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SANTA VISITS LIBRARY during holidays. On Wednesday, Dec. 15, the jolly old gentleman stopped by the library to visit with the children during the Christmas Filmtime party. Twenty-nine boys and girls attended.



PRE-SCHOOL CHOIR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH sang at the Christmas program which was presented on Sunday night, Dec. 19. Pictured left to right, first row, Scott Addison, Joani Bell, Amber Friesen, Lauren Davis; second row, Alisha Wauson, Blake Parrish, Allison Friesen and Adam McCravey. Directors of the choir are Donna Friesen, Shari McCravey and Linda Wright.

## Linda Lowrey announces her bid for re-election

Linda Lowrey has asked the newspaper to announce that she will be a candidate for re-election as Yoakum County's Criminal District Attorney. "The past seven years have been the most rewarding and challenging years of my professional life. Together with my employees and a conscientious team of law enforcement personnel, I have built a strong record of successful prosecution. The offenses resulting in guilty verdicts from Yoakum County trial juries in district court include burglary, theft, aggravated robbery, driving while intoxicated - subsequent, aggravated sexual assault, indecency with a child, injury to a child, aggravated assault, forgery, welfare fraud, possession of cocaine and delivery of methamphetamine. In both county court and justice of the peace courts, we have tried speeding cases without ever losing a jury verdict. A variety of offenses have been successfully tried to juries in county court."

A former government and economics teacher at San Angelo Central High, Mrs. Lowrey has a special concern for cases involving young people. She has aggressively prosecuted cases with young victims of sexual abuse, with one particular trial resulting in a 99-year prison sentence being assessed by the jury against a grandfather who

molested his two young granddaughters. While serving as Criminal District Attorney for Yoakum County, Mrs. Lowrey was named "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" for Denver City in 1992, and was honored with a resolution which cited her leadership in the prosecution of drug offenders and the fact that she was a founding member of the Yoakum County Teen Court. This court has provided teenagers from Plains and Denver City the opportunity to work together and learn about the criminal justice system.

The duties of Criminal District Attorney include representing the State of Texas in district court, county court, and justice of the peace courts. If a person requests a jury trial on a traffic case, which is a Class C misdemeanor, the CDA presents the facts to the jury. In county court, the CDA files all Class A and Class B misdemeanors, with the most common misdemeanors being DWI and assault. Felony cases are presented to the grand jury by Mrs. Lowrey and then filed by indictment with the district court. Mrs. Lowrey also represents the State in all lawsuits filed by the Children's Protective Services in district court. She files applications for protective orders in both district and county court for victims of

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SANCTUARY CHOIR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH is shown following the musical presentation, "From Heaven's Throne", on Sunday, Dec. 19. The choir is directed by Patrick Hamilton.

### Little Dribblers to meet Thursday

A Little Dribblers' parents meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the clubroom of the Old Courthouse. Parents of children participating this year are encouraged to attend. New officers will be elected.

## Lowrey

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family violence. Additionally, Mrs. Lowrey prosecutes hot check cases and collects the restitution owed to merchants in Yoakum County. She represents the State in all cases filed in the Juvenile Court. If a defendant appeals a guilty verdict rendered by a trial jury, it is Mrs. Lowrey's responsibility to defend the jury's decision before the appellate court in Amarillo. Another important phase of the prosecutor's job is to monitor the conduct of defendants who have been placed on probation. The primary monitoring is done by the probation department, which is now called the Community Supervision and Corrections Department. When the department files a violation report with Mrs. Lowrey, she prepares a Motion to Revoke Probation, and a warrant is issued out of the appropriate court.

The work of a prosecutor involves controversial issues. For instance, when Mrs. Lowrey took office on Jan. 1, 1987, a Yoakum County grand jury had just indicted the police chief of Denver City for attempted sexual assault. During the past seven years, the CDA has prosecuted cases involving embezzlement and theft from the City of Plains, City of Denver City, Denver City Press, Andrews Savings and Loan, Yoakum County Hospital Auxiliary, and Anthony's. When law enforcement reports are presented to Mrs. Lowrey's office, she alone must decide whether or not to file charges and what charges to file. "I have always tried to pursue a course of action which would promote public safety and a respect for our laws. Charges have been filed based on a defendant's conduct, without regard to who the defendant was. I believe that consistent treatment of all similar cases is absolutely essential to the integrity of the criminal justice process."

