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BOBBIE GAYLE WITH HER BIG BASS CATCH AT IVIE LAKE

## Technical assistance available to farmers for WOMP program

Farmers in Yoakum County are advised of the opportunity to receive technical assistance through the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District to develop a site specific water quality management plan to prevent or minimize the potential of their operation contributing to further percolation of arsenic into the groundwater.

Arsenic acid is one of several chemicals identified in recent years suspected of polluting groundwater in the county.

"The advantage of participating in this program is that if a farmer voluntarily develops and maintains a site specific water quality management plan (WOMP) through our district and has that plan certified by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), the farmer will be compliant with state water quality law and exempt from other state regulatory processes regarding nonpoint source discharge of pollutants," said L.J. Sanders, chairman of the Yoakum SWCD.

"Of course the farmer will have to maintain his or her plan to retain their certification," added Sanders.

In explaining a water quality management plan, Sanders said that a WOMP includes appropriate land

"With a little fine tuning and certification of an existing soil and water conservation plan for a farm, a producer might find that his or her operation will adequately meet state water quality goals," said Sanders.

Best management practice standards will be based on criteria in the current USDA Soil Conservation Service field office technical guide for our district Sanders concluded. treatment practices, production practices, management measures, technologies or any combination to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement.

S.B. 503, which was passed in the last regular session of the Texas Legislature names the TSSWCB as the lead agency in Texas for activities relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution.

The TSSWCB is responsible for assuring that individual water quality management plans comply with state water quality standards established by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

"As a result each WOMP developed, maintained and implemented by a landowner or operator through a SWCD must meet rules and criteria adopted by the TSSWCB," said Sanders.

## 'What a Fish Story!'

by Stan Brudney

O.H. Ivie Lake and T.P.W.D. officials have been assuring fishermen the "bounty" would be bountiful for all, and in a short period of time. Saturday, June 11, 1994, at the Coleman Chamber Bass Tournament lent credence to the prophecy.

There were no complaints and a lot of praise from the 279 entrants who seemingly, thoroughly enjoyed Ivie. Angler after angler stepped up to the weigh-in area with bass that most of us one-trip-a-month fishermen dream of. By 3 p.m. weigh-in deadline, Chamber director, Brent McMillan had fingers to prove it. Five and six pounders were common place and it took 8.66 lbs. on a two or three-fish stringer to break into the top 20.

Ken Sanders, fishing out of the San Angelo bass club, set the standard. He was one happy angler. Sanders' three fish stringer of 21.68 lbs., three big'uns weighing over 7 lbs. each. That was only part of the story.

In second place was Bobbie Gayle of Plains, a housewife and substitute teacher who began wetting a line for the first time a year ago. She fished with her husband of 26 years, Butch, on Saturday and gave him a lot of credit for putting her on the fish. Bobbie brought in three dandies, weighing in a 19.02, worth \$803.52 in prize money. Her 6.62 bass won the Big Bass of the Hour in the afternoon, worth \$50 or more. The \$50 she kept, the \$803.52 was split four ways, with three other tournament fishermen. "Our fishing party had agreed to split the money if any one of us won," she blurted out. One of the party was sitting close by as Bobbie spoke, grinning from ear to ear.

The prior week, Bobbie caught a 7.7, 6.4, and a 6.2, and several other keeper size at Ivie during the Honey Hole Tournament, but there was a catch...she didn't enter the tourney. I'll bet she signs up early for the next one.

## Stacey Jones elected treasurer at Bluebonnet Girls State

Stacey Jones of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State, now in progress in Seguin, at Texas Lutheran College, was elected City Treasurer during the session. She is the daughter of Gary and Toni Jones and was sponsored to Girls State through the Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit #585.

Girls State was organized as a National Americanism activity in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary. Non-partisan and non-political, the purposes of the Girls State program are to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age, to afford them an opportunity to live together as a self-governing group and to inform them of the duties,

privileges, rights and responsibilities which they will assume when they become adults. They learn the problems of government by simulating the duties of the city, county, and state officials. Each year citizens are selected at local levels from students who have just completed their junior year in high school. The

selection is based principally on character, leadership and scholarship.

