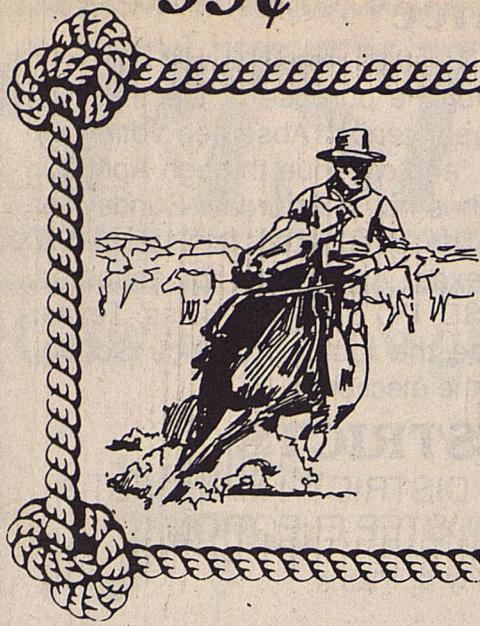


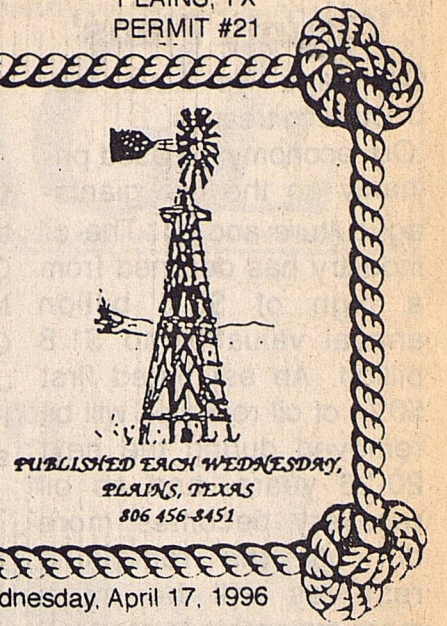
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New Organization's Plans Develop Interesting Facts, Figures, Hopes For County

Several months ago, an idea began to develop and evolve in individuals associated with Yoakum County women's art and cultural groups and clubs. Denver City and Plains groups began to develop a dialog, asking one another, "What can we do here to promote Yoakum County, to expand its artistic talents for the public, to encourage participation in all the art forms, encourage our youth to participate, enjoy what painting, sculpture, writing, poetry, photography, music, dance, drama, each and every art offers our youth, adults, our elderly?"

The central question eventually led to the chartering of "The Yoakum County Connection". With an expanding membership of local art, crafts, sorority and civic groups, the "Connection" is off to a fast start in drawing attention to the County, and itself, for future projects boosting the two town area.

The "Connection" has already received the benediction of both Denver City's and Plain's City Councils, Lions Clubs, the County Commissioners Court and virtually all other groups and entities.

The first ambitious project the group will tackle is a planned 'Watermelon

Festival', slated for August 31, to be staged on the Courthouse grounds. The event will feature art and craft exhibits, food booths, entertainment for family groups, and of course, huge quantities of watermelons.

A positive aside to the formation of "Yoakum County Connection" was the study and publication of data compiled by the Texas Alliance For Education and the Arts, a state organization assisting in formation and assisting funding of similar associations and groups. A representative of that Alliance, Peter J. Fox, visited the county and two cities a number of times, evaluating the county's resources for nurturing a planned effort to promote itself with artistic and educational efforts.

A recent brochure from the Austin based 'Alliance' featured these, and many other facts about our area;

Some 8,700 folks live in the County, 5,200 in Denver City, 1,500 in Plains. 51% of our population is Hispanic, 49% Anglo.

St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock, operates our County hospital in Denver

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have Danny Bell and Jeff Redman on the ballot, and District 4 residents will have Brad Crump and Wayne Sisson on the ballot. Persons not residing in either District 3 or District 4 will not cast ballots this year. Early voting by personal appearance begins on April 15 and ends April 30. Early voters should come by the school business office from 8 AM until 4:30 PM during this time. Those wishing to vote by mail should send their request to Gail Holley, Plains ISD, Box 479, Plains, Tx 79355. If you wish to view a larger map of the voting districts, please feel free to come by the school business/Superintendent's office anytime during the school day.

County Criminal Court Cases Heard

Three criminal cases were heard in Judge Dallas Brewer's County Court last week, with Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State.

Manuel R. Avila, a/k/a Manuel Ramos Avila, 23, pled guilty a charge of assault occurring March 28. He was sentenced to ten days in the County jail, with 14 days credit. His Court costs of \$167 will be laid out in jail.

Manuel Martinez, 19, pled guilty to a charge of evading detention. He was sentenced to a 90 day jail term, deferred 12 months, must pay a fine of \$100, and pay Court costs of \$157.

John Ross Dutton, 44, pled guilty to driving while his license was suspended. He received a 30 day jail term probated for 180 days, must pay a fine of \$500, and Court costs of \$156. He was represented by Attorney Melvin Gray.

County Court Meets

County Commissioners Court met Monday, April 15. Ten agenda items were presented for discussion, with the following actions taken;

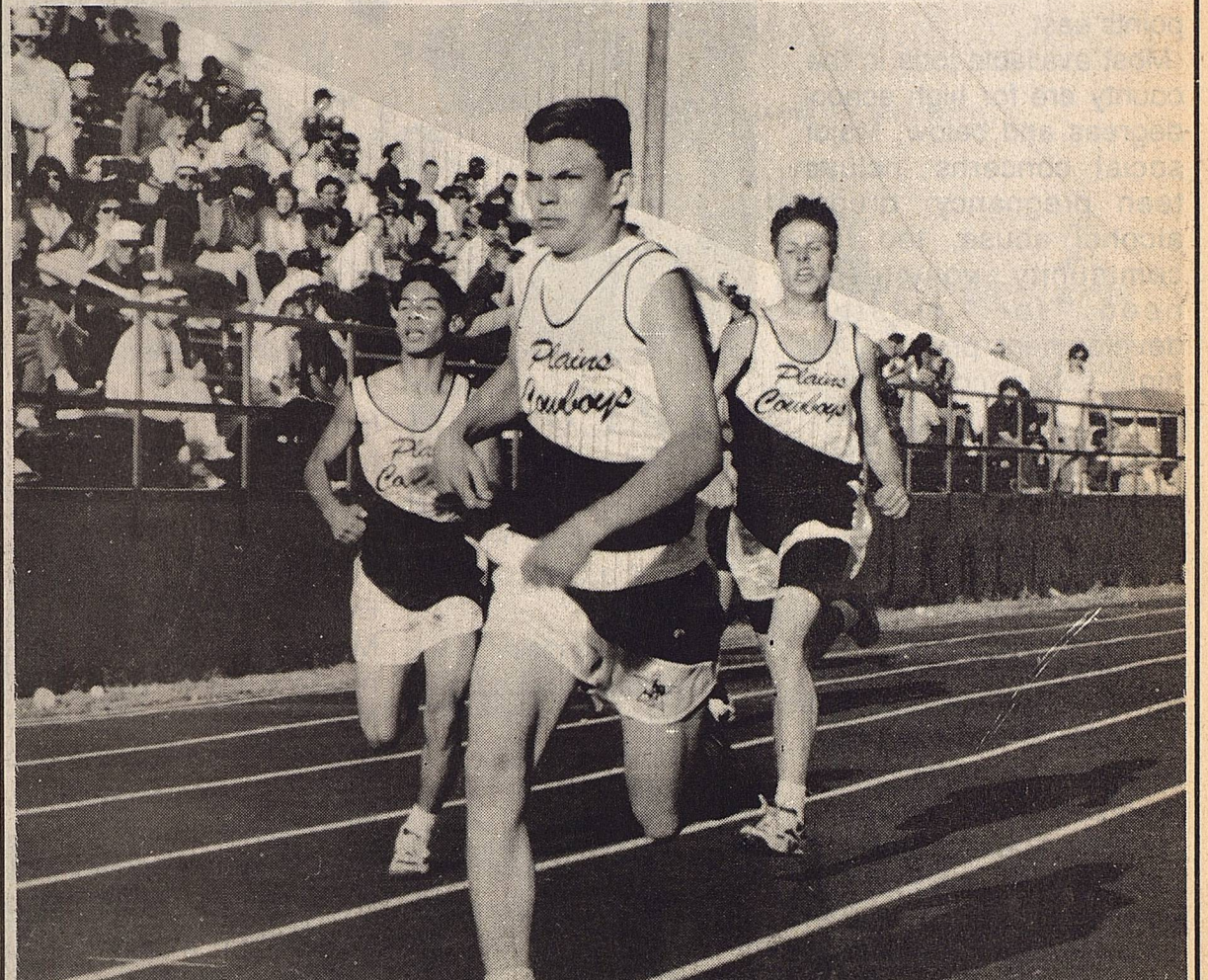
Treasurer Toni Jones gave her report for the month of March, which was approved as presented. The Court approved a petition from Amoco Production Company for the right to lay and maintain a three-inch pipeline under and across county roads.

