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ACREAGE REPORTS MORE VITAL THAN EVER

Farmers were reminded today their crop insurance and certain U.S. Department of Agriculture benefits are in jeopardy if they fail to file their planted acreage reports on time.

The reminder, from CED Gary Six of the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, said crop insurance acreage reports must be signed by the insured or designated agent by the required deadline, which differs by crop and locality.

Acreage reports for farm program purposes must still be filed at the CFSA office; However, crop insurance acreage reports must also be filed with the insurance provider. If

insured through a private crop insurance agent, the crop insurance acreage report must be submitted to that agent. If farmers purchased the basic catastrophic insurance coverage (CAT) through the CFSA office, they can sign their crop insurance acreage reports at the same time they report acreage for farm program purposes, Six said.

The other risk management program, termed the Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP), applies only to those crops for which insurance is not available. NAP provides a comparable level of benefits as that offered

under CAT, but no premiums are charged. Planned acreage of NAP covered crops must be reported on time to the CFSA office, or no NAP benefits will be paid, if a crop loss occurs.

The CAT and NAP coverage replaces the ad hoc crop disaster program of past years, however, but require timely reports of planted acreage to receive benefits.

Acreage reporting dates for crop insurance and NAP in Yoakum County are: SMALL GRAINS-APRIL 28; ALL OTHER CROPS-JULY 15.

ALLTEL BEGINS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

A major project is underway in the Plains exchange which will improve telephone service and provide access to private line service, according to plans released by ALLTEL.

The overall goal of the project, which will cost an estimated \$916,000, is to improve telephone service and provide every Plains customer with the availability of a private line. Upon completion of the project by year end, all customers will have access to many optional features available with a private line. Some examples are Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, Three Way Calling, Speed Dialing, and 1+ direct dialing service without operator intervention.

"This project will result in major improvements in telephone service for ALLTEL's Plains customers. Making private lines available will allow customers more

privacy, easier access, and more choices while meeting their telecommunication needs," said Robert Williams, supervisor-operations.

In addition to private lines, ALLTEL plans to install approximately 50 miles of new telephone cable and two digital electronic remote line concentrator modules throughout the Plains exchange. These additions will improve voice and transmission quality, as well as make the likelihood for future services much greater.

Construction is presently in progress in the northwest portion of the Plains exchange.

COUNTY Court MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Mon., May 22, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. All Commissioners were present, as well as Treasurer Toni Jones, Clerk Ruby Bruton, and Kay McClure, Auditors office.

Johnny Jones, Veterans Service Officer, and Marsha Ribble, Department of Human Services were also present. Ms. Ribble explained to the Court the introduction of the 'Texas Lone Star Card' in the County in August. The computer controlled electronic card, similar to bank 'debit' cards, would eliminate the issuance of food stamps, and AFDC checks.

The Lone Star Card, when issued to the current 243 County households receiving food stamps, would

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SORGHUM GROWERS GOING TO COURT OVER EPA BAN

On May 1, the National Grain Sorghum Producers filed a petition with the US Court of Appeals over the Environmental Protection Agency's cancellation of granular carboforum. NGSP is asking for a court review of the record on which EPA based its decision to cancel use of the pesticide.

Gary Bright, NGSP President, said "The decision to take the issue to court is not one we relish, but we felt we had no other choice. As producers, we have decided we aren't going to sit quietly and let others dictate our future. It's time to be heard."

He added, "We don't think the EPA gave serious consideration to the scientific data we presented to them. They seemed more concerned about being sued by the environmental groups than the scientific data. Their main concern seems to be the product's toxicity to one bird, or even a few birds, but they show no concern for the farmer and his needs."

Granular carbofuran has been successfully used in the nation's grain belt for years. The NGSP says EPA has failed to document any large scale wildlife loss in areas the pesticide has been used, but environmental groups such as the Sierra Club pushed for complete elimination of the product, and threatened to sue EPA over the issue.

No dates for the legal proceedings have yet been established

FEBRUARY DRUG BUST LEADS TO ORGANIZED CRIME CHARGES HERE

In February, we published a story headlined "Drug Bust On Hwy. 214", featuring the arrest of a number of marijuana runners north of town through the efforts of Permian Basin Drug Task Force Officer Rick Dickson, his drug sniffing dog 'Audin', the Yoakum County Sheriffs Department and the Denver City Police Department. Some eighty pounds of marijuana were seized, along with a number of vehicles driven by the traffickers.

The story actually started November 23, 1994, in Kermit, Texas, where Kermit Police Officer Scott Williams stopped a Maverick auto driven by one John Wesley Martinez. Williams said the driver appeared nervous, and he asked for and received permission to search the vehicle. Some 40 pounds of marijuana were discovered in a false compartment. At the time, another Maverick passed the search and arrest scene, and officers notified police in Andrews.

A little later, the second Maverick was stopped in Andrews, and again, 20 pounds of marijuana was found, and another driver, Gilbert Vargas, was arrested.

In the ensuing months, Task Force officers discovered a number of leads and clues which indicated the

route north from Interstate 20 to Amarillo, via Kermit, Andrews, Seminole, then through Yoakum County along Highway 214, was a busy corridor for drug runners.

Following the arrest of Martinez in Kermit, a new player emerged. Valentine Lucero Acosta appeared to bond Martinez out of jail, and signed the bond papers with an alias he had previously used when paying a speeding ticket in Winkler County. Officers remembered the alias, and it would later prove a very beneficial bit of police work. When the February drug bust occurred in Yoakum and Cochran County last February, the lead vehicle was driven by one Valentine Lucero Acosta. His vehicle was clean of drugs, but because of his bail bond appearance in Kermit, the investigating officers knew he had to be involved in the scam some way.

Police work in Winkler, Andrews, Yoakum and Potter counties proceeded, and on April 20, Criminal District Richard Clark received eight sealed indictments from the Yoakum County Grand Jury here, charging the indicted with possession of marijuana, failure to possess drug tax stamps, and conspiracy to commit an organized

crime. Two of the indictees were already in jail, soon to be joined by four others. The last arrested were Valentine Lucero Acosta, the ill fated bondsman, and Juan Mejia whom Richard Clark and Rick Dickson name as the kingpins of the organization.

