

CHAMBER WELCOMES TEACHERS BACK TO SCHOOL - (top photo, ltr) Israel Martinez, Melissa Garcia, J.B. and Diane Wilson and Sue and John Banfield. (Below, ltr) Janie Crawford, Ann McGinty, Janelle Cobb and LaVoyce Capps.



## Plains Chamber Of Commerce Hosts Teacher Get-Together

Members of Plains Chamber of Commerce hosted a welcome get-together Thursday afternoon in the school cafeteria for the faculty, aides and auxiliary personnel of Plains schools.

Ice cream was served.

New personnel in Plains schools this year are Sheila Norman, Janie Crawford, Bill May, LaVoyce Capps, Cinty Davis, Sara Ybanez, Kay Pittman, Kelley Clay, Michael David, Tana May, Sarah K. Burrus, Wadonna Davis, Billie Howell, Alice Dominez and Shane McKinzie.

# Filmtime Program Begins Wednesday Morning, Sept. 5

The Yoakum County Library will begin Fall Filmtime Program for 1990 Wednesday morning, Sept. 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. Jan Pendergraft will be in

charge of the program. All pre-school children are urged to attend. Mothers and baby-sitters are encouraged to bring the children. They are invited to stay or leave the children and return at

the end of the program for children. Parents are asked to sign up for some of the special holiday programs. They will be asked to help with cookies or punch at one or more of these special functions. Parents are urged to make arrangements in advance for birthday parties. The library encourages birthday parties, but do need to know in advance, as special preparations have to be made for refreshments being served in film room, such as plastic laid down to cover the carpet, etc. We are looking forward to filmtime at the library and hope all of the little ones will be at the program every Wednesday morning. Jan has very helpful, learning programs and we feel very entertaining, worthwhile hourly times are planned for the pre-school children.

# **Commissioners' Agree To Pay For Doctor's Moving Expenses**

Yoakum County Commissioners Court convened in special session Aug. 20 with all members present.

A petition was read from Exxon Company to cross county roads to construct a 16 inch\_fiberglass CO2 pipeline across sections 765, 799, and 800, block D, JHG survey. The petition was unanimously approved.

Extra hire and disbursements were approved for payment.

Convening Aug. 27, a motion was approved to enter and execute a Hold Harmless Agreement, Agent's Agreement and Third Party Administrator Agreement for tax qualified accounts and other financial products.

The 1990 appraisal roll was unanimously approved. Also okayed was a line item transfer within precinct one budget.

Lemual Austin was employed for precinct one at regular road hand salary less \$50 for a six month proba-

tionary period effective Sept. 1. Lorraine Walker and Rudy Calsoncin were approved for first deputy salaries effective Sept. 1.

A motion was approved to advertise for bids to seal coat no less than four miles of roads and streets in precinct four. Bidders should contact Commissioner Fitzgerald. Bids will be received Sept. 14 and action taken Sept. 17.

The court also agreed to pay moving expenses for the new doctor from Doctor Search Fund in the amount of \$2,162.18. Extra hire and

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At 2 p.m. Aug. 27, the court convened for a public hearing to consider whether or not the use of private sewage facilities including septic tanks should be regulated to prevent possible pollution or injury to public health. Following a lengthy discussion, the court voted to pass an order adopting rules for private sewage facilities to coincide with state requirements.

At 4 p.m., the court held a public hearing on the proposed 1991 budget and to set a tax rate for 1990 taxes. After a lengthy discussion, the court adopted the proposed 1991 budget with changes made in precinct one.

The tax rate adopted per \$100 valuation for the tax year 1990 includes \$.1560, ad valorem maintenance and operation; .0203, ad valorem interest and sinking; and .0667, farm-market-lateral maintenance and operation for a total of \$.2430.

In other action, the court voted that discounts for early payment of taxes and split payments not be allowed.

### Library News

The Yoakum County Library in Plains had 120 certificates issued this 1990 Summer Reading Time. We celebrated the Mystery Time this year, but all interest levels were encouraged. Dairy Queen of Plains was very generous to our young readers, as they gave ice cream cones or dip cones to each child receiving a certificate.

New books are received every week at the Yoakum County Library. Should you have a book you would like to read, or, should you need books for special projects or purposes, the library can borrow from other libraries if the book you want or need is not on the shelf at our library.

