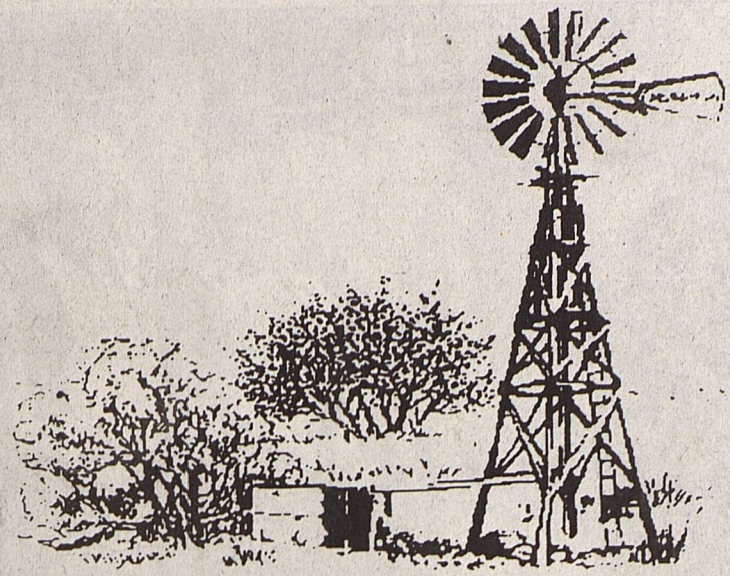


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SOAR meeting here attracts officials from ten of state's cloud seeding programs

Officials of all but one of the state's eleven cloud seeding programs gathered at the airport here last Monday for a noon barbecue lunch and a detailed update on details from the weather enhancement projects in 2002. The meeting was sponsored by Sandy Land Underground Water District, and Southern Ogallala Aquifer Rainfall (SOAR) project.

Represented at the meeting were cloud seeding personnel from Pecos, North Plains, Panhandle, Big Spring, Abilene, San Angelo, South Texas, Southwest Texas, and San Antonio. Six aircraft used in cloud seeding were flown to the meeting here.

The State of Texas, which monetarily assists the weather enhancement program on a cost-share basis, hires two individuals to annually evaluate the eleven clouds. The seeded clouds showed a 44 percent increase in water-bearing capacity, with only one other leading. It is very common for a specific amount of rain to be recorded in one spot, while only a half mile away the amount could be significantly more, or less. Cloud base seeding procedures



Seven cloud seeding aircraft were on hand at SOAR meeting

Ag Extension Agent views on 2003 county crop

While recent area rains have brightened the faces of many local ag producers, a successful, profitable crop year for the South Plains is not a guarantee, hand written in stone. That's how County Extension Agent-Ag Arlan Gentry sees the current situation.

Gentry furnished CCN some of his thinking after an extensive survey of the county. "We started the year off in drought conditions, with many sand blown days. Our irrigated producers pre-watered and generated some pretty hefty fuel charges, but managed to get most crops planted and emerged, before weather mayhem broke loose."

He continued, "In mid-May, with both cotton and peanuts coming up, we had some really cold days which stunted the young and still emerging plants. Then, almost incredibly, we had a record high of 104 degrees, which further stunted these plants."

According to Gentry, the confusing weather had just begun. "The last couple of weeks or so we've experienced wind, rain, hail, sand blowing, more rain, even more hail, rotating clouds, tornados in the area, you name it, it's visited Yoakum County."

218 radar images of seeded clouds were studied, compared to a similar number of unseeded control clouds. The seeded clouds showed a 44 percent increase in water-bearing capacity, with only one other leading. It is very common for a specific amount of rain to be recorded in one spot, while only a half mile away the amount could be significantly more, or less. Cloud base seeding procedures

A portion of the meeting was devoted to the use of rain gauges in comparison

ing rainfall in seeded areas. The point was made that even if one gauge was placed on each section of land in Yoakum County, the gauge readings could be misleading. It is very common for a specific amount of rain to be recorded in one spot, while only a half mile away the amount could be significantly more, or less. Cloud base seeding procedures

may soon change. Seeding flares now burn silver iodide, an expensive chemical. Current research indicates common salt can now be processed in micron size and readily adheres to rain droplets in clouds. Certain forms of clay are also being experimented with, and replacing the silver iodide would greatly reduce seeding costs.

Gentry thinks despite all this, the overall crop picture looks fair to good, and much better than many other South Plains areas. "Forecasters predict more thunderstorms in the coming days, so our problems may not be over yet. This moisture was desperately needed, but we may not be out of the woods."

Gentry said the moisture was desperately needed for dryland crops, and most received it in varying amounts throughout the county. Wind and sandburn hurt as much as the hail has. "The Higginbotham area was hit hard last Tuesday, and last Sunday, the first of June, by hail followed by blown sand which destroyed many fields. County rainfall has varied from several tenths to four to six inches over the last ten days, and it is greatly

beneficial.:

Gentry continued, "Many fields are up and growing well, some just emerging, and some have recently been replanted. Thrips are becoming active, and grasshoppers are found in some areas, and wheat is being harvested. Over all, we're looking pretty good, and we could be in much worse shape."

As a down note the following rainfall data for the year were furnished by City Administrator Ed Hansen. In the City, according to official US Weather Bureau Instruments, 2.98 inches precipitation have been recorded as of June 9. This compares to a total of 5.2 inches at this date in 2002. It should be noted 3.45 inches of that rain fell during the month of March.

