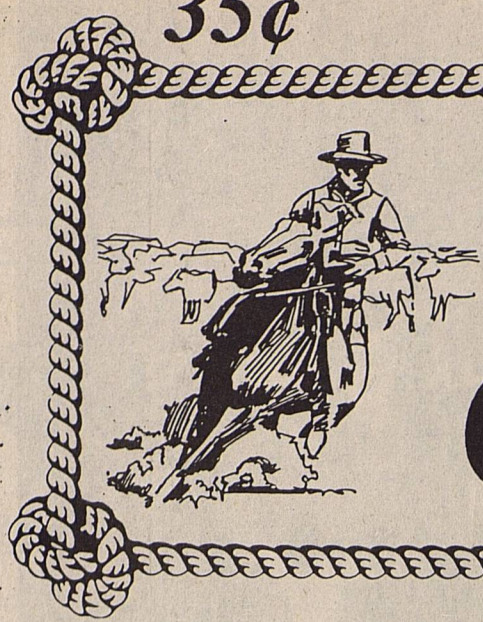
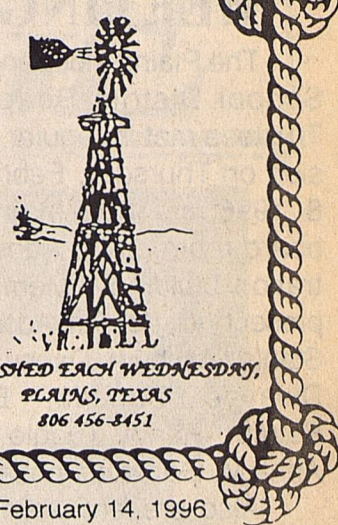


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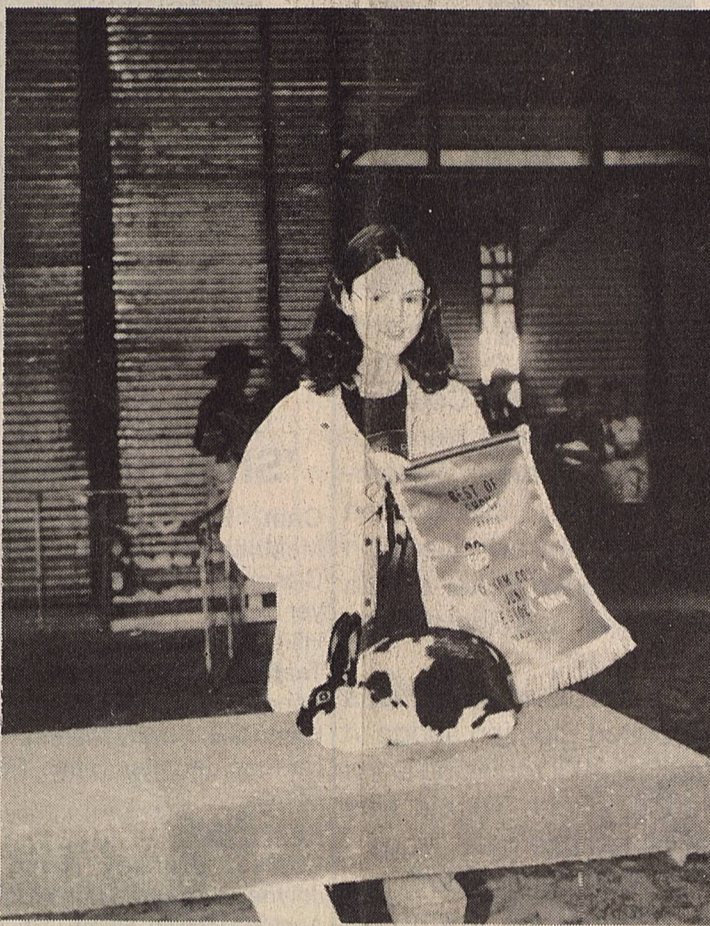
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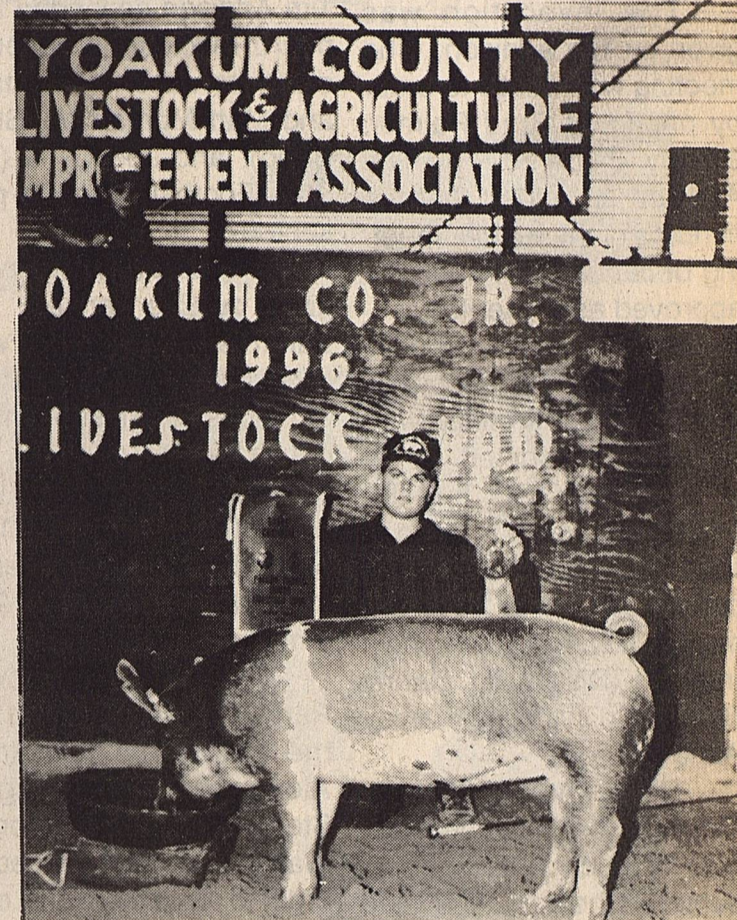
## 44th County Stock Show Great Success



Chelsea Blount and Grand Champion Barrow, with Dad Mike Blount and Joe Pierce



Tommie Mc Nabb and 'Frances', Grand Champion Rabbit of Show



Kelton Mason and Grand Champion Gilt of The Show

The big Yoakum County Junior Livestock Show, for young 4-H and FFA exhibitors from the Denver City and Plains Schools, drew to a successful close late Saturday afternoon.

Three hectic days of weighing in the show animals, washing, grooming, clipping, then parading them before the scrutiny of eagle-eyed and expert judges, herding them back in the show ring Saturday morning for a photo-op of the different winners, and again touring the same ring that afternoon for the noisy and frantic final sale.

There is little doubt which group of animals were the more exhausted Saturday night, the two legged humans or the four legged creatures. The exhibitors, and their hard working and supporting moms and dads won the 'tiredest' contest, hands down.

A record setting number of swine and rabbits were entered in the show, while the steer and lamb numbers were down. Most

of the officials interviewed felt the quality of this year's animals was at least as good as any previous year.

Unless a person has been personally involved in staging the annual event, it is difficult to comprehend just how much hard work is required to produce the show. The Yoakum County Livestock Association officers are to be commended for their efforts. Association officers include Larry Mason, Pres., Kreg Keesee, 1st VP, Randy Tuggle, 2nd VP, Jim Brown, Sec/Treas., and Directors Steve Bowlin, Bill Anderson, Bruce Lester, Mike Roberts, Wayne House, Bill Rowe and Stephen Benningfield.