"I seek another four year term in order to continue my work as your prosecutor. I have recently been appointed to serve as the representative of all the State's prosecutors on the Texas Commission on Children and Youth. This appointment is an unpaid position which will involve periodic and brief trips to Austin. There we will work on the many problems raised by an escalating juvenile crime rate. I ask for the support of voters in Plains so that I may continue the important work of representing our great state in the county's criminal justice system. I will fight to keep our schools, neighborhoods, and streets free of violent crimes. My election will be subject to the Democratic primary on March 8, 1994."

# Nation's first direct broadcast television satellite is successfully launched

The nation's first high powered direct broadcast satellite (DBS-1) was successfully rocketed into space recently from the South American nation of French Guiana.

"The successful launch of this satellite will put rural America on the cutting edge of the information age," said Ronny Puckett, Manager-Digital Satellite Television. According to Puckett, "The signal is a compressed digital format, so customers will enjoy CD quality sound and a picture that is 30% sharper than standard television signals."

The new satellite, DBS-1, will begin delivering approximately 70 channels of digital television service, called DirecTv, to viewers across the country in the spring of 1994 using an innovative 18-inch satellite dish receiving system. The Digital Satellite System (DSS) equipment is being manufactured by Thomson Consumer Electronics, makers of RCA-brand products. The DSS includes the 18-inch satellite dish, a digital receiver box and a remote control.

The service will expand to approximately 150 channels when the DBS-1 satellite is joined by a sister satellite in the summer of 1994.

DirecTv, a unit of GM Hughes Electronics, will offer the new service to viewers, throughout the United States and Canada. Distribution in

many rural areas is being handled for DirecTv through an agreement with the rural electric, rural telephone and affiliate members of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC).

Locally, the service will be provided by Digital Satellite Television in the following 22 counties: Andrews, Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hockley, Howard, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Motley, Terry and Yoakum. Digital Satellite Television is being managed by Poka-Lambro Telecommunications, Inc. System owners are Poka-Lambro, South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Lubbock; South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lubbock; Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., Tahoka; and Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Littlefield.

"Residents of this area will be among the very first viewers in the nation to experience this new way of viewing television when it comes on line," said Puckett. "Our major concern is having sufficient equipment available in the early months to meet the anticipated demand."

Puckett plans to have a number of retail outlets in the 22 county service area, including Lubbock.

Among the features that this new service will pioneer is the use of an on-screen electronic programming guide which will allow viewers to choose programming by category and themes. "Consumers are going to love this system, not just for the viewing choices it offers," said Puckett, "but also for how easy it is to use."

The programming signed to the system so far includes many of the most popular cable networks, including CNN, The Disney Channel, The Discovery Channel, The Sci-Fi Channel, The Learning Channel, Country Music Television and many more. In addition, DirecTv will offer more than 50 channels of pay-per-view programming - including hit movies, sporting events and specials from companies such as Sony Pictures, Paramount Pictures, Universal Pictures and the Turner/MGM Library - all at the touch of a button, and all in high digital-quality picture and sound.

"We are pleased to be involved in this project and proud to be the local provider of the expanded video services available," said Puckett. "Thanks to this partnership of rural utilities, both rural and urban areas of West Texas will be getting this service from a well-known and trusted member of the local community."

## Safety training offered at SPC

South Plains College has announced its spring schedule for hydrogen sulfide safety training.

The courses are designed for oil-field personnel who must meet Texas Railroad Commission requirements for having a knowledge of hydrogen sulfide.

All aspects of hydrogen sulfide, from its detection to use of safety masks, will be covered. Cost is \$10 a person and instructor is Terry W. Brown, instructor in petroleum technology.

Classes will meet Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 7, March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23, June 6, June 20, July 11, July 25, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22.

Classes are 6 to 9 p.m. in the SPC Petroleum Technology - Law Enforcement Building, room 108.

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JUDY AND JOE DEATON

## Kitchen Korner

There's little time for hobbies in the busy schedule of Judy (Mrs. Joe) Deaton since she became home economics teacher in Plains High School. She loves to cook and learned many recipes for southwest dishes including Mexican and Native American foods while living in New Mexico.

Judy shares three such recipes, Posole, Chile Verde (or Green Chile) Stew and Chile Rellenos.