In order for a better educated Texas, we must make readers out of our children. Mothers, grandmothers and fathers grandfathers, plus, baby-sitters, can begin reading to the little ones at the youngest of age and our children will learn to love books and also, learn to read and educate themselves for the future. Reading is a wonderful way to spend time. Everyone needs time just for themselves, and the library heartily recommends books for this special time.

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 New 4-H year begins
- Denver City 4-H, 7:00 p.m., Denver City Comm. Building
- 8 District 2 4-H Council and Adult Leaders meeting, Lubbock
- 11 Plains 4-H, 7:30 p.m., Plains Clubroom 21-29 Panhandle South Plains Fair
- 29 Pig Sales Brownwood & Commanche CONGRATULATIONS TO FASHION SHOW WINNERS:

Jo Lena Powell, Christi Bethany, Kelly McGinty, Tessa and Becky St Romain, Melissa Martinez and Velvet Canada.

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### NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The City of Plains conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 138 percent over the rollback tax rate on August 28, 1990 from 5:30-6:30 P.M.

The City of Plains Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 4, 1990 at 12:00 P.M. at City Hall in Plains, Texas.

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## Miss Cowan, Mr. Livengood Pledge Double Ring Vows

man. Groomsmen were Brian Liven-

good of Lubbock, brother of the

Miss Kimberly Kay Cowan and Robert Lee Livengood pledged double ring wedding vows Saturday, Aug. 25 in Indiana Avenue Baptist Church of Lubbock.

Officiating was Jon Randles.

Parents of the bride are Benny and Colene Cowan of Midland. Edwin and Pat Livengood are parents of the bridegroom.

Nuptial selections were presented by organist Steven Livengood, uncle of the groom. Soloists were Steve and Siri Livengood.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal satin taffeta gown fashioned with fitted bodice embellished with lace. It featured an off-the-shoulder sweetheart neckline and pour sleeves. Softly gathered, the skirt and chapel train were enhanced with tiers of gathered lace. She carried a bouquet of blue and mauve silk roses with streamers of blue and mauve.

For "something borrowed," she wore her grandmother's wedding band. She also wore the traditional blue garter.

Coni Campbell of Lubbock was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lisa McArthur and Lori Tilson, both of Lubbock. They wore tea length dresses of blue and mauve print and carried lace fans adorned with mauve and blue silk flowers.

Scott Devitt of Plano was best

Stamford, cousins of the groom, Wayne Fiedler of Baird, uncle of the groom, and Blayne Jennings of Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

A reception was held in fellowship hall. Members of the houseparty were Margie Grimes of El Paso, Patty Jennings of Lubbock, Ronni Adams of

Big Spring, Ellie Boundy of Midland and Cindra Box of Plains.

The newlyweds are at home in Corpus Christi.

A graduate of Midland Lee High School, the bride received a degree in chemistry from Texas Tech University.

The groom is a graduate of Plains High School. He holds a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Texas Tech University and is employed with Hoechst Celanese Corporation in Bishop.







# Plains Independent School District

'Home of the Cowboys & Cowgirls'

### From The Superintendent's Desk

Dean Andrews



This is the fourth article focusing on teenagers, and the problems that teenagers and their parents face in this technological age. Information is taken from articles written by Dr. Thomas C. Barrett, American Association of School Administrators.

#### KIDS WHO MAY BE HEADED FOR TROUBLE

The following are some behaviors to watch out for that signal the need for help.

DRAMATIC MOOD SWINGS. Your teenager will experience mood swings just as most people do. There will be days when he might say, "Life's a drag." Normally, these moods are not extreme and do not last very long. However, if your teenager seems hostile and the anger lasts for several days, this is a warning sign that something is wrong.

ISOLATION. You probably have noticed that your teenager likes some privacy. She may sometimes retreat to her room when she can be alone to think about the events in her life. This is common among teenagers. If, however, your teenager avoids being with you most of the time, has stopped seeing her friends, and has stopped doing things she once liked to do, these may be signs that something more serious is going on.

A CHANGE IN FRIENDS. There may be times when your teenager will make new friends. Often he will choose friends who share his values. On the other hand, if a teenager suddenly begins to spend time with kids who have a reputation for being drug users or gang members, this clearly is a warning sign.

A CHANGE IN HABITS. Teenagers, like each of us, may experience changes in eating or sleeping habits for a short time. If a pattern lasts for several days, however, you will want to watch more closely and begin to question why this is happening.

