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"THE MIRACLE WORKER" WINS DISTRICT - Plains Junior High One-Act-Play "The Miracle Worker" captured first place honors after production in Borden County High School in Gail. The cast consists of back row, ltr, Garrick Engle, JoLena Powell, Kemi Cobb, Darce Pierce, Ashlee Winn, Amy Jones, Rena McElroy and Stephanie Cole; front row, ltr, are Blaine McWhirter, Amber Bryan, Shaundi Willett, Jennifer Cowart, Kim McClure, Tracy Bearden and Jason Smith. Kim Andrews directed the play with the assistance of Joyce Pierce.

Community Education Classes Offered Plains Residents

Community Education Classes will begin Jan. 21 for woodworking and in February for beginning computer, conversational Spanish, beginning clothing construction, calligraphy and photography. Adult Basic Education is also offered, on a continuous basic, allowing individuals to enter at any time and stay as long as necessary to achieve their personal goals.

Individuals may enroll in all classes by mail or by calling Lorelei Andrews, Mary Pettigrew or Larry Devitt in the Resource Center, 456-7490.

Woodworking is a 10 weeks course with classes to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays. Fee is \$30. A minimum of 15 must enroll in order for the course to be offered.

Computer classes will be held in the Junior High Computer Lab. A maximum of 15 will be accepted. Fee is \$16. The course, to be taught from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, will continue for six weeks, beginning Feb. 16.

Conversational Spanish is an eight-weeks course to begin Feb. 18. Classes will be 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays with a fee of \$16 charg-

ed. A minimum of 10 students must enroll.

A minimum of seven students is needed for the "How To Sew" course which will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays. Continuing eight weeks, the class begins Feb. 15. A fee of \$20 has been set.

To be held in the Resource Center, calligraphy classes will continue three weeks, beginning Feb. 15. A fee of \$6 will be charged. Classes will be 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays.

A fee of \$16 does not include supplies for those persons interested in the photography classes which will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. A minimum of seven persons has been set. Classes will continue for six weeks.

Persons interested in Adult Basic Education may begin at any time. Classes now in session are held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in the Junior High building. For persons 17 years or older, who have been out of school for at least a year, the course is available at no cost. Books and materials are also free.

The class may be used for preparation for the GED test or to learn the basic skills such as reading, arithmetic, writing and spelling.

Jr. High One-Act-Play Continues Winning Tradition

Plains Junior High School's oneact-play, presented last month in district competition in Borden County High School in Gail, won first place, carrying on PJH's tradition of district championships with their sixth consecutive win.

Individual honors for their part in "The Miracle Worker" went to Darce Pierce, selected Best Actress; Kemi Cobb, Kim McClure and JoLena Powell, All-Star Cast and Tracy Bearden and Garrick Engle who were given Honorable Mention.

"The Miracle Worker", based on the life story of Helen Keller and her devoted teacher, Annie Sullivan, featured Darce Pierce as Helen Keller; JoLena Powell, Annie Sullivan; Tracy Bearden, Doctor; Kemi Cobb, Kate Keller; Jason Smith, Captain Keller; Blaine McWhirter, James; Ashlee Winn, Viney; Kim McClure, Young Annie; Tracy Bearden, Jimmy; and Garrick Engle, Anagnos.

Crew members were Stephanie Cole, lights; Jennifer Cowart, music; Amber Bryan, Shaundi Willett, Rena McElroy and Amy Jones. Kim Andrews directed the play, assisted by Joyce Pierce.

Eugenio Moreno Services Conducted Here Saturday

Services were held Saturday morning in Sacred Heart Catholic Church for Eugenio Sanchez Moreno, 61.

The Rev. Joseph Urban, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Plains Cemetery under direction of Singleton Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mr. Moreno died Tuesday, Jan. 5 in Big Spring Veteran's Hospital after a brief illness.

Born Feb. 5, 1926 in Falfurrias, he married Maria Patino June 6, 1954 in Iowa. She died in 1974. He moved to Plains in 1968.

A Catholic, he was a retired farmer.

Survivors include five daughters, Leticia Salas, Alejandra Barrientes and Elvira Mendias, all of Plains, Ana Torrez of Lubbock and Rosario Mendoza of Lufkin; three sisters, Ofelia Walker and Racelia Padilla, both of Alice and Cecilia Padilla of San Benito; four brothers, Dagoberto of Gonzales, Joe of Levelland, Israel of Plains and Homero of Garden City; and 12 grandchildren.



