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Plains City Council adopts this year's Budget & Tax Rate

During a regular meeting held on is a garbage truck. The City's present Monday, Aug. 22 the Plains City Council adopted the annual operating budget for the City of Plains. This year's budget of \$1,390,510 shows an increase of 15% over the FY93-94 budget. The completion of a new sewer treatment plant, the development of a new water sources and storage facility, and the purchase of a garbage truck account for the increases in the new budget.

In 1989, the city was directed by the **Texas Natural Resources Conservation** Commission to increase the capacity of its sewer plant. In 1992, the city received a community development grant from the Texas Department of Commerce in the amount of \$250,000 for this project. The city will match that amount with \$100,000 to fund the expected cost of constructing this plant. This project should be completed by September of 1995.

In 1993, the city received another community development grant from the Texas Department of Commerce to construct a 300,000 gallon ground storage tank, secure water rights, and develop a water well. This grant was also in the amount of \$250,000 and matched with \$100,000 of city funds. This project should be completed by February of 1995.

Because the City had set aside funds for these projects during the past three years, an increase in the tax rate or an

increase in utility rates will not be needed to meet the City's match requirements. Also budgeted for purchase this year truck has operated two years longer than the industry average for this type of vehicle. Funds for this purchase were committed in the last two budgets.

The City Council also approved an ordinance setting the City's property tax rate for 1994 at \$.49 per \$100 of property value and allowing for discounts and exemptions as in the past. The \$.49 rate is the effective tax rate and will produce the same revenues as the 1993 tax rate.

Plains Girl Scout registration set

Plains Girl Scout sign-ups will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of Plains Library.

Girls need to be accompanied by a parent and need to bring an immunization record. Registration fee is \$6.00.

Girl Scouts are for girls in Kindergarten through High School. Age levels are as follows:

Daisy - Kindergarten; Brownie -Grades first through third; Junior Girl Scouts - fourth through sixth grades; Cadet Scouts - seventh through ninth; and Senior Girl Scouts, sophomore to

If you are interested in helping with a troop but are unable to attend the meeting, or have any questions, please contact troop co-ordinator, Jerri Lollar at 522-6521.

'Cowboy Fever' on the rise Cowboy fever is sweeping over

Plains and the surrounding country. Our cowboys are poised and ready to defend their district crown. Though ranked second in district behind Sudan, last year's State Champions, the Cowboys believe they have a good chance at winning the district title again this year.

The team has completed two good scrimmages. The first against last season's district co-champs, the Petersburg Buffaloes. Plains out produced Petersburg 2-1 in scoring and had double the Buffaloes yardage. The varsity second team and the Junior Varsity also had double the yardage on Petersburg.

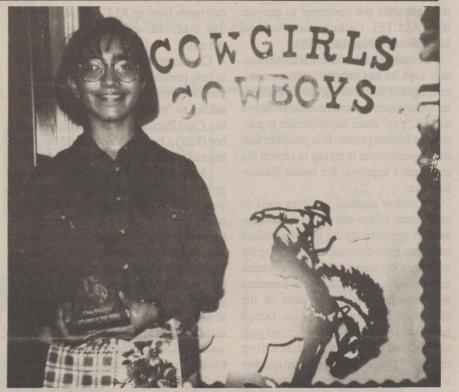
The second scrimmage was against 3A Iowa Park. The teams met at Crosbyton. The Cowboys first team defense held Iowa Park scoreless, including one goal line stand. The offense scored three times running up a total of 359 yards to Iowa Park's 169. Victor Bernal put the ball in the air 12 times with 11 receptions for 280 yards and two touchdowns. Shannon Ward caught six of the passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns. Brad McMinn had five catches for 93 yards. David Bitolas carried the ball seven times for 67 yards. On defense, Steven Bitolas had an interception and on the second team defense Marte Pierce and Victor Bernal each had an interception. Iowa Park scored twice on the second team defense.

Cowboy fever will shift into high gear Friday, Sept. 2 when the Seagraves Eagles come to town for the first game of the '94 season. "Everyone wear your black and gold and come support the Cowboys!"

New weight room facilities open to the community

The Plains ISD is making available the newly equipped weight room to the public. The new weight room is located next to the band hall on the Plains High School campus. The weight room will be opened on Mondays, from 6 to 10 p.m.; Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m.; and on Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Everyone is encourage to come out and get back into shape.

The coaches and athletes would like to thank the school board and the administration for making the new weight equipment available. The athletes are already putting the new fitness equipment to good use. "The entire community is invited to come and work yourself back into shape."



PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Sonia Avila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Avila. A sophomore exemplary student, she was nominated by Byron Morgan. Mr. Morgan says, "Sonia is always volunteering to do things for the band. She is always happy and friendly to everyone." Miss Avila is a clarinet player in the Plains Cowboy Band and also serves on the varsity cheerleading squad.

