess, friends of the groom. The groom seated his mother and the mother of the bride. Attendants entered to the traditional wedding march.

Seth Humble served as messenger, announcing the arrival of the bride who was escorted by her father. After the bride was presented to the groom, Kristy Porterfield sang, "If There Hadn't Been You". Before the exchange of vows, the groomsang, "Right at Home". As the couple lighted the unity candle, Ruby Moultrie sang "The Lord's Prayer" acapella.

The bride wore a formal gown of candlelight moire taffeta fashioned with off-theshoulder bodice framed by full sleeves accented with tulle and beaded Alencon lace. Made by Sharon Williams of Lubbock, the gown was elegantly adorned with beaded lace motifs.

A crown of irridescent pearl beading, designed by Lynn Cherry, held her double layered veil of tulle. Pam Shanafelt styled her hair.

The bride carried a crescent-shaped bouquet of white Grand Magnolias with buds and needlepoint ivy bound with opal fantasy ribbon and gold cording. It was designed by Polly Parmer.

DeEtte Farrar, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a two piece suit of hunter green tapestry print with gold piping. Designed by Lynn Cherry, it was styled with circle peplum and slim tea length skirt. She carried a single white Grand Magnolia with needlepoint ivy, opal fantasy ribbon and gold cording.

Blake McWhirter was his brother's best man.

The groom wore a Christian Dior Black Salon full dress tuxedo with candlelight shirt, tie and paisley cummerbund with a rose, ivy and gold cording boutonniere. Fathers of the couple and male attendants wore black tuxedos with candlelight shirts and hunter green ties and cummerbunds with white rose boutonnieres.

Candles were lighted by Kris and Sarah Humble. Ring bearers were Marshall Wade and Conner Newsom. Faryn Bryant was flower girl. Guests were registered by Kallie Humble and Amber Truitt of Levelland. Keith Earnest also served as an usher.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Darr chose a two piece tea length suit of ivory brocade fashioned with fitted bodice with scalloped neckline, accented with pearl and rhinestone buttons. Mrs. McWhirter wore a tunic dress of sea mist green silk with rayon and cotton lace overlay at the sleeves and hemline. Both mothers wore corsages of white gardenias.

A reception honored the couple following the ceremony. The bride's table was laid with white lace and draped in white tulle illuminated with tiny white lights caught up with ties of gold cording. White Grand Magnolias and needlepoint ivy adorned the table. White lattice with ivy provided a garden background.

Highlighting the table was a large crystal punch bowl and brass serving pieces, a gift to the couple. The bridal cake, made by Linda Call, was three round individual red velvet cakes decorated with magnolias. The cakes were placed on clear pedestals of varied height. Candlelight colored mints and mock champagne punch were served by Kari Akin and Beth Ann Guerra of Lubbock.

The groom's table was topped with a hunter green damask cloth and arrangement of white Grand Magnolias with needlepoint ivy. Panels of white lattice provided background. The table featured a brass coffee service and stacked German chocolate cake with large strawberries dipped in chocolate. Presiding at the table were Jennifer Earnest of Plains and Lisa Martin and Amber Gatzki of Lubbock.

LaShay Geisley of Sundown and Courtney Truitt of Levelland distributed rice bags from white wicker baskets accented with greenery.

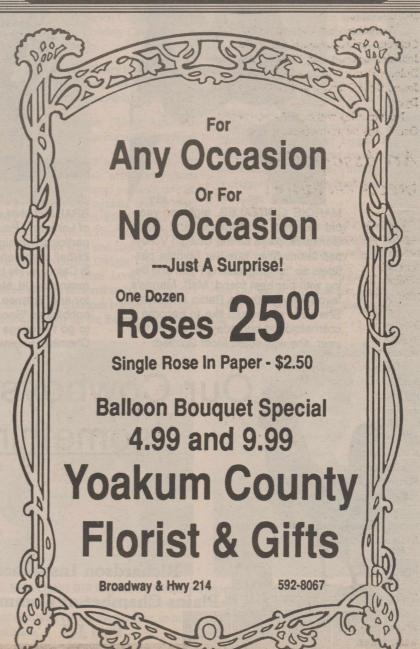
Following a wedding trip to Puerto Adventuras, the newlyweds are at home in Levelland.

A bridal shower was held in the home of Bonnie Earnest with Sarah Guetersloh, Joann Barron, Martha Palmer, Barbara Brewer, Mary Thurston, Mary Ann Avara, Beverly Lowrey, Jerry Warren, Sue Alexander, Ann McGinty, Stacie Earnest, Linda Powell, Wilma Powell, Burve Overton, Susie Powell, Kelly Earnest, Linda Wall, Sheila Ashburn, Lela Warren and Janelle Cobb as hostesses. Kristy Porterfield hosted a lingerie party.

A toasting party was given in the home of Larry and Millie Brockman. Assisting with host duties were David and Marilyn Buchanan, Winford and Nina Arp, Tom and Linda Hesse, Ray and Judy Payton and Nick and Gayla McCulloch.









CHILDREN SEE BABY OSTRICHES - Dr. Teri Wheeler, veterinarian for Shofner and Sons Ostrich Ranch, brought several baby ostriches by Yoakum County Library for the youngsters to see. Shown are, left to right, front row, Flora Garza, Lauren Davis and Daniel; Billy Braswell; and back row, Grady McNabb, Dr. Wheeler and Jamie Garland.

