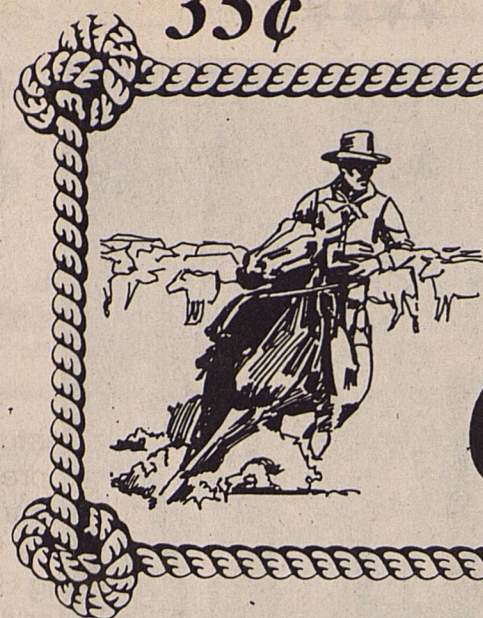


35¢



COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS



PUBLISHED EACH WEDNESDAY,
PLAINS, TEXAS
806 456-8451

Volume 2, Issue 18, Wednesday, January 10, 1996

IRS Approves County Water Depletion Map Sandy Land Winding Up Irrigation Water Well Survey

Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District is currently finishing their annual survey of County irrigation well water standing levels. The completed survey will tell local irrigated producers what has happened to their standing level of available ground water since their last evaluation at the end of 1994. Because of last year's protracted drought and extremely hot, windy conditions during the growing season, the projected water levels will in all probability be lower than the previous year.

Only wintertime measurements are usually accepted for tabulating purposes because water levels then are considered stable. Approximately 100 water wells are measured each year. To provide continuing year to year data, the same wells are measured each year, the data used to construct level decline maps in the water depletion program.

After the depth to water measurement is made in the irrigation well, Sandy Land personnel affix a red vinyl sticker on equipment at the well site. The sticker documents the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement, and the date the measurement was made.

This information is provided to the State, and contributes to the overall status and understanding of the Ogallala Aquifer, from which our ground water derives. Sandy Land officials have announced approval by the Internal Revenue Service of the District's water depletion maps for 1995. The maps are used by IRS to determine decline levels allowable on 1995 tax returns. All landowners in Yoakum County who utilize ground-water may claim cost-in-water income depletion allowance on their federal tax return. Landowners must have an established value in their water and a decline of the water table for 1995 before the claim can be filed. If producers have never claimed depletion previously on a parcel of land they may

also file an amended return.

Requests for depletion information must be in writing, delivered to the Sandy Land office, or filed there in person.

Depletion allowance claims can dramatically benefit landowners utilizing groundwater for crop production. Sandy Land offered the following example of depletion allowance benefits;

* Farmer buys section (640 acres) of irrigated land in 1984 for \$600 per acre.

* That same year dryland land sold at an average of \$300 per acre.

* This indicates the WATER on the property is worth \$300 per acre.

* From saturated thickness maps constructed by Sandy Land, farmer is determined to have 100 feet of water saturated thickness in 1984.

* This indicates that farmer's WATER is worth \$300 per acre, and he had 100 feet of saturated thickness when purchased, and each foot of saturation is worth \$3.

* The amount of decline the farmer has had in any given year is determined.

* From the IRS approved decline map for 1995, it could be proved the farmer had one foot of water level decline for the year on this section of land.

* On his 1995 tax return, the producer could claim a deduction of \$3 per acre, times 640 acres, or \$1920.

With today's production costs and unknown market prices, any tax break should be welcomed by irrigated producers.

Requests for depletion of water levels must be in writing, mailed or delivered to the Sandy Land District office. A request form must be completed, requiring a complete legal description of the land on which each claim is to be filed, the date of acquisition, number of acres in the tract, owner's name, address and social security number or Federal Tax I.D. Number.

Sandy Land expects to complete the water depth survey within the next few days. For more information, landowners should contact the Sandy Land office.

Chamber Plans For Annual Banquet

The Plains Chamber of Commerce met January 4 with thirteen members in attendance.

Linda Powell gave a brief discussion of plans for establishing an 'Arts Alliance' in the county, aligning the Denver City Art Club, the Yoakum County Art Association, other civic and fraternal clubs and organizations, and interested individuals.

The 'Alliance' story was featured in the January 4 issue of CCN. The Chamber expressed its support in the proposed organization.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming annual

banquet, slated for January 25. The Chamber will furnish ham for the meal. All adults attending the event are asked to bring a large salad or casserole of their choice. The theme for this years banquet will be "Music Mania", in honor of the State Championship Cowboy Marching Band.

The annual presentation will also feature presenting the "Citizen Of The Year" award. All residents are urged to submit the name of a deserving man or woman of their choice for the honor. A sample ballot is printed below, and can also be found in the January 17 issue of CCN.

Outstanding Citizen

My nominee to receive the 1995
Plains Chamber of Commerce
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

is

I believe that he or she should be
named for this honor because:

SEND TO
PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOX 364 PLAINS, TEXAS 79355
DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1996

Lions Club Meets, Plan 50th Year Anniversary Event

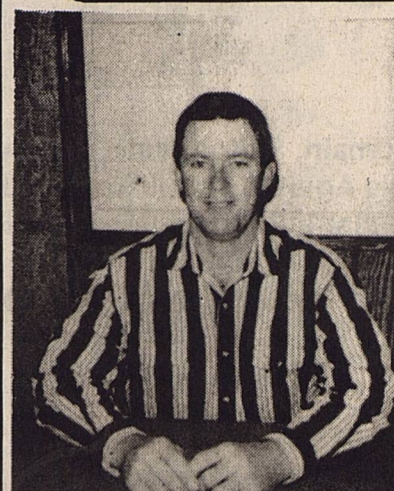
The Plains Lions Club met Thursday, January 4. The program was brought by Harry Richardson, featuring an insurance industry sponsored video detailing how the public can make vehicle theft more difficult.

Initial plans were discussed about observing the 50th anniversary of the local club. The anniversary date will probably feature a catered banquet for members and spouses, with special emphasis and recognition of past members who served the club and have since moved.

The Lions organized the club here in February, 1945. There are only two of the Charter members still on the rolls, Pierre St. Romain and Sherm Tingle.

Finalized plans for the event will be reported later. The Lions Club is the world's largest community service organization, with more than 1.4 million members around the globe. There are more than 40,000 Lions clubs in more than 180 countries and various areas. The first club was organized in Chicago, 1917.

New Face At NRCS



Philip Carter, Range Conservationist, assumed duties at the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office Monday, January 8.