Remember Old Dad

On Fathers Day

Sunday, June 15

Commissioners, Hospital Board agree on expansion funding options

In a special meeting at the Yoakum County Hospital June 2, Yoakum County Commissioners Court and County Hospital Board members met to discuss funding options for the expansion and renovation of the County Hospital. A recent election approving the issuance of \$2,950,000 certificates of obligation was designed to fund construction of a dialysis center, wellness center, expansion of the emergency room, remodeled birthing rooms at the hospital. An expansion of the plans for the wellness center led to an increase in the projected cost of some \$320,000, and other items resulted in adding a total of \$354,250 to the total cost.

Hospital Board member Edith Kidd moved to transfer \$200,000 of the hospital budgeted capital outlay, which represent budgeted transfers from the 2003 county general fund, and use \$18,428 of the Hospital Memorial Fund, and use remaining funds needed to cover the total \$354,250 cost over the certificate of obligation amount from the hospital general fund or disprop fund when the money is needed. The motion was seconded by Board member Stanley Ashburn.

Commissioner Woody Lindsey moved to approve the recommendation, Commissioner Ben Coston seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Criminal case in District Court

In District Court June 2, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Adam Paul Ocanas had conditions of community supervision modified from a prior third or more DWI conviction. He must pay delinquent court costs of \$322 and time payment fee by July 1. He must pay delinquent \$122 fine at \$10 per month, and court appointed attorney fees of \$349 at \$10 per month. He will spend 180 days in jail or until space is available in a substance abuse facility where he will serve a term of confinement no more than one year or less than 90 days. His attorney was Steven Denny.



High winds which whipped through town last Thursday night took their toll on shrubs and trees, and the garage/storage building shown here. Sheet iron ripped from the roof of the structure is shown scattered in the right background of the photo. The wind was accompanied by rain reported two-tenths to one half inch in gauges around town.

Peanut Marketing Seminars Scheduled

The Western Peanut Growers Association, head quartered in Seminole, has scheduled peanut marketing seminars at three locations and on two dates.

The first seminar will be held June 16 at the American Legion Hall, 800 Seagraves Rd. in Brownfield. A Barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30, followed by the seminar.

A second marketing seminar will be held same June 16 evening in Seminole. A Barbecue dinner will be served at 6:30 PM at K&S Steak Place, 2224 Hobbs highway.

The third seminar is planned

for the following Thursday morning at 8:30 in Lamesa at the Dawson County Community Center, South 8th and Houston. Breakfast burritos and donuts will be available.

These marketing seminars are designed to help peanut producers better understand;

* A to Z's of FSA peanut forms, requirements, payments, timing

* Marketing loan process and calculations, including 1007s, warehouse receipts, redemption

* Contracts, additional options
Guest speakers for the meetings include; Marshall Lamb,

economist, USDA/ARS National Peanut Lab., Kathy Savers and Kirk Goodman, State FSA program specialists, Dan Hunter, Southwestern Peanut Growers, CMA.

Area peanut shellers including Birdsong Peanuts, Clint Williams Company, Golden, Sunland, Inc. and Wilco Peanut Company have been invited to the seminars to answer contract specific questions on an individual basis. More information may be obtained by calling Western Peanut Growers Assn., 432-758-2050.

Plains Lions select new officers



At the June 5 meeting of the Plains Lions Club, former Lions Club President and City Administrator David Brunson was the guest speaker, and served as installing officer of the club officials who will assume their duties on July 1. Shown above left to right are Tail Twister Butch Mack, Directors Debbie Rushing and Gary Dyer, outgoing President Melba Crutcher, Brunson, Secretary-Treasurer Linda Wall, Lion Tamer T.J. Miller, incoming President Vicki Blundell, and Bruce Lester, First Vice-President. Not shown, Tim Addison, Second Vice-President.



At Saturday's annual pet vaccination day, DVM Faulkenberry gave shots to 79 city pets, none of which were too thrilled with the experience.



Texas Cooperative Extension Offers Food Manager Certification Training Course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

During the past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of Health (TDH) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.

Recently, the Texas Board of Health adopted rules to implement this statute. Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of Health regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of Health must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for 5 years.

Texas Cooperative Extension, Yoakum County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This two day course will be offered for \$79 on Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 at the Extension Meeting Room located at 901 Ave. G in Plains. Cost includes training, refreshments, materials, and the State food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied. Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include: Increased customer satisfaction* Improved relationships with health officials* Preventions of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness.

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about: identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling* Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food* teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees* complying with government regulations* maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings* controlling pests. Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices.

For more information about the Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas Cooperative Extension, call Debbie Pollard at (806) 456-2263. In order to have enough tests and material on hand you must contact the office and pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2003.



Last month, Congress passed and the president signed a \$350 billion jobs and economic growth package to put Americans back to work and stimulate our economy. The legislation provides tax relief to hard working people and has several provisions to help individuals and businesses during these challenging economic times. It accelerates the 2001 marginal rate cuts, lowers the taxation of dividends and capital gains and helps small businesses by increasing expensing and depreciation levels. Texans directly benefit from the bill because \$1.3 billion in aid is allocated

specifically for our state. This assistance, part of \$20 billion in overall aid for states, comes at a time when the State legislature is grappling with a paralyzing budget crisis. I worked closely with my colleagues in Congress to ensure Texas received its fair share. The funding will provide approximately \$570 million for Medicaid and an estimated \$710 million for essential government services and unfunded mandates, which I'm hopeful will help alleviate problems in our state. The relief will enable millions of Texans to reap benefits from rate reductions, the child tax credit