Extension Council meets to elect 1995 council officers

Yoakum County Extension FCE Council met in Tokio Sept. 6 in the old Tokio Baptist Church building.

Margaret Box, chairman, presided.

Council officers for 1995 elected were Mrs. Box, chairman; Bea Pippin, vice chairman; Dorothy Jones, secretary/treasurer; Sidney Murphy, County FCE chairman; Margaret Box, reporter; and Velma Dearing, Maurine Smith, Sidney Murphy and Margaret Box, council delegates.

The public is invited to attend an FCE tea Monday, Oct. 10 in the clubroom. Calling hours will be from 2 to 5 p.m. This is in conjunction with FCE Week. Each club will furnish cookies to serve.

Turner Club members invited State Line members to a 10 a.m. meeting Oct. 20 in the community building in Plains. The public is invited

The yearbook committee will meet at 10 a.m. Sept. 26. Suggestions are welcomed.

Sunday, Dec. 4 was announced as the date for the annual Extension Council and Turner and State Line Clubs Christmas party and dinner in the community building in Plains

Mmes. Box, Pippin, Murphy, Smith and Joan Chandler priced articles to be given for the Country Store at the State Extension

FCE Meeting in Lubbock. Brownfield women assisting were Joyce Cabe, Margaret Williams and Phyllis McCutcheon.

Next meeting of the council will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the clubroom in Plains.

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Plains High School



MARGIE GONZALES, eighteen-yearold daughter of Valdemar and Juana Gonzales, plays on the Cowgirl Volleyball team. She lists her favorite pastimes as "singing, calling Ryan and being with her best friend, Mal". Margie's favorite subjects are Radio and Band. She says she would like to become a cosmetologist someday. A senior this year, she was voted Most Spirited.



BRAD McMINN, seventeen-year-old son of Larry and Paula McMinn, is a senior participant in high school football, basketball, tennis and golf. His favorite class is Calculus. He has received numerous awards in UIL Number Sense, Calculator and Science contests. He lists his hobbies as "Sports and Girls!" He plans to go to college and seek a degree in Chemical Engineering.



STACEY JONES, seventeen-year-old daughter of Gary and Toni Jones plays high school basketball and volleyball. A senior this year, she plans on attending San Angelo State University and obtaining a degree as a sports trainer following graduation. Her favorite classes include Chemistry II and Computer Applications. She says she likes to country dance, play volleyball and watch the guys play football. She also enjoys reading.

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Stew Satisfies a Hungry Crowd



(DM)-Beef Stew has been a family tradition in many kitchens for years. Home economists have developed a stew recipe that is particularly fast to assemble for baking in a KitchenAid convection oven, since the meat needs no browning. Convection cooking uses a fan to circulate air throughout the oven, saving energy by lowering cooking times and temperatures, while providing more evenly cooked dishes

OVEN-BROWNED BEEF STEW teaspoon bottled brown gravy

sauce

bay leaf

tablespoon red wine vinegar

teaspoon thyme leaves tablespoons flour mixed with

- 5 whole cloves
- small onions (same size as meat pieces)
- pounds boneless beef stew meat, cut into 11/2 inch cubes
- tablespoons sugar cup hot water
- 2 tablespoons water Chopped parsley for garnish 11/2 teaspoons salt Stick cloves into 5 of the onions. (Onions should be same size as meat cubes; if using larger onions, cut into halves or quarters.) In a greased 2-quart

baking pan, alternate meat pieces and onions. In a small frying pan over medium heat, melt sugar and stir until caramelized to a dark golden brown (do not burn); remove from heat. Carefully and gradually add the 1 cup hot water (sugar will harden); then return to heat and stir until sugar melts again. Stir in salt, gravy sauce,

vinegar, bay leaf, and thyme; pour over meat. Bake, covered, in 300° convection oven, stirring once or twice, for 2½ to 3 hours or until meat is tender when pierced. About 10 to 15 minutes before serving, remove pan from oven and stir flour mixture into meat gravy. Return pan to oven and continue to bake, uncovered, until thickened. Stir well and Makes about 6 servings. serve sprinkled with parsley.

Lora Donice Holley weds Joseph Dean Blake in Sudan

Lora Donice Holley and Joseph Dean Blake were united in marriage on July 30, 1994 at 4:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Sudan, Texas. The Rev. Cliff Hargrave officiated.

Jerry and Gail Holley of Plains and Gloria and John Humphreys of Sudan are parents of the bride. The groom's parents are Jerrell and Marian Blake of Holly, Colo. The church altar was decorated with a corral gateway and fence adorned with bows, raffia, flowers and a heart made of several horseshoes.

Given in marriage by her father, Jerry Holley, the bride's dress was of chiffon and lace. It had an embellished, fitted bodice, off-the-shoulder sleeves and full gathered skirt with train. The sleeves, hem edge and train were of solid apple peel ruffles. Her veil was of white illusion attached to a headband adorned with pearls and silk flowers.