When arrested, he had in his possession a pound of marijuana and an ounce and half of cocaine.

Clark said he had obtained information showing Acosta has been a major drug dealer for a long period of time, moving all types of drugs from Mexico via El Paso to West Texas.

Two of those indicted are not yet in custody, but Clark and Dickson said other suspects are being pursued.

To date, since the initial arrest in Kermit last November, there have been 6 arrests, recovery of 140 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$178,000, and 1 1/2 ounces of cocaine, and eight vehicles impounded. The drugs will, of course, eventually be destroyed, and the vehicles will be sold. Proceeds of the sale will be used to help fund the Drug Task Forces of Amarillo and the Permian

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GRAND JURY INDICTS THREE

The Grand Jury for Yoakum County returned true bills of indictment on the following cases. All bonds for felony indictments are set by District Judge Ray D. Anderson. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Ernest George Strickland- 3rd degree felony- Deadly Conduct- \$5000 Bond; Christopher Antonio Seeders - 2nd Degree Felony- Criminal Conspiracy - \$2500 Bond; Marcello Yzaguirre-1st Degree felony- Aggravated Sexual Assault-\$7500 bond; Marcello Yzaguirre- 1st degree felony- Sexual Assault- \$7500 Bond.

The following is a range of punishment for the three felony degrees; 1st- Confinement in Texas

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PISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The PISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, May 16. Members present were Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Dwayne Canada, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer, and Randy Tuggle.

Others present included Pete Simmons, Superintendent, Eric Banfield, Business Mgr., Steven O' Quinn, High School Principal, Ronnie Watkins, Jr. High Principal, Joel Haragan, Elementary principal, and Arlon Alexander, Counselor. In the election of new Officers of the Board, the following actions took place; Ashburn nominated Bell for President, and Addison nominated Brad Palmer. Palmer was elected President by a 5-2 vote.

Ashburn nominated Bell for Vice President, and Tuggle nominated Tim Addison. Addison was elected, also by a 5-2 vote. Canada nominated Gonzalez, and Gonzalez

nominated Bell for Secretary, and a 4-3 vote elected Bell.

The following business items were discussed and approved; Minutes of past meetings; all monthly bills; Tim Addison appointed the 1995 TASB Delegate to the 1995 Delegate assembly in Houston, Stanley Ashburn named alternate delegate;

Education Service Center Media Services contract approved; Lowest bid price for band uniforms to be accepted; action on the wealth reduction option postponed until next meeting; Pete Simmons to survey fee schedules, travel fees and retainers for school attorneys for board consideration at next meeting; Reports were heard from all administrators.

OUR KIDS ARE OUT OF SCHOOL. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

JUSTICE OF PEACE REPORT

The following is a summary of cases heard before Precinct One Justice Court Judge Melba Crutcher.

46 traffic cases filed, 1 class C misdemeanor filed.

Bonds set: DWI- 1st offense- \$1000 Assault (physical contact)- \$500.

Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing.

Assault causin bodily injury-\$1000.

Fail to pay State drug tax- 3rd degree felony(2 cases) \$5000 bond.

Possession of Marijuana- (2 cases) \$2500.

Engaging in organized criminal activity -2nd degree felony(2 cases)- \$5000 bond.

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years ago, the initial arrest in Kermit would have been the end of the story. Today, with excellent cooperation between law enforcement agencies, the never ending battle against drug traffic is waged much more effectively. Dickson said, "The cooperation over these months between Police Departments all across the South Plains, County Sheriff Departments and our Drug Task Forces are paying big dividends in catching drug dealers, and in this case, letting us bring the much stiffer Organized Crime charges against these guys." Criminal District Attorney Clark added, "We have seen some excellent police work in developing this case, but without this outstanding cooperation of various agencies, individual bits of police work wouldn't have produced these results."

No trial date has been set, but when the other indicted suspects are apprehended, the trial will be held here in Yoakum County.

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Department Of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for life or any term not more than 99 years, or less than 5 years, optional fine not to exceed \$50,000.
2nd- Confinement in TDCJ any term not more than 20 or less than 2 years, optional fine not to exceed \$10,000.
3rd- Confinement in TDCJ not more than 10 or less than 2 years, or confinement in community correctional facility up to 1 year, optional fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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be credited with the eligible dollar amount of existing monthly benefits. It would be presented to merchants when eligible food items are purchased, and that amount would be deducted from the credit balance.

The 96 County households now receiving AFDC checks would have the amount of the check deposited to the Lone Star Card balance, and cash withdrawals would be charged to the Card. Ms. Ribble said there are numerous reasons for the Cards issuance, as well as many advantages in the electronic system. The cards will eliminate theft, food stamp fraud, embarrassment to stamp users, and would encourage eligible recipients to sign up for benefits who have been reluctant to do so because of the embarrassment stigma.

In other Court matters, letters of resignations from Joan Chandler, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, and Ann Greer, Director of Yoakum County Library, Denver City, were regretfully received and approved.

Chandler will resign June 30, and accept the same position and duties in Littlefield, Lamb County. Her husband, Jim, has recently signed a contract with the Amherst School system as their Science Teacher. Greer, a 21 year veteran with the Library, will retire July 31. She served 5 years as Assistant Librarian, and the last 16 as Director.

The Court expressed its gratitude to both ladies for their dedicated service

PISD EMPLOYEE AWARDS CEREMONY

Employees of Plains ISD gathered in the school cafeteria on Saturday, May 20th for the Employee Awards Luncheon. The theme of the luncheon was "Have a Red Hot Summer". The cafeteria was decorated with gingham cloths, chili peppers, recreational summer items, and summer work tools. Special guests at the luncheon were board members and spouses, and each employee's spouse.