increase and lower taxes on capital gains and dividends. Texans with children will gain from an increase in the child tax credit (from \$600 to \$1,000) beginning this summer when the IRS starts issuing advance payment checks of \$400 for each child under the age of 17. Additionally, one of the most egregious provisions of our tax have often said that penalizing couples for saying 'I do' is fundamentally unfair, and this bill takes steps to erase that inequity and help 2.4 million Texas couples. I originally introduced legislation to alleviate the marriage penalty and am pleased it is part and parcel of this important relief package. Another element of the bill I helped to author reduced the double taxation of dividends. Dividend income is first taxed at the corporate level and then taxed again when paid out to shareholders. Layering tax upon tax burdens hard working Americans, and especially seniors who may rely on dividend earnings to supplement their fixed incomes. The legislation takes a first step at individuals and on capital gains from the sale of stocks and other assets to a maximum 15 percent. Despite claims that dividend income is only enjoyed by a few, more than two million Texans-one third of all filers-claimed dividend income in 2001. This bill will put more money back in their pockets. A time when too many Americans are unemployed, this jobs and growth package provides a much-needed shot in the arm, especially for small businessmen, which create two-thirds of the new jobs in the United States. By increasing expensing and depreciation levels, small businessmen and women will have more cash in their coffers to expand and hire more employees. Overall unemployment rates are expected to drop by 737,000 in 2004 and 416,000 in 2005, meaning more Americans will be back on the payroll, taking care of their families and contributing to our economy and communities. While more remains to be done and our economy is still struggling, the 2003 tax relief takes important strides to get us on the road to solid economic recovery.

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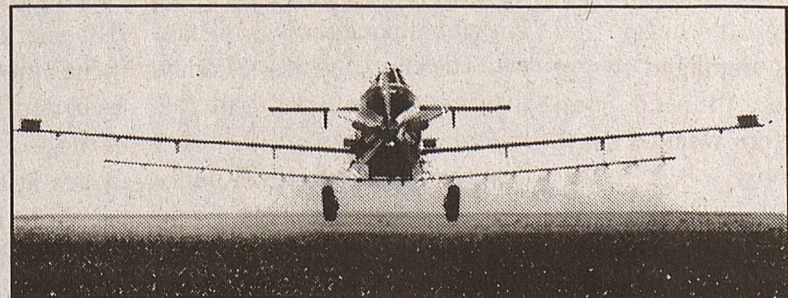
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SPS fuel increase affects Lea County Electric bills

Electric Bills issued in June will likely be higher for most of the cooperative's members due to increases in fuel charges from Southwestern Public Service, Lea County Electric's wholesale power supplier. According to Allan Brown, Manager of Marketing and Member Services for the Cooperative, "The increase in the fuel component of customers' electric bills is caused by fluctuations in the price of natural gas. For the past six months, the pass-through of fuel costs from our wholesale supplier has been \$.00119 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to all of our customers; beginning in June, this Power Cost Recovery Factor (PCRF) will increase to \$.01036 per kWh."

Residential customers

who use an average of 1,000 kWh each month will see an increase of \$9.17 per bill. The plan is to continue using this increased factor through November 30, 2003, at which time another analysis will be made to determine if the PCRF requires further adjustment.

"Although our base rates for electric service have not changed, fuel costs from our power supplier can and do fluctuate. We do everything we can to minimize the impact of such changes to our customers by 'leveling' the PCRF over six-month intervals rather than pass through monthly fluctuations. Increases from our power supplier, however, make it necessary to periodically adjust the factor," said Brown.

"Lea County Electric's Levelized Budget Payment Plan can help our members avoid broad fluctuations in month-to-month electric bills by averaging their current electric bill with their previous 11 months' bills," advised Brown. "It's based on a running average of electricity usage, and while the monthly payment amount will fluctuate slightly, it will be much easier to plan and budget for."

Customers interested in obtaining more information on this program are encouraged to call the Cooperative at 396-3631 or toll free at 800 510-5232.

Routine Commissioners Court Session

In the June 9 session of Commissioners Court, a bid from Gene Messer Ford, Lubbock was approved for the purchase of a new 2003 F-150 Super Cab Pickup for Yoakum County Hospital. The bid price was \$21,336, less trade-in of a 1995 Dodge Dakota pickup for a total price of \$18,836.

The Tax Assessor/Collector office reported \$28,855 taxes during the month of May. The court approved a five year contract with Aqua One for bottled water in the courthouse. Justice of Peace Precinct One Judge Melba Crutcher sought approval to contract with the Department of Public Safety Omnibase, a computerized system assisting in tracking down non-paying traffic violators and other misdemeanor offenders in JP Court. The contract would provide the Sheriff Department Deputies electronic means to identify non-paying offenders, as well as Department of Public Safety Troopers. The contract was approved.

