Local office seekers make last minute filing deadline

Political business picked up in the Yoakum County Clerk's office just prior to the last filing deadline for those seeking election or re-election in the coming March Primaries.

Early Friday morning, local State Patent registered as a Republican candidate for the office of Tax Collector/Assessor, hoping to replace Wanda Smith, who earlier announced her plans to step down at the end of her term in December. Parrish will appear on the Republican Primary Election Ballot.

Last week local ag producer Don Sefcik was the only candidate for the Precinct 2 spot. Corzine of Denver City, filed as a Republican, hoping to unseat incumbent Democrat candidate Sheriff Jim Rice. Corzine is a former Sheriff Deputy and employee of the Denver City Police Department.

Earlier, local Deneffert had filed to seek re-election as Constable of Precinct 1, while Don Sefcik was the only candidate for the Precinct 2 spot. Early voting for the Democrat and Republican primary elections start February 28, and run through March 10. The election day is Tuesday, March 14.

The long awaited, much ballyhooed, fearfully predicted arrival of Year 2000 has come and gone. Amazingly, to some, the world continues to spin in the correct orbit, and the ground didn't part to swallow us all when the equally overplayed crystal ball decreed in Times Square at the stroke of midnight... what's correct, midnight, or New Year's Day?

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Help us solve this mystery!

We want to know who these folks are

Where in the world is Elko, Texas?

The photo above was scanned and copied from The October 29, 1999 issue of the Dallas Morning News. It was featured this size in an advertisement promoting the 2000-2001 Millennium Edition Texas Almanac, which is published by the News.

The advertisement reads in part, "We're especially proud to include an invaluable treasure for fact collectors, genealogists and historians alike: a list of 34,000 Texas town names - ghost towns as well as existing towns...." A call to the News produced no information as to the identity of the people in the photo, and the handwritten notation on the photo, "Elko 1914'' continues to intrigue us. A trip to the library proved fruitful. A quick search in "Early Settlers of Terry - A History of Terry County" contained nothing resembling the photo, nor did a similar publication, "A History of Gomex, Texas."

If any of our readers can identify any of the six individuals pictured, and tell us anything about their history, we will appreciate hearing from you.

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Y2K in Yoakum County..... Ho Hum!

The computer still works!

Here in our quiet hamlet, the New Year was welcomed with what most expected - quiet, and no known disastrous events. For several months prior to the "date of destiny", all local entities furnishing necessary community services had reported they were ready for Year 2000. Lea County Electric, Terry County, the Lea County Electric Cooperative had taken to ensuring utilities had a D or R in front of your name. While true it may be many days, weeks, even months before we know the full outcome of predicted computer disaster events are all called, it is fairly clear the predicted electronic Armageddon was not the disaster millions of people were predicting and dreading.

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Top CCN Features Of 1999

A quick browse through the archives of Cowboy Country News for the year 1999 produced reminders of some interesting events affecting our citizens...

State Representative Gary Walker was honored when he was chosen to deliver the nominating address for Pete Laney's re-election as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives. Walker said in part, "Speaker Laney has known all along it doesn't matter whether you have a D or R in front of your name. To Pete, what matters is, you represent your constituents to the best of your ability. In this House, the aisle down the middle doesn't separate Democrats from Republicans. It's where we come together to debate and share ideas."

A very important event for all residents of Plains was securing bailed needed additional water. The City of Plains purchased 423,000 gallons of water. The City of Plains purchased 423,000 gallons of water.

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Water is still flowing - Life is good!

To our knowledge, they, we, all remained safe, provisioned, and no known disasters. Water is still flowing, food delivery continues, bills continue to come in - it's life as usual, in the New Millennium!
Over the next 20 years, the number of Texas older than 65 will increase 81 percent. The state population will grow 36 percent over the next 20 years, reaching nearly 28 million people by 2020. Nationally, the older population will grow 78 percent by 2025.

Most of the state’s population will be in its urban crescent covering Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and Houston; the Hill Country, because of growth in the retiree population; and the Panhandle, particularly Laredo to Brownsville, because of both birth rates, immigration and economic development.

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Burial was in Lamesa Cemetery under the direction of Bresen Funeral Home.

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PISD Basketball Summary

Jr. High:
7th Girls - The 7th Lady Wranglers did a good job in downs Coahoma 47-22. Sandra Gandara led the scoring with 16 points, Jessica Steele was 15, Kristina Morales 6, Jamie Covarrubias 5, Lela Coronado 5 and Danielle Lewis 3. Coach said there were only 6 players, but they had their best outing of the season.

8th Girls - The older girls played well, but fell to Coahoma 24-20. Kim Trent managed 14 points, Marla Diaz had 5. Meriah Traweek, Helene Neufeld and Sarah Martinez had 2 each, Megan Flores 1 point.

7th Boys - The 7th Wranglers had a good game against Coahoma, winning 5-21. Daniel Parker topping scoring with 8 points, Scott Brust had 5, Brent Hoyle and Dan Fernandez had 4 each, Devin Cain 3, Brandon Hise, John Wagnon and Cole Krebsbach 2 each, and Kelly Johnson 1 point.

