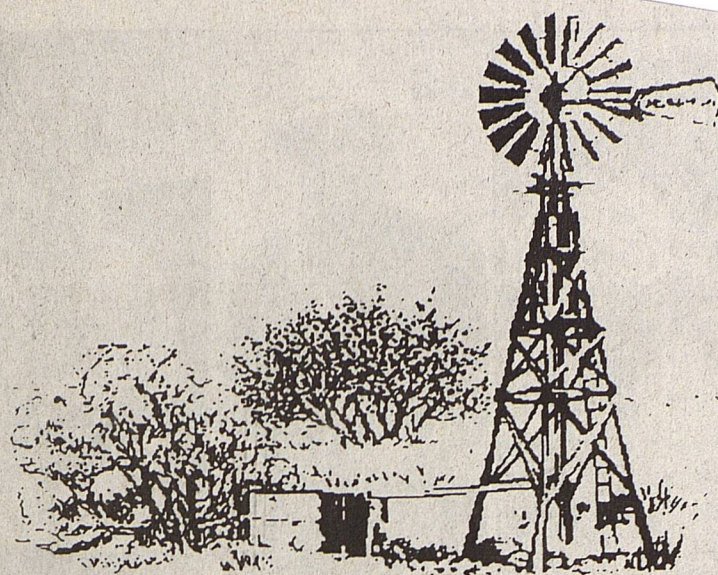


# Cowboy Country News

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## Busy three days... Rodeo, Reunion and Art Show !



Rodeo Royalty - 2nd Runner Up Queen Candidate Allison Friesen, Plains Lions, 2003 Rodeo Queen Ashli Vantine, Chamber of Commerce, Stacy Alldredge, 2002 Rodeo Queen, and 1st Runner Up Ashley Hunter, Roping Club. The girls sold almost \$7000 of fund raising tickets in the Queen Contest



Well over 400 hungry folks attended the 50th Old Settlers Reunion barbecue in Stanford Park last Saturday. This year the Chamber of Commerce sponsored meal was catered by Johnnie's Barbecue of Midland, and earned high marks. Diners feasted on brisket, sausage, beans, slaw, potato salad and cobbler. Four 'help yourself' lines speeded up the serving of the meal.

### Busy sessions of county, district court

A total of ten criminal cases were heard in District and County Court last week. In the July 28 session of District Court, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Christopher Brit Marion pled true, and had conditions of community supervision from a prior building burglary cause modified. He must pay delinquent CSCD fees of \$264, \$157 delinquent restitution, \$318 delinquent attorney fees, urinalysis fees of \$20, and additional \$250 court appointed attorney fees. Bill Helwig served as his attorney.

Tammy Jo Kidd entered a no contest plea on possession of less than one gram methamphetamine, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. She will spend five years under community supervision, pay a \$1000 fine, \$228 court costs, \$140 restitution and \$250 court appointed attorney fees. She will attend weekly narcotics meetings, serve 120 hours community service, and complete the TAIP program. Paul Manusr was her attorney, and Chris Malloy, DPS, was investigating officer.

Jarrod Dane Merideth pled true, and conditions of community supervision from a prior cause of engaging in organized criminal activity were altered. He will remain in jail up to 90 days, or until space is available in Trinity Baptist Mens Home where he shall remain in that program for a term not to exceed 12 months. Warren New served as his attorney, David Chance Bostick pled

guilty to making false report to a peace officer. He was fined \$100 and must pay \$256 court costs. Investigating officer was Kenley Powell, Deputy Sheriff.

Rebecca Flores Villareal pled guilty to theft by check, over \$500, less than \$1500. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. She must pay \$250 fine, \$256 court costs, \$25 time payment fee, and \$1540 restitution to the Criminal District Attorney's office, and serve 24 hours community service.

Gregory Scott Durham pled guilty to marijuana possession, less than two ounces. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$211 court costs, \$25 time payment fee and \$500 fine. He will attend narcotics meeting three times weekly, surrender his license 180 days, and complete the Drug Offender Education Program. Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer.

Luciano Flores Frausto pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test refused. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 18 hours, attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service, and complete the DWI first offender program. Jimmy Hammons Jr. was his attorney, and Sheriff Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating

officer.

Jeremy Jason Gonzales pled guilty to driving with suspended license. He was fined \$100, must pay \$211 court costs, and complete the drug offender program. Chris Malloy, DPS, was investigating officer.

