

# COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS



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## New Alternative Conservation System Announced

Beginning with the 1996 crop year, producers in Yoakum County will have an Alternative Conservation System available to meet the conservation requirements of their conservation plan. The new alternative is soil surface roughening which consists of a combination of practices. This includes the substituting of appropriate tillage operations for previously required vegetative practices that will achieve a substantial reduction in wind erosion. This new alternative system may be used on all fields where a maximum roughness coefficient has been established.

Vegetative practices to reduce wind erosion should still be applied and maintained until primary (deep) tillage is performed. Primary tillage is needed to form the required soil roughness condition. This type tillage may be used when adequate moisture is present.

Secondary tillage can be used to reshape the ridge and/or reform the clods. Secondary tillage should be done any time the re-

quired clod/ridge condition is destroyed. Producers are reminded that the required roughness coefficient will be maintained throughout the wind erosion period (from harvest through planting). Producers are also reminded that any required practices to address water erosion must be applied and maintained.

Producers who have questions about the surface roughening alternative are invited to attend an informational meeting to be held by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The meeting will be held at the following locations:

- Dec. 27 - Plains Community Building., 9 am.
- Dec. 28- Four Way Gin, 9am.
- Dec. 28- Sun-Cot Gin, 10:30 am.

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**Please Note !**

**Your next two papers will be published one day late due to the Holidays, Your next issue will be on Dec.28, the next Jan 4.**

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## Criminal Cases Heard In County, District Court

Henry Lee Bailey, 48, appeared in Judge Kelly G. Moore's District Court Monday, December 11 as defendant in a subsequent DWI charge. He was represented by Attorney Frank Lacy, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Bailey pled guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to seven years in the state penitentiary, and fined \$1500.

Additional DWI cases were heard in County Judge Dallas Brewer's Court Wednesday, December 13. Terri E. Collins, 41, was charged with first offense DWI. She pleaded guilty, received a probated 180 day jail term, was fined \$600, and must pay \$227 Court Costs. She will spend two days in county jail, and must attend AA twice per month.

Rosemary Klassen Wolfe, 31, also charged with a first DWI offense, pled guilty. She received a probated 180 day jail sentence, was fined \$500, and must pay \$227 Court Costs, and attend AA each month.

## P.I.S.D. Board Of Trustees Meeting

The PISD Board met in regular session Monday evening, December. Board members Addison, Ashburn, Bell, Canada, Gonzalez, Palmer and Tuggle were present, along with Administrators Pete Simmons, Eric Banfield, Steve O'Quinn, Joel Haragan, Arlon Alexander. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Mike Payne, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Baucom, and Athletic Director Larry McMinn.

Mr. & Mrs. Payne appeared before the board on a student complaint. No Action was taken by the board, which by policy upheld the teacher's action with the appeal being upheld.

Monthly bills were approved for payment. Stanley Ashburn was appointed board representative to serve as a director on the Yoakum County Appraisal District Board.

The board approved the periodical use of drug sniffing dogs on campus under contract with the Southwest Drug education

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## Grand Jury Returns True Bills On Four

The Yoakum County Grand Jury returned true bills of indictment on four defendants earlier this week.

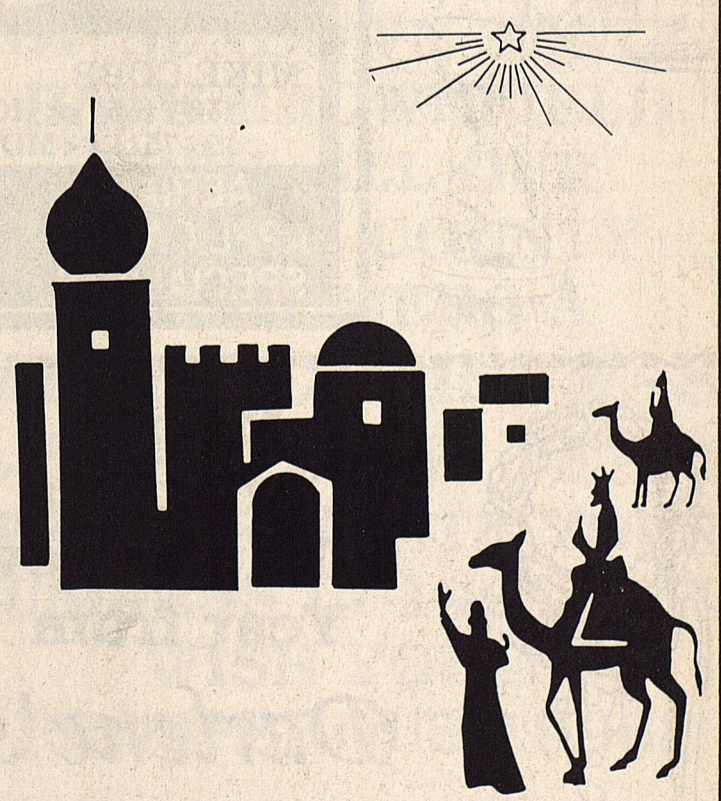
Santiago Bernal, aka Jimmy Bernal, was indicted for 1st degree burglary of a habitation, 2nd degree assault, 1st degree aggravated assault of a police officer, and 1st degree criminal attempt of capital murder of a police officer. Last October Bernal entered the residence of Norine Bernal, and committed the aggravated assault on her with a knife. Denver City Police Officer William Gardner, dispatched to the family violence scene, was then threatened and assaulted with the knife, and received injuries when the defendant hit the officers head against a tree in the struggle. A first degree felony conviction calls for prison confinement for life, or any term not more than 99 years or less than five years, and optional fine up to \$50,000.