Sheriff Jim Rice requested approval to advertise for two new automobiles for the Sheriff's Department's use. The bid should include trade-ins of two 1993 Chevrolet autos, and received by May 3.

The Court approved appointing Corina Estrada to the Child Welfare Board, replacing retiring member Claudia Thompson Miller.

Prec. 3 Commissioner Barron requested approval to advertise for bids on a new loader, with trade-in of a used John Deere Loader.

Cowboys Sweep Field & Track At District Meet



What a great finish! JV 400 Meter runners finish one, two three! Tanner Blount, Vincent Delgado & Lee Tyson.

Last Friday's weather forecast predicted the future expectations for conditions at 90% of all West Texas Spring track meets... either very windy, or cold or windy. The Seers got half of it right, anyway... It was cold, very windy Friday morning, yet amazingly, the winds tempered to almost perfect conditions that afternoon for the all important District 2-1A

track meet held at Sudan stadium.

The Cowboys, trailing in total team points going into the final two events, the 1600 (mile) race, and the always important 1600 relay, scored a very impressive finish in both events; In the 1600 individual event, Ralph Ramirez and Jamie Caballero finished 1 and 2 to pick up valuable points, and the 1600 Relay team

in the final event blistered the field for first, to come away with a great win over second place finisher Farwell. Plains had 132 points, followed by Farwell, 127, Sudan 69, Nazareth, O'Donnell 42, followed by Happy, Smyer, Kress, Bovina, Anton and Whiteface.

For more results, please see page Three.

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ALLTEL Announces Roll-Out of Long-Distance Service

Little Rock, Ark.--ALLTEL Corporation has begun rolling out a new long-distance service to customers throughout the Company's 14-state service area.

The new offering, called ALLTEL Long Distance, is currently available to customers in Pennsylvania and Georgia. ALLTEL Long Distance will be extended to all remaining telephone service areas by late summer.

"Following passage of the recent Telecommunications Act, many telecommunications companies announced plans to start offering long-distance later this year," said George Page, vice president of marketing for ALLTEL Telephone Services. "However, due to planning efforts which began several months ago, ALLTEL is already offering this service to several markets."

ALLTEL conducted a trial campaign of the service in several Pennsylvania service areas in November 1995. Based on strong cus-

tomers response, ALLTEL elected to add long-distance service to its portfolio of telecommunications service.

"Our customers have told us that they want to receive local and long-distance service from one provider," Page said. "We are

Successful School Celebration

Plains ISD will hold a Successful School Celebration on Wednesday, April 24, 1996 at 1:15 p.m. in the school auditorium. At the celebration, the Governor's Successful School Awards earned by each of the PISD campuses for performance on the TAAS exams last year will be given. PISD was one of the few districts in the state with all its campuses recognized with Governor's awards. Along with the Governor's certificate goes a cash award to be used at the discretion of the campus for academic improvement.

Also, the PISD migrant team will be receiving an "All State" team recognition for their work with migrant students last year. Representative Gary Walker will present the awards on behalf of the Governor and will speak to the students about the importance of continued academic excellence. PISD students will be taking the TAAS exams for this year the following week. The public is urged to attend this recognition of outstanding work on the part of our teachers, students, and community.

PISD Trustee Election Scheduled

Plains Independent School District will conduct a school trustee election on Saturday, May 4, 1996, from 7 AM until 7 PM in the foyer of the school auditorium. Two district places are up for election, District 3 and District 4. Only residents of those two districts are eligible to vote for the candidates who are on the ballot in their particular district. There is no at-large district up for election this year. Please refer to the maps on page 2 for the boundaries of District 3 and District 4. District 3 residents will

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City, and we have four Doctors to treat us.

Our economy is based primarily on the two giants-agriculture and oil. The oil industry has declined from a high of \$3.5 billion annual valuation to \$1.8 billion. An estimated first 50% of oil reserves will be removed during the next 20-25 years, and as oil recovery becomes more difficult, the remaining reserves will be much more expensive to recover.

An estimated 3,100 vehicles travel through Plains each day in route to New Mexico, the majority originating in Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and points east.

Most available jobs in the county are for high school degrees and below; Major social concerns include teen pregnancy, drugs, alcohol abuse, too few community volunteers, need for creative development program for high school/college students.

Among possible Goals cited by the Texas Alliance are;

A great need for economic development including these specifics: utilization of empty buildings in both towns; Intern program for students with career decisions; Opportunities for graduates to return to area, other than family business. Other needs cited were a good restaurant with evening hours, possible Ag processing plants, acceptable motel in Plains, and a possible County trailer Park for both communities.

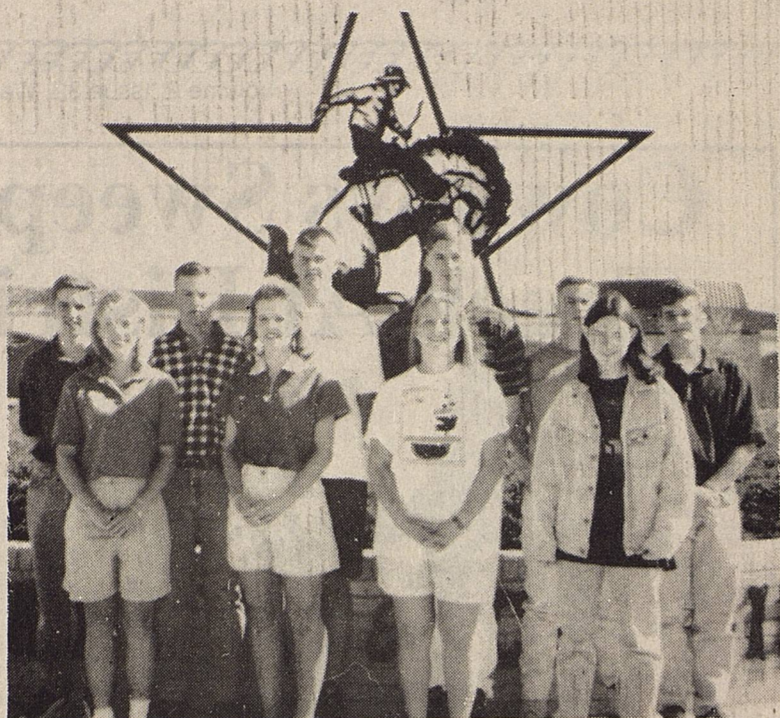
Other suggestions included renovating the old movie theater here, possibilities of improving land between our park and baseball fields, decorating windows of vacant buildings in both cities, increasing membership in both Chambers of Commerce.

Fox also advocated intense promotion of at least six county wide events each year, including the Labor Day Watermelon Festival, establishing in 1997 an annual peanut festival, more promotion of the Rodeo and Old Settler Reunion and Dance, promotion of the Denver City 4th of July Celebration and the Annual Woodcarver's Exhibit, and possible quarterly or bi-annual Trades Day events.

It is noteworthy and commendable the original modest plans for promoting the arts in the county should lead to that and other commendable goals.

U.I.L. Regional Qualifiers

These PHS students recently qualified for Regional U.I.L. competition scheduled for Friday at Levelland. Pictured L-R, front; Valerie Blair, Accounting, Shawna Box, Calculator, Number Sense, Lyndi Rowe, Poetry, Tommie McNabb, Calculator, Number Sense. Back row; Shawn Cullins, Number Sense, Yancey House, Number Sense, Johnny Don Davis, Science, Derek Brunson, Science, Heath Bowlin, Science, Calculator, Billy Braswell, Persuasive Speaking.