Plains Chamber to meet Tuesday

The Plains Chamber of Commerce will have its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 a.m. at Johnnie's Restaurant.

Anyone interested in supporting and promoting the community is invited to attend.

ALLTEL warns customers of toll fraud situations

ALLTEL has encountered a situation in another state that could potentially occur anywhere. The Company reported that someone claiming to be an ALLTEL employee is calling customers in various service areas with the intent to commit toll fraud.

The person(s) making the call changes his method of requesting customer information from situation to situation. In some areas, he claims to be investigating a toll fraud situation regarding calls to foreign locations which have been billed to the customer. He then requests the customer to provide their ALLTEL Calling Card Personal Identification Number (PIN).

In another instance, the impersonator says he has caught a person committing toll fraud using the customer's telephone number and he must receive a verbal "Yes" from the customer to pursue the investigation. It is possible that the impersonator is trying to record the customer's approval for future fraudulent use.

Another method involves calls to customers where the caller impersonates an operator trying to get a collect call through to the customer. Calling the customer by name, the caller explains that he has a collect call from someone who has the same last name as the customer. For example, "Mrs. Doe, I have Bob Doe on the line and I need your calling card number to route the call on through." Once the calling card number is obtained, he states that all circuits are busy and the call will be routed on through at a later time. Of course, the call never comes through.

ALLTEL customers should never give out their calling card PIN. ALLTEL already has access to customers' records and will never request a PIN. Additionally, you may verify "uncertain callers" by asking for a telephone number at

which to call them back. You may all request their supervisor's name.

According to Terry Beeler, vice-president for Texas operations, "ALLTEL does make calls from time to time promoting various products and services. We caution our customers to realize the difference in our telemarketing efforts as opposed to these toll fraud situations." Beeler continued by stressing, "ALLTEL encourages customers to call their telephone business

office if they question the validity of a call made from an ALLTEL representative. ALLTEL will be happy to verify the call."

Customers can take immediate steps to help prevent calling card toll fraud. If you receive a phone call from someone asking to "verify" your ALLTEL Calling Card Personal Identification Number (PIN) - beware! You could become the next victim of toll fraud.

Here are some suggestions to help protect you from this crime: *Never give your card PIN to anyone in person or over the phone, unless you initiate a call to an operator for a long distance call; *Memorize your card number; *When using a public phone, block the telephone key pad from view as you enter your PIN; *Ask for a telephone number at which you can return the call; ask for their supervisor's name; and *Contact your local ALLTEL business office immediately if you suspect your ALLTEL Calling Card has been lost or your PIN stolen.

All telephone users should remember that charging any long distance call to a number other than their own, without permission, is considered toll fraud and is illegal. ALLTEL wants to provide its customers with the best service possible, including information on how to protect your serve from possible fraud.



LAUGHTER WAS ON THE MENU at the 20th Anniversary Dinner honoring Buster Kennedy of Texas ALLTEL. Sharing the occasion were (front, 1-r), Randy Ritchie and Mary Ritchie of Nocona, (center) Buster and Linda Kennedy, and (back) Ken and Barbara Barnes of Grandview.

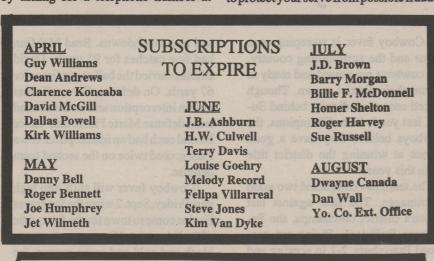
'Buster' Kennedy honored by ALLTEL

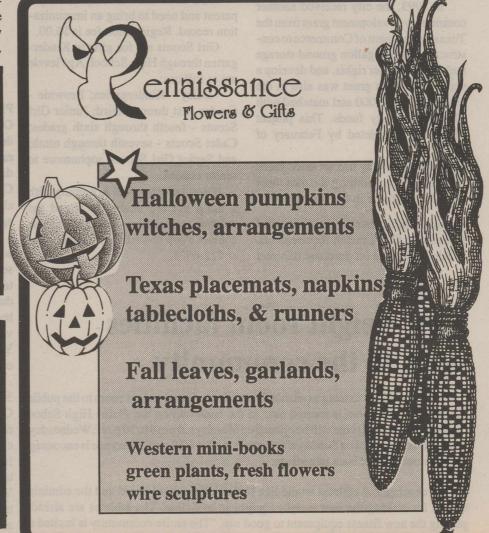
Joe T. "Buster" Kennedy was recognized recently by Texas ALLTEL for his 20 years of service with the telephone company. Ken Barnes, manager of North Texas Plant Operations presented Kennedy with a watch and an ALLTEL sweater at a dinner in honor of the occasion.