Carter, 29, recently graduated from Angelo State University with a Master of Science Degree, majoring in Animal Science/Wildlife. He also graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Wildlife Management.

He was born in Las Cruces, NM, but only lived there briefly. He considers Ira, Texas his home town,

and grew up and graduated from high school there.

Carter has some 3-1/2 years experience with NRCS, working out of the field office at Menard after graduating from Tech. He took a leave of absence, lasting two years, to earn his Masters degree. While at Angelo State, he worked on a number of area ranches to help finance his continuing education. He was assigned to the Yoakum County NRCS by the State Office of the organization.

He will be assigned duties assisting local land owners and producers in range management, and soil and water conservation practices.

Carter said he enjoys hunting, fishing, photography, "Anything I can do outdoors." He said he was pleased at his assignment here, and was looking forward to meeting and working with our County citizens and Ag producers.

County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, January 8.

Minutes of the previous months meetings were approved, and the Tax Assessor/Collectors report for December was accepted.

The Court approved a raise in salary and position for Maria Castruita, County Library, Denver City to third deputy effective January 1. Holidays for 1996 were set, and full time salaries and part time hourly rates were approved at the previous year level. Mileage rates for out of county travel remains at 25 cents per mile.

Jury service compensation remains at \$7 for reporting, \$14 per day for juror service. Three names were drawn from the Grand Juror list to serve on the County salary grievance committee, Karen Montgomery, Estella B. Caballero, and Donny Joe Moore.

Previously advertised bids for asphalt, hot and cold mix, gravel and other road materials were reviewed. The Court awarded the bid for gravel to R.E. Jones Co., Slaton, for gravel. Fina Oil Co. was awarded the bid for MC-30 type asphalt, and all other types of asphalt will be purchased from Koch Materials Co. in Lubbock.

All County bills and part time salaries were approved for payment.

The Court will meet in

special session at 10 a.m. Friday, January 12, and Court will not be held the following week.

County JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

70 traffic cases filed
1 issuance of bad check
1 making alcohol available to a minor
1 juvenile warning

Bonds set:
Attempted Capital murder in commission of cited offense, \$100,000 bond
Tampering with governmental record, \$2,000 bond
Assault, family violence, \$2,000 bond
Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 bond
4 - Motion to revoke probation - held until hearing
DPS Warrants, no seat belt, \$240 bond - Expired drivers license, \$500 bond
Driving While Intoxicated - 1st offense, \$1,000 bond

**Primary
Election
March 12,
1996**

***** Basketball Pictures Not Shown Last Week *****



Varsity Cowgirls:
Front, L-R: Tessa St. Romain, Shiloh Winn, Robin Squyres, Kayla Redman, Mary Morales, Stephanie Aguilar, Sandi Warren, Jolyne Burgess, Kassie Lowe, Kyley Bearden, Valarie Blair, Lindsey Six, Becky St. Romain



Varsity Cowboys:
Joe Luna, Eric Estrada, Tanner Blount, Chase Clanahan, Kirk Parrish, Johnny Davis, Ralph Ramirez, Abraham Garcia, Shawn Cullins, Jamie Caballero



Jr. Varsity:
Back, L-R: Jonah Moreno, Adam Dominquez, Jason Redman, Travis Bennett, Front: Gideon Traweek, Will St. Romain, Alan Ward, Yancey House, Coach Edwin Brink



Freshmen:
Front, L-R: Cosme Casillas, Jesus Gandara, Adrian Rios, Tony Lazos, Back: Matt Morgan, Dustin Brunson, Clint Burrus, Mike Bell



8th Wranglers:
Front, L-R: Colt Winn, Keith Jackson, Patrick McGinty, Isaac Gonzalez, Jason Swann, Middle: Justin Bennett, Jeremy Morphis, David Luna, Josh Bell, Rustin Knight, Back: Kyle Sisson, Fermin Luna, Jeremy Gonzales, Alex Tarango, Jeremy Humphrey, Chris Willis

A & M Opens
Bryan; The Agricultural and Mechanical college of Texas, provided for by an act of the Legislature in 1871, opened its first session on Oct. 4. Located on a 2,416 acre campus, the college at present has two class room buildings and five houses for faculty.
T.S. Gathright, President, was formerly State School Superintendent in Mississippi. He was recommended for the position by Jefferson Davis, who had earlier been offered the position.
The faculty has five professors, and more than 50 students.
Tuition for the year is \$20, board \$12 per month. Laundry costs \$12 per year, fuel and lights cost \$7 for the year, and there is a \$10 medical fee.
The Texas News, November, 1876

G. B. AERIAL APPLICATION, INC.

David & Sarah Guetersloh
Office/Home 456-6300
Mobile Phones:
David - 456-7536 Sarah - 456-7974

a generation ahead! **REINKE** IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

no payments for one full year!

8.75% LOAN VARIABLE RATE

UP TO 25% DISCOUNT

see your Reinke Irrigation Systems dealer:

JACK SPEARS 456-4925, 456-3845, or Mobile 456-7451

Drilling Company
WATER WELL DRILLING & PUMP SERVICE
Jim Warren, Sales Mgr. 456-7444

Offer good on orders placed by February 28, 1996, with delivery by March 31, 1996
Reinke Mfg., Co., Inc., P.O. Box 566 • Deshler, Nebraska 68340 • (402) 365-7251

BAYER LUMBER AND HARDWARE

Winter Specials

- Outside Faucet Cover \$2.95
- Wrap-On Insul-Foil Pipe Insulation 1/8" X 2" X 15' \$4.99 roll
- Wrap-On Fiberglass Insulation 3" X 35' \$3.35 roll
- 25' Lufkin Measuring Tape 1" \$8.95 ea.
- 250 Watt Heat Lamps Clear \$3.45 ea.

1018 Ave. E ----- PLAINS, TX
456-4800

P S B
Plains State Bank
Independently and locally owned.

Serving Plains, and Yoakum & adjoining counties for 38 years.

601 9th Street (806) 456-2022
Plains, Texas
Member FDIC

'PISD ACTIVITY PAGE'

P.I.S.D. Basketball

PHS COWGIRLS:

The Cowgirls faced another top state ranked Meadow Lady Broncos team on Jan. 5, and despite great effort, were downed 57-46. Robin Squyres was scoring leader with 16 points, followed by Tessa St. Romain 14, Kyley Bearden 8, Shyloh Winn 3, Kassie Lowe and Lindsey Six 2, and Kayla Redman 1. The girls had 21 points off the bench, and Redman had 7 rebounds. Coach Osborn was well pleased in the strong effort against the 4th rated 1-A girls team.