Daniel Efraim Chavez pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t. .147/.146. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$226 court costs and \$178 restitution to DPS for accident investigation. He will spend 72 hours in jail, with credit for 14 hours, attend weekly AA meetings, serve 24 hours community service, and complete the first offender program. Chris Malloy, DPS, was investigating officer.

**We apologize for the brevity of this issue. Last week's medical problems not only got us DOWN, but also WAY BEHIND!**

### DPS needs recruits

With a fast approaching deadline of August 4, the DPS is stepping up efforts to attract trooper applications to an October recruit school.

"The deadline is just around the corner, and we have an urgent need for trooper trainees to offset retirements, and to fill trooper openings associated with Nafta," said DPS Director Colonel Thomas Davis Jr. "We need an immediate influx of applicants to ensure a quality, diversified applicant pool to fill our next recruit school."

The six month training academy will start October 13 in Austin. Application packets may be picked up at the nearest DPS office, and extensive information is available on the DPS web site, [www.txdps.state.tx.us/](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/). Information is also available by calling a toll free number, 1-866-898-7667,

that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS headquarters.

Graduates are initially assigned as uniformed officers in one of several services. After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the traffic law enforcement, criminal law enforcement, driver license, administration and Texas Ranger divisions.

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, at least 20 years old by the time they are accepted as trooper trainees and have completed 90 hours of college credit. Law enforcement, jailer or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

An applicant's background will be carefully scrutinized, including prior criminal history.

### Renew TDA licenses On Line

The electronic ink is barely dry on the first batch of E-Pay license renewal transactions, and Texas Department of Agriculture customers are already voicing their satisfaction with the service.

TDA, in partnership with Texas Online, the official web site of the State of Texas, allows customers to renew their licenses 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a quicker turnaround than regular mail. A 3 percent convenience fee is added to the E-Pay transactions, a small price to pay for the added convenience of on line payment and license renewal, especially if a person's license

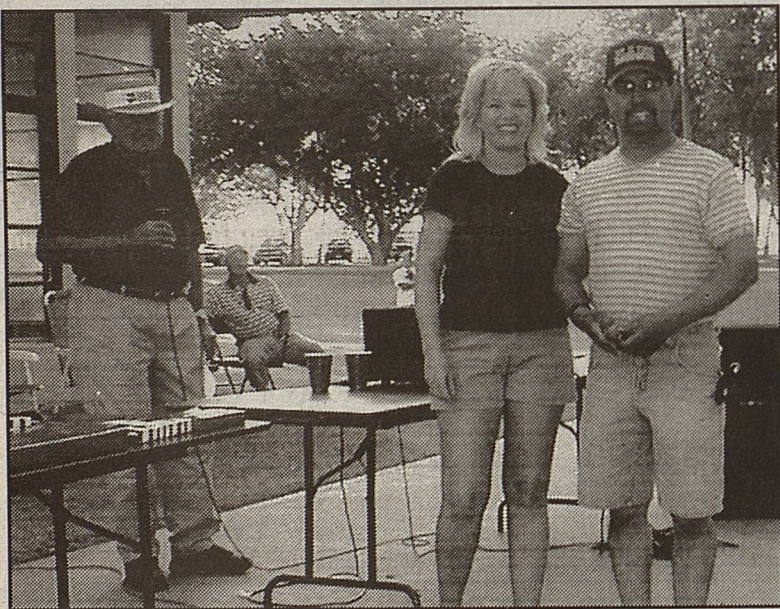
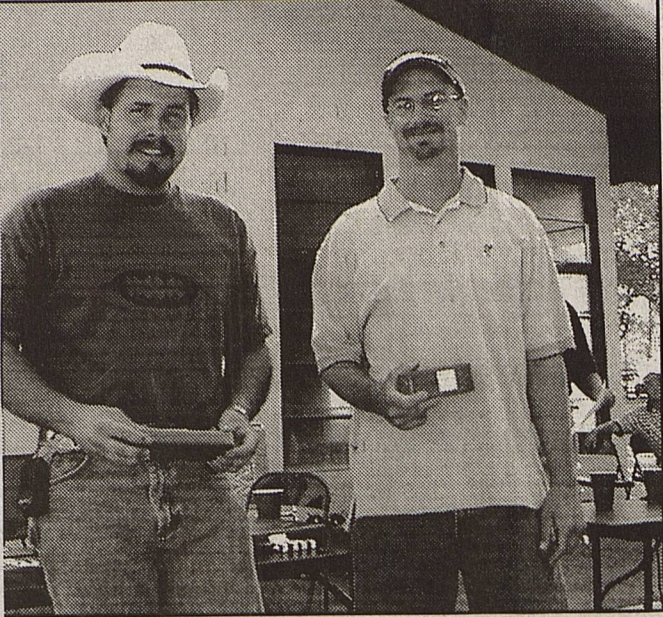
**TURN TO PAGE 3, RENEWALS**



