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# Cowboy Country News

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## Court Extends County Disaster Declaration Until March 31, 2006

### Fires, drought, wind threat prompts extreme caution

On December 30, 2005, responded to by Plains Volunteer Fire Department in recent days. Sheriff Don Corzine told the court during the state of emergency a county wide burn ban would remain in effect. In case of an outdoor fire causing property damage the party starting the fire could be charged with a Class A misdemeanor and fined up to \$500 and responsible for the property damage.

The New Year Day fires prompted the following message of gratitude for numbers of residents in the fire areas, which we considered worthy of reporting here:

### A Letter Of Appreciation

We all express our heart-felt gratitude to the wonderful people who worked non-stop for many hours helping put out the fires off U.S. Highway 380 New Year's Day. The Plains Volunteer Fire Department, employees of Precinct 3, the Yoakum County Sheriff Department, Department of Public Safety, TxDOT, and the countless volunteers from Plains, Denver City and New Mexico communities, including Portales, Dora, Elida, Milnesand, Causey, Lovington, Knowles, Hobbs and Tatum. Special thanks for the tanker trucks hauling water, Gandy Inc. of Tatum, W.L. Kidd and Pate Trucking in Denver City, and fire department assistance from Hobbs and Portales.

### We Sincerely Thank You !

Tommy & Cindra Box - Tommy & Sara K Burrus - Sarah Jane Field - Branch Ranch - Trey & Dana Davis - Roy Millsap - John & Melinda Kitto - David & Cherie Sanders - L.J. & Virginia Sanders - Royce & Cynthia Blair - Dwayne & Brenda Canada - Minnie Blair

## Governor proclaims School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2006 as School Board Recognition Month. The Governor said, "The full promise of this great nation heavily depends on how well young Americans are prepared to embrace and succeed at the challenges ahead. Critical to achieving this goal is ensuring excellence in education. Throughout the Lone Star State, school boards work to meet this mission, achieving successes that continue to make a positive difference. Through their efforts in working with educators, government officials and the community, school boards help provide young Texans with the tools necessary for success.

"We encourage every community to take the time to acknowledge the challenging and rewarding task of preparing our students for the future. School board members are extraordinary people who are dedicated advocates for Texas Youth, yet few people fully understand the demands and implications of their responsibilities on local boards. More than 7,000 Texas men and women serve their communities on these boards. Plains Board members include Wayne Sisson, Keith Earnest, Anna Gonzalez, Chris Winn, Danny Bell, Alex Barrientes, and Brad Palmer.

## Annual chamber banquet features native son speaker, good food, prizes

At a recent meeting of the Plains Chamber of Commerce, when plans were being finalized for the annual Chamber banquet, a member asked what number should be used in advertising the January 19 event. A discussion led to confusion, and a visit to the library failed to help. According to the best historical record of Yoakum County, *From Sod To 1986*, the Chamber was officially organized in 1962, but experienced periods of inactivity, and there is no record of the first - or how many - annual banquets have been held.

It was finally agreed to officially refer to the January 19 Banquet as, *The Official January 19, 2006 Banquet*, to avoid any confusion or disputes! And you are invited!

In recent years the chamber has tried to feature guest speakers with close ties to the community who have experienced successful careers and remain close to the town and residents. Chamber members unanimously agreed Dallas Powell fulfilled those requirements.

Dallas is the eldest son of Bill and Wilma Luna Powell, and the first grandson of Lillian and Murphy Luna and first great-grandson of W.J. Luna, the founder of Plains in 1907.

Dallas grew up, went to school, and worked on the family farm and ranch here, received his first degree from Texas Tech, experienced success in the corporate world, earned his Masters degree, and would later start and succeed in his own business, providing insurance and investment products and advice throughout north-



ern Colorado. His closeness to and fondness for Plains and Yoakum County and their people remains.

The Chamber urges you to attend, bring a door prize, enjoy dinner, music and the message from Dallas Powell.

## District, County Criminal Cases

Four criminal cases were heard in District Court January 6, with Judge Kelly Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Avelino Deleon Jr. pled true to the state's first amended motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt from a prior indecency with a child cause. An additional \$100 court cost will be paid, plus \$235 \$235 delinquent court costs, \$70 attorney fees, \$280 supervision fees. He must also pay additional \$350 appointed attorney fees on plea day. Paul Mansur was his attorney.