RECEIVING ALL-STATE FOOTBALL HONORS were, left to right, Shane McMinn, Blake McWhirter and Scott Lowrey. Lowrey and McMinn were named to the Third Team All-State and McWhirter received All-State Honorable Mention.

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Board Accepts Bid For Paving Work

School board members in regular session Monday evening accepted a bid of \$15,432 submitted by Ronnie Zahn Paving for paving and seal coating the school parking lot.

December bills were approved for payment and Superintendent Dean Andrews gave financial reports for general operating, cafeteria, tax and transportation areas. He also presented utility costs from January 1981 through December 1987 and reviewed the status of various school projects. He presented a summary of football gate receipts for 1987 and gave information concerning the election of members to the Education Service Center Board

Adjourning into executive session, the board discussed administrative staff evaluations and the superintendent's evaluation. Resuming open session, members voted to extend Andrews' contract through June 30, 1990.

Democratic Candidates Unopposed On Ballot

Candidates who filed for places on the Democratic Primary ballot are in most instances unopposed. Voters going to the polls March 8 will find only one race sought by more than one hopeful, that of

Allsup Services Held In Morton

Services were held Jan. 12 in First Missionary Baptist Church in Morton for Ellen Allsup, 87, of San Angelo.

Officiating was the Rev. Curtis Carroll of Jacksonville. Graveside services were in Resthaven Memorial Park of Lubbock. Arrangements were by Johnson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allsup died Saturday in San Angelo Community Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Gainesville, she lived in Wolfforth and Morton before moving to San Angelo in 1972. She married Roy Allsup Oct. 5, 1916 in Wolfforth. He died in 1979. A daughter, Cordie, died in 1939.

Survivors include three sons, Lloyd of San Angelo, Don of Ruidoso, N.M. and Lonnie of Clovis, N.M.; two daughters, Tressie Tucker and Glenda Duncan, both of San Angelo; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 24 great-great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers. County Commissioner Precinct One with John Avara and J.B. Robertson seeking election.

Unopposed on the ballot will be Linda S. Lowrey, Criminal District Attorney; James A. (Jim) Barron, County Commissioner Precinct Three; Jimmie B. Rice, Sheriff; Wanda Smith, County Tax Assessor Collector; Jimmie Blount, Constable Precinct One and C.L. (Sonny) Maynard, Constable Precinct Two.

Also unopposed are Melvin C. Lowrey, County Chairman; and Precinct Chairmen, Kent Davis, 1-5; Marjorie Freeman, 1-6; Paulene Hilburn, 2-2; Pearl Prewitt, 2-7; Deryl Hobbs, 3-3; Lloyd Steele, 3-8; Nick Ford, 4-1 and Louise Tuggle, 4-4.

SPC Honor Lists Are Announced

Kathy Jones and Alton McGinty have been named to the President's Honor List and Dana Altman, Debbie Coronado, Julie Culwell, Paul Kennedy and Traci Nance have been listed on the Dean's Honor List for the fall semester at South Plains College.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average. An average of 3.25 is necessary to qualify for the Dean's List.

"We are extremely proud of these students and their academic accomplishments at SPC," said Dr. Robert Cloud, vice president for academic affairs. "They have prov-

ed themselves to be successful college students."

You are Invited...

Our annual meeting will be on Saturday, January 30, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. in the Plains School Cafeteria.

Ham and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish and come join us.

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MARY DALE WILLIAMS

Kitchen Korner

Favorite recipes are shared with good cooks of Plains by Mary Dale Williams, Yoakum County Extension Agent, home economics. The salad recipe is one she obtained from a Festive Foods cookbook compiled by home economists with Southwestern Public Service.

Mary Dale graduated from Cisco High School and Texas Tech University where she also received a Master's degree. She worked as a county extension agent from 1954 to 1956 and then taught physical education in Plains Elementary School from 1968 to 1975. In 1975, she became extension agent for Yoakum County.

Sewing and handwork are among her favorite pastimes. She also loves to read.

Mary Dale is the mother of a daughter, Shelley Fillipp, and two sons, Matt and Kirk. She is the proud grandmother of Paige and Meredith Fillipp and Hunter Williams.