Employees of the County and Yoakum County Hospital enjoyed their annual picnic at the County Park last Thursday. After the cookout meal, longevity awards were presented to employees with 5, 10 or 20 years of county service. More photos inside



# County Picnic & Award Scenes



### COUNTY EMPLOYEES

**5 YEARS**  
 Judi Addison  
 Karen Bearden  
 Larry Murphee  
 Kenny Dierschke  
 Chad Lowrey

**10 YEARS**  
 Alice Bearden  
 Jerry Howard  
 Elida Perez  
 Greg McCravey

**20 YEARS**  
 Sam Dominguez  
 Richard Garcia  
 Linda Horton

### HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES

**5 YEARS**  
 Connie Ayala  
 Pamela Galyon  
 Jenna Roberts  
 Janet Stoffer  
 Staci Sturdivant

**10 YEARS**  
 Dora Alvarez  
 Joyce Tedford  
 Noelia Esqueda

**20 YEARS**  
 Linda Fausey  
 Dennice Hines  
 Margaret Trinidad



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**Workers needed for Watermelon Round Up. Good opportunity for a group fund raiser. Interested parties should contact Ed Hansen at City Hall 456-2288.**

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



### EXAMPLE A

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. 22867

**APPLICATION** NTCOT, Ltd., dba New-Tex Gin, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 22867 which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin at 111 U.S. Highway 82, Plains, Yoakum County, Texas. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

The TCEQ received this application on June 17, 2003. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Yoakum County Courthouse located on the corner of Avenue G and Cowboy Way, Plains, Yoakum County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. **If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following:** (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. **If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

**INFORMATION** Written public comments and requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from NTCOT, Ltd., dba New-Tex Gin, Route 1, Box 95, Plains, Texas, 79355 or by calling Mr. Kelley Green, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512) 476-8388.

### SPC Peace Officer Academy Rated Exemplary

The South Plains College criminal justice program is only one of two criminal justice programs in the state to receive an exemplary rating from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The program received exemplary ratings in both Institutional Effectiveness Cycle 1 and 11, which cover a span of about eight years. Hill Collage was the other recipient.

"Clearly, the (SPC) programs

operates in a mode of continuing excellence," said Dr. David Couch, director of institutional effectiveness for the board's Community and Technical Colleges Division.

Federal and state laws require that college programs be reviewed every four years. "Because of the sheer number of programs in the state, it takes four years to review them all," said Dr. Couch. "We finished two complete cycles, represent-

ing eight years, last April. A member of my staff performed a recent trend analysis that revealed SPC's exemplary status. To be exemplary for that length of time is quite an accomplishment."

SPC's criminal justice program submitted documentation on such areas as gender and ethnicity of the students, which met the criteria for the efforts, including a basic peace officer academy.





## Obituary

### Services Held For Rico Alcorta

Services for Rico Alcorta, 66, were held Monday, August 4, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at Templo Bautista, with Reverend Glen Godsey officiating and Reverend Jose Rodriguez assisting. He died Friday, August 1, 2003 in Denver City. Services were under the direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors of Brownfield.

Mr. Alcorta was born to Richard and Maria Alcorta on May 19, 1937 in Caps, Texas. He married Lovelia Zavaleta in 1954 in Olton, Texas where they lived for many years. Mr. Alcorta managed the Pay and Save Grocery Store in Plains for over 20 years until his retirement in 1990.

He was a Baptist and was preceded in death by one sister,

**FROM PAGE 1,  
RENEWALS**

is set to expire.

During a license renewal period at the end of April and the beginning of May, a number of customers renewed their weights and measures devices on line, fulfilling TDA's promise of convenient, no hassle renewals.