J P Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in J P Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

- 69 traffic cases
- 3 minors in possession of alcohol
- 1 public intoxication
- Bonds Set:
- Violation of parole warrant, no bond
- Assault causing bodily injury, family violence, \$2,000 bond
- False statement on drivers

- license application, \$500 bond
- 2-Driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense, \$1,500 bond
- Public intoxication, \$232 fine
- Evading arrest, \$500 bond
- Minor in possession of alcohol, \$200 bond
- No driver license, \$200 bond
- Murder, intending serious bodily injury causing death, \$100,000 bond
- Assault causing bodily injury, family violence, \$1,500 bond
- Revocation of probation, held until hearing

Keeping an eye on Texas

Prisoner rights: Health care

Texas pays the full cost of prison inmate health care from the state general revenue fund, \$427 million in the 1996-97 biennium. Many prisoners require care due to a history of bad nutrition, lack of preventive health practices and chemical or substance abuse.

Cost of prisoner care, in millions		Comparing health care costs, avg. per month	
Health care: 21% of total prison budget	Medical care: \$255	Prison inmate	\$159
	Psychiatric: \$81	State employee	\$186
	Substance abuse: \$91	Texas Medicaid recipient	\$200

AIDS cases increase		Number of prison deaths, 1994	
Testing of 2,000 inmates is not required, but 1,000 in 1995 close to 2% were HIV-positive	0 '88 '95	AIDS, 138	Heart disease, 64
		Execution, 19	Cancer, 61
		Suicide, 19	Other, 39
		Liver/kidney, 29	

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Thanks Again For Your Help In The Run-Off Election! I Appreciate It Very Much. With Your Continued Support In The General Election In November, We Will Work Together To Keep Prec. 2 Moving Forward! Thanks...

J.R. Slentz

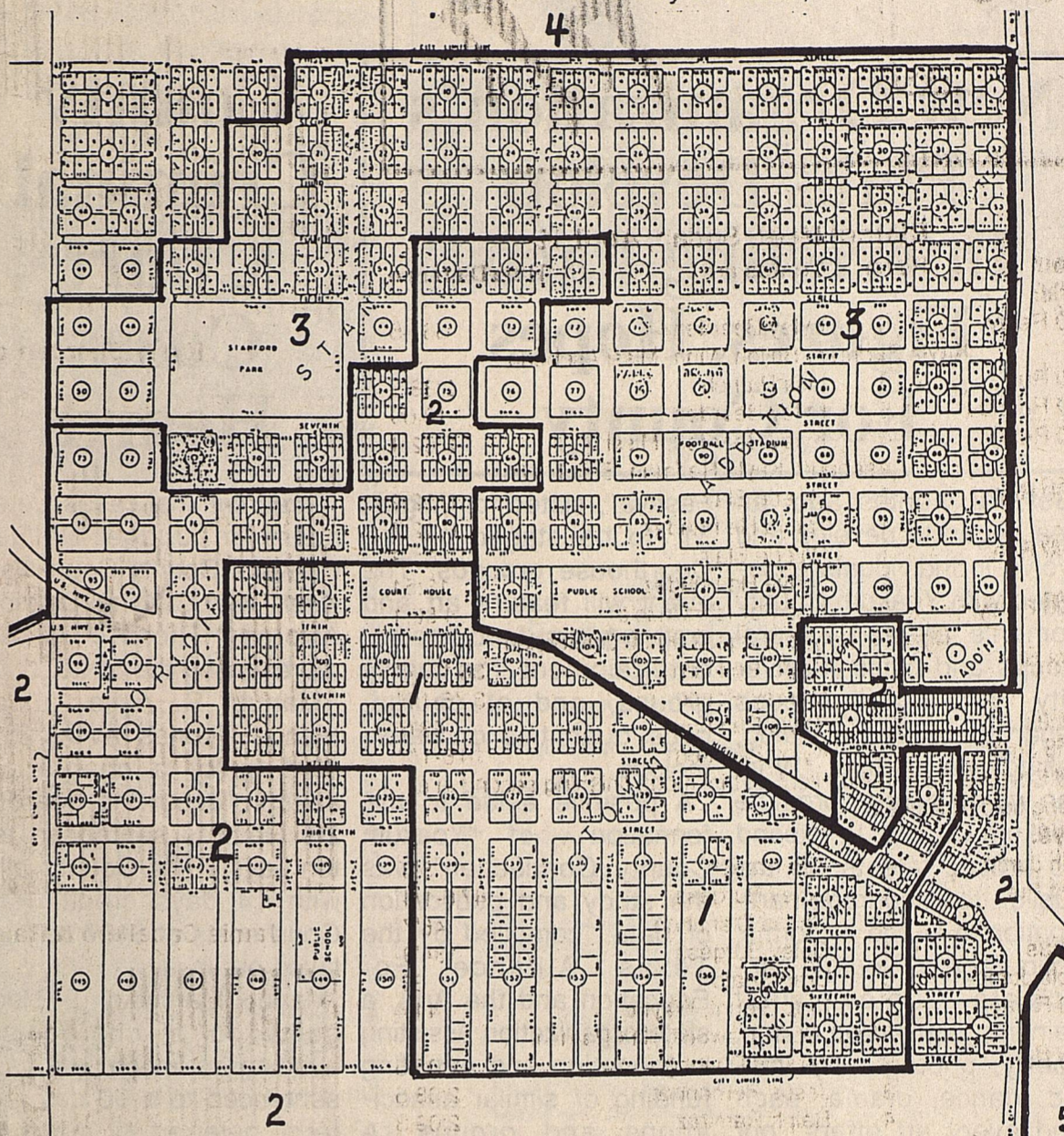
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The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby gives notice of a regular election to be held on May 4, 1996, for the purpose of electing two trustees (District 3 and District 4) for full three year terms. Absentee voting by personal appearance will begin on April 15, 1996, and continue through April 30, 1996, from 8:00AM to 4:30PM on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. Absentee voting will be conducted at Plains ISD Administration Office, 1000 10th St., Plains, Texas. Application for absentee ballots should be mailed to Gayle Holley, Plains ISD, PO Box 479, Plains, Texas, 79355. The polling place for all districts will be the lobby of Plains School Auditorium from 7:00AM to 7:00PM on the day of the election.