CHESS PIE

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1½ c sugar

1/2 stk margarine
1 T flour

1 T cornmeal

2 T milk 1 t vanilla

Melt margarine, add eggs and milk. Mix and add remaining ingredients. Pour in unbaked pie shell. Bake 325° for 50 mins.

SOUR CREAM POUND CAKE 1 c oleo, softened

6 eggs

1 t orange extract

½ t lemon extract

1/4 c soda

1 c sour cream

21/2 c sugar

1 t vanilla

1 t rum extract
3 c sifted cake flour

½ t salt

½ c orange concentrate (or apricot brandy)

Cream oleo, gradually add sugar and beat until light. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add extracts, then dry ingredients alternately with sour cream and orange juice. Bake in greased 3 qt bundt pan at 325° for 1 hour.

BEEF BURGUNDY

2 lbs stew meat or roast beef, cut in 1½" cubes

1/2 pkg dry onion soup mix

1 can Golden Mushroom soup

1 c red wine

Brown cubed meat. Add remaining ingredients and bake in covered casserole 350° for 2 hours. May need to add water, if mixture gets too thick.

Serve over noodles or rice.

CAULIFLOWER SALAD

(Festive Foods - 1980)

1 hd cauliflower, cut in bite-size

1 tomato

2 green onions, chopped, including tops

10-15 stuffed olives, sliced

1/4 t garlic salt

½ t pepper

1/4 c chopped green pepper

1/4 c chopped celery

½ c mayonnaise

1 c cubed longhorn cheese

Combine ingredients in order given. Chill several hours before serving. Makes 10-12 servings.

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

The Plains Dirt Gardeners want to thank you for the wonderful help you have been to us in this past year's "Operation Christmas Card". We have had a good response from the citizens of this area. Our articles have been well arranged in your paper. And we really appreciate all you have done.

Ita Young Chairman/OCC

Baptists Honor Senior Adults

Senior Adults of First Baptist Church were honored Tuesday evening with an appreciation dinner.

Special guest speaker for the event was Dan McBride of Jackson-ville. A graduate of Howard Payne University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he is an ordained Baptist minister and has been dubbed, "the Will Rogers of the religious world". With satirical wit, he causes people to get a glimpse of their faults and foibles. Through humorous observations and gently poking fun, he drives home spiritual truths.

He provided mirth with a message, entertainment with inspiration, laughter with learning and the medicinal benefit of merry hearts. He was accompanied by his wife, Barbara.

Fifty-two persons attended.



AN APPRECIATION DINNER, held Tuesday evening, honored the Senior Adults of First Baptist Church. Pictured, left to right, are Baptist music minister, Mike Holster and wife, Kathy; Idell Murphy; and special guests, Barbara and Dan McBride of Jacksonville.

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Plains Independent School District

From The Superintendent's Desk

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We have just completed the first semester of the 1987-88 school year. Only eighty-eight days of instruction remain in this year and there is still much to be accomplished.

Students usually begin each new school year with excitement and enthusiasm - even if they don't show it to adults. The anticipation of new classes, new friendships, and renewing old friendships provides real motivation for daily attendance at school during those first few weeks.

Unfortunately, after a brief time, some students, particularly those at the middle, junior, and senior high school levels and those who don't do well in school, become careless about regular attendance. Missing a few classes seems inconsequential to them. Sometimes it seems insignificant to parents as well. School officials, charged with the responsibility of enforcing compulsory attendance laws, are sometimes faced with parents who are unaware of their child's absence from school, or, worse, who are aware but quite willing to make excuses for the absence.

There are several reasons why regular attendance at school is important for every student. First, it is difficult for young people to learn if they are not in class. The teaching-learning process builds upon itself: Each lesson presented to students is based upon or related to those that preceded it. Just as we can never regain a moment of time wasted, the child who misses a day of school also misses a day of education that cannot be retrieved. Indeed, all research shows that those children who attended school regularly are more likely to be successful during their school years.

Success after graduation is a second reason for regular school attendance. If young people don't develop the habits of good attendance and prompt completion of assignments while they're in school, when will they learn these things? Their success as adults in chosen occupations is dependent upon these habits.

From experience, most teachers know that students' success in their school years is directly related to the importance that parents attach to education. If parents believe and act as if the child's education is important, the child will most likely believe it too. So it is with regular attendance at school. When parents believe that consistent attendance at school is important and communicate that belief to their children starting in the elementary years, unnecessary absences from school will be dramatically reduced.