Donivan Aaron Stallings pled guilty to possession of more than four, less than 200 grams methamphetamine, second degree felony. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated 10 years. He was fined \$2500, must pay \$293 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He must serve 160 hours community service, surrender his driver license 180 days, complete the drug offender education program, spend 7 days in jail and pay \$140 restitution to DPS. William McGowan II was his attorney, Investigating officer was Deputy Curtis Coffman.

Ernest Guzman pled guilty to DWI, third or more, open container. The state waived deadly weapon enhancement. An eight year state prison sentence was suspended and probated eight years. He was fined

\$1500, must pay \$375 attorney fees, \$398 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend five days in jail, complete the DWI repeat offender program, lose his license 180 days, and attend weekly AA meetings. Warren New was his

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## Start of new year routine for Commissioners Court

In the January 9 session, Tax Assessor/Collector Jan Parrish reported \$2,166,328 county taxes were collected in her office in December. All entities tax receipts totaled over \$10 million.

The court approved all salaries for 2006, all holidays for employees, and set the mileage rate for out of county travel at .445 cents per mile. Jury duty service pay remained at \$7 for reporting, \$14 for the first days service, and \$40 per day after the first day.

Judge Brewer announced an agreement had been reached with the National Association of Counties and ADVANCEPCS allowing county residents with no type of prescription drug mem-

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Yoakum County law enforcement entities recently received high-tech presents which should make their offices more efficient and productive. Shown here are Denver City Chief of Police Jack Miller, DPS Trooper Jarod Browne, Criminal District Attorney Secretary Chandra Dominguez and Sheriff Department Lt. Jerry Howard. Their departments recently received new recording units which will convert images from the three department patrol unit cameras used to record scenes when suspect vehicles are stopped for investigation or other surveillance tasks. The images will be converted to the more efficient and universally recognized DVD format. The units were purchased by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark's office with funds collected from sale of recorded footage to defense attorneys.

## We Get Letters.....

At last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting, we were given the hand written letter reproduced here. The lady penning the letter has been one of our faithful subscribers for a number of years. Perhaps another of our 'more seasoned' readers can help her out.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have recently been thinking of an incident that happened in 1929 or possibly as late as 1931. It was during a blizzard with lots of snow on the ground.

I remember we were all crowded around our cookstove trying to keep warm without much success when two men stopped by our shack because they were lost and cold and on an urgent mission.

They had picked up a wagon load of coal in Seagraves that morning. They had spent the night in Seagraves and waited for the arrival of the train to get their load of coal.

There were no high lines or telephone poles or any kind of markers as there were no trees or fences. They warmed up a little at our stove and Daddy (Claude C. Freeman) saddled his horse and with his army overcoat and cap from World War I set out to lead the men to where they could find their way.

There may have been a telegraph line from Brownfield to Plains. I don't know where he directed them but it was dark when Daddy got home. I think one of the men may have been named Rushing.

I feel like someone in Plains might have memory of this incident and if anyone knows who it was they should put up a marker of some kind to recognize the great effort made to secure fuel for Plains by these men.

Yours Truly

Jane Long

PO Box 247,

Hedley, TX 79237

PS - I still have farming interests in Yoakum County and subscribe to the Yoakum County paper. (CCN)

### -- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

The grass fires in Texas continue to be my primary focus. I mentioned last week I had been to Cross Plains and sent a letter to President Bush urging him to declare an emergency in Texas. I have since spoken with the head of FEMA, David Paulison to get his perspective on the response and recovery efforts. In

my conversation with Director Paulison, I was assured FEMA understands the urgency of the situation in Texas. FEMA has provided grants to Texas to pay for firefighting costs, and the agency is currently assessing the damage from the fires.

On my return trip to the region this week, I was encouraged by the response of local communities and how quickly they are moving forward. I was especially moved by the donations and contributions made to help our fellow Texans in need. It never ceases to amaze me how Texans don't wait for things to happen, they go ahead and make things happen on their own. An example of this generosity can be found in an Eastland County teen who raised \$2500 in a bake sale and donated it to local fire victims.

Although progress is being made, the recovery process is far from over. I will continue to work with local officials and the federal government to help individuals and communities affected by the fire get back on their feet.

### FROM PAGE ONE, COURT

stonery, and Deputy Kenley Powell was investigating officer.