Diana Morrow of Wylie, served as her cousin's matron of honor. Kathy Robertson of Petersburg, aunt of the bride and Debra May of Lamar, Colo., sister of the groom, were also attendants. They wore navy blue shantung suits and carried bouquets in shades of

The male attendants were attired in black western tuxedo jackets, jeans, boots and hats. The groom's best man was Rodney Terry of Meadow. Other attendants were Bon May of Lamar, Colo., brother-in-law of the groom and Justin Holley of Wolfforth, brother of

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall. Using a western theme, decorations were of mauve and navy.

Honeymoon destination Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Blake is a 1988 graduate of Sudan High School and is employed by Bobby's Photographic Memories in Plainview.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Holly High School in Holly, Colo. He is self-employed in a cattle transport-

Library gives list of videos available for check-out

Yoakum County Library in Plains offers something for everyone...books, videos and

A daily newspaper, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, is found at the library along with weekly newspapers, including The Plains Pride, Brownfield News, Capitol Update, Denver City Press, Cowboy Country News and Livestock Weekly.

New videos at the library include Ma and Pa Kettle, City Slickers, City Boy and Mrs. Doubtfire. Other recent additions include:

Harriet Tubman (Black American Achievement film); The Earnest Green Story

(An inspiring story of a black man); The Great Gatesby, a classic written by F. Scott Fitzgerald; Ace Ventura, pet detective on the Miami Dolphins missing mascot case; Elijah, (great prophet Elijah spoke from Mount Carmel; Uncle Tom's Cabin, the road to freedom was long and costly; Country's Cuttin' Edge, starring Dwight Yoakum plus Chris Collie; A Father Looks Back, Dr. James Dobson's personal walk through life's middle years and lessons learned about parenthood; Mutiny on the Bounty, nominated

for seven academy awards; Brave Little Toaster, animated story of friendship, loy-

alty and courage; Dawn's Early Light, a brief story of America's liberty - God is the giver of life, liberty and right to pursue happiness; Flintstones Wacky Inventions, the wonders of Fred, Barney, Wilma and Betty; Gifted Hands, remarkable man who gives dying children a second chance to live; The Little Rascals, original Little Rascal movies; Lord,

Give Us America, Dennis Agajanian, his ministry and music; Pride and Prejudice, a classic; The Princess and the Goblin, animated cartoon of an enchanting princess; Thumbelina, she is no bigger than your thumb but her adventures are as tall as they come; and The Fugitive, a murdered wife, a one-armed man, an obsessed detective, and the chase begins.

South Plains Nursing Center has donated videos entitled "Medicare, the Road Home" to Yoakum County Library.

Interested persons are invited to check out the guide to Medicare for short-term rehab and nursing care and home health





CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS - Jonathon Penner, two years old, and Alexander Penner, three, observed their birthdays at Yoakum County Library's Filmtime earlier this month. Alex's birthday falls in the summer, so he chose to wait and celebrate it this month with the

veleyball

VARSITY

The Cowgirls dropped a straight game decision to the visiting Lady Cubs, Tuesday, Sept. 13. After reaching an 11-11 tie, the Lady Cubs took advantage of Cowgirl mistakes and reeled off four straight points to take the first game 15-11. Down 5-13 in game two, the Cowgirls pulled to 10-13 but were not able to force a third game. Misty Willett was high point in the match with eight.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV fell short in their bid for a third place finish at the Lamesa JV tournament last weekend when they were defeated by Monahans 14-16 15-11 0-15 in the third place match. Maria Moreno paced the Cowgirls with 12 service points. Sandi Warren served a team high 19 points in their 15-6 11-15 17-15 first round victory over the Kermit Yellowjackets. Sylvia Tarango added 12. Lamesa tripped up the Cowgirls 0-15 15-10 6-15 in semi-final action.

The JV improved to 9-2 with their 15-13 6-15 15-8 defeat of Brownfield in homecourt competition Tuesday, Sept. 13. The Cowgirls rallied from an 8-11 deficit to win the first game but lost momentum in the second and were forced to play a third game to claim the victory. Sandi was top server with 13 points including four aces. Cowgirl hitting and blocking included Sandi, four kills; Kassie Lowe, two kills, two blocks; Lindsey Six, six kills, one block; Bridget Bernal, two kills; Tessa St. Romain, one kill; and Lyndi Rowe, two kills.

FRESHMEN

The Brownfield Lady Cubs slipped by the ninth grade team 15-5 15-9 in Cowgirl gym, Tuesday, Sept. 13. Cecilia Moreno and Wendy Beckham combined for ten service points to pace the offensive effort.

8TH GRADE

The 8th Graders won two of three matches at the Denver City 8th Grade Tournament last Saturday but failed to advance to the trophy round of competition. Jolyne Burgess served 18 points in their 8-15 15-13 15-11 win over Seminole. Marcey House notched nine points. They squared off against Cooper in the second round, commanding a 15-5 15-10 victory. Jolyne led all servers with 11 points. Marcey followed with nine, and Natasha Guerra finished with five. Portales outplayed the Wranglers 15-12 15-5 in their final match of the tournament. Jolyne served eight points.

The Levelland 8th Graders traveled to Plains Monday, Sept. 12, and succeeded in defeating both Wrangler 8th Grade squads. Stephanie Vasquez served nine points in the B Team's 13-15 10-15 loss. Renee Garcia added eight followed by Corina Villarreal with four and Krystal Garcia with two.

