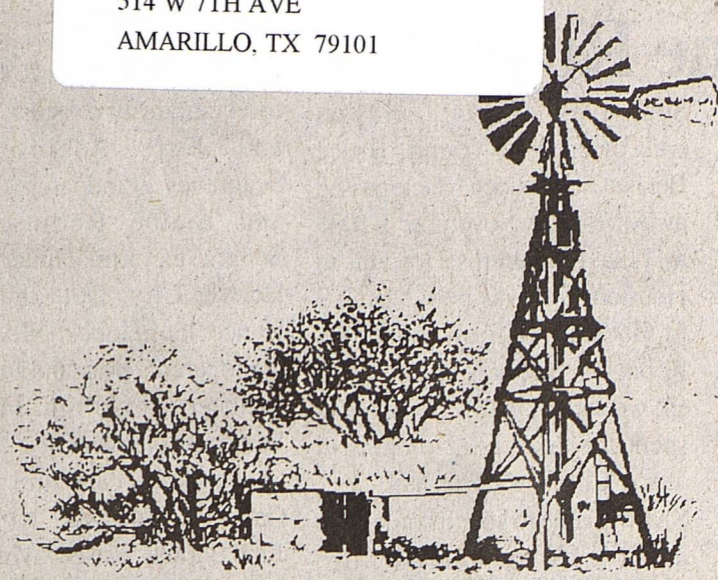


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County producer honored at annual Tech Pig Roast



Three South Plains residents were honored November 9 for their leadership and contributions to agriculture by Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Each recipient received this year's 2006 Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturist Award during the special ceremony at the college's 79th annual Pig Roast in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall. The Pig Roast honors the college's scholarship donors and recipients as well as judging teams.

The year's three recipients include Rickey Bearden of Plains, receiving the honor for agricultural production, cattle industry executive Ross Wilson for his work in agribusiness, and Jaroy Moore, resident director of research at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension center in Lubbock.

Bearden, a third generation farmer, produces cotton, milo, and black-eye peas on 6,000 acres near Plains. He has held numerous leadership positions, including Chairman of the National Cotton Council Crop Insurance Task Force, Southwest Board of the American Cotton Producers, and past president of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., president of Plains ISD School Board, and Yoakum County Farm Bureau. He began farming on 160 acres in 1975 with his father, and started 'hoeing his own' in 1987. He and his wife Karen live in Plains. They are active in First Baptist Church where he is a Deacon. They have two children - a son, Tracy, who lives in Denton, and a daughter, Kiley with husband Greg, who live and farm in Terry County. His parents Ray and Joyce Bearden, live in Tokio. He says he is eternally grateful of farming and partnership with his dad.

Smooth session of Commissioners Court

Auditor Darinda McWhirter explained to the court CDA Richard Clark's absence and in his behalf requested a budget amendment of \$10,000 be credited to his forfeiture fund line item.

Treon Ortega, representing Plains High School Student Council, introduced a number of students from both Plains and Denver City schools presenting a program designed to halt the recent onslaught of fatalities suffered by area students involved in car crashes on the South Plains. The students with encouragement from their school officials, are forming a TEEN DRIVING COALITIONS. Spokespersons for both schools read brief reports on programs they will be delivering to their student bodies in the near future. Judge Brewer expressed his appreciation for their efforts and the court's willingness to assist in any manner. Bid notices were approved for Pct. 2 to sell or traCOMMde a 1982 flatbed used for asphalt project, and bid for the purchase of a new truck of the same specifications.

A later session of Court that afternoon was called to discuss the naming of a 'Manger at Risk' firm to be in charge of the construction of the new County Law Enforcement Facility, but no firm decisions were made.

Cowboys end long, hard season on happy note - Trounce Smyer Bobcats 56-34 !

For the 28 Plains High Cowboys on the 2006 football roster, the season may have seemed an eon in length, and quite possibly even longer for the coaching staff who labored long and diligently from two-a-day workouts prior to school to the final whistle last Friday night in Smyer.

Cowboy coaches had to be pleased with positives in the statistics; The team rolled up 431 yards total offense, over 200 yards each half. Even more impressive for this season, their ground game came alive, and blocking linemen helped Cowboy runners record 99 yards rushing the first half, and an even more impressive 215 yards the second period.

Cowboy lightning struck early, when on the first play from scrimmage Chase Guetersloh dropped back and threw a strike to Mario Ruvalcaba for 51 yards and a touchdown. Almost incredibly, the following kickoff was fumbled by the Bobcats and recovered by C.J. Tarango at the 43. A third down toss from Chris Addison to Rudy Gonzales pushed the ball to the 2, where John Tyson broke into the end zone to score, and Addison tossed the conversion to Zach Ramos and a 14-0 lead.

The Bobcats quickly put their aerial game in play and moved the ball to the three, then ran the ball in to make the game 14-6.

The Cowboys threatened, moving the ball to the Bobcat 15, but a penalty moved them back to the 31. Guetersloh's pass to Gonzales was picked off, but the next play the Bobcats were trapped in the end

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Last Cowboy Entry Of The Season - In Winning Style



78 Brink Blocks, 11 Addison throws to 2 Guetersloh

Eye opener China trip for local ginner

An eleven member delegation of American cotton industry leadership on October 20 boarded a U.S. 747 in Dallas for the flight to San Francisco, followed by a 12 hour flight to Beijing, China. The trip was a part of the National Cotton Council (NCC) and China Cotton Association exchange program to further cooperation between the nation's cotton industries.

Ron Craft, past official of the NCC and present Manager of New Tex Gin, was one of the delegate members, and he described the ten day visit as "A real eye opener for a West Texas guy, really an educa-

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National Cotton Council delegation in Beijing's former Emperor's Forbidden City. Left to right Chairman Allen Helms, John Mitchell, Jay Hardwick, Don Cameron, Mike Tate, Shane Stephens, Tom Stallings, Jimmy Dodson, John Pucheu, Ron Craft, Fred Johnson.