The association's Advisory Committee, made up of Joe Pierce and Geoff Cooper, Plains and Denver City Ag Science Instructors, and Tadd Knight, County Ag Extension Agent, were of invaluable assistance in the big show.

Others who labored long and hard for the exhibiting

youngsters included Reg Trout, Howard Pollard, Gary Walker, Debbie Smith, Debbie Rushing, Sara Mason, Edith Tuggle, N.C. Clanahan, and all the ladies serving the FCE concession stand, and others who brought food items for the fund raising sale.

Even the four show Queen Candidates worked hard, selling "vote" tickets for Association funds. Lisa Parrish, representing the Plains FFA, sold 1854 one dollar tickets to be crowned the 1996 stock show Queen. Other contestants were Melissa Asebedo, Plains 4-H, Becky Trout, D.C FFA, and Tommy Burnip, DC 4-H.

In the Judged Showmanship Competition, Chelsea Brown and Kylie Bearden were first in the Junior, Senior Barrow competition, Chelsea Blount and Kelton Mason scored first in the Junior-Senior Gilt division, Tad Coston and Mandi Anderson placed first in the Junior-Senior lamb show, Austin Keesee and Marcey

House won first in steer competition, and Tara Price and Tommie McNabb won the honors in the rabbit division.

We are sorry all rabbit entries were unavailable at press time.

The Grand Champion exhibitors were rewarded in the show ring Saturday afternoon. Austin Keesee received \$1250 for his champion steer, purchased by Fosha Spring of Brownfield. Chelsea Blount was rewarded \$1000 for her champion cross barrow, purchased by Alan and Jeff Barron, Jerry Lindt's medium wool lamb earned \$1000 from Lowe's Pay n Save, Kelton Mason's champion cross gilt brought \$1000 from New Tex Gin, and Tommie McNabb's champion satin doe rabbit earned \$550 from Tokio CO OP Gin.

Reserve Grand Champion winners fared almost as well; Austin Keesee's reserve steer brought \$1000 from American State Bank, Brownfield, Josh Taylor's

medium wool lamb \$750 from Danny's Service Co. of Denver City, Austin Keesee received \$900 for his hamp barrow from Tokio CO OP Gin, and Kelton Mason took home \$850 for his hamp gilt from Plains State Bank. Our congratulations to these and all the other winners and exhibitors.

The following is a listing of exhibitors whose animals made the Sale Saturday.

Other show pictures are featured inside.

**Lambs: Breed Champions**

Josh Taylor, Fine Wool; Tadd Coston, Fine Wool Cross; Kutter Anderson, Southdown

**Reserve Champions**

Jinger Hancock, Fine Wool Cross; J.T. Cooper, Southdown,

**First Place**

Courtney Hix, Southdown, T.J. Kitchens, Southdown

**Second Place**

Tadd Coston, Medium Wool; Jerry Lindt, Medium Wool; Jerry Lindt, Medium Wool

**Third Place**

Chance Kitchens, Fine Wool; Amanda Cooper, Fine Wool Cross; Jamey Garland, Medium Wool, Cody Mayes, Medium Wool, Ashley Unger, Medium Wool;

Kutter Anderson, Southdown; Chance Kitchens, Southdown;

**Fourth Place**

Mandi Anderson, Fine Wool; Amanda Cooper, Medium Wool; Krystal Sellers, Medium Wool; Krystal Sellers, Medium Wool; Kaylyn Hix, Southdown; Ashley Unger, Southdown;

**Fifth Place**

Yancey House, Medium Wool; Dustin Sellers, Medium Wool; Krystal Sellers, Medium Wool; Marty Roberts, Southdown;

**Sixth Place**

T.J. Kitchens, Fine Wool; Skye Sellers, Fine Wool Cross

**Seventh Place**

Jennifer Coston, Medium Wool

**Steers:**

**Second Place -**

Marcey House (both steers took 2nd.)

**Swine: Breed Champions**

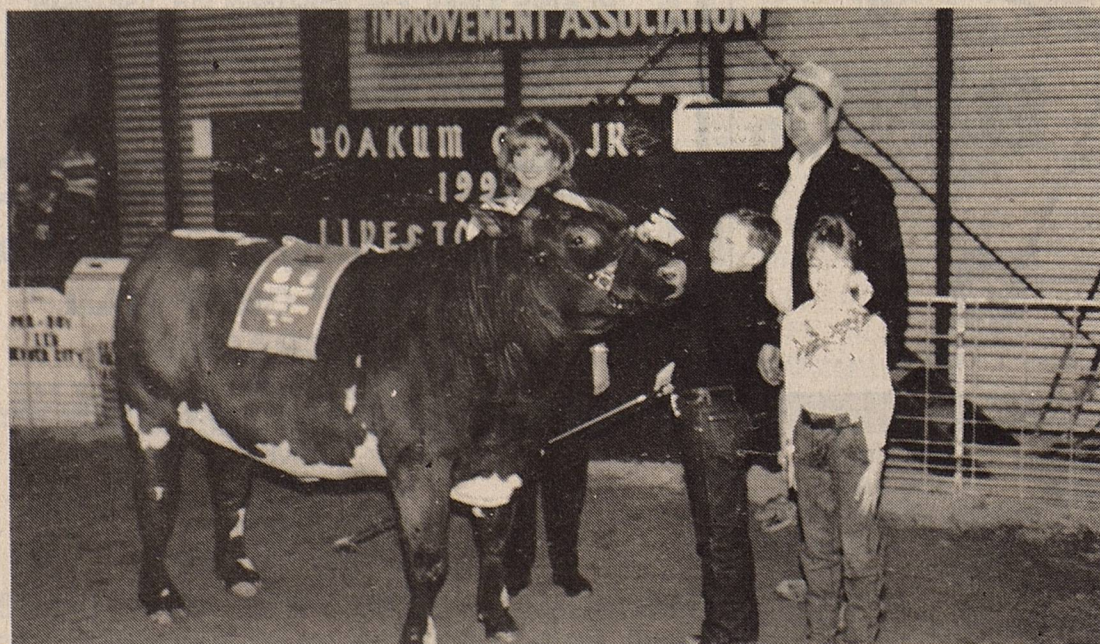
Quinton Brumleey, Duroc Gilt; Shana Bowlin, York Barrow; Sonya Dye, Chester Gilt; Ricky Nevarez, Chester Barrow; Summer Jones, Berk Gilt; Josh traweck, Poland Barrow; Ashley Mason, York Gilt; Staci Tuggle, Duroc Barrow

**Reserve Champions**

Davela Maynard, Duroc Gilt; Chance Bowlin, Duroc Barrow; Rowdy Warren, Chester Gilt; Evan

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**'Show Results'**



Austin Keesee and Family Showing Grand Champion Steer



Austin Keesee with Reserve Grand Champion Steer

## PISD TRUSTEES MEETING

The Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, February 8, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the Administration building. Members present included Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Dwayne Canada, Brad Palmer, Randy Tuggle with Anna M. Gonzalez absent.

Also present were Superintendent Pete Simmons, High School Principal Steve O'Quinn, and Business Manager Eric Banfield.

The invocation was given by Tim Addison. The meeting was called to order by president Brad Palmer. Danny Bell moved, Tim Addison seconded that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 1996, be approved as presented.

Stanley Ashburn moved and Randy Tuggle seconded that the monthly bills be approved as presented.

Tim Addison moved, Stanley Ashburn seconded that a board election be called for May 4, 1996, for the positions of two school trustees (District 3 - Danny Bell) and (District 4 - Stanley Ashburn).

Stanley Ashburn moved, Tim Addison seconded that bids for a school bus be presented at the next scheduled board meeting.