The 1994 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Texas Bluebonnet

Girls State has grown from an experimental conference of 94 girls, held at Baylor University in 1941, to become the largest single extracurricular educational program for high school girls in Texas. Because no sessions were held during World War II, the 1994 session marks the 50th year, or "Golden Session" of Bluebonnet Girls State. This year 586 girls are in attendance, making a total of more than 23,000 girls in Texas who have participated in this top-level citizenship program.

One of the highlights of the session which began June 14 and ended June 24, was the selection of two outstanding citizens of 1994 who will be sent to Girls Nation in Washington D.C. which is also sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. There the two young representatives will continue their study in responsibilities of the National Government.



# Little League begins practice for All-Star Tournament

The final week of Little League started Monday, June 20 with the T-ball league. The Sellers Ag Bad News Bears played the New-Tex Gin Rockies. The Minors put on a great show, with the Texas Equipment Black Attack winning their first game of the season 28-22, beating Farm Bureau Rangers.

Tuesday, June 21, the T-ball teams of the Anderson Grain Rangers and the Sellers Ag Bad News Bears enjoyed a game. In Minor league action, the Farm Bureau Rangers thumped the Pay-n-Save Cubs 32-16.

Thursday, June 23 was the final night of baseball in Plains. The T-ball league finished up with the Anderson Grain

## County 4-H'ers place first in State

Julie Hancock and Katrina Hart won first place in the state 4-H Housing and Environment contest. This was one of over 30 contests held during the Texas 4-H Round-up on the Texas A&M University campus in College Station. Over 3000 4-H'ers from across the state participated in this week long activity.

Other Yoakum County 4-H'ers who competed on the state level were Jinger Hancock and Kelly McGinty, winning fifth in Poultry; and Robert Knight, Jamey Garland, Chase Clanan and Kirk Parrish.

Rangers playing the New-Tex Gin Rockies. The Minor league finished with the Texas Equipment Black Attack defeating the Pay-n-Save Cubs 35-23.

The Major league coaches are collecting the uniforms for storage. Please turn in your uniform if you still have it.

The All-Stars are practicing and a tournament bracket should be available next week.

## THANKS

To the Wonderful People of Plains:

It is very hard to find the right words to express how we feel about all of the prayers, gifts and acts of love that have been shown to our family during the recent accident and hospitalization of our daughter. The support that each one of you has given has just been so overwhelming to all of us.

The concern for each of us from everyone from the ambulance drivers to the staff at Yoakum County Hospital is so touching and will not be forgot. We were amazed to see how many people and how fast they came to our aid.

Once again we just want you all to know that we greatly appreciate everything that everyone has done and continues to do everyday.

Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts.

~ Carlos, Billie, Chase & Callie Howell



FIRST IN STATE - Housing and the Environment Educational Activity, during the State 4-H Roundup held at College Station recently. Representing Yoakum County 4-H, the two of them are from Denver City. Left to right, Julie Hancock and Katrina Hart.

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## Roundup begins for Cowboy Symposium

Dates are being set and plans laid for the National 1994 Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, an annual event set in Lubbock since 1989. The event, which has gained regional and national recognition through the years, will open Sept. 8 and run through Sept. 11.

The four-day symposium includes vendor exhibits, cowboy poetry,

chuckwagon cook-off, team roping events, live music, dances, cowboy style show, opening trail ride and a cutting horse competition.

Please plan now to join the people of the Southwest in an annual event which celebrates the heritage of the American Cowboy.

## Free tree booklet offered by NADF

"What Tree is That?", a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available free-of-charge from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Well-known trees are included: oaks, maples, spruces and pines. Also species such as horsechestnut and mockernut hickory, sassafras and shadbush, persimmon and pawpaw and pagodatree and pecan.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, etc. "What Tree is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step-by-step fashion.

"Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Being able to identify trees is important to knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain your free tree ID guide, send your name and address to "What Tree is That?", The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410.

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**JUST CHECKING IN** - Reva Cleveland came to town this week. She is living in Brownfield, but she says, "I miss all of my friends in Plains, and think of them often. I'd like to say hello to everyone."



