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Age of Native American skeletal remains is established

Yoakum County Sheriff Captain Lisa Switzer recently received a letter from Dr. Robert Paine, Department of Anthropology, Texas Tech University, informing her radiocarbon testing had been completed on the skeletal remains found in sandhills north of here. The ancient burial site find was reported in two previous issues of CCN.

Dr. Paine's letter reads in part; "Here is a copy of the radiocarbon report for the burial from site 41YK2, Yoakum County. The 41 stands for the site found in Texas, YK stands for Yoakum County, and 2 indicates the burial is the second site found in your county. The radio carbon date is estimated at 2,940, plus or minus 40 years BP. BP refers to Before Present.

"The age estimated for the burial is not as old as I had hoped for, yet is still an important site. The age is associated with Hunters-Gatherers of the late Archaic period. These were nomadic peoples living off the land, hunting wild game and gathering wild plant foods. My understanding is there are only 150 or so burials of this type in Texas."

As reported earlier, the skeletal remains were of a female, estimated age in the late twenties to early thirties. Captain Switzer reported an anthropology team from Texas Tech will bring the ancient remains back to the original sandhill site for re-interment.

District Court Criminal Cases Heard

Four criminal cases were heard in District Court October 22 with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Hector Silvas Gonzalez, 21, pled guilty to a charge of arson. His ten year state prison sentence was suspended and probated ten years. His \$2500 fine and \$246 court costs will be met with time payments. He must pay restitution of \$16,238 to Allstate County Mutual Insurance. Causes of organized criminal activity and retaliation were adjudicated. He must serve 30 days in jail, successfully complete the BIPP program, and attend counseling. He

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Third New City Water Well Looking Good



Photo taken last Friday shows new city water well number three on test pump. The flow meter on top of the pipe was reading a discharge of 1170 gallons of water per minute at the time of the photo.

By press time Tuesday, the Ford Drilling Company crew should be underway with the final 36 hour test pumping of the third water well drilled on city owned section 423 west of town.

City Administrator David Brunson said the newest well was drilled to a depth of 132 feet. At that point, the water level was at 54 feet. A test pump was installed, and run hard for some six hours. A flow meter indicated the pump was pulling 1150 to 1180 gallons of water per minute, and the water level dropped to 77 feet, indicating an excellent well and source of

badly needed city water.

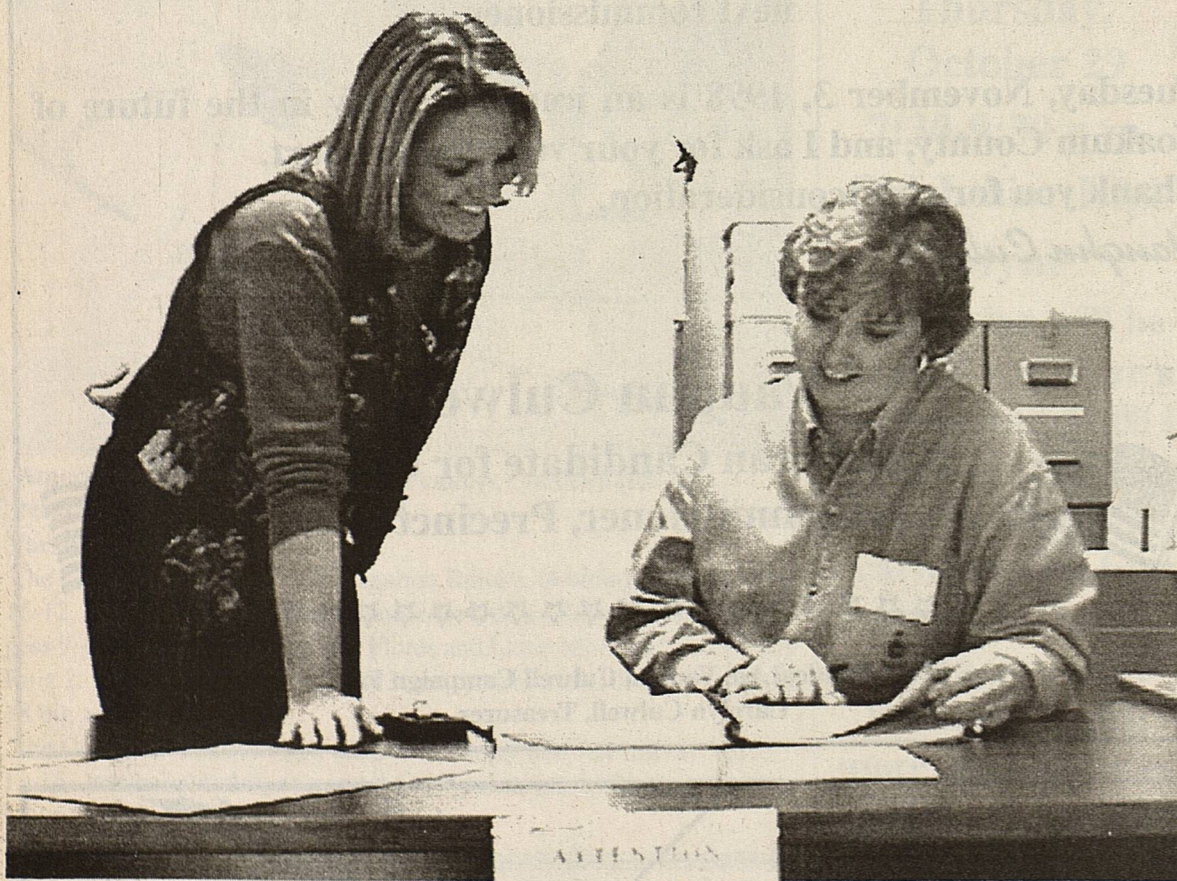
One of the Ford brothers manning the test pump said, "In this area of the south plains, this much water is becoming more and more of a rarity. This is a very good water well."

The three new wells on section 423 must still be cemented. Brunson said the city would soon advertise for bids for materials to be used in laying a water transmission line from the wells to a point just west of the city limits on Highway 82 where it will tie into the city distribution lines. A 100,000 gallon storage tank must also be constructed at the new well site.

The first well drilled still needs additional development work. Brunson said the consulting engineers may recommend setting a smaller, 100 gallon per minute in the troublesome hole, and installing 300 g.p.m. pumps in the other two new wells. "That would produce about 700 g.p.m. total, or less than one-third the capacity of the three."

City employees will lay the approximate 3 1/2 miles of water line to the city system. Brunson said the target date for completion of the project is June 1, 1999, in time to meet the peak demands of the summer use.