Young people should attend school every day, unless an illness or emergency prevents them from doing so. Parents who have questions about their child's attendance will find teachers and administrators more than willing to work with them. Together, parents and teachers can help students develop proper attitudes about attendance.

School Events

MONDAY: Student Holiday, Teacher Workday; BB, Tatum, Boys Here, Girls There, 7/8/9 at 5 p.m.

TUESDAY: BB, Sudan, H, JV, B, 5 p.m.; BB, Union, H, BG, 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: District-wide Writing at 9 a.m.

THURSDAY: All Region Band Try-Outs in Shallowater at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY: BB, O'Donnell, T, GBb at 5 p.m. SATURDAY: U.I.L. at Dunbar

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TUESDAY: 2:30 Girls BB vs Loop WEDNESDAY: 2:30 Boys BB vs Loop

THURSDAY: 2:30 Girls BB vs Dawson

FRIDAY: Boys BB vs Dawson

COLD PREVENTER

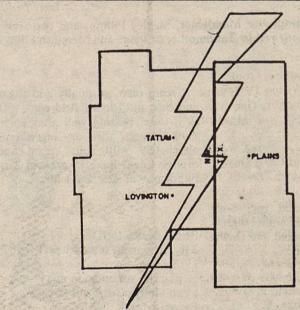
The common cold is a constant threat during the winter months. The primary method of transmitting the common cold is through hand-to-hand contact. For working people, that means the possibility of touching desk tops, door knob, typewriters, phones, pens and pencils of co-workers with a cold. Simply greeting a cold-suffering co-worker with a hand shake could jeopardize your health.

Dr. Larry Anderson, of the Center for Disease Control, offers a simple, yet effective preventative measure - wash your hands.

According to Anderson, routinely washing the hands will wash away traces of the virus picked up in the work environment. Anderson also suggests keeping hands away from the face. "The germs on your hands are transported into your system when you rub or touch your eyes, nose and mouth," he explains.



1988 SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS - The four students were guests of honor, along with other members of the Class of '88, at Tsa Mo Ga Club's annual Senior Dinner. Pictured, left to right, back row, are Brad McWhirter, vice president; Shane McMinn, treasurer; and Micah Stowe, secretary. Standing front and middle, is Bertha Gonzales, president.



ELECTRIC SAFETY AND YOU....

Never fly your kites or model airplanes near power lines. If the kite string or the control line to the airplane touches a power line, you could be burned very badly. Be sure to warn anyone you see flying a kite or model airplane near power lines that they are in danger.

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VARSITY

The Cowgirls were defeated 61-33 in a district contest with the Loop Longhorns Tuesday night. Karen Cobb led the Cowgirl scoring with 15 points. Lydia Jimenez added 9 points.

The Cowgirls opened district play with a 66-47 win over Wellman Friday night. Lydia Jimenez paced the Cowgirls with 20 points. Karen Cobb and Bertha Gonzales added 11 points each and Juhree Stowe scored 9 points.

The Cowgirls hosted Dawson Friday night Jan. 15. Their next game will be at home Tuesday night against Union.

Varsity Cowboys opened district play Jan. 8 at Wellman and handed the strong contender for the district championship a 67-45 loss. Leading the scoring were Scott Lowrey, 24, and Shane McMinn, 18. Lowrey picked up 12 rebounds with Jeff Ashburn getting 10.

McMinn scored 21 in the Cowboys 61-88 loss Jan. 12 to Loop. Other scoring by the Cowboys included McMinn and Ashburn with 12 points each.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Angie Murph's jumpshot with four seconds remaining clinched a 61-60 OT victory over Seagraves for the Junior Varsity Monday night. Top scorer for the Cowgirls was Michelle-Lowe with 25 points. Vee Ann Fitzgerald added 9 points. Leslie Patton and Melissa Green finished the game with 8 points each.

JV action will resume Monday when the Cowgirls travel to Tatum.

Plains JV Cowboys took first place title at the Wilson JV Tournament earlier this month. They whipped Wilson 81-60 and Meadow, 84-53.

Against Wilson, scoring was by Daniel Canada and Chris Gayle, 11 points each; Shawn Booth, 10; Lance Morrow, 8 and Steve Lowrey, 7. In the outing with Wilson, it was Booth, 16; Gayle, 14; Henry Gonzales, 13; and Canada and Blake McWhirter, 10 each.