E-Pay is part of TDA's totally integrated licensing system. The new system, called BRIDGE, allows the agency's customers, producers, applicators, businesses and anyone else to do business with TDA on line. For more information on renewing licenses on line, please contact [bridge@agr.state.tx.us](mailto:bridge@agr.state.tx.us).

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## Basic Phlebotomy Remains Open For Registration

Registration remains open for Basic Phlebotomy, which begins August 18 at South Plains College in Levelland.

The class will meet 6:30-9:30 pm. Mondays and Wednesdays in the Technical Arts Building, Room 101. Clinical instruction will be announced at a later date.

Tuition is \$300, and cost of textbook, The Complete Textbook of Phlebotomy, 2nd Edition, by Lynn B. Hoeltke, is \$54.90. Instructor is Georgia Mulloy.

The course provides skill development in the performance of a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and universal precautions.

Students must provide proof of immunization for MMR, tetanus, Hepatitis B and have a current negative TB test. Enrollment is limited to 14 students.

To pre-register or obtain more information, contact the SPC Division of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext. 2341

## Deadline Extended For SPC Peace Officer Night Academy

Deadline for the next Basic Peace Officer Evening Academy at South Plains College in Levelland has been extended to August 8.

The 576-hour academy will meet September 2 through August 3, 2004. Classes will meet 5-10:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in the SPC Law Enforcement Building, Room 115.

A fingerprint and criminal history background check is required through the Texas Department of Public Safety and takes a week to 10 days to process, said Larry Nichols, chairperson of the Professional Services and Energy Department and academy coordinator.

The course is designed to meet requirements set by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education for persons wishing to take the state's peace officer licensing exam. The course will include basic topics such as all Texas laws and procedural requirements, use of force, human relations,

professionalism and ethics, fitness and investigation and many others.

A total of 24 hours of college credit will be awarded on completion of the academy.

The academy is open to persons 21 years of age or older who want to become Texas peace officers. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, high school graduates or possess the GED certificate with 12 hours of accredited college or university credit. Applicants cannot have a Class B or higher conviction in the past 10 years.

A non-refundable \$25 application fee is required for the background check. Applicants must take and SPC police academy entrance exam and apply separately to the college.

Academy packets are available in the Law Enforcement Building, Room 102.

The academy will be offered in four sessions. For more information, contact the SPC Law Enforcement Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2291.

### City Of Plains

#### Texas Community Development Program Contract Number 722154 Final Public Hearing

The City of Plains, Texas, will conduct a Public Hearing to allow public comment on a Texas Community Development Program improvements project (TCDP Contract No 722154). The project involved the preparation of a comprehensive planning study. The intent of the public hearing is to review program performance and receive public comments.

The public hearing shall be as follows:

**DATE: August 11, 2003**

**TIME: 5:45 P.M.**

**PLACE: City Hall, 1015 Ave F, Plains, Texas**

Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and comments to Pam Rowe, City Secretary, City of Plains, 1015 Ave F, Plains, Texas 79355. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If anyone interested in attending the public

hearing requires a translator, please contact the City Hall office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. All written comments will be addressed in writing within fifteen days after public hearing.

## Capital Comment by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison Remembering Columbia

On February 1, 2003, millions of Americans awoke to the heartbreaking news that the Space Shuttle Columbia had been destroyed while reentering the earth's atmosphere. Texans were profoundly affected by the tragedy because the shuttle disintegrated in our wide-open skies, scattering wreckage throughout the northeast part of our state.

August marks the six-month anniversary of that terrible tragedy. It is time to remember, but it is also time to reflect on the triumph of the human spirit that rose from the ashes of the Columbia.

When Texans learned of the disaster, they didn't stop and ask, "Why us?" they said, "How can we help?" They pitched in with gestures large and small. People in Sabine, Nacogdoches and San Augustine counties, areas that bore the brunt of the disaster, rose to the occasion to assist in the recovery efforts.

More than 600 volunteers descended upon the east Texas community from around the state to begin the monumental task. Game wardens, fire fighters, sheriffs and forest service employees arrived at their own expense to help. The local National Guard unit canceled its scheduled training that first weekend and lent a hand. Restaurants and grocery stores provided free meals to volunteers. Business, schools and community organizations solicited donations and rounded up food, water and supplies to keep the command center running. Churches offered the homes of their members to relief workers seeking a warm bed after grueling 12-hour shifts. Local hotels and bed and breakfasts donated lodging for the out-of-town workers. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members volunteered countless hours.