Tim Addison moved, Danny Bell seconded that a portion of the fund balance be designated as described by the codes defined by the Texas Education Agency. (\$250,000 of the unreserved fund balance for the purchase of equipment and capital expenditures; and \$1,100,000 of the unreserved fund balance for anticipated shortfall in cash due to the devaluation of the local tax base and tax collections.)

Randy Tuggle moved, Danny Bell seconded that the budget be amended for Title I expenditures and for technology revenue from the state.

Dwayne Canada moved, Tim Addison seconded that

the board adopt and rescind policy according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Update 49.

Tim Addison moved and Danny Bell seconded that board Adopt and rescind policy according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Update 50.

No action was taken on Starting Points (Planning and Decision-Making Process) involving the development of local policy when the legal policy allows local discretion. The board approved by consensus to send the Starting Points work sheet to TASB to be formalized for adoption later.

Stanley Ashburn moved, Tim Addison seconded that board resolutions honoring students Jason Robertson and Matt Morgan (All-State Band), and Joe Luna (All-State Football Team) be presented.

A financial report was given by Eric Banfield. An administrative report was given by Steve O'Quinn. Mr. Simmons gave a superintendent's report.

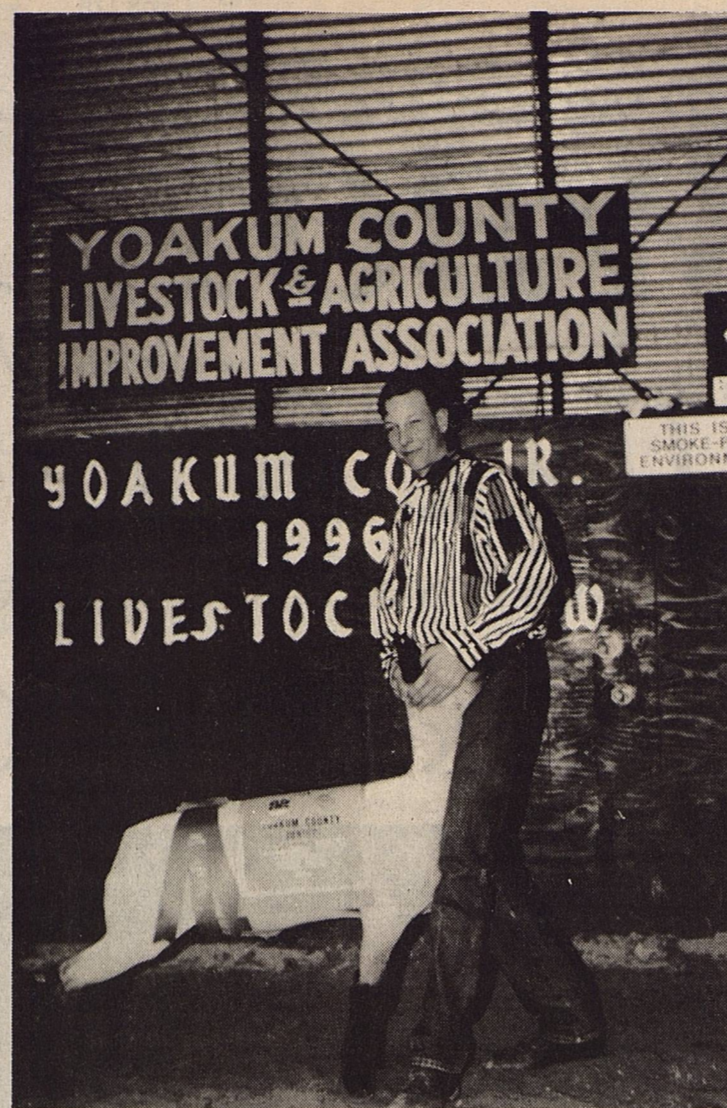
The board entered into executive session at 11:07 p.m. The board reconvened in regular session at 12:11 a.m.

Dwayne Canada moved, Randy Tuggle seconded that the contracts of Arlon Alexander, Joel Haragan, Steven O'Quinn, and Ronnie Watkins not be extended, in order to place them on a one-year contract instead of a two-year contract. The motion failed: 2-4, with Canada and Tuggle voting for, Addison, Ashburn, Bell, and Palmer voting no.

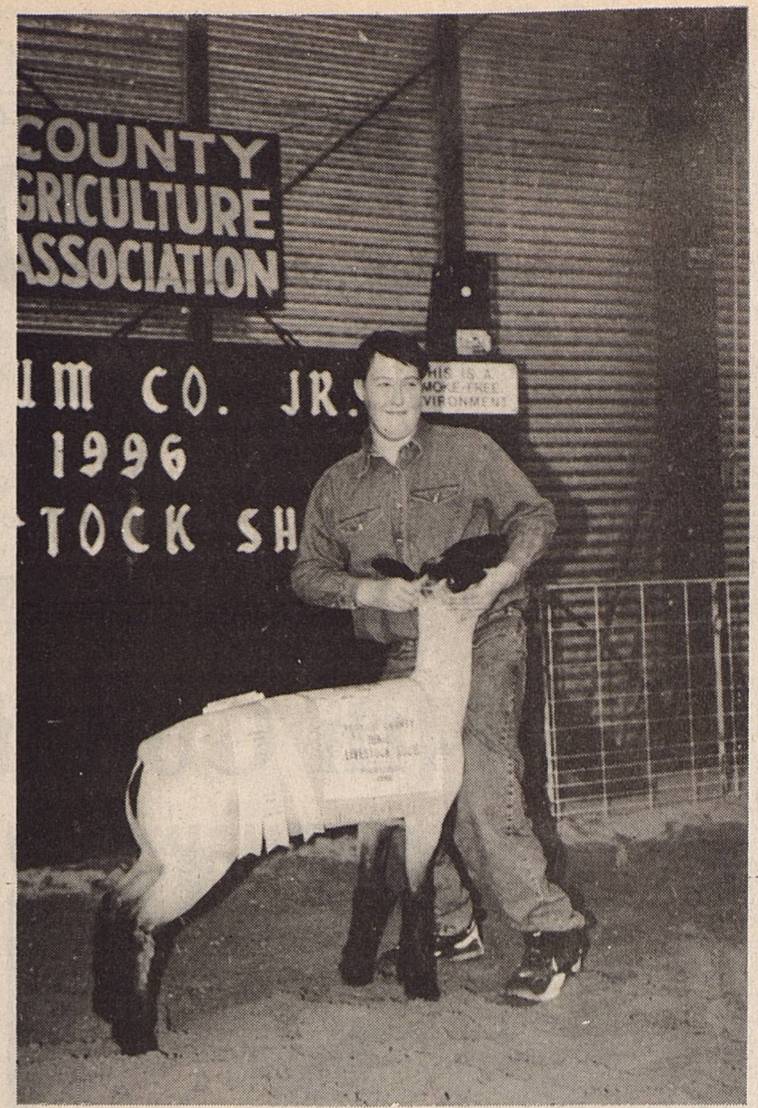
Danny Bell moved, Tim Addison seconded that the contracts of Arlon Alexander, Eric Banfield, Joel Haragan, Steven O'Quinn, and Ronnie Watkins be extended by one year. The motion carried: 4-2, with Addison, Ashburn, Bell, and Palmer voting for. Canada and Tuggle voting no.

## County Court Meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Mon., February 12. A number of agenda items were considered, with the following ac-



Jerry Lindt & Grand Champion Medium Wool Lamb



Josh Taylor & Reserve Champion Medium Wool Lamb

tion taken; Central Counting Station personnel were appointed to serve in upcoming elections. Jim Barnett was appointed Election Judge, Gerald Baker as Tab Supervisor, and Ruby Bruton as Manager.

Sarah Guetersloh was appointed Election Judge in Precinct 303, replacing Deryl Hobbs. Edith Tuggle was appointed alternate Judge.