The A Team split sets with Levelland A before suffering a 10-15 15-3 4-15 defeat. Natashaled in service points with 16. Jolyne contributed six; Marcey, five; Tandi Jones, one; and Crystal Calsoncin, one.

7TH GRADE

The 7th Graders were defeated by Seminole in their first round of the Denver City 7th Grade Tournament last weekend. Rebecca Robertson was top server with six points in the 3-15 15-12 2-15 loss. Kristen Gray followed with five. The Wranglers regrouped in the second round to outlast Cooper 15-6 9-15 15-10. Patty Ruiz and Velvet Canada led all servers with 13 and 12 service points respectively. Jessica Flores served 15 consecutive points in the Wranglers' 0-15 15-0 0-15 setback to Portales.

The Seventh Graders improved their record with back to back victories over Levelland in homecourt competition, Monday, Sept. 12. The Seventh Grade B Team topped the Levelland B squad 15-9 15-5. Scoring included Erica Dominguez, five points; Laura Morales, three; Liz Ancinec, two; Nichole Newsom, three; Stacy Tuggle, three; Elizabeth Casillas, five; Marie Gonzales, two; and Leticia Canon, seven.

Patty and Velvet combined for 28 service points in the A Team's 15-10 12-15 15-8 conquest. Rebecca finished the match with six points. Wendy Hernandez and Kelli Osborn added three each, and Jessica contributed two



STACEY JONES earned All-Tournament honors for her play in the Wink Volleyball Tournament Sept. 10.



KYLEY BEARDEN named to the All-Tournament Team in the Wink Volleyball Tournament last Friday.



VALERIE BLAIR was named Most Valuable Player in the Wink Tournament Saturday, Sept. 10.

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Lions Club

Yoakum SWCD Directors plan to attend Annual State Meeting of TSWCD in Austin

L.J. Sanders, David Turnbough and Linda Powell, directors from the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District will be in Austin, Sept. 26-28 to attend the 54th Annual State Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors.

Also attending from Yoakum County will be Mario Avila, District Conservationist, with the USDA-Soil Conservation Service.

Approximately 1000 are expected to at-

tend the meeting. Governor Ann Richards will address the group on Tuesday morning. Other key speakers include Paul Johnson, Chief of the USDA/Soil Conservation Service, and Jim Lyons, USDA Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of Washington, D.C.

Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry will speak to meeting participants on Wednesday morning about private property rights issues. Republican gubernatorial can-

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ticipate in the reinvention process by com-

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SCS office. They are listed in telephone

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Anyone with an interest in natural re-

needed in the future," Oneth said.

culture Department.

SCS office at 456-3703.

didate George W. Bush has also been invited to speak that morning.

Water quality issues including the implementation of Senate Bill 503, the Coastal Zone Management Program, and the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act will be discussed during a workshop scheduled Tuesday afternoon. James Moore, Assistant Executive Director, Conservation Programs for the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, will outline the progress the TSSWCB has made in providing cooperators with certified water quality management plans.

"We now have a program available to provide farmers, ranchers and dairy operators an alternative in which to operate and yet protect water quality from nonpoint source pollution," said Moore.

Another workshop expected to draw attention will focus on the issues affecting conservation such as the re-authorization of the Farm Bill and re-authorization of the Endangered Species Act.

Dr. James Bruseth of the State Historical Preservation Office will be present for a discussion of the National Historic Preservation Act and how SHPO and the USDA/Soil Conservation Service must comply with its provisions when cultural resources are found on private land.

Robert Toole of the National Association of Conservation Districts will provide an explanation of NACD's role in a local soil and water conservation district's comprehensive conservation program.

A training session will be offered to conservation district directors to examine items relating to daily operations of a soil and water conservation district.

Regular elections for Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors for State Areas II and IV will be held on Tuesday afternoon during area discussion sessions. The annual meeting will conclude with the election of a president-elect and vice-president of the ATSWCD.

Plains Lions Club conducted their annual mop and broom sale last week. The annual event provides residents with the opportunity to purchase high quality brooms, mops, brushes, and a wide variety of other items made by the blind. Proceeds not only

support for the Lighthouse for the Blind.

Membership in the Lions Club is open to
any person who has a desire to serve their
community and fellowman. The local club
meets at noon each first and third Thursday.

benefit the local club but also provide needed

Plains Lions join with others worldwide in helping the blind and visually impaired, the hearing impaired, camps for crippled and diabetic children and many other activities. They help support the Lions Eye Bank, training centers for seeing eye dogs and in a drug awareness program.

Locally, Lions assist Girlstown at Whiteface, aid in the Christmas food drive, Yoakum County Livestock Show, Plains Little League and many other community projects.

TAKING APPLICATIONS

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SCS wants public's input

Nearly 60 years ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service was created to address a national resource crisis called the Dust Bowl. Since then, the agency has undergone a number of changes, resulting in the agency now known as the Soil Conservation Service or SCS. In its reinvention process, the agency aims to create the natural resources agency of the future.

"The SCS is at a crossroads, and we and our customers have an unprecedented opportunity to anticipate future needs and refocus the agency's mission," said Texas SCS State Conservationist Wes Oneth.