State and local agencies operated seamlessly to deal with the tragedy and ensure recovery efforts ran smoothly and efficiently. The local community came together in an unprecedented way. Texans gave of their time, efforts and finances to help piece together the tragedy and put their community, and our entire nation, on the road to recovery.

The outpouring of generosity comes as no surprise. Texans are known for our big hearts and welcoming arms. When tragedy literally rained down upon us, it was instinctive to respond with charity, generosity

and kindness.

While many questions surrounding the accident are still being investigated and measures preventing future tragedies are being undertaken, it is the question of "What's next?" that must still be addressed. What's next for space exploration? What can we learn from venturing into the unknown?

It is that thirst for knowledge that led us to explore space in the first place. Our curiosity, sense of wonder and desire to improve life on earth prompted us time and again to defy the odds. And our efforts have resulted in life-saving discoveries, technological advancements and improvements in our everyday lives.

Satellites, smoke detectors and bar-code scanners provide a few examples of everyday technologies that were developed through our space program. NASA has also contributed to the defense of our nation by pioneering space-based and satellite imagery applications that have been critical to helping our military pinpoint the enemy on the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq. NASA is also helping to develop the next generation of the unmanned aerial vehicle, the Predator, a remote controlled aircraft that allows us to see the battlefield, find the enemy and send in precision-guided munitions without endangering troops. Perhaps our greatest achievement has been in the field of medical science. CAT scans and MRI's are revolutionizing our ability to detect tumors early and save lives. Neither technology would be possible without NASA research.

From 1803, when Lewis and Clark set out to explore the unknown lands of the west, to 1969, when Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon, the spirit of exploration has shaped our history and our culture. It has kept our economy thriving through the use and production of the fruits that research. It is a spirit embodied by Texans and knit into the fabric of our rich legacy of independence, which we must preserve.

As we commemorate the anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy and honor the seven lives cut short, we grieve with their families, celebrate their memories and pledge to renew our zeal for space exploration and hunger for the unknown.

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# Lifelines & Styles

## Yoakum County Art Association 2003 Show Results

**Best in Show: Jessica—Dyan Denninson**  
**Best in Photography: NYC—Susie Powell**  
**Best in Crafts: Paramount Star-Helen Beal**

### Miniatures-Original

1<sup>st</sup> Fiesta Ware-Carol Skinner  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floral Medley-Eileen Fillipp  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Roses-Sharon Pickett  
 Honorable Men. Grandma's Tea Cup-Susie Pal  
 & Quail-Uvonne Morgan

### Still Life-Original

1<sup>st</sup> Come & Get It-Susie Powell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Magnolias-Sharon Pickett  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Lavish Lilies-Carol Skinner  
 Hon. Men. Magnolia's Reign-Francis Hammond  
 & Native Relics-Beverly Bray

### Landscape-Original

1<sup>st</sup> Rock Port-Eloise Brown  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grandpa's Barn-Lovella Todd  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Church at San Patricio-Susie Powell  
 Hon. Men. Blue Door-Uvonne Morgan  
 & Almost Home-Dyan Dennison

### Other-Abstract

1<sup>st</sup> Birth of the Angels-Linda Powell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> What Tangled Web-Linda Powell  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven's Arches-Jeannette Head

### Portraits-Original

1<sup>st</sup> Jessica-Dyan Dennison  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Old Man-Uvonne Morgan  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Old Woman-Uvonne Morgan  
 Hon. Men. Breakfast is Ready-Susie Powell  
 & God's View-Everett McAdams

### Wildlife-Original

1<sup>st</sup> Psalm 107:41-43-Beverly Bray  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Man's Best Friend-Lisa Gentry  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Eyore-Uvonne Morgan

### Graphics

1<sup>st</sup> Sk8er Girl-Kelly Bowers  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:7-Beverly Bray  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Break-Asher Freeman  
 Hon. Men. Old Woman and Sheep-Uvonne Morgan  
 & Genesis 30:39-Beverly Bray  
 & End of the Day-Everett McAdams

### Photography-Landscape

1<sup>st</sup> NYC-Susie Powell  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Highway 82-Pat McNabb  
 3<sup>rd</sup> UFO? -Sue Holder  
 Hon. Men. The Light Post-Susie Powell  
 & Airplane View of Mexican Riviera-Lisa Gentry  
 & Tree to Heaven-Arlan Gentry  
 & Studebaker Pickup-Wadonna Davis