SCHOOL PROBLEMS. Sometimes even teenagers who are interested in school will slip and get a bad grade. However, if a teen shows a drop in performance across the board, this is something to learn more about. Of, if authority figures, such as teachers, say a teen in behaving badly, this is another clue the child is having trouble.

DEPRESSED MOOD. Again, like each of us, a teen may experience the "blahs." No one thinks life is wonderful all of the time. When things don't go right, such as the breakup of a romance, most teens will be upset. Even during these times, most teenagers find some bright spot in life - such as their friends.

It may be difficult to know when to start worrying about a child's depression. Not all teenagers respond to stress the same way. To be on the safe side, you might want to become more actively involved if your child's low mood lasts longer than four or five days.

# What's Cooking

### At School BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Holiday TUESDAY - Donuts, toast, apple juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, sausage, orange juice, milk.

THURSDAY - Pancakes, syrup & butter, tomato juice, milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice, milk.

#### LUNCH

MONDAY - Holiday

TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce, black-eyed peas, cabbage, carrot & apple salad, peanut butter & honey, milk.

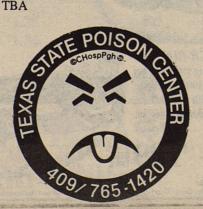
WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce & pickles, onion rings, Cheetos, fruit, brownies, milk.

THURSDAY - Mr. Rib, pinto beans, Kosher spears, onion rings, cornbread, apple cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY - Roast & gravy, green beans, rice, hot rolls, lime Jello, milk.

### **School Events**

MONDAY - School Holiday, Labor Day
TUESDAY - Volleyball - Synder (T)
9th; JV; V; at 5 p.m.
THURSDAY - Football - Farwell (T)
JV; 6 p.m.
FRIDAY - Football - Farwell (H) V; 8 p.m.
SATURDAY - Volleyball - Wink (H)
V; 1 p.m.
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# veleyball

Plains Cowgirls brought their season record to 4-0 with varsity wins on the homecourt over Lubbock High Monterey. Rena McElroy led the Cowgirl offensive effort against Monterey Aug. 23 with eight kills. Jo Lena Powell and Leslie Patton combined for eight. Leslie and Rena recorded give and four digs each for the defense. Jo Lena served eleven points in the Cowgirls 15-3 and 15-8 triumphs.

Tuesday's action found the Cowgirls taking game one of a three game match against LHS, 15-7. Trailing 3-11 in the second game, Michelle Lowe at the serving line led the Cowgirls in a rally with 9 consecutive points for an 11-11 tie before the Westerners forced side out. Each team put three more points on the scoreboard for a 14-14 tie when LHS made two more points for a 16-14 win.

Following the three minute break between games, the Cowgirls got back on cue and allowed their opponents only one point in claiming the 15-1 victory. Michelle recorded 15 service points including 7 aces. Leslie posted seven kills followed by five for Rena and four for Melissa Green. Sandra Ramos logged 6 digs.

The Cowgirls are one of 12 teams competing in the Denver City Fillie Invitational Tournament this weekend.

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Their next scheduled game will be Sept. 4 at Snyder. Ninth grade competition is scheduled for 5 p.m.

### JUNIOR VARSITY

JV Cowgirls defeated Lubbock High in straight games, 15-3 and 15-10, Tuesday evening, bringing their record to 3-1.

Brandy Lester paced the Cowgirls with 9 service points including 6 aces. Betsy Blair, Leslie Gonzales and Andrea Salas combined for 3 kills.

Amy Crutcher led all servers with 14 points and 7 aces in the JV's 15-11 decision Thursday, Aug. 23 against Monterey. Darce Pierce, Stephanie Cole and Amy Crutcher notched 2 kills each. Leslie and Olga Ramirez paced the defence with 4 digs.

The JV squad will take on Snyder Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4 in out of town competition.

### THE PLAINS PRIDE

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character or standing of any person or firm appearing in this paper will gladly and promptly be corrected, upon being called to the attention of the management.

It's been 10 short years since we terrorized the halls of ol' PHS, however a lot of us will be back Labor Day Weekend and we want to see <u>YOU!</u>

The PHS Class of 1980 cordially invites Classes of 1975 to 1985 to attend their

Ten Year Reunion Dance & Fellowship Saturday, Sept. 1

9 p.m. til midnight in the Plains School Cafeteria -Live Band To Perform-For more information contact: Kay Stephens Mires 806-645-8911

or Vicky Lemley Blundell 806-456-7155

### Shower To Fete Melissa Hodges

A bridal courtesy Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the home of Mrs. Alfred Bearden will fete Miss Melissa Hodges, bride-elect of Steve Crump.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

# Local Residents Attend 'Texas'

Young at Heart of First Baptist Church traveled in the church bus to Canyon last Wednesday to attend the musical drama TEXAS in the Palo Duro Amphitheater.