Pete Simmons, Superintendent, gave a brief update on pending legislation on school finance that will affect Plains ISD. He also told employees changes to the school policy book that are being prepared by the state are incomplete at this time. As information becomes available this summer, Mr. Simmons told employees he will contact them by letter and will also inform the press.

Don Hinkle was given special recognition for his twenty years of service to Plains ISD and honored for his coming retirement in July. He has been a very loyal, responsible employee for all these years. His knowledge of the school plant has been invaluable,

and he will be sincerely missed by everyone. Don was given a Plains ISD watch in appreciation of his years of service.

Other employees were honored for their years of service. Those receiving five-year watch awards were Cindy Davis, Michael Davis, Bill May, Tana May, Shane McKinzie, Sarah Burrus, and Pete Simmons. Mary Pettigrew and Helen Sainz received ten-year pins. Steve Alldredge, Richie Cullins, Sandra Foster, and Jonnie Green received fifteen-year pins. Twenty-year pins were given to Arlon Alexander, Sue Alexander, Joyce Pierce, Evertt McAdams, Don Hinkle, and Manuela Martinez. Willie Mae Engle has devoted thirty years of her life to the students of Plains ISD, and she received a thirty-year pin.

Meals at three area restaurants were given as door prizes to three employees. They were Jonnie Green at LaFiesta in Hobbs, Paula Cullins at the Tatum Steak House in Tatum, & Manuela Martinez at Grady's American Grill in Lubbock.



PAT AND RETIRING DON HINKLE

*** JOB OPPORTUNITY ***

The Yoakum County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, an Equal Opportunity Employer, announces a job opening for a part time secretary to work in Plains. Position requires a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to function in high pressure situations. Basic function is to assist the full time secretary. Approximately 30 hours per week. A criminal history background investigation will be conducted and references verified. Qualified applicants may contact the Yoakum County CSCD, (806-456-2955) for an application and further details.

*** JOB OPPORTUNITY ***

The Yoakum County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, an Equal Opportunity Employer, announces a job opening for a male, part time Community Service Field Supervisor to work in Yoakum County. Position requires a high school diploma or GED. Must have own transportation and valid Tx. drivers license. Basic function is to provide supervision of defendants required to perform community service. Approx. 15 hours per week usually after 5:00PM and on Saturdays. A criminal history background will be conducted and references verified. Retirees encouraged to apply. Qualified applicants may contact Yoakum County CSCD 806-456-2955 for an application and further details.

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**FROM GARY
WALKER,**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE,
DISTRICT 80**

Time is flying as we count down the final 10 days of this session.

Governor Bush Plans to sign Senate bill 60, the concealed hand gun bill next week. I am comfortable with the bill, but passage was no easy task. I believe we have restored some of our Constitutional rights, without advocating vigilantism by the public. I am for self defense.

The Governor signed the 'Tort Reform bill' Thursday. I believe this reformation to the penal code will restore some fairness and common sense into our tort suits.

Common sense is absent in many mandates placed on citizens by federal and state laws. This prompted Rep. Susan Combs, (R),

Austin, along with Senator Teel Bivens, (R), Amarillo, to introduce legislation giving property owners back some of their property rights. When the state takes 20 percent or more of the value of your property, you should be fairly compensated. This bill states a cost analysis should be prepared. Compensation for the takeover should be based on this analysis.

Your input to me is invaluable. It greatly helps me make decisions affecting District 80 and the entire state. Please keep in touch.

God Bless,

Gary Walker,
**Sate Representative,
District 80**

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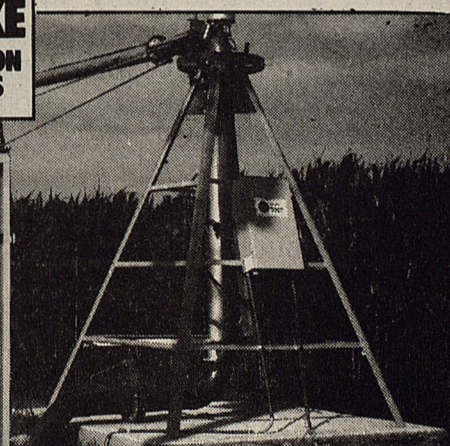
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PLAINS MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY, MAY 18, 1995

U.I.L. AWARDS

Miss Foster
Ready Writing 5
Annaliesa O'Quinn
Ashley Gonzalez
Becky Wilmeth-3rd
Ragan McGinty
Ready Writing 6
Aaron Cain
Lexi Warren-6th
Ashlei Mason-1st
Joel Gallegos
Spelling 5
Scott Tirrell
Jeremy Diamond
Spelling 6
Aaron Cain-4th
Lesli Rowe-1st
Picture Memory 5 - 4th place
Certificate of Excellence
Annaliesa O'Quinn
Ashley Gonzalez
Becky Wilmeth
Wendy Fierro
Mrs. Alexander
Number Sense 5
Annaliesa O'Quinn-3rd
Number Sense 6
Lensey Cullins-3rd
Amanda Garcia-2nd
Number Sense 7
Kristen Gray-1st
Anne Palmer-2nd
Velvet Canada-4th
Wendy Hernandez
Number Sense 8
Clint Burrus-1st
Tommie McNabb-3rd
Marcey House-2nd
Maranda Box
Mr. Morgan
Music Memory 5 - 1st place
Certificates of Excellence
Ashley Gonzalez
Scott Tirrell
Annaliesa O'Quinn
Becky Wilmeth
Ragan McGinty
Music Memory 6 - 1st place
Certificates of Excellence
Emily Blair
Ross Rogers
Lesli Rowe