Services held for Macie Laine Robinson

Funeral services for Macie Laine Robinson, 8 months, of Magnolia, Texas were conducted November 7, 2006 at 2 pm at Klein Funeral Home in Magnolia. Ray Young and Skip Rogers of Denver City Church of Christ officiated funeral and graveside services. A tribute to Macie was written and read by sister, Tanna Robinson, of Seagraves. Prayer was offered by cousin, David Treat of San Antonio. Interment followed at Klein Memorial Park in Garden of Innocence. Pallbearers were uncles, Kyle Barnett, Tracy Cavazos, Don Hancock and Mike Rebstock.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday, November 9 at the Church of Christ in Denver City. Skip Rogers and Ray Young officiated. A tribute to Macie was written and read by sister, Tanna Robinson of

Seagraves, and prayers were offered by friend, Bruce Bennett of Lubbock. Macie passed away Monday, November 3, 2006 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. She was born March 3 in Houston to Toby and Jinger Robinson. She was diagnosed at six weeks old with leukemia and spent the next 4 1/2 months in Texas Children's Hospital.

She was able to spend some time at her home the following two months with her family. During her battle with leukemia, Macie made many friends and touched countless lives at the hospital and across the world through prayer chains and extended contacts with family and friends. Macie's illness was considered a case study and her entire treatment process will be documented and referenced world wide for future

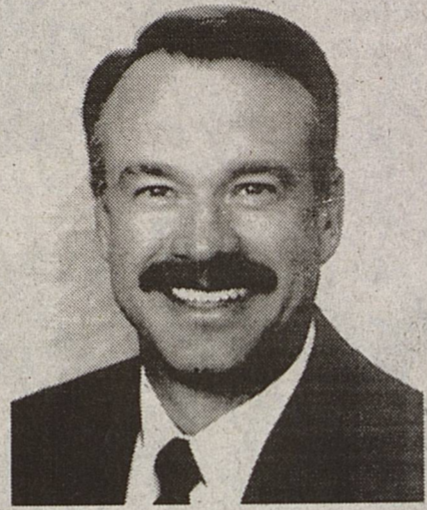
research and treatment of infant leukemia.

Macie is survived by her parents, Toby and Jinger Robinson of Magnolia; two sisters, Tanna and Terra Robinson of Seagraves; grandparents Wynn and Elaine Robinson of Seagraves; Joni Hancock of Denver City; Don and Beth Hancock of Hobbs, NM; great grandparents Billy and Johnnye Webster, Crosbyton; Frances Womack, Denver City; Uncles and aunts, Tracy and Kami Cavazos, Lubbock, Kyle and Julie Barnett, Briscoe, Mike and Dion Rebstock, Dumas, and Dion Hancock, Irving, Cousins Avery Cavazos, Cade Ryan and Brooke Rebstock.

Memorial donations may be directed to Ronald McDonald House (with notation for family room at Texas Children's Hospital) 1907 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, 77030

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the voters in Precinct 4. I look forward to serving you as your next commissioner. I would also like to commend Jack Cobb on the way he conducted his campaign and his offer to help train me to assure a smooth transition.

Thank you for your support,
Tim Addison



I congratulate the voters of our nation, state, and particularly the voters of Yoakum County. You have again answered the call for your participation in our electoral process. It was my privilege to serve as County Commissioner of Precinct 4 the last four years. I enjoyed and learned from the experience. It's now time for my opponent Tim Addison to start his learning and serving process. I congratulate him for conducting his campaign as he did, and wish him good luck in the future. My family and I are grateful for having Yoakum County Folks for friends and neighbors.

Jack Cobb



The professionally trained and dedicated staff of Plains Family Health Clinic are available and ready to meet the medical needs of the community. Pharmacy Prescription service is now available at the Clinic Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For information & service call 456-5636. Plains Clinic 806-456-6365

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The Taste Of Freedom

*** Editor's Note; I was pleased Saturday, Veteran's Day, to find the following e-mail message. After reading it, I was even more pleased to realize it was from an elected Texas veteran, who well knows the meaning of military service. His message is timely, not long, and memorable.**

" For those who have fought for it, freedom has a taste the protected will never know."

The above quote hangs in my office. It is a constant reminder to me that veterans who have fought for freedom - those who have sacrificed their lives, their limbs, their youth, their friends and their innocence upon its altar - have an understanding of freedom civilians can never have.

This is what makes veterans special. This is why veterans deserve something more from a government which asked them to put their lives on the line in places like the Ardenne, Anzio, Iwo Jima, Inchon Chosin Reservoir, Da Nang, Iraq, Tora Bora and countless others.

Veterans do not ask for special treatment - but they earned it.

As Texas Land Commissioner I am, by definition, a politician. I am also a veteran; a retired Marine and Vietnam Veteran with twenty five years military service.

Unlike many politicians, however, my advocacy for Texas veterans does not end on Election Day. Our men and women serving in the Armed Forces, and all who came before, deserve better. They deserve more than our respect and admiration. They deserve special status in our society, with the benefits and privileges of that status.

In Texas, we have a state office dedicated solely to veterans. The Texas Veterans Land Board was created after World War II solely for veterans. Every day, we serve hundreds of veterans by providing special low interest loans for home and land purchases, as well as home improvement projects. We also manage the Texas State Veterans Homes where veterans receive the finest in long term care amongst fellow veterans.

We are moving forward on construction of the new veterans home in Amarillo, and just dedicated a new veterans cemetery in Mission. In the past two years, we've opened two new veterans homes in El Paso and McAllen. Abilene has also been approved for a new State Veterans Cemetery, as federal funds become available, so we are making progress towards better services and

benefits for all Texas veterans.

While these accomplishments are outstanding, they take a back seat to the concern we all share for our country and our fellow servicemen and women around the world in this difficult time. While the national media might cloak the trem in phrases like "regime change" or "suppressing insurgency" this nation is at war. Veterans know this is a war - many of us have seen war up close. We know firsthand the toll it can take on our nation, our military, and most importantly, our young men and women in uniform. Many of us come from military families and have passed on the love of military service to our children and grandchildren. My son, Travis, currently serves as a Marine attack helicopter pilot and recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. Like so many parents, I know the risks but I am proud my son has chosen a life of military service.

As parents, grandparents - as veterans - we have an obligation to remind our fellow citizens no war was ever won by half measures, self doubt or finger-pointing. Every victory comes at a price, and this war will be no different. In this long war, our enemy does not wear a uniform. They do not attack on a battlefield. The victory in this war will not be the defeat of a military power but the defeat of fear itself. Victory is achieved when global terrorism is relegated to the ash heap of history and security ensured for future generations.