"Predicting the future is a difficult task. However, we believe that one of the best ways to prepare for tomorrow is by looking at the past and by asking our customers and

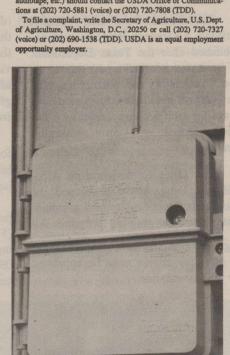
'NID' explained by ALLTEL, Inc.

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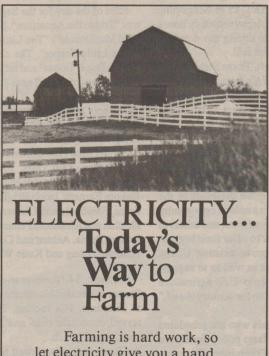
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HONORED AT BABY SHOWER - Pictured is the honoree, Tanner Drake and his mother, Rena McElroy. The shower was held in the home of Carolyn Culwell.

Little Tanner Drake Patterson honored with lullaby shower

Little Master Tanner Drake Patterson, infant son of Rena McElroy and Kyle Patterson, was feted recently with a "Little Boy Blue" shower in the home of Carolyn Culwell.

Honored guests were the child's grandmother, Adell and aunt, Michelle McElroy of Brownfield. Corsages of blue and white infant socks were presented to the baby's mother and grandmother.

Laid with a white Batenburg cloth over blue, the party table was highlighted with an Italian cream cake decorated with a Teddy

Public Forum set Oct. 15 to discuss 1995 Farm Bill

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will hold a public forum Oct. 15 in Kingsville, Texas to solicit public input on policy issues needing consideration during the development of the 1995 Farm Bill.

Harold Bob Bennett, Texas State Executive Director for USDA's Agricultureal Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), said the forum will be held at Texas A&M University in Kingsville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy firmly believes that the future of U.S. Agriculture in the 21st century will depend on the policy foundation we establish in the 1995 Farm Bill. This is a unique opportunity for Texas farmers, consumers, and others in the agricultural sector to offer their suggestions on how to improve existing USDA programs and policies as well as to suggest new tools that will help U.S. agriculture reach its full potential in the century ahead," said Mr. Bennett.

Among the officials who are scheduled to participate in this farm policy forum are House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika de la Garza from Texas' 15th Congressional District. USDA participants include Under Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs Eugene Moos and Acting Assistant Secretary for Economics Keith Collins.

Individuals who would like to make a presentation are requested to register in advance. To register, contact the Texas State ASCS Office, phone number (409) 260-9207 or FAX (409) 260-9358.

Another forum on this same subject is scheduled to be held during September in Spokane, WA.

bear and the infant's name. Appointments were crystal. Presiding at the table were Toni Jones and Helen Perkins.

Hostesses presented the honoree with a high chair and diaper bag.

Assisting with hostess duties were Jimmie Blount, Dolores Davis, Sue Randall, Latrell McDonnell, Jean Patterson, Shirley Barnes, Julia Lemley, Sheron Smith, Faye Nelms and Mmes. Jones and Perkins.

Filmtime

Pre-school youngsters helped two-yearold Jonathon Penner celebrate his birthday during a recent Filmtime at Yoakum County Library.

Film of the day for the Sept. 7 story hour was "Trip to the Aquarium". Songs included "Old MacDonald", "Ten Little Indians" and "I'm a Little Teapot". The children played "Duck, Duck, Goose" and recited the pledge to the American and Texas flags.

Others attending were Morgan Willis, Ryan Crump, Holden Welch, Curtis Arteaga, Amber Friesen, Lauren Hise, Rhaela Stall, Trent and Brett Hawthorne, Joani and Jaaron Bell, Kevin John Gass, Kenyon Powell, Maria Magdalena Andozalo, Landon and Dakota Earnest, Jacob Brink, Kimber Williams, Stephanie and Christopher Addison, Heather and Alexander Penner, Cody Mayes, Lauren Davis, Ashten and Cody Blomstedt, Katelyn Young and Katie Winn.

Sept. 14, three-year-old Alexander Penner celebrated his summertime birthday at Filmtime. His mother, Helen Penner, served chocolate chip and Rice Krispies cookies and punch.

Boys and girls viewed the film, "Let's Visit the Magical Show".

Also attending were Jonathan and Heather Penner, Jonathon Lira, Jasmine Mares, Dustin Alan and Baine Edward Altman, Maria Magdalena Andozalo, Michelle Wauson, A.J. Martinez, Emily Davis, Morgan Willis, Katie Winn, Ryan Crump, Landon and Dakota Earnest, Christopher Gonzales, Cody Mayes, Lauren Davis, Brandon Craft, Kenyon Powell, Stephanie and Christopher Addison, Ashten Blomstedt, Katelyn Young, Lydia Marie Whitzel, Rhaela Stall, Greg Andozalo and Taylor Banfield.

Local Dairy Queen achieves a 'Silver Yogurt Award'

Edward Watson, executive vice president of Operations for International Dairy Queen, Inc. (IDQ) announced today that the Dairy Queen located at 1103 Brownfield Hwy. in Plains has earned a "Dairy Queen" Silver Yogurt award for the fiscal year 1993.