Kennedy's career with the company began when he went to work in Plains on June 10, 1974 for Romain Telephone Company which subsequently became ALLTEL. As the I&R technician in the Plains area, he is responsible for the installation and repair of telephone service for the 956 subscribers in the Plains and Higginbotham exchanges.

In addition to being well-known in the area as the telephone man, Kennedy is also famous for his dry wit. ALLTEL says, "while Kennedy was hospitalized last year, he kept his family and hospital personnel laughing as he eased the wait for everyone with his snappy one-liners. He also picks a mean guitar which one admirer described as 'the warmest and happiest' sound ever heard from that instrument."

In presenting the company's symbols of achievement, Barnes noted that "they are not only tokens of the number of years of service, but also of the esteem and appreciation in which Buster is held." He extended thanks to Buster and Linda Kennedy for a job well done.





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TERESA DAWN HINSON & DANIEL ELLIOTT

Wedding plans revealed

Rev. and Mrs. L.D. Hinson of Seagraves announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Teresa Dawn, to Daniel Elliott, son of Rev. and Mrs. Clinton Elliott of Lubbock.

They will exchange vows Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. in the First Assembly of God Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Plains High School and attends South Plains Junior College. She is employed with JCPenney's in Lubbock.

Elliott is a graduate of Abernathy High School and attended Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Waxahachi. He is employed with Lubbock Village.

Remember When? by
Candi Seaton

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN... the "new" courthouse really was new?

George Preston Beane was County Judge when the construction began, according to "Yoakum County - From Sod to 1986". Dr. Marcia Abott of Lubbock remembered that her grandfather, P.Z. Conrad was County Judge when the "old" courthouse was new.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN... the Cowboy Drive-In was at the west edge of town?

Candi Seaton's first memory of Plains was eating at the Cowboy Drive-In on the way from Lubbock to Carlsbad Caverns many years ago, before ever even thinking about moving here.

Do You Remember When... you first came to Plains?

What are some of your early memories of our town? What has changed while you've lived here (or since you've moved away)? If you'd like to share your memories with readers, please contact Candi Seaton, by phone (806) 456-7499 or write to Candi Seaton, P.O. Box 218, Plains, TX 79355.

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SADDLE BRONC WINNER in the 41st annual Reunion Rodeo held earlier this month. Presenting the buckle to Bronc Collier is Guy Williams.



MEMBERSHIP RIBBON ROPING buckles were won by Wayne Lee Davis and Michael Davis.



BAREBACK WINNER - Benji Fontenot, pictured with John Foster, sixth place bullrider.



TIM BOWERS presents belt buckle to Lessa Baize, the winner of Ladies' Barrel Racing.





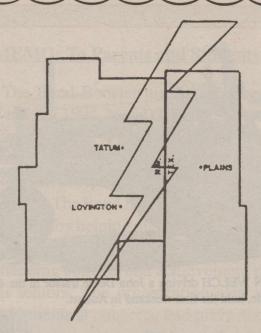
FIVE-YEAR-OLD D.J. ROBERTSON, assisted by "Frank" the Rodeo Clown, draws for the Saturday night saddle give-away. The winning ticket pulled from the hopper, belonged to two-year-old Jason Durham, sold by Amanda Durham, rodeo queen candidate.

RODEO PICTURES

(ON PAGES 4 AND 5)

BY ...

DONNA BOWERS



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TRACY & HOLDEN WELCH driving a John Deere tractor in the 41st annual Rodeo Reunion parade, held the first weekend in August.



SHOWING OFF THE SADDLE while throwing out bubble gum greetings, are Joshua Bell, Kelly Bowers and Chelsea Blount.



1994-95 PLAINS JUNIOR HIGH WRANGLER CHEERLEADERS declares "PJH is Flying High".



1994 PLAINS COWBOYS football team parade through town on a float proclaiming the Cowboys will have a "great year in 1994".



DAN WALL aboard a 730 John Deere in the Old Settlers' Reunion Rodeo parade. Saturday, Aug. 6.



BLAKE PARRISH, son of Suann and Don Parrish, drove a tractor displaying a "Walker for West Texas" banner, in support of Gary Walker, local politician, running for State Representative of District 80.

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Ann Hardesty at Gene Messer Ford in Lubbock

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Cowgirl Volleyball

VARSITY

The Cowgirls advanced through pool play to the championship bracket of the Denver City Invitational Volleyball Tournament last weekend and defeated the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs 13-15 15-9 15-10 for a Consolation finish. Cowgirl hitting included Stacey Jones, five kills; Kyley Bearden, two kills; Amber Bryan, five kills; Valerie Blair, two kills; and Robin Squyres, two kills. Heather McDonnell and Stacey combined for four blocks, and Kyley and Amber scooped up 14 digs for the Cowgirl defense. Misty Willett and Amber topped all servers with 10 service points each.

