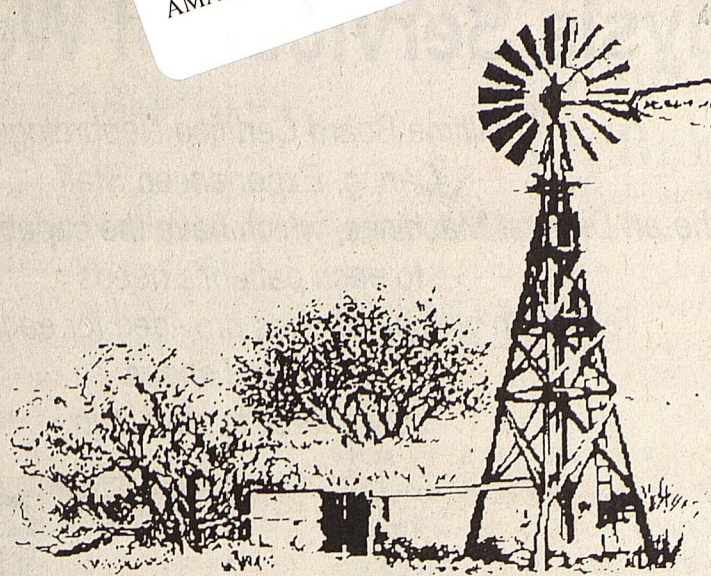


# Cowboy Country News

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In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day in the eleventh month, the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed, and the "war to end all wars" was over. In later years, Armistice Day, now Veterans Day, became a time to honor those who have served our country, preserving its freedom and, in many cases, making the supreme sacrifice to do so. Names like Belleau Wood, Normandy, Iwo Jima, Chosin Reservoir, Khe Sanh and now, Baghdad immortalize our veterans sacrifices. It is appropriate for all of us to pause, reflect and give thanks to the men and women in uniform who have served our nation in the past and are serving today.

Thousands of our young men and women in uniform are putting it all on the line, in Harm's Way in Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other duty stations. This Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, if we can't personally wish our deployed people a hearty **WELL DONE**, we **CAN** give one of our veterans at home a sincere **THANKS** for their service and sacrifice!



## Commemorative Brick Sale Underway

### Plains chamber selects new leader

The Plains Chamber of Commerce's recently announced commemorative brick sale was formally approved at the Wednesday meeting of the organization. The brick sale will fund the planned purchase of a new, multi-message electronic announcement sign, and will form the base, or foundation for the sign. They can be engraved with three lines of characters, up to 16 per line, and will be sold for \$50 each. Several dozen brick orders have already been received.

Cameron Givan, Pastor at Plains First United Methodist Church, was only very recently invited to attend the November 10 meeting of the Chamber, and once there, was almost immediately nominated to fill the vacancy in the president's office, and in an even swifter move was elected by acclamation. He replaces former president and city administrator Ed Hansen, now city manager at Muleshoe.

Cameron and his wife Karen have four children; daughters Jennifer, 15, Allison, 12, Katie, 9, and young son Andrew, 2. Karen currently is employed in Denver City as a secretary for JPN Service Co. Prior to his assignment as Pastor of Plains First United Methodist Church, Givan lived in Paducah, and experienced busy Sundays - services at the Methodist Church in Paducah, then a quick trip down the road to conduct services at Chillicothe. Prior to that he was Choir Director at St. Mark's Methodist in Midland.

CCN will continue to feature the ad/application form on page 2 of this issue. More order forms are located at several sites around the community, and orders may be turned in at Plains City Hall, Lea County Electric, Sandy Land Water District, to Dolores Davis at the Library, Gary Dyer or Carolyn Culwell. A check or money order must accompany each order.

The Chamber goal is to sell 500 of the bricks, but if interest warrants, more can be ordered. Some memorial themes mentioned to the chamber include family, friends, organizations, local events, anniversaries, clubs, visitors, favorite pets, sporting events, honoring veterans, a school class or achievement, and so on... the list is endless.