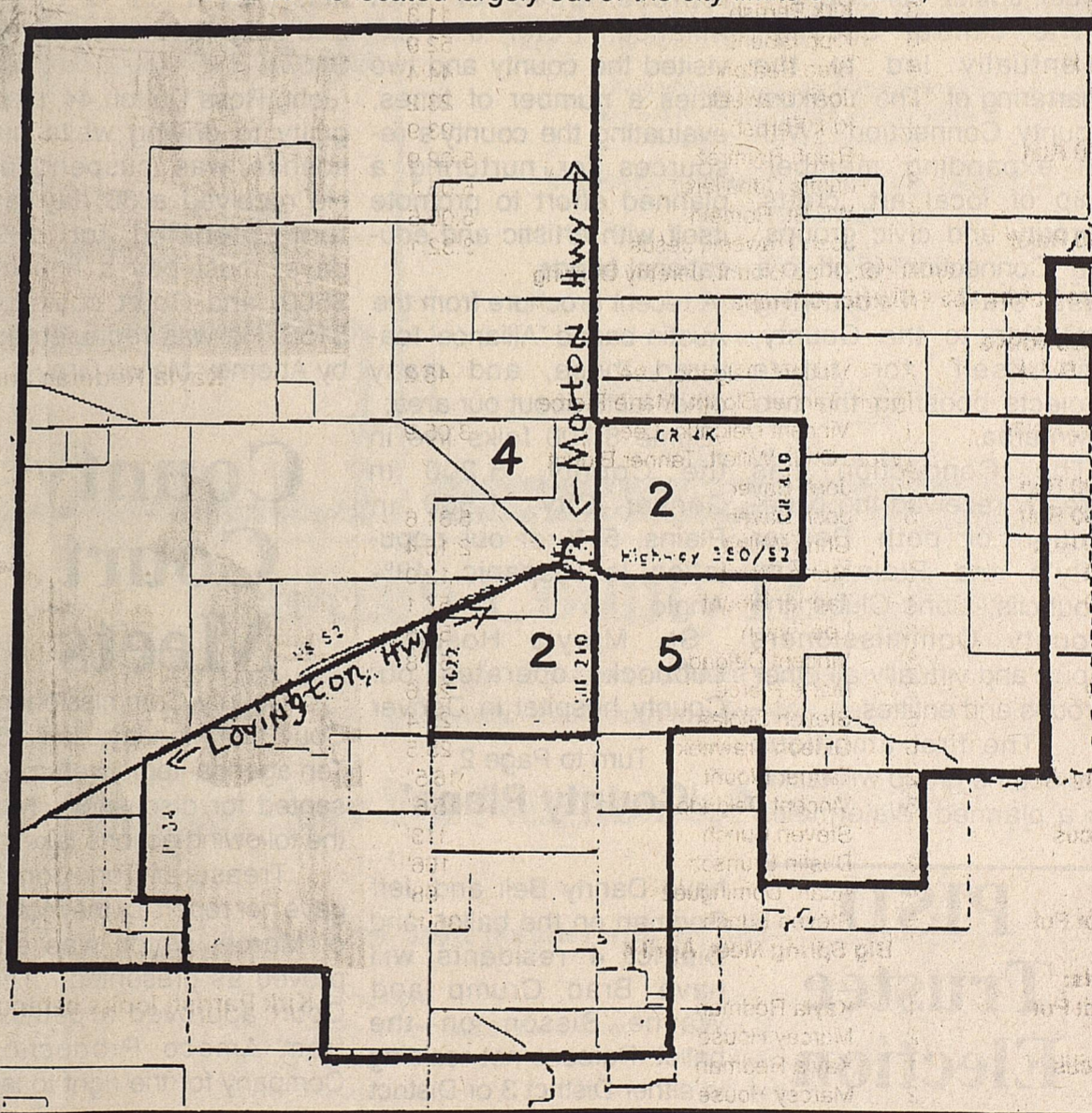
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- 94 Nissan Pickup, 4 Cyl. 5-Speed, Air, Nice Small Truck w/ 29K Miles #5085A \$8,750
- 91 F-150 SuperCab XLT, 302 V-8, Auto, Blue & White, Extremely Nice w/ Only 61K Miles P2195N \$10,850
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Cowboy-Cowgirl Track



District Meet, Sudan, April 12

Event	Place	Contestant	Time/Distance
Girls:			
400 Relay	6	Kyley Bearden	56.45
		Kayla Redman, Shiloh Winn, Missi Asebedo	
800 Run	3	Lisa Parrish	2:38.5
100 Hurdles	5	Kyley Bearden	18.09
800 Relay	6	Kyley Bearden, Missi Asebedo, Kayla Redman, Shiloh Winn	2:02.4
1600 Run	2	Valerie Blair	6:02.9
	4	Tanya Hernandez	6:12.7
3200 Run	1	Valerie Blair	13:01.8
	4	Tanya Hernandez	13:54
1600 Relay	5	Lisa Parrish, Cassie Dearing, Jolyne Burgess, Kristi Guetersloh	4:50.1
Shot Put	1	Kayla Redman	36'1-1/4"
	3	Marcey House	31'6-1/2"
Discus	3	Kayla Redman	93'6"
Long Jump	3	Kyley Bearden	14'6-1/2"

The Cowgirls had an excellent district meet, finishing second in a strong field of schools.

Boys:			
High Jump	4	Kirk Parrish	5'8"
Shot Put	4	Coley Burgess	47'6-1/4"
	5	Chase Clanahan	46'7"
Discus	4	Coley Burgess	134'9"
Triple Jump	6	Brad Seaton	38'
400 Relay	1	Kipp Blount, Wayne Willett, Josh Traweek, Kirk Parrish	44.4
800 Run	2	Jeremy Dearing	2:05.5
	3	Jesus Hernandez	2:08.5
	4	Ralph Ramirez	2:09.3
110 Hurdles	3	Brad Seaton	16.9
100	3	Kirk Parrish	11.3
400	3	Kipp Blount	52.9
300 H	4	Brad Seaton	44.4
200	2	Josh Traweek	23.2
	4	Kirk Parrish	23.9
1600 Run	2	Ralph Ramirez	5:02.9
	3	Jamie Caballero	5:05.1
	4	Will St. Romain	5:05.5
1600 Relay	1	Josh Traweek, Jesus Hernandez, Kipp Blount, Jeremy Dearing	3:32.1

Team Points 133 - District Champs

JV Cowboys			
400 Relay	2	Vincent Delgado, Lee Tyson, Tanner Blount, Marte Pierce	48.2
1600 Relay	1	Vincent Delgado, Lee Tyson, Chris Willett, Tanner Blount	3:05.9
3200 Run	1	Josh Bayer	
1600 Run	3	Josh Bayer	5:31.6
800 Run	1	Chris Willett	2:15.4
100	3	Marte Pierce	12.0
400	1	Tanner Blount	57.1
	2	Lee Tyson	57.5
	3	Vincent Delgado	57.8
200	2	Marte Pierce	24.6
	5	Steven Bitolas	25.4
	6	Gideon Traweek	25.5
Long Jump	2	Tanner Blount	16'5"
	3	Vincent Delgado	15'6"
Discus	1	Steven Bunch	113'
	2	Dustin Brunson	106'
	4	Adam Dominguez	98'
Shot Put	5	Steven Bunch	36'1"

Big Spring Meet, April 4

Girls:			
Shot Put	1	Kayla Redman	
	2	Marcey House	
Discus	1	Kayla Redman	
	2	Marcey House	
	5	Cecilia Moreno	
Long Jump	2	Kyley Bearden	
100 M Hurdles	2	Kyley Bearden	
3200 M Run	3	Tanya Hernandez	

The Cowgirls won their first meet of the season in competition against Class A and AA schools at Big Spring.

Boys:			
Shot Put	1	Chase Clanahan	
3200 Run	6	Jamie Caballero	
100 Dash	2	Kirk Parrish	
200 Dash	2	Josh Traweek	
400 Dash	1	Wayne Willett	
	3	Jesus Hernandez	
	5	Kipp Blount	
Discus	3	Steven Bunch	
	6	Derek Brunson	
400 Relay	1	Kipp Blount, Wayne Willett, Josh Traweek, Kirk Parrish	
110 Hurdles	5	Brad Seaton	

The Cowboys also won their division at Big Spring.



Kyley Bearden clears last hurdle



Chris Willett wins JV 800 race



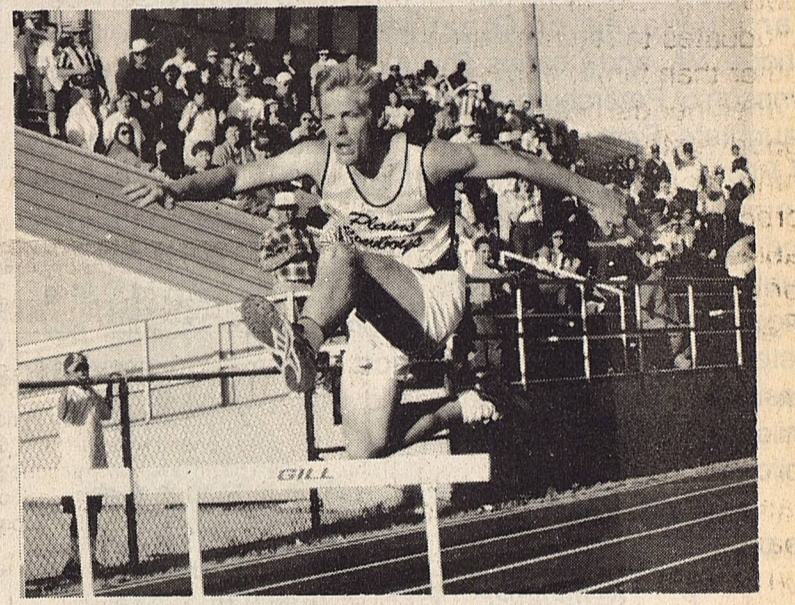
Jamie Caballero & Ralph Ramirez at finish line