A number of Board and/or Committee members whose terms expire this year were reappointed. Jack Sessions, Richard Lee Ryder and Sandi Meyer were reappointed to the Denver City Civic and Youth Center Board.

Ty Earl Powell, Jan Parrish, Cynthia Koncaba, Debra Lowe, Jerry Howard, Marjorie Diaz, Diana Flores and Chris Blundell were reappointed on the Plains Youth Center Board. Jennifer Beckham, who is moving, will be replaced at a later date.

Dennis Harrison, Minnie Lou Dulin and Jack Cobb were renamed to the County Hospital Board.

Amendment of the present Yoakum County Investment Policy was tabled until a later date.

## Cont'd from Page 1, 'Show Results'

Cain, Berk Barrow; Sawyer McMillin, Cross Gilt; Chase Clanhahan, Chester Barrow; Sawyer McMillin, Poland Gilt; Amanda Hiller, Cross Barrow; Jonathan Teaff, York Gilt; Randy Warren, York Barrow; Ragan McGinty, Hamp Gilt; Rowdy Warren, Hamp Barrow; Jennifer Hiller, Poland Barrow

### First Place

Chelsea Brumley, Hamp Gilt; Jolyne Burgess, Hamp Barrow; Austen McMillin, Hamp Gilt; Jinger Hancock, Cross Barrow; Yancey House, Duroc Barrow; Major Howard, York Barrow; Rustin Knight, Duroc Barrow; Marte Pierce, Hamp Barrow; Staci Tuggle, Cross Barrow

### Second Place

Chelsei Brown, Duroc Gilt; Chelsei Blount, Hamp Barrow; Trey Cleveland, Duroc Gilt; Kipp Blount, Cross Barrow; Derek Corzine, Cross Gilt; Kipp Blount, Hamp Barrow; Courtney Hix, Cross Gilt; Major Howard, Poland Barrow; Jessica Knight, Hamp Gilt; Skylar Keese, Cross Gilt; Tanner Blount, York Barrow; Ashlei Mason, Hamp Gilt; Rustin Knight, Duroc Barrow; Justin Nevarez, Duroc Barrow; Michelle Smith, Cross Barrow; Lance Unger, Poland Barrow; Chance Welch, Cross Barrow

### Third Place

Sandi Anderson, Chester Gilt; Melissa Asebedo, Cross Barrow; Sandi Anderson, Duroc Gilt; Lyndsei Bell, Poland Barrow; Cody Birkenfield, Cross Gilt; Kelly Bowers, York Barrow; Tanner Blount, Hamp Gilt; Justin Brown, Cross

Barrow; Robert Knight, Hamp Gilt; Summer Jones, Cross Barrow; Landon Craft, Hamp Gilt; Robert Knight, Berk Barrow; Fabian Garza, Cross Gilt; Misty Mcdowell, Chester Barrow; Chase Howell, Poland Gilt; J.T. Peebles, York Barrow; Austen McMillin, York Gilt; D.J. Robertson, Cross Barrow; J.T. Peebles, Hamp Barrow; Lyndi Rowe, Hamp Barrow; Doug Rushing, Hamp Barrow; Michelle Smith, Poland Barrow; Randi Warren, Duroc Barrow

### Fourth Place

Shana Bowlin, Cross Gilt; Lyndsei Bell, Berk Barrow; Becky Coronel, Chester Gilt; Jessica Brown, York Barrow; Fabian Garza, Hamp Gilt; Jolyne Burgess, York Barrow; M'Leah McKinzie, Hamp Gilt; Amanda Hiller, Duroc Barrow; Tara Price, York Gilt; Tony Lazos, Cross Barrow; Angie Longoria, Cross Barrow; Justin Nevarez, Cross Barrow; Blake Parrish, Duroc Barrow; Marte Pierce, Poland Barrow; Jeremy Ponce, Poland Barrow; Rebecca Robertson, Hamp Barrow; Lesli Rowe, Hamp Barrow; Kerry Sisson, Duroc Barrow; Rebecca Robertson, Hamp Barrow

### Fifth Place

Chelsea Brumley, Duroc Gilt; Kyle Bearden, Hamp Barrow; Dacia Humphrey, Hamp Gilt; Kelly Bowers, Duroc Barrow; B.J. Sellers, Cross Gilt; Kyle Bearden, Cross Barrow; Matthew McKinzie, Cross Gilt; Coley Burgess, Cross Barrow; Lesli Rowe, Hamp Gilt;

Chris Cleveland, Duroc Barrow; Jonathan Teaff, Hamp Gilt; Karl Guetersloh, Duroc Barrow; Jonathan Warlick, York Gilt; Jennifer Hiller, Duroc Barrow; Davela Maynard, Cross Barrow; Kirk Parrish, Cross Barrow

### Sixth Place

Chris Cleveland, Duroc Gilt; Justin Brown, Hamp Barrow; Trey Cleveland, Duroc Gilt; Coley Burgess, Cross Barrow; Lindi Rowe, Hamp Gilt; Evan Cain, Hamp Barrow; Ragan McGinty, Duroc Barrow

### Seventh Place

Melissa Asebedo, York Gilt; Casey Mayes, Cross Barrow; Marte Pierce, Hamp Gilt

Roster of Rabbit Exhibitors unavailable at press time.



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## Basketball Summary

### 8th Lady Wranglers:

The 8th grade girls ended their season with a hard fought victory over New Home last week, edging them 31-30. Candace Bowers scored 13 points, followed by Kristen Gray 11, Kelli Osborn 3, Laura Morales 2, Anne Palmer and Krystle Blundell with 1 each. The girls season record was 8 wins, 7 losses, and 5 and 3 in District play. The top five scores for the season were Staci Tuggle 50, Anne Palmer 42, Rebecca Robertson 41, Candace Bowers 34, and Elizabeth Casillas 32.

### 7th Wranglers:

The 7th grade boys lost a squeaker on January 29, downed 38-37 by Sudan. Adam Garcia led the scoring with 20 points, Aaron Cain had 6, Brett Squyres and Marcos Hernandez 4, Kelsey Blundell 2, Chris Estrada 1.

The boys split into two teams in their final outing against Whiteface Feb. 5. The B team won 28-17, with Sterling Deaton scoring 9 points, Hernandez 7, Eddy Gallegos 6, Matt Willis 4, and Taylor Gray 2. The A team also came out on top 55-35. Garcia was top scorer with 22 points, Blundell had 11, Dustin Six 10, Cain 9, Squyres 4, Chris Estrada and Armando Luna 1 each. Their season record of 9-4 pleased Coach Michael Davis, who said he was very proud of their effort, and working with each team member was a real pleasure.

### 8th Wranglers:

The 8th boys split their last two games. They were edged 33-25 by Smyer. Fermin Luna had 6 points, Colt Winn and Josh Bell 5, Kyle Sisson 3, Patrick McGinty, Justin Bennett and Alex Tarango 2 each.

They handily won the fi-

nal outing against New Home 50-28. Luna again led the scoring with 29 points, Tarango had 7, Winn 4, Bell 3, McGinty, Jeremy Morphis and Chris Willis 2 each, Bennett 1. The boys finished with a record of 8 wins 8 losses. Coach McAdams expressed his appreciation for their hard work.

### JV Cowgirls:

The young Cowgirls found rough going in their final outing, losing to Smyer 35-14. Only four girls made the scoring column. Jolyne Burgess had 7 points, Mary Morales 3, Lisa Parrish and Tandi Jones 2 each.

### JV Cowboys:

The JV Boys finished an outstanding season with a big 62-37 victory over Smyer. They stood 18-5 for the year, and won the JV District Championship. Abraham Garcia and Travis Bennett shared scoring honors with 12 points, David Flores had 10, Jason Redman 9, Adam Dominguez 8, Allen Ward 5, Yancey House and Jonah Moreno 3 each. Coach Brink said he was very proud of the players and the hard work they put in this season.