PHS COWBOYS:

The Cowboys had a much easier night against the Meadow Broncos, winning handily 71-43. They out rebounded Meadow 46-38, led by Johnny Davis with 10, and Tanner Blount had 5 assists. Blount was top scorer with 17 points, Davis had 16, Eric Estrada 13, Chase Clanahan 12, Ralph Ramirez 6, Kirk Parrish 5, and Abraham Garcia had 2. The Cowboys had a strong final quarter, scoring 22 of their total 71 points.

JV COWBOYS:

In last weeks outing against Whitharral, the JV boys had very few problems in scoring a 74-28 victory. David Flores was top scorer with 21, Jason Redman had 18, Adam Dominguez 12, Jonah Moreno 10, Yancey House 6, Travis Bennett 4, and Allen Ward 3.

On January 5, the young Cowboys extended their season record to 9-3, downing the Meadow JV 75-31. Redman had the hot hand with 21 points, Flores had 16, Dominguez 15, House 8, Jonah Moreno 6, Matt Morgan 5, Will St. Romain 4, and Ward 2.

JV COWGIRLS:

The JV Cowgirls went up against a tough Whitharral team last and

were downed in a low scoring 24-17 loss. Jolyne Burgess led the point production with 7, Mary Morales had 6, and Tandi Jones and Marcey House each had 2.

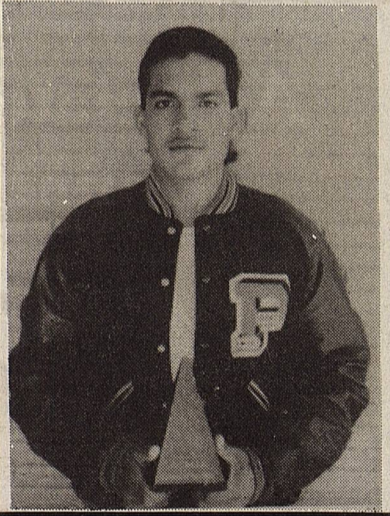
On January 5 the girls took on the Meadow Lady Broncos and fared much better in a 33-16 win. Burgess again led the scoring with 11 points, while Lisa Parrish and Morales had 6 each, Wendy Beckham 4, Jones 3, Maranda Box 2, and Cece Moreno had 1 point.

Student of the Week

Hector Gallegos is a senior at Plains High School and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gallegos. Hector was nominated by Mr. Canon.

"This week's student of the week is a hard worker. I believe he enjoys achievement not only for himself, but his fellow students. I have watched him on numerous occasions as he has helped other students with class assignments and projects, always answering questions and assisting others with hard tasks.

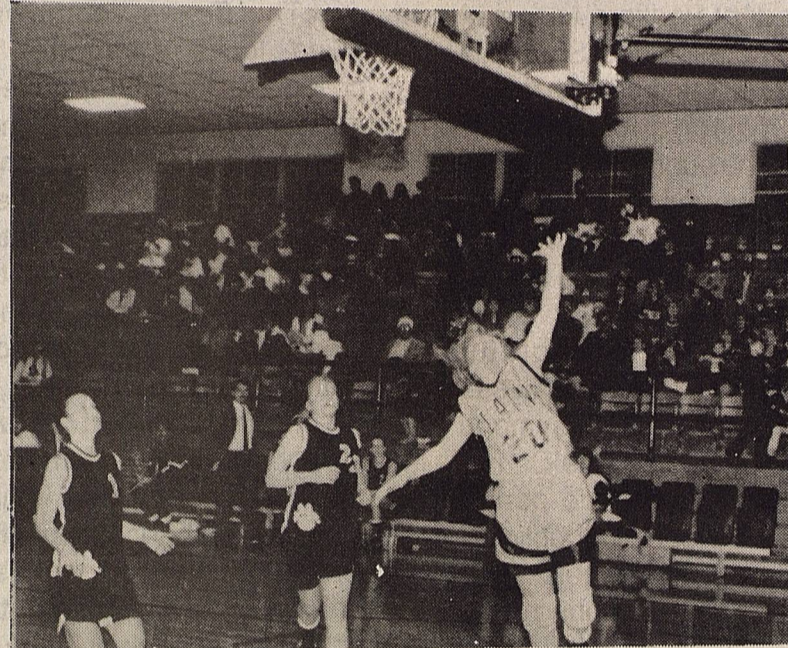
"I think it is great to get ahead and better yourself, but how much better it is on your way up to help others move up also. I believe that is a motivation in this week's student of the week."



Action Shots VS. Whitharral



Think the girls can't get rough?