### Photography-Still Life

1<sup>st</sup> The Rose-Pat McNabb  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady Liberty-Susie Powell  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Blue -Wadonna Davis  
 Hon. Men. Cotton Blooming Time-Sue Holder  
 & Flor Blance-Maria Castrnita

### Photography-Wildlife

1<sup>st</sup> Fishes-Lisa Gentry  
 2<sup>nd</sup> A Hot Day-Pat McNabb  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Longhorns-Donna Bowers

### Photography-Portrait

1<sup>st</sup> Kelly-Donna Bowers  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Myself-Pat McNabb  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Cousins Forever-Pat McNabb  
 Hon. Men. A Father's Love-Pat McNabb  
 & Prom Night-Pat McNabb

### Copies

1<sup>st</sup> Patriotic Barn-Lisa Gentry  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Parrots-Marguerite Barron  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wheelbarrow of Flowers-Lisa Gentry

### Class work

1<sup>st</sup> Church at Night-Lisa Gentry  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Pink Geraniums-Jimmie Bayer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Flowers in a Glass Jar-Eileen Fillipp  
 Hon. Men. Colorful Rooster-Lisa Gentry  
 & The Plate-Eileen Fillipp

### Student—Ages 5 to 10

1<sup>st</sup> Arista's Watermelon-Arista Davis  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony-Shelby Estep  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Juicy Watermelon-Emily Davis

### Student—Ages 11 to 15

1<sup>st</sup> The Sunflower-Natalie Haynes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Purple Delight-Natalie Haynes  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Horses at Pasture-Shyann Vantine  
 Hon. Men. Sunflower Cat-Amy Fillipp  
 & Country Porch-Natalie Haynes

### Student Ages 16 and up

1<sup>st</sup> Still Life- Ashley Vantine

### Student—Fiber

1<sup>st</sup> Pillows-Shyann Vantine  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Laundry Bag-Amy Fillipp  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Napkins-Colleen Williams

### Student—Other

1<sup>st</sup> Pine Cone Family- Brooke Wilson  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Room-Shyann Vantine  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Hemp Cross Bracelet-Brooke Wilson

### Crafts Fiber-Large

1<sup>st</sup> Paramount Star-Helen Beal  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lighthouses-Betty Treadway  
 3<sup>rd</sup> San Pasqual-Wilma Powell  
 Hon. Men. Log Cabin Sampler-Helen Beal  
 & Pink Baby Afghan-Lori Matus  
 & Blue Baby Afghan-Lori Matus

### Crafts Fiber-Small

1<sup>st</sup> Southwest Time-Shawn Williams  
 2<sup>nd</sup> White Tote-Jeannette Head  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Apron-Jeannette Head  
 Hon. Men. Kitchen is open-Darlene Wilson  
 & Happiness is a Cookie-Darlene Wilson

### Ceramics

1<sup>st</sup> Rain Forest Santa-Dianne Bennett  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Witch-Tommie Brown  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Angels on a Cloud-Joyce Bearden  
 Hon. Men. Patriotic Uncle Sam Santa-Joyce Bearden  
 & Pumpkin Man-Tommie Brown

### China Painting

1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Wildwood-Wilma Powell

### Other

1<sup>st</sup> Feather Swag-Deborah Brown  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Apple Wreath-Jeannette Head  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 Gourds-Lori Matus  
 Hon. Men. Fall Wreath-Deborah Brown  
 & Necklace-Deborah Brown

## Senior Citizens Corner

Fay Nelms came from Plains to dine with one day this week. Ben Coston was also a luncheon guest one day.

TURKEY DAY! The word has been going around and hopefully everyone who wished to dine on turkey and the trimmings this week managed to get signed up by the deadline on Monday.

Pep Turner has been visiting children and grandchildren in east Texas. He reports that he has a great time and is now glad to be home. Charlie Gillis is back from his R & R with family members in the mountains of Colorado, where they camped, fished, and enjoyed evening campfires. Jean Sparks spent last weekend in Ruidoso and reports that from the deck of their cabin, she watched a black bear going his merry way just a few feet from where she sat.

We all love our children, our grandchildren, and our great grandchildren. This comes without saying for each of us. It is giving. Yet there is some truth in the following facts: 1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up. 2. Grandchildren and great grandchildren are God's reward for not killing our own children. 3. Parents and grandparents of teens now know why some animals eat their young. 4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said. 5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind ourselves that there are children more awful than our own...After saying all that I

should remind you to be really nice to your kids because they are the ones who will be selecting your nursing home!