### Varsity Cowgirls:

The Cowgirls finished their regular season with a hard won 46-44 victory over Smyer last week. Kyle Bearden had the hot scoring hand with 15 points, followed by Lindsey Six 8, Tessa St. Romain 7, Kayla Redman 6, Sandi Warren and Kassie Lowe 4 each, and Robin Squyres 2. Their season record is now 17-11, and 5-3 in district play. They play Anton on our press day to decide if they will be in the playoffs.

### Varsity Cowboys:

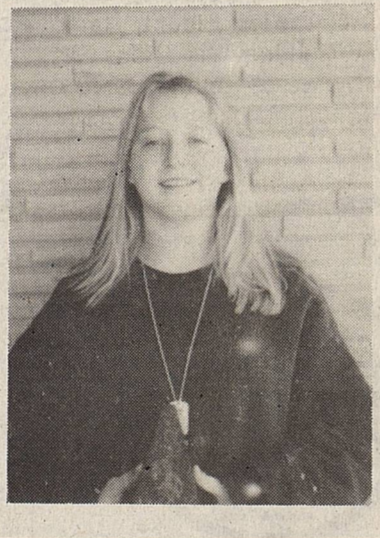
The Cowboys avenged an earlier loss to Smyer last week with a convincing 66-53 win, creating a tie for first

place in District standings. They will face Smyer again Tuesday in Lubbock to decide first and second place honors. Chase Clanahan had 8 rebounds, while Tanner Blount, Ralph Ramirez and Kirk Parrish each pulled down 7. The boys shot their best of the year, 61% from the floor, led by Clanahan's 21 points. Ramirez scored 13, Johnny Davis 12, Blount 11, Parrish 7, and Eric Estrada 2.

## Student of the Week

Lyndi Rowe is this week's honored student. She is a Junior and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Rowe. She was nominated by Mr. Freisen.

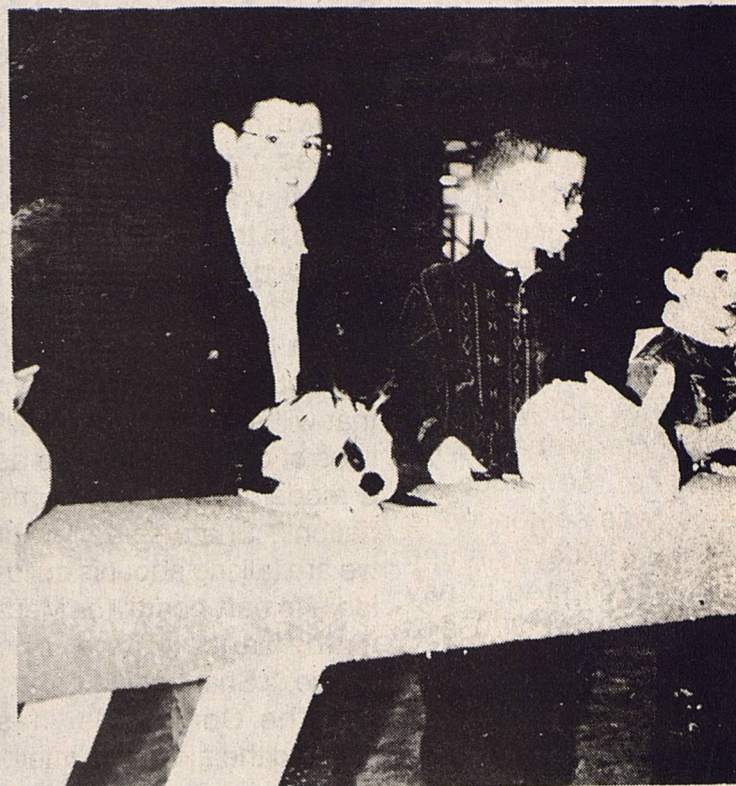
"The American Heritage Dictionary describes integrity as a 'Steadfast adherence to a moral or ethical code.'" Lyndi was nominated and elected because she exhibits integrity in her schoolwork and community activities. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of learning right from wrong and then developing the courage to cohere to these moral standards. It is apparent to me that Lyndi gets her strength from her faith in God and that this faith is something that everyone could use to generate a stronger, better personality."



## 7th Grade Artist Gains Notoriety

Aaron Cain, 7th grader at Plains Jr. High, was surprised to learn that his drawing of a 1940 Willys titled "Wild Willys" was included in the February 9th issue of National Hot Rod Association magazine.

Although his drawing did not place in the annual contest, it was one selected from entries from all over the United States for printing in the recent issue. An avid NHRA fan, Aaron has attended several national events and plans on attending the Mid-South Nationals to be held in Memphis, Tennessee with his family this summer.



Grady McNabb, Chase Howell w/show rabbits

## Plains Students Named To SPC Dean's List

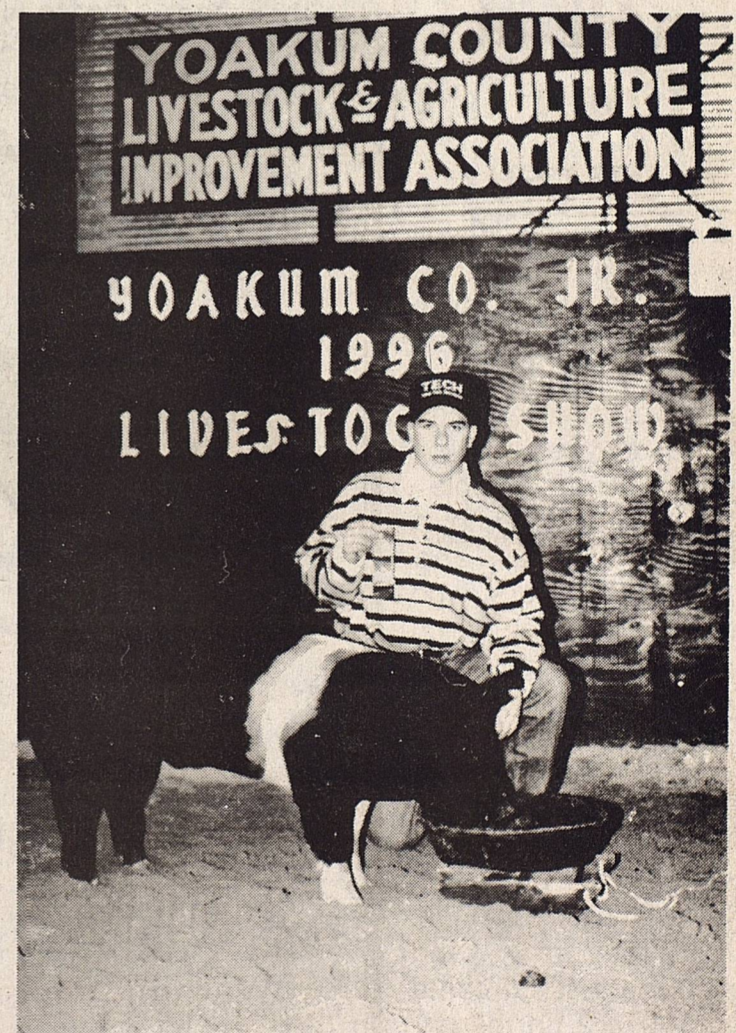
Cleve Bearden, Emma Gonzales, Ken McAdams, Heather McDonnell and Phillip J. Rushing, all from Plains, have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1995 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours.