Guadalupe Delgado Ruiz pled guilty to making terroristic threat. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for 214 days served. Warren New was his attorney.

In the January 4 session of County Court, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Jose Luis Cervantes pled guilty to Assault causes bodily injury/family violence. A one year jail sen-



City employees Alex Barrientes, Jerry Dominguez and Ryan Martinez worked last week replacing a septic tank on the north end of Copeland Avenue with a new sewer line. The work is continuing the City's project of replacing all old septic tanks. This new line will extend to behind Sacred Heart Catholic Church and then down hill to the city lift station. The pumps there were under water in the Fall of 2004 during the brief flood, and will be raised some eight feet when the new line is tied in.

tence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$220 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 80 hours community supervision and complete the anger management program. His attorney was Jimmy Hammons, Eddie Bishop, Denver City Police was investigating officer.

Daniel Gabriel Chaparo pled guilty to DWI, b.t. .109/.111 with open container. A 30 day jail sentence had been met with 32 days served. He must pay \$326 court costs. DPS Trooper Jarod Browne was investigating officer.

### From Page One, COMMISSIONERS

bership card could be eligible for membership in a drug program offering substantial savings on drugs with the one time County payment of \$150. Howard said initially some 1800 membership cards would be ordered, and should be available within eight to ten weeks.

A petition was granted for Lea County Electric Cooperative to construct and maintain electric primary lines under certain county roads.

The court approved acceptance of a matching fund grant from the State for installation of fuel pumps at the Denver City airport. The total grant would be \$30,000, with the county's share \$7,500 and Denver City's \$7,500.



## Capitol Comments

by U.S. Senator  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

This week Houston hosts the third annual conference of the Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas, known as TAMEST. Academy members are Texans who have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering or the Institute of Medicine in recognition of their academic and research achievements. TAMEST is helping to shape the future of Texas and the Nation.

Since the birth of our republic, Texans have shown a bold, pioneering spirit that has led to great growth and innovation. Today, many of the world's most remarkable minds are doing their groundbreaking work here in the Lone Star State. TAMEST acts as a lens to focus that innovation, maximizing the fruits of exciting new research being done by our doctors, scientists and engineers.

Houston is a perfect setting for the conference because this city has led so many bold strides taken by Texas and the United States over the years, and it is the nexus for much scientific work today. Houston was the command center for the United States' leap into outer space, and it will be the focus of our launch into nano-space. By supporting Rice University, the University of Houston, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and Baylor College of Medicine, the leaders of Houston have made research excellence and growth a major priority.

As part of a long range plan to strengthen our economy, I began working to move Texas to the forefront of research in the nation. In 2002, I helped establish the Strategic Partnership for Research in Nanotechnology (SPRING) to foster nanotechnology research. SPRING is a collaborative effort between Texas universities and the military to create stronger, lighter materials. In 2003 I directed my attention to the creation of TAMEST to encourage our best research from various disciplines to become familiar with work done in our Texas institutions and combine their efforts to master bigger projects. In 2004, Houston leaders conceived the Alliance for NanoHealth, which applies nanotechnology to the treatment and cure of disease. That same year, the National Biocontainment Laboratory was launched at UT Medical Branch in Galveston, the first Biosafety Level 4 Laboratory on a university campus in the country.

TAMEST and our other research initiatives have been a great success. In 1998, Texas was ranked fifth nationally in federal research expenditures. Since then Texas has moved up to a strong third. Last year expenditures rose to over \$1.5 billion. Since the advent of our initiatives, important funding has been drawn to Texas; \$37.5 million for SPRING over the last four years, \$10.4 million for the Alliance for NanoHealth from 2004 to 2006 and \$158 million for the National Biocontainment Lab. MD Anderson receives more research funding from the National Cancer Institute than any other medical center in America.

TAMEST should not be just a Texas initiative; instead, it should become the first step in a broader American agenda to redouble our efforts in hard sciences. America's leadership in scientific research is responsible for its economic success since World War II, but our edge has begun to erode. In 1975, the U.S. conferred 59 percent of the world's doctorates; now it confers just 41 percent. During the same time, China has increased the number of doctorates its students earn from near zero to 12 percent. India has also become competitive, training large numbers of engineers who speak English and are willing to work for one-fifth the salary of their U.S. counterparts. Our recent trend has been in the wrong direction.