A resident of Ruidoso for 13 years, Judy was a first grade teacher there before meeting, falling in love with and marrying Joe Deaton, a lifelong resident of Denver City. Joe has given up employment with Shell Pipeline for full-time farming.

Judy is thrilled to become a farmwife, having spent her childhood on a farm. "I consider myself a very lucky woman to have found such a good man to help me raise my children and to have been welcomed by the people of Plains," she says. "I love living on the farm and love my job at Plains High School."

Mother of four active 4-H'ers who enjoy showing horses, rabbits, pigeons and chickens, Judy's children are Spencer, 15; Autumn, 12; Sterling, 10 and Chisum, eight.

When there's time from her busy life, this young farmwife, mother and teacher, says she loves to sew and bake.

### NEW MEXICO POSOLE

Part 1:  
2 pounds frozen posole

3 qts. water  
meaty ham hock  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 T salt  
1 T pepper  
2 T crumbled dried red chile  
1 can (7 oz) tomato and green chile salsa  
2 T beef or chicken bouillon granules

In large soup kettle, bring all ingredients to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, about 3 hours until posole is tender but not mushy. Stir occasionally and add water and more seasonings if taste tells you it's necessary. (Chiles vary in degree of hotness.) Remove bone from ham hock when cooked and chop ham into mixture.

**PART II:**  
3 T cooking oil  
4 lbs. lean pork and/or beef, chopped in 1" cubes (pork roast or round steak)  
1 T salt  
1 T pepper  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 large onions, chopped  
1 pt fresh green chiles, roasted, peeled and chopped, or frozen green chiles  
1 can (28 oz) or 2 cans (16 oz) tomatoes undrained, and chopped  
1 qt water  
beef or chicken bouillon if necessary for flavor

In a large, oiled Dutch oven, over high heat, stir meat, salt, pepper and garlic until meat is gray and juices are sealed. Add onion and chile. Continue

stirring over HIGH heat. Add tomatoes and water while stirring. Lower heat and cover. Simmer about 1-2 hours, stirring occasionally. Add more water and bouillon if necessary. It should not be dry.

Combine Parts I and II into the larger pan. Serve immediately or let cool, removing fat from the top. This will keep several days refrigerated or may be frozen. It is best to divide into smaller containers when storing to prevent spoilage. Serve posole as you would soup, in bowl, with tostados or warmed flour tortillas, and a guacamole salad, and allow for LOTS of seconds. Serves 12.

### CHILES RELLENOS con QUESO

1 doz. long green chiles, roasted and peeled  
1/2 lb. Monterey Jack or Asadero cheese, (the best)  
3 eggs, separated  
2 T flour  
2 T milk  
1 t sugar  
1 t baking powder  
vegetable oil

Prepare the chiles. Cut cheese into 12 strips and stuff each chile. Beat egg whites until very stiff. Beat yolks until creamy and add flour, milk, sugar and baking powder to yolks. Mix well. Blend yolk mixture with egg whites using a wire whisk. Heat oil about 1 1/2 inch deep in skillet. Dip chiles into batter and fry until golden brown. Chiles can be roasted, frozen in plastic bags, and peeled as needed. Serves 4.

**CHILE VERDE** (meat stew with green chiles)  
1 T olive oil

1 onion, chopped  
3 cloves garlic, chopped  
3 lbs. pork shoulder, cut in 1 inch cubes, fat trimmed  
1 can (28 oz.) tomatoes  
2 cans (4 oz.) chopped green chiles  
1 c beef stock, or water  
1 1/2 t salt  
3 large potatoes, peeled and cubed (optional)

Saute onion and garlic in olive oil in Dutch oven. Remove onion and garlic and brown meat in same pan. Add onion and garlic to meat, along with all other ingredients. Cook slowly for 1 1/2 to 2 hours or until meat is tender. This is best when prepared a day ahead. Serves 6.

### Shower to fete Mrs. Terrie Isaacks

Mrs. Terrie Isaacks will be honored with a lullaby shower on Saturday, Jan. 8 in the Heritage Room of Yoakum County Library in Plains.

Friends and relatives are invited to call between 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Gift selections have been made at Jerri's Boutique and Renaissance Flowers and Gifts.