Arriving in the park early, the group enjoyed a ride on the Sad Monkey Railroad and a supper of barbecue and the trimmings prior to the show. Thursday morning, the group had breakfast and toured the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. It is the oldest and largest state museum in Texas, occupying almost 300,000 square feet of space and boasting more than two million artifacts.

Attending were Edna Chambliss, Essie Weber, Sidney Murphy, Martha Guetersloh, Burve Overton, Marguerite Barron, Jim and Mae Barnett, Carrol and Marie Peoden, Punk and Inez Culwell, Johnny and Nell Williams, Red and Jo Harbour, James and Jackie Redman, James and Nita Williams and Joe and Sudie Thompson.

# Plains Library Receiving Books

New books are received every week at Yoakum County Library.

Library patrons are urged to check out the large selection of books on the library shelves. If, however, there is a book one would like to read that is not available, library personnel may borrow it from other libraries. This applies to a book for pleasure reading or one needed for reference or special projects.

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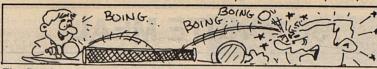
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### SUBSCRIPTIONS EXPIRING IN AUGUST

Charles R. Dyer Robert E. Haines Darryl McNabb Laci & Amy Naylor Maureen Smith Charles F. Spencer Ruby Thomas Wes Warren



The first known mention of a game resembling table tennis is as a miniature lawn tennis game in a London catalog.

# NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The PLAINS INDE-PENDENT SCHOOL DIS-TRICT conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 7.99 percent on August 27, 1990, at 8:00 p.m.

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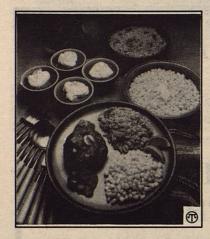
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### **30 MINUTE MEAL**

### **Hamburgers Rancheros Menu**



A delicious dinner, South of the Border-style, can be prepared in just half an hour, keeping pace with today's hectic lifestyles, says Donna Higgins, Director of Del Monte Kitchens. The menu features Hamburgers Rancheros, Mexican Rice and Postre Chocolate. Many of the ingredients—spices, vegetables, ground beef—are easy to keep on hand.

The following shopping list and step-by-step outline show you how you can have it all ready in only 30

#### SHOPPING LIST Hamburgers Rancheros

- 4 slices bacon
- 1 can (15 oz.) Del Monte Tomato Sauce
- 1/2 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. chili powder 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 2 Tbsp. instant minced onion
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 15 pitted green olives
- 1-1/2 lb. ground beef

#### **Mexican Rice**

- 1 cup rice 1 clove garlic
- 1 can (14-1/2 oz.) Del Monte Mexican or Original Style Stewed
- Tomatoes
- 1/4 cup diced green chiles

### Grandmother Event To Fete Sue Randall

Sue Randall will be honored with a grandmother shower Saturday, Sept. 8 in the film room of Yoakum County Library. Calling hour is 11 a.m. A special guest will be her new grandson, Timothy Shane Cody Randall.

The little lad is the son of Curt and Shannon Randall.

Friends and relatives are invited.

### Chamber Meet Slated Sept. 4

Plains Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular session at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 in Johnnie's Restaurant. Interested persons are invited.

#### **Postre Chocolate**

4 cans (5 oz. each) Del Monte Pudding Cup chocolate pudding 1 tsp. orange peel 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon

#### DIRECTIONS

#### 1st 10 minutes

- •Dice bacon; cook. Reserve 2 Tbsp. drippings. Set bacon aside for garnish.
- •Brown rice in drippings.
- •Mince garlic; add to rice. Cook 1 minute.
- Add stewed tomatoes, green chiles and 1 cup of water to rice. Cover and simmer 20 minutes.