A special thanks goes to Layne, Wanda, and Charlie for being faithful at the registering desk lately. And everyone exclaimed over how well Frank Guerrero stepped into the "number calling" task during the Bingo hour on Tuesday. It takes everybody to make our Center an attractive and interesting place to spend a part of each day.

When I look around in the gymnasium exercise area, the pool room, the conference room, the men's domino room, the ceramic room, and the garage sale room, I am always amazed at how clean and attractive our own Linda Horton keeps our Center. She works tirelessly and quietly among us. Remember to tell her how important she is to us when you see her.

Another area that we tend to take for granted is the clean office where Gloria and Ann manage to keep all the wheels greased and everything in order. And the kitchen, which is probably the most noticed area, not only provides mouth watering lunches on a daily basis, but provides us all with a sense of well being as witness the cooperation and genuine pleasure our kitchen staff, along with Sylvia, our van driver, enjoy as they work together. Their laughter and caring attitude makes us all glad to be a part of the Center family.

Thought for Today: "God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference."

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 11** Seniors 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Juniors 1 - 3 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13** Sophomores 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Freshmen 1 - 3 p.m.

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# From The Hack

It continues to baffle me how swiftly news travels to and through Plains. I think some residents were aware I had a heart attack before the Doctors in Lubbock. Not all was factual, naturally. Here's what actually happened-well, almost! Latelast Monday week, I thought I had heartburn, until a pain sent me to my knees. The Bride rushed me to the emergency room at YC Hospital. They'd been alerted by her call, and by time we wheeled up, I was almost jerked from the car to the ER room, nurses were surrounding me, doing this, doing that, none of which I enjoyed. Doctor Memon, the Doc on emergency call, bent over me, and I may have been a bit fuzzy, but I think his first words were, "Silly Man! I told you, you MUST stop SMOKING! Now we're going to ease your pain. Nurse, bring the Green Goddess for him now... enjoy, Mr. Dyer, and you, or probably your wife, were smart to come to us... you have been scheduled on the next luxury helicopter cruise to UMC Hospital in Lubbock, certainly not at our expense, of course. Good Luck!" I managed to moan, "Doc, uh, I'm a bit too sick, and a lot too old to enjoy any kind of Goddess, especially a green one. Thanks anyway." Before stepping through the door, he added, "Silly man, Green Goddess is medicine to make you feel good for the plane ride... and all the other stuff to follow."

The helicopter soared in, and it looked beautiful as it circled, settled down, and I realized we were surrounded by brilliant, beautiful lights, the E.T. Theme music seemed to be playing, and an honor guard of Denver City cops surrounded me, in a final salute. Man, the Green Goddess stuff had really kicked in! I wanted to ask for another shot, but they were already starting to stuff me inside the lovely, purring helicopter, when the pilot came by, patted my shoulder, said, "It'll be a nice, smooth flight, old partner, so enjoy!" Goddess or not, that ticked me off. I very lucidly (I think) said "I flew on choppers 50 years ago!" He looked startled, and replied, "Really? I guess they were steam or coal powered then, weren't they?" On the routine flight, I mused over many pleasant thoughts: How many inches would be sliced open, requiring how many stitches? What else would be severed from my body other than a few faulty valves and tubes? Would the knock-out stuff have fully kicked in by time they started slicing? If they were truly clumsy, how much could the Bride sue for - if at their very clumsiest, which of my very best friends would receive all my golf and fishing stuff, and how much would they be willing to pay for it? With limited resources, how many could the Bride bribe as pallbearers-I didn't worry about paying the preacher, a hot check would suffice till things settled down for her. Would there be anyone at the services? Then I thought, of course there will, you dolt, as long as those Baptists offer to feed after it's over. That's why you never want the food before the preaching and burying.