Texas is taking care of her veterans, and in so doing, honoring all those who defend our freedom every day, every month, every year around the world.

Bumper stickers say " Treasure Freedom and Thank A Vet" but they need more than thanks. They deserve leaders who will keep promises and see them as more than just a photo op at election time. Veterans deserve better than to be forgotten as soon as the ballots are counted.

My fellow veterans, I won't forget.

**Jerry Patterson,
Texas Land Commissioner**

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Oldest, Youngest awards at 79th TEEA convention

The 79th State Texas Extension Education Association Convention for the Year was held recently in Lubbock. Theme for the year was "Apron Strings: Tying the past to the future." Attending from Yoakum County were CFS agent

Debbie Pollard, Kay and Tiffany Canon, Pat Curtis, Velma Dearing, Jerri Lollar, Cecilia Knight and Sydney Murphy.

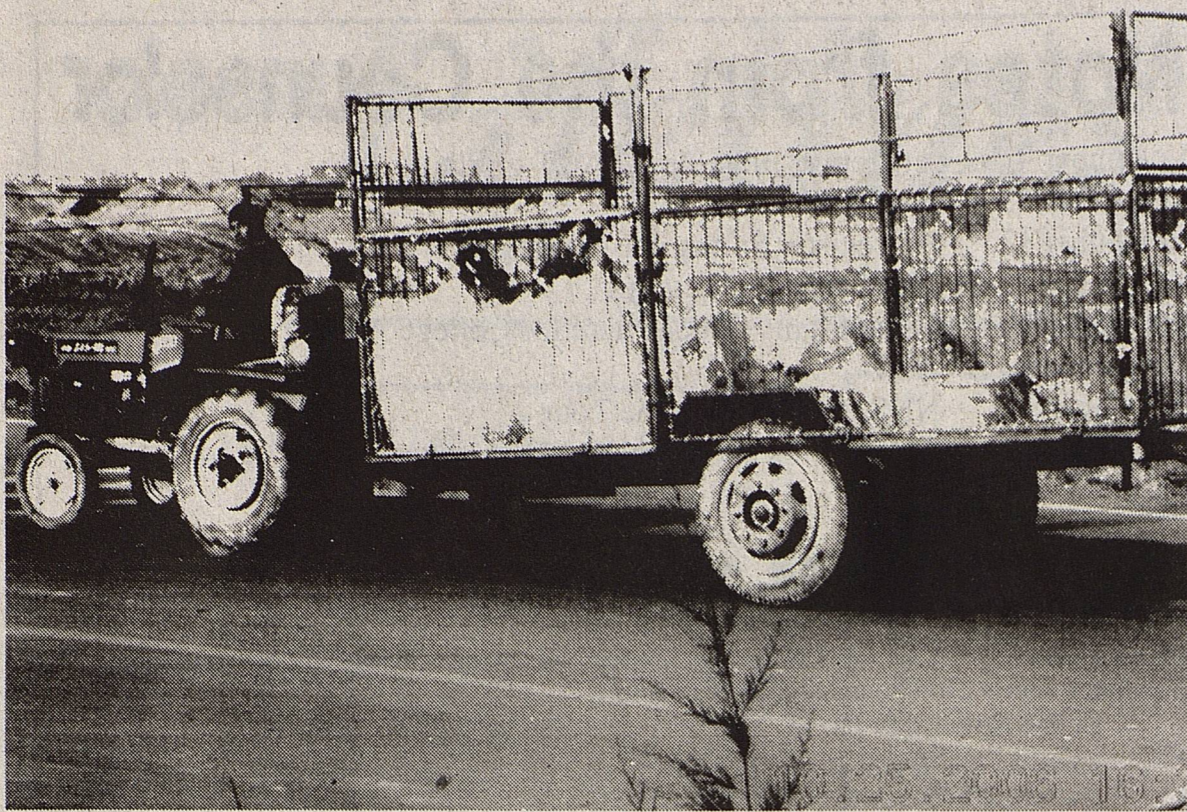
Workshops attended provided information to be used in local programs. Workshops included basic car care, buyer beware, antique depression glass, recycled projects, pioneer women's handiwork, and tomato cage Santa Claus.

For information on Yoakum County Club meetings or receive information on having programs on these workshops call the extension office, 456-2263.

This was Sydney Murphy's third year in a row to be recognized as the oldest attendee at the State Convention. Tiffany Canon was recognized as the youngest present, the first time oldest and youngest have been from the same county. It was Sydney's 34th convention and Tiffany's first.



From, Page 1, China Cotton



A 'Sleek Chinese Family Module Truck' speeds to the gin to be fork unloaded on the ground

Texas beacons of the past

* Residents of Yoakum County live far from the Texas Coast, or any large waters where lighthouses were once a familiar and necessary beacon of safety for ships plying the waters. We stumbled upon the following, and because it is focused on the Texas Gulf Coast found it interesting:

"Throughout history, lighthouses have enjoyed a mystique going well beyond their practical use. They're a symbol of strength and beacon of hope along the beauty of a seacoast - a haven in a storm. They represent the adventures of a seagoing life, and provide a predictable guide to those who brave the dangers and uncertainty of the sea.

Among the original Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was the lighthouse on Pharos at the Alexandria Harbor in Egypt. History says a "wood fire burning on the top was visible for about 29 miles."

America's first lighthouse was built in Boston in 1716. Our image of lighthouses still runs to craggy, rock strewn ocean coasts.

But the Texas Gulf Coast is home to lighthouse with great histories of their own. The stories include uncoordinated assaults of war, storms, neglect and erosion. Most surviving lighthouses have now been made obsolete by modern-day technology. Yet at the dawn of the Civil War they were a numerous and important fixture

for navigation.

Though some 80 percent of Texas' coast is protected by seven barrier islands protecting the mainland from waves, and storms, the need for those early lighthouses was clear - navigation problems included narrow and shallow channels, unpredictable sand, and mud and silt bars.

The first illumination was actually a lightship. In 1849, a schooner was moored about one mile outside Galveston Harbor to mark a hazardous shelf of sand and silt. Its fog signal was a bell, rung by hand, and a single lantern, containing eight oil lamps, was hung on its mainmast. Over time these lighthouses evolved from oil to kerosene, eventually to electricity.