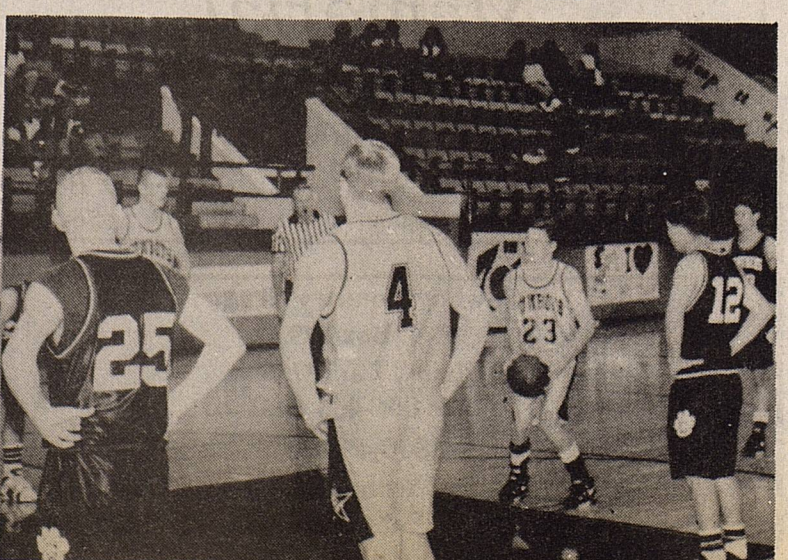
Good Layup by Warren



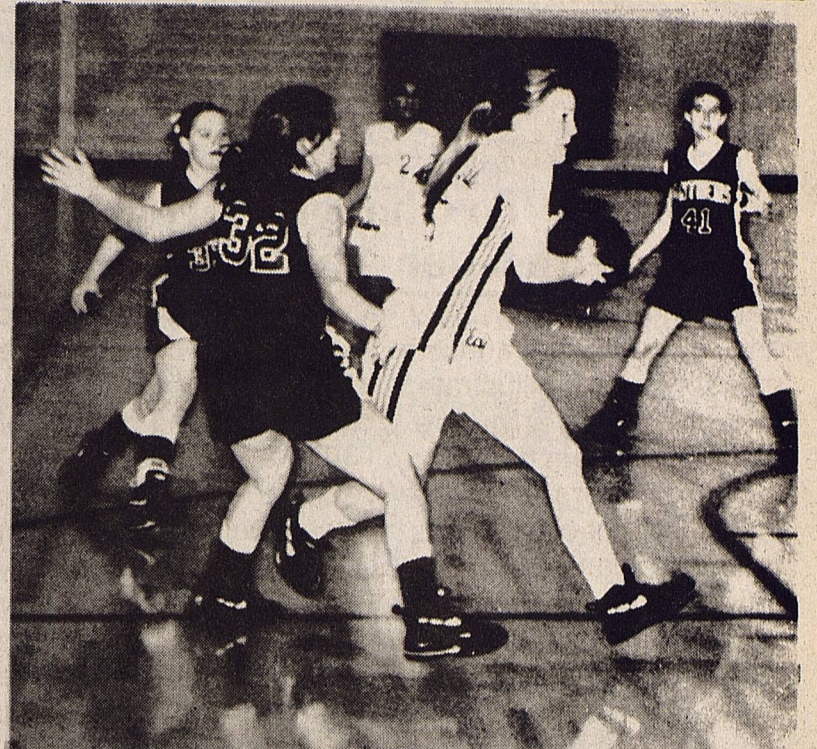
Bennett watches it in



Will St. Romain rebounds



Tanner at free throw line



Burgess drives to basket



Wendy steals one



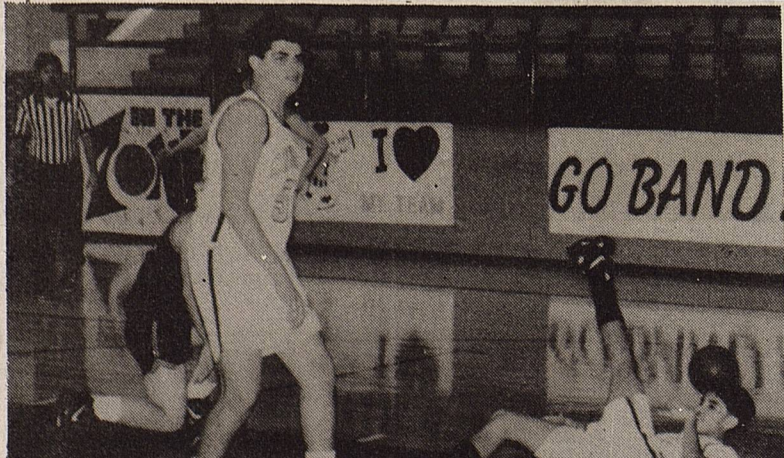
Kayla goes airborne



Kirk lets one fly



Waiting for ball to come down

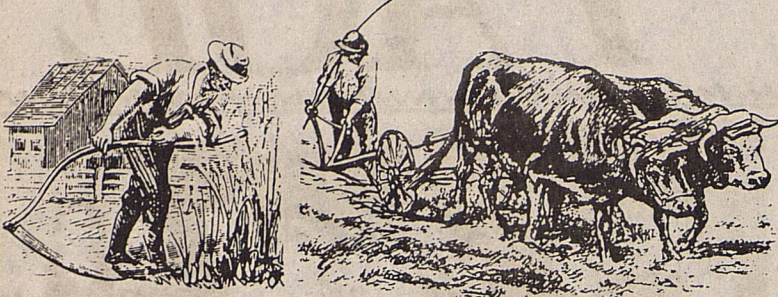


Adam looks for foul from Ref.



Robin at free throw line

Texas Farmers Face Many Problems, But...



Like To Change Places With Your Ancestors?

Farming has never been an easy avocation, a truism probably as well illustrated here in Texas as anywhere. If today's modern day, efficient producers consider their choice of careers frustrating, a gamble against nature and other perils, consider what a farm family faced in earlier days.

The menace of Plains Indian Tribes had been considerably contained in Texas by 1880, and the 'Farm Line', roughly the 100th meridian (Draw a line straight down the eastern boundary of the panhandle), slowly began to extend westward with an influx of hopeful migrant farm families.

The following excerpts are from T.R. Fehrenbach's 'LONE STAR- A history of Texas and the Texans'.

"A stream of immigrant settlers went west, spreading across the 'less humid' lands. The intrusion of the hoemen went on. Thousands of immigrants followed the wet years of the early 1880's, buying farms from public domain, the railroads or homesteading under laws of the State. Experimental colonies again came in vogue. Carhart founded his Christian colony near Clarendon in 1879, 400 Germans settled in Baylor County, and there were groups of Quakers from Ohio in Lubbock County before 1880.

"What happened to these colonies makes tragic reading. Totally ignorant of the country and its demands, the people failed miserably. They collapsed under drouth and swarms of grasshoppers. In just a few years, millions of dollars were lost and thousands of lives were blasted. Men sweated themselves to death, anguished as their plants withered and died; Their sun blackened women grew gaunt and died.

"The farmer stood on the edge of nothing, figuratively shaking his fist, demanding the earth succumb to his wishes.....

the real problem was simply lack of water.

"Thousands of families retreated east.... Yet (others) came on in wave

after wave, determined to win their own destiny in the west.

"Then, the long drouths of 1886 and 1887 came, years of sheer havoc across the broad new farm belt. Some families actually starved. The survivors saw the weak and poor, the stupid and inept, arrive with bright theories and slink back in bitter defeat. ---a large human mass was simply not able to populate this West Texas-----

nothing could repeal the rules of climate; the state could give a man 160 acres, or later, 4 sections to graze, but it could not guarantee his crops would grow. Only a limited few succeeded."

In describing further the perils of those early year farmers, Fehrenbach describes the realities of economics those few so called successful producers faced;

"Texas was one crop country, and the crop was cotton----- the price of cotton continually fell; thirty-one cents in 1865, eleven cents between 1874 and 1884, five cents in 1898-----the Texas farmer was bound to cotton, the only marketable commodity he knew. Tragically, the opening of new farms and increased production drove all prices down.

"Continuing commodity price cycles were hastening the erosion of family freehold farms. Each bad period, each drouth, destroyed a few more farmers. In 1860, almost all Texas farmers owned their land. In 1880, the percentage of ownership was 63%. By 1900, 49% of all farm families were sharecroppers."

It would take decades before agriculture on the high plains of Texas would achieve its present position as a leading production area in the United States, and only after years of sacrifice and hardship by many early tillers of the soil, the development of irrigation and alternate crops, more efficient farming methods and development of improved equipment.