This new year, 2006, is the time to start reversing that trend. TAMEST is a gem for Texas and should be our model for the renewal of American leadership in science, engineering and medicine.

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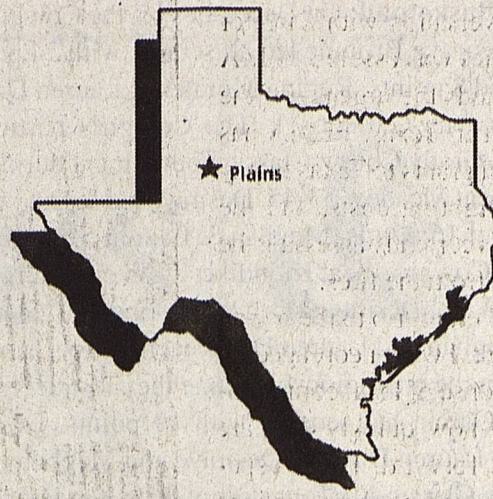
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The Plains Chamber of Commerce Invites You To Our

# Annual Banquet

Thursday, January 19, 7 PM, In The Plains ISD Cafeteria. This year our guest speaker, Dallas Powell, is another Hometown Boy who has made good, and continues to maintain his affection for our town, people, and his family here. He will entertain you!

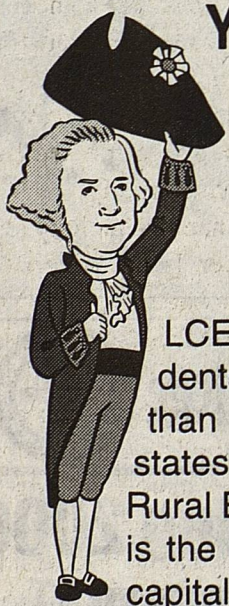
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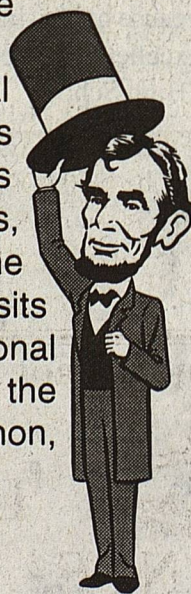
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### Hey High School Students!

Where will you be this summer?  
You could be in Washington, D.C.,  
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LCEC will be sending two local high school students on an all-expense-paid trip to join more than 1,400 high school students from 37 states in Washington, D.C. for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour, June 8-15, 2006. This is the chance of a lifetime to tour our nation's capital, visit personally with legislative leaders, and see where history has been made. The Government-in-Action Youth Tour includes visits to the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Mount Vernon, all the National Monuments and more!



For more information contact Suzie Brown at the Cooperative's Lovington office at 396-3631 or (800) 510-5232.

Applications are also available at your high school or any LCEC office.  
Applications due by February 10, 2006.

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### ATTENTION

#### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Lea County Electric Education Foundation is currently accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded for the Fall 2006 semester. The Scholarships are renewable up to 8 consecutive semesters, for a total of \$5,000.00!

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

Available only to active members (and immediate family) receiving service from LCEC.

Applicant must maintain a 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale and be considered a full-time student.

Applicant must submit two letters of reference (see application for important details) and demonstrate a coherent degree plan.

Applications must be received no later than February 10, 2006.