### Stephens infant to be honored

A baby shower will be given for Sierra Brook Stephens, infant daughter of Marka and Kyle Stephens on Saturday, Jan. 15 in the home of Linda Wall, 108 Ave. G.

Friends and relatives are invited to call between the hours of 2 to 3:30 p.m.



MICHEAL DIAZ & VICKI ANN WILLIAMS

## Wedding plans told

Dana Strawn and Larry and Joni Williams of Denver City announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vicki Ann, to Micheal Diaz, son of Ramon and Marjorie Diaz of Plains.

The ceremony will be held at St. Elizabeth's Parish in Lubbock on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is presently employed at Builder's Square II of Lubbock.

The prospective groom graduated from Plains High School and Paris Junior College. He is currently employed by J. Keith's Jewelry in Lubbock.



TEXAS ALLTEL MAKES A CASH CONTRIBUTION again this year to the Plains Independent School District. This program of providing schools with funds to be used at their discretion is in keeping with ALLTEL's on going desire to assist with projects or activities which would not otherwise be budgeted. The management and employees are dedicated to providing quality service to its customers while being an active participant in the communities in which they serve. Pictured are Travis Jones, CO Tech from Texas ALLTEL at Plains operations, presenting a check to student council members Brian Wilson, Kirk Parrish and Ladd Winn.

## Cowboy Basketball

### VARSITY COWBOYS

Dec. 17: Varsity Cowboys nailed Wellman, 66 to 46 in first round action at the Meadow Varsity Basketball Tournament. Stoney Garland was high scorer with Ladd Winn and Brian Wilson each contributing 12. Brad McMinn put in ten points, followed by Pete Flores and Shannon Ward with six each; Lenny Morrow, four; and Ken McAdams, two.

Dec. 18: Plains came away a winner against Seagraves, 67 to 49. Scoring for the Cowboys were Brian Wilson with 25 points; Stoney Garland, 18; Brad McMinn, 14; Ladd Winn, nine points; and Shannon Ward, one.

Cowboys came home with the Meadow Championship. Plains had three players making the All-Tournament Team in Meadow. They were Brad McMinn, Brian Wilson and Ladd Winn.

The undefeated pokes played again just before the holidays, Dec. 21 and hooped-up on New Home, 89 to 65. High scorers were Ladd Winn with 32 points and Stoney Garland, 29. Adding 14 points each were Brad McMinn and Brian Wilson.

The New Home team came out strong and led the Cowboys early 13-2. First quarter score was New Home 21, Plains 20.

Halftime the Cowboys were still behind by 2, with a close 37-39. New Home continued strong, but Plains had the score tied at 53 at the end of the third quarter.

The Cowboys outscored their opponent 36-12 in the final period. Cowboys are 11-0.

## School Menu

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cinnamon toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Cinnamon rolls, toast, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Sausage, toast, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Waffles w/syrup, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cold cereal, orange/pineapple juice and milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY - Frito pie w/cheese, baked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, crackers, white cake and milk.

TUESDAY - Pizza w/extra cheese, baked corn, combination salad, hot rolls, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, Fritos, bean dip, mixed fruit, coconut cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY - Fried chicken w/gravy, green beans, rice, hot rolls, pears and milk.

## School Events

MONDAY - Basketball - O'Donnell - 7th/8th Girls and Boys - There - 4 p.m.

TUESDAY - District Basketball - O'Donnell - JV/V Girls and Boys - There - 4 p.m.

THURSDAY - Basketball - Sundown Tournament - 8th Grade Girls and Boys - TBA

FRIDAY - District Basketball - Smyer - JV/V Girls and Boys - Here - 5 p.m.; Tournament continues

SATURDAY - Tournament continues

We attract hearts by the qualities we display; we retain them by the qualities we possess. ~ Jean Baptiste Antoine Suard

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## Become an Earth Team Volunteer!

What are Earth Team Volunteers? According to Mario Avila, Yoakum County District Conservationist, "these are special people who volunteer their time and talents expecting nothing in return. They just want to make a difference and help people conserve our soil, conserve our water and improve its quality, and sustain our country's natural resource heritage."

In 1981, Congress authorized the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) to accept volunteers to increase soil and water conservation efforts. These Earth Team Volunteers would provide an effective volunteer work force to assist SCS staff and local Conservation Districts in expanding their efforts in soil and water conservation.