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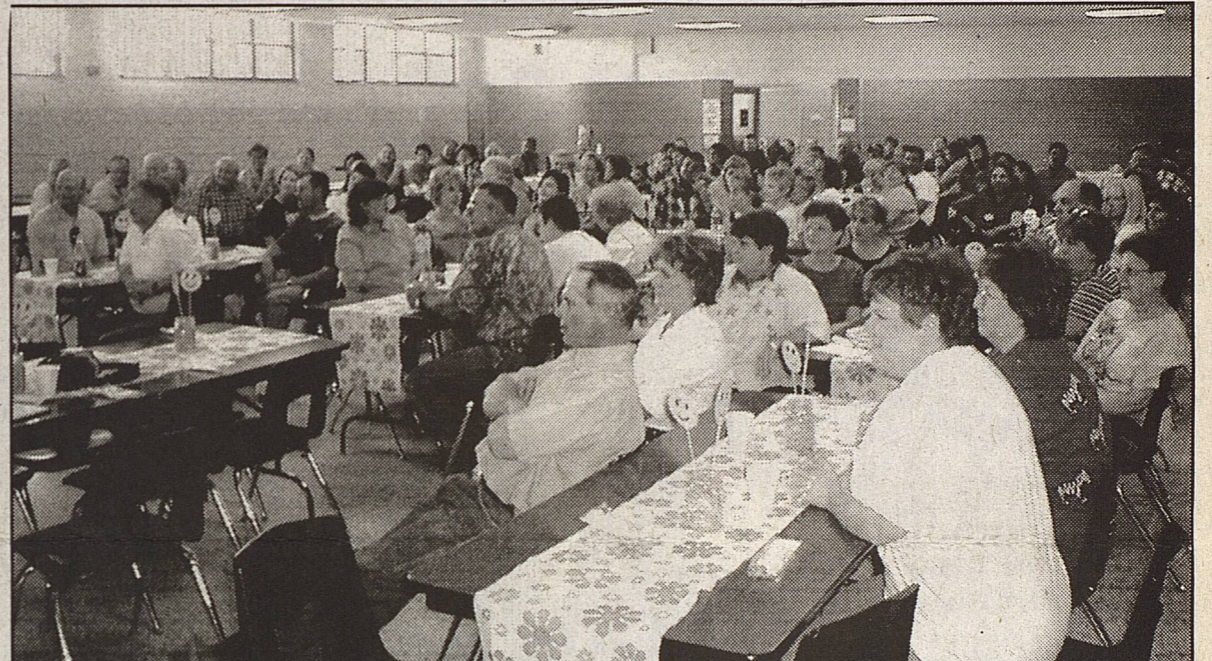
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PISD Staff, Teachers Recognized At Breakfast Meeting



Following the last day of school and graduation, all teachers and staff members attended a breakfast meeting where goodbyes were said to many personnel, and others were honored for years of service.

Superintendent Jim Haynes

presented five year watches to Pam Bean, Shelly Carter, Ray Portillo. Ten year pins were given Estella Flores, Vernon Hise, Judy Justuas, Eva Mack, Keith Whitzel. Cindy Conway received a 15 year pin, 29 year pin to Cynthia Blair, 25 year pins to Pam Smith and Gary Barnes.

said good bye to departing Eddie Carter, Linda Haragan, Monica Headley, Michell Hawthorne, Ray Portillo and Laurie Biera. Haynes presented retirement gifts to Sue Alexander, Ann McGinty, Pam Smith and Larry McMinn.

Haynes also recognized and

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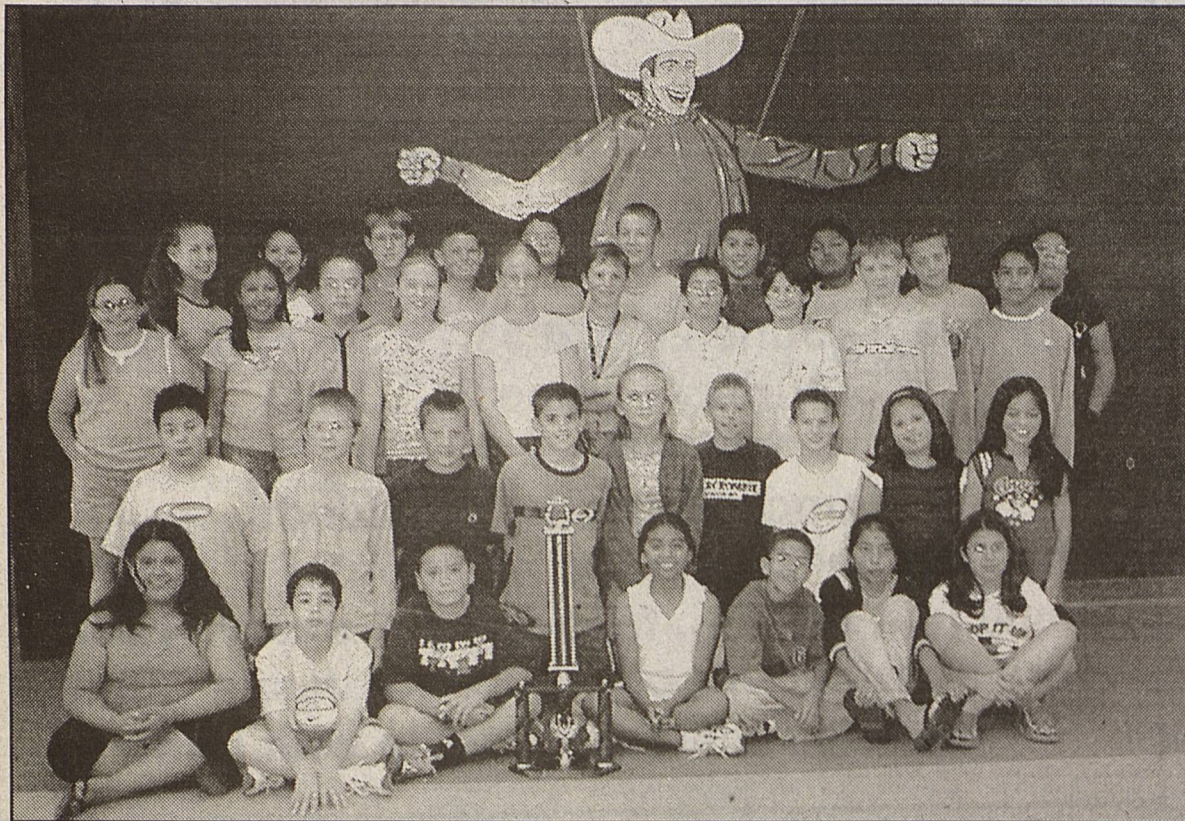
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Great year for Junior High Band

Band Director Georgette Weisgerber reported the 5th, 6th and 7th grade band students finished the year on true high note. The fifth graders attended the Abernathy Band Festival for concert and sight reading competition. They brought home the Sweepstakes Trophy and received a Division I rating from the judges.