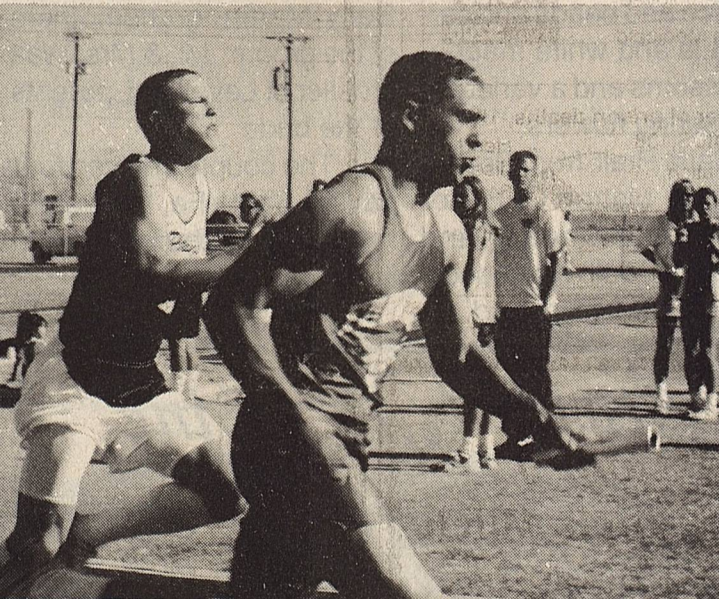
Kassie Dearing finishing 800



Kayla Redman anchors relay team



Brad Seaton clears finishing hurdle



Kirk Parrish looks behind, but 400 relay team wins



Jolyne Burgess takes off with relay baton



Wayne Willet stumbles, Kipp Blount 3rd in 400



No Pain, No Gain-Lisa Parrish 3rd in 800

Remember -- P.I.S.D. Board of Trustees Election May 4!

Last Rites For Pete Hurst

Funeral services for Pete Hurst, 77, of Lubbock were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 1996. Rev. Tom Mills, pastor of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church, and Rev. Bill Wright, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Plains, officiated. Burial followed in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home. Mr. Hurst died Thursday morning in the St. Mary's Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born on February 19, 1919 in Nocona, Texas, he was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He moved to Lubbock in 1947 from Eastland. He was a life member of the V.F.W. Post #2466. He had worked for over 35 years as a bus driver for the Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma Bus Line.

He was married to Veda Payne on July 3, 1936 in Eastland County. She preceded him in death in February 1975. He then married Eloise Goode Thompson on September 4, 1976 in Lubbock.

Mr. Hurst is survived by his wife: Eloise. Four sons: Jerry Ray of Hampton, VA, Harold Gene of Levelland, Darrell Wayne of Great Bridge, VA, and Charles Thompson of Petersburg. Four daughters: Pamela Redman of Houston, Sammie Speer and Lynda Gardner, both of Lubbock. A brother: L.W. (Jiggs) Hurst of Odessa. A sister: Jean Funderburgh of Eastland. Eighteen grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Grandchildren served as pallbearers.

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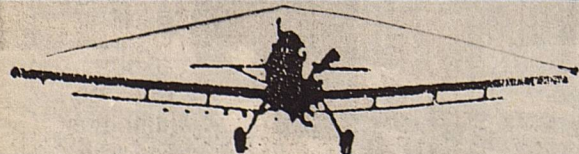
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"Our customers want savings and convenience," Page said. "With ALLTEL Long Distance, they get both."

ALLTEL's newest offering is receiving strong customer acceptance.

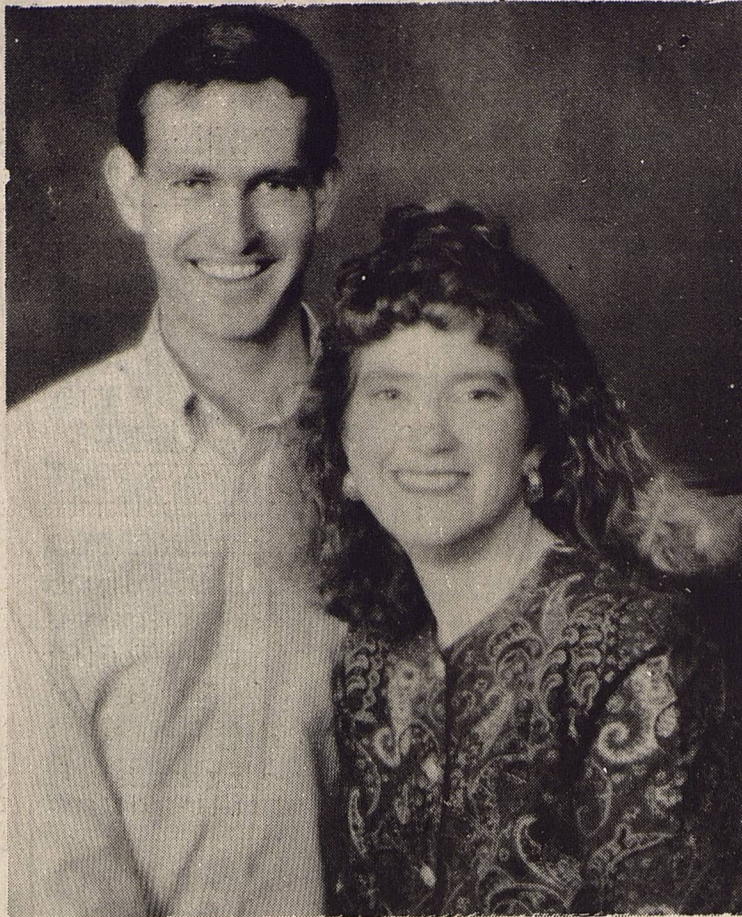
"We realize our customers have a choice for their long-distance service provider," Page said, "and we are gratified that many of them are choosing ALLTEL."

In conjunction with its long-distance offering, ALLTEL also plans to introduce a long-distance calling card by late summer. The card, known as ALLCard, provides a toll-free number that enables customers to access ALLTEL Long Distance from any calling location.

"ALLTEL is dedicated to providing quality service," Page said. "And we will continue to pursue ways to enhance our relationship with our customers and provide the best overall solutions to their telecommunications needs." ALLTEL subsidiaries provide telephone service, cellular service, information services and related services.



Jones - Perser United In Marriage



Charles Bradley Jones of Lubbock and Vicki Lynn Perser of Lubbock were united in marriage at 1:00 p.m. on March 16, 1996 in the Lower Atrium of the City Bank at Lubbock, Texas. The brother of the bride, Mark Moeller, of San Angelo, Texas performed the ceremony. Jonathan Perser, the bride's son, gave her away.

The Atrium was decorated with white lattice, festooned with white net and garland. A large floral arrangement was centered between two candelabras. The candles were lit by Bethany Young of Lubbock.

Wedding music was provided by Janice Bowen of Canyon, Gene Bartlett of Canyon and Chantelle Hicks of Amarillo. Selections included "Forever's As Far As I'll Go", "Keeper of the Stars", and "My Only Love". The bridal party descended the spiral staircase to "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring".

The bride wore an ivory, tea-length gown adorned with lace and beads and carried blue and white magnolia blossoms and a variety of other spring flowers.

Carla Prell, from Smyer, served as Matron Of Honor while Fricia Shears and Stacia Prell, both of Lubbock, were Bridesmaid and Jr.

Bridesmaid. These girls wore tea-length country blue dresses with lace collars. They also carried spring flowers.

The groom and his party wore charcoal gray suits with paisley ties. The groom's party consisted of best man Choya Young of Plains, Jonahan Perser, son of the bride, and Christopher Young of Lubbock, ring bearer.

A reception was held in the Atrium. The bride's table was decorated with an Ivory tablecloth with an ivory lace overlay, a crystal vase with flowers, a crystal punch bowl and a three-tiered cake.

The groom's table served German chocolate cake and coffee served from a silver coffee service atop a country blue tablecloth. A crystal candlestick with Ivory candle and a crystal picture frame with a picture of the bride and groom decorated the table.