The program has proven to be very successful. In fiscal year 1993, Texas alone had 553 volunteers who donated 15,904 hours. Locally, Avila reports that in Yoakum County the SCS has three Earth Team Volunteers who donated approximately 200 hours in fiscal year 1993.

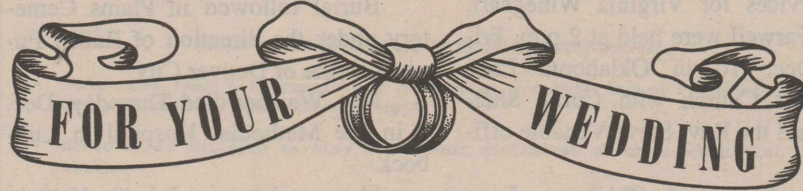
Who can volunteer and what skills are needed? According to Avila, "anyone 16 years or older and interested in saving our precious soil and water resources can become an Earth Team Volunteer. Locally, we have a school teacher, an administrative assistant, and a retired petroleum engineer that are Earth Team Volunteers."

Volunteers may work part-time, full-time, outdoors or in the SCS office. Avila stated that, "locally the volunteers have assisted with such things as clerical duties, computer work, farm tours/shows, public speaking, (informational programs), conservation planning, resource conservation and development projects, and many other projects."

When asked, what he thought

about the program? Avila answered, "I feel that it is a very worthwhile program. Our volunteers' contributions are invaluable, a lot of projects simply would not get accomplished without them. These projects affect all or most of the residents of the county, so you see these folks really make a difference. I greatly appreciate their contributing of their time and talents to benefit their community."

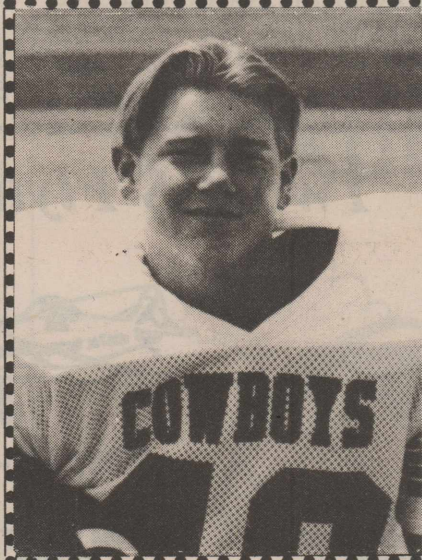
For more information on the Earth Team Volunteer program, contact the local SCS Office at 806-456-3703 or call 1-800-THE-SOIL. The Soil Conservation Service welcomes all people as volunteers, without regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap, religion, national origin or marital status.



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## Introducing the 1993 Cowboys & Cowgirls



**CHASE CLANAHAN**, 15 years old, is a sophomore who participates in football, basketball and tennis. He plays full-back and linebacker. He enjoys listening to Country Music, and says his favorite food is lasagna, his favorite class is History. His goals include "winning state in all my events." He is the son of N.C. and Beth Clanahan.



**TESSA ST.ROMAIN**, 14 years old, plays volleyball, basketball and tennis as a freshman at Plains High School. She likes Country Music, math and science and she chooses fruits as her favorite food. The daughter of Joe and Elouise St.Romain, she would like to become a teacher and coach in the future.



**JAMEY GARLAND**, 16 years old, is the son of Debbie Garland. A sophomore, he plays center for the JV Cowboys and lists his favorite food as steak. He likes Country Music and he says his goal in life is to become rich.

### Daughter-in-law graduates from Sul Ross State

On Saturday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m., Jennifer Waterstreet Shoemaker graduated from Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Congressman Henry Bonilla of San Antonio delivered the commencement address to the 200 graduates and their families.

Mrs. Shoemaker received a Bachelor of Science degree. She and her husband, James Shoemaker, live in Alpine with their son, Jake. Melvin and Linda Lowrey of Plains are the proud in-laws of Jennifer Shoemaker. She plans to begin a teaching career this month.

### Apologies extended to Plains gymnast

The unidentified young lady pictured with the gymnastics team several issues ago was inadvertently omitted. Our apologies to Lauren Davis for her omission.

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# Obituaries

## VIRGINIA WINEGEART

Services for Virginia Winegeart, 70, of Farwell were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 in Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church with Curtis Shelburne and the Rev. Steve Venable officiating.