Early vote ends October 30 General election November 3



County Clerk Debbie Rushing checks voter register list with election clerk Karen Bearden

If early voter numbers are a valid indicator, there appears to be a great amount of interest in the upcoming November General Election. County Clerk Debbie Rushing reported as of late Monday afternoon, 352 county residents had voted early here and in Denver City. Those numbers are a bit ahead of the count during the Republican and Democrat Primary Elections.

Rushing said 532 voters took advantage of the early vote during both primaries. She also reports there continues to be confusion and misunderstanding about voter eligibility rules and regulations.

"There are many citizens who think if they voted in the Democrat or Republican primary, they must vote for those same party candidates in the General Election, and that's not true," Rushing said. She added there are many voters who think the democrat or republican stamp affixed to their voter registration card signifies they are registered members of that political party.

"There is just no such thing as a registered Democrat or Republican. The cards are stamped during the primary election to prevent voters from voting in one party primary, then voting again in the other party primary."

Eligible voters may vote in the General Election whether they did or did not vote in the Primary.

Rushing said there has been a prevalent trend across the nation, the state of Texas, and here in Yoakum County of low voter turnout, or voter apathy. "It seems people are losing concern about the importance of voting. There are issues of vital importance to all of us in this election, and I hope county voters will take just a few minutes to exercise their rights and express their interest in the political process of this state and nation."

Do What You Know Is Right...
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TO VOTE

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by extreme fire hazards are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Seminole, Tx., FSA Farm Loan Manager, Richard G. Young, said today.

The entire state of New Mexico as well as 16 contiguous Texas counties, including Gaines, Andrews, and Yoakum were named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from extreme fire hazards which occurred from June 29, 1998, and continuing.

Young said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to ob-

tain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until March 2, 1999, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possible over into the new farming season," Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide dis-

aster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Seminole is open from 8:00 am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday.



Antelopes use breaks, mistakes to down Cowboys 22-8

The Plains Cowboys may have dominated in game statistics, but District foe Post ruled the all important scoreboard last Friday night.

Throughout the contest, the Cowboys gave perhaps their most spirited performance of the season, but adversity in the form of fumbles, penalties and failure to execute in critical plays sealed their fate.

The Cowboys took the opening kickoff, and a good return by David Luna put them in business at the Post 42. The front line executed good blocks to allow Adam Garcia and Adrian Rios to tally two first downs, but on the 20 yard line, a pass was picked off by an Antelope defender.

The Cowboy defense arose to the occasion and held the vaunted Post runners to no gain in three plays. The Cowboys took the punt, and quickly racked up another first down, but a fumble gave the Antelopes a quick TD and 6-0 lead at the end of the first period.

The Cowboys could not move the ball in their possession, and again the Antelopes began to drive. A hard hit by the defense produced a fumble recovered by Steven Bunch to give the Cowboys the ball on the Post 23 for a golden scoring opportunity, but the drive stalled at the 10 yard line.

The Antelopes wasted little time when they took possession, and two big runs pushed the ball to the 25, where a Post receiver found himself wide open for a pass and their second TD. A PAT run gave them a 14-0 lead at the half.

Neither team could muster much offense in the first two possessions of the second half. Post punted to place Plains deep on their 17 yard line. A first down moved them to the 27, where Garcia took a quick pitch from Kyle Sisson, and after a couple of juke moves, out raced the Antelopes for a 73 yard touchdown run. Steven Bunch's PAT kick failed, but offsetting penalties allowed one more at-

tempt. The pass from center went astray, and in a bizarre maneuver, kicker Bunch managed to retrieve the ball, and hounded by Antelopes, somehow found an open Mike Bell in the end zone with a desperate throw and two points, and the Cowboys trailed 14-8.

The Plains fans had the stadium rocking at this point, and became even more vocal when the Cowboys recovered an Antelope fumble in their first possession. The Cowboys promptly returned the favor by losing the ball at the 25.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Cowboys began to move the ball again, but another costly fumble put the Antelopes in business at the 23, and two quick plays later, they scored their final TD and running PT for the final 22-8 score.

The Cowboys face arch foe Seagraves there this Friday, and will need all the support they can get... BE THERE!

From Page 1,
"CRIMINAL CASES"
was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Julio Coronado Martinez Jr., 22, pled true to the states motion revoking community supervision, from a prior cause of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to three years in state prison, with credit for 332 days served. He was also represented by Jerry

Corbin. Agapito Garza 111, 21, pled guilty to a charge of burglary of a habitation, a first degree felony. He was sentenced to 10 years in state prison with credit for 121 days served. He was fined \$2500, and must pay \$236 court costs. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, aggravated robbery and affirmative finding of a deadly weapon causes were adjudicated. Jerry Corbin was

his attorney. Malcolm Grant Pate, 30, agreed to the states order modifying community supervision, requiring him to attend a children's interest seminar, "For Kids Sake", for four hours. He must also attend anger management counseling at the mental health center for one year. He was represented by Attorney Ray Fargason.

What in the world's going on here?

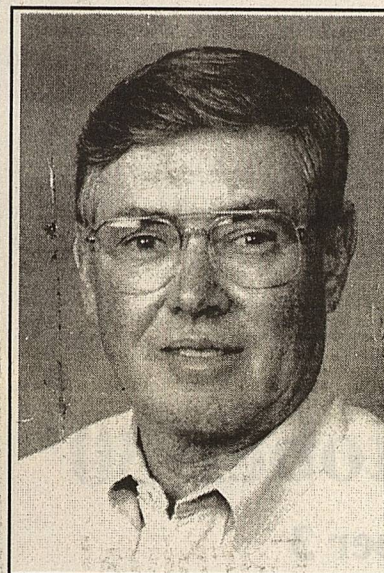


This photo taken at the County Jail Sunday morning displays some of the "loot" confiscated by Sheriff Deputies recently. The two tall, pink flamingos were removed from the front yard of Clinton Bowman in Denver City, and placed in front of the Dale Cleveland home, along with some of the pump-

kins, the stars symbolizing residences of PHS athletes, and the football player cut-out denoting Cowboy Tanner Blount. Deputy Jerry Howard said on several occasions items such as these have been pilfered here, and in Denver City, and many times ended up at the rural mailbox at G.W. Cleveland's resi-

dence. He said the Cleveland's and the Sheriff Department are mystified by the actions. He cautioned, however, the culprits should be aware they are committing theft, and if apprehended and found guilty, could face some serious consequences.

An open letter to the voters in Precinct 4, Eighteen months ago I made a decision to seek the office of County Commissioner in Yoakum County. I filed as a Republican candidate for this office in November 1997.