The 6th graders also attended the Abernathy Festival, also ranked Division I, and were also awarded the Sweepstakes Trophy.

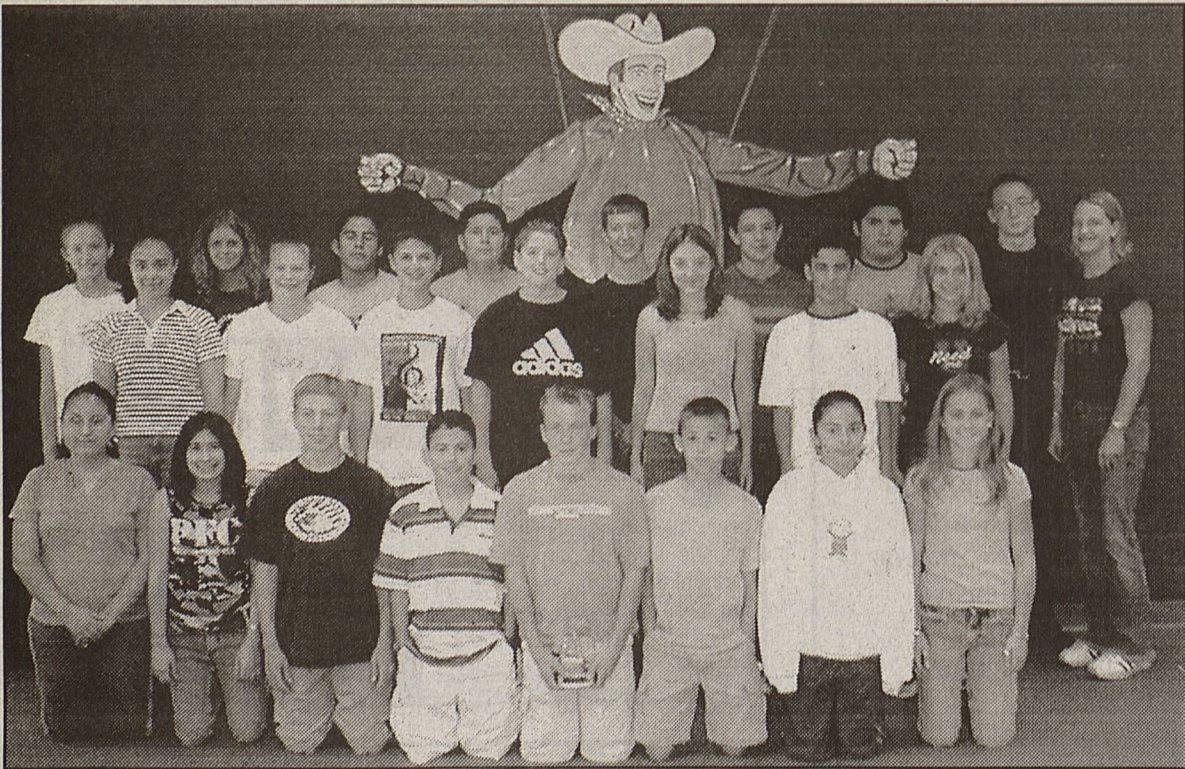
The 7th grade band students competed in the Greater Southwest Festival in Amarillo. Performing music from the UIL Prescribed list for Class 2A schools, They were awarded First Division Superior ratings from the Judges.



6th Grade Band



5th Grade Band



7th Grade Band

Plains Jr. High Honor Roll

5th GRADE-All A's

Hannah Cotton
Emilia Gallegos
Brett Hawthorne
Natalie Haynes
Abby Hernandez
Miguel Lopez
Nathan McCravey

Troy Parrish All A's, 1 B

Brock Carter
Brandon Craft
Shyann Vantine

6th GRADE-All A's

Reyna Gallegos
Yesenia Loya
Mari Ruiz

Holden Welch All A's, 1 B

Chris Addison

7th GRADE-All A's

Kurt Alldredge
Ryan Crump
Lauren Hise
Zachary Ramos
John Tyson

All A's, 1 B

Maria Andazola
Douglas Conway
Amber Friesen
Trent Hawthorne

8th GRADE-All A's

Caitlin Carter
Landon Craft
Joe Luis Gallegos
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli Mendoza
Colby Wilmeth

All A's, 1 B

Erika Loewen

Plains High School

Honor Roll

9th GRADE All A's

Allison Friesen
Skylar Keesece
B.J. Lester

Ramiro Martinez

Adam McCravey

Blake O'Quinn

Blake Parrish
Abel Ramos

All A's, 1 B

Michael Crump

Reagan Haynes

10th GRADE All A's

Evan Cain

Mayra Flores

Breck Hamm

Brandon Hise

Kerry Sisson

All A's, 1 B

Payton Bean

Patrick Cotton

Daniel Estrada

Cody Flores

Brant Huerta

Griselda Luna

11th GRADE All A's

Stacie Alldredge

Cendy Lopez

Sarah Martinez

Grady McNabb

Helen Neufeld

Nolan Newsom

Manuela Villegas

April Wilmeth

All A's, 1 B

Moriah Traweek

12th GRADE All A's

Kevin Bartley II

Jordan Bean

Chelsea Blount

Kelly Bowers

Jill Gray

Nick Hays

Kayla Willis

Liz Wilmeth

All A's, 1 B

Mario Bonilla

Joshua Curtis

Keri Hansen

Jessica Rodriguez

Angel Ruiz

Ryan Swann



Maretta Trent and Lauren Davis competed in the State Level National Music Federation Solo Contest in Fort Worth. Maretta received a Superior rating, Lauren received the Outstanding rating



Performing solos and ensembles at the Abernathy Festival and receiving Division I ratings and many medals were, front, Lisa Neufeld, Angelica Mendoza, Jacob Rivera, Lydia Whitzel, Heather Parrot, back, Erika Loewen, Trent Hawthorne, Elias Carrillo, Cody Mayes, Douglas Conway.