**Announcing A New Source For
MULTI PERIL * CROP HAIL *
CAT COVERAGE.....
AG INSURANCE PLUS**

James F. (JIM) Brown
112 N. Main
Box 836
Denver City, Tx 79323

**Off. 806-592-7048 Mob. 806-456-7365
FAX 806-592-7126 Home 806-592-3490**

New Year's Day Baby Drawn For Texas Tomorrow Fund

With the help of 3-year-old Isabel Simpson, State Comptroller John Sharp reached into a container filled with the names of nearly 300 babies born in Texas on January 1, 1996, and pulled out the state's first prepaid college contract for the luckiest of them -- Catherine Alysse Lee, who was born in Austin's Seton Medical Center during the first 24 hours of the new year.

"This brand new Texan and her parents can rest assured that the costs of her college tuition and required fees will be paid up in full when she walks out the door 18 years from now," Sharp said.

The Texas Bankers Association and the Independent Bankers Association of Texas joined Sharp to fund the state's very first *Texas Tomorrow Fund* contract. The public drawing for the full four-year contract was open to any young Texan born during the initial 24 hours of the new year.

Sharp congratulated little Catherine Alysse and her parents, Raymond and Rosa Lee. The Comptroller will deliver the contract to them during a public presentation next week.

"By securing the costs of their daughter's college tuition, the Lee family will be able to rest easier through the years," Sharp said. "They will know exactly what those costs are going to be and that every penny will be paid in full at the price locked in by the contract--no matter

how high those costs skyrocket between now and the time she graduates from high school."

Christopher Williston, president and chief executive officer of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, said, "We all have a vested interest in the education of our young people. The continued successes that we historically have enjoyed as Texans are contingent upon a well-educated citizenry."

"The *Texas Tomorrow Fund* provides Texans with a wonderful opportunity to guarantee that a child receives an affordable college education," agreed Robert E Harris, president of the Texas Bankers Association.

The *Texas Tomorrow Fund* locks in tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. The plan may be used at any public community college, state university or private university in Texas. Benefits may be transferred among plans later as the needs of families change.

Sharp said that *Texas Tomorrow Fund* payments may be made in one lump sum, in monthly installments over 5- or 10-year periods, or in monthly installments until the beneficiary graduates from high school. Refunds may be provided if the child decides not to go to college, opts to attend an out-of-state college, dies or becomes disabled, or receives a scholarship for tuition.

Speed Limits To Change Soon

The four U.S. and State Highways traversing Yoakum County should have new speed limit signs up shortly after the first of next month. Jerry Morphis, Roadway Maintenance Supervisor with Texas Department of Transportation (Tex-DOT) here, says the tentative sign erection date for Yoakum County and much of the surrounding area is set for Feb. 8, possibly earlier.

U.S. highways 82 and 380, and state highways 214 and 83 have been approved for 70 MPH daytime speeds, and 65 MPH at night. Truck speed limits will be set at 60 MPH.

Morphis says Tex-DOT maintenance crews are al-

ready drilling new holes, and cementing in the new sign stubs around the county. When the new signs are received here, Morphis hopes all of the signs can be erected on the four highways in one day.

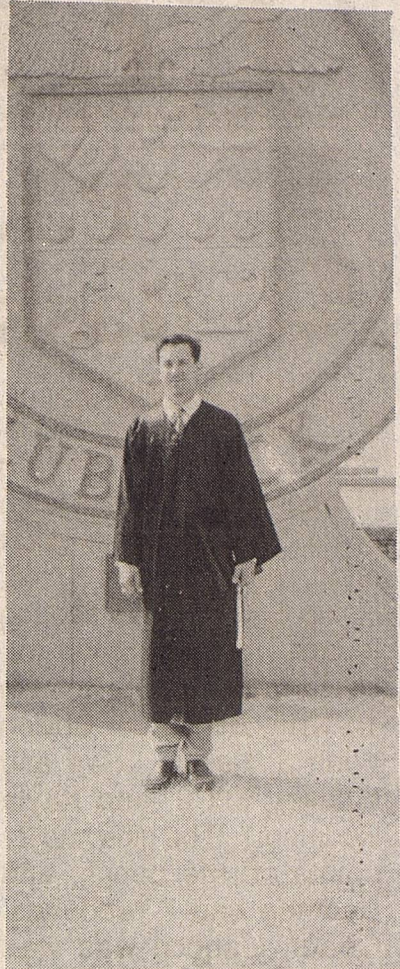
There is no word yet on the possible change of speeds on the many Farm to Market roads throughout the county. Morphis reports a survey study of these roads is underway, but it will probably be sometime in May before a decision on those speed limits will be announced. He thinks most of those routes will be approved for the increased speed limits, but that is only his personal opinion.

Monte Joe Pierce Graduates From Tech

On Saturday, December 16, 1995 Monte Pierce, son of Joe & Joyce Pierce, graduated from Texas Tech University. He received a Bachelor of Arts and Science Degree in Exercise and Sports Science. Monte is a 1991 graduate of Plains High School. He attended 13 years of school at Plains I.S.D.

Monte plans on coaching in the future, but this semester he has been invited to help Spike Dikes and the Texas Tech Red Raiders during spring training. "This is a great opportunity since the Raiders will be entering the Big 12 next year," stated Pierce.

Monte is the grandson of James and Jerry Warren and Gilbert Pierce, all of Plains.



All State Band Honors

On Saturday, January 6 three Plains Cowboy Band members competed at the Area ATSSB All-State Band tryouts at Sundown. Students from the Amarillo, Odessa, El Paso and Lubbock Area auditioned.

Matt Morgan became the first ever All-State member from Plains. Matt placed 1st chair on trumpet after playing 8 memorized scales and 2 required selections.

Students are selected from Plains, Matt placed 1A, 2A and 3A schools. They first had to audition at the district level where they take the top 2 to 4 in the different sections and they advance to the Area level. At the Area level the top 2 or 3 (depending on the section)

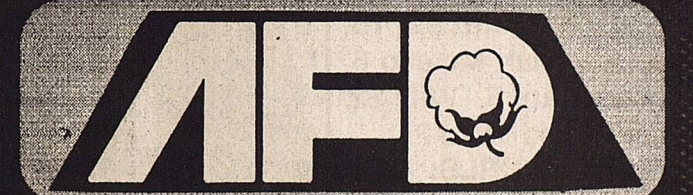
are selected to the All-State Band.

Jason Robertson placed 1st chair Bass Trombone and was selected to make a tape to be sent to the State level where it will be judged with 9 other Bass Trombones and the top 2 will be selected to the All-State Band.