Since that time I have visited with many of you and appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Yoakum County has an annual budget in excess of 10 million dollars and 188 employees. With more than 30 years of business experience I feel I am well qualified to be your next commissioner.

Tuesday, November 3, 1998 is an important day in the future of Yoakum County, and I ask for your vote and support. Thank you for your consideration.

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Republican Candidate for County
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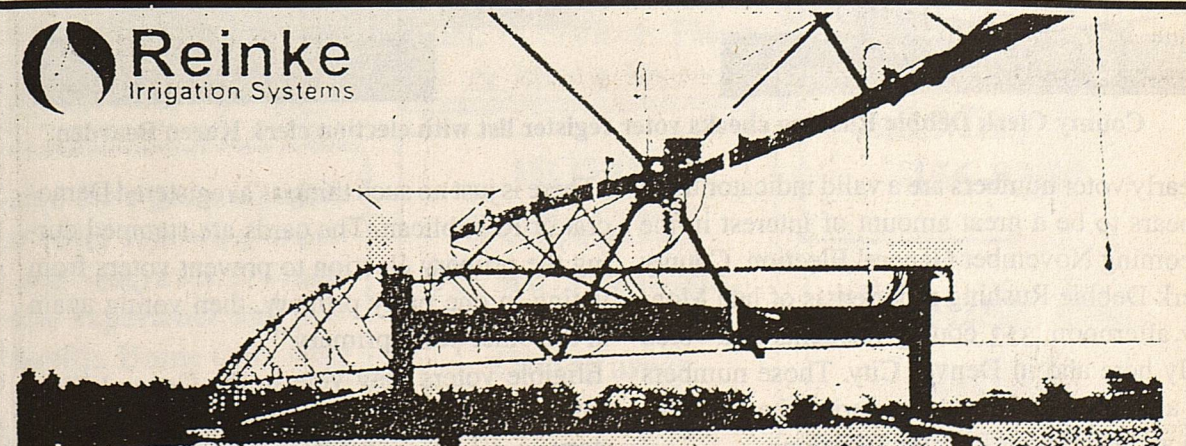
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PISD Volleyball Summary

Junior High:

7th Lady Wranglers- The 7th grade girls took on Seminole last week. They dropped the opener 8-15, came back strong to take the second 15-9, but finally fell 15-6. Seeing action were Jeannie Longoria, Cendy Lopez, Sarah Martinez, Moriah Traweck, Carmen Ponce, Manuela Villegas, Kimberly Trent, Ashley Vantine, La Shonda Diamond, Helen Neufeld, and April Wilmeth.

8th Lady Wranglers- The older girls had better luck against Seminole, winning in three, 11-15, 15-6, and 15-8. Seeing action were Krystal Gonzales, Sandra Gallegos, Ismauri Guzman, Jessica Rodriguez, Elda Fierro, Mckenzie Winn, Chelsea Blount and Liz Wilmeth.

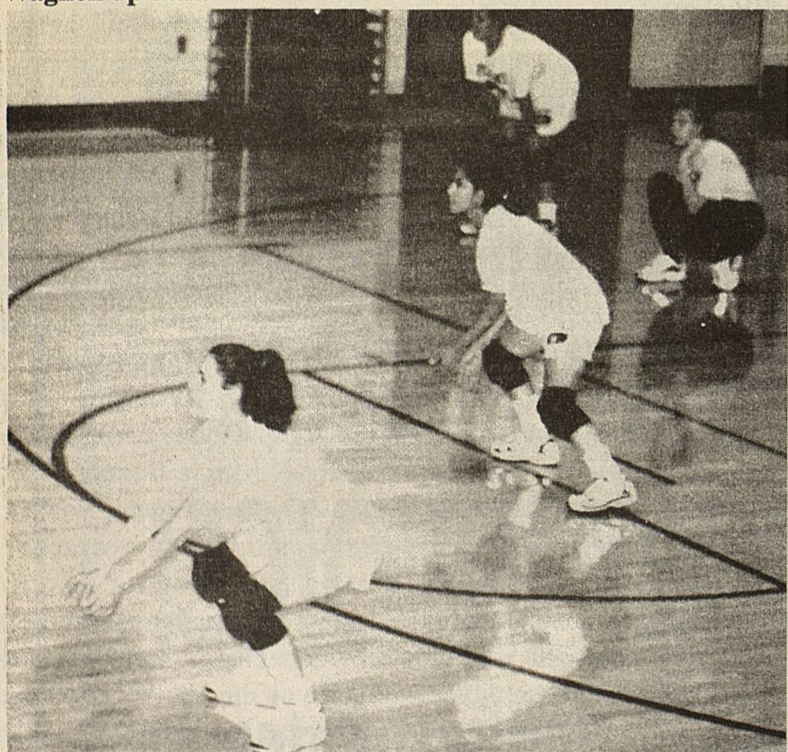
Freshmen Cowgirls- The hard luck fershmen girls finally found a way to win, and downed Tahoka 15-11, 15-3, their first win of the season. Wendy Fierro and Cassey Alcorta proved strong serves make a difference, and Ashley Gonzalez, Dominga Avila and Allison Butler also contributed with their serving skills. Elizabeth Clanahan was strong at the net, Setters Chelsi Wagnon and Jiulie Gonzales helped the attacks with good sets, and Ragan McGinty and Becky had good defensive games. PHS Cowgirls:

Junior Varsity- JV girls were dropped by Tahoka in district play last week 10-15, 15-9 and 11-15. Annaliesa O'Quinn served for 11 points, Roxy Fuentes had 8, Frances Cordova 7, Michaela Traweck, Tanya Vasquez and Staci Tuggle 3 each, and Kim Willis 1.

The JV girls were downed by Lubbock Trinity in three, winning the second 17-15. Staci served for 8 points, Tanya for 5, Michaela 4, Kim 3, Annaliesa and Frances 1 each.



In practice session, Staci Tuggle prepares to launch serve, Chelsi Wagnon up next.



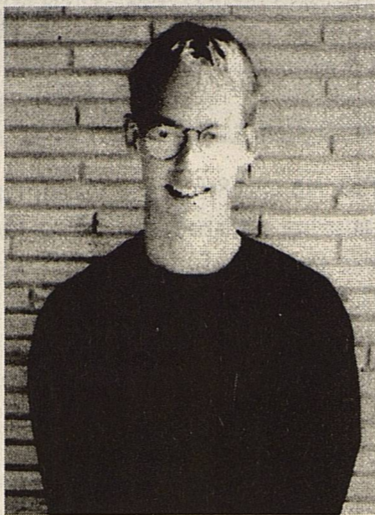
America Hernandez, front, and Frances Cordova practice returning serves.