The lightship was eventually sunk, raised, sunk again. A second ship was moored in the harbor in 1870, and did its job for 35 years, withstanding the infamous hurricane of 1900. Dredging now keeps the harbor entrance clear.

One landmark lighthouse at Sabine Pass served the deepwater ports in Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange. Considered a Texas lighthouse, it actually sat 600 yards in Louisiana. Federal troops stole the Sabine Pass lighthouse lens, but it served through the Civil War and provided an edge for southern forces in the 1863 Battle of Sabine Pass.

The Aransas Pass lighthouse

also saw Civil War action. Confederate forces tried to destroy the structure, including detonating two kegs of black powder at the base in 1861, but it survived.

The Bolivar Point lighthouse, ushering ships between Galveston and the Gulf, was also leveled by southern sympathizers. After the war, a second lighthouse was constructed of bricks with a steel facade, painted with white and black bands to be easily seen in daylight hours. It notably withstood the powerful hurricanes of 1900 and 1915, respectively. Both landmarks are now in private hands; The Bolivar Point light was sold to the Boyt family, and the Aransas Pass lighthouse was restored by Charles Butt, president of the HEB food chain.

Today only two other Texas lighthouses remain operational. The US Coast Guard operates the light at Sabine Bank in the Gulf, and a lighthouse at Matagorda Bay, in a State wildlife refuge.

The Texas State Historical Association has a website devoted to Texas lighthouses and lightships. No reservation effort exists, but TSHA is helping raise awareness of the significant role played by lighthouses in the state's history.

Courtesy office of United States Senator John Cornyn, Texas.

Sydney Murphy named Dist. 2 TEEA Woman of the Year

Dist. 2 TEEA has named Sydney Murphy their Woman of the Year. This letter of recommendation by Dolores Davis is printed with her permission:

"It is with a great deal of pleasure I recommend Mrs. Sydney Murphey to be considered as the Dist. 2 Woman of the Year for 2006. She has been a faithful and supportive member of our Extension Education Club over 50 years.

She has willingly served in all of the offices of our club and local council. Her most recent responsibilities have been club treasurer and council delegate. She is always eager to do her part, whether it's serving in an office, presenting a club program, participating in 4-H programs and activities, or working

on a fund raiser. Sydney has attended many district, state, and even national conferences during her years of club membership.

This special lady has blessed and influences many young lives during her twenty years service as a teacher's aide in our local elementary school. She taught two and three year old Sunday School class over 40 years.

One of her favorite events is the council's annual project of presenting a new book to each child in local kindergarten classes. She looks forward to sharing in the joy and happiness of these children who receive their very own book the first time.

Sydney's 92 years does not keep her from being a very active citizen in our community. She works diligently in the council's concession stand at the annual Livestock Show, participates in the yearly Old Settlers Reunion and Barbecue and the Watermelon Round Up. She is faithful to her church and all its activities.

It has been a privilege and honor to know and work beside this unique woman who is loved and respected by all who know her. She has touched all our lives and has been an inspiration to many with her sweet spirit and genuine love of people. Sydney Murphee is truly deserving of this honor."

tional experience for our delegate party."

From Beijing the joint delegation participants would fly east to a Chinese province bordering with Pakistan and a couple of nations of the former Soviet Union, home to a large portion of China's cotton production. "I think every member of our delegation was surprised, if not amazed at how cotton is produced in China." He said the majority of cotton produced there comes from a huge number of small plots of land, many less than an acre in size, usually cared for by one or more family members. Craft said some plots are irrigated, often by hand distribution methods. "We didn't see much evidence of mechanized farming as we know it in the planting and growing stage of the crops, all the harvesting we saw was hand picking the stalks. Many time a man and wife would tend the plot of ground as their way of livelihood."

Craft related the ever-growing Chinese towns have impressive looking public housing, but the feel of poverty is present in most. "Utilities seem to be a huge problem. Potable water is unheard of in many areas. Sanitation is very poor in many residential and commercial areas, many restrooms simply equipped with community holes in the floor. Sights like these may be altered by time the 1998 Games kick off in Beijing. Craft displayed many of over 900 digital images he took on the trip, many detailing large, impressive building and other facilities being created in the area for the giant games.

He was impressed with the beauty of many areas of the nation they saw, including the mountainous area where the fabled Great Wall of China was built centuries ago.

Surprisingly, Craft said his group had very little trouble with Chinese cuisine. "I had been told many Chinese res-

taurants did not furnish eating utensils. It was pretty much chop sticks or go hungry. Most of us were surprised how well and how fast we adapted to them." While on the subject, Craft reported, "I ate my first scorpion over there, fried crisp, and it was about like any other crisp fried insect. It was easier than one place where we saw some sort of insects threaded on a long stick then deep fried, and eaten like we'd eat a corn dog."

The touring Americans were all impressed with the Chinese physical labor involved in producing a cotton crop. "They would pull the bolls by hand, fork the cotton on some sort of truck, then haul it to the gin where it would then be dumped on the ground, near their gin stands often outdoors, and hand fed for the ginning process." He said much of the actual ginning equipment was closely modeled in the likeness of gin equipment here, with much less sophistication and quality



At the gin, cotton is unloaded, mostly by hand or dumping on the ground, near suction pipes running to the nearby gin. Workers are constantly forking cotton to the suction pipes. The cotton delegation visitors were required to wear sanitary white caps for fear of polluting the Chinese cotton with their hair.

Craft reported his group were taken to a large warehouse storing baled cotton, earlier shipped there from the United States. They were puzzled to find many of the bales indicated the cotton had been originally planted, harvested, baled, then stored in area warehouses, carefully wrapped in bags from Buster's Gin in Ropes, Yoakum County and Tokio Co Op gins, and a number of other familiar area gins. Craft said "A buyer must have bought the cotton, then had it stored until it was sold to these Chinese buyers." His call to several of the gins confirmed their customers had ginned the bales that year.

Because of their billion plus

population, Craft said the Chinese would continue to use all the cotton their nation could produce, and continue to need more. "It is probable we will continue to ship cotton to them, but they are also free to look for other markets."

Before the flight home, the American party flew from extreme eastern China to the west coast, just across a gulf from Seoul, Korea. "Their cotton production and ginning may have seemed crude to our party, but that shipping port was strictly first class, with every type crane and machinery to take care of the largest, most modern transport ships." Craft said there is much speculation about Wal Mart's

recent opening of their discount store in the huge nation. "Many of the residents our interpreters talked with said they did not know if the move would be successful. The centuries old 'Mom and Pop' operations are so imbedded in the culture, many Chinese are not very happy with the new image." Craft said his group saw many Burger King and McDonald fast food stores, but only one Dairy Queen.