Brad Seaton also was selected to make a tape on the Mallets- Percussion. His tape will compete with 14 other Mallet players and the top 3 will make the All-State Band. Jason and Brad should hear by the end of this week if they made the Band.

The All-State Band will meet in San Antonio February 14-17 during the Texas Music Educators Association Convention. The Band will practice for 3 days and then present a concert held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, Saturday, February 17 at noon.

Associated Farmers Delinting, Inc.



THE COTTON BRED FOR WEST TEXAS
.....BY WEST TEXANS!

EXPLORER™

ROCKET™

Tommy & Terry Thrash
office: 1-800-292-7333

Opening Early 1996 Plains Memorial Chapel

Norman & Judy Head, Owners

910 Ave E, Plains
(Across from Old Courthouse

P. O. Box 40
456-2152

Cowboy Country News
P.O. Box 179
Plains, TX 79355
Office 806-456-8451
Fax 806-456-2010

Published each Wednesday, Plains, Texas
by Holly and Gary Dyer. Subscription Rate \$15.00 per year.
Call for Advertising Rates.

Two J-S

FLYING SERVICE

AERIAL APPLICATION SPECIALISTS



LUBBOCK 793-5004
PLAINS OFFICE -- 456-3580 OR 456-7436
MIKE COBB JACK COBB
456-7165 << HOME >> 456-7452
456-7511 << MOBILE >> 456-7512

Femme Friends Page

Girl Scout Cookie Time

The 1996 Girl Scout Cookie Campaign will begin Saturday, January 13 and orders will be taken through January 27. (Delivery dates are February 17 - March 9.) The theme for this year's sale is "Experience the SPECIAL EFFECTS in Girl Scouting."

The girls that are eligible to sell this year are Jessica Garza, Connie Loya, Pricilla Mares, and Janie Wright of Brownie Troop 452, Alma Mares is the leader.

Jennifer Lollar of Cadette Troop 74 is also eligible, but due to other commitments, will not actively participate this year. Jennifer appreciates all of the sup-

port she has received over the past seven years of selling and encourages you to buy from the other girls. Orders may also be placed by calling Jerri Lollar, local cookie chairman, at 522-6521.

The eight varieties of cookies offered this year are Chalet Cremes (30% reduced fat), Samoas, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Does, Juliettes, and Snaps (low fat). Cookies will once again sell for \$2.50 per box and girls will receive a variety of prizes and scholarships, as well as money for their troops, for their efforts.

Jerri Lollar
Plains Cookie Chairman

Thought For The Week

I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, wracked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing.

Agatha Christie



Prayer Concerns:

- L.J. Sanders Family
- Louise Goehry
- Homer & Shirley Sudderth
- Punk Culwell
- Lewis Walker

Happy Birthday!

- Jan. 10: Phillip Flores, Melba Bearden
- Jan. 11: Juan Villareal, Sr., Kent Welch
- Jan. 12: Stephenia Blount, Terrie Jiminez
- Jan. 13: Karen Bearden
- Jan. 14: Elizabeth Clanahan, Lesli Rowe
- Jan. 15: Steve Crutcher, Candi Seaton, Mary Ward
- Jan. 16: Alice Bearden

Happy Anniversary!

- Jan. 14: Stanley & Sheila Ashburn

Birth Announcement

Micah & Heather Stowe of Lockney wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Winn Stowe. She was born at 7:39 a.m. on December 16, 1995 in the Lubbock Methodist Hospital. Savannah weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Irita Stowe of Lubbock, Gary Stowe of Presidio, and Kathy Lamb of Phoenix, AZ.

Great grandparents are Billy & Zareta Winn of Plains, and David & Sarah Stowe of Lubbock, Dorothy Lamb of Irivn and E.P. Whitaker of Colorado Springs, CO.

We received a subscription renewal from former long time Bronco residents Bill and Sue Russell. They currently live in Temple. Good to hear from you two. Here is their note;

"We enjoy the paper and look forward to each copy. Hope all's well with you and we'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our former neighbors and friends a healthy happy 1996.

Sincerely,
Bill & Sue"

From Cowboy



Country Kitchen

Coconut Cream Pie

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 cups milk
- 3 eggs, separated
- 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 (3-1/2 oz) can flaked coconut
- 1-1/2 tsp. coconut extract, divided
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tarter
- 1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp sugar
- Pastry Shell

Combine first 3 ingredients in the top of a double boiler; stir in milk. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly, until very thick and smooth (approx. 25 min.).

Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Gradually stir about one-fourth of

hot mixture into yolks; add to remaining hot mixture, stirring constantly. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens (about 4 minutes). Remove from heat, and gently stir in butter, coconut, and 1 tsp. extract. Pour into baked pastry shell.

Combine egg whites (at room temperature) and cream of tarter; beat until foamy. Gradually add remaining sugar, 1 Tbsp. at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. Beat in remaining extract. Spread meringue over hot filling, sealing to edge of pastry. Bake at 350° for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool to room temperature; chill. Yield: one 9 inch pie.

Cherry Cobbler

- 1 (16 oz) cans pitted tart red cherries
- 3 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 Tbsp. grated lemon rind
- 1/4 tsp. almond extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 egg

Vanilla ice cream (optional)

Drain cherries, reserving 1 cup liquid. Combine cornstarch, 3/4 cup sugar, and reserved cherry liquid in a medium saucepan; cook over medium heat, stirring

constantly, until smooth and thickened. Remove from heat and add butter, lemon rind, and almond extract; stir until butter melts. Gently stir in cherries; pour into a lightly greased 12 x 8 x 2 inch baking dish. Set aside.

Combine flour, 3/4 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt; stir gently. Add milk, shortening, and vanilla; beat 2 minutes on medium speed of electric mixer. Add egg; beat 2 minutes. Spoon batter evenly over cherry mixture; bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes or until done. Serve warm cobbler with ice cream, if desired. Yield: 8 servings.

quick & easy!

New SKINLOGICS® Exfoliators

Animals shed their coats, trees shed their leaves and people shed their skin. Unfortunately, the natural exfoliation process is slow and sometimes uneven. That's why exfoliation is such an important part of your skin care maintenance. Removing dead skin brings new skin to the surface more rapidly. The result...fresher skin and a more youthful glow.

BeatuiControl now offers two new choices for exfoliation...new Renewing Scrub/Masque for Dry Skin and new Balancing Scrub for Combination Skin. Formulated with innovative Micro-Scrubbing Beads and botanical essences for natural fragrance, these new products expedite the natural exfoliation process.