Varsity Cowgirls-

The Cowgirls had a big outing against Tahoka, downing them in three, 15-12, 8-15, and 15-4. Kayla Redman served for 12 points, Jolyne Burgess 9, Candace Bowers, Jessica Flores and Laura Morales 5 each, Patty Ruiz 2. Kayla led the blocks with 3 and attacks with 10, and Laura had 18 big assists.

The Cowgirls next took on Lubbock Trinity and fell in two, 13-15, 13-15. Jessica and Jolyne served for 9 points each, Candace had 4, Laura 2, Kayla and Patti 1 each.

PHS Student of the Week



PHS student of the week is Clint Burrus, a senior and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Burrus. He was nominated by Mrs. Steffens who said, "He is diligent and hard working in all his classes, and strives to do his best in all areas of his life. He is never too busy to lend a hand to another student or teacher, from helping in accounting, supporting a classmate with understanding, or helping get the helium ready to blow up balloons for a Friday pep rally. He is an active fan for all Cowboy and Cowgirl events. He always has a positive attitude and never gives up. He is an asset to this school and community."



Haunted House and Mini Carnival

Thursday, October 29

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Old Junior High Gym

Admission will be \$1.00 if you wear a costume and \$2.00 if you don't. There will also be a mini-carnival with fun games, fortune-telling, cup-cake walk, and much more. Extra money will be needed for the carnival. The Plains Student Council wants everyone to come and enjoy the fun!

Cowboys take District crown in Cross Country meet

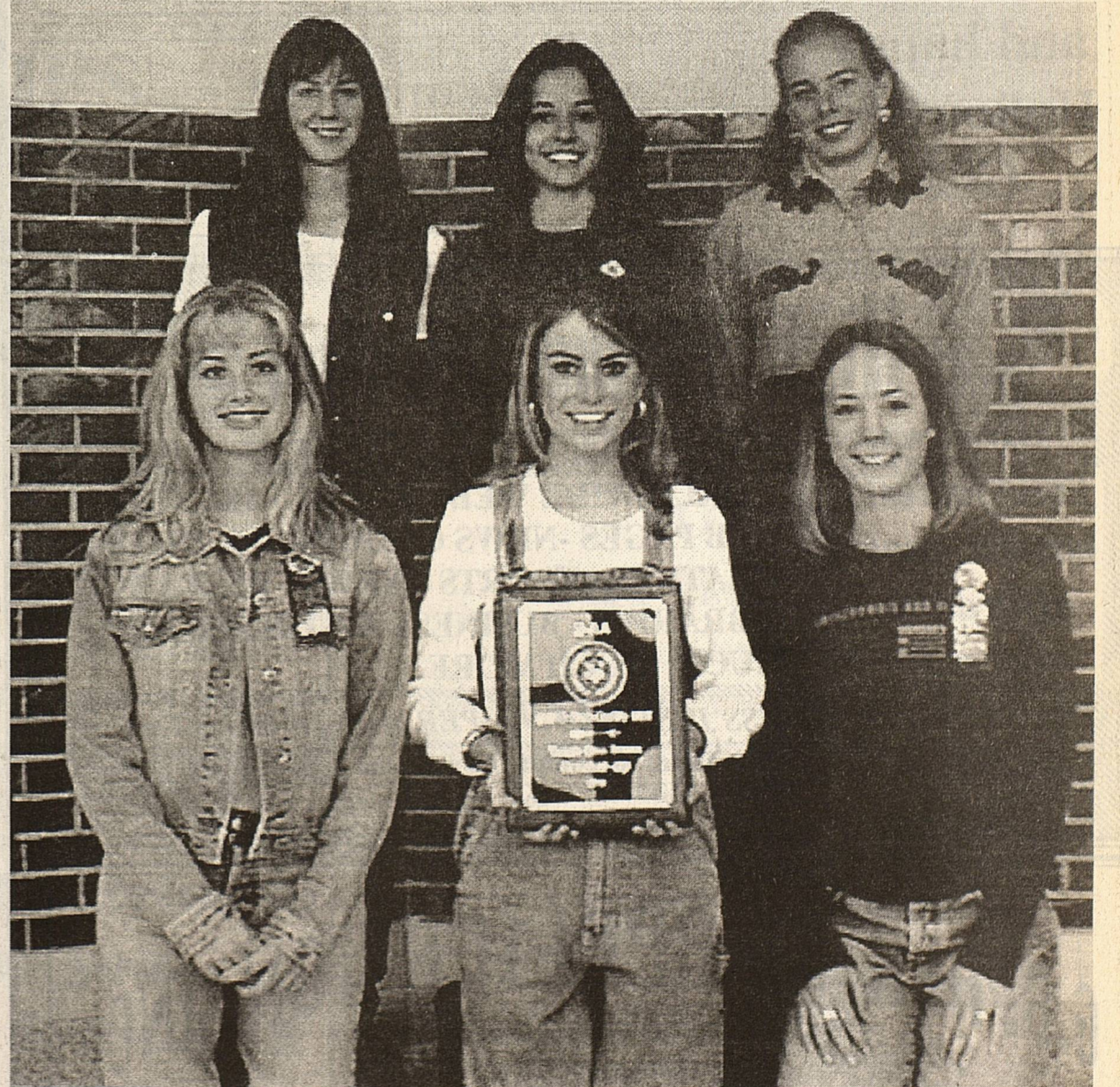
Prior to last Saturday's District 3AA Cross Country Meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock, the Cowboy team was rated number 6 in the state, with District foe Stanton rated number 5. The Cowboys had a great performance, and beat out favored Stanton by one point to take District honors and qualify for the Regional meet. Individual performances included Felipe Reyna coming in first with a time of 17.65, Leo Luna 4th, 18.01, Luis Hernandez 5th, 18.05, David Granados 7th, 19.09, Luis Delgado 11, 18.46, and Manuel Hernandez, 19.29.



Front, Luis Delgado, Felipe Reyna, Manuel Hernandez. Back, Leo Luna, David Granados, Luis Hernandez. Ramon Lozano not available for photo.

Cowgirls finish second in District, qualify for regional first time

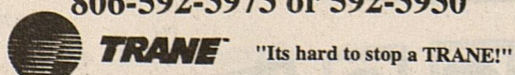
The Cowgirls also had a great District Meet at Lubbock Saturday, finishing in second place, and according to Head Track Coach Everett McAdams, for the very first time, qualified as a team to advance to the Regional meet again in Lubbock Saturday. Their individual performances included Krystle Blundell finishing 4th in 13.39, Kristen Gray 7th, 14.01, Wendy Hernandez 9th, 14.08. Lisa Parrish 12th, 14.17, Cassie Dearing 27th, 15.47, and AnnePalmer 30th, 16.02. Congrtatulations, Ladies!