**VISITS THE LIBRARY** - Lou Ella (Lou) Turner came by the library and browsed through some old, old Plains newspapers. She is living in Sinton, north of Corpus Christi and stopped in to say "hi" to everyone. The daughter of W.P. Turner and the late Marie Turner, she was a member of the Cowgirls state volleyball team during high school. She is the mother of two children.

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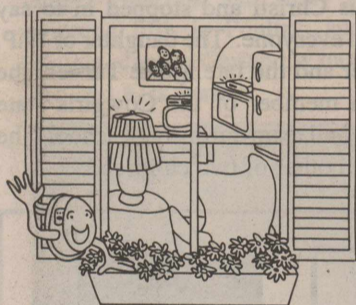


# Yoakum 4-H'ers compete in Levelland district contest

Yoakum County 4-H'ers competed at the District 4-H Roundup Contests held recently in Levelland. There were 21 participating from Yoakum County. Each of these 4-H'ers presented an 8-10 minute oral presentation on a specific topic. These 4-H'ers are available to present civic club program. To schedule these youngsters for club programs, contact the Yoakum County Extension Office, at 456-2263.

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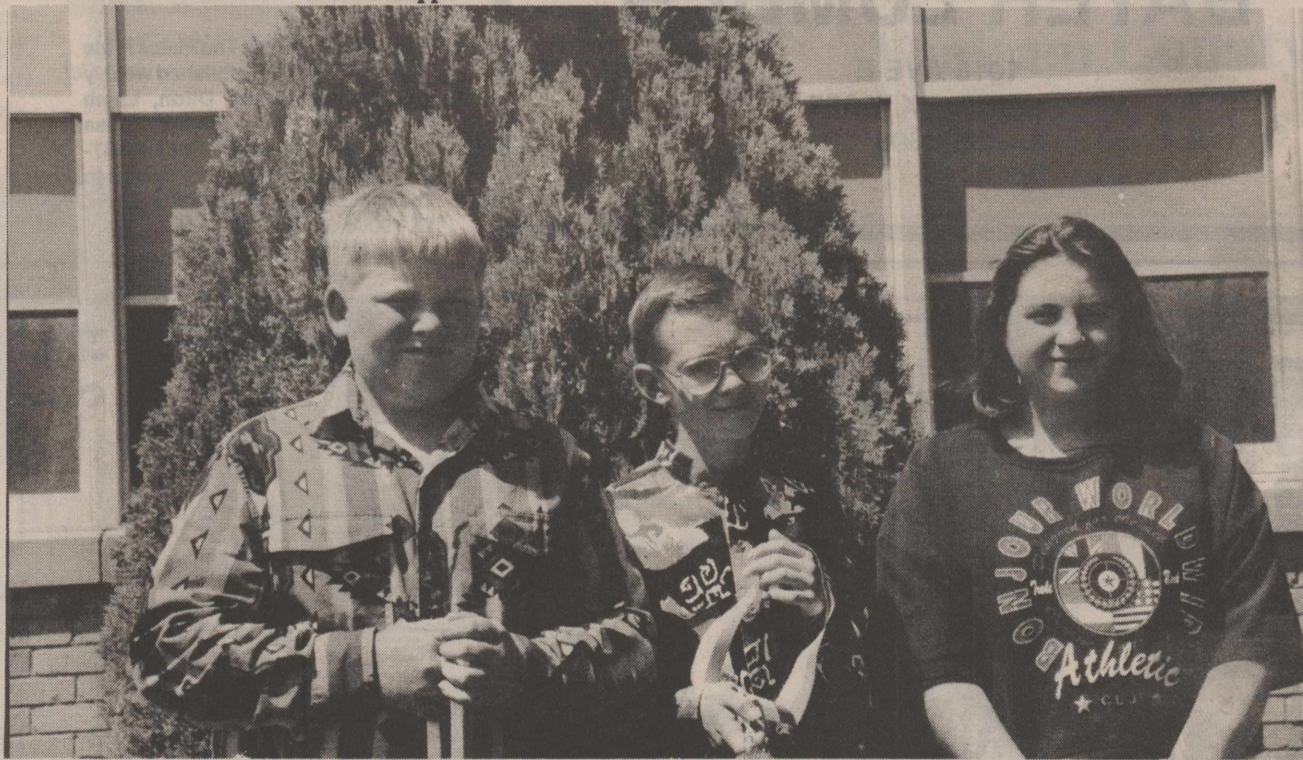
Hart; Natural Resources, third place, Jinger Hancock and Lyndi Rowe; Open Class, first place, Chase Clanhahan and Kirk Parrish; Health, Amanda Koncaba; Junior II - Horticulture Preparation and Use, first place, Casey Mayes and Rustin Knight; Poultry, first place, Lesli Rowe and Lensey Cullins; Public Speaking, Conchetta San Filippo; Junior I - Focus on Health, first place, Ragan McGinty and

