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SEEKING TO BECOME QUEEN -- Selling memberships in Yoakum County Livestock Association (at \$5 per person), these three pretty young ladies are vying for the title of Yoakum County Livestock Queen. To be announced Saturday, Feb. 20, the 1988 Rodeo Queen will be determined by the candidate selling the most memberships. Shown left to right are Sally Burrus, sponsored by Plains FFA; MaDawn Sherrin, sponsored by Plains 4-H Club and Michelle Lowe, sponsored by Plains Greenhand Chapter.

36th Annual Livestock Show Begins Weigh-In Thursday

Thirty-sixth annual Yoakum County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will get underway Feb. 18 and climax Saturday, Feb. 20 with the presentation of awards and premium sale.

Weigh-in begins Thursday with swine from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; lambs, 1 to 4 p.m. and steers, 4 to 5 p.m. Judging is scheduled for 8 a.m. for barrow classes; 1 p.m. for lambs and 6 p.m. for beef cattle.

Saturday's events will be launched with the Parade of Champions and Reserve Champions at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Buyer's Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Presentation of Queen Awards is slated for 12:15 p.m. Cowpatty Bingo will follow. Presentation of awards will precede the sale which is set to begin at 1 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded for the Grand Champion steer, lamb and barrow and Reserve Grand Champion steer, lamb and barrow. Sponsored by Eddie's Cowboy Store of Levelland, a weight gain contest will also be culminated with the presentation of a trophy.

The Rusty McGinty Award, the "grand champion" Showmanship Award, will be presented to the exhibitor selected on the basis of showmanship, sportsmanship, neatness of individual, grooming of animals, appearance of animal quarters and cooperative attitude. Judges will include the three superintendents of the show, a young farmer and another individual chosen by the three superintendents. The award will be presented by Mrs. Alma McGinty and girls.

Donors of other showmanship awards are Wilma Powell, steer showmanship; Kenneth McGinty, barrow showmanship; Farm Bureau, lamb showmanship; Yoakum County Adult Leader's Association, 4-H Management Award; Jerry Faught, heifer showmanship and Yoakum County Livestock Association, herdsman award.

Hwy Construction To Start Feb. 18

Highway construction will begin Feb. 18 on US Highway 380 from the New Mexico State Line east to Plains. Construction is expected to be complete by May 1989.

According to a spokesperson with the Highway Department, the driving lanes will be widened to two twelve foot lanes and shoulders to eight feet on each side. The 14.542 miles of construction is projected to run \$2,951,398.80.

Tax Seminars Set Feb. 24-25

Representatives of the Texas State Comptroller's Tax Policy System in Austin and the Lubbock Audit Office have scheduled tax seminars to be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 24 in the American Legion Hall in Brownfield and 9 a.m. Feb. 25 in the Denver City Community Building.

Persons wishing to attend should contact Myrl Slentz, (806) 592-5424 no later than Feb. 22. A catered steak lunch will be available for \$10. Time will be allotted for questions at the end of each day's presentation

These seminars are directed specifically toward taxpayers who are involved in the oil well servicing

Services Held For Ethel Craker

Services were held Monday afternoon in First Baptist Church for Ethel Craker, 85. Officiating was the Rev. Ken Horn, pastor.

Burial was in Meadow Cemetery under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mrs. Craker died at 9:45 p.m. Friday in her home after a lengthy illness. Justice of the Peace A.G. Brantley ruled natural causes.

Born Sept. 14, 1902 in Prairieville, she married James H. Craker April 15, 1933 in Farmersville. He died in 1961.

She had lived in Meadow and Seagraves before moving to Plains in 1975. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, A.C. Freeman of Austin and Walter Craker of Lone Star; two daughters, Odessa J. McDonnell of Plains and Helen Compton of Irving; a brother, J.W. Cryer of Sulpher Springs; a sister, Arzella Chennault of Dallas; six grandchildren; 17 greatgrandchildren and 10 great-greatgrandchildren.

Pallbearers were great-grandsons, Danny Bell, Alan Bell of Waco, Cory Bell of Lubbock, Roger Tucker of Sundown, Shanon Watkins of Garland and a nephew, Thomas Maynard of Wylie.



LUCKY WINNER -- T.J. Miller displays an oil painting by Melba Fitzgerald which he won in a drawing at the Feb. 4 meeting of Plains Lions Club. The Plains Mayor commented over his good fortune, "I have dealt with windmills all my life...and I recognize Melba's painting as an excellent painting of a windmill."