Other honored guest included Mr. & Mrs. Travis Jones, parents of the groom, Mrs. Mildred Jones and Mrs. Betty Martin, grandmothers of the groom. Mr. & Mrs. Walt Moeller of Levelland, parents of the bride.

The couple enjoyed four days in Santa Fe, NM before returning to their home in Lubbock.

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Plans Shaping Up For Watermelon Festival



The first brain child of the recently formed "Yoakum County Connection", a watermelon festival on the Courthouse grounds August 31, is starting to evolve into a 'do-able deal'.

A recent planning meeting saw first steps taken in actual organization efforts for the festival, a fun, family oriented effort to attract visitors and attention to the county.

Several different types of booths will be featured. To promote county residents, exhibitors and clubs first opportunity to secure booths for the festival, only county reservations will be accepted for booths until May 25.

Arts and Crafts will be under the direction of Inetta Teaff, 456-4022, or Sonya Reed, 592-3249. Betty

Estep, 456-4424, will handle food booth arrangements. Entertainment booths will be handled by Jo Jackson, 732-8455, and game activity booth information can be obtained from Debbie Garland. Price of a booth is only \$25.00. Locals needing booths are urged to make reservations prior to May 25, when they will be made available to out of town exhibitors.

All County residents are reminded the Watermelon Festival is an effort to promote and improve Yoakum County. A great number of volunteers are needed to make the festival work. "All residents are urged to contact any 'Yoakum County Connection member," said Linda Powell, spokesperson for the association.

American Legion Auxiliary Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary met Thursday, April 11, 1996. Members were reminded, "April is Children and Youth Month."

Mary Jo St. Romain read an invitation to attend the American Legion Auxiliary, 19th District Spring Convention to be held Saturday, April 27th at the Geo. Berry Post #575, Lubbock, TX.

Plans for the Watermelon Festival, August 31st, sponsored by the 'Yoakum County Connection' were discussed.

In Honor of our veterans, on Memorial Day, Poppies will be placed on the veterans graves at the Plains Cemetery.

Sarah Shelton announced "Bluebonnet Girls State" session will be held June 11th through 21st, 1996 at Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, Texas and that Tessa St. Romain had been selected the candidate to attend.

The Auxiliary made plans to enter a Float in the Old Settlers Reunion parade to be held Saturday, August 3rd. The Float with past Girls State Representatives will be featured. All past Girlstate State Representatives are asked to call Mary Jo St. Romain at (806) 456-8855.

The next regular Auxiliary meeting will be August 8, 1996.

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Femme Friends Page

Williams - Fitzgerald June Wedding Planned



Mr. & Mrs. Greg Williams of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Shelley D'Ann to Vincent Bret Fitzgerald son of Mr. & Mrs. Venum Fitzgerald of Plains. The couple will be married at 7 p.m., June 29 at Westmount Christian Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Methodist School of Nursing. She is employed at St. Mary's Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of San Angelo State University and is employed by Rankin School District.

Fine Arts Club Meets

Plains Fine Arts Club met April 11, 1996, at 7 p.m. in the Clubroom with 13 members and 5 guests present. Those attending were; Mrs. Karen Baucom, Christy Brink, Beth Ann Cain, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn Culwell, Sandra Ellison, Judy Fitzgerald, Donna Friesen, Tana May, Martha Palmer, Linda Simmons, Michelle Hawthorne and Annette Cleveland. The guests were Band Director Mr. Byron Morgan and wife, Carol Morgan and band students; Jeremy Dearing, Matt Morgan and Jason Robertson. The 13 members were royally entertained with solos by Matt, Jason and Jeremy. The three were joined by Mr. Morgan and entertained with three ensembles.

Following the program, a meal of baked potatoes, salad and desserts were served by Karen Baucom, Linda Simmons and Sandra Ellison.

The business meeting was called by President Judy Fitzgerald, with roll call and the reading of the previous minutes. There were three scholarships voted on to be presented on Awards Day at the school. The booth for the Watermelon Festival, which is August 31, 1996, will cost \$25.00 and each member is to bring crafts that will sell for that amount. The Sacred Music Program is to be on Thursday, July 25, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

The next meeting of the Club, the last for the Club year, will be May 2, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., in the Clubroom, with members bringing salads.

The drawing for the hostess gift netted Tana May with the monthly prize.

Sandra Ellison, Recording Secretary

June Wedding Planned



Mr. & Mrs. Rickie C. Arnold of Rule announce the engagement of their daughter, Michell Annette, to Stephen Carl Lusk, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Binns of Dallas and Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Joe Lusk of Rule.

The bride-elect graduated from Hale Center High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in Multi-Disciplinary Studies in Elementary Education. She is employed by the Plains Independent School District.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Rule High School and attends Texas State Technical College at Sweetwater.

A June 22 Wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church of Rule, Texas.

Wedding Shower Planned

Saturday, April 20
For: Vicki & Brad Jones
Place: Carolyn Culwell
Time: 3:00 - 4:30

Sunday, April 21
For: Dawson Alexander
Place: Connie McWhirter
Time: 2:00 - 3:30

Sunday, April 28
For: Darce Pierce
Place: Connie McWhirter
Time: 2:00 - 3:30

Sunday, April 28
For: Bandy Kennedy
Place: Linda Wall
108 Ave. G
Time: 3:30 - 5 PM

Selections: Nelsons, Dillard's, Renaissance, Plains Depot, Bayer Lumber, Cinderella Shop

Library Filmtime



Kelsey Curry celebrated her 3rd birthday last week at the children's filmtime. The children enjoyed singing songs, playing games, watched a movie and had cookies made by Kelsey's mother.

Those attending were: Troy Parrish, Gretta Poole, Kevin John Gass, Jacob Brink, Hunter Welch, Rhaela Stall, Brett Hawthorne, Ashley Hainer, Raegan Young, Morgan Willis, Cody Friesen, Kelsey Curry, Alfredo Martinez, Isaac Doyle, Holden Welch, Haley Welch, Rhaemi Stall, Brandon Craft, Charity Hainer, Katelynn Young, Kimbra Williams, and Autumn Friesen.

Student of the Week

"This week's student of the week is a pleasure to teach. I have had her the past two years and she does her work with a smile and gets along well with her peers. She maintains a high 90 average and is helpful, when asked she will do more than required. It is my pleasure to announce Laura Flores as this week's student of the week."

Laura is a sophomore and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evaristo Flores. She was nominated by Mr. Davis.



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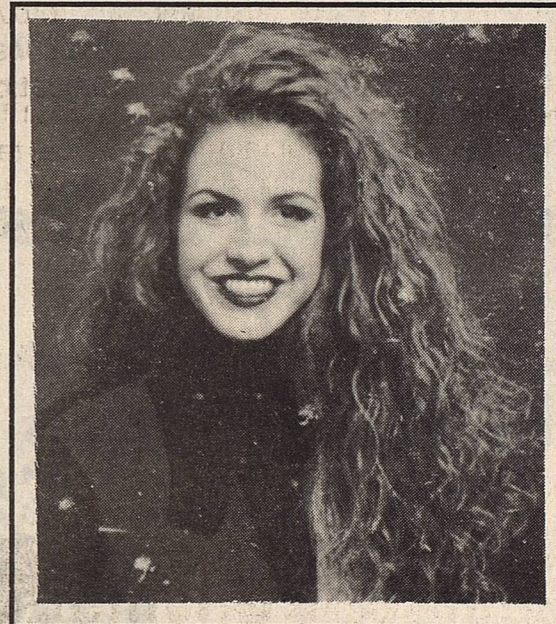
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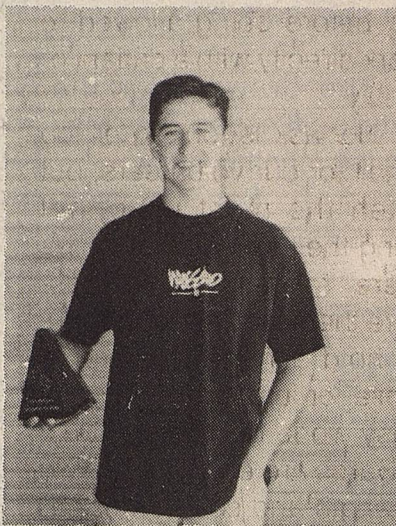
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Student of the Week

Jacob Lester is a junior and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lester. He was nominated by Coach McMinn to be this week's student of the week.