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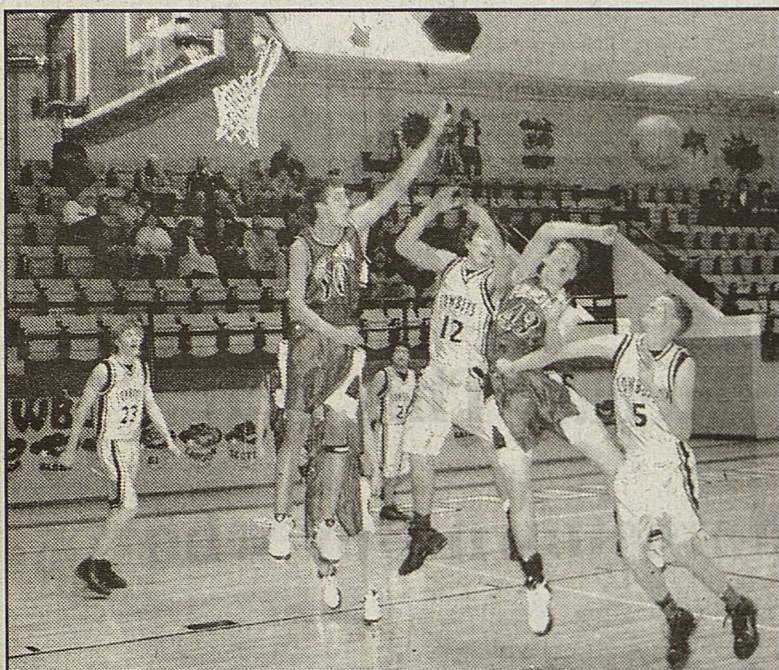
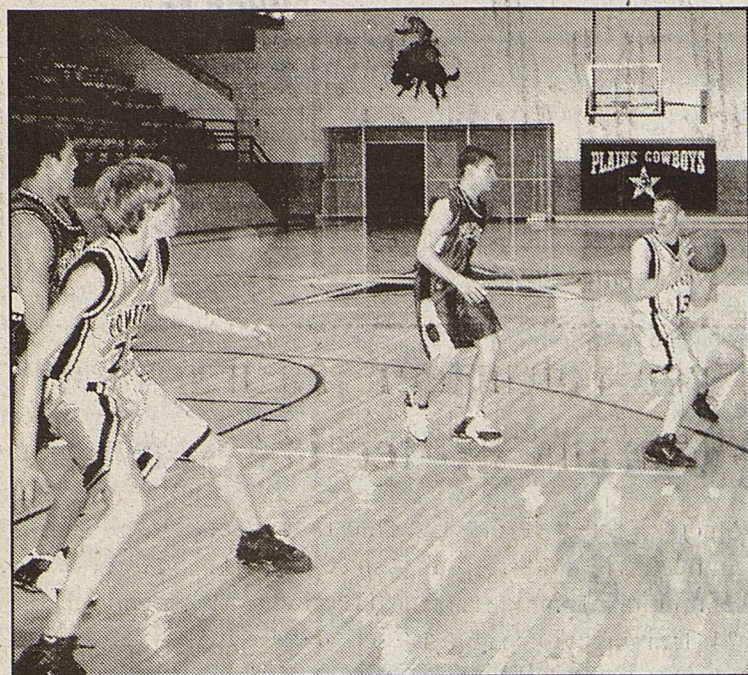
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# Cowboys In Action vs Friona



## PISD Sports Summary

**Cowgirl Basketball:** On December 16, the Cowgirls beat Grady 43-42. Desiraye Broome led all scorers with 24 points, Meghan Garcia had 8 points, Regina Morales 6, Lauren Davis and Katie Winn 2, Reyna Gallegos 1. The Cowgirls participated in the Klondike/Grady Cotton Classic Tournament during the holidays and first beat Meadow 53-45. Desiraye led scoring with 20 points, Regina had 16 points, Meghan 8, Lauren 5, and Lauren Hise 4. Next, the Cowgirls beat Klondike 47-45 on a game winning shot by Katie Winn. Desiraye again led scoring with 21 points, Regina had 7, Meghan and Lauren Davis each had 6, Lauren Hise 5 and Katie 2. In the championship game they lost to Highland 48-44. Meghan Garcia led scoring with 19 points, Desiraye had 11, Regina 8, Lauren Davis 6. Desiraye and Meghan were named to the Cotton Classic All-Tournament team. On January 3 the Cowgirls beat Wellman-Union 39-33. Desiraye led the scoring with 29 points, Regina, Meghan and Lauren Hise each had 5, and Lauren Davis 4. On January 6 the Cowgirls opened district play against O'Donnell and lost 41-31. Desiraye led scoring with 12, Regina had 11, Meghan 5, Lauren Davis 3. The Cowgirls have a season record of 12-7 and are 0-1 in district.