Burial was in Oklahoma Lane Cemetery under direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Winegeart died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1993 at her residence.

She was born on Nov. 16, 1923 in Quail. She married Paul Edward Winegeart on Nov. 9, 1942. He died in 1974. She was a homemaker and a member of Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church.

Other survivors include two sons, Eddie of Panhandle and Richard of Smyer; five daughters, Nelda Wilhite of Muleshoe, Paula Watkins of Ada, Okla., Sharon Pierce of Greenville, Marylin Winders of Canyon and Brenda Wauson of Plains; a brother, Kenneth King of Shamrock; three sisters, Mary Ruth Jones and Lena King, both of Wellington, and Zelma Parvin of Arkansas; 20 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

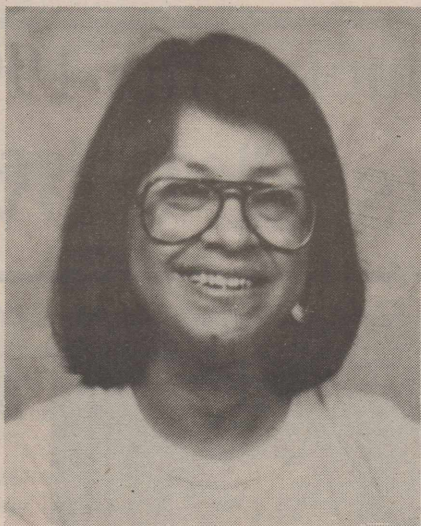
The family suggests memorials to Oklahoma Lane Methodist Church or to the American Cancer Society.

Nueva Vision with Jose Rodriguez, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Plains Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mrs. Waisner died Thursday, Dec. 2 in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born on July 9, 1949 in Mission, Texas. She had worked at the Yoakum County Probation Office. She was a member of Templo Bautista Nueva Vision where she served as church secretary-treasurer, taught Sunday school and directed the Acteens. She married Darren Waisner on Sept. 5, 1987 in Denver City.



Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Leslie Solorzano of Mesquite; her mother, Guadalupe Solorzano of Balch Springs; her father, Manuel Solorzano of Dallas; four brothers, Manuel Solorzano, Jr., Sammy Solorzano and Pete Solorzano, all of Dallas, and David Solorzano of Mesquite; seven sisters, Mary Ann Littleton of Arlington, Ruthie Solorzano of Fort Worth, Jolanda Salinas of Balch Springs, Cathy Gonzalez of Fort Collins, Colorado, Melissa Garcia of Plains, Norma Solorzano of Mesquite, and Sylvia Perry of McAlester, Oklahoma; and a grandson, Joshua Vasquez of Mesquite.

Pallbearers were Manuel Solorzano Jr., David Solorzano, Sammy Solorzano, Pete Solorzano, Bob Littleton, Juan Salinas, Richard Garcia, Julian Gonzalez and Jaime Vasquez.

## WILMA MAE CURRY

Services for Wilma Mae Curry, 84, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22 in Resthaven Funeral Home. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Curry died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993 in University Manor Nursing Center.

She was born on June 30, 1909, in McGregor. She married Joe M. Curry, who died in May 1980. She was co-owner of Curry Drug in Plains and was a member of First Baptist Church in Andrews. A son, Bill, died on Dec. 23, 1992.

Survivors include a son, Shirley of Melissa; a sister, Jimmie Culwell of Abilene; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.



## THELMA KECK

Services for Thelma Keck, 88, of Tulsa, Okla., were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27 in First Christian Church of Levelland with the Rev. Clyde Blakely, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in City of Levelland Cemetery under direction of Geo. C. Price Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Keck died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1993 in Tulsa.

She moved to Levelland in June 1978 from Plains. She moved to Tulsa in September 1992. She married Dee Keck on July 2, 1927 in Duncan, Okla. He died on Feb. 3, 1991. They owned

and operated K&D Oil Co. until their retirement in 1977. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Bob of Lubbock; a daughter, Thelma Dee Swenson of Tulsa; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jack McMillan, Buddy Ellison, Rex Ellison, Bill Smith, Lindsey Pynes and Bill Nokes.

## EMILY BOLLING

Graveside services for Emily Bolling, 94, of Sacramento, Calif., formerly of Tokio, were held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Plains Cemetery under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, Dec. 25, 1993, in Olive Glen Foundation.