BeautiControl Cosmetics

THE WORLD'S PREMIER SKIN CARE AND IMAGE COMPANY™

Holly Dyer
Box 447
Plains, Tx. 79355
(806) 456-8451

- *Color Analysis
- *Skin Care and Cosmetics
- *Instant Image Makeover® Set
- *Business Presentations
- *Personal Image Profile®

Licensed
Cosmetologist

image
CONSULTANT

Your Business Is Appreciated

For All
Your
Pharmacy
Needs
1-800-658-9604



Our
Toll-Free
Number Is
For Your
Convenience

NELSON PERSCRIPTION Pharmacy

805 Tahoka Rd.
Brownfield, Texas

Darlene's

Fall & Winter
Clearance Sale
15-50% off

New Spring
Arrivals Daily

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

592-9524
110 N. MAIN, DENVER CITY, TX.

Larry C. Boyd, M.D.

Family Practice & OB

Yoakum County Clinic

Each Thursday
Office Hours 1-4 PM

Appointments are preferred!
Please call 456-6365 or 592-9501

Renaissance
flowers & gifts

M-F 456-3939 10-5:30

Fresh Cut Flowers
- Special Order Only

1/2 Price
Christmas Items

Attend the Church of Your Choice!

Assembly Of God
Pastor Erral Hainer

First Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Wright

First United Methodist Church
Pastor Rick Doyle

Templo Bautista Nueva Vision
Pastor Jose Rodriguez

Church of Christ
Ray Young

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Fr. Glen Rosendale



From The Hack



Ever have trouble falling asleep at night? I've learned counting sheep leaping over a picket fence doesn't work for me. There's always enough of my dumb sheep failing to clear the hurdle, crashing into the fence with loud bleats of pain, which keeps me wide awake.

I finally found a sure fire yawn inducing method. I lie there thinking of puzzling phenomena we all encounter daily. I don't mean mundane, trite things like, which came first, the chicken or the egg. I mean serious philosophical questions like, 'Where does the wind go when it quits blowing?'. Really, what does happen to it?

Another puzzler; 'You get three or four inches of snow, lying pristine white on the land. When it melts, what happens to the white?'

Or, how can a small cicada (locust, and male only) make such a deafening noise in your tree by vibrating membranes in their stomach? All I can get my stomach to do is growl during prayer time at church.

Perusing deep mysteries like these is a guaranteed antidote for insomnia.

Received a letter from one young Dan Melton, a renowned nephew of the Bride, the seed of our illustrious irregularity plagued borther in law in East Texas, dear old Zig.

Dan said he was enjoying our paper, and while some thousand miles away, was slowly getting acquainted with some of the folks frequently mentioned here.

This young man has been in college longer than wood has grown. He has degrees which I don't even understand. He is presently in the upper echelons of the IRS, and he, like the rest of us, curses them (The IRS does not get our paper). He congratulated us on the paper, said he was living in Santa Anna, California, and as soon as he got home from work, strapped on his roller blades and pretended to skate on the famed boardwalk there, mainly to enjoy the sight of dozens of California's famed beauties skating alongside. He added, "I guess this indicates I have a lot of Daddy Zig's genes in me".

Yes, Dan, it does. Your esteemed father, the irregular one in East Texas, the consumer of prunes chased with Ex-Lax, has always had an eye for the ladies. He married one, he continues to watch the babes, wondering "Why am I doing this... I used to do it all the time, but now, I can't remember why!".

OK, enough's enough. I know I wrote a few uncomplimentary words about the Dallas Cowboys not long back. I know I swore off of them forever, or maybe longer.

Hey, everyone makes mistakes, as the Bride likes to remind me every one of our anniversaries. So maybe some of the Cowboy's possibly read my column, got fighting mad, came out and played like the 'Boys' of old ----- mad, mean, and good, like they did last Sunday.

This opens up all sorts of possibilities. A guy asked me recently, "Aren't you scared to death when you lie down night's, a guy like Nate Newton, or Leon Lett, or maybe even Bill Bates will read your stuff, get plumb ticked, and come visiting you to plant a size 26 fist in your mouth?"

Absolutely not, No Fear Whatsoever! The Boy's, I know, I swear, they will beat Green Bay (Hey, what did the 'Packers ever pack?'), then go on to whomp whoever the AFC puts up, then gallop on to win the Super Bowl!

Go, Cowboys!!! (if I am wrong, I will be out of town for several weeks following the game).

"A fool and his money are soon parted". So sayeth the Bride, on our last trip to Las Vegas.

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending January 4

Consistent decline in U.S. upland cotton production this season has prompted USDA to announce a zero Acreage Reduction Program (ARP) for the 1996-97 season.

A zero set-aside also was in effect for the 1995-96 crop year, and growers were estimated to have planted around 16.4 million acres of cotton. However, grain and oilseed prices currently are more attractive than a year ago, suggesting less cotton could be planted in the new year.

In addition, USDA announced it will allow 1996 crop soybeans to be planted on cotton optional flexible base acres. Currently, 25 percent of base acres are considered flexible acreage. Of that amount, 10 percent can be planted to soybeans and still be considered planted acres to cotton under the program. This new ruling, combined with the current price attractiveness of soybeans and grains likely will result in a slight decrease in cotton production in some parts of the Delta and Southeast for the 1996-97 crop.

However, it must be noted that if a new farm bill is enacted in 1996, no set aside will be required as the ARP will be invalid.

Cotton traders and analysts are anxiously awaiting USDA's U.S. and World Supply/Demand Report to be released January 10. Many in the industry feel the next report will bring news of a further decrease in the projected 1995-96 U.S. cotton crop.

In fact, analytical firm Sparks and Company of Memphis, Tennessee, esti-

mated the total U.S. cotton crop at 18.0 million bales, including pima cotton. The figure is slightly below USDA's December forecast of 18.2 million bales, and the final total 1994 cotton crop of 19.6 million. Sparks estimated upland cotton production at 17.6 million bales versus USDA's 17.8 million bale December estimate for upland cotton.

This week, fieldwork on the Texas High Plains has been at a standstill, owing to fairly heavy snows. In spite of the delay, the snow accumulations were welcome as moisture from snow actually has higher efficiency since more moisture absorbs into the soil than that which is received in the form of rain. Consequently, knowledgeable observers assess the subsoil moisture situation to be better now than at the same time last year.

Meanwhile, predictably slow trading conditions were evident in many markets soon after the holiday period, and asking prices for most cotton were little altered pending fresh stimulus. However, sales of New York cotton futures picked up on January 4 to close at the highest level since December 15.

On the spot cotton scene, TELCOT sales soared to their highest daily level for the 1995-96 season with sales of 46,510 bales on January 4. For the four trading days ending January 4, sales on TELCOT totaled 85,390 bales, up considerably from 54,508 bales the previous week. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 73.01 to 74.77 cents per pound. Prices were

higher than the previous week when prices ranged from 71.24 to 73.40 cents.