"We are pleased to announce the list of students who have worked very diligently to achieve an outstanding grade point average at SPC for the fall semester," said Dr. James Taylor, vice president for academic and student affairs. "They should be very proud of the hard work they have accomplished. We at South Plains are certainly very proud of these students."



Marcey House shows lamb



Marte Pierce & breed champ Hamp

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### Babe Ruth League Sign-up

A tentative sign up date for players in the Babe Ruth Baseball League is set for Feb. 17. Eligible player age is 13-15. To sign up, contact Jerry Morphis at 1401 3rd St.

### Notice

The Plains School indoor pool will be open to the public on Monday's from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. (The pool will not be open during school holidays.)

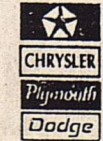


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## County Criminal Court Cases Heard

Three criminal cases were heard in Yoakum County Court presided over by Judge Dallas Brewer. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Jose Luis Mendez, 24, pled guilty to violating terms of his probation for an original sentence of DWI. He was sentenced to serve seven days in the County jail, ordered to pay delinquent fine of \$90 and court costs of \$227. After serving the jail sentence, he must abide by all the original orders of probation.

Jose Mata Vasquez, 52, originally found guilty of a DWI charge pled true on a judgement revoking original probation. He is to be confined 60 days in the Terry County jail, the judgement to run concurrently with the original cause. He was represented by Attorney Frank Lacy.

Victor Salazar Dominguez, 42, convicted of a subsequent DWI charge in 1993, pled true to the state's motion to revoke probation. Defendant was sentenced to 80 days in jail, and given credit for 80 days previously served. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

## Rare Double Eagle at Local Course

One of the most difficult feats in the frustrating game of golf was achieved last week at the County course by Billy Don Guetersloh when he scored a double eagle on the long par five 18th hole.

He was playing with a number of local and Denver City golfers who witnessed the event, which is much more difficult than the much ballyhooed hole in one feat. It was reported he hit a big tee shot into the prevailing west wind on the finishing hole, and was some 235 yard out when he hit the amazing shot just short of the green, and watched it roll straight into the cup for a 2 on the par five hole.

His cousin Chris, a witness of the event, said when he learned the shot would be featured in CCN, said, "I'm just a little miffed about this. When I did the same thing about four years ago, mine was witnessed too, but no one reported it in the paper".

It's been noted now, Red.



## Sharp, Technology Firm Develop 'Smart Bomb' For Medicaid Fraud

State Comptroller John Sharp announced the next generation of his welfare reform efforts--a computer software system so advanced it will "learn" how to detect waste, fraud and abuse in the state's massive Medicaid system.

"I have joined forces with a group of experts to develop a brand new system that will save taxpayers millions of dollars and serve as a model for the rest of the nation," Sharp said. "What we are talking about is building a 'smart bomb' for Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse," Sharp said.

The Comptroller has enlisted the aid of the Intelligent Technologies Division of Berkom USA, an Austin-based technology firm founded last year. Berkom USA's technical staff has played key roles in the development of the 'smart bomb' technology used in the Desert Storm's precise missile tracking systems and VISA International's successful attempt to significantly curb its credit card fraud.

That technology, known as "neural networks", mimics the structure and function of the human brain and accumulates knowledge and expertise, allowing it to solve complex problems beyond the grasp of traditional, linear approaches.

Sharp and Berkom USA will work closely with Health and Human Services Commissioner Mike McKinney, the Texas Department of Health, the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control unit and other state

agencies. A working prototype of the system is scheduled to be in place by September 1996.

"Unlike other computer software, neural networks don't need to be reprogrammed for each new task," Brown said. "Instead, they tackle complex problems the way the human brain does--by absorbing information, identifying patterns and 'learning' how to solve them."

"Our assignment is to develop a computer system and teach it how to find suspicious patterns that may indicate fraud, waste or abuse," Sims said.

"This Texas project marks the first time any government anywhere in the nation has ever used such technology to detect Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse," Sharp said.

Sharp noted that Texas accounted for 28.6 million Medicaid claims in 1995, an average of 550,000 claims a week from nearly 60,000 Medicaid providers.

"As the nation's second-largest state, we will spend \$10 billion on Medicaid this year--almost one quarter of the entire state budget," Sharp said. "Yet we will spend a mere \$2 million on Medicaid fraud enforcement."

"This new 'smart bomb' technology will make a dramatic difference in state government's efforts to make sure Medicaid dollars are used effectively and efficiently," Sharp said. "We believe it will set the standard for using limited resources to deal with a growing volume

of transactions."

Sharp said that the Intelligent Technologies Division of Berkom USA will develop the prototype for the state at cost--about \$300,000. The company will then market the technology to other state governments, based on its expected success in Texas.

Sharp will work closely with the state's medical community to identify standard medical practices so that aberrations can be flagged for further investigation and physicians can keep abreast of less costly methods of treatment and care.

Sharp said, "This 'smart bomb' for Medicaid fraud, waste and abuse will help us hold the line on costs and free up Medicaid dollars for their intended purpose--caring for people who are truly in need."

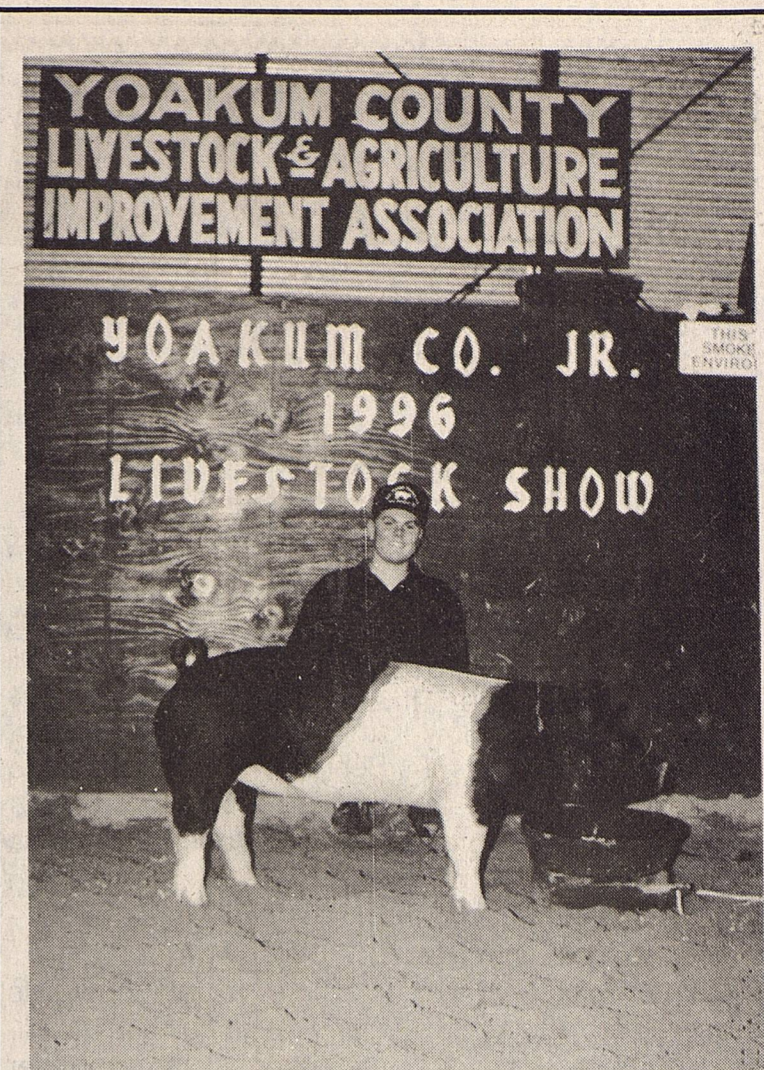
## Crimeline Pays

### Crime Doesn't

On the night of January 25, unknown person(s) removed a Precinct 3 County pickup parked at a residence in Plains. The vehicle has been recovered. A \$1000 reward is offered for information leading to arrest and conviction on this offense.