#### 2nd 10 minutes

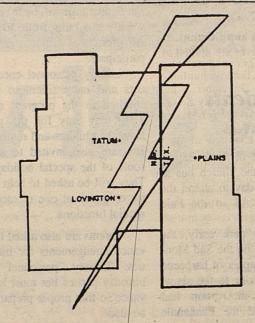
- Combine pudding, orange peel and cinnamon; chill.
- •In saucepan, combine tomato sauce, chili powder, garlic powder, instant minced onion, salt and pepper; simmer 15 minutes.
- •Cut olives in halves.

### 3rd 10 minutes

- Preheat broiler.
- Form 4 patties. Broil, turning once.
- •Top patties with tomato sauce, olives and bacon.



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# Hunting directory now available from TDA

(AUSTIN)--"A supplemental edition of the 1990 Texas Hunter's Clearinghouse Directory is now available, just in time for dove hunting season which opens September 1 in some parts of the state, Deputy State Agriculture Commissioner Mike Moeller has announced.

The supplemental edition of the directory lists more than 160,000 acres in available leases from more than 50 rural landowners who had not listed property in the May 1990 edition of the directory. These new listings bring the total number of available leases in the directory to more than 600 covering a total of well over 4 million acres in every corner of Texas. The Clearinghouse program is a joint effort of the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"The response of hunters and rural landowners to the May edition of the 1990 directory has been tremendous. TDA printed 10,000 copies of the directory and we distributed copies at county fairs, Chambers of Commerce, conventions, and trade shows in Houston, Fort Worth and San Antonio. Most of the directories are gone, and many landowners have already leased their land for this season," Moeller said.

"We're producing the supplemental edition to give Texas hunters one more chance to take advantage of some of the good hunting conditions available in the state. This supplement, like all editions of the directory, is available free of charge upon request.

"Our staff is also conducting a statewide survey of rural landowners who have listed their property in the directory. Many of the comments we've already received are very encouraging. A. M. Jameson, Jr. of Ranger says, 'The directory and the Texas Department of Agriculture are excellent. I think the hunting project is first rate and the landowners and hunters do not fully realize how good it really is.' Response from the survey will help TDA and the Parks and Wildlife Department improve the quality of the Clearinghouse program.

"In previous years, farmers and ranchers who leased their land through the Clearinghouse program added an average of \$2,200 to their annual income. Hunting leases generate about \$146 million each year for Texas farmers and ranchers. As the demand for hunting leases increases, many rural landowners are putting more emphasis on wildlife management practices in order to satisfy this demand.

For more information on the Texas Hunter's Clearinghouse, call TDA at (512) 463-7679 or write Texas Hunter's Clearinghouse, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.



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### Helping Your Child Acquire Skills In Reading/Writing

The U.S. Department of Education has noted that "parents are their children's first and most influential teachers." Most parents want their child to learn to read and write, but often don't know what they can do to help them, according to Mary D. Williams, Yoakum County Extension Agent, Home Economics.

Parents can do several things to help their children acquire the skills and concepts needed for reading:

- 1) Play matching games with the child. The ability to categorize things, such as buttons, blocks, beans or toys by shape, color, and size or groceries by food groups, is an important thinking skill.
- 2) Knowing the letters of the alphabet can be encouraged when children look for the letters of their name on signs, in magazines, or in the newspapers.
- 3) Visual discrimination, or being able to identify small differences between such letters as p, q, b and d, is an important skill for reading. Matching pictures in a deck of cards, playing lotto games, or matching the dots on dominoes can help children with this skill.
- 4) Auditory discrimination, being able to distinguish between such similar sounds as b or d, m or n, is also an important skill in learning to read. Matching objects beginning with the same sounds, (house, hut, hamburger) or listening for different sounds (sound boxes can be made by placing beans, nuts, bulk tea, salt, soda, etc. in metal bandage boxes; tape the boxes closed.) Talking about which makes the loudest or softest noise or how the sounds differ can assist children with this important skill.
- 5) Praising children for their efforts and displaying their work enhances the child's sense of self worth. When children feel good about themselves and their abilities, acquiring reading skills is easier.
- 6) Modeling reading enhances the child's interest in reading. As they see you read and hear you talk about what you learned from reading, they will be encouraged to learn to read.

Parents are often unaware of the important role they play in their child's achievements. Parents are sometimes intimidated by school professionals, who, they feel, have an expertise that they don't. Sometimes parents don't feel competent enough to deal with school work and may not understand how important they are in helping their child learn to read.

Parents should remember that they are key players in their child's school success. Spending time playing games, reading together, and working with the child can help the child acquire reading



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