"I nominated this student because of his hard work, great attitude and willingness to do more than what is required. He is an athlete who has been working hard all year long. He has faced adversity. Even though he was injured in the first football scrimmage, Jacob has worked hard in keeping up his spirits and rehabilitating his knee. Jacob is preparing himself for a great successful year in 96-97 by his hard work and leadership in the off-season program.



PHS Tennis

Brownfield Meet, Apr. 4

Sandi Warren and Mary Morales placed 3rd in Girls Doubles, Clint Burrus and Dustin Brunson competed for 3rd in Boys Doubles, but were eliminated in the 13 team meet with more than 200 entries.

District Meet, Sudan, Apr. 9-10

Robin Squyres and Valerie Blair placed 3rd in Girls Doubles, Dolly Gonzales finished 4th in singles. In JV action, Chris Willett and Abraham Garcia placed 2nd in doubles, Shawn Cullins and Will St. Romain won 3rd, and Gideon Traweek placed 3rd in singles.

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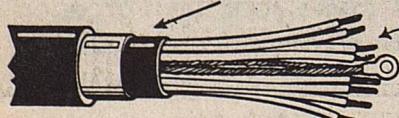
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It is your day! Lea County Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting is set for Friday, April 26, 1996, at the Lovington High School Auditorium.

This year at the meeting, you will elect two trustees and be updated on the Cooperative's operations and financial results. Our speaker will be Doc Blakely, an exceptional and renowned speaker from San Angelo. I think you will enjoy his southwestern sense of humor. In addition, many doorprizes will be given away.

Your Cooperative is people working together for people, not profit. That is why your participation is so vital to the Cooperative's continuing success. It is the leadership you elect, the Board of Trustees, that guides the operation of the Cooperative and sets the kind of policy that puts people first. Local ownership, local control, nonprofit operation and cooperation—we think it is the best way to serve



Michael A. Dreyspring, Executive Vice President and General Manager

you! Your attendance at the annual meeting gives us, the employees, the opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate serving you. Hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting Scheduled for April 26th

The 1996 Annual Meeting of Members will be held Friday, April 26, 1996, at Pannell Auditorium, 701 W. Avenue K, Lovington, New Mexico.

Members can register from:

8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., MDT at
Lea County Electric in Lovington

or

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., MDT at
Pannell Auditorium in Lovington

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include the election of two trustees, one from District (2) and one from District (5).

Guest speaker will be Doc Blakely, noted humorous speaker, author, seminar leader and business consultant. Mr. Blakely writes the weekly syndicated humor column, "Pokin' Fun". He is a member of the National Speakers Association's Hall of Fame. According to the Houston Chronicle, Doc Blakely is "a maestro of mirth on the professional speaking circuit."

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Extension News

Yoakum County 4-H members were an overall success at major livestock shows for the 1996 season. Placing at the Fort Worth Livestock Exposition were Kelton Mason with a 3rd place Heavyweight Cross Barrow and Ashlei Mason with a 4th place Middleweight Cross Barrow. At San Antonio Livestock Show Austin Keesee exhibited a 4th place Heavyweight York Barrow and Kelton Mason exhibited an 8th place Class 4 Cross Barrow.

The greatest success story came at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo where 4-H exhibitors advanced to the Houston sale through two sifts at Brenham with 9 out of 13 barrows entered. Placings at the Houston sale were Ricky Nevarez-3rd Lightweight Cross, Justin Nevarez-3rd Lightweight York, Amanda Hiller-5th Lightweight Cross, Jennifer Hiller-7th Heavyweight Poland, Austin Keesee-8th Heavyweight Hampshire, Jessica Brown-

8th Lightweight York, Ashlei Mason-21st Heavyweight Cross, Ragan McGinty-27th Middleweight Cross, and Jinger Hancock-34th Heavyweight Cross. Advancing through the lamb sift at Rosenberg and placing 15th in the Houston sale was Jinger Hancock with a Lightweight Finewool Cross. Austin Keesee exhibited a 13th place AOB Steer.

4-H members exhibited goats and rabbits at the San Angelo Livestock Show. Ragan McGinty placed 6th in the Meat Goat division. The following 4-Hers had excellent placings in the Rabbit Show: Chase Howell-3rd Sr. New Zealand White Doe & 9th Sr. New Zealand White Buck; Casey Mayes-10th California Meat Pen; Tara Price-3 California Meat Pen, 3rd Sr. California Buck, 3rd Sr. Silver Martin Buck, & 6th Sr. Silver Martin Buck; Dustin Sellers-2nd Sr. Black Polish Buck; Shandi Sellers-3rd Sr. White Polish Doe & 10th Sr. Broken Mini Rex Doe.

Tsa MoGa Hosts Education Program

Tsa Mo Ga Club met April 8, 1996 and presented their Education Program. Rennetta O'Quinn, Program Coordinator, and Malissa Rogers, both PHS Instructors introduced their High School Advance English students. The students had written Short Stories and Poetry. First, Second and Third place winners were selected. The winners were invited to read their creative written work.

Short Stories:
1st: "Water's Edge" by Yancy House
2nd: "I Will Run" by Jeremy Dearing
3rd: "The Elusive Dream" by Sonia Avila
1st: "The Traveler" by Clint Burrus
2nd: "The Canyon of Fear" by Cosme Casillas
3rd: "Barrel Racing Is Life" by Marcey House
Poetry:
1st: "Daddy" by Monica Ramoz
2nd: "Rodeo Cowgirl" by Marcey House
3rd: "Life Without My Trum-

pet" by Matt Morgan
Sarah Shelton presented each winner a Monetary Award for their creative writing and imagination.

Latrell McDonnell, Literacy Tutor, gave a "Local Literacy Volunteer" report. She teaches eight students each Wednesday evening. Latrell is our dedicated Plains Librarian.

Ann McGinty, Kindergarten teacher for PISD, displayed Books for Children. She stated the first step on giving children a love of books and reading come from parents. McGinty showed several of her students work in reading--first they draw a picture, then write a short story. It is amazing and a joy to see the progress children make in their early years of life.

Toni Jones and Betty Rushing, hostess', served refreshments to the students, their parents and members. The next club meeting will be April 22, on Conservation, "Stewardship Of Our National Resources."

Thank You!

The family of Ben Liles would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who showed their support during our time of need. We appreciate all the cards, food, phone calls, flowers, etc. God Bless each of you and again, "Thank You".

Attend the Church of Your Choice!

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First Baptist Church
Pastor Bill Wright

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Fr. Glen Rosendale

First United Methodist Church
Pastor Rick Doyle

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Pastor Jose Rodriguez

Last Rites Held For Wilma Wright

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 10, 1996 for Wilma Beatrice Wright, 66, at the First Baptist Church in Meadow, with Ken McClung, Pastor, officiating. Interment followed at the Meadow cemetery.

Mrs. Wright died April 9, 1996 at the Lubbock Methodist hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born to Fred Taylor, Allen Bayer, Jimmy Pendergrass, Glen Cavitt, Don Pendergrass, and Tony Isaacs.

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

April 21-27, 1996 is National Volunteer Week, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the people I believe are the most dedicated volunteers in our community, the volunteers of Hospice Services, Inc.

Most people know that hospice provides a very special kind of care for terminally ill persons and their families, but it's less known that if it were not for volunteers, our hospice could not function. Even the federal government recognizes the importance of volunteers in the delivery of hospice care by requiring that Medicare-approved hospices utilize volunteers from their community.

Hospice care is provided through an interdisciplinary, medically directed team. This team approach to care for dying persons typically includes a physician, a nurse, a counselor, a member of the clergy, and a home health aide. While our hospice employs paid professionals, we also rely on volunteers to provide assistance at all levels of skill.

Nationally, about 95,000 people serve as hospice volunteers, and last year, they gave well over 5 million hours of their precious time to serve terminally ill patients and families!

During the past year, several members of the lo-

cal community donated their services to our hospice.