JV Cowgirls - The young Cowgirls had a very cold first quarter, and suffered a 45-32 loss to Smyer. Chelsea Blount and Jessica Rodriguez each had 8 points, Arasley Luna, Chelsie Wagnon and Mackenzie Wires 4 each, Mandi Rogers and Liz Wilmeth 2 each. They had a great 3rd quarter, ousting Smyer 14-4.

High School - Sundown Tournament.
Cowgirls - The Cowgirls were downed by a good Sundown squad, 66-35. Jared Bell had 15 points, Brett Squyres and Josh Bell 13 each, Justin Bennett 8, Alex Tarango 7, Alex Tarango 6, Patrick McGinty 5, Kelsey Blundell 3, Dustin Six 2. Josh had 8 rebounds, Brett 4 steals. They had a tough 59-54 loss to Abernathy next. Alex, Patrick and Josh all scored 10 points, Dustin had 9, Jared 6, Justin 5, Kelly 4. Josh grabbed 7 rebounds, Dustin had 7 assists. The Cowgirls beat Borden County 66-33. Dustin scored 20 points, Justin 12, Alex, Patrick and Josh had 8 each, Jared 5, Kelsey 4, Justin 3, Kelly 2. Josh had 8 rebounds and 5 steals. The Cowgirls took Consolation honors with another win over Petersburg, 61-42. Patrick managed 17 points, Josh 14, Alex 10, Dustin 7, Brett and Jared 4 each, Kelsey 3, Justin 2.

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Status of Border Manufacturing Uncertain

While Mexico has postponed higher taxes on American-owned maquilas, their Canadian Angels, increasing concern among many companies to return to as much as 75 percent of income. The states of maquilas have duty free status on the import of components and the export of finished goods. They also have received favorable tax treatment as a maquila has drawn American manufacturers, including some of the largest automakers and electronics companies, to the border. Maquilas have duty free status on the import of components and the export of finished goods. They also have received favorable tax treatment as a maquila has drawn American manufacturers, including some of the largest automakers and electronics companies, to the border. Maquilas have duty free status on the import of components and the export of finished goods. They also have received favorable tax treatment as a maquila has drawn American manufacturers, including some of the largest automakers and electronics companies, to the border. Maquilas have duty free status on the import of components and the export of finished goods. They also have received favorable tax treatment as a maquila has drawn American manufacturers, including some of the largest automakers and electronics companies, to the border. Maquilas have duty free status on the import of components and the export of finished goods. They also have received favorable tax treatment as a maquila has drawn American manufacturers, including some of the largest automakers and electronics companies, to the border. Maquilas have duty free status on the import of components and the export of finished goods. They also have received favorable tax treatment as a maquila has drawn American manufacturers, including some of the largest automakers and electronics companies, to the border. Maquilas have duty free status on the import of components and the export of finished goods. They also have received favorab
School Board Recognition Month

Whereas, the mission of the public school is to meet the diverse education needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

Whereas, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

Whereas, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

Whereas, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

Now, Therefore, I, Dallas Brewer, do hereby declare any appreciation to the members of the Denver City ISD and Plains ISD School Boards and proclaim the month of January, 2000, School Board Recognition Month in Yoakum County. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today’s and tomorrow’s children.

In Official Recognition Whereof,

Dallas Brewer County Judge

Y yoakum County Connection election meeting Thursday, Jan. 13, 7 P.M.
Connection Building, 118 N. Main, Denver City

Your Attention Please!

The alternative TASP test will be given at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the Library building. Fees is a $29 money order, payable to SPC. Students need to bring a driver’s license and one other form of identification.

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Jay London Graduates

Jay Clayton London received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University on Saturday, December 18, 1999. Jay is the son of former Plain residents Judy London of Denver City and Jack London of Plainview. He attended elementary school in Plains and graduated with honors at Plainview High School in 1994.

Your 2¢ counts—and adds up

Texas cities, counties and other local taxing entities collected $2.5 billion in sales tax revenue, and an increase of 7.1 percent compared to 1998. In addition to the state sales tax of 6.25 cents on the dollar, communities may impose local sales taxes of up to an additional two cents on the dollar to fund local schools and services like roads, libraries, fire and police protection, economic development, museums, parks, property tax relief, and other purposes.

Sales tax rebates by tax type (in millions)

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Daylan Ryan Cunningham

son of
Donnie & Linda Cunningham
Born: January 1, 2000
at 1:34 a.m.
Austin, Texas.

Grandparents: Gary & Frankie Walker
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The Bride and I made a valiant effort to stay awake long enough Friday night in green of the arrival of 2000. She made it all night (from and fall by the wayside about twenty minutes later. What a pity we missed seeing twoillon idiots in Times Square instead for breathing room, waiting for a glass ball to come down in a pressed pole.

While David Letterman won't ever get my vote to receive a Grammy Award, or whatever, I feel sure... The TV comics vie for, we did of the cuckoo nest.

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Speaking of jugs of water, we journeyed to Hobbs last Thursday evening to get film developed and did a bit of shopping at Albertson's (more flashlight batteries, don't you know), and probably for the first time in recorded history folks were lined up buying more bottled water than they were beer, and this on the eve before New Years eve. Incredible.

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