Traveling to Loop Jan. 12, the JV Cowboys won 65-26 back of scoring by Gayle, 12; Canada, 9; Gonzales, 8; and Nieves Garcia, 5.

NINTH GRADE

Hosting Seagraves Jan. 11, the 9th Grade Cowboys lost 32-46. Scoring was by Dan Rushing, 13; Mario Medina, 10; Dane Guetersloh, 4; Layne Morrow, 3; and Monte Pierce, 2.

JUNIOR HIGH

Garrick Engle and Jason Smith led the scoring with 8 points each in

the 8th Grade Cowboys 30-23 win over Seagraves Jan. 11. Other scoring was by Joe Martinez and Justin Stowe, 4 each.

Seventh grade Cowboys fell 28-31 Monday evening to Seagraves. Scoring included Brad Ashburn, 9; Junior Lira, 8; Michael Sainz, 6; Jose Ramirez, 3; and Jason Wilson, 2.

The Seventh Grade Girls came out on top 21-19 in an out-of-town contest with Seagraves Monday afternoon. Leading scorers for the

Wranglers were Ogla Ramirez, 8 points; Monica Flores, 6 points and Andrea Salas, 5 points.

The girls defeated Wellman and Seagraves to claim first place in the Plains Junior High Tournament last Saturday. Ogla Ramirez led all scorers with 13 points in their 39-13 win over Wellman. Brandi Lester and Monica Flores added 11 points each.

The Wranglers outscored Seagraves 33-28 in the Championship game. Ogla Ramirez and Brandi Lester combined for 24 points; Monica Flores, 6.

Daphne Lowe scored 13 points in the eighth grade girls' 30-24 defeat of Seagraves Monday afternoon. Renée McElroy followed with 11 points.

The Wranglers beat Wellman 33-26 in their first game of the

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Plains Junior High Tournament Saturday. Leading scorers were Renee McElroy, 11 points; Daphne Lowe, 7 points; and Ashlee Winn, 6 points.

The Wranglers finished second place with a 34-21 loss to Tatum in the championship game. Renee McElroy was high scorer with 11 points. Daphne Lowe recorded 6 points.

The 7th and 8th grade girls will travel to Tatum Monday for their next competition.





'42' Club Meets, Supper Hosted

Plains "42" Club met Jan. 2 in the clubroom for an evening of "42" and Skip Bo. A salad supper was hosted by Sudie and Joe Henry Thompson and Marsene and Claude Beattie.

Attending were Carl Lowrey, Marie Lowrey, Ottie and Glenn Morehouse, Wilma and Bob McDonnell, Rhuey and Bob Edwards, Annette and G.W. Cleveland, Ita and Robert Young, Sherm Tingle, Bert Bartlett, Dick McGinty, Edna Chambliss, Mae Collum, Norman Carr, Bertie and W.M. Smith and Ola and Johnny Layton.

Clothes Buying Tips Shared By Agent

As you are buying clothing, do consider the following tips as you shop, says Mary Dale Williams, Yoakum County Extension Agent.

*Check decorations to be sure they are sewn on. Decorative sequins, beads, etc. may be glued in place. The glue may release when the garment is washed or dry cleaned.

*Look at the fabric carefully. Some manufacturers are painting designs onto fabric rather than dying them into the fabric. This makes cleaning a real problem. The painted-on design may dissolve or fade when the garment is cleaned. A solid color might not be so bad, but it is more likely the dye will streak or cause discoloration.

*Read fiber content labels. It sounds easy, but you may find it difficult or impossible to determine the fiber content of some garments. Some chain stores print the fiber content at the top of the price tag. Be sure to write the fiber content on the hangtag of these garments. Look for care information on hangtags. Price may or may not be an indication of quality.

*Be creative. Due to high clothing costs, many girls and women are shopping the boy's and men's departments.

The following is a guide to help you shop the boy's department:

SIZE	BOY'S TOPS	BOY'S BOTTOMS
5/6	14	29-30
7/8	16	30-31
9/10	18	31-32
11/12	20	32-33

Lois Miller Hosts Fine Arts Meeting

Members of Plains Fine Arts Club were given a "test" in instrument recognition for the Jan. 7 meeting in the home of Lois Miller. Cynthia Blair, co-hostess, directed the evening's program.