She was born on Dec. 20, 1899, in Russellville, Ark. She graduated from Brownfield High School and was married to Chester Quiett in 1926. He died in 1930. She married James Conant, who died in 1941. She married Hugh M. Bolling in 1945 in Roswell, N.M. He died in 1980. She moved to Sacramento from Brownfield in 1993. She was a practicing Christian Scientist and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include a nephew, Larry Miller of Webster; and a niece, Eleanor Mayfarth of Auburn, Calif.

## JULIA BOLF BAYER

Services for Julia Bolf Bayer, 92, of Imperial Beach, Calif., were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 in Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Chapel with John McCoy, a retired Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Burial was in Meadow Cemetery.

Mrs. Bayer died Monday, Dec. 6, 1993, in Coronado Hospital in Coronado, Calif.

She was born on March 26, 1901, in Czechoslovakia. She moved to California from Lubbock in 1953. She married Max Bayer on Feb. 20, 1920, in Rowena. He died on Feb. 21, 1975.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Fraternal Order of S.P.J.S.T. and the Presbyterian Church. She was past president of the House of Pacific Relations.

Survivors include two sons, Milton J. of Plains and Albert of Meadow; three daughters, Anne Wright of Houston, Helen Trull of Lubbock and Lillian Glandon of Imperial Beach, Calif.; a brother, William Bolf of Los Angeles, Calif.; two sisters, Lydia Englert and Hermina Timmins, both of San Angelo; 16 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

## MARY JANE WAISNER

Services for Mary Jane Waisner, 44, were held on Saturday, Dec. 4, 1993 at 2 p.m. in the Templo Bautista

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## Brush & brush control defined

Before we talk about brush control or brush management let's define brush.

In Yoakum County when we think of brush, the first thing that comes to mind are shin oak and mesquite. However, brush is a generic term used to describe several varieties of unwanted woody shrubs and trees.

The main species of brush seen in Yoakum County are shin oak and sand sagebrush in our sandier soils. While mesquite and catclaw acacia are the principle species of brush on tighter clay soils.

So what exactly is brush control or brush management? Quite simply, it means, controlling or managing brush to restore the natural plant community balance. This balance is achieved by patterned treatments, to meet specific needs of the land and objectives of the land user. Most livestock producers want only grass in a pasture. While hunters and wildlife enthusiasts want to see brush mixed with open areas, because this provides good habitat for antelope, deer, quail and other wildlife.

Patterned treatments consist of mechanical treatments, chemical treatments, prescribed burning, or a combination of treatments. Deferred grazing and a sound grazing plan are also part of the overall treatment scheme. In areas where severe overgrazing has occurred and brush infestation is very heavy, range seeding may also be a required component of the patterned treatment.

Mechanical control is achieved by using root plowing, dozing, and chaining. This is recommended for areas that have high percentage of woody species with thick trunks and thick topgrowth. This is an excellent practice when wildlife management is an objective. Brush piles provide excellent habitat for many forms of wildlife.

There are many types of chemical herbicides that can be used to control certain types of noxious weeds and woody plants. These chemicals are widely used, however special precautions must be followed. Some of these chemicals may cause damage to forbs and woody species that are beneficial to wildlife. Some of these chemicals may also cause injury to young grass.

Prescribed burning is another method of control, in which fire is used to burn off an area that is infested with brush. This is one of the most effective methods, but if not done correctly, can be the most dangerous. A grazing plan and deferred grazing system are also critical components of this treatment because all of the cover is burned off.

Deferred grazing is highly recommended after any type of brush control has been applied. Anywhere from three months to a full growing season is needed to re-establish the proper cover. Life lengths of various brush control methods vary widely, therefore maintenance is critical to the effectiveness of the practice.

Brush control should be based on sound planning practices that will reduce erosion, control brush, and achieve the desired quality of plant life. For further information regarding brush control and technical help, contact the Yoakum County Soil Conservation Service at 456-3703.

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## 42 Club honors December birthdays

Three birthdays were celebrated at Plains 42 Club Saturday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom.

Three cakes were served, decorated with the names of the honorees, which were Sudie Mae Thompson, Marie Lowrey and G.W. Cleveland.

A pot luck supper was also served before the party and games of Skip Bo and 42. Sherm Tingle returned thanks.