A second degree conviction can result in a prison sentence up to twenty years or not less than two years, and

optional fine to \$10,000. All bonds for felony indictments are set by District Judge Kelly G. Moore. Bonds for the four charges against Bernal totaled \$75,000

Jeffrey Quinn Crabb, and Terri Lee Hughes were indicted with respective 4th and 2nd felony charges of possession of methamphetamine ("Speed"). The couple were originally arrested on October 8 by DPS officers Mike Bennett and Tommy Hunter who stopped their vehicle for speeding on Highway 382. Bennett was interrogating the driver, Hughes, and Hunter shined his flashlight in the car and saw a syringe on the floor. Further investigation revealed a syring kit on Crabb, and a 'baggie' containing a substance which later proved to be the illegal "speed". The 2nd degree felony conviction punishment is described above. A fourth degree conviction calls for a mandatory probated jail sentence, and optional fine up to \$10,000. District Judge Moore set

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*May All The Joys Of The Season Be Yours*

*Gary and Holly Dyer, Diane Brown*

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bond for Crabb at \$2500, and \$5000 for Hughes. Elsa Gonzalez, with eleven AKA's, was true billed for tampering with governmental records. The charged stemmed from a case involving welfare and AFDC fraud totaling \$3,137. Her bond for the 4th degree charge was set by Judge Moore at \$2000. She too received a 180 day probated jail sentence, was fined \$500, must pay \$227 Court costs, will spend two days in jail, and must attend monthly AA meetings.

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and Deterrent Services, Inc. The regular January board meeting was moved to January 15, 1996. The board agreed to accept the 1994-95 AEIS Report and school report cards, and moved to commend the teachers, students, parents and administrators for the student's performance. A financial report was accepted, and a leave of absence for Tess Webb was granted.

**Election Filing Deadline Nears**

Ty Earl Powell, Democratic Party County Chairman, reminds potential candidates for any office in the upcoming March election they have until 6:00pm Jan. 2 to officially file for the race. Chairman Powell will be on hand in the County Courthouse coffee-break room on Tuesday, January 2, from 8am to 6pm for registering any potential Democratic candidate.

**Moore Attends College For New Judges**

DALLAS: Hon. Kelly G. Moore of Brownfield attended the College for New Judges last week in Dallas. Moore took office as judge of the 121st District Court in Brownfield on October 2, 1995.

The 21st annual college was sponsored by the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., a judicial education program provider in Austin, to train newly elected or appointed appellate, district, and county court at law judges taking the bench.

The college, which was held at the Grand Kempinski Hotel in Dallas on December 3-8, was attended by over 30 new judges. The week-long curriculum covered topics such as ethics, fairness, family violence, evidence, trial management, and the judge's relationship with the community and media.

"The college provides a unique opportunity to analyze the role and responsibilities of being a judge and develop the skills necessary to be effective in this position," said Mari Kay Bickett, executive director of the Texas center for the Judiciary, Inc. "It provides valuable information and training in pursuit of becoming a fair and impartial administrator of justice."

Judge M. Kent Sims, dean of the 1995 College for New Judges and judge of the 31st District Court in Wheeler, was joined by 20 of the state's most experienced judges and other professionals to educate the class members of the college.

**Christmas Open House Draws Crowd At PSB**



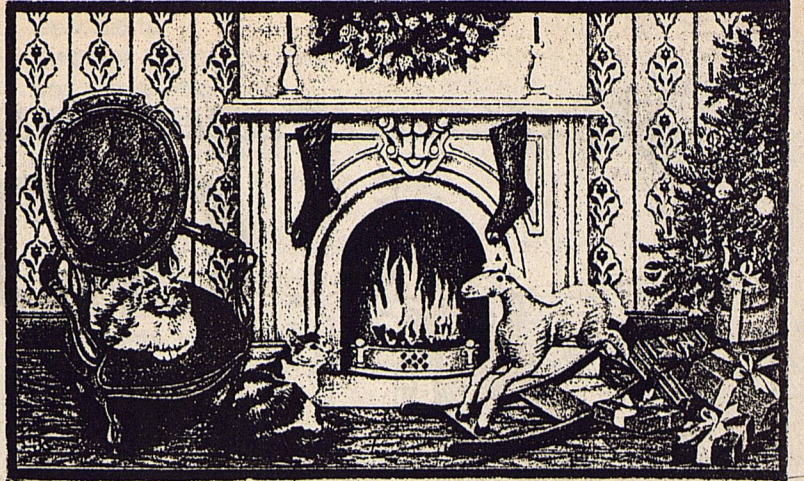
The open house hosted by Plains State Bank last week drew a large number of visitors. Those with good appetites should have been well pleased, for two long tables were jammed with dozens of colorful and tasty treats.

Both the exterior and interior of the bank are beautifully decorated for their annual observance of the Holiday Season.

**County JP Court**

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

37 traffic cases filed  
Bonds set:  
Motion to revoke probation held until hearing  
Driving While intoxicated, 1st offense, \$1,000 bond  
Driving while license suspended, \$500 bond  
Motion to revoke probation, held until hearing  
Engaging in organized criminal activity, \$15,000 bond