Craft and his traveling companions all agreed the trip was informative and enlightening, but Ron told CCN, "I was really ready to get off airplanes when we got back to Lubbock!"

from a prior driving while license suspended cause. He will spend 30 days in jail with credit for 20 days served.

Criminal cases in County Court

Three criminal cases were heard in County Court November 8 with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Cathy Regina Elmore pled true to the State's motion to revoke supervision from a prior obtaining of dangerous drug by forged prescription. Class B misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with credit for 8 days served.

Santos Rodriguez-Gutierrez

pled guilty to 1st DWI, b.t. 134/138. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, and must pay \$335 court costs. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 17 hours served. He will serve 24 hours community service, must complete for DWI first offender program, and attend weekly AA meetings. Investigating officer was Karen Hobbs, Denevr City Police. Cody Wade Fisher pled true to the state's motion to revoke

Where in Texas are you if the town is called---

1. Weiner Dog of Texas 2 Saints Roost. 3. Norwegian Capitol of Texas 4. Goose Hunting Capitol of The World 5. Pump Jack Capitol of Texas. 6. Birthplace of Texas Ranching 7. Hippo Capitol of Texas. 8. Oasis of the West Texas Desert. 9. Home of the Tallest Soldier of the Civil War. 10. Land of Leather



John Tyson runs, Antonio and A.J. Martinez block



#8 Chris Gonzales has the ball - we think!

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zone for a safety, and the Cowboys went up 16-6 going into the second period.

Ruvalcaba would intercept a Bobcat pass but the Cowboys were stalled and Mayes punted to the Bobcat 15. Their first down pass was nabbed by Rudy Gonzales at the 19. Guetersloh fired a pass to Gonzales for a quick score and 22-6 lead. The Cowboys elation was quickly dampened when on the kick off the Bobcat's took the ball 69 yards to score and reduce the Cowboy lead to 22-12 at the half.

Both teams would come from half time dressing rooms fired up. An on-side kick by the Cowboys worked, giving them the ball at the 46. With good blocking from linemen, rushes by Mayes, Justin Vasquez and Ruvalcaba moved the ball down field to the 4, and Mayes went over left guard for the touchdown, then the two pointer put the Cowboys up 30-12.

The Bobcats responded by scoring on a four yard pass with less than 3 minutes on the clock and the score narrowed to 30-20.

Mayes returned the following kickoff to the 47 yard line, and on the first play from Scrimmage John Tyson burst over his right guard for a 53 yard scoring run, and the Cowboys led 36-20.

Smyer was not ready to give up, and a 43 yard pass completion, followed by a 4 yard dash around left end moved the score to 36-26 when the PAT failed.

In the final quarter, Cowboy Chris Gonzales blocked a Smyer punt, recovered by

Sergio Olivas at their 10. Tyson banged the ball to the 3, where A. Martinez went the final distance for the score, and Mayes' run moved the score to Cowboys 44. Bobcat 26.

A Smyer drive would move the ball deep in Cowboy country, but Cody Mayes intercepted a Bobcat pass at the two and returned it to the 49. Mayes, Vasquez and Tyson carried the ball to the 39, where Ruvalcaba burst free to skirt right end for 41 yards and a Cowboy TD and 50-26 ballgame.

Smyer would roar back, and throw a pass to advance the ball to the one, then cross the goal and convert the PAT to 8 points and 50-34 score. The Cowboy still had unfinished business and took the kickoff at their 49. Rudy Gonzales, Tyson and Mayes ground the ball to the 30 yard line, where Tyson went over right tackle for the final score and a 56-34 WIN.

Five Cowboys made the scoring column: Tyson, Ruvalcaba, R. Gonzales, Vasquez, Martinez, Mayes and Ramos. Tyson rushed for 132 yards, Mayes 77, Vasquez 56, Ruvalcaba 51.

Tackles for losses included R. Gonzales 2, Tyson 2, A. Martinez 2, Gonzales and Garza 1 each.

J. Vasquez had a quarterback sack. C.J. Tarango forced fumble, interceptions by Mayes, R. Gonzales and Ruvalcaba.

Congratulations to the young Cowboys for a long difficult season, who never said "let's roll over and die", and the entire coaching staff who worked so tirelessly.

Cowgirl, Cowboy Fans: We appreciate your presence and support in the Cowboys season, and hope you will show the same support through the long basketball schedule!!!