The Year's Last Student of the Week

Student of the Week is Helen Neufeld. A junior and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Johan Neufeld. Helen was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, Who said, "Determination, dedication, and diligence are important at

tributes for students today. This week's student of the week demonstrates all three of these. She is determined to do the best at every assignment. She is dedicated to every task she undertakes. She is diligent to make sure that everything is done completely and correctly." I have enjoyed having this young lady in class."



Plains Outlaw AAU basketball 10 & under girls team coach by Jim & Soli Quintanilla took 2nd place in the DCBA South Plains Classic Tournament in Denver City May 30-31. They played in the 5/6 grade division. Back row: Adriana Corrales, Patty Avila, Mari Ruiz, Stephanie Addison, Jasmine Mares. Kneeling: Courtnei Asebedo, Hannah Crump. Interim coach is Alma Mares.

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Kirkendall, Burrus plan July Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Kirkendall of Sequin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Diane, to Mr. Clint Field Burrus. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Adeline Scull and the late Charles Elam Scull, Jr., and Mrs. Margaret Kirkendall and the late Dr. Walter Kirkendall.

Miss Kirkendall is a 1998 graduate of Sequin High School and a 2002 graduate of Southwestern University in Georgetown with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Communications. She is currently completing her law degree at Harvard University.

Mr. Burrus, son of Tommy and Sarah K. Burrus of Bronco, Texas, is a 1999 graduate of Plains High School and a 2003 graduate of Southwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and English, and will be attending graduate school in architecture at Yale University. Mr. Burrus is the grandson of Mrs. Sarah Shelton and the late Robert K. Field, and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Burrus.

The couple will be married July 26, 2003, at First United Methodist Church in Sequin with Reverend Jim McClain officiating. Reception will follow at Nolte Farms.

Shigellosis Outbreak Continues

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) and local Health departments are urging residents of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains to take precautions to control the spread of shigellosis, a diarrheal illness that has infected at least 560 people in 11 area counties since November.

"The number one way to prevent the spread of shigellosis is thorough hand washing, especially after visits to the restroom, before preparing or serving food or drinks and after changing a diaper," said Thomas Betz, M.D., TDH acting regional director, Lubbock.

Betz said hands should be washed with soap and warm water for at least 30 seconds and then rinsed well.

Shigellosis has been confirmed in Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Potter, Randall, and Terry counties.

Betz added that people with shigellosis or other diarrheal illnesses should not attend school or child-care centers or work in food-handling establishments until advised to do so by a health care provider.

No common source for the illness in the area has been identified. Betz said the illness appears to be spreading person-to-person rather than coming from central sources. The infection ranges in severity from a relatively mild illness with watery stools for a few days to severe symptoms including cramps, headache, high fever, profuse or bloody diarrhea and dehydration. Those infected usually recover in five to seven days. But some of those who have become ill have required hospitalization.



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Seniors Corner

The other day I was glancing at a map of west Texas and was intrigued by the names of some of the towns. I made a list of some of the towns. I made a list of some of the ones surrounding us, so join me as we make a short, imaginary tour here in our panhandle area. "As we journey, there in PLAINVIEW lie some of the wonders of west Texas. On the LEVELLAND a MEADOW is full of grazing HEREFORD cattle. It is a GRANDVIEW! Although we NEEDMORE rain, a PLEASANT VALLEY of GRASSLAND with borders of MESQUITE provide a FAIRVIEW of our west Texas landscape. We see a small CANYON along the WAYSIDE with a BIG SPRING of SWEETWATER. Laborers are using a CRANE in their effort to build a NEW HOME. NOTREES have been planted., but one lone MAPLE has survived the SHALLOWATER until some WELLS can be dug. With SUNDOWN approaching, we are HAPPY to reach the WESTPOINT of our journey and LOOP around a POST to head back to the MIDLAND area. Quick as WINK, we can SEAGRAVES of long dead people of the PLAINS. We feel a FRIENDSHIP with these long ago WHITE-FACE settlers who knew the buffalo and the MULESHOE, and who had the PEP to develop this area as part of the great UNION of states." **You will find these Texas towns within a radius of one hundred-fifty miles of Denver City. Eight seniors were celebrating on Birthdat/Anniversary day Monday. Two had wedding anniversaries and six were a year older. Congratulations to all. Willie and Madge McCubbin were proud to introduce their daughter, Janet, and her husband Bobby Smith, on Monday. We hope to see them some more while they are in town. Other visitors since the last report include Ben Coston, Junior Bennett, Brownfield apartment but she misses playing dominoes. Sandra Wells returned from a vacation in Colorado reporting that it is one cold place there! Gail Bailou was a welcome guest this week. It is good to see him up and around after a sick spell at his home. We look forward to his bi-weekly visits. Patricia Smithee, from our SPAG office in Lubbock, was a luncheon guest this week. She is the lady who is responsible for planning our monthly menus. It is good to see Mickey Evans back and looking so well after a prolonged family visit where she had the misfortune of falling and injuring her leg. There were several winners in the BINGO tournament on Tuesday, but Becky Cryer walked away with the most winning tickets. You're right, they didn't play cards on the Ark because Noah was standing on the deck! Now you can tell what kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

Thought for Today: "The weather was clear. The cars was whizzin. The fault was hers. The funeral was his'n" ..Burma Shave

Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met June 3 in the old courthouse clubroom. President Jeannette Head reminded members City Hall is still asking for art to display in the new building.