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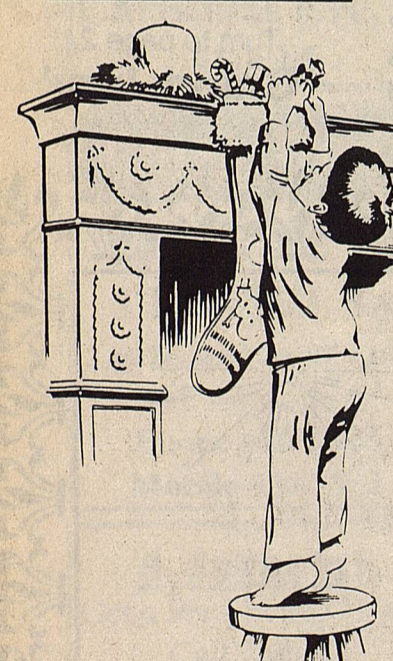
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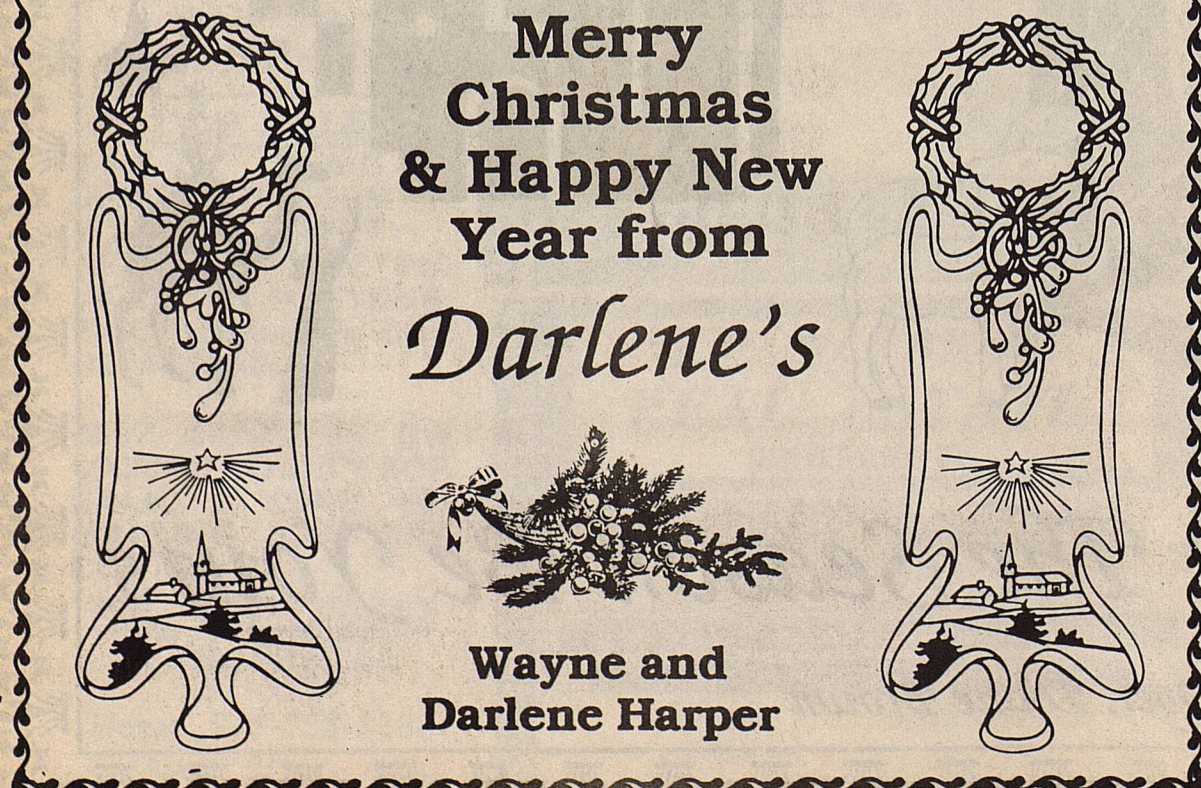
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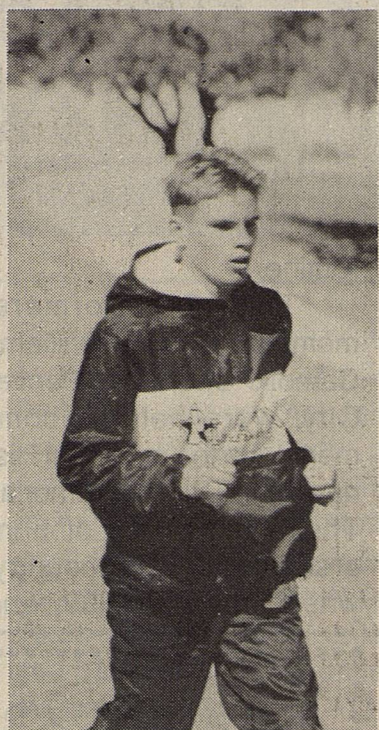
**Wayne and Darlene Harper**



# 'PISD ACTIVITY PAGE'

## Dearing Makes All State Cross Country Team

Jeremy Dearing has been selected to the Texas Track and Field News - All State cross Country Team. Jeremy had a great season leading Plains to the 2nd place Team Championship in 1995. He won the Odessa meet and he was second in the Brownfield, Frenship, and District Meets. Jeremy was 4th at Regional and 11th at the State Meet in Georgetown. Jeremy was the leader for the Plains team all year. Coach McAdams stated, "Jeremy has improved as much as any runner that I have ever coached. I am very proud of Jeremy and the team he has helped lead this year. The team has overcome many high walls this year, and Jeremy has had to overcome many also. He is a fine student and a great worker. The team will



Jeremy warms up at Georgetown State Meet.

miss Jeremy and the other seniors, Jason Robertson, Ralph Ramirez, and Hector Gallegos."

## Student of the Week

Tessa St. Romain is a junior at Plains High School and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe St. Romain. Tessa was nominated by Mr. Friesen to be Student of the Week.

"Tessa St. Romain was nominated this week because of her devotion and enthusiasm in getting a job done. When an assignment is given in the classroom, Tessa starts work immediately. She exhibits leadership skills by keeping other



students focused on completing tasks during class time. I appreciate students like Tessa who bring good attitudes to school," said Friesen.

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## Search For G/T Students Grades 1-6

Plains ISD provides many educational programs to meet student needs. One offering is the Gifted and Talented Program. The Plains Gifted and Talented Program is a diversified program. It requires that a student be creative and original in expression, be task committed, a motivated and independent worker, and be willing and able to use high-level thinking skills to develop products within the gifted and talented instruction.