Mrs. Haragan
Listening 5
Jared Bell-3rd
Ky May
Elizabeth Clanahan
Listening 6
Michaela Traweek-5th
Dustin Six
Lexi Warren
Listening 7
Joshua Bell-2nd
Anne Palmer-4th
Kelton Mason-5th
Listening 8
Cosme Casillas-4th
Mr. Hise
Dictionary Skills 5
Annaliesa O'Quinn-3rd
Elizabeth Clanahan-4th
Dictionary Skills 6
Dustin Six-3rd
Lesli Rowe-4th
Adrienne Ramoz-5th
Dictionary Skills 7
Liz Ancinec-2nd
Wendy Hernandez-3rd
Patty Ruiz-3rd
Dictionary Skills 8
Jeremy Humphrey
Jessica Flores
Nichole Newsom
Mrs. Hise
Calculator 6
Amanda Garcia-1st
Lensey Cullins-2nd
Taylor Gray-3rd
Skyler Johnson-4th
Calculator 7
Kristen Gray-1st
Velvet Canada-2nd
Nichole Newsom-3rd
Calculator 8
Marcey House-1st
Maranda Box-2nd
Anne Palmer

Mrs. Cullins
Oral Reading 5
Ky May-1st
Ashley Gonzalez-2nd
Annaliesa O'Quinn-6th
Oral Reading 6
Lensey Cullins-1st
Michaela Traweek-2nd
Emily Blair-4th
Oral Reading 7
Autumn Deaton-1st
Krystle Blundell-4th
Patti Ruiz-5th
Oral Reading 8
Crystal Calsoncin-1st
Maranda Box
Velvet Canada
Mr. Engle
Maps, Graphs & Charts 5
Jeffrey Lollar
Ky May
Becky Wilmeth
Maps, Graphs & Charts 6
Taylor Gray-5th
Dustin Six 3rd
Kim Willis
Maps, Graphs & Charts 7
Chris Leggett-1st
Candace Bowers-2nd
Chris Willis
Maps, Graphs & Charts 8
Tommie McNabb-1st
Steven Bunch
Cosme Casillas
Mrs. Pettigrew
Impromptu Speaking 7
Krystle Blundell-1st
Velvet Canada-2nd
Autumn Deaton-5th
Impromptu Speaking 8
Clint Burrus-1st
Crystal Calsoncin-4th
Marcey House-5
Mrs. Warren
Modern Oratory 7
Kelli Osborn-4th
Modern Oratory 8
Clint Burrus-5th
Tandi Jones
Steven Bunch
Spelling 7
Kristen Gray-1st
Kyle Sisson-2nd
Kelli Osborn-6th

Spelling 8
Dustin Brunson
Monica Ramoz
Cosme Casillas
Ready Writing 7
Laura Morales-5th
Liz Ancinec
Jessica Flores
Ready Writing 8
Clint Burrus-2nd
Tommie McNabb-4th
Matt Morgan
Mr. May
Life Science
Kristen Gray-1st
Anne Palmer-3rd
Chris Leggett-4th
Earth Science
Clint Burrus-1st
Tommie McNabb-4th
Marcey House-5th

Perfect Attendance

5th Grade
Ashley Gonzalez
6th Grade
Martha Casillas
Joel Gallegos
Jason Garcia
Eric Nixon
8th Grade
Marcey House

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SCHOOL'S OUT; WHAT DO TEACHERS DO NOW?

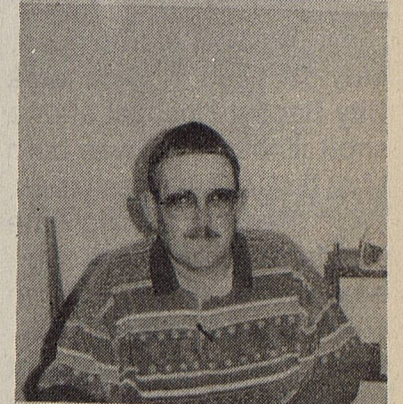
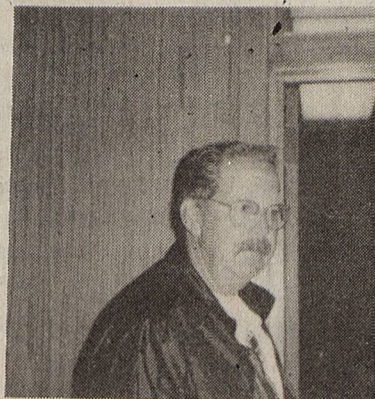
It's Debatable who is happiest about the final day of school last Friday, students, teachers or administrators. A visit to the three schools revealed some interesting comments about what a few of the staff planned for the months ahead;

Jack Baucom, Boys High School Basketball Coach, will be involved in the game this summer also. "I'll be going to the Don Meyer Basketball School in Nashville, Tennessee. It's a learning experience for coaches at all levels. There will probably be half a dozen Texas High school coaches in the class".

Linda Simmons, Kindergarten Teacher, will spend some time in Brownwood with her 90 and 91 year old grandparents, and visit their children in Rockwall.

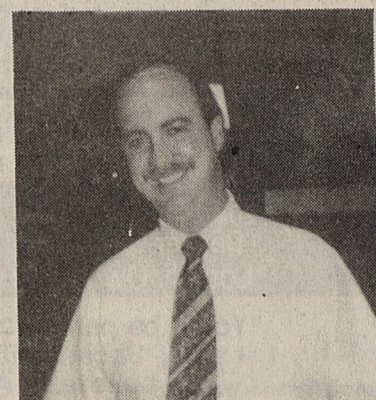
Edwin Brink, Athletic Coach and High School History instructor, said after a trip to Austin and Dallas to visit family and friends, and a possible visit to Sea World in San Antonio, "I'll probably just stay home, read and mow the lawn".

"My mother has lived on a farm outside Santa Ana all these years, and she will be moving to town, in a house Pete is helping to repair. Most of our time will be spent right here, with Pete working, and I'll be attending several Kindergarten workshops preparing for next year", she said.



Rannetta O'Quinn, High School English instructor, plans to visit another English teacher the first week off, planning an Advanced Placement English course she and fellow English teacher Malissa Rogers will teach next year. "We are taking our kids to Disney World in June. This is the first really big trip we have made as a family, and we're all excited about it. We will go in our fifth wheel travel trailer, and be at Disney World five days, and the kids are already bouncing off the walls", she said.

Joel Harragan, Principal of Elementary School, said he would "Be busy the first week or so getting organized for the TAAS test. I'll be here working throughout the summer, but hope to sneak in a few fishing trips to Lake Ivie every now and then".