If the chamber effort does not produce enough sales for the project, all donated funds will be returned at the end of December.

Come On, Plains, and You Former Residents, Let's Make This Commemorative Brick Idea a **SUCCESS!**

## Cowboy runners win Regional - On To State!



These Cowboys competed in the Regional meet - Shown warming up are, L-R, Chandon Loya, Joseph Loya, Abel Ramos, Jose Villegas, Zachary Ramos, (back) Payton Bean, and Scott Addison.

The Cowboy cross-country team kept their perfect season alive Saturday, November 6, by claiming the team championship at the Region 1 meet in Lubbock. The Regional meet was swept by three teams from District 4 including the Cowboys, finishing 1st with 56 points, Hart in second with 80 points, and Sundown third with 90 points. The next closest team was Hartley with 132 points. The Cowboys additionally claimed the individual Regional champion and runner up, as Jose Villegas and Payton Bean placed first and second overall. Both had their best times on the course, finishing respectively in 16:39 and 16:58. Abel Ramos aided the

team with a 12th place individual finish, Scott Addison took 20th, and Chandon Loya 36th to round out the scoring for the team. Joseph Loya placed 40th, and Zachary Ramos was 60th in the field of 148 runners, serving as buffers against other teams. "Overall I was extremely pleased!" stated Coach Todd Davis. "We could not have done any better as a team. It seemed like half the town was there cheering for us, and that was surely a factor in our win." The Cowboys will run at the huge state meet Saturday at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. Race time is set for 1:30 PM.

## Cowboys end season with tough 48-31 loss to Eagles

A rip-roaring start by the Cowboys in the season finale turned into a heart wrenching loss for a team which has never hit the "I give up" button.

Blake O'Quinn took the O'Donnell Eagles opening kickoff and returned to the 43 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Tyler Caffee found a gaping hole open over right guard and burst free for a stunning 57 TD run and quick 6-0 Cowboy lead.

Following the kickoff to the Eagles, Cowboy defense and a 5 yard penalty forced a punt. The Cowboys started on their 47, and on the first down Todd Williams circled his left end for

28 yards, and Evan Cain was sacked for the loss of 10, but an Eagle face mask violation produced a Cowboy first. Caffey and Williams made short gains, and on a keeper Cain went around the left 14 yards for another score, and a two point pass failed, but the Cowboys were up 12-0.

The Eagles got on the board late in the period to start the second quarter behind 12-6. Their ground game worked the ball effectively down field and they would score again to go up 13-12 early in the second. Midway thru the quarter the Cowboy defense stopped the Eagles to get the ball near

midfield. Cain threw to Daniel Parker for 15 yards, and got a good block over right tackle for a 37 yard scoring dash and the Cowboys regained an 18-13 lead.

The determined Eagles would storm back and in two big drives scored twice to lead 27-18 lead at the half. When play resumed, both teams defenses played tough, until late in the third quarter the Cowboys took a punt on their 31. Caffey reeled off a first down, Cain threw to Payton Bean for 36 yards and another first, then found Parker open for 20 yards

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'Cowboys'

## PHS election debate teams view results

Last week CCN featured the debate between PHS government class students representing democrat and republican sides in the hotly contested presidential election. Recently Coach Brink's teams detailed their views on the election, Why Bush Won, Why Kerry Lost.

The republican team of Evan Cain, Whitney Caffey, Cody Flores, Kristian Morales and Jesenia Suarez: "Bush won largely due to his success achieving the votes he was supposed to get. The democrats concentrated on many radical and minority votes, leaving the

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DEBATE

**A Commemorative Brick  
order form may be found  
on page 2. Please complete  
all information listed,  
enclose \$50 check for each  
brick, and mail to address**

## Moore reappointed by Gov. Rick Perry

Governor Rick Perry recently announced the reappointment of Kelly G. Moore of Brownfield as presiding judge of the Ninth Administrative Judicial Region serving 45 Texas counties. He will serve for a term to expire four years from the date he was appointed.