"We are proud of the hard work and dedication of the owners, managers and staff at the Plains Dairy Queen," says Watson. "Their desire to make the store a top performer is a credit to them. Recognizing them with this award is a way of saying 'thank you' for making the Dairy Queen system a leader in the fast food industry."

Awards are presented annually to the top "Dairy Queen" stores in the country and include "DQ" soft serve awards, "Queen's Choice" Premium Hard ice cream awards, "DQ" Yogurt awards, full "Brazier" awards, and limited "Brazier" awards.

The DQ Silver Yogurt award is given to stores reaching a 100 gallon increase over the previous year.

Insurance discounts possible

The Texas Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Program, developed in an effort to save Texas motorists money, while helping to keep roads free from drug or alcohol-impaired drivers, is now available in some areas of the state for eligible drivers wanting a five percent discount on personal automobile insurance coverage.

The Texas Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness Program was established after the Texas Department of Insurance adopted a new rule to allow a mandatory five percent discount on personal automobile insurance coverage for each person completing a sixhour alcohol and drug education course.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse developed the standardized curriculum and administrator/instructor training program. All

organizations and instructors wishing to offer the course must be approved by the Commission.

The curriculum is composed of six modules, including the introduction and background on the drunk driving problem; physiological and psychological effects of alcohol/drugs on humans; legal aspects; effects of alcohol/drugs on the driving task; signs of abuse; and decisions about alcohol/drug use.

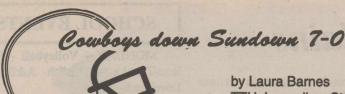
Drivers who have been convicted of DWI or minor in possession within the last seven years are not eligible for the discount. In addition, drivers convicted of DWI or minor in possession after taking the course will not be eligible for the discount for seven years from the date of conviction.

The new discount, which is good for a 36-month period, applies to liability, medical payments, personal injury protection and collision coverage.

For more information about the program, interested persons may call (512) 867-8775, or Roadrunner Driving School in Amarillo (806) 356-0800, which is one of the few that are currently approved to offer the course.



MARY SCOTT NABERS CAMPAIGNS IN PLAINS - Visiting with Judge Dallas Brewer, Mary Scott Nabers was appointed to the Railroad Commission in 1993 and seeks another term. She says she is committed to creating jobs, eliminating wasteful spending and making government more responsible to taxpayers. She was raised in Cross Plains, received a B.A. at Howard Payne University and a Masters at the University of Texas at Austin. She serves on the National Petroleum Council, the Texas Alternative Fuels Council and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. Mary and her husband, Lynn Nabers, have two sons, Tim and Scott.



The Cowboys brought home another victory Friday night by defeating the Sundown Roughnecks with a score of 7-0.

The only score came with 2:45 left in the first half when David Bitolas ran the ball in from the two yard line for a touchdown. Victor Bernal's kick was good for the extra point to bring the score to 7-0.

David Bitolas summed it up by saying,
"It was the longest game I've ever played."

Shannon Ward helped in the Cowboys defensive effort with two interceptions, one in the Roughneck endzone with 12 seconds left in the first half, and the other at the

by Laura Barnes TTU Journalism Student on assignment

Cowboys' 30-yard line one minute into the fourth quarter. Kirk Parrish and Joey Guerra also helped defensively with a couple of key sacks, and Chase Clanahan contributed with a fumble recovery in the second quarter.

Cowboy quarterback Victor Bernal, was 11 for 17 in pass attempts for a total of 88 yards, while David and Steven Bitolas combined for a total of 76 yards rushing.

"It was a tough game. I'm glad we pulled it off," said Steven Bitolas.

The Cowboys will continue their season Friday night with a game against the Lorenzo Hornets in Lorenzo.

Plains Athletic Boosters invite participation in bonfire

Plains Athletic Boosters met Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m. in the clubroom. President Cyndy Koncaba presided.

Future homegame tailgate parties were discussed. Classes were reminded to appoint chairmen and compile a list of supplies soon.

"Rally Rags" have arrived. Fans are urged to purchase these and support the athletes. The new white with black pin stripe caps have been reordered so that all fans may obtain a cap.

Mrs. Koncaba reminded members that all parents were responsible for streamers for the homecoming game and for the tailgate party that evening. Baked potatoes will be served before the Farwell game.

The homecoming bonfire was discussed. Scheduled for Wednesday night before homecoming, the event will be held near the old dump ground at 8:45 p.m. so that junior high and junior varsity football players and fans may participate.

Wood gathering competition will begin Saturday, Sept. 24 and continue through Tuesday, Sept. 27. One member of the Booster Club will check each load of wood in order for credit to be received.

Anyone with wood to donate to the bonfire is asked to call a representative of the class they wish to aid. Students will pick up any wood donated. All wood for the bonfire should be free of metal. Student sponsors to be contacted are Lynn Winn, seniors, 456-2781; Beth Clanahan, juniors, 456-4685; Rebecca Forbus, sophomores, 456-6075; and Diana Flores, freshmen, 456-3284. Winners of the wood collection will be announced at the Pep Rally.