**Cowboy Basketball:** The Cowboys competed in and won the Cotton Classic Tournament held December 28-30. They started slow against Medow and were down 12-1 to start the second period. They fought back for a 38-34 win. Blake O'Quinn and Landon Craft led the scoring with 8 each, Blake Parrish 7, BJ Lester and TJ Cordova 5 each, Abel Ramos 3, Casson Curtis 2. They also won the semi-final game against Ira 53-29. Craft topped scoring with 12 points, Cordova had 9, Abel and Zach Ramos 6 each, Blake O'Quinn 5, Scott Addison and Curtis 5 each, Parrish, Lester, Rudy Gonzales 2 each, Chase Guetersloh 1. In the Championship against New Home, they won again, 43-27. O'Quinn had 13 points, Craft 10, Cordova 9, Parrish 7, Abel Ramos 3, Curtis 1. Named to the All Tournament were O'Quinn and Lester, and Landon Craft was named most valuable player. They opened the New Year with a win over Wellman-Union here. Craft had 17 points, O'Quinn 16, Zach 9, Abel 4, Curtis 4, Cordova 3. They next lost a close game to Friona, 56-51. Craft managed 14 points, O'Quinn and Lester 8, Curtis 7, Abel and Cordova 6, Todd Williams 2.

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The Texas High School Coaches ASSN. recently announced its Academic All-State 2005 Football Team. Named to the Second Team were Plains Cowboys Blake O'Quinn and Ramiro Martinez, and Abel Ramos was chosen Honorable Mention.

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## News From The Counselor

Senior parents, put January 19th on your calendar. Dennis Kinman with LEARN, Inc. will be here to discuss the next step in the financial aid process. You should be receiving a federal pin number in the mail. Please check the college web site for deadlines on scholarship applications. Many colleges have changed to February 1.

**Scholarship Opportunities:** Yoakum Co. Soil and Water - Sandy Land Water District, due March 1. - [www.bestbuy.com/scholarships](http://www.bestbuy.com/scholarships) South Plains College General Scholarships due March 1- West Texas A&M General Scholarships, due February 1. San Angelo CARR Scholarships due Feb. 1. - South Plains Tech Prep \$1000 First Generation - Amarillo area Scholarships: [www.monsanto.com](http://www.monsanto.com) or [www.nafb.com](http://www.nafb.com): due Feb 15. - National Alliance for Scholastic Achievement: [www.eee/bus/nasa](http://www.eee/bus/nasa) - due March 4 - Lea County Electric: [www.leacountyelectric.coop/domino/web/website.nsf/EdFoundation](http://www.leacountyelectric.coop/domino/web/website.nsf/EdFoundation) - Yoakum County Soil & Water Essay Contest for all students.

### PLAINS MIDDLE SCHOOL 3<sup>rd</sup> SIX WEEKS ALL A HONOR ROLL

<b>6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>
Adriana Corrales	Forrest Booth	Emilia Gallegos
Mayra Cueto	Hannah Crump	Nathan McCravey
Dakota Earnest		Justin Taylor
Denise Tarango		

### ALL A 1B HONOR ROLL

<b>5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	<b>6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>
Merrit Crump	Troy Alldredge
Katie Dearing	Fabiola Rubalcaba
Autumn Friesen	

<b>7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE</b>
Stephanie Addison	Brandon Craft
Jaxon Bean	Troy Parrish
Dylan DeBusk	
Cody Friesen	
Kevin Gass	



## PHS Student of the Week



December 19 Student of the Week is Lisa Neufeld, the daughter of Johan and Elisabeth Neufeld. She was nominated by Brad Friesen, who said, "I nominated Lisa because of her strong character and model behavior. She is an excellent example of the superb student body we have at Plains High School".



January 9, 2006 Student of the Week is Diana Valenzuela, a junior and the daughter of Rafael Garcia and Bertha Hernandez. She was nominated by Steve Taylor, who said, "Diana is always quietly going about her business. Everytime I see her she is working on something, and everything she turns in is always very well done".

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 TOXIC BACHELORS by Danielle Steel  
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 ON THE RUN by Iris Johansen

**NONFICTION:**

MEN IN BLACK: HOW THE SUPREME COURT IS DESTROYING AMERICA by Mark Levin  
 OUR ENDANGERED VALUES: AMERICA'S MORAL CRISIS by Jimmy Carter  
 FRENCH WOMEN DON'T GET FAT by M. Guiliano  
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### Food for Thought

#### Quick Turkey Spaghetti

The holidays are over, you open your refrigerator, and there is half a turkey and you have no idea what to do with it. When all else fails make spaghetti. Here is another of those even Dad can make meals.