Gilbert and Clara Garza announce the arrival of a daughter, Morgan Alyse, born Jan. 29 in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. The little lass weighed seven pounds 12 ounces and measured 20 and a half inches long. She has a sister, Briana Rae. Grandparents are Richard and Eremenia Garcia of Plains and Prudencio and Juanita Garza of Seagraves. Greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Garcia and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Trevino, all of San Antonio.

Billy and Mindy Smith of Levelland are the proud parents of a daughter born in St. Mary's Hospital recently. Weighing eight pounds three ounces and measuring 22 and a quarter inches long, she has been named Lauren Elizabeth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moreland and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buck Moreland.

Royal Bounders To Compete

Plains Royal Bounders competed in their first novice meet of the season Jan. 16 in Crane. The team will host the District STTA Qualifying Meet Feb. 27 in Plains and invite the public to attend.

First place medal winners were Kimbe Jones, Kimberly Martinez, Brad Seaton and Lyndi Rowe. Second place ribbons were earned by Leslie Rowe, Ashlei Mason and LaCresha Johnson.

Others placing were Nancy Koncaba, Jared Bell and Colt Winn, third place; Amanda Koncaba and Josh Bell, fourth and Candace Bowers, fifth.

Tandi Jones, competing in trampoline, won first. She is coached by Ashlei Winn. The Royal Bounders are coached by Pat Green.

Plains Royal Bounders Advance Tumblers have competed in two meets this season, Dec. 12 in Brownfield and Jan. 30 in Hobbs,

Team members placing were Misty Willett, first and second place; Amber Bryan, second and eighth place; Tandi Jones, seventh and second place and Linzie Rust, seventh.

The team will compete March 12-13 in Lubbock. Persons in the community are invited to attend this meet and support these young athletes.



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Plains Independent School District

From The Superintendent's Desk

DEAN ANDREW



The effects of Judge Harley Clark's ruling on public school finance continues to be felt as Texas Legislators face the next session. I recently received the following from Bill Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools at Goose Creek.

"Depending on the outcome of litigation, Texas legislators in the next system unconstitutional, top state leaders agreed to name a special committee to determine the fairness (or unfairness) of school finance.

Meanwhile, the far-reaching decision handed down by District Judge Harley Clark, is now before the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin, but arguments are not expected to be heard until later in the year.

The central theme of Judge Clark's ruling is that the Texas school finance system favors rich school districts at the expense of poorer ones. He agreed with poorer districts, whose officials brought the suit, that Texas' three million school children are not being treated equally because they lack the same access to state funding.

The issue boils down to a question of deciding whether to take from the rich and give to the poor. And if such a conclusion is reached in the courts, the second question is how best to achieve the division equitably.

Judge Clark's decision, announced last April, brought immediate rejoinders from state officials, including Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis. Hobby defended the school system, saying the State has made many improvements in equity in school finance.

Lewis pointed out that House Bill 72, the 1984 school reform measure, was directed toward achieving equity in school finance.

To meet Judge Clark's requirements, Texas Education Agency officials said it would not only require spending increases, but in all probability consolidation of school district and redrawing district boundaries."

I will continue to inform you of further developments as they arise. Many decisions must be made as state officials continue in their efforts to resolve this situation.

Best of Luck



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BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Donuts, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon toast, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Pancake, syrup, butter, tomato juice and milk. FRIDAY - School Holiday.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Taco w/taco sauce, pork 'n beans, lettuce and tomatoes, crackers, strawberry shortcake and milk.

TUESDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, blackeyed peas, okra, hot rolls, peanut butter and honey, and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, corn chips, fruit, brownies and milk.

THURSDAY - Beef and vegetable stew, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY - School Holiday

Channel 3 KPLN

Monday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. Plains Girls vs. Wellman Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Plains Boys vs. Wellman Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 2:30 p.m. Plains Boys vs. Loop Thursday, Feb. 18 at 1:15 p.m. SCHOOL DISMISSES Friday, Feb. 19 - School Holiday

School Events

MONDAY: TEAMS testing 3rd, 5th, 7th & 9th Grades
TUESDAY: TEAMS testing 3rd, 5th, 7th & 9th Grades
WEDNESDAY: TEAMS testing 3rd, 5th, 7th & 9th Grades
THURSDAY: School Dismisses at 1:15 p.m.
FRIDAY: SCHOOL HOLIDAY
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VARSITY

Lydia Jimenez recorded 14 points in the Cowgirls' 50-32 victory over Union last Friday night. Karen Cobb added 12 points. Bertha Gonzales and Heather McGill finished the game with 10 and 8 points respectively.