Front, Anne Palmer, Krystle Blundell, Lisa Parrish. Back, Kristen Gray, Wendy Hernandez, Cassie Dearing.

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Blair and Brown United September 12



September 12, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. Betsy Carol Blair and Devin Lee Brown were united in holy matrimony at First Baptist Church, Plains, Texas. Parents of the couple are Royce and Cynthia Blair of Plains and David and Kaye Brown of Levelland. Grandparents are Mrs. Minnie Blair of Plains, Mrs. Betty Maxwell of Corsicana, and Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Roberts of Levelland.

The bridal attendants were Valerie and Emily Blair, sisters of the bride and Kristy Brown, sister of the groom. The groom's attendants were Aaron Wheeler of Lafayette, Louisiana, John Hartin of Ft. Worth and Chris Chambers of Lubbock. Ushers were Daniel Canada, Cory Stanford, cousins of the bride and Jeff Roberts, cousin of the groom. Rev. Bill Wright officiated the double ring ceremony.

Recorded classical music was played prior to the wedding. The bridal party entered to "Canon in D" by Pachable and exited to Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto". Patrick Hamilton sang "In this very room" to begin the service and Emily Blair, sister of the bride, sang "The Unity Candle Song" during the lighting of the unity candle.

The bride wore a white short sleeved gown with pearls, lace and sequins fully covering the scoop necked bodice. The unadorned skirt fell into a chapel length train. Jan Roberts of Lubbock, the groom's aunt, designed the bride's headpiece of bridal tulle attached to a beaded headband. A handkerchief, which had belonged to the bride's great grandmother, provided something old and borrowed; her dress was new, and the traditional blue trimmed garter was something blue. She carried a bouquet of pure white roses. The bridal attendants wore matching sleeveless sapphire blue gowns styled with an off-the-shoulder neckline. Each wore matching necklace and earrings, gifts from the bride, and carried nosegays of pure white roses. Groomsmen, ushers and fathers wore newly fashioned tuxedos with boutonnieres fashioned of pure white roses.

The ceremony took place amidst two spiral candelabra trimmed with white gladiola and greenery and the church railing was covered with greenery and votive candles. The sanctuary stained glass window and two worship banners provided a colorful backdrop for the service. The pews on the two main isles of the church were decorated with tulle bows and white flowers.

Following the ceremony, guests were received in Fellowship Hall where the bride's candle-adorned table offered Italian cream cake, fruit, nuts and mints as well as sparkling punch served from a fountain. The groom's table featured cheesecake with various toppings, coffee, candies and mints. Displayed in the room was a table of family portraits including wedding pictures of the bride and groom's parents. Members of the houseparty included, Brenda Canada, Linda Stanford, Sylvia Rainwater, aunts of the bride, Whitney Hammerly, Kaimey Hammerly and Alayna Brooks, cousins of the groom.

The couple left the church through a shower of bubbles for a honeymoon trip to Breckenridge, Colorado. They are both graduates of South Plains College and Texas Tech University and reside in Midland, Texas. Devin is employed by BJ Services as an alliance engineer for Conoco. Betsy is a technical assistant at Mobil Exploration and Producing, US inc.

Garden Club Meets

The Plains Garden Club held their monthly meeting on October 21. After the business meeting, Kay Canon presented a program on fall planting. Refreshments were served by Mary Lou Parks and Kay Canon. Ita Young will be taking donations again this year for Operation Christmas Card. Those attending the meeting were Dean Richardson, Ruby Sellers, Ita Young, Mary Lou Parks, Velma Dearing, Bea Pippin, Kay Canon, Debbie Morphis and Jackie Willis.

Senior Citizens Corner

Recent visitors were 'Ladies on the Campaign trail' Sue Holder, Vicki Blundell and Sheryl Tipton. Lets not forget to vote.

The rains are nice and should make everyone think of the nice long hall to walk in.

The monthly Pool Tournament was well attended. The '42' Tournament should be fun. Everyone came and bring a partner and make it a real contest.

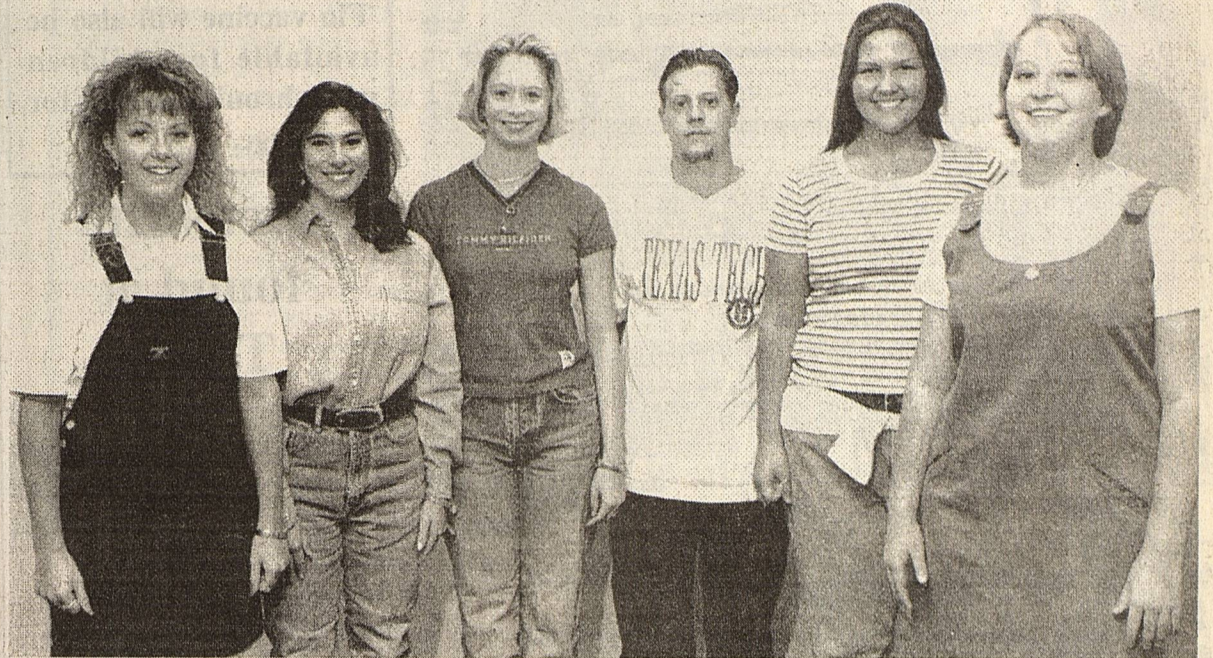
Carl Fulbright has had a stay in the local hospital. Earl Dalloff in Lubbock recovering from surgery. J.R. Slentz in Methodist Hospital.