**Ingredients:** One onion chopped; One teaspoon butter; One (fourteen and one half oz.) can chopped tomatoes; One can creamy chicken & mushroom soup; one cup skim mozzarella cheese, grated; two and one half cups cooked turkey, chopped; eight ounces spaghetti; Pepper, to taste

**Directions:**

1. Sauté onion in margarine.
2. Stir in tomatoes, soup and turkey; season to taste with pepper, simmer.
3. Cook spaghetti.
4. Drain spaghetti and mix with sauce.
5. Put half of mixture in baking dish; cover with half of the cheese.
6. Repeat step 5 with remainder of mixture and bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees, covered for 20 to 30 minutes.

**Yield:** 8 servings **Per Serving:** 275 calories, 9 grams fat, 22 grams protein, 27 grams Carbohydrates, 41 mg. Cholesterol, 500 mg sodium, 2 grams dietary fiber.

## Engagement Announced



Marc and Zanna Traweek of Plains are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michaela Traweek, to Zachary Smith, son of David and Pat Smith of Hart. The couple plan to marry February 4th at the First Baptist Church in Plains. The bride-elect is a graduate of Plains High School and Dallas Baptist University. The bride-groom is a graduate of Hart High School and Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Following the wedding the couple plan to reside in Shallowater, Texas

## Free volunteer training for Womens Protective Service

Women's Protective Service of Lubbock will hold free volunteer training beginning January 24. Training will be held at First Christian Church Family Life Center, 2306 13th Street in Lubbock on these dates: January 24, 6 to 9 PM; January 26, 6 to 9 PM; January 28, 9 AM to 4 PM. Food will be provided.

Volunteers are able to assist in areas such as crisis intervention, children's programs, social referral, development and fundraising, community education or assisting clients with their basic needs.

This is a great opportunity for individuals ages 14 and up to help victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. Prospective volunteers can contact Hattie Heiner or Rachel Griffin at 806-748-5292 for more information.

Founded in 1978, Womens Protective Services of Lubbock was established as a shelter program for victims of do-

mestic violence. It has grown since then to become one of the three largest residential shelters in the state.

It is the only agency providing crisis intervention, emergency shelter and support to battered women and their children in a 10,500 square mile region. The region has a population of some 325,000 in the 12 West Texas counties of Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum.

It is the mission of WPS to reduce and prevent family violence by providing emergency shelter to battered women and dependent children. It is also the mission of WPS to nurture self-sufficiency in our clients by providing them with the emotional support and life skills to overcome the pattern of violence dominating their domestic relationships and build strong, healthy and promising lives.

## Art Club Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met at 7 PM January 3 in the Clubroom for their first meeting of the new year.

Eight members and one guest were present, and hostesses for

the evening were Betty Estep and Inetta Teaff.

Everyone enjoyed a video on making and painting greeting cards which was very informative and enjoyable.

### Bridal Shower

honoring

Michaela Traweek

BrideElect of

Zachary Smith

Saturday, January 14, 2006

in the home of

Mrs. Shirley Bunch

1008 First Street, Plains, Texas

Selections:

Lubbock: Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond

Brownfield: Nelson's

Plains: Image 'n That, Bayer Lumber

### You Are Invited To A Wedding Shower

honoring

Shawna Box Cone

Saturday, January 21, 10 to 11:30

in the home of Judy Fitzgerald

S. Hwy. 214 2 miles, 1/2 mile

east off highway

Selections: Dillard's, Gourmet

Pantry, Target, Nelson's, Image'n That

### BABY SHOWER

Honoring Abigale Joyce Ingle, daughter of Nathan and Heather (McDonnell) Ingle, January 15, 2 - 3:30 PM, home of Jo Ann Barron.

Selections: Nelson's, WalMart, & Target

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## From The Hack

In this space last week I suggested Gov. Perry was having problems accepting California Gov. Schwarzenegger's wager of giving up Senator Nancy Pelosi should the Trojans lose to the Longhorns in the Rose Bowl. For once Perry did something right - the Longhorns thrilling come from behind win keeps us Pelosi Free. And you UT despisers, even you Aggies should admit, it's much sweeter to have the nation's very best team wearing the champs crown HERE instead of the Left Coast! Way to go, Horns!!