In a number of ways, volunteering for hospice differs from other community work. For instance, hospice patient-care standardized training before being allowed to work directly with a patient or family.

No task is too big or too small for our volunteers, but often the most important thing they can do is just "be there" for patients--to reassure them they are not alone, to hold a hand, to offer a smile, or just listen. It is not easy work, but the personal rewards are enormous. The strength and courage of patients provide a constant source of inspiration, and volunteers usually feel they gain more than they have been able to give.

Our hospice is growing as more and more persons seek our help. For this reason, we have a constant need for new volunteers. If you would like to learn more about hospice volunteering, I invite you to call or visit us at 915-758-3850 or 108 SE Ave. B, Seminole, TX.

In the meantime, we should all be grateful to the volunteers of Hospice Services, Inc. for the wealth of time and compassion they give for the betterment of our community.

Amy Horne,
Volunteer Coordinator,
Hospice Services, Inc.

Jr. High, Elementary Score Big In U.I.L.

Plains Elementary and Jr. High Students competed against Smyer, O'Donnell, Anton and Whiteface on April 9 and 11, scoring an impressive total of 897 points, compared to 721 points for the 2nd place team. Following are individual results:

ORAL READING K-3	MAPS, GRAPHS, CHARTS 7TH
1. EVAN CAIN-P	4. ERIN CAIN-P
5. CODY FLORES-P	
6. JAMIE COVARRUBIAS-P	LISTENING SKILLS-6
ORAL READING 4TH	3. BECKY WILMETH-P
2. MORIAH TRAWEEK-P	LISTENING SKILLS-8TH
4. RODNEY GUETERSLOH-P	1. ANNE PALMER-P
5. NOLAN NEWSOM-P	2. JOSH BELL-P
ORAL READING 5TH	5. CANDICE BOREWS-P
1. CHISUM DEATON-P	MUSIC MEMORY 5TH
3. MANDI ROGERS-P	
6. JOANNE DIAZ-P	1. PLAINS
ORAL READING 6TH	MUSIC MEMORY 6TH
1. TANNER HAMM-P	
3. ASHLEY GONZALEZ-P	1. PLAINA
4. ANNALIESA O'QUINN-P	LIFE SCIENCE-7
ART MEMORY 4TH	1. SKYLER JOHNSON-P
1. WHITEFACE	3. AARON CAIN-P
2. PLAINS	4. DUSTIN SIX-P
3. ANTON	EARTH SCIENCE 8
4. O'DONNELL	1. KRISTEN GRAY-P
5. SMYER	2. ANNE PALMER-P
ORAL READING 7TH	3. JOSH BELL-P
2. EMILY BLAIR-P	MAPS, GRAPHS, CHARTS 8TH
4. LENSEY GULLINS-P	6. LINDA CASTILLO-P
5. MICHAELA TRAWEEK-P	
ORAL READING 8TH	LISTENING SKILLS 7TH
1. VELVET CANADA-P	6. BECKY WILMETH-P
2. KRISTLE BUNDELL-P	DICTIONARY SKILLS 5TH
3. LEXI WARREN-P	JILL GRAY-P
READY WRITING 3RD	MAPS, GRAPHS, CHARTS 6TH
1. EVAN CAIN-P	KAYLA WILLIS-P
2. CODY FLORES-P	SPELLING-3
5. LELA CORONADO-P	4. KERRY SISSON-P
ART MEMORY 5TH	IMPROMPTU SPEAKING 7TH
1. PLAINS	
READY WRITING 4TH	1. LEXI WARREN-P
1. GRADY MCNABB-P	3. LESA SAN FILIPPO-P
2. TRENT MAY-P	IMPROMPTU SPEAKING 8TH
READY WRITING 5TH	
1. JILL GRAY-P	1. KRISTAL BLUNDELL-P
READY WRITING 6TH	2. VELVET CANADA-P
2. ANNALIESA O'QUINN-P	MODERN ORATORY 7TH
5. BECKY WILMETH-P	MODERN ORATORY 8TH
READY WRITING 7TH	
1. LEXI WARREN-P	ANNE PALMER-P
READY WRITING 8TH	LAURA MORALES-P
6. PATTY RUIZ-P	KELLI OSBORN-P
SPELLING 4TH	2. VELVET CANADA-P
3. GRADY MCNABB-P	3. NICOLE NEWSOM-P
SPELLING 5TH	NUMBER SENSE 5TH
2. JILL GRAY-P	
4. KRISTAL GONZALEZ-P	1. JILL GRAY-P
SPELLING 7TH	NUMBER SENSE 6TH
1. LESLI ROWE-P	1. ANNALIESA O'QUINN-P
3. AARON CAIN-P	NUMBER SENSE 7TH
SPELLING 8TH	
1. KRISTEN GRAY-P	1. LENSEY CULLINS-P
3. LAURA MORALES-P	2. AMANDA GARCIA-P
4. KYLE SISSON-P	NUMBER SENSE 8TH
CALCULATOR 7TH	
1. AMANDA GARCIA-P	1. KRISTEN GRAY-P
4. TAYLOR GRAY-P	2. ANNE PALMER-P
6. SKYLER JOHNSON-P	5. VELVET CANADA-P
CALCULATOR 8TH	LISTENING SKILLS - 5TH
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	4. NICK HAYS-P



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From The Hack



April 15th.... Demon Day.... Pay up day. Come and gone, at last. Well, maybe, depending on the credibility of your tax return. If it sounded like Mickey Mouse fiction, your adventure may not be over yet. My accountant, when he examined my proposed return, said, "Mr. Dyer, if this goes in as-is, promise me you will not mention my name in any manner". He also demanded his fee in advance. Very encouraging.

I traveled last week. Made a memorable trip to Bledsoe, Texas. Yes, it's still on the highway, still on the State map. Up there on the 'back side of the moon' country, as my associate referred to it, we began looking for a familiar Allsup's sign about 7:45 AM. In vain. No Allsup's in Bledsoe. At 8:05 AM, I thought the community must have suffered a lethal gas attack.... no sign of life at all. About 8:25, we noticed stirrings around a couple of strange looking edifices on the main drag, three relic railroad cars, including a caboose.

Desperately needing coffee and evidence of human life in the area, we timidly approached the old Caboose. We were greeted by a lovely lady, name still unknown, who, said, "Morning gents, the coffee's not quite ready just yet, mosey around and

look at all this old junk awhile". Listening to the old fashion percolator gurgle, we examined old tools on the walls which defied my knowledge - printed humor, including advice for widow women needing companionship - old business cards looking ancient as the Dead Sea Scrolls - a few gaskets, washers, and an assortment of what she called "Doo-whickers", items I still have no clue about.

The nice lady chatted with us 'foreigners', and an old geezer type who said he'd been right there in Bledsoe since 1923..."Ain't been much happen here, as I recall", he advised us. I bet he wasn't exaggerating.

In Church Sunday, our Pastor asked the question, "tell me, hold up your hands, cast a vote Do you think the left side of the aisle people are guilty of more sin than you on the right?" Seated on the right, a little confused by his directions, I immediately said "Yes", and voted against those on the left. This drew an enormous amount of cold stares from those to my left. Brother Rick, I wish you would be a little more explicit with your directions. I still say we looked less suspicious than those people on the left.

That same Sunday, our Pastor called for volunteers to report any new Blessings since last week's

services. Someone recalled the Cowboy's winning the District Track Meet, the Cowgirls finishing second, and then, Dwayne Canada announced he had a new dog! This stunning Revelation was greeted with absolute silence for many seconds, maybe even minutes. At that point, I began to hear several whispers and a few giggles..."Lord, I hope it's a REAL dog this time, one that can smell, hear, see and bark when it spies a rattlesnake fixin' to bite Dwayne again" seemed to be the central theme of the clandestine mutterings sweeping around the room.

Watermelon Festival Contest

Help the Yoakum County Connection name the August 31st Watermelon Festival. Entries must be submitted by Wednesday, May 1, to Plains or Denver City Public Libraries or mailed to P. O. Box 38, Plains, TX 79355. Winner will receive a \$50 savings bond and be formally recognized at the festival. For more information call Ann Hartman at 592-2515 or Linda Powell at 456-3939.

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