Becky Wilmeth; Food and Nutrition, second place, Jessica Knight and Mandi Rogers; Horticulture Preparation and Use, first place, Lisa San Filippo; and Natural Resources, second place, Jeffrey Lollar and Michaela Traweck.

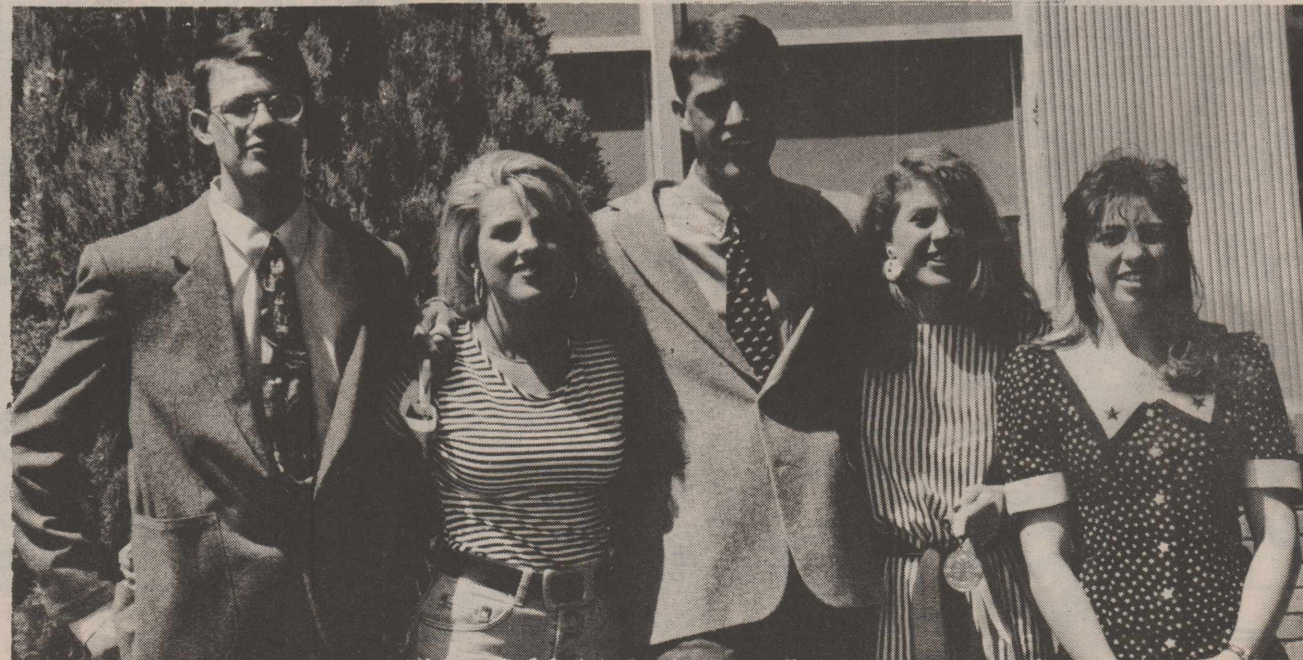
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**JUNIOR I CONTESTANTS** - front, Becky Wilmeth, Ragan McGinty; back row, Jessica Knight, Mandi Rogers, Jeffrey Lollar, Michaela Traweck and Lisa San Filippo.



**JUNIOR II CONTESTANTS** - Casey Mayes, Rustin Knight, and Conchetta San Filippo of Plains.



**SENIOR CONTESTANTS** - Robert Knight, Amanda Koncaba, Jamey Garland, Katrina Hart and Julie Hancock.