There is bad news everyday. We send our condolences to the families of Ella Mae Black, Murl Champion, Lewis Byford and John Kennedy. Also to Shirley Mosser whose mother's funeral was Wednesday in Andrews, and to Fay Peavy Bernard who lost her daughter.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Auction last week. Special "Thanks" to the Auctioneers. We learned we had an Auctioneer right at our center. Tom did part of the Auction. I'm sure everyone went home with a lot of calories and things we really did not need.

See you next week,
Smitty

SPC Forensic Officers



South Plains College forensic club officers for 1998-99 are (from left) Jennifer Bryson, sophomore from Whitarral, president; Kristie Cavitt, freshman from Andrews, vice president of student activities; Sarah Robinson, freshman from Sundown, fund-raising; Joshua Fox, sophomore from Amarillo, special projects; Christy Hartin, freshman from Levelland, historian/reporter; and Lyndi Rowe, sophomore from Plains, secretary. The group plans projects and activities for students involved in the SPC forensic competitive program.

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- *Experience working with the Public
- *50 years in Yoakum County
- *Graduate of Denver City High School
- *Graduate of Draughon's Business College



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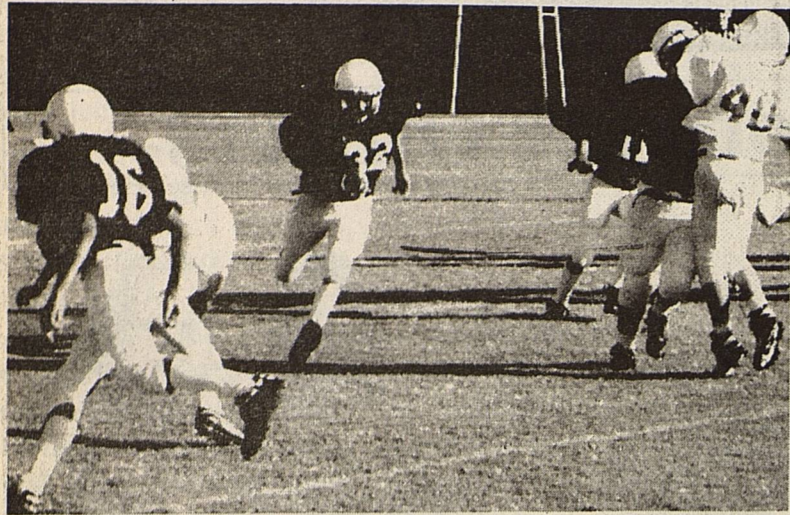
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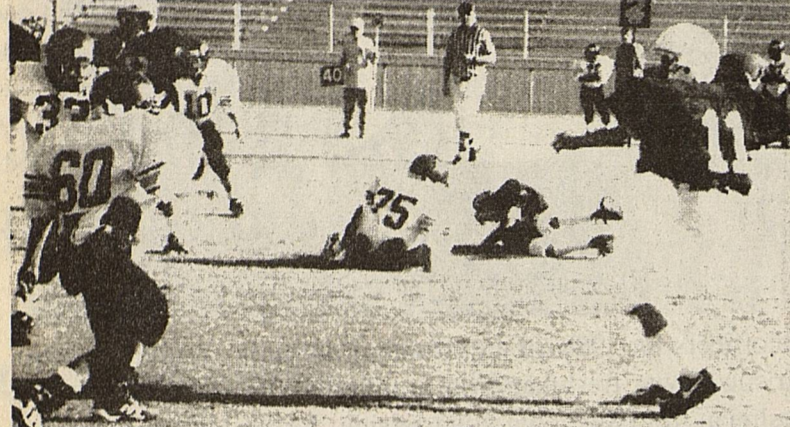
JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

7th Wranglers:

Like the varsity Cowboys, the 7th grade boys had problems when they faced Post last week and fell 36-22. Richard Diaz had a busy day, running for three touchdowns. Trent May passed for two extra points to Zachary Broome, and another to Larry Escobar for all the Wrangler scoring.

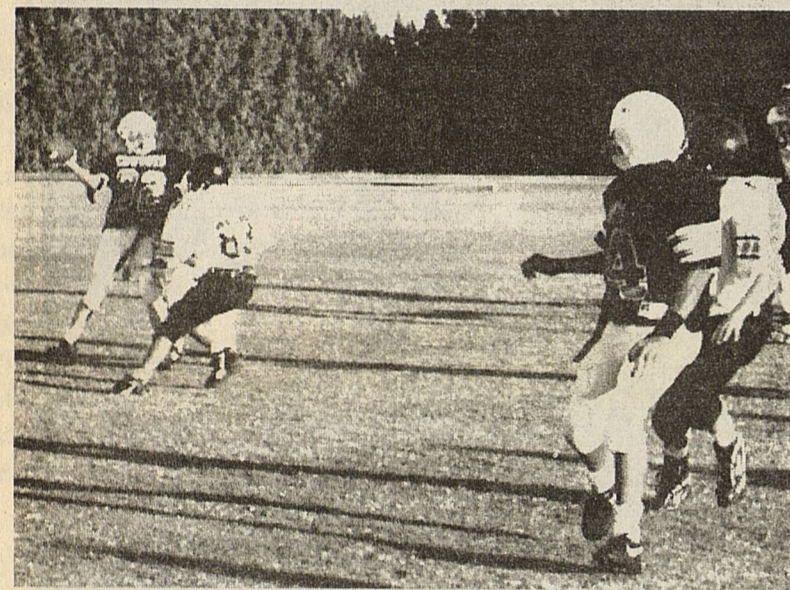


Richard Diaz, 32, advances the ball with blocking from Richard Diaz, 16, and Ryan Martinez in 7th grade action.



7th Wrangler quarterback Trent May prepares to go to the air in recent action.

8th Wranglers- The older Wranglers also had big problems with Post, going down 46-8. The only bright spot in the contest came when Wrangler defender Angek Ruiz hit the quarterback, took the ball from him and raced 25 yards for the only touchdown. Coach McAdams said they were out manned, but played hard and never gave up, he cited the defensive efforts of Ruiz, Nick Hays, Jose Ramirez, Miguel Coronado and Justin Chambliss.



8th Wrangle QB Nick Hays, 32, prepares to throw as Manuel Ramos, 44, moves downfield.

Go, Wranglers!

SOUTH PLAINS PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT will be offering flu shots to citizens 55 years old and older on Tuesday, November 3, in the clubroom at the old courthouse, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Medicare will be accepted for those citizens who are 65 years and older.