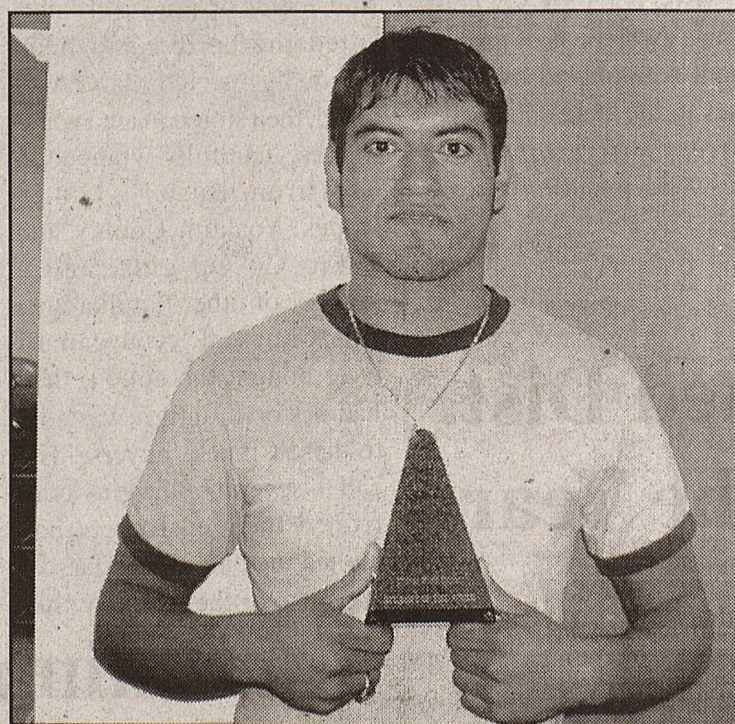
Cowboys in Cross Country Finale

Friday night, these two young men, Jonathan Lira, left, and Scott Addison were suited out in a Cowboy football uniform for their last game of the long, tough season. Later that night, they would be on their way to the huge State UIL Cross Country Championship event at Round Rock. An all night drive to reach the site of a very grueling, highly competitive, long, uphill and downhill race against the states finest distance runners is not listed in any "How-To" manuals coaches refer to, but this is what Jonathan and Scott faced last weekend. Their coach, Steven Bunch, assisted by "semi-retired" running coach Evertt McAdams were extremely proud of their young competitors. Steven told CCN, "These two guys worked hard to earn the right to go to state. This was Scott's fourth trip to state as a team member or individual. That's a great accomplishment. As a freshman this was Jonathan's first qualifier, and he has the potential to return four times. To be 18th and 30th in the state is GREAT! Great season, guys, and I am proud of you!"



JONATHAN & SCOTT

Student of the Week



Student of the Week is Antonio Martinez, a senior and the son of Antonio and Maria Martinez. He was nominated by Mrs. Harvey who said, "Vince Lombardi once said, 'Leadership rests not only upon ability, not only upon capacity, having the capacity to lead is not enough. The leader must be willing to use it. His leadership is then based on truth and character. There must be truth in the purpose and will-power in the character.'" According to Coach Harvey, this student WAS the leader of this season's Cowboy football team. He had the will to step up and use his leadership skills to lead our team to believe in themselves as individuals and teammates, to work together and to know the future is bright for Plains football. He's not only an asset and joy to have on the playing field, but a young man who is definitely a joy in class as well. He is prompt, courteous, respectful, always has a smile on his face, a healthy sense of humor, and a wonderful positive attitude toward life. His focus on the future is refreshing and sets my mind at ease there are young people with this much character, ready to step up and lead us into a better way of life."

Cowgirls named to All-District Teams

Officials of 2006-District 3-1A volleyball announced achievers during the recent, long season. Four categories of achievers were listed from the six-school district - 'Superlative', 1st Team all-district, 2nd team all-district and Honorable Mention all-district.

Cowgirls listed included;

Superlatives: Joani Bell, Junior

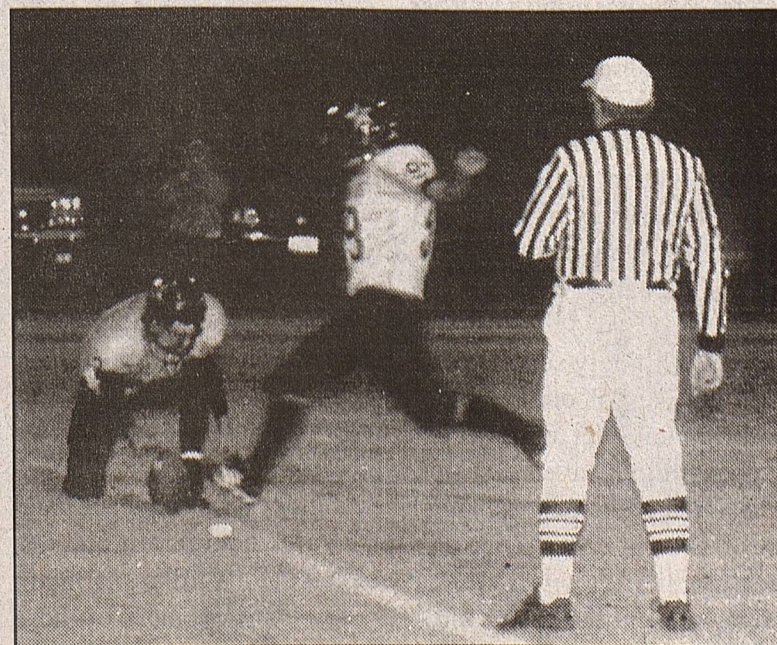
First Team: Lauren Hise, Junior

Desiraye Broome, Senior.

Second Team: Katie Winn

Honorable Mention; Meghan Garcia, Senior

** CCN planned to take photos of the Cowgirls Monday but the Photo-Op will be next week. The entire team was not present Monday.



Exchange student Hunter Liu kicks extra point

Notes from the Counselor

- November 4-16 Late registration Dec. 9 ACT in Plains
- November 13 Open House 6:30-8 pm
- November 13 Pre-register Spring classes @SPC
- November 22-24 Thanksgiving Holidays
- December 7 South Plains College here for College Apps
- December 9 ACT
- December 11 NHS Christmas Home Tour
- December 18 Tyler Willis about College Experience

Scholarships

Please see Mrs. Davis for more information on the following scholarship opportunities:

Wal-Mart/ Sam's Club Foundation Scholarship

Online Nov. 1 thru Jan 12, 2007

www.walmartfoundation.org

SAE Engineering Scholarships DUE Dec. 1

Coca-Cola Scholarship

Online now thru Jan 15th

www.coca-colascholars.org

Texas Student Housing Authority (San Marcos, Austin, College Station areas)

AXA Foundation Scholarship

Online now thru Dec. 15

www.axa-achievement.com

Lea County Electric Education Foundation Scholarship DUE December 31

Gates Millennium Scholars

Online now thru Jan. 12, 2007

www.gmsp.org

Access Education DUE Dec. 15, 2006- Feb. 15, 2007

www.usafunds.org/scholarship

Barbara Jordan Historical Competition Scholarship Opportunity Due March 5

2007 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest DUE Jan. 6

Lifelines & Styles

Life After Loss

A bereavement support program for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one.

Getting Ready for the Tough Holiday Season

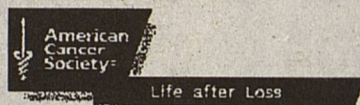
The American Cancer Society is offering this seminar, without charge, to anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, regardless of the cause of death. The holidays can be an especially hard time for those dealing with grief, and we can help. Please plan to attend this special session if you are in need of bereavement support. Please encourage anyone you know who needs bereavement support to attend.

Saturday, November 18th, 2006

2:00pm to 5:00pm

First United Methodist Church
In the Fellowship Hall
210 W. 4th St, Denver City
Led by Michael Welch, Minister

Please RSVP to Stacey Meece at:
(806) 592-5169



Orchids In Texas??