Winners of the Booster Club membership drawing at the first home game were Don Parrish, cap, and Cindra Box, tee shirt. In addition to the drawing at each home game, members receive a discount on all tailgate suppers. Memberships are \$5, individual; and \$10, family.

Next meeting of the Booster Club is Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 8:30 p.m. in the

Boosters remind everyone of the Homecoming Pep Rally at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 in the boys gym.

Plains ISD offers community classes

Plains Independent School District is again sponsoring Community Education Courses. Most classes will be open to adults and children. One need not be a resident of the school district to participate.

Classes to be offered are woodworking, calligraphy, low impact aerobics and oil painting. Individuals may enroll in all classes by mail to P.O. Box 479 or by calling Mary Pettigrew, 456-7490 or 456-7498.

Fees and minimum attendance must be met the first night of class or the courses will be cancelled. Class fees have been assigned according to the cost of the instructor for a minimum enrollment. In most courses, a minimum of 10 participants are required for the course to be offered.

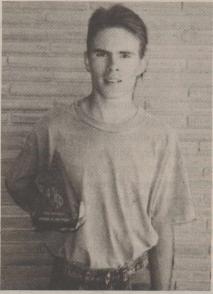
Woodworking classes will be held Tuesdays from Sept. 20 through Nov. 29 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school shop. Robert Canon will be instructor. The class fee is \$30 and the course is limited to 12 persons.

Calligraphy will be taught by Mary Pettigrew in a one-day workshop Saturday, Oct. 15. To be held in the Resource Center, the class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a fee of \$20, which will include supplies.

Low Impact Aerobics will be held eight weeks from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 26 through Nov. 16. Dana Strawn is instructor. Fee is \$25 and participants will need to furnish their own steps. The course will be held in the elementary activity room.

Oil Painting will be taught by Vivian Rice. Class is limited to ten and the fee is \$24. Classes will be held Thursdays from Oct. 13 to Nov. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the high school art room.

Hospice Services, Inc. will provide a speaker for civic, social or church groups. Speakers are available for day or evening presentations. Call 505/393-4717 to schedule a program for your organization.



PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK for Sept. 12-16 was junior student, Jeremy Dearing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dearing. Nominated by his band instructor, Byron Morgan, Jeremy is serving his second year as Drum Major for the Cowboy Band. Morgan stated in the presentation, "Jeremy is always helping with everything. Whether it's helping the Band or one of the coaches, he is always dependable. Jeremy is a good leader and goes far beyond the duties of Drum Major." Coach McMinn also spoke highly of him because "he came by one afternoon after school and helped mark the football field without being asked." One of the top academic students in the junior class, Jeremy is also a member of the PHS Cross Country Team.



What's Cooking at School?



BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, toast, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Donuts, toast, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Sausage, toast, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Pancakes w/syrup, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cold cereal, orange/pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Hot dogs w/chili, combination salad, French fries w/catsup, pineapple slice and milk.

TUESDAY - Mega slice pizza, tossed salad w/ranch dressing, pear half and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburger, lettuce leaf, sliced tomatoes, pickles, onions, potato chips, mixed fruit, coconut cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, Rosy applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken nuggets w/gravy, corn, green beans, hot rolls, sliced peaches and milk.



The search is on for Mrs. Plains

Mrs. Texas USI officials are looking for the next Mrs. Plains! The woman selected will receive her crown and banner and will have the opportunity to represent Plains at the 1995 Mrs. Texas USI Pageant which will be held in San Antonio in February. Married women between the ages of 24 and 55 who have been married for a minimum of two years qualify to compete for the title.

The Mrs. Texas USI Pageant is an official preliminary of the Mrs. Inter-

national Pageant, a system which recognizes the virtues of professional, family and community involvement among married women. "Contestants compete in three categories," says State Director, Shonnie Bray, "Fifty percent of the score is given in the interview category. Twenty five percent is awarded in the physical fitness category and twenty five percent is awarded in the evening gown category. Contestants wear aerobic wear for the physical fitness competition and there

is no swimsuit competition in our pageant." Partial proceeds from the 1995 Pageant will benefit Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that builds homes for underprivileged families.

To receive an application for the Mrs. Plains Competition, call the state office at (210) 590-6877, or write to Bray Creative Service, independent producers of the Mrs. Texas USI Pageant, at 5410 Vista Court, San Antonio, Texas, 78247.

SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY - Volleyball - Levelland/Tahoka - 7th/8th A&B - at Levelland - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY - Drug Awareness Program by Camfield Productions - 10 a.m. - Auditorium; Volleyball -Levelland - 9th/JV/V - there - 5 p.m.