We settled gently to the UMC chopper dock, three hospital people rushed out, accompanied by three Golden Lab dogs, I swear! I weakly asked, "Why the dogs?" A nurse said, "Just a safety precaution...things are so mixed up and turned around here we once lost a patient three days. Fortunately he was dumped in the cafeteria and had plenty to eat and drink, but almost died from heartburn. Another was accidentally dumped in the laundry chute on level three, and some how survived after being found in the baby diapers collection room. Now, we use seeing eye dogs to lead us- now, you hold onto the arm rails, follow the dogs, we gotta get you to the Cardiac Extremely Volatile Contagious and Hideously Intensive Care Spa!" Once we safely skidded to a stop at CEVCHICS, two eager, blue clad nurses flew me to room XXX. I thought that a bit ominous, especially since my body was being followed solemnly by a grey faced, shaking his head Doc. I whispered weakly, "Is it that bad, Doc?" He covered his mouth, forced back a cough, nodded, "Yeah, it's the worst yet. I'll never eat that chicken salad in the cafeteria again!" Somehow, I felt a bit better. They take me to a room right across the hall from the DRs/ Nurses Command Center, where all the monitors in each room carry vitals, where all sorts of serious stuff originates. It was rather ominous. Two blue clad nurses began hook-

ing me to the EKG cups, one happily humming, "The blue disc to the left nipple, the red to the left, the yellow over the belly button..." when the other nurse gasped, "OH MY GOD, LOOK! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A BETTER ONE?" For a moment I didn't know whether to beam in pride or what, but then she held up my left arm, and panted, "Just look at that VEIN! OK, Claudette, you're doing the EKG stuff, I get to do his IV plugs." Claudette sniffed and said, "That's not fair, Ismelda, I got the skinny veined old geezer last patient." Ismelda gloated, "Yeah, well this one's skinny too, but this vein ain't!", she panted as she fondly stroked my vein. Before the cock crowed thrice the next morning, I had been subjected to the following vile treatment: Stuck with needles eight times, had my temperature and pulse rate taken 27 times, oozed out 9 blood samples, had stethoscopes on chest and back so many times I had depleted the oxygen level in the room by being told breathe deeply now, and suffered acute embarrassment when handed one of those hand held urinals and told to fill it as full as possible, cause there would be few opportunities the next few hours, and I had to admit I simply couldn't. The nurse thoughtfully turned the water on in the sink, and one said cheerfully, "it's OK, we'll wait outside", and as they left she whispered, "Oh, God, another whiny shy type!" Soon a serious faced but young Doctor whizzed in and very rapidly detailed the next step - "We're gonna explore your

heart, so to speak, we're going to do an angiogram, that's insert certain stuff in your heart to let us take a look around, you know, find what's causing your problem, do you understand?" It didn't seem to bother him much when I shook my head no. "Oh, well," he sighed, "No one ever does. Just trust me." I was wheeled into a somber room, which had a TV screen on the ceiling. Kinda odd, I thought. A male nurse approached, handed me a large pill and glass of water, and purred, "Take this, Mr. Dyer, I'm gonna get you HIGH!" Sounded OK to me and I swallowed the stuff. The nurse then said, "Now for your shave... you'll love me tomorrow when they come to jerk all that tape off!" I was feeling splendid, and I wanted to hug this guy for being such a nice guy, and he pulled my gown up, and in seconds Bic razored me slick in my right groin area, where the femoral artery lurks. He then took some sort of brush and painted me sort of a burnt orange from my waist almost to my knees. I admired my hairless left side, my new orangeish hue and thought I made a fine fashion statement of some sort. I must have dozed, for I became aware I was watching the overhead monitor which now featured a giant heart beating away, stuff dangling from it and stuff going to it, and I thought

I must be watching Discovery. I noticed mysterious looking wires going in, with funny looking ends. By now the heart was boring me, and I looked over my right shoulder to see two masked Doctors looking at their own monitors, both intently moving something before them, and I thought, "SO, playing Nintendo while they're supposed to be saving my life!" I glared my fiercest glare and demanded, "Who's winning?" The nearer Doc glanced at me, mumbled in his mask, "You are. That's your heart we're working on. Now lie still and be quiet!" I was astounded. That was now the most beautiful heart I'd ever seen! To cap this off, they found one artery over 90 percent plugged, which they roto-rooted out, and installed a stent and balloon, and don't ask me how or where. I do know I already feel better. When I was finally dismissed a day late because they couldn't stop my bleeding in the tiny artery incision area, the final Doctor looked at me as we shook hands, and said, "Mr. Dyer, I won't tell you what to do. You can continue smoking, and die an ugly death too soon, or you can quit now, live much longer and finally die much easier. You call the toss." I meant it when I told him, "Thanks, but I've already quit."

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