Phyllis House, Elementary, laughed and said, "The first week I'm going to spend cleaning my kitchen and the rest of the house!". She added, "I'm looking forward to enjoying our kids, and will be taking Marcey to lots of High Plains Junior Rodeo Association weekend rodeos, in which Marcey competes in barrel racing and pole bending."

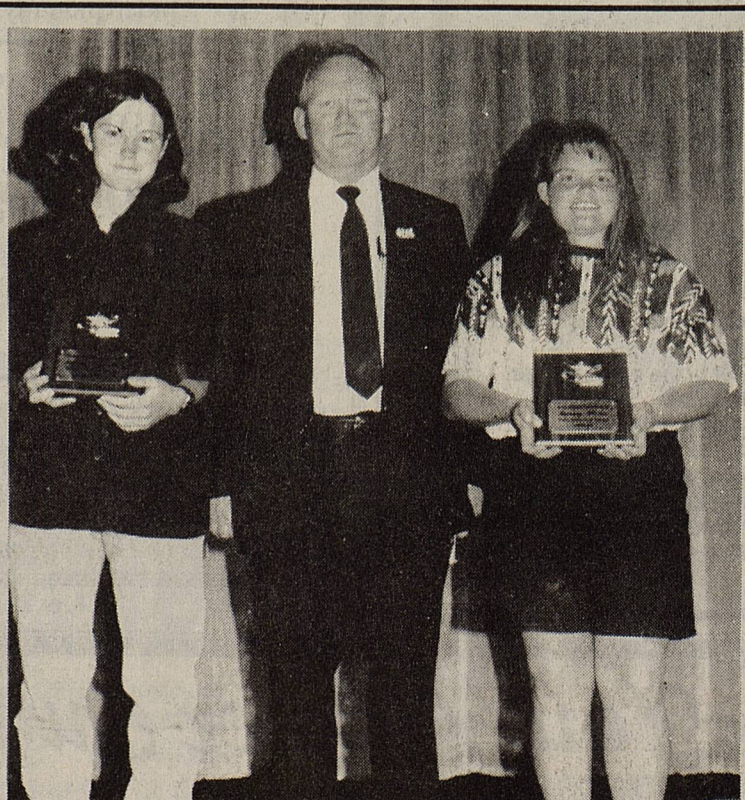
EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION CERTIFICATES

Marcia Baca
Joshua Bayer
Mike Bell
Tanner Blount
Maranda Box
Dustin Brunson
Steven Bunch
Jolyne Burgess
Clint Burrus
Crystal Calsoncin
Cosme Casillas
Bryan Covarrubias
Cassie Dearing
Norma Delgado
Vincent Delgado
Jesus Gandara
Renee Garcia
Mike Guerra
Natasha Guerra
Jesus Hernandez
Sonia Hernandez
Marcey House
LaCresha Johnson
Tandi Jones
Tony Lazos
Jennifer Lollar
Benito Longoria, Jr.
Margarito Longoria
Jesus Luna
Melissa Martinez
Tommie McNabb
Matt Morgan
Jessica Mungia
Ross Nixon
Lisa Parrish
Monica Ramoz
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Adrian Rios
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Lee Tyson
Stephanie Vasquez
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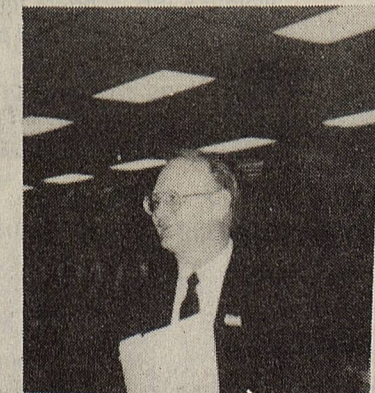
5th Grade Jared Bell Elizabeth Clanahan Wendy Fierro Ashley Gonzalez Tanner Hamm Arasely Luna Ky May Ragan McGinty Annaliesa O'Quinn Scott Tirrell Becky Wilmeth 6th Grade Emily Blair Kelsey Blundell Aaron Cain Lensey Cullins Chris Estrada Joel Gallegos Taylor Gray Kari Guetersloh Kimbe Jones Ashlei Mason	Eric Nixon Lesli Rowe Elva Ruiz Dustin Six Lexi Warren Matt Willis 7th Grade Liz Ancinec Joshua Bell Krystle Blundell Candace Bowers Velvet Canada Leticia Canon Autumn Deaton Jessica Flores Isaac Gonzalez Kristen Gray Wendy Hernandez Jeremy Humphrey Chris Leggett Fermin Luna Kelton Mason Laura Morales	Nichole Newsom Kelli Osborn Anne Palmer Patti Ruiz Kyle Sisson Jason Swann Staci Tuggle 8th Grade Joshua Bayer Maranda Box Dustin Brunson Steven Bunch Clint Burrus Cassie Dearing Marcey House LaCresha Johnson Tandi Jones Tony Lazos Tommie McNabb Matt Morgan Lisa Parrish
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Salutatorian Tommie McNabb, 97.32 gpa.
Principal Ronnie Watkins, and
Valedictorian Marcey House, 97.47 gpa.



Ronnie Watkins, Junior High Principal, said "I plan to play lots of golf with some reputable players. I may have to leave Yoakum County for that!" He also plans to get in lots of fishing on Lake Brownwood, and enjoying life around the water.



Steve Osborn, Girls Basketball Coach and History teacher in Junior High, said "I'll be tied up the first week carrying girls to get their physical exams for the next school year. I'll probably take the wife to our place in Ruidoso, then come back here, to conduct a 5 week basketball camp".



NOTICE FOR BIDS SALE OF LAND

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 1995, for the sale of a tract of land in Precinct 4 described as the N/24.77 acres of Section 313, Block D, JHG Survey in Yoakum County.

Award will be made in regular session of the court on Monday, June 22, 1995.