The Cowgirls were paired against the Levelland Loboettes in their first match of the championship bracket Saturday morning. Stacey led the Cowgirl effort with three kills and two blocks in their 11-157-15 loss. Amber added five digs and Misty recorded six points. Plains rallied from a 9-14 deficit in the first game of second round play to take Lubbock High 16-14 and held out for a 15-9 triumph in game two. Kyley led all hitters with six kills. Stacey added three; Amber, two; Valerie, two; Robin, two; and Heather, one. Stacey and Kyley paced the defense with five blocks and 14 digs respectively.

Winning two of three matches in preliminary pool play Friday, the Cowgirls suffered their lone loss to San Angelo Lakeview. Amber served 14 points in the 5-15 19-17 13-15 setback. They outplayed Lubbock Estacado 15-5 15-7 in match two, recording ten kills. Valerie served 11 consecutive points including four aces. Plains concluded pool play with a 15-8 15-10 win over Ruidoso. Stacey finished the match with three kills; Kyley, two; Heather, three; Amber, two; Robin, three; and Maria Moreno, one.

JUNIOR VARSITY

The JV improved to 5-0 with their triumph over the Lubbock High Westerners in homecourt volleyball action, Tuesday, Aug. 23. Tessa St. Romain and Bridget Bernal combined for 28 service points in the three game match. The Cowgirls took the first game 15-7 but fell behind 1-7 early in game two. They hustled to a 14-14 tie before the determined Westerners forced a third game with their 17-15 victory.

The decisive game proved to be all Cowgirls as they commanded a 15-2

SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY - Labor Day Holiday. TUESDAY - Volleyball - Denver City - 9th/JV/V - there - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY - Juniors order senior rings; Volleyball - Denver City - 7th/8th A&B - here - 5 p.m.; Football - Morton scrimmage - 7th/8th - here - 5 p.m.; Football - Morton - JV - here - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - Football - Morton - there - V - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY - Cross Country - Ector County Meet - Odessa; Volleyball -Wink Tournament - V win. Individual statistics include: Bridget, two kills, four aces, nine digs, 13 points; Kristi Guetersloh, one dig; Kassie Lowe, two kills, two digs, three points; Maria Moreno, one ace, three digs, three points; Lyndi Rowe, one kill, one ace, two digs, five points; Tessa, four kills, three aces, four digs, 15 points; Lindsey Six, two kills, one ace, two digs, one point; Sylvia Tarango, one dig; Sandi Warren, four kills, four aces, three digs, 15 points.

Who's

New



Michael and Gloria Covarrubias would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Shelby Taylor, born Aug. 16 at 6:44 a.m. in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. She weighed five pounds six ounces and was 18 inches long. She has two siblings, Bryan 13 years old and Jamie, seven years old. Grandparents are Bruno and Anita Gonzales of Plains and Dora Covarrubias of Friona.

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MEMO: To Parents and Students

The Band Booster meeting has been set for Sept. 1, 1994 at 5:00 p.m. at the Yoakum County Library. Everyone with students that participate in band should attend this meeting. New officers for the 1994-96 term will be elected. The Band Booster Organization serves the band by helping purchase tee shirts for band members, providing scholarships to seniors attending college, and achievement plaques to all seniors. The organization also serves refreshments at concerts, and pizza and cokes at clinics. A yearly trip for band students to Putt-Putt at Lubbock is also planned each year. The Band Boosters also serve the community by publishing an events and birthday calendar as a fund raiser to support the above projects. Due to the lack of parental interest for this organization, these services may no longer be available to our band students after Sept. 1, 1994. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR BAND BY AT-**TENDING THIS MEETING!**

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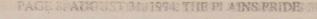
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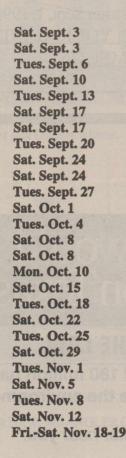


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Snyder 9th/JV There **TBA** There 5:00 p.m. 9th/JV/V Wink V Here 5:00 p.m. 9th/JV/V Lamesa JV **Colorado City** Here 5:00 p.m. JV/V Here 11:00 a.m. **Denver City** 9th/JV There 5:00 p.m. 9th/JV/V 1:00 p.m. Here 9th/JV/V 6:00 p.m. Here JV/V 1:00 p.m. Brownfield JV/V Lamesa 9th There 5:00 p.m. 9th/JV/V Open Open Open There 5:00 p.m. Here TBA 9th/JV/V There 5:00 p.m. JV/V Kermit 11:00 a.m. Kermit 5:00 p.m.

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