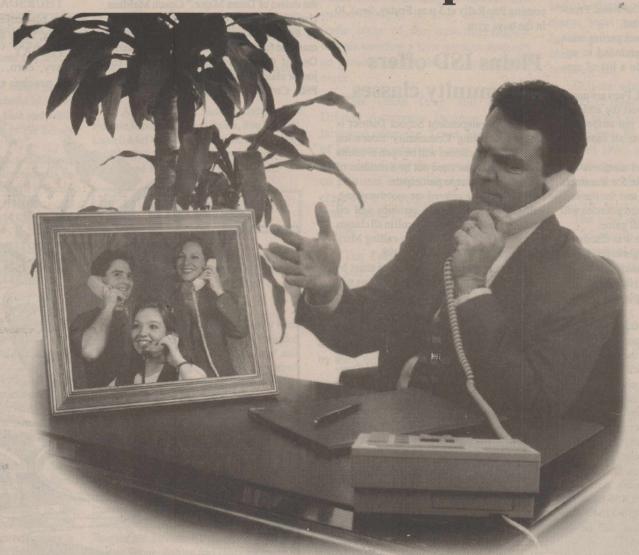
THURSDAY - Football - Farwell - 7th/8th - there - 5 p.m.; Football - Farwell - JV - There - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - Homecoming - football

- Farwell - here - V - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY - Cross Country - Big Spring Meet; Volleyball - Sweetwater - here - 9th/JV/V - 1 p.m.

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Farm Bureau participates in National Farm Safety Week

Since agriculture remains one of the most dangerous industries in the United States, Texas Farm Bureau is participating in National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 18-24, 1994.

Even though Farm Bureau recognizes advances in farm safety and health in the past decade, there is still much to do. From 1983 to 1993, the number of farm residents killed in accidents declined to 2,400 from 3,200. Yet the number of farm residents killed increased to 2,400 in 1993 from 2,200

National Farm Safety and Health Week is the time to remind people - in both rural and urban areas - about safety and health challenges faced by agricultural workers and farm residents and how to prevent accidents on farms and ranches.

This year's National Farm Safety and Health Week theme, Safety and Health: A

FARM SAFETY TIPS

Protect yourself and others by making safety part of every activity - on the job, at home, at leisure and on the road. Machines are replaceable if damaged or destroyed in an accident. But, that's not true for people!

Protect by knowing how to prevent farm injuries and illnesses. Read and follow instructions in manuals and on labels. Note safety and health articles in magazines and newspapers. Read booklets on the subject and pay attention to safety reminders on radio and television. But, just knowing isn't enough - you must act on that knowledge to reduce risk of costly injury and illness.

Protect by being prepared for each activity. Have the right tools, equipment and/or supplies on hand. Know and respect you limitations as well as your strengths.

Way of Life, underscores the importance of safety education to children and adults.

For more information about Natioal Farm Safety and Health Week activities, call Yoakum County Farm Bureau, 806-456-

County Judge Dallas Brewer has proclaimed Sept. 18-24, 1994, as Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Week in Yoakum County at the request of Rickey Bearden, Yoakum County Farm Bureau president. This year marks the 51st annual observance of National Farm Safety and Health Week, co-sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Prevention Program to be sponsored by Pipeline Group

The third annual "Public Education-Contractor Awareness Program" will be held in Hobbs on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fletcher Center at 100 E. Snyder.

It will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities. A free barbecue will be catered by Wallace's for all persons involved in excavation-related activitie in Lea, Gaines and Yoakum Counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of One-Call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. Sponsors provide promotional materials that include notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

For more information call 1-800-982-

Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

Last Friday Sept. 9 at about 11:30 a.m. Helen and I were watching TV and we heard a gunshot. She ran to the front door and I went to the back and out to the fence and looked both ways in the alley, but saw no

Out of the corner of my eye, I saw something fall just as we heard the gunshot. I thought it was a bird, but could not find it in our yard. Then Monday Sept. 12 I was cleaning up the alley and found a female squirrel that had been dead for some time. It was lying underneath a (utility pole) cross arm about the same place I saw something fall. It was just outside our alley against our fence. I believe someone shot the squirrel for no reason and just let it lay. As school was going on, it could not have been a youngster so it must have been an adult.

There was a lot of effort by several people to get the squirrels started again here in the park and the old Courthouse. I understand there has been evidence found in dumpsters at the park where some squirrels have been killed, skinned and I guess taken home and cooked and eaten. I know they are real good eating as I was raised in East Central Oklahoma and have spent time hunting them in East Texas also. Please do not kill our pet squirrels in Plains.

Thanks, C. Murrell Thomspon

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Academy holds competition

The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing application for appointment as Cadet, U.S. Coast Guard, Class of 1999. Appointments are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas. Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to Dec. 15, 1994. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing Assessment (ACT) prior to or including the December 1994 ACT and SAT test administrations.

Appointments are based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community affairs and/or part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both the mathematical and applied science fields.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of appointment, have no legal obligations resulting from a prior marriage, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 22 by July 1, 1995. Candidates must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 1995 and must have completed a minimum of three years of English and three in mathematics to include algebra and plane geometry or their equivalents.

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Who's New

Kyle Patterson and Rena McElroy announce the arrival of a son born at 5:04 p.m. Aug. 21 in Brownfield Regional Medical Center. He weighed seven pounds 14 ounces and measured 20 and a half inches long. He has been named Tanner Drake. Grandparents are Max and Adell McElroy and Richard and Kathy Patterson of Gainesville. George and Merle Shinpoch of Gainesville are his great-grandparents. Bobo Shinpoch of Ruston, La. is his great-grandparent.



The United States Coast Guard Acady is now accepting and processing appligation around the globe, operation of icebreakers which clear the way for all polar expeditions, enforcement of marine law and all aspects of merchant marine safety, boating safety and marine environmental protection. Selected officers may pursue further postgraduate education at many leading schools, in such fields as aviation, business

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