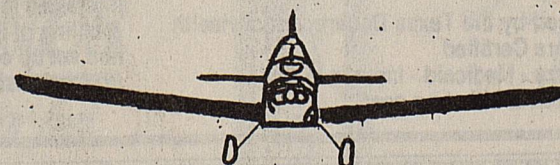
County requests that payment be made in one of three ways; in money payable to the County, or in an equal amount in caliche, or in an equal amount in water.

For more information or to see the property, please contact Commissioner McWhirter at Precinct 4 Building in Plains, or call 806-456-6525.

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-PRCT 4 PROPERTY" on the envelope and be mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456, Plains, Texas 79355. No FAX copies will be accepted.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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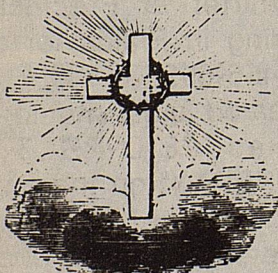
FINAL RITES FOR JOE B. WILSON

Funeral services for Joe B. Wilson, 83, of Denver City were held Monday, May 22, 1995 at 1:00 PM at Denver City Nazarene Church with Rev. Charles Self officiating and Dale Dozier assisting. Burial was in Denver City Memorial Park under the direction of Roger Pool Funeral Home of Seminole, TX.

Mr. Wilson died Friday, May 19 1995 in Oklahoma City Baptist Hospital after a short illness. He was born May 8, 1912 in Westbrook, TX. He was a long time resident of Yoakum Co., having moved here in 1930 from Lubbock, TX. He farmed in the Pleasant Hill and Sligo communities until going to work for Yoakum County in 1950. He lived in Plains, TX. from 1950 until 1965, working for Yoakum County and later moved to the County Park as Manager. After retirement in 1975, he moved to Ballinger, TX and returned to Denver City in 1988 until his death. He married Evelyn Green on November 12, 1932. She preceded him in death on October 22, 1985. He married Edna Cooper on December 6, 1987. He was a member of the Nazarene Church in Denver City.

Survivors include his wife, Edna of Denver City; one son, J.B. Wilson of Pearsall, TX; one step-son, Jerry Duncan of Lake Elsinore, CA; two daughters, Christine Roberts and Billie Slemmons, both of Oklahoma City, OK; two step-daughters, Linda Covington and Edna Hopkins, both of Brownwood, TX; one sister, Frances Blair of Graham, TX; one brother, Odell Jones of Rio Linda, CA, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One grandson preceded him in death.

Some thirteen hours following Mr. Wilson's death, the family was further saddened by news of the death of one of his daughters, Velma Napier, of Virginia Beach, Virginia. She was a former resident of Plains, graduating here in 1956. She is survived by her husband, Fred, two sons, Terry of Suffolk, VA. and Tim of Virginia Beach, a daughter, Melissa Richmond, Virginia Beach, and seven grandchildren.



PROPERTY OWNERS RECEIVE 1995 VALUE NOTICES

Texas property owners have the right to information about changes in their property's value by local appraisal districts. On May 19, 1995, Yoakum County Appraisal District mailed 7,149 appraisal notices showing the owners their 1995 proposed values.

Saundra Stephens, chief appraiser of the district, reminds property owners that the notice of appraised value is not a tax bill. "Please do not pay from this notice," Stephens said.

Stephens emphasized the importance of the notice and the key information that it contains for a property owner. "A property owner has the right to appeal to Yoakum County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership and other areas," she said.

The appraisal review board, more commonly called "ARB" is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling protests from property owners who disagree with some action by the appraisal district.

What should a property owner look for on the notice? "Look at the proposed value for 1995," Stephens said. "The notice shows the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the current year." An improvement is a building, structure or any other type of fixture to the land.

The appraisal notice also includes current year information on exemptions granted to the property. It provides last year's value, too.

Notices to property owners whose values increased more than \$1,000 will also include "estimated" taxes. These "estimated" taxes are based on the new value & estimated tax rate for the same amount of

operating dollars as last year. Generally, taxing units set final 1995 tax rates in August and September. The appraisal district does not set the tax rates.

Stephens ask that a property owner look carefully at the legal description and mailing address to be sure that there is no mistakes. "We send all mobile home owners "personal property" a notice. If you no longer own the mobile home, or any type property that you receive a notice for, now is the time to let us know. If the notice contains an old address, please provide the appraisal district with the current address. The Post Office forwards mail to a new address for a short time only, and tax bills do not go out until October," Stephens said.

A property owner is responsible for informing the appraisal district of the correct mailing address. A property owner is liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill not paid timely.

Stephens added, "If you did not get a notice and want 1995 information about your property, please call the appraisal district at 806-456-7101. The general deadline for protesting to the ARB is June 19 for this year."

RUMP STEAK

In 1990, a 64 year old Tennessee woman entered a hospital for surgery for what Doctors diagnosed as a tumor in her buttocks. What surgeons found, however, was a four inch pork chop bone, which they removed. They estimated it had been in place 5 to 10 years. She could not remember sitting on it, or eating it either, for that matter.

MARRIAGE THOUGHTS

"I don't think I'll get married again. I'll just find a woman I don't like and give her a house"-Lewis Grizzard.

"My wife doesn't care what I do when I'm away, as long as I don't have a good time"-Lee Trevino.

SECOND MASTER DEGREE AWARDED

Jimidene Murphey earned a Master of Arts degree in English at Texas Tech on May 13. She is the daughter of Preston and Sidney Murphey of Plains. She and her husband, Mark Hoffman, live in Lubbock, where she is Associate Professor of Office Technology at South Plains College, Lubbock Campus. Ms. Murphey earned her Master of Business Administration in 1984, and Bachelor of Business Administration at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.



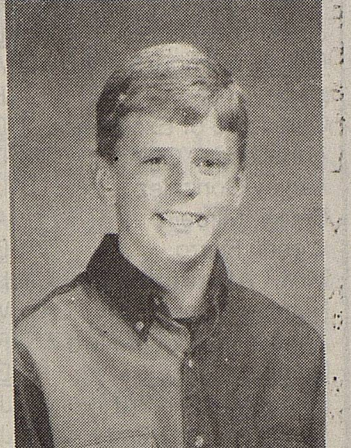
Jimidene Murphey

with a time of 6.293 seconds in a field of 30 ropers.