Moore is District Judge of the 121st District Court serving Yoakum and Terry Counties and currently serves as presiding judge of the Ninth Administrative Judicial Region. He is a member of the State Bar

of Texas, the Brownfield Bar Association and the College of the State Bar. Moore is a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and is a member of First Baptist Church of Brownfield. He has served as a faculty advisor for the College of New Judges and as a lecturer at the Assigned Judges Seminar. He received a bachelor's degree and law degree from Texas Tech University.

This appointment is subject to senate confirmation.



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Please complete the form below and return to the address above with your check in the amount of \$50.00 for each brick ordered. This is not a war memorial, but you can honor a veteran if you wish. We would like family names, clubs and businesses (with the date of establishment), events, in memory of, and anything that might be a part of the history of our town.

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2004. All monies will be refunded in the event that we do not receive enough money to complete this project. Any donation will also be appreciated.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION.

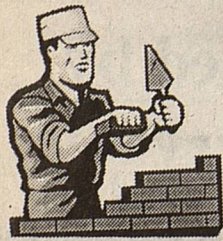
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### JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Precinct 1, Justice of the Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases filed:  
 70 Traffic Cases  
 2 Felony Cases  
 3 Issuances of bad checks  
 Bonds set:  
 Reckless Driving - \$1000  
 Failure to Comply with Requirements for Striking Fixtures - \$500  
 Parole Violation - Denied  
 Failure to Appear-Theft - \$1500  
 Manufacture/Delivery of Controlled Substance - \$10,000  
 Failure to Identify - \$2,500  
 Tampering w/Governmental Records - \$6000  
 Contempt of Child Support Order - \$10,000  
 Indecency with Child/Exposes - \$6500  
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 Gratefully, Brother Cam & Members of Plains First United Methodist Church

Para los votantes de Precinto 3:  
 Mis sinceras gracias para todos los que me apoyaron en la eleccion general del 2 de Nov. Estoy contento porque votaron por mi para un segundo turno para ser su comisionador. Inteligencia y eficiencia del uso de sus dolares de tax es mi prioridad numero uno. El credito del triunfo de precinto 3 es para mis fieles y duros trabajadores.  
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## Texas Viticulture Short Course At Junction

The first Texas Viticulture Short Course will be held January 12-14, 2005 at the Texas Tech campus in Junction, Texas. This three-day short course is offered by Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Tech University. It carries 21 hours of CEU credit (2.1 CEU's) and a certificate of completion from Texas Tech University. Completion of this course also provides 5 hours of pesticide recertification credits from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

This intensive three-day course is designed as a comprehensive study of the principles and practices of commercial winegrape production in Texas. Lectures are given by viticulture specialists and faculty members of Texas A&M University, and the University of Houston-Downtown. Participants will gain an understanding of the basic physiology and anatomy of grapevines. Building on this foundation, participants will learn

practical production practices for vineyard establishment and management for high quality fruit production. Topics include site selection, soil properties, variety and rootstock selection, training systems, canopy management, vine nutrition and fertilization, irrigation scheduling, and disease and pest management. Fruit ripening, sampling procedures and harvest criteria will also be discussed. A field trip to a local vineyard will provide a hands-on experience in pruning practices and discussion of training methods.

Enrollment is limited to 50 participants on a first come, first enrolled basis.

A short course brochure with registration materials are available at the Yoakum County Extension office. You may call 456-2263 for information or view additional information and register online at the Viticulture Short Course webpage: <http://www.dce.ttu.edu/outreach/viticulture/>.

## Highway Conditions Web Site Upgraded

To make it easier for motorists to navigate their way around the Lone Star State, the Texas Department of Transportation has launched a more user-friendly highway conditions page on its Web site, [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us).

"Motorists have been able to check our Web site for highway condition updates since 1998, but thanks to new technology, we have been able to greatly improve the system and make it much easier to use," said Mike Behrens, TxDOT's executive director. "We recommend that anyone planning a trip in Texas check our Web site before they hit the road."

The new Web page features a Texas map that displays in real time highway conditions expected to last more than two hours and either close travel completely or cause delays of more than a half-hour. Construction, weather problems such as floods, snow and ice, along with traffic crashes, fires and other incidents causing significant delays will be displayed.