The Cowgirls hosted O'Donnell Tuesday night in the final game of their 1987-88 basketball season. The Eagles won the game 72-49. Leading scorers for the Cowgirls were Lydia Jimenez, 18 points; Karen Cobb, 10 points; Lynda Jimenez, 7 points; and Melissa Green, 7 points.

JUNIOR HIGH

The Seventh Grade girls ended their basketball season with the Sundown Invitational Tournament last Saturday. The Wranglers lost a close game with Sundown 28-26 in their first game of the tournament. Scoring for the Wranglers were Brandi Lester, 11 points; Monica Flores, 9 points; and Ogla Ramirez,

Sudan defeated the Wranglers 36-25. Brandi Lester recorded 11 points; Monica Flores, 7; and Ogla Ramirez, 6.

School Trustees Renew Contracts

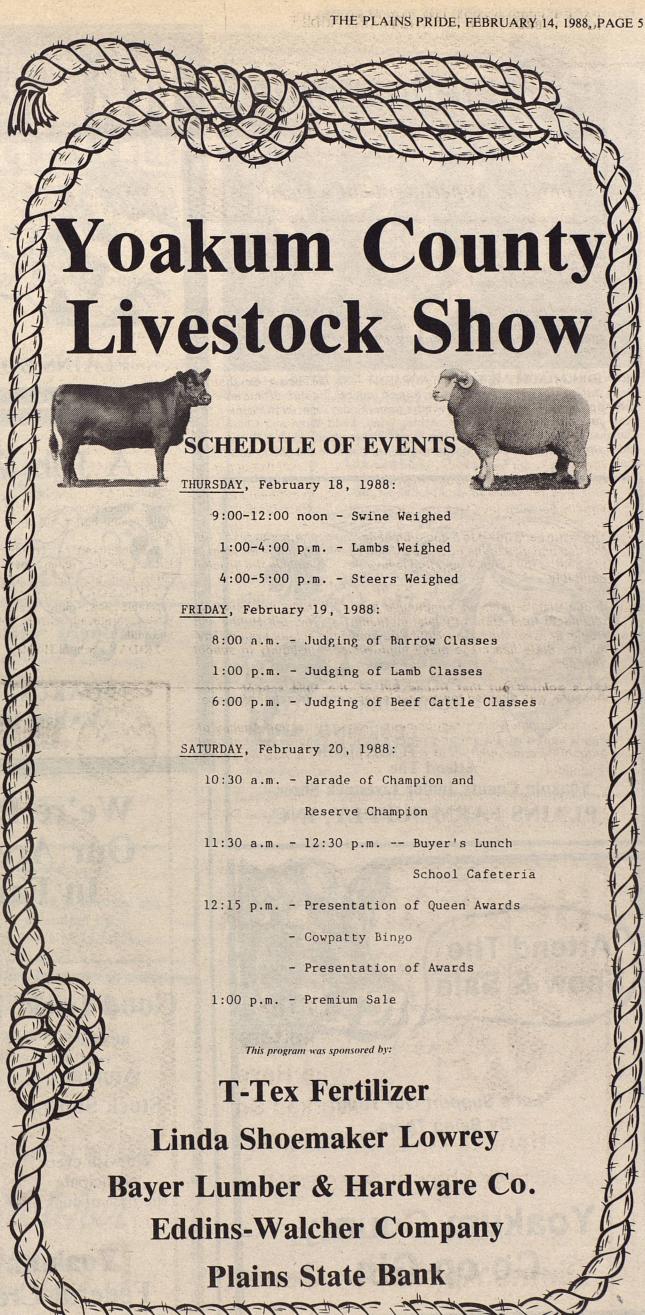
School board members in regular session Monday evening called for a trustee election to be held in accordance with Texas election laws. Announcement was made by Melvin Lowrey, president, that all board members have met minimum State Board Training requirements set forth by the Texas Education Agen-

School calendar for 1988-89 was adopted as presented. School board policy was updated.

Approval was given for the purchase of a 15 passenger school bus. January bills were approved for payment and the 1987-88 school calendar amended to change the approved make-up snow day from March 14 to May 22 and making Saturday, May 28 a teacher work day.

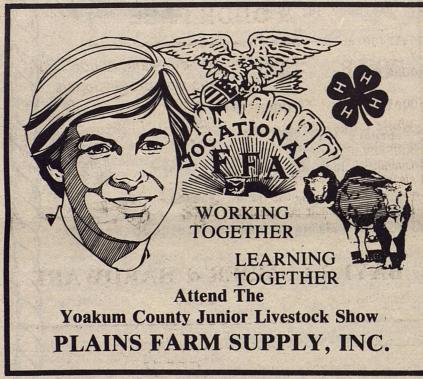
Superintendent Dean Andrews gave financial reports for the areas of operating, cafeteria, tax and transportation. He also presented control information on asbestos and UIL realignment appeal.