Other Plains students competing in High Plains Junior events include Marcey House, Evan Cain, Mike Bell, and Keith Jackson.

YOUNGSTER FARES WELL IN RODEO

Brett Squyres, 12 year old son of Newell and Peggy Squyres, won a first and third place in the Andrews Junior Rodeo last weekend. He is a member of the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association. He competes in the 9 to 12 year old group, and enters three events, steer stopping, calf touching and breakaway calf roping. He roped his steer in 6.683 seconds to take first place honors over 24 other contestants. He finished third in the calf touching



Brett Squyres

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I would like to thank all our friends who voted for me. Thank you for the opportunity to meet, talk to, and know so many new friends during the course of the recent election.

I urge everyone to support the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District. Water is one of our most important assets, and the Board will strive to protect and manage it.

Last Week I was in Austin, and had the opportunity to visit Gary Walker's office. He's very busy representing our interests. His efforts on our behalf have saved us more than anyone can imagine, particularly in taxes. I urge everyone to support him in his endeavor to represent all of us.

Sincerely,
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FOR OUR FEMME FRIENDS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

A SUMMER READING PROGRAM begins Monday morning, May 22nd at the Yoakum County Library. The Dairy Queen has given coupons to be used as rewards after a child has read 10 books in their reading level. The Read-To-Me Summer Program is encourage for preschoolers. The title for summer reading is 'ONCE UPON A PLANET'. Book logs and book marks are available at the library. These are furnished by the Texas Library Reading Club.

Reasons To Read To Your Child:

- Because when you hold children and give them this attention, they know you love them.
- Because reading to children will encourage them to become readers.
- Because children's books today are so good that they are fun, even for adults.
- Because children's books' illustrations often rank with the best, giving them a life long feeling for good art.
- Because books are one way of passing on your moral values to children. Readers know how to put themselves in other's shoes.
- Because until they learn to read for themselves, they will think you are magic.
- Because every teacher and librarian they encounter will thank

you. Because it's nostalgic. Because for that short space of time, they will stay clean and quiet.

Because, if you do, they may then let you read in peace. (copied from "In The Wind")

The Librarian of the Yoakum County Library is asking this question of all patrons. What would you like to see changed at the library or what would you like to see added to services at the library?

The library has added a fax machine for patrons use.

THANK YOU

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the wonderful thing done for us during the illness and death of our beloved Bill. Phone calls, cards, flowers, memorials, food, prayers, and all other acts of kindness and consideration will always warm our hearts. May God Bless each of you.

- Mrs. Burve Overton, Gene & Joan Mann fam., Mark & Dalea Choate fam., Melvin & Jerry Young fam., William & Donna Portwood, fam.

LIBRARY FILM TIME

Thirty-two children celebrated the last Film Time of the year by playing games, watching a video, playing musical instruments, and eating a picnic lunch at the library. Ten of the children were recognized for "graduating" from Film Time and going to Kindergarten next year. They were; Cody Mayes, Ashten Blomstedt, Lauren Davis, Marissa Melendez, Ryan Crump, Trent Hawthorne, Amber Friesen, Lauren Hise, Joani Bell, and Katie Winn.

Others in attendance were: Katelyn Young, Kevin John Gass, Isaac Doyle, Stephanie & Chris Addison, Jaaron Bell, Quade Crawford, Cody Blomstedt, Cody Friesen, Sammy Melendez, Landon & Dakota Earnest, Troy Don Parrish, Jonathan Penner, Taylor Banfield, Holden, Hunter, & Haley Welch, Daniela Flores, Alfredo Martinez, Zachary Guerra, and Rhaela & Rhaemi Stall. Birthdays last week were; Lauren Hise and Hunter Welch, shown below.



LOCAL 4-H'ERS COMPETE IN DISTRICT CONTEST

Thirteen Yoakum County 4-H'ers recently participated in the District 4-H Roundup Contests held in Levelland. Participants and their placings include: Ashlei Mason and Lesli Rowe, 1st Place in the pork method demonstrations; Robert Knight and Josh Traweek, 2nd Place in Entomology method demonstrations; Mandy Anderson, Jennifer Coston, Tadd Coston, Chance Kitchens, Justin Nevarez, and Ricky Nevarez, 3rd Place in Share-the-Fun with a 4-H skit; and Jinger Hancock, Julie Hancock, and Katrina Hart, 1st Place in Vocal Share-the-Fun.

Yoakum County senior 4-H'ers who will advance to state competition are Robert Knight, Josh Traweek, Jinger Hancock, Julie Hancock, and Katrina Hart. They qualified to compete in Texas, 4-H Roundup, June 5-9 in College Station.

DID YOU KNOW

Studies show that, on any given day, more than half the American population goes without a single helping of fruit, fruit juice or vegetables.

According to USDA surveys, the average American gets only about 25% to 30% of the beta carotene he or she would consume by eating an ideal diet

Second-hand smoke can rob your body of beta carotene.

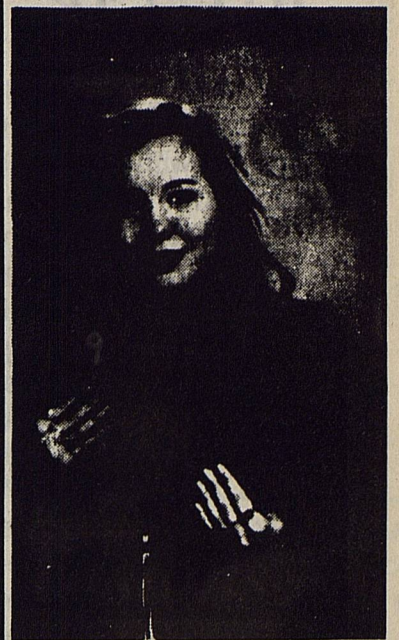
More than 50% of women over 50 will be afflicted with osteoporosis because decreased estrogen causes bones to lose calcium.