Two redneck hunters from Mississippi hired a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six of the critters. When they started loading the plane for the trip home the pilot told them the plane could only take four of the moose. The good old boys strongly objected. "Come on, last year we shot six moose, and the pilot let us put 'em all aboard, and he had the same kinda plane you do!" Finally the pilot gave in and let them load all six of the animals. On take-off, however, the plane just couldn't handle the load and went down shortly after take-off. Climbing out of the wreckage Bubba asked Gomer, "You got any idea where we are?" Gomer peered around

and said, "Yeah, looks to me like we're pretty close to where we crashed last year."

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QUOTABLES. Well, sort of.

Advice for the day: If having lots of tension, do what the aspirin bottle says - "Take two aspirin. Keep away from children." Author unknown.

"If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant's life she will choose the infant's life, even without considering if there's a man on base." Dave Barry

"My mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her way out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said, 'Mom, they weren't trying to teach you to swim.'" Paula Poundstone

"A study in the Washington Post says women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to that author, "DUH." Conan O'Brien.

"Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant? I'm half through a fish burger and I realize... Oh My God... I may be eating a slow learner!" Lynda Montgomery

"If life were fair Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead." Johnny Carson

"My parents didn't want to move to Florida, but they turned sixty and that's the law." Jerry Seinfeld.

"Remember in elementary school in case of fire you have to line up quietly in single file from smallest to tallest. What's the logic here? Do tall people burn slower?" Warren Hatcherston

"Bigamy is having one wife/husband too many. Monogamy is the same." Oscar Wilde

"Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress.... but I'm repeating myself." Mark Twain

"Our bombs are smarter than the average high school student. At least they can find Afghanistan." Whitney Brown

"You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will

give you a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would have thought of that.'"

Dave Barry

And perhaps we'd better quit on this :

"Do you know why they call it PMS? Because 'Mad Disease' was already taken."

From unknown, presumed dead.

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### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EDDIE LAMAR COKER, DECEASED

Notice is now given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Eddie Lamar Coker** were issued on January 9th, 2006, in cause No. 1482, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to **Melinda Lopez**. The residence of such Executor and where claims may be presented is as follows:

Melinda Lopez  
210 SW 11th  
Seminole, Texas 79360

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within four (4) months after the date of the receipt of this notice and in the manner described by law or the claim will be barred if not barred by the general statutes of limitation.

Dated January 9th, 2006

#### WARREN NEW

Warren New, Attorney for the Estate. PO Box 670, Denver City, Texas 79323. Phone 806-592-2129 - Fax: 806-592-7733

### Texas Yes!

Texas Department of Agriculture

#### Starlight, Wanderlust and Hidden Treasures in Rural Texas

By Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

With stars overhead that twinkle and shine, small towns across Texas are bedecked for the holidays and beyond. Year-round getaways await visitors with an itch to travel from Alto to Zapata, and every tiny Texas town in between.

Discover the secret treasures on the roads less traveled with the biggest little guide to rural Texas destinations, the "Make Your Getaway" guide found online at [www.TexasYes.org](http://www.TexasYes.org).

Packed with details on off-beat rural destination locations - what to see, where you'll find it, "don't-miss" events and "play-and-stay" options - the guide is the one-stop treasure map for weekend getaways and daytrips alike.

Want more information on the towns featured? Just click on the links provided in the guide and your travels begin online.

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For more information on the program and year-round events in rural Texas, visit Texas Yes! online at [www.TexasYes.org](http://www.TexasYes.org) and click on the "Make Your Getaway" link, or call (866) 4TEX-YES.

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# Public Notice

## Plains Independent School Announces A Public Hearing to Discuss the School Start Date for the 2006-2007 School Year.

**Objective: The school administration will recommend to the board of education that a school start date of August 14<sup>th</sup> be adopted for the 2006-2007 school year.**

**Public comment will be taken at a public hearing to be held on January 23, 2006 at the Resource Center at Plains ISD. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. with Superintendent James Haynes facilitating.**

**The Plains ISD Site-Based Decision-Making Committee will also meet to discuss the School District Start date at a future time to be determined.**

# The Plains Independent School District

has a policy for serving meals for students under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the 2005-2006 school year, which would allow for all students at all campuses to be served meals at no charge.

For additional information please contact:

### PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attention: James Haynes, Superintendent, PO Box 479, Plains, TX 79355, (806) 456-7401.

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