Flu vaccine will also be available for children with chronic illnesses for no charge.

Meteorite found at Troup

Troup, Tx. The twenty second meteorite known to have fallen in Texas hurtled down to earth on a farm near here two days ago.

Though it caused much excitement here, the meteorite is very small, only a fraction the size of the so-called Davis Mountain meteorite found in Jeff Davis County in 1913. It is now owned by the Foeld Columbian Museum in Chicago. That mass weighed over 1,600 pounds, and was completely buried beneath the surface of the ground.

The earliest known meteorite in Texas was reported by Indians along the Red River.

The Texas News
April 28, 1917

Mark Twain said it best, "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."

"I disapprove of duels. If a man should challenge me, I would take him kindly by the hand, lead him to a quiet place, and kill him dead"

* SENT TO US BY BILLIE JEAN TOWNES OF SAN ANGELO*

"If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider they are there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes." We say AMEN



Dear Voter,
Election time is almost here and I encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Early voting is from October 19 to October 30, and regular voting day is Tuesday, November 3, 1998. I am the Democratic candidate for Commissioner of Precinct Four.

Yoakum County has been my home for forty-five years. I am a graduate of Plains Schools, and hold a Bachelors Degree from Howard Payne University along with a Masters Degree from Texas Tech university. I taught school for fifteen years, twelve of those serving as a High School Principal. For the past twenty years I have farmed and operated my own aerial spraying business.

Janelle and I have three daughters, Kristi, Karen, and Kemi. I have served on the Plains School Board, am currently serving on the Yoakum County Hospital Board, the Board of Deacons for First Baptist Church of Plains, The Texas Sorghum Producers Board, The Texas Pest Management Association Board, and The National Sorghum Producers Board.

Since the first of the year I have had the opportunity to familiarize myself with the county budget and feel certain that I can make decisions that will be good for the citizens of Yoakum County. I am very committed to Yoakum County Hospital, and I will do everything I can to keep it as a viable institution in our community.

Your vote for me as Commissioner of Precinct Four and the Opportunity to serve the People of Yoakum County would be greatly appreciated.

Cordially,
Jack Cobb

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CANDIDATE FOR
YOAKUM COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4
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Politics, political races, and YOU

Every political contest on the General Election ballot this year is important, and the victors in these many races will assume roles which will affect Texas and Texans in countless ways.

The Governors office is up for grabs, and while election day miracles can happen (remember Truman's huge upset of Thomas Dewey?), Republican incumbent George W. Bush appears to have a substantial lead over Democrat challenger Garry Mauro.

The race for the second highest office in the state, that of the Lieutenant Governor, carries almost equal importance for Texans. Many people equate the office with that of the nations vice-president, with limited duties and even more limited powers, yet this is a faulty equation. The Lieutenant Governor is all powerful in comparison to the vice-presidency. The current hot race for the Lt. Governorship features two veteran Texas politicians, Democrat John Sharpe, and Republican Rick Perry, and the odds at this late date are fairly even for both men.

Here are a few factual reasons this contest is so important for all of us;

The Lieutenant Governor in Texas is unique in that he is part of both the Executive and Legislative branches.

As in most states, the Lieutenant Governor in Texas assumes the powers and duties of the Governor when the Governor is unable to serve or is absent from the state. But in Texas, the Lieutenant Governor is elected separately from the Governor, and each can be members of different political parties.

The Texas Constitution names the Lieutenant Governor the Constitutional President of the Senate, but the Constitution also gives the Senate the authority to write its own rules. That's where the Lieutenant Governor derives most of his power.

These rules, adopted by a majority of Senators at the beginning of each Legislative Session, set down in great detail how business is conducted in the Senate.

Senate rules give the current Lieutenant Governor to decide all parliamentary questions and use his discretion in following Senate procedural rules. He can set up standing and special committees and appoint committee chairpersons and individual members.

The order in which bills are considered is also set by the Lieutenant Governor under Senate rules.

Another important source of power is the Lieutenant Governor's leadership role in the Senate. His leadership abilities and the faith and confidence he inspires in the Senators will determine how he is treated when the Senate writes its rules.

The Texas Constitution gives the Lieutenant Governor the right to debate and vote on all issues when the Senate sits as a Committee of the Whole. And his Constitutional role as President of the Senate also gives the Lieutenant Governor the right to cast the deciding vote in the case of a Senate tie.

Like the Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant Governor is required to sign all bills and resolutions. The Constitution also names him to the five-member Legislative Redistricting Board which apportions the state into senatorial and representative districts in the event the Legislature is unable to do so.

These powers are fundamental since the Constitution can be changed only by a two-thirds vote in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, followed by the approval of a majority vote of the people at a statewide election.

The Lieutenant Governor derives other powers and responsibilities from state statute. By statute, the Lieutenant Governor is a member of several Legislative branch boards and committees: the Legislative Budget Board, the Legislative Council, the Legislative Audit Committee and the Legislative Education Council, which have considerable sway over state programs, the budget and policy.

The Legislative Budget Board, for example, provides the Legislature with a recommended budget at the beginning of every session. In many other states, this is done only in the executive branch. The authority of the Legislative Budget Board is broad, and its influence on spending is significant. By his chairmanship and his power to make appointments to the Board, the Lieutenant Governor exerts a powerful influence on public policy.

The broad powers and duties of this office are compelling reasons YOU AND I SHOULD VOTE!

Services held for Bonnie Mac Bennett

Funeral services for Bonnie Mac Bennett, 61, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, October 23, 1998, at the Second Baptist Church, Lubbock, with Reverend Clifton Igo, Pastor Emeritus officiating, and Reverend Alton West of Brownfield assisting. Interment followed in Lamesa Memorial Park, under direction of Branon Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, October 21, at University Medical Center.

She was born June 23, 1937, in Lamesa. She married William Guy Bennett Jr. on March 3, 1956 in Grandview, Texas. He died January 27, 1988.

She was a graduate of Dawson High School. She moved to Lubbock in 1993. She was employed by Bealls, and was a member of Bacon Heights Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Stephen Michael Crow.

Survivors include her mother, Bonnell Coulter of Plainview; two sons, Ray of Lubbock, and Roger of Plains; a daughter, Beth Crow of Lubbock; a brother, Lee Lindsey of Ft. Worth; 2 sisters, Pat Rollins of Plainview, and Susan Westmoreland of Comanche, and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Carroll Bennett, Roy Bennett, Wade Bennett, Joe Bennett, David Bennett, Travis Bennett, Justin Bennett and Kurt Bennett. Honorary pallbearers were Kevin Bennett and Karely Bennett.