Listed below are a few of the well known characteristics of gifted/talented students. Please think of these behaviors in comparison to other children of the same age. Likes to read, advanced vocabulary, inquisitive-asks unusual questions, playful/dramatic, understands complex math concepts, independent, learns easily, collects things; organizes, mentally advanced for age, original/inventive in

ideas, interested in adult issues.

Once nominated, students will be thoroughly evaluated using the following: nomination form, behavior observation form (completed by a teacher), Torrence Creativity Test, Structure of the Intellect Test, and an IQ Test.

Students in grades one-six can be nominated by a parent, a friend, or even himself. Kindergarten students will be nominated in April. Nomination forms may be obtained from any school office during the weeks of December 11-22, 1995. If you are interested in nominating a student for the Talented Program, please complete the proper forms and return them to the student's school by January 12, 1996. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Cynthia Blair, Gifted and Talented Programs Coordinator, through the Elementary School office (456-7438).

## Basketball Summary

### PHS Cowboys:

The cowboys traveled to Tahoka Dec. 12, and in a close game against the 2A Bulldogs, they outrebounded the Bulldogs, but were hampered by turnovers. Jamie Caballero led the scoring with 15 points, Tanner Blount had 13, Johnny Davis 12, Ralph Ramirez 8, Abraham Garcia 5, Kirk Parrish 4, and Joe Luna 2. Blount had 4 assists, and Davis and Ramirez each had 14 rebounds.

The cowboys played in the Meadow Tournament. They hung on to down Portales JV 57-56 in their opener. They scored 23 points off the bench, but only 2 off of turnovers. Ramirez was top scorer with 15, Blount had 10, Chase Clanahan 9, Davis 8, Caballero 5, Luna and Eric Estrada 4, and Parrish 2. Clanahan had 7 assists, and Ramirez and Parrish each had 7 rebounds.

They were edged by Seagraves 50-49 in game two, shooting only 35% from the floor. Parrish had 11 rebounds, Clanahan 7. Top scorer was Ramirez with 11, Davis 10, Clanahan and Caballero 8 each, Blount and Parrish 6 each. The Cowboys finished 3rd in the tournament and Chase Clanahan earned All-Tournament honors.

In the final outing the Cowboys downed Whiteface 62-52. Parrish had 9 rebounds, Blount 8. Blount was leading scorer with 15, Clanahan and Caballero each had 14, Ramirez 7, Davis 6, Luna 4, Parrish 2.

### PHS Cowgirls:

The Cowgirls downed 2A Tahoka 44-37 last week. They dominated the rebound boards 59-48, and Kayla Redman had 16. They were helped with 13 points scored off the bench. Tessa St. Romain led the scoring with 12, Kyle Bearden had 9, Sandi Warren 8, Redman 7, Kassie Lowe 5, Lindsey Six 2, and Stephanie Aguilar 1.

The Cowgirls took third place honors in the Meadow Tournament. They lost the opener to Seagraves

in a squeaker, 49-47. Bearden had 10 rebounds, and Warren connected on three 3 point shots. Leading scorer was Redman with 14, Bearden had 12, Warren 9, St. Romain 8, and Lowe 5.

In game two, the Cowgirls dominated the Jesus Chapel Chargers 66-41. They outrebounded the Chargers 61-53, with St. Romain and Redman pulling down 9 each. Bearden had 5 assists and 20 points to lead the scoring, followed by Redman 14, Warren 10, St. Romain 8, Jolyne Burgess 7, Lowe 5, and Shyloh Winn 2.

In a very strange second meeting with Seagraves, the Cowgirls got revenge with a low scoring 23-15 win. Neither team scored a point in the entire second half. Redman had 6 rebounds. Only four girls could get on the score sheet, Bearden with 9, St. Romain 7, Redman 5, and Warren 2. The win gave the Cowgirls the 3rd place trophy, and Kyle Bearden earned All-Tournament honors.

### Cowboy JV:

The younger Cowboys soundly defeated the Tahoka Bulldog JV last week 67-57 to improve their season record to 7 wins, 3 losses. Shawn Cullins was leading scorer with 16 points, followed by Allen Ward 13, Jason Redman 12, Adam Dominguez 11, Yancey House 8, Travis Bennett 3, and Joseph Moreno and Eric Luna 2 each.

### Cowgirls JV:

The young Cowgirls found the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs a bit too much last week, going down 44-30. Cece Moreno had 9 points, Mary Morales 7, Tandi Jones, Wendy Beckham, Lisa Parrish 4 each, and Jolyne Burgess 3.

### 8th Grade Boys:

The 8th Wranglers were edged by Smyer last Monday 29-28. Coach McAdams said Colt Winn had an excellent defensive game, and was top scorer with 10 points. Fermin Luna led the rebounding and had 6 points, followed by Alex Tarango 4, Josh Bell 3, David Luna 2, Jeremy Gonzales 2, and Justin Bennett 1.

## Letters To Santa Claus

Santa Clause 'wish list' letters this week are from Plains Elementary second and third graders. Thanks, kids, and we have forwarded them on to the North Pole.

**Mrs. Cheatham's 2nd grade;** Dear Santa, I want a bike and skates and a play car. Love, Jose Garay.  
**Mrs. Doyle's 2nd grade;** Dear Santa, I want a ricrochet car, Harly Davidson race car- and karate fighters. I want my parents to have something too. Love, Andrew Duran.  
Dear Santa, I want a Book of a Boy and Jesus and a nutcracker. by Perla Acosta.  
Dear Santa, I want a new skipet because I had one and it broke and a new coloring book. I hade one my cousin scribled in it and crayons and even Steven and odd Todd and Cinderella and baby giggles Nike shoes a desk and my own room and a baby pup and a taking typewriter and a Barbie car and markers and Sega and a new skates a poem book and a radio, package any kind of books and snow white and some jogers and a sled and a plug in shampner and a christmuls tree, you fried, Connie.  
Dear Santa, I want a Herley Davidson race car. I want a Casper the movie and football cleats and showlder pads. I want a sega CD and a helmet that is a rela one. I the also would like of toys and Batman

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## Santa's Coming!