High cotton prices have required the U.S. to establish a special upland cotton import quota for the nineteenth time since early April 1995, according to USDA. The latest quota will allow the importation of enough cotton for one week's domestic mill use, roughly 96.25 million pounds (200,521 bales) of cotton, through July 7.

The special import quota is triggered whenever average weekly prices for the lowest-priced U.S. cotton delivered to Northern Europe exceeds the Northern Europe cotton price by 1.25 cents per pound for 10 consecutive weeks.

Domestic mill interest in imports again is increasing especially now that the import period has been extended into July. This makes the importation of Southern Hemisphere new crop styles possible. The reason is the discount of prices. In most instances, Australian and Argentine styles now can be landed at a mill in the U.S. at prices substantially below what a comparable U.S. style is being quoted. In the case of Argentine cotton, the cheaper freight rate and the burden of an expected record crop there is substantially widening its discount to U.S. Delta cotton.

In export news, USDA announced export sales of 1995-96 U.S. cotton increased a net 69,800 bales in the week ended December 28, down from the previous week's figure of 96,500 bales. Featured buyers were China, South Korea and Indonesia.

Massey Ferguson, Kubota, Bush Hog Shredders, Lilliston Peanut Combines & Rolling Cultivators, UFT & Lorenz Minimum Tillage Equipment, Baker disc & Switch Plows, & Much More.

Terry County Tractor

637-4569 Brownfield

Adopt a Registered Greyhound Wonderful Pets - FREE (806) 763-9147

Nice 2 BD/2 BA Mobile Home - Low Down Payment, Only \$900 down Ref A/C, Garden Tub, Stove, Ref, Acoustic Ceiling, Call Today!! 393-1525 1-800-388-0987 Ask For Cactus

205 Second St. 3 BDRM/1 BA Lg. fenced back yard, ref. air & heat Phone 456-6494 Mobile 456-7932

Classifieds

FOR SALE
319.1 ACRE IRRIGATED FARM IN YOAKUM COUNTY, WITH TWO ELECTRIC VALLEY SYSTEMS. EXISTING LOAN CAN BE ASSUMED.

2597 ACRES IN SW COCHRAN COUNTY FOR SALE; 1 YEAR REMAINING ON CRP CONTRACT.
W.E. 'RED' BERRY REAL ESTATE
592-3523
Home 915-758-5200 or Gary Dyer, Agt, 456-8451

W. E. (Red) BERRY Real Estate DENVER CITY, TX.

Specialist in Residential, Commercial Farm & Ranch Properties

Gary Dyer 456-8451 Olivia Robertson 592-2786

W. E. BERRY, BROKER - 210 N. MAIN Res. 915-758-5200 - Off. 806-592-3525 1-800-874-4576

Keeping an eye on Texas

New Texans
The top 10 names for babies born in 1994 included 'Christopher' for boys and 'Ashley' for girls. 'Tex' doesn't appear on either list for that year.

Boys' names	Girls' names
Christopher	Ashley
Michael	Jessica
Jose	Sarah
Joshua	Samantha
Matthew	Taylor
Daniel	Emily
Jacob	Stephanie
David	Amanda
Brandon	Brittany
John	Victoria

VALDEZ CONSTRUCTION
Remodeling and Add-Ons, Misc.
ALL TYPES - cement work, fencing, storm cellars
Brownfield ----- 806-637-3952
Call before 8: AM or after 6: PM

ED MOSELEY
FORD MERCURY LINCOLN

1-800-658-6259

Rick W. Broome

Res: 456-3920 Office: 637-3561 Lubbock Phone: 744-5116

101 WEST HILL BROWNFIELD, TEXAS 79316

ED MOSELEY
FORD MERCURY LINCOLN

POWER STROKES, 4 x 4's, CREW CABS '96 MODEL CARS AND TRUCKS ARRIVING DAILY!!

	NOW	NOW	
93 Toyota Camry LE, Sunroof, One Owner, 3049A	\$14,700	95 Lincoln Town Car, Signature, 3 in Stock	\$24,850
95 Cougar, V-6, Moon Roof, Exec. Pkg., P2861	\$14,950	95 Ford Contour, Auto, Cassette, P2188	\$12,700
95 Grand Marquis, Leather, Keyless, P2174	\$16,850	95 Thunderbird, V-8, White, Blue Cloth, P2178	\$12,950
95 Ford Windstar Mini Van, 21K, Power, P2162	\$15,950	95 Mustang LX, V-6, Automatic, 3 in Stock	\$13,850
94 Conversion Silverado, Ext. Cab SLE, Chrome, Nice! 2231A	\$17,950	94 Ranger S-Cab, 4 Cyl., 5 Speed, Cassette, P2189	\$9,650
94 Tempo GL, 4 Dr., 5 Speed, Tilt, Cruise, 35K	\$5,950	88 Ranger XLT, 4 Cyl., 5 Speed, AC, Blue, P2169C	\$4,950
93 Caprice Classic, Power Windows-Locks, Tilt, Cruise, 6035A	\$7,750	93 Buick Century, V-6, Auto, Vinyl Top, 5208A	\$8,700
94 Silverado Ext. Cab, Power Windows, Teal, P2164A	\$13,800	87 Chrysler LeBaron, 67K Miles, Nice, 6011A	\$3,750
92 Crown Victoria, Power Windows-Locks, Tilt, Cruise, 6034A	\$6,950	91 Grand Marquis, Metallic Red, Nice! P2183B	\$8,650
93 F150 WLT Supercab, Chairs, 31K, P2195	\$14,950	91 F150 Super Cab, 6 Cyl., 5 Speed, Red, P2190	\$7,950
92 F150 S-Cab, 4 x 4, 302, 5 Speed, White	\$10,650	90 Silverado Ext. Cab SLE, Chrome, Nice! 2242A	\$11,950
93 Lincoln Cartier, Sunfire Red, Leather, 6026A	\$19,350	89 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, Taupe, Cloth, P2149A	\$6,950
91 F150 Supercab, Cassette, Cruise, Tilt, P2190	\$7,950	87 Cadillac Eldorado, Roof, Leather, 5107A	\$4,850
90 Dodge Ram SWB, Clean, P2191A	\$4,750	86 Olds 98 Regency Brougham, 3008B	\$2,950

WORKING FOR LIFELONG CUSTOMERS...WORKING FOR YOU!

24 Hour Loan Hotline--Call 1-800-260-6869

Save thousands when you drive to Brownfield!
1-800-658-6259