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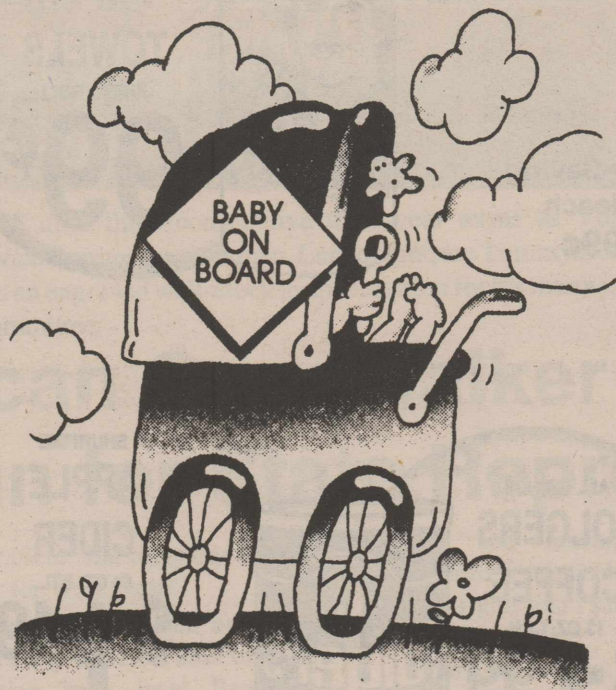
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## Wind strips, a valuable tool

Wind strips are one tool in the fight against wind and water erosion. "They are a very effective tool for staying in compliance with your Food Security Act (FSA) Plans on Highly Erodible Land," says Mark Lewis of the Soil Conservation Service.

Wind strips can be defined as growing wind-resisting crops that alternate with non-wind resistant crops such as cotton, potatoes, vegetables, and peanuts. Perennial, tall grasses can be used as well, therefore eliminating the need to reseed annual crops every year.

An additional benefit is the saving of soil moisture that occurs when snow is trapped by the strips and melts in place.

To meet FSA Plan requirements wind strips must be at least 160 inches wide and be in alternating patterns with low residue crops. Also, wind strips must be used every year, unless changed in your FSA Plan.

Protective crop strip widths may be adjusted to wider widths to match farm equipment. The distance between strips will depend on the type of soil on your farm, and whether it is dryland or irrigated. Depending on these factors, the interval between the strips may be anywhere from 400 to 1,000 feet apart.

When planting these strips a producer would be wise in using fertilizer, controlling weeds, and making a smooth seed bed. When planted on irrigated ground, you may need to water the strips up to a stand. In dry years, emergency tillage may be required to keep the young stand from blowing out.

To comply with the ASCS specifications, for ACR and CU, the protective, or high residue strip, must be at least 400 inches wide and in two continuous patterns across a field as required by the conservation plan of operations (CPO).

As previously noted, wind strips can be a valuable tool for fighting wind erosion, soil nutrient loss, and increasing soil moisture, that will be needed later in the growing season.

For further information regarding wind strip cropping or other SCS practices and programs, contact your local SCS Office at 456-3703. Programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard for race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status or handicap.

### Dear Editor:

The Plains Dirt Gardeners want to thank every one who has contributed to Operation Christmas Card through the years. We are still working on getting names to put on unmarked graves and would surely appreciate any information anyone can help us with.

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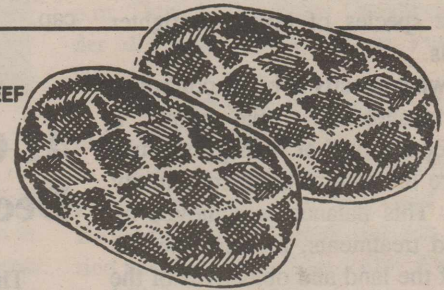
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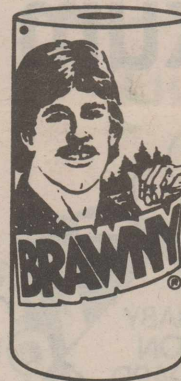
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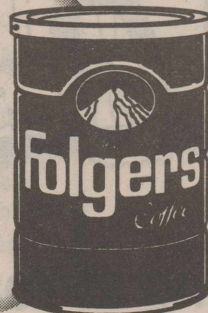
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