Several businesses in Plains and one in Denver City have been burglarized recently, including Richardson Insurance, Willis garage, Anderson Grain and Renaissance in Plains, and Five Star Consolidated in Denver City. A \$2000 reward is offered for arrest and conviction on any and all of these offenses.

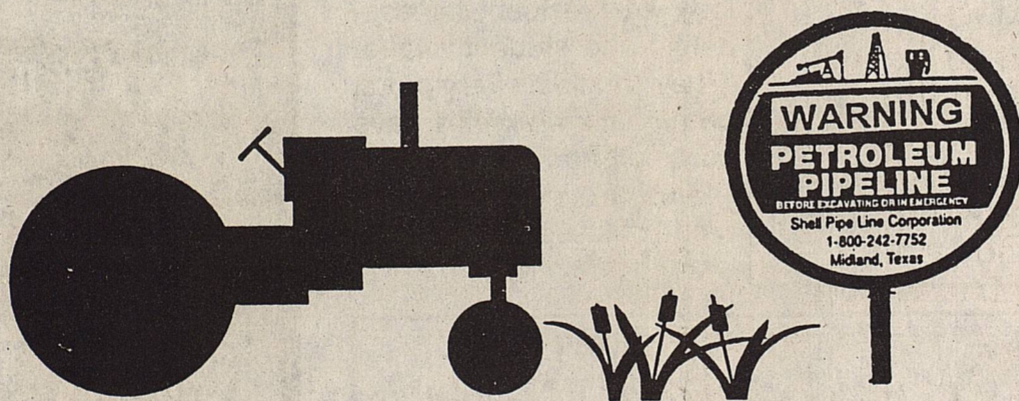
Contact the Sheriff's Department if you have knowledge of any of these crimes.



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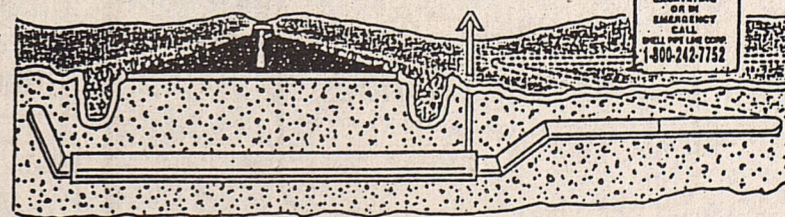
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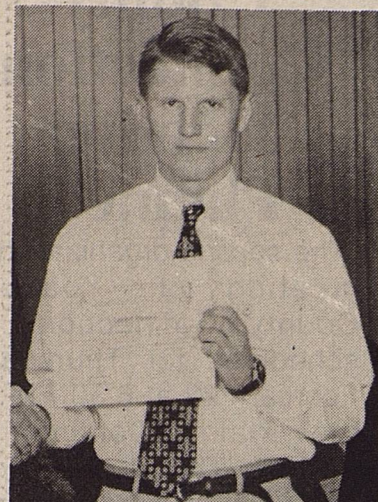
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# Femme Friends Page

## Powell Earns Masters Degree



Lebert Ty Powell graduated with a Masters Degree of Arts in Agriculture Education from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces on December 16, 1995. He is now in Plains engaged in farming. He is the son of Linda and Ty Earl Powell of Plains, and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Grau of Grady, NM

## Libraray Filmtime

Songs, games, a movie, and a book read entertained twenty-five children on Feb. 7 at the Library Filmtime. For the program, Donna Taylor brought a baby Angora goat to show the children, and John Curry brought his puppy.

Those attending were; Troy Parrish, Kevin John Gass, Kelsey Curry, Lydia Whitzel, Ashley Hainer, Lexus Jimenez, Sherman Gressett, Christopher Addison, Landon Earnest, Merrit Crump, Cody Friesen, Holden Welch, Haley Welch, Mackinzie Arellano, Isaac Doyle, Taylor Banfield, Jasine Whitzel, Elizabeth Cox, Kristie Loper, Berkleigh Gressett, Stephanie Addison, Dakota Earnest, Hannah Crump, Autumn Friesen, Hunter Welch

## Pam Rowe-Certified

Pamela K. Rowe, City Clerk, City of Plains, graduated from Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program on February 1, 1996.

Graduates complete approximately 200 hours of individual study over a four-course curriculum and attend eight two-day seminars for an additional 100 hours of classroom study. The curriculum includes selected texts and a number of special readings on the topics of public administration, election law, budgeting and finance, municipal law, and personnel management.

The Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program, located at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, is a university-level professional education program for city clerks and city secretaries in Texas. The program is the third oldest of thirty-three such programs in the country.

The Certification Program is recognized and endorsed by Section 22.074 of the *Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated*. In 1984, the College Board selected the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program as one of sixty-four exemplary professional development programs in the United States.

Texas Registered Municipal Clerks are recognized for their achievements and contributions to effective, efficient local government by their mayors, city administrators, city councils, and the citizens of their communities.

## Engagement Announced



Joe and Joyce Pierce of Plains announce the engagement of their daughter Darcey Lee, to Troy Fillingim of New Home.

The couple will marry June 15 at First United Methodist Church in Plains. The bride-elect attends South Plains College in Levelland. The future bridegroom farms in New Home.

## PHS Grad On Dean's List

Heather McDonnell, a freshman at South Plains College, Levelland, was named to the Dean's Honor List for the Fall, 1995 semester. This honor is awarded to those students who have attained a grade-point ratio of 3.25 or better.

Due to Heather's outstanding academic record, she is awarded membership into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Membership in the honor society is a highly coveted honor and affords the opportunity to join the prestigious group of scholars from 900 two-year colleges across the nation and abroad. The formal induction ceremony is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 1996 in the Sundown Room at 7:00 p.m. State



Representative Gary L. Walker will be the speaker for the event.

Heather is the daughter of Jackie & Gale McDonnell. Grandparents include Billie McDonnell of Plains, and Charles Carr of Girard.



## Senior Citizens

This is National Heart Month. Be kind to your heart and do a bit of extra resting- call a friend, visit the Senior Citizen Center-or do something nice for yourself.

Remember the Pillow Day-Valentine Day. The pillows will be judged and sold on that day. It's a fund raiser for the Center, and everyone is invited to come and participate.

Our thanks to Jose Veto for translating our menus in Spanish. Also thanks to Tadd Knight for an informative talk on lawns and Gardens. What he did not tell us was an easy way to have a pretty yard and sit in our rocking chairs.

Janet Poe from SPAG was by the Center on Wednesday for a short while.

Report is that Georgie

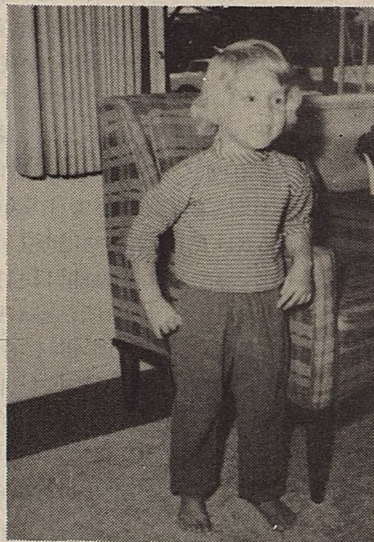
Hubbard is in St. Mary's Hospital. Also Reba Baker is still in the hospital.

Lucille and Carl Fulbright were at the Center for lunch on Wednesday. We all wish all these people a fast return to better health.

According to our Activity Calendar every Monday night is pool/game night. Last Monday only the pool players came. Remember the date and everyone come on in for the various games at 6:30 p.m. Maybe next time won't be so cold.