Santa Claus will visit the Library at Film Time Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 1 PM! All Pre-school youngsters are invited to visit Santa. Please bring canned food for our needy citizens!



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## Art Alliance Plans In The Mill

At the December 11 session of Commissioners Court, Linda Powell and Ann Hartman spoke to the Court on behalf of the Yoakum County Art Association located here and the Denver City Art Association.

The ladies reported the two clubs are laying initial groundwork for possibly forming an alliance of the two art clubs, and participation from any other clubs or organizations interested in furthering the arts in the county.

They explained the two associations each have members from the neighboring communities, and both could benefit from an umbrella type single entity, to open up membership to many other citizens with an interest in any field of art, including music, dance, literature and drama.

In order to preserve the IRS approved tax exempt status of the local association, the new of the new alliance would probably remain Yoakum County Art Assn. To qualify for any governmental grant matching funds, state of federal, an entity must be tax exempt.

Both Ms. Powell and Hartman stressed to the court the County has plenty of artistic talent, a great

deal of it not being utilized. They felt an expanded effort to promote cultural and artistic endeavors could improve the quality of life for the citizenry, and be a positive step towards greater economic activity.

They cited the efforts of the City of Post in recent years in renovating many of the historic buildings in the downtown area, creation of an annual arts and crafts show, and live music, drama and comedy performances in the old theater building there, events which bring a great number of out of town visitors and dollars to that community.

They referred to arts shows held annually in Breckenridge and Mineral Wells, two of the most heavily attended in the state, and expressed their confidence the same type of successful events could one day be held here in Yoakum County. They stressed any development of such an alliance would have to be a joint effort of both Denver City and Plains residents.

Following their presentation, the Court adopted a resolution expressing their support of the idea, and "hereby encourages, supports, and promotes a unified county

wide alliance of the arts".

In a previous meeting, the Plains City Council approved and adopted a similar proclamation, stressing they "support any and all efforts designed to promote cultural and artistic endeavors in the community, including the formation of a Yoakum County Art Council", or alliance.

Any individual or club official wishing to hear further plans for the worthy project is encouraged to contact any officer or member of the two art clubs.

## County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, Dec 18. Agenda items were discussed, with the following actions taken:

Approved advertising for the purchase of asphalt, hot and cold mix, gravel and all road materials for all precincts for 1996.

Approved a petition of ALLTEL Texas to construct and maintain communications under and across certain County roads.

Bids were opened and reviewed for the lease/purchase of a 'Cat Scan' system for the County hospital.

Ed Rogers, Hospital Administrator, discussed requirements for amending the current operating budget. After considerable discussion, the Court approved an emergency amendment of both

## Dancers Celebrate Virgin of Guadalupe



Last Wednesday evening, a steady, rhythmic drum beat could be plainly heard in most parts of town. We finally traced the sound to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where a group of prayer dancers, or 'Matachines', were performing their centuries old dance

routine. The 17 performers, members of Saint Williams Catholic Church in Denver City, were helping commemorate the important Hispanic and Church memorial. Their group, one of hundreds around the country, was formed in 1992, and

they have performed at many area church events.

The history of the Native American Matachines can be traced back as far as 1531. The complicated routines, the ancient drum and rattling gourd sounds, make an impressive performance.

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89 Signature Town Car, Roof, 44K, 6017B	\$11,950	\$10,300	95 Thunderbird, V-8, White, Blue Cloth, P2178	\$15,900	\$14,800
95 Taurus, 3.8 V-6, Power Equip. Pkg. 20K, P2181	\$15,475	\$13,900	95 Mustang LX, V-6, Automatic, 15K, P2166	\$16,800	\$15,400
94 Explorer, 4 Dr., 4 x 4, Power, Automatic	\$18,500	\$16,700	94 Ranger S-Cab, 4 Cyl., 5 Speed, Cassette, P2189	\$11,650	\$9,902
94 Tempo GL, 4 Dr., 5 Speed, Tilt, Cruise, 35K	\$6,950	\$6,400	93 Buick Roadmaster, Cloth, 47K, Gray	\$18,500	\$15,600
95 F150 XLT, Flareside, 302, AOD, 37K, Red, 2224B	\$14,850	\$13,300	93 Buick Century, V-6, Auto, Vinyl Top, S208A	\$9,650	\$8,700
94 Silverado Ext. Cab, Power Windows, P2164A	\$15,950	\$13,800	92 Lincoln Town Car, Gray, Gray Cloth, P2168A	\$14,300	\$11,600
87 Motorhome, 27' Jamboree with Gen. 43K, 2221A	\$16,000	\$14,800	91 Grand Marquis, Metallic Red, Nice! P2183B	\$9,950	\$8,900
93 Silverado, Ext. Cab, 350, Bright Red, 34K, P2191	\$17,450	\$15,900	91 F150 Super Cab, 6 Cyl., 5 Speed, Red, P2190	\$9,850	\$8,800
92 F150 S-Cab, 4 x 4, 302, 5 Speed, 82K	\$12,950	\$11,400	90 Dodge Dynasty, Maroon, V-6, Auto, 6009A	\$7,950	\$6,600
93 Lincoln Cartier, Sunfire Red, Leather, 6026A	\$21,950	\$19,600	89 Cadillac Sedan DeVille, Taupe, Cloth, P2149A	\$10,700	\$7,900
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### Five Generations



L-R: Ashlee & Rosanne Torres, Rosie Gallardo, Delia Martinez, Julia Aviles (Fuentes)

Five generations of the original Fuentes family were reunited for the first time at a family gathering here Thanksgiving, at the home of Rosie Gallardo.

Julia Aviles (Fuentes) of

UValde is the mother of Delia Martinez of Plains. Rosie is the daughter of Delia, Rosanne Torres, UValde, is Rosie's daughter, and Ashlee is Rosanne's daughter.

### Fine Arts Club Meets

The Plains Fine Arts Club met December 7, 1995 in the home of Carolyn Culwell with Co-hostess Dolores Davis. Club members brought salads, and the hostess provided pecan pie and drinks for the annual Christmas party.

Twelve members and one guest enjoyed the meal and the Chinese gift exchange that followed the brief business meeting. They were: Mrs. Christy Brink, her infant son, Jaston, Beth Ann Cain, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Donna Friesen, Debra Hise, Paula McMinn, Lois Miller and Martha Palmer.

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Fitzgerald. The roll call and minutes of previous meeting were read by Sandra Ellison, Recording Secretary. Paula McMinn, Treasurer, gave her report. Judy read an invita-

tion from the Tsa Mo Ga Club to the members and husbands to attend the Jack Harmon, Piano Recital on Monday, December 11, 1995, at 7 PM in the Plains Methodist Church. Old business was discussed and members voted to have a fund raiser at a basketball game, an ice cream sale. There could be others in the future.

The next meeting will be January 11, 1996 at 7 PM in the home of Debra Hise with co-hostess, Donna Friesen.

The hostess gift was won by Lucky Me!

Sandra Ellison, Secretary

### County Hospital Dismissals

Lamar Flores  
Bessie Hernandez  
Anna Salazar and baby boy  
Ralph Trice

### Librarian In State Training Program

This fall, Yoakum County Library director Latrell McDonnell joined 125 of her colleagues from around the state taking part in the Texas state Library's Small Library Management Training Program. Participants attend a two-day workshop each spring and fall until they have completed the entire program, and receive up to 14 hours of State-approved continuing education credit for each session they attend. Mrs. McDonnell has attended all four sessions offered so far, and will be one of the first program graduates next spring. Mrs. McDonnell's active involvement in the State Library training pro-

gram represents a substantial commitment of time, energy and personal expense in an effort to improve her skills as an information professional. This commitment leads directly to a better served and more informed local citizenry.

Congratulations are in order to the city of Plains for having such a dedicated professional managing the library! Take the time this week to stop by and commend Mrs. McDonnell on her efforts. Your encouragement and support will help her reach her education and training goals, and result in better library services for the entire community.

### Dirt Gardeners 'Operation Christmas Card' A Success

Plains Dirt Gardeners announces the following contributors to the annual event. Funds are raised to improve and beautify the Cemetery by donations in lieu of sending local Christmas cards.

Latrell & Duane McDonnell, Mary Jo & Pierre St. Romain, Lois & T.J. Miller, Margaret Box, Janelle & Buddy Brantley, Sallye Shoemaker, Dorothy & Ray Jones, Faye Nelms, Harry & Dene Richardson & Donita, Rhuey Edwards, Florence Bookout, Sarah & Homer Shelton, Sit Jones, Don & Pat Hinkle, Keith & Staci Earnest, Marjorie & Raymond Diaz & Marie, Mrs. Murrel Thompson, Alton & Romalee Elmore, Dan, Linda & Chad Wall, Redell Cogburn, Ita Young, Alma Lynn McGinty, Beulah Graham, Roy & Jeaney Edwards, Burve Overton, Bud & Mary Dale Forbus, Edna Chambliss, Mr. & Mrs. Travis Jones, Jim & Nona O'Neal, Mrs. L Hamm, Irene Jones, The Jerome Head Family, Roger & Ann Harvey, Velma Dearing, Kenneth & Willie Mae Engle, Leon & Thelma Lee Cheatham, Melvin, Dawn, Jeremy, & Cassandra Dearing, Marvin & Terri Dearing Family, Bob & Wilma McDonnell, William & Helen Worsham, Randy & Edith Tuggle.



### Senior Citizens Corner

It's almost Christmas. These next days will be filled with frantic shopping, busy baking, and lots of fun things like parties, and the kids coming home for the Holidays. Here at the Center things are looking a lot like Christmas.

Visitors since last week were Zellie McAllister, Manuel Casillo, Roy Salinas, Anna Black, B.R. Moore, and Jeff and Alice Davison. Welcome visitors!

Several of our regular people are ill. Ida Garner is in the Yoakum Co. Hospital. Also Ralph Trice is in the hospital. The flu is making its rounds, so take care and wear your coat.

I will probably not write another column before Christmas, so want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday. Enjoy it, for before you know it, it will be over and our uncle Sammy will be tapping at the door, saying it's time to pay the piper-Income Tax Time.

Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year! Smitty

### Library Film Time

Twenty-nine children attended Film Time December 13. Everyone from Film Time appreciated Rev. Rick Doyle reading a story from Psalm 139 for the children entitled "Where are you God?"

Holden Welch celebrated his 5th birthday with the other children who were; Dustin & Blaine Altman, A.J. Martinez, Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Landon & Dakota Earnest, Heather & Alex Penner, Cody & Autumn Friesen, Lepus Jimenz, Michael & Angel Mendoza, Katelynn Young, Jacob Brink, Troy Parrish, Holden, Hunter, and Haley



Welch, Hannah & Merrit Crump, Brett Hawthorn, Brandon Craft, Jasmine Whitzel, Taylor Banfield, Hugo Mendoza, Kimber Williams. Refreshments were furnished by Darla Welch, Holden's mother.

### Tsa Mo Ga Presents "Happy Holidays"



L-R: Sarah Jane Shelton, Dawn Garland, Jack Harmon, Billie Blundell

The Tsa Mo Ga Study Club held its annual pre-Christmas meeting December 11. Brenda Peters, General Federation of Women's Club, spoke on 'Very Special Arts', an international organization dedicated to providing quality art programs for children and adults with disabilities.

Hostesses for the evening were Mary Wilmeth, Bobby Gayle and Debbie Rushing. The club received Christmas gifts to be distributed to Girlstown, USA.

Special recognition was given to Dawn Garland as a special gifted child. Dawn is a student in Plains Junior High, and the daughter of Debbie Garland.

Jack Harmon, noted pianist from Denver City, arranged a special rendition of Christmas and Classic musical selections, including pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, Debussy and Chopin. A reception followed the meeting in the Methodist Fellowship Hall.

### Smith Attends F. B. Meeting

Local Director Lanny Smith recently attended a Farm Bureau educational meeting in Waco.

Federal farm programs, education, private property rights, the environment and the Texas Homestead Law were predominate issues considered by members of the Texas Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee when they met Nov. 6-8.



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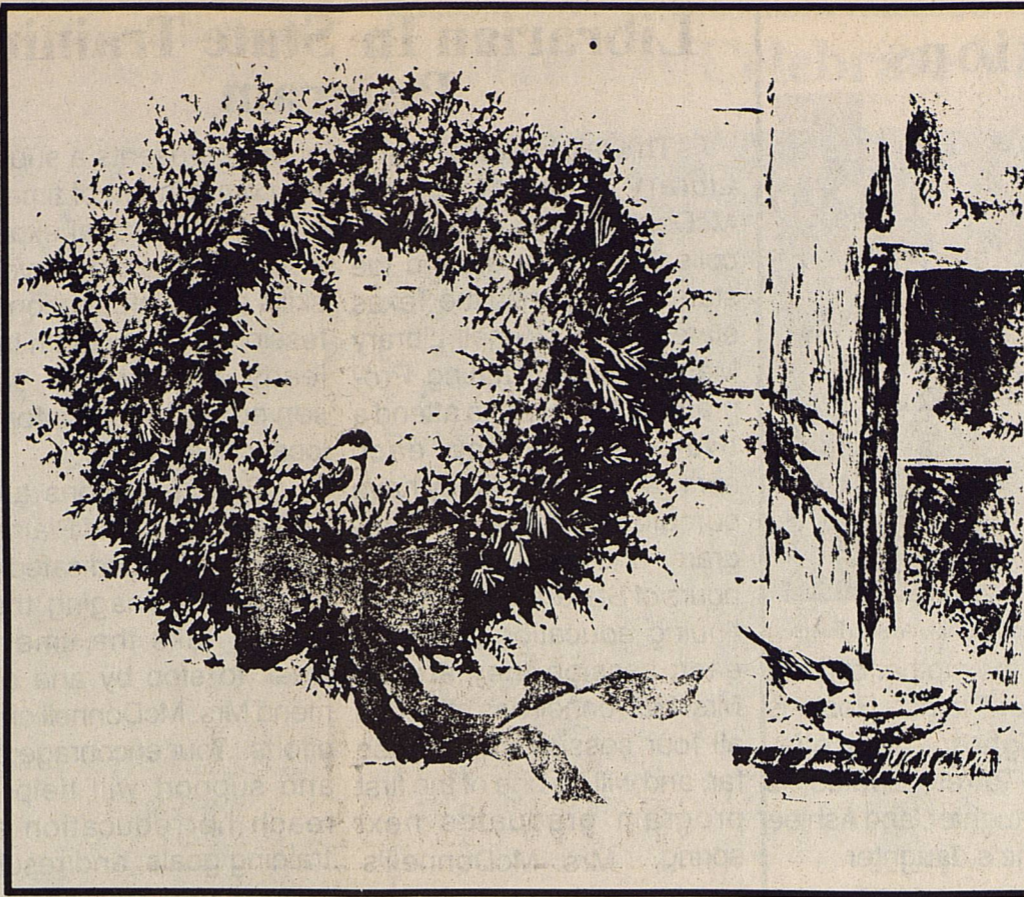
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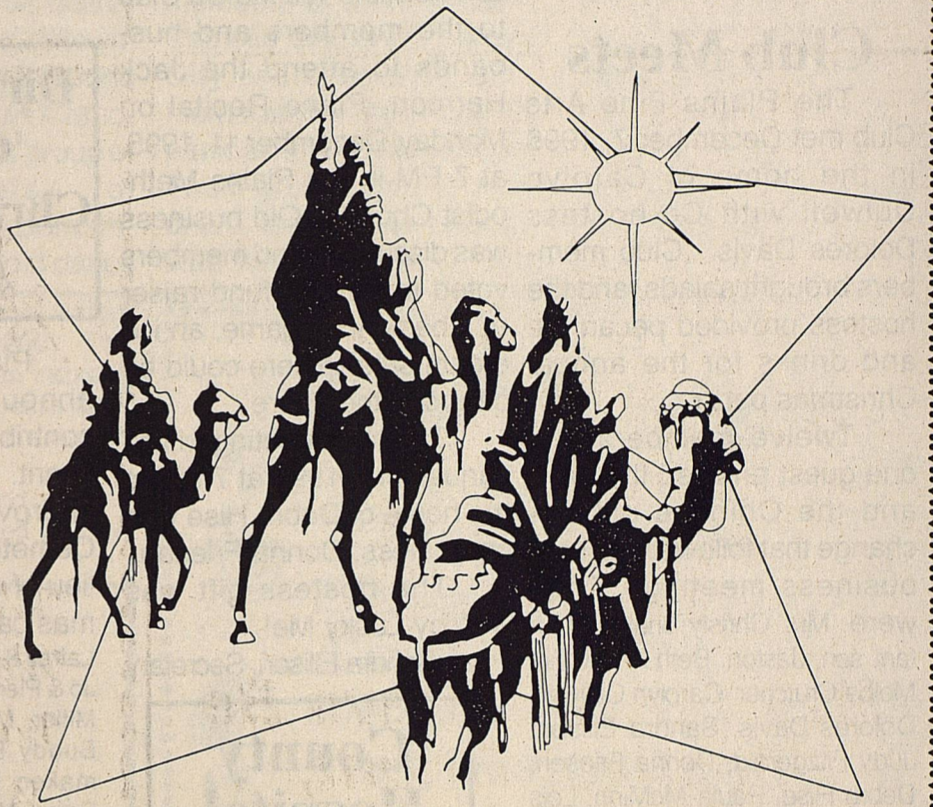
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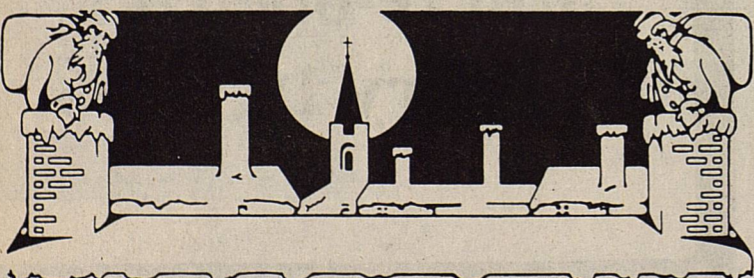
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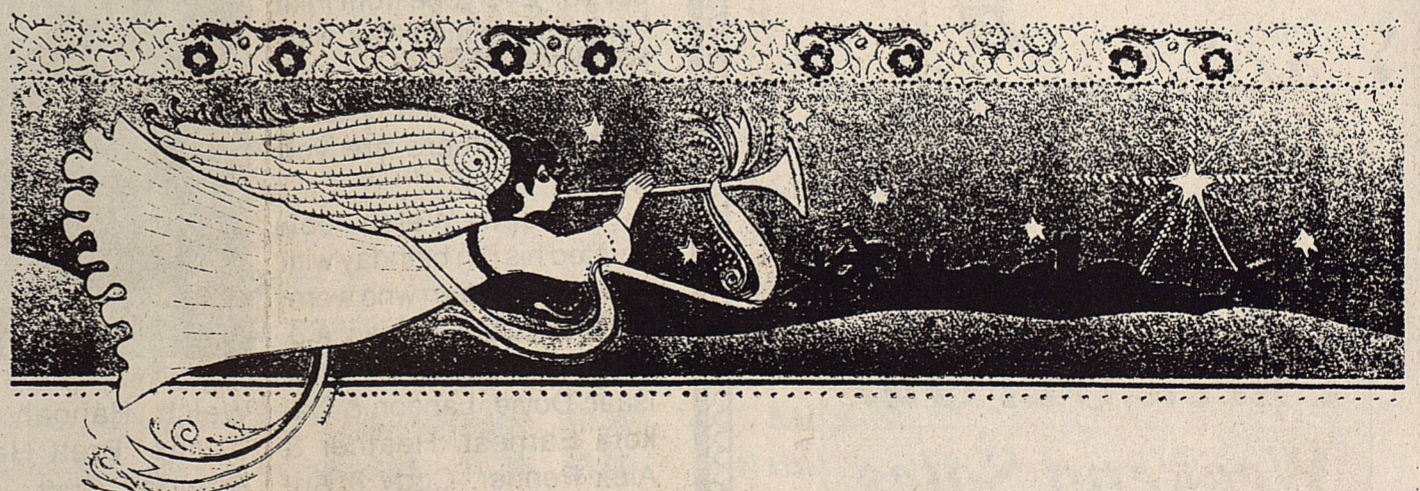


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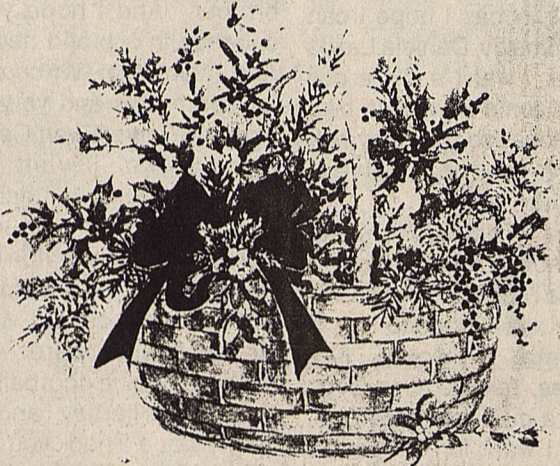
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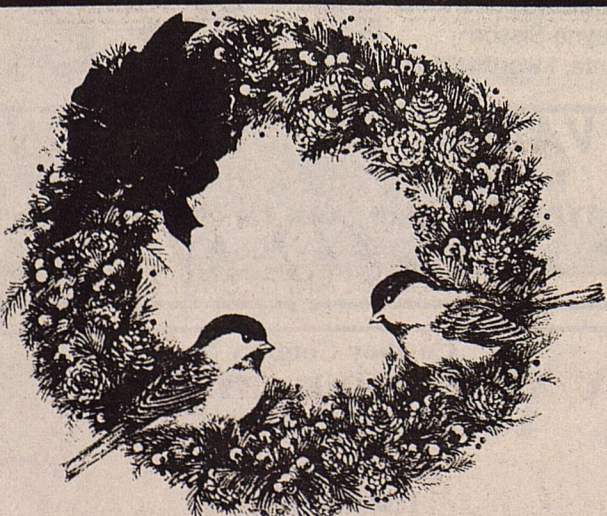
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