Calcium is important for all women, especially for dieters, pregnant women, and people who eat few dairy products.

Calcium and magnesium have been found to reduce bone loss in post-menopausal women.

If you drink chlorinated tap water, you may need more vitamin E.

One large burst of anger can use up lots of vitamin C.



♥ ♥

Congratulations and Good Luck to 1995 PHS Graduate, Selena Humphrey from our AMOCO Family.

NEW ADDRESS

Several people have asked us for the address of Virginia (Hayes) and Bill Armstrong, daughter & son-in-law of Florine and the late Jack Hayes. It is; Virginia-Bill Armstrong Rt. 2 Box 91 Marriell, Ark. 72366 Ph. (501) 829-3615

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We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the many kind deeds, the prayers, food, flowers, cards and letters during the illness and

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FROM THE HACK



Lacking suitable inspiration, we're going to start this off with a few 'Did You Hear The One About...'; The rancher who rode to the saloon, hitched his horse to the rail, went in and partook of large amounts of red-eye. Well fortified, he stumble out to his horse, and discovered someone had painted it's rear end a bright, scarlet red. Enraged, he stormed back into the saloon, and yelled "I wanna know who painted my horse's rear red!" A huge, evil looking cowpoke strolled up and said, "I did it, podnuh... what about it?" The rancher sized him up and stammered, "Well, uh, I just wanted to let you know the first coat is dry!"

Or... why Dwayne Canada keeps his A&M graduation certificate on his car's windshield? So he can park in the handicapped spaces. We appreciate it, Dwayne!

A recent article in the LOVINGTON LEADER, the guys who print our paper, chronicled several local weather buffs there who have tracked wind, rain, snow, etc. in that area for years, and their consensus is this is one of the windiest springs ever experienced here on the South Plains.

I whole heartedly agree. Here it is the latter part of May, and the gales keep coming.

Let's just be thankful the doors to the Table of Wisdom are kept closed the majority of the time. If all the hot air generated around that table were

released every day, we really would be in trouble. One regular said recently, "if it keeps blowing like this, my farm will be in Mississippi, and I'm not sure the Farm Program will let me farm there". Not to worry. Take the money for your crop, invest it in some type of Mississippi Riverboat gambling there. The odds are about equal with those facing farming gamblers.

Around June 10, the bride and I will be in deep East Texas at her family reunion bash. The place will be jam packed with folks I haven't met, or have forgotten I've met. Last time there, I saw a young guy striding over in my direction, and determined not to be embarrassed at not remembering him from some previous meeting, I charged across the room, grinning like a mule with a bale of hay, pumped his hand, slapped his back, and said, "Hey man, it's really good to see you again!". He looked sort of confused, and said, "Sir, I'm the UPS delivery guy bringing the folks living here a package".

We plan to visit Shreveport one day and take a fling at some of the riverboat gambling there. I am sure at least once I will approach the bride and say, "Honey, gimme some of that money I told you not to gamble". Looks like we will be

forced to spend a night or two with the former California kin, you know, the brother in law who suffers from chronic irregularity. I am giving you fair warning right now, Eva and Zig, I AM NOT eating any millet for breakfast.

LIONS CLUB MEETS

The Plains Lions club met at noon Thursday, May 18. Members present included Jim Barron, T.J. Miller, Milton Bayer, Jerry Morphis, Pierre St. Romain, David Brunson, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Harry Richardson, John Kitto and Larry Mason.

Jim Barron introduced guest speaker County Ag Extension Agent Tadd Knight, who gave an informative update on the current battle against the northern movement of the cotton producers dreaded pest, the boll weevil. The Texas Department of Agriculture and Plains Cotton growers, Inc., is actively carrying out a multi-phased program to eradicate the weevil.

The club wishes to remind the community of it's offer to match all donations toward construction of the "WELCOME" sign to be erected just east of town. Contributions will be matched by the Lions, dollar for dollar, up to one half of the total cost of the sign.

THANKS, THIRD GRADERS!

We appreciate your letters, and want to tell you we would have loved printing all of them here, but we just didn't have room. We put them all in a big can, shook them up, and had a friend draw these six out. See you next year at school!

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, I want to thank you for taking our picture. I also want to thank you for giving us a newspapers the articles wher interesting. I enjoyed reading the newspaper. I got alot of information from it. Thank you

Sincely, Carmen Ponce

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Thank you for printing the 3rd grades picture in the Plains newspaper. We enjoy you doing this it was interesting printing it with the other articles. Theres another thing I would like to thank you for is for giving the whole 3rd grade a Plains newspaper. everyone loved to read the other articles.

Sincerely, Trent May

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, thank you for the newspaper. I like the picture from the newspaper. Thank you for taking me a picture on the newspaper. Mrs. Dyer Thank you for comeing to school to take a picture. Mrs. Dyer I like the picture in the newspaper. Mrs. Dyer I saw the picture on the newspaper. Mrs. Dyer Thank you for giving me the newspaper. Mrs. Dyer Thank you for taking a picture when we where coming to the pizza.

Love, Mike Lopez

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Thank you for all them

newspaper we sure did enjoy reading them And. Thank you for Taking are Picture and Puting it in, The newspaper I did not just read that Picture I read some ohter articles well thanks by by

pizza party again for best attendance. Well I hope you come next year and I hope I see you soon.

Sincerely, Cendy Lopez

Love, Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Rodney Guetersloh

I enjoyed the newspaper that you made Mrs. Dyer. Thankyou for printing the picture in the newspaper. I always wanted to have my picture in the newspaper. we got ahead becuase most of the 4th grade boys went to all stars.

Thanks, Armando



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NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

On April 20, I impounded one stray Hereford red & white cow, marked with X on left thigh, 6 on left shoulder, notched left ear. A notice of Estray was filed May 10.

Jerry Howard, Deputy Yoakum Co. Sheriff Dept.