Nine recorded musical selections were played for members to identify the instruments in each song.

Other members attending were Barbara Thrash, Mary Dale Williams, Kelley Clay, Judi Addison, Beth Ann Cain, Dolores Davis, Gale McDonnell and Mary Guetersloh.



FILMTIME PARTY CLOWNS & ELIZABETH CLANAHAN

Tsa Mo Ga Members Honor Plains 1988 Graduating Class

Seniors of 1988 of Plains High School were special guests Monday evening of GFWC Tsa Mo Ga Club. Stacy Hinson and Brad McWhirter shared highlights of their experiences last summer at Girls State and Boys State. Madawn Sherrin spoke of her experience as the 1987 Hugh O'Brien Youth Representative.

Other seniors attending were Shane McWhirter, Elsie Carillo, Karen Cobb, Bertha Gonzales, Sara Ruiz, Keith Earnest, Jeff Lowrey, Kenley Powell, Dundie Alexander, Kris Andrews, Chuck Wilson, Doug Green, Michael Diaz, Scott Lowrey, Krystal Bradley and Micah Stowe. Senior sponsors attending were Lela Warren and Charles Cain.

Program director was Reta Nance. Theme was "Beacon of Learning".

Members elected 1988-90 officers including Sarah Field, president; Peggy Squyres, vice president; Virginia Sanders, secretary; Betty Rushing, treasurer; Billie Blundell, reporter; Eleanor Simpson, Federation counselor; Clara Williams, parliamentarian; Mary Lee Swann, corresponding secretary; Martha Palmer, critic; and Sandy Crawford, photographer.

Other members attending were Minnie Blair, Barbara Brown, Sarah K. Burrus, Edna Chambliss, Sandy Crawford, Carolyn Culwell, Dolores Davis, Bonnie Earnest, Mattie Field, Louise Goehry,



Florina Hayes, Sit Jones, Latrell McDonnell, Ann McGinty, Connie McWhirter, Ottie Morehouse, Jan Parrish, Suann Parrish, Eloise StRomain, Mary Jo StRomain, Sudie Thompson, Zareta Winn and Rita Mae Snodgrass.

Also attending as guest was Helen Worsham.

Next meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25 in the clubhouse.



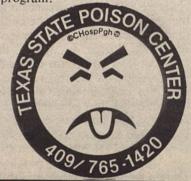
Filmtime

Clowns Unlimited entertained filmtime youngsters Wednesday and led birthday festivities for Elizabeth Clanahan. Beth and N.C. Clanahan furnished cup cakes and arranged the clowns' visit as a birthday gift to their daughter. Favors were balloons.

Also celebrating birthdays during the week were Lesli Rowe and Chris McGinty.

Youngsters joining them were Tiffaney Canon, Crystal Ivins, Jose Luis, Eva and Jessica Mendoza, Justin and Jordan Chambliss, Linsey Cullins, Jayce Clayton, Chelsi Wagnon, Megan Allsup, Kyle Kight, Nancy Koncaba, Scott Robertson, Sean Holster, Ty Shearman, Kimberly and Sarah Martinez, Tarren and Keenan Hancock, Tanya Vasquez, Briana Garza, Adam Garcia, Ragan McGinty, Daniel and Micah Clay, Justin Taylor and David and little sister Pickering.

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Tillage Alternatives Discussed

For small grains, residue management remains crucial for reducing soil erosion, but problems differ in small grains area from those of the Cornbelt.

In the Plains, protecting soil from wind erosion is often more important than preventing water erosion. Moisture conservation becomes increasingly important as inches of annual rainfall decrease. On the steep hillsides of the Pacific Northwest, stopping sheet erosion and gullying is essential.

Farming techniques and equipment to tackle these problems vary. Despite these differences, small grains farmers share the same overall tillage goals with other farmers: (1) retain soil in place, (2) keep soil and groundwater free of chemical pollution, (3) make fertilizers available to crop roots, (4) maximize use of soil moisture for grain production, (5) integrate tillage with other inputs to develop a low-cost system.

Severe soil erosion occurs on less than half the cropland in the United States. On problem fields, conservation tillage (that is, tillage that leaves at least 30 percent of the old crop residue on the soil surface at planting) can help reduce soil losses.