Orchids symbolize love, beauty and refinement - so it's no surprise the sale of potted orchids has surged in recent years. This exotic bloom has become the second most popular flowering plant, after the poinsettia, sold in the United States. This comes as good news for the agriculture industry, since orchids can often provide ten times more profits for growers, pot for pot, than the poinsettia.

Texas orchid growers in Austin, Boerne, Dallas, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, Houston, Galveston, Port Lavaca, Richardson and San Antonio produced close to half a million potted orchids in 2005.

More than 80 percent of the potted orchids are moth orchids, which naturally flower in the spring. Texan grown moth orchids develop quickly, accept low light conditions, can bloom as long as ten months, and produce larger, more abundant flowers than species native to Southeast Asia.

Dr. Yin-Tung Wang, world renowned orchid researcher at the Texas Ag Research Center in Weslaco said growers use air-conditioned greenhouses and new technology to produce flowers year-round.

"Producers have growing opportunities to cultivate more orchids in Texas, where the climate is perfect for raising many types of the exotic plant," Dr. Wang said. "I'm glad the Texas Department of Agriculture funded research in 2002 to improve the post-production quality of potted orchids because continued research is vital to having a sustainable and profitable orchid industry."

Storytime at the Library

Storytime was held Wednesday, November 8 at 10 am at the Library. The theme was patriotism and the American Flag. Veterans Day was the theme and books shared were I Pledge Allegiance, The Flag We Love, Red, White & Blue and Veterans Day, and the short film 'Stars & Stripes' was enjoyed. Attending were Taryn, Delese and Brie Willis, Ivey Davis, Raven and Ranger Harvey, Kiarsen Harris, Grace, JoAnne and Jadon McAdams, Ellie and Cason Russell and Neica Anna. Storytime is every Wednesday at 10 am for ages 2,3 and 4 with their parents or caregivers.

Baby Shower
It's a Girl (Shelbi Marie)
honoring
Staci Tuggle Carey
Saturday, November 18, 2006
2:00 pm
in the home of
Mrs. Shay Lowrey

Selections- Target, Lubbock, Nelson's, Brownfield

Art Association Meets

Yoakum County Art Association met November 7 in the Club Room with 11 members present and guest artist Kay Smith of Big Spring. She demonstrated her water color skills, painting a beautiful picture of poppies with many different, bright colors. President Betty Estep called for the minutes to be read. Liz Chandler reported on the progress for the Centennial Art project. The Association approved awarding the People's Choice painting with a \$100 prize. Jeannette Head gave a brief outline of the new museum, Yoakum County Art and Heritage Museum. Sheila Stephens will represent the art association in museum business. A motion was made, seconded and approved to allow the planned museum to share it's use in the Art Association 501 3C tax exemption status.

The Art Associations' annual Christmas dinner is planned for 6:30 PM Friday, December 1 in the Club Room. Members are urged to bring children's gifts for the Court House Christmas tree.

Hostesses for the evening were Liz Chandler and Betty Estep.

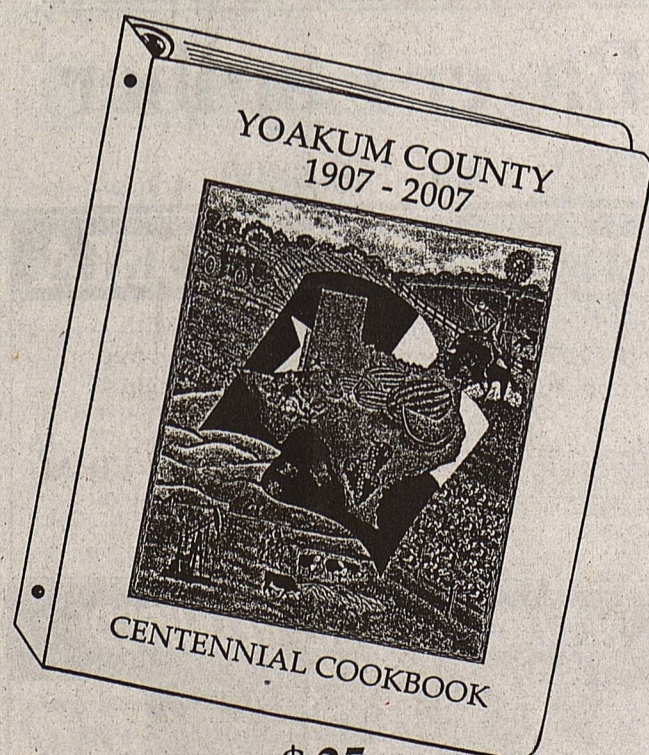
Historical Commission preps for Centennial

The County Historical Association met November 6 in the Denver City Connection Building, with 14 members attending. President Linda Powell read the proposed grant request prepared for she and writer Judy London, seeking funds for costumes and many other requirements for the planned Centennial Play in the summer of 2007.

Brenda Canada reported on progress collecting histories from all county businesses, including farming and ranching. Deadline for accepting the data is January 1, 2007. Christy Canada reported on progress of plans for the play to be presented in the Centennial celebration. A play director has yet to be determined. Jeannette Head delivered another update on the ongoing plans for the new county museum. Betty Estep, representing the Art Association, reported a number of antique art paintings will be on display in the Association's summer art show.

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Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the center. What a day we had Wednesday. Our center was blessed with seniors both from Denver City and Plains. The J.O.Y. Choir from First Baptist Church under direction of Randy Butler serenaded us before lunch with a lovely selection of songs. By the way, J.O.Y. stands for Just Older Youth. We appreciate them singing for us. We also sang happy birthday to our pastor Philip Golden. He and his family have been a blessing to our church.

We had our elected officials eat with us. We appreciate their support for the center. We also recognized and honored the veterans who had served in the past. We know the sacrifice so many of them made and we appreciate their service to our country. Wednesday was also the day for the turkey and dressing our wonderful cooks prepare. They do great job and the turkey and dressing always brings lots of people.

We extend our sympathy to the Marlow's in the loss of Jerry. Also to Joanie Hancock and her family in the loss of Joanie's granddaughter Macie. This is a difficult time for that family and our love and prayers go out to them.

We heard Virgil McCalmon has been having some health problems and we have missed him at the center. Virgil, we hope you are back with us soon.