To use the new system, go to the TxDOT homepage and click on the flashing "Road Conditions" icon on the upper right. That brings up the roadway information portal, where clicking 'view current conditions' under the TxDOT Highway Conditions banner takes a user to the state map containing real-time information.

Color-coded dots on the map help viewers get a quick impression of what's going on in any part of the state. The interactive system allows a user to zoom in on a particular area or roadway for a detailed view.

"A TxDOT team put in a lot of work to make this feature user-friendly," Behrens said. "Anyone used to navigating the Internet should have little trouble finding their way around this page. And now they'll have less trouble finding their way around Texas, as well."

For those without Internet access, TxDOT continues to operate its toll free road conditions hotline, 1-800-452-9292.

## Pentagon Announces Recommended Mailing Dates

The DoD on Thursday released suggested mailing dates for ensuring holiday cards and packages addressed to service members arrive overseas in time for the holiday season.

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, encouraged families and friends of active-duty military personnel to mail any holiday cards and packages according to Department of Defense (DoD) mailing recommendations to guarantee a timely and safe delivery.

"Texas is very fortunate to have so many service members serving our country both overseas and our homeland," Cornyn said. "I encourage friends and family who wish to send mail to the brave men and women overseas to beat the last minute rush so that packages arrive on time."

In addition to its mailing date recommendations, the DoD also announced various changes in accepting and processing packages sent to service members with military addresses. Among the changes, all packages must be mailed to a specific individual. Boxes will be examined to make sure they do not contain any markings indicating any type of hazardous material. Changes made this year place the safety of the service members as the first priority.

The charts below list recommended mailing dates and are located on the DoD website.

Military Mail Addressed To	First Class Mail Letters/Cards	Priority Mail	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) <sup>1</sup>	Space Available Mail (SAM) <sup>2</sup>	Parcel Post <sup>3</sup>
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 093	Dec 11	Dec 6	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 27	Nov 13

### \*\*\*NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION\*\*\*

THIS IS A PUBLIC NOTICE OF A SHERIFF'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN HELD IN POSSESSION BY THE YOAKUM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN PURSUANT TO ORDER OF ATTACHMENT

DATE: Tuesday, November 16, 2004

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## THC Archeologists Locate Original Presidio La Bahia Wall

Texas Historical Commission (THC) archeologists and volunteers recently discovered the location of what they believe to be the original palisades stockade wall at Presidio La Bahia in Goliad. The stockade walls were the first line of defense against attack. Spanish soldiers patrolled the area, protecting the nearby mission and settlement in their efforts to support Spanish colonization.

Built in the mid 1700's, the setting trench on which the wall once rested still reveals footings for the original postholes. THC archeologists earlier conducted a magnetometer survey of the area, leading them to dig in the vicinity in which the setting trench was discovered.

"We discovered a line in the survey we wanted to examine in this dig," said THC archeologist Jeff Durst. "The location of the palisades stockade wall is historically important. This was

the first line of defense for the fort."

The trench was uncovered during a public archeological dig, one of the many October Texas Archeology Month activities around the state.

The execution of more than 340 Texans took place in Goliad in the mid 1830's during the Texas Revolution. Victims were taken from the fort on the old San Antonio, the old Victoria and the old Capano roads and executed. The THC and Presidio la Bahia are also conducting investigations at two of the possible massacre sites, as well as conducting archival research to help locate the third site.

Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

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*The family of Marguerite Barron*

*Jim and JoAnn*

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*Margie Barron*

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*Phil. 1:3*

### To the Voters of Precinct 3:

**My sincere THANKS to everyone supporting me in the November 2nd General Election. I am humbled that you have chosen me for a second term as your COMMISSIONER. Wise and efficient use of your tax dollars is still my NUMBER ONE GOAL! The credit for Precinct 3's success should rightfully go to my loyal and hardworking EMPLOYEES.**

**Ty Earl Powell**

**Commissioner, Precinct 3**

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**From Page 1, DEBATE**

The democrat team, Breck Hamm, Patrick Cotton, Daniela Lazos, Tyler Caffey, Mayra Flores, explained: "Kerry was a strong supporter of gay rights and most Americans are not. They also felt Bush will do a better job of defending the country against terrorists. Bush won the same states as in the last election and some new ones. Kerry is a strong liberal and didn't fare well with the church vote. While Kerry won the minority and lower income vote, most voters were

wealthier Americans and were strong republicans and voted for Bush." majority average American there for the taking. 22% in an exit poll said moral values were the most important issue, and 80% of them voted for Bush. Kerry relied heavily on the gay and lesbian vote, which he won, but only 4% of all people polled fit this category. Bush scored among church goers, gun owners, middle class income people, the majority of America."

**SPC Receives Educational Grant**

South Plains College has been awarded a five-year \$2.48 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the single largest competitive grant ever received by the college. The grant project, titled 'Build Connections for Access and Student Success' was awarded from the Department of Education's Strengthening Institutions Title V program. The grant will enable SPC to establish an online supplemental instruction program to help at-risk students, improve the student information system which tracks student academic progress, improve student retention efforts and expand SPC's outreach to its 15-county service area.

SPC met eligibility requirements to be designated by the Department of Education as a Hispanic-Serving Institution in order to apply for the funds. SPC personnel received notification of the grant last week from U.S. Senator John Cornyn and Congressman Randy Neugebauer.

"This funding will support the education of students at South Plains College by opening doors and providing new opportunities to Hispanic and low-income students," Senator Cornyn said. "A good education system helps strengthen our society by teaching and instructing young adults, and I applaud South Plains College for working so hard to obtain this important grant."

Congressman Neugebauer also voiced support for the funding of SPC's proposal. "South Plains College plays a vital role in helping students prepare for a promising career," Neugebauer said. "This grant will help them build on their past efforts and reach out to an even greater number of West Texans."

Dr. Gail Platt, director of the Teaching and Learning Center and the grant's project director, believes the funds will provide

inities to build on what the college has accomplished with a previous \$1.78 million Strengthening Institutions Title III Grant. For the past five years, Title III funding has allowed the college to focus on instructional technology and faculty development to enhance student learning and success at the college. Students at SPC can access a variety of web materials for everyday lectures, but providing the online supplemental instruction is a relatively new idea SPC plans to explore. "This is a breakthrough for our college," said Dr. Platt. "Online supplemental instruction has not been attempted by very many schools."

SPC will receive \$498,000 to fund the first year of the grant. During that time, the college will bring in experts on supplemental instruction and focus on developmental math. "Experts will be brought in to demonstrate that each faculty member can teach at-risk students and improve overall effectiveness. There will be a lot of exploration going on here," Dr. Platt noted. "Each year, we will target a different academic discipline."

At-risk students at SPC are defined as those who fail to meet the college placement standards in reading, writing and/or math. To improve student retention efforts, a retention team will be formed to look at the overall retention rates and develop a system-wide strategy for retention, determine what information should be gathered, and how student academic progress can be tracked, noted Dr. Platt. The college intends to develop an invasive advisement system as part of the project.

The third focus of the grant will be to expand SPC's outreach efforts within its 15-county service area, focusing on its northern tier counties. The college plans to expand its distance education network to deliver instruction to communities in this area.

**After their big regional win.....**



Cowboys wearing their Region winning medals, L-R, Scott Addison, Abel Ramos, Zachary Ramos, Payton Bean, Jose Villegas, Joseph Loya, Chandon Loya. Teammates in back row David Alldredge, Brandon Loya, Coach Todd Davis, Landon Craft. GREAT JOB!

**From the Counselor's Office**

PHS Counselor Cindy Davis announces the following:

- \*Late Registration for the ACT through November 18 Scholarships:
- \*SAE Engineering Scholarship Dec. 1 deadline
- \*Texas Engineering Foundation Jan. 14
- \*DuPont Science Essay Jan. 17
- \*Burger King Dec. 15