Surface residue at planting time not only can cut water-caused soil erosion but can also effectively limit wind erosion. If residue is insufficient to control erosion, roughness created by tillage can help reduce it.

There are many ways small grains farmers can maintain crop residue on the soil surface. However, there are situations when maintaining héavy residues on the surface is not a good idea, according to Glenn M. Olson, manager of cultivation and planting equipment planning at Deere & Company, Moline, Ill.

"In fields with no real erosion problems, switching to conservation tillage may be an economic mistake. Research in the Plains states and Canadian prairies suggests that increased surface cover and soil roughness can be counterproductive to meeting agronomic and profitability goals," he says.

"Maintaining previous crop residue on the soil surface can increase crop disease susceptibility and lead to more losses from larger populations of insect pests," Olson says. In many situations, he adds, conservation tillage also contributes to slower crop growth in early spring because of cooler, more moist soil conditions.

Also, annual grasses such as downy brome (cheatgrass) can easily get out of control in fall seeded small grains grown under conservation tillage, Olson warns. "Entire

wheat fields can be wiped out by infestations of these hard-to-eliminate weeds when reduced or shallow tillage is used exclusively.

"Chemical control of annual grasses in small grains can be expensive and risky because grassy weeds such as downy brome share many genetic characteristics with small grains. Chemicals that kill the grasses can also easily damage wheat or barley, especially if ap-

plication conditions are less than ideal," Olson says.

"Clean tillage is a safer way to eliminate grassy weeds in small grain fields. Downy brome, for example, germinates only when it is close to the soil surface. Moldboard plowing, along with crop rotations that allow spring tillage, will control most annual grasses that plague small grain fields. Chisel plowing, one-way disking or sweep plowing do not seem to be as effective as moldboard plowing, since all of these methods leave at least some weed seeds close to the soil surface."

One controversy surrounding conservation tillage and small grains production is soil management; storing and retaining water in the crop root zone.

Olson says, "You often hear the statement that each tillage pass will cause the loss of one-half inch of soil moisture. Without really investigating to find out if the statement is true, some people mistakenly use this argument to justify chemical fallow in place of tillage operations, particularly in summer fallow areas.

"But in recent years, researchers have been finding that the situation is much more complicated than previously supposed. In many cases, tilled fields actually retain equal or more soil moisture than non-tilled fields."

Sorting through all the conflicting data, Olson has found a few universal rules to follow in choosing tillage systems for small grains. Here they are:

1. Any tillage decision must be site-specific. Soil types, weather patterns, cropping rotations, erosion problems all vary from field to field. Don't assume that tillage data from other places apply to your farm. Only on-site tillage trials can supply valid answers.

2. Concentrate on how tillage techniques affect crop yield, not on how they affect soil moisture. Many factors other than soil moisture contribute to the success or failure of a tillage program. Broadleaf weed populations, insect infestations, annual grases, crop emergence, seedling vigor, winter-kill of fall-seeded grains, fertilizer utilization, scheduling of farming operations are all related to tillage system choices. All are important.

3. The constant measuring stick for choosing a tillage system is economic. Always ask, "Will a change increase profitability?" Generally, any tillage system that significantly reduces crop yields will probably cut profits, regardless of input cost savings.

"As we move to the future,"
Olson says, "I think we'll get some
of this conflicting data cleaned up
through use of improved tillage
tools that will give both better erosion control and reduced costs per

"Electronics will play a central role, There will be a significant technical application for electronic control of tillage and planting equipment. Linked monitors and controls will be able to measure fac-

tors such as tillage depth and flow rate of applied materials. Tool ad-

justments will be made automatical-

"In small gains, increased use of semi-dwarf varieties will make electronic control of seeding depth ever more important. Differences of soil firmness, residue levels, and soil type all have to be taken into consideration. If the planting depth is automatically adjusted for the changing conditions, significantly higher crop yields could result.

"These developments will increase farm profitability while answering public concerns about soil erosion and potential groundwater pollution from farm chemicals," Olson predicts.

Lea Officials Investigate Theft

According to reports, an incident involving a burgulary of a Plains grocery mart occurring between the hours of 11 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. the night of Jan. 10, was reported at 9:13 a.m. Jan. 11.

An investigation of a stolen car found at a Lovington restaurant gave authorities reason to believe the subject may have been connected with the Plains theft. The suspect was arrested and has been arraigned in New Mexico.

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