We still don't have a director, but we do have some applications, so maybe we will have a director soon. Ayde will be leaving after we get a new director and we will miss her smiling face. She stepped up to the bat when Rojean Therwhanger had to resign because of health problems. I admire Ayde so much because she was new to the job yet plunged right in and kept things running smoothly. Ayde, thank you so much.

Our center is open every morning at 10 and we serve our meals at 11:30. We have some come early to exercise in the rec room or play pool before lunch. To all who came Wednesday it was so good to have you and we hope you comeback soon. We extend an invitation to all seniors in Denver City and Plains to come and see all all we have to offer.

We have vans to pickup seniors who no longer drive, here and in Plains. Our meals are by donation only, suggested price \$3 for those 60 and over, \$4 for visitors. We would love to see the center as full as it was last week. Pray for rain!

A very special **Thank You** to each and every one of you for every moment spent showing your care and love for our 'WILLIE/GRANNIE'. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was a tremendous blessing and great help to our entire family. Bless you all so very much.
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From The Hack

Just read something I found semi-mind boggling. In recent city elections the towns of Abilene and Baytown voted overwhelmingly to become smoke-free cities. This news from Baytown didn't particularly surprise me, because I know very little about the town. Abilene I am much more familiar with. I was born there. And NO, I do not remember the experience - no one's mind functions that far back. I did have a load of kinfolks there, and spent many summers there and in surrounding impressive cities like Ovalo, Tuscola, Buffalo Gap, and Lawn.

What I recall clearest about Abilene was the number of churches and denominational colleges there were in my young, pristine mind. Well, fairly pristine. I was aware of the birds and bees; Birds chirped and flew, bees buzzed and stung. It seems now when I recall auto trips about the town, chaffered about by this or that aunt and uncle in '38 or '39 chevy's, we passed a church school every 13 minutes. My Baptist aunt would gush, "That's Hardin-Simmons there, sweetie, that's where your daddy spent a few weeks until they sent him back to Barstow." Then, we

would pass another school, created by some people called Methodists, catering to Methodists, naturally, and a few others enrolled under false pretenses. We drove by the school sponsored by Jesus, but called the Church of Christ, and I was again awed.

The point I am very, very slowly trying to arrive at is this: How did people of that many protestant faiths manage to agree to stamp out smoking in Abilene by an overwhelming 69 percent of the 'Yes' vote? And then, after reading the press release again, and again, it soaked into my granite hard cranium. The Abilene vote was non-binding. The vote count will be reported to the City Council for consideration. Ratification of the vote will be at their discretion. I have also heard it rumored the present Council is made up of seven individuals, representing the beliefs of every church denomination in the town.

There is no chance of its passage. Is there? Speaking of Demon Tobacco, I have been smoke odor free now for three years, four months, nine days and one century. Would I like to suck on one of the cancer sticks again? What a dumb question. YES.

The following was supposed to have originated with LBJ, remember him? The Postmaster General told the following to LBJ: A little boy had lost his dad and his widowed mom was having money problems. He

wrote a letter to God, and said, "Dear God, please send Momma \$100 to help with our family." The PM was strongly touched by the event, thought long about it, and because he'd made a few million before his appointment, took a twenty dollar bill, placed it in an envelope and mailed it to the little boy.

Around two weeks later the Postmaster General received a letter saying, "Dear God, I'm plenty obliged for all you've done. It was a great help. Thank you. If you decide to send momma another \$100, please don't route it through Washington cause they deducted 80% of it."

NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4:00 PM Thursday, November 30, 2006 for the purchase of One (1) New 2007 one-ton flat bed truck with or without trade-in of one (1) Used Chevrolet Flat Bed Truck.

Bids shall be opened with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, December 4, 2006.

For specifications and or more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491, ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. To view trade-in, contact Ben Coston, Commissioner Pct. 2, 806/456-592-3287.

Sealed bids should be marked "TRUCK-PRECINCT #2 on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456 Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

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The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4:00 PM, Thursday, November 30, 2006 for the SALE of one (1) Used 1982 One-Ton Flat Bed Truck from Precinct #2.

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Where in Texas are you if the town is called.....

1. 'Weiner Dog Capital of Texas'
2. 'Saints Roost'
3. 'The Norwegian Capitol of Texas.'
4. 'Goose Hunting Capitol Of The World'
5. Pump Jack Capitol of Texas.
6. 'Birthplace of Texas Ranching'
7. 'Hippo Capitol of Texas.'
8. 'Oasis of the West Texas Desert.'
9. 'Home of the Tallest Soldier in the Confederate Army.'
10. 'Land of Leather.'

All A's (Excluding PE) 9th Grade

Emilia Gallegos
Nathan McCravey
Justin Taylor
Victoria Valverde

All A's and 1 B

Brandon Craft
Ignacio Lozano

10th Grade

Reyna Gallegos
Yesenia Loya

Chris Addison

11th Grade

Kurt Alldredge
Maria Andazola
Marie Bahr
Joani Bell
Ryan Crump
Amber Friesen
Lauren Hise
Flor Lara
Juan Lara
Cody Mayes
Colby Ortega
Zachary Ramos
Maretta Trent
Katie Winn

Elias Carrillo
Lauren Davis
Marissa Melendez
Edgar Munoz
Jacob Rivera
John Tyson
Jose Valdez
Jordan Williams

12th Grade

Scott Addison
Landon Craft
Steven Dominguez
Jose L. Gallegos
Erika Loewen
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli Mendoza
Diana Valenzuela
Colby Wilmeth

Yesica Calderon
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Michael Marin
Antonio Martinez
Lisa Neufeld
Adriana Ponce
Mario Ruvalcaba

Answers to Where Are You

1. Buda, 15 miles south of Austin
2. Clarendon, near Amarillo
3. Clifton, near Waco.
4. Eagle Lake, 65 miles from Houston.
5. No, not Denver City... Electra, near Wichita Falls.
6. Goliad, between Austin, San Antonio and Houston.
7. Hutto, north and east of Austin - athletic teams called Hippos.
8. Monahans, to our south.
9. Mount Vernon, between Dallas and Texarkana - the soldier was Col. Henry Thurston, Confederate Army, at 7' 7".
10. Yoakum, about 100 miles from San Antonio

If you correctly identified all ten towns, CONGRATULATIONS. That's all genius, luck, and cheating are worth at CCN.

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