District Sponsors Scholarship...

The Sandy Land UWCD is again sponsoring an essay writing contest for senior students at Denver City and Plains High Schools.

All senior students are eligible to enter the essay contest. Contest winners from each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for 1st Place and a \$500 scholarship for 2nd Place to the college(s) of their choice.

The topic of the essay should relate to an evaluation of the water situation in our area and contain proposals for future conservation of that water.

The essays, due no later than April 5, 1999, should have a minimum of 1,000 words, and be typed and double spaced with parenthetical footnotes. References must accompany the paper in the form of a bibliography page. Reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land UWCD office in Plains. In submitting the papers, students must supply cover sheets containing their names, essay title, local high school and date.

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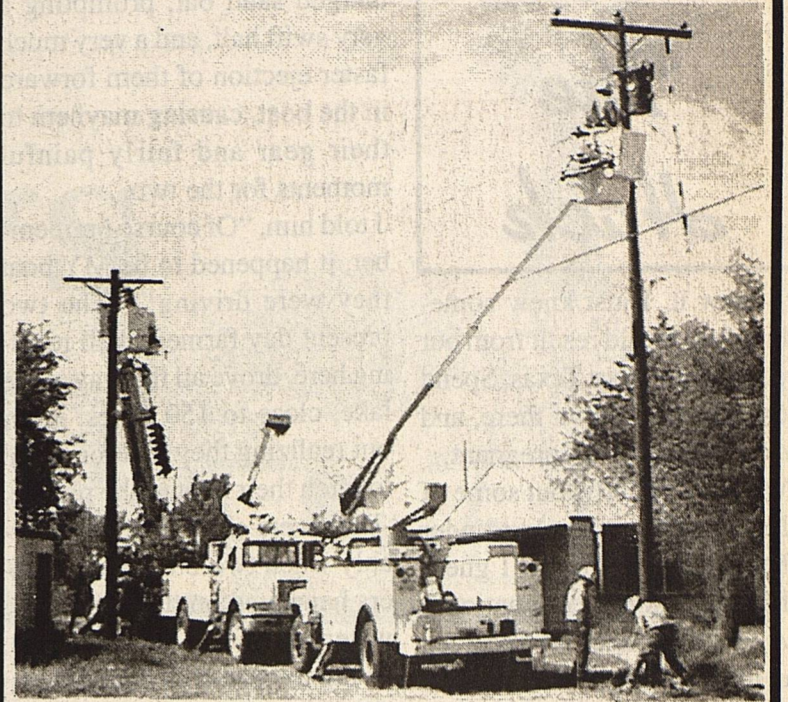


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From The Hack

I knew it. I just knew something bad would result from our recent trip to East Texas. Spend just five days down there, and your wife turns up pregnant.

Well, not exactly, but some of the folks down there are under the impression she is. I guess that needs some explanation.

A few days ago, we received an E-Mail from Joanne English, one of the Bride's nieces at Joaquin, Texas. The E-Mail is reproduced here. The "Race" she refers to is her almost three year old son.

"Dear Auntie,

Ever since you left, Race has done nothing but talk about 'Aunt Audrey' (the Bride). The first week you were gone he kept telling me and everyone he saw that "Aunt Audrey is going to buy me a present, a choo-choo train with a tunnel". I don't know where he got this idea, but you haven't heard the best one yet! He told Steve's (her husband) parents "Aunt Audrey is gonna have a baby!" When Steve's mother asked Race if he was sure, he said, 'yeah, uh-huh, she told me she was.' Now, if there is something you want to tell all of us down here we would love to hear it!

Just thought you'd want to know, everyone here in Shelby County is waiting for the birth announcement. Love, Joanne"

Now, that would blow your rompers off, wouldn't it? At our age, that unlikely event might even merit space in the Guinness Book Of Records.

I ran into an old bass fishing buddy at halftime during the Cowboys game at Post last Friday, and naturally we talked fishing, something I have not done near enough recently. He asked if I recalled a club tournament at Ute Lake years

ago when a couple of my fellow members managed to run their boat aground on a barely submerged sand bar, prompting a very swift halt, and a very much faster ejection of them forward in the boat, causing mayhem to their gear and fairly painful moments for the two.

I told him, "Of course I remember, it happened to be MY boat they were driving!" The two present day farmers, still residing here, drove all the way to the lake, close to 150 miles, without realizing they had forgotten to hitch their boat to the pickup. They were chagrined considerably when two other club boats happened on them, cursing, water almost to their privates, trying to push MY boat off.

The two still reside here; One farms, raises white cattle (NO, not Johnnie F this time), the other also farms between trips to Lake Ivie with his wife, who is a much more skilled angler than he.


On the drive home, I ruefully remembered a similar happening, but this time, the happenings were ME. Many years ago, again visiting the Bride's family in East Texas, I was fishing very small Lake Pinkston, which had just recently yielded up, at that time, the state record black bass. I was furiously flinging jigs and pigs, plastic worms, crank baits, whatever, trying to rewrite the record book. The wind was blowing fiercely, even for East Texas, and my boat was just rising and falling like today's stock market.

I then heard a thunk, crunch, and abruptly stopped forward progress on my trolling motor. "Hung on a stump," I surmised. I cranked the big motor, gave it full throttle, and went nowhere. I tried every maneuver I knew, but I remained motionless.

I crawled to the rear of the craft, and saw the outboard lower shaft (which I'd forgotten to raise), was centered in a hollowed out submerged stump. No way my motor was going to pull me out. I looked about, hoping no other fishermen were watching, crawled out of the boat, slithered back to the motor, (which I had failed to kill, or, TAKE OUT OF GEAR!),

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- Prepares passport documents;
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Sincerely,
Vicki

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and with brute strength, managed to stand on the rim of the stump and free the boat. The boat was overjoyed at its new found freedom, and took off down the lake, me desperately holding onto the rear like a trolled porpoise. Really. HONEST!

I was scared to death, squeezing life out of the plastic hull, when I saw out of the corner of my eye an approaching boat. Believe it or not, the guy pulled up beside my boat, managed to lean over, pull my throttleback, then when we coasted to a stop, helped me clamber gaspingly back aboard my rig.

With steely eyes, he looked at me and said, "Sir, have you been drinking?" It was then I realized he was a fully uniformed Game Warden.

"No, officer," I gasped, spitting water, "It's only 8 AM, you know." He stared at me hard, asked if I was on any other drugs, and I sputtered, "No, just aspirin and gout pills."

He shook his head, gritted his teeth and departed with a friendly "I suggest you take up knitting or tiddly winks, and go home and take a long nap."

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