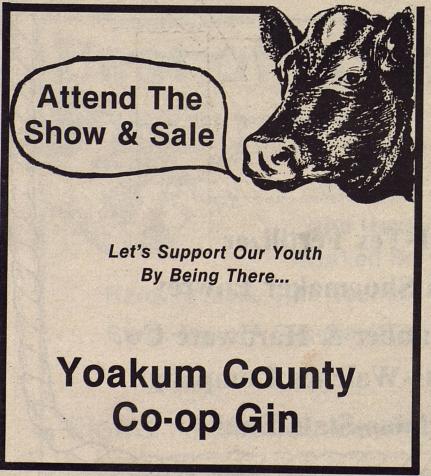
The board entered into executive session to discuss professional staff evaluations and administrative staff contracts. Resuming open session, the board unanimously approved awarding new two year contracts to Wanda Ashburn, business manager; Robert Parks, high school principal; Jimmy Connor, junior high school principal; John Nance, elementary principal; Arlon Alexander, counselor and Larry Devitt, curriculum director. Contracts will be effective through the 1989-90 school



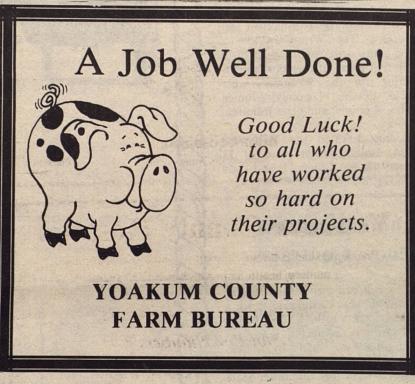


PROVIDING HALFTIME ENTERTAINMENT -- Six members of South Plains Acrospirit Gymnastics Team performed routines during halftime intermission of the Plains-Loop varsity boys game, Friday, Jan. 29 in Plains. Team members are back row, ltr, Ashlee Winn, Ladd Winn and Chase Clanahan; front row, ltr, are Melissa Boggs of Levelland; Shyloh Winn; and Dusty Hill of Seagraves. Coaches are Shirley Arnwine and Sherry Arnwine.



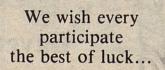






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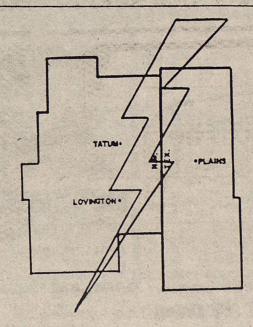
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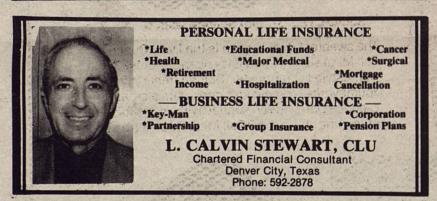


A REAL BLOCK-HEAD -- This snowman created out of last week's snowfall, a little spray paint and 90° angles could be found greeting passersby at the home of Lourie and Frank Garza, Janice, Trisha and Frankie.

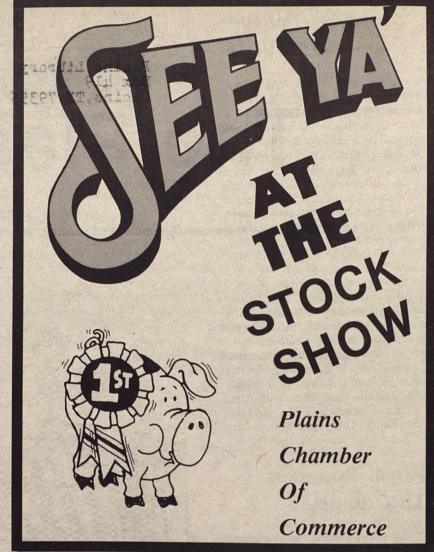
The family of Tom Barnes would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who sent flowers, cards, food and other donations. We would also like to say thanks for all the phone calls, visits and prayers, for all the kindness shown us during the loss of our husband, father and grandfather. We feel very fortunate to have so many wonderful friends and neighbors.

Shirley, Steve, Garry, Jeff, Randy Sandi, Somer & Eric

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