All you Seniors out there-this is your Center, so come on in and make everyday a few hours shorter.

See you next week. Smitty



## Thought for the Week

We have much to give if first we have received the grace of God.



## Happy Birthday First Girl!

Hard to believe you are lighting 37 candles. Surely makes us feel mature... if not down right old.

We love you----- Dad & Holly

## Prayer Concerns

Louise Goehry  
Homer & Shirley Sudderth  
Punk Culwell  
Mary Gunter Family  
Ben Liles  
Joan Warren  
Mary Avara  
Kenneth Powell  
Vivian Rice

## Get To Know Your New Extension Agent

The Public is invited to attend a Valentine's Party to get to know the new County Extension FCS Agent, Kathy Adair on Wednesday, February 14th, 3-5:30 PM, in the Plains Club Room. The Stateline FCE Club encourages everyone to attend and meet Kathy.

## Darlene's

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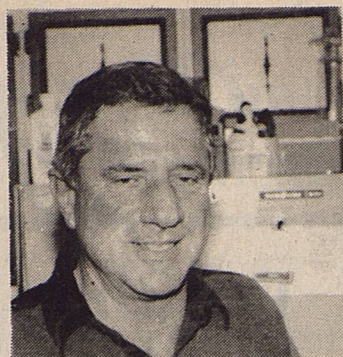


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# From The Hack



Saw an ad a Lubbock Dentist features the other day, "We Cater To Cowards". Catches your eye, doesn't it? It did mine, perhaps because the Bride is about to endure her second session for a ROOT CANAL!! Lord, those two words make me quiver and weak kneed. I am truly a coward when it comes to visiting a 'friendly' Dentist. Ha! There are no such things as friendly Dentists. They are all demonic, sadistic ogres who thrill at strapping you in a chair, brandishing gleaming weapons of torture before your horrified eyes, preparing to commit acts of unspeakable cruelty deep in your wide stretched mouth, all the while assuring you nothing painful is going to happen. I am such a coward I have been known to faint when entering a Dentist's parking lot. When I weakly, trembling approach the beamingly cheerful receptionist, my hands are so wet from perspiration I cannot grasp the pen, and she can't read my terrified scrawl, which I assume is my consent to a painful death. Why is it all Dentist's assume a cheerful attitude

when they walk over to you, beaming, saying, "OK, please open wide now". That's precisely the moment I want to bite the X#!+> out of him. I'm smart enough to know what's coming. My usual visit to a Dentist has him mouthing phrases like, "Hhhmmmm, uh-huh, I can save it with a root canal. Won't take but a few weekly sessions, and it'll be much better than losing such a nice tooth". HOG-WASH! What he is really saying is, "I can strap this sucker in the chair, drill and pack down to his hemorrhoids, and get another Jillion bucks I can spend on the golf course". At that point in time, already on the point of committing a socially unacceptable offense in his high dollar chair, I manage to mumble, "No, Doc, my terrifically busy schedule just won't allow such sensible advice...the world awaits our next issue, don't you know? Just go ahead and pull the sucker!" It is then, with an understanding but cynical nod of his head, a smirk on his face, he turns to his instrument table. It is then I realize my sweating pores are exuding blood. I promptly grit my teeth, a

mistake, for the abscessed tooth chastises me severely! Ever heard this? "When I inject this pain killer, there will be a teeny weeny little sting". Yeah, like a King Cobra bite. Your eyes water, your hands have already compressed the cold steel of the chair arms

to mere threads, you are mentally crying for Momma, and he assures you with, "Don't worry, the next one you won't even feel". Then, he tells you he'll be back a little later to "make you feel better". I hate that part.

You lie there pondering methods of escape, but alas, he comes back in, all smiles, asking the asinine question "well, are we all ready?".

Yes, I have prepared my will, prayed to the Almighty, crossed myself, donned a borrowed Jewish skullcap. I am ready to die.

At this point I ALWAYS clamp my eyes shut. My entire body has taken on the quality of a slab of quivering steel. Then, he's in there, probing, then grasping, ahh hahh, yes, he's got it, yes, he's pulling, tugging, and only briefly does my kicking him in the groin, and screaming he is trying to pull my knee thru my throat do his efforts ever slacken.

At last revived by CPR, visiting ministers prayers, the Bride's tender ministrations, and a double jigger of Old Stump Burner, I am finally brought back to real world.

Please, Dr. Cochran, Dr. De Busk, don't sue me. I am but a moral weakling. You both have done admirably with both Bride and I.

The Washington D.C. system was once described as dropping dollars into the party elephants' and donkeys' mouths and getting laws and regulations out the other end.

## Legislative Update From Gary Walker

Friends, in the wake of all the stock shows, there has been one thing on the minds of many of my fellow West Texans; "What is this extra surcharge on my cellular phone bill?"

In 1993, the Legislature attempted to pass a bill which would allocate funds from the telecommunications industry to help lay cable and fiber optics to schools across the state.

During the process it became evident while schools desperately wanted and needed this technology, many rural districts and non-profit hospitals could not afford the equipment (TV's, computers, modems, etc.) to link with the fiber optics.

In an attempt to solve this problem, wired telecommunications providers (AT&T, Southwestern Bell, GTE, etc.) offered to setup a Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) to provide funds for the software and other equipment. It was expected these large companies would absorb the TIF assessment fees. During the 1995 legislative session, HB 2128 addressing this issue was amended in the Senate, adding wireless communications companies (Cellular and paging phones) to the list of fund providers. In an attempt to defray the cost of the TIF assessment fee, many cellular companies passed this cost on to their customers, while others did not. If your cellular phone bill reflects this fee addition, your company chose not to absorb the assessment.

It was not the intent of the legislature to add a tax to cellular customers. The intent was merely to have an industry which gains so much from rural Texas to help contribute to the same

rural Texas communities.

Although many of us may never "surf the net", or link up to the "E-mail" community, it is crucial our children learn these skills. Tools that may seem a bit of a luxury to us now will be a necessity to our children later.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this issue, feel free to contact me or my Austin staff. I am confident that with your input we can continue to do the right thing for our youth and our state.

Thank you, and God Bless,  
**Gary L. Walker**  
Texas House of Representatives  
District 80

## Criminal District Court Held

Two revocation of probation were heard Monday, Feb. 12 in Judge Kelly G. Moore's 121st District Court. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Rick Garcia, 21, originally convicted of cocaine delivery, pled true to the violating terms of the original probation. He was ordered to serve ten days in the County jail, and also lay out delinquent attorney fees and Court costs totalling \$459.50. He must pay delinquent probation fees of \$400 before expiration of his probation, and pay additional Attorney fees of \$200 at the rate of \$10 per month. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

John Haygood Talley, 21, pled true to the State's motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt. He was sen-

tenced to five years, and was placed in the Special Alternative Incarceration Program ('Boot Camp'). He too was represented by Warren New.

## Yoakum County Connection Meeting Planned

The second organizational meeting of 'Yoakum County Connection' is scheduled for Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 PM in the Plains Community Building. The 'Connection', an alliance of several art and civic organizations and individuals interested in furthering development of the arts in the county, will be addressed by Peter J. Fox, Austin, on the cultural survey of the county and future plans and activities for the alliance. The public is urged to attend.

## Legal Notice

Plains Independent School District will accept bids for the purchase of one (1) new 72-passenger forward control school bus. Bids will be accepted until 1:00 PM, March 4, 1996, in the Administration Office, at which time they will be opened and read. Information can be obtained by contacting Eric Banfield, Plains ISD, Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355 or calling 806-456-7483.

Plains ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive all technicalities, and accept that bid which is in the best interest of the school district. Delivery date will be April 1, 1996.

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