Next month the art show will be discussed. Wilma Powell's motion for the association to donate \$100 to the summer Youth Program, sponsored by Yoakum County Connection was approved.

The Yoakum County Hospital Foundation Board plan a New Year's Eve dance as a fund raiser, and volunteers are needed to prepare food, art and decorations. A fund raising golf

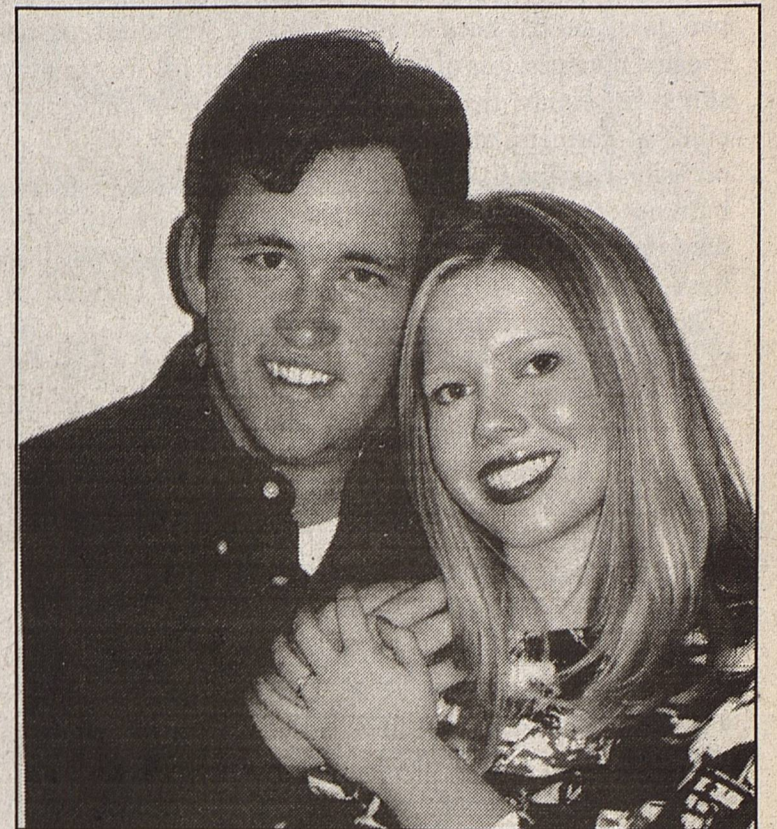
tournament is also being organized.

Visitors at the meeting included Lindsey Welborn, granddaughter of Inetta Teaff, and Deborah and Mason Brown, daughter and granddaughter of Jeannette Head. New club members are Tommie Brown and Deborah Brown.

Guest artist Dyan Dennison Newton gave a demonstration of a watercolor landscape.

Wilma Powell's door prize was won by Mason Brown, and hostesses Wilma Powell, Debbie Pollard and Wadonna Davis served Key lime pie, chicken salad, dips and chips.

Warren and Bell set August Wedding Date



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Howard of Plains announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alexis Jene' Warren, to Joshua Aldan Bell, son of Mr. & Mrs. Danny Bell of Plains. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Jody Warren. The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Plains High School and is currently attending West Texas A&M in Canyon working towards her degree in Education. She is currently affiliated with the Chi Omega Sorority.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Plains High School and is currently attending West Texas A&M University in Canyon is working towards his degree in Computer Science. The future groom is employed as a computer technician for Potter County. The couple will exchange wedding vows on August 8, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Plains.



Plains Lions Club President Melba Crutcher honored the late Harry Richardson by presenting his wife Dene a plaque at last weeks club meeting. Dene was accompanied by her daughter Donita. The plaque read, "In Memory Of Harry Richardson For His Many Years Of Outstanding Service And Dedication To The Plains Lions Club, And His Contribution As Secretary-Treasurer."

First United Methodist Church
1202 Avenue G - Plains, Texas
456-3727



Sunday Schedule
Children's Choir - 9:45 am
followed by Sunday School
Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship - 10:45 am

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Plains, Texas

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Morning Worship
10:45 am.
Evening Program
6:00 pm.

From The Hack

I was unable to play in last weekend's Two-Man Partnership Tournament, Praise God. This is a tough deal, played over two days, and has been known to cause divorces, loss of friendships, fist fights, thrown golf clubs at partners, and on one occasion I am familiar with, the burning of about fifteen hundred bucks of golf stuff..... at the course.

The killer part of the tourney is, on the final day, the partners must play alterante shots - the number one guy (or gal) hits a shot, the other must play from where the first shot landed. This leads to awkward situations.

Sunday afternoon, I went to the course, hopefully to take a photo of a winning Plains team in one of the many flights. That was a complete waste of time. The only locals I know of who ended in the prize money were Macky McWhirter and Gary Six, finishing third in the very last flight.

This really disturbed me, when after the scores were posted, I learned because of an odd number of competitors in this flight, Macky and Gary were allowed to (gasp) play by themselves, un-observed by none but God. Believe me, this is tantamount to loosing a bull in a china closet or offering a newly quit addict a joint. They finished third in the last flight. Congratulations, I guess.

The alternate shot format is deadly. I heard one player bitterly exclaim, "We were doing OK until Joe killed the duck." A listener said, "killed a duck?"

"Yeah, on the par 3 16th, you know the one over the lake, he killed a Mallard with his tee shot. I had to make the next shot, and I hit the very same dead duck. Our game was dead as the duck from there on in."

I heard another conversation, in which a guy asked a friend, "Where's your partner Joe?"

"He's on his way to Smyer."

"Well, how you gonna get home?"

"Don't have a clue. Joe said he was leaving my worthless butt and clubs here and he probably wouldn't speak to me again."

Sure glad I didn't play. I didn't want to spend \$50, knowing I need at least two or three GOOD partners to stand a chance.

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I read a lot of strange stuff in Ripley's 'Believe It Or Not' at the library this week. The summer of 1947 was so hot corn growing on the stalks actually popped (like popcorn) before it could be harvested. Ha! I was in Presidio one July and it was so hot there melting street asphalt ran into the Rio Grande and raised its level 13 inches.

Odd names - A.C. Current was an electrical contractor in Ohio, and named his son D.C. Current. Ha! One of my granddads was named Cleophus Sylvester Mudd, and He lived in Eden, the Garden of Texas.

Did you know Alfred Hitchcock had no navel? Had it surgically removed. Ha! I knew a Navy Chief who had a tattoo

of a snake on his belly, and it disappeared in his navel.

Food For Thought

An elder of the Cherokee Nation was teaching his grandchildren about life.

He said to them, "A fight is going on inside me - it is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One wolf represents fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, competition, superiority, and ego.

The other stands for joy, peace, love, hope, sharing, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, friendship, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside of every other person, too."

They thought about it for a minute and then one child asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The elder simply replied... "The one you feed."

Innovations

A company based in Melbourne, Australia plans to use hot air to power cities. EnviroMission's Solar Tower power station, a 200-megawatt system scheduled for completion in September 2005, could generate enough power for 200,000 homes, according to the company. The tower features a 1-kilometer exhaust vent atop a greenhouse-like structure that generates and holds hot air. The hot air is funneled toward the vent, where it turns power-generating turbines on the way out.

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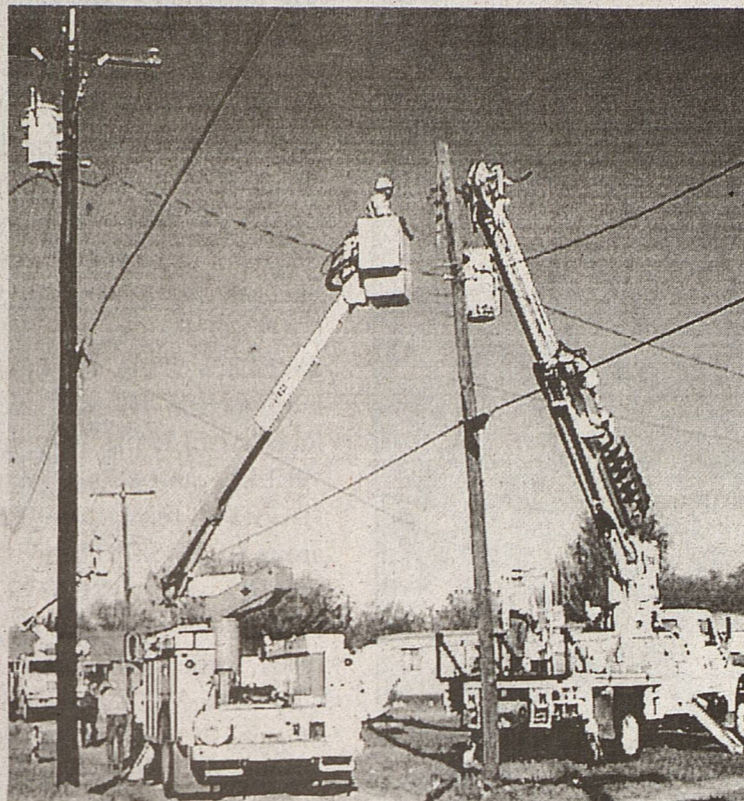
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Plains student graduates from SPC

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 AM, Friday, June 27, for the sale of surplus equipment for Precinct #1.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, June 30, 2003. For a list of the equipment and more information, please contact Commissioner Woody Lindsey, 139 E. Broadway, Denver City, Texas 79323, or call 806/456-3601.

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

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

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Plains Independent School District will receive bids until 12:00 PM (noon), Thursday, June 26, 2003 for a District Depository for the Plains Independent School District for a period of two (2) years beginning September 1, 2003 and ending August 31, 2005.

Bids will be reviewed and a contract awarded at a Special called Meeting of the Board of Trustees on July 7, 2003 at 7:30 PM.

Bid forms and specifications may be picked up at the Plains Independent School District Business Office from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday thru Thursday.

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-DEPOSITORY" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to the superintendent, James Haynes, PO Box 479/ 1000 Cowboy Way, Plains Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Plains Independent School District will receive bids until 12:00 (noon) Thursday, June 26, 2003 to sell a house located at 1003 2nd Street (E44.8' Lot 6/W 44.5' Lot 7, Blk. 6, Stanford) in Plains, Texas.

Bids will be reviewed and contract awarded at a Special Called meeting of the Board of Trustees that will be held on Monday, July 7, 2003.

Bid forms may be picked up at the Plains Independent School District Business Office from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday thru Thursday. The house will be shown by appointment only by contacting the superintendents office at 456-7401.

Sealed bids should be marked "House Bid" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to the superintendent, James Haynes, PO Box 479/ 1000 Cowboy Way, Plains, Texas, 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The Plains Independent School District will require a minimum bid of \$29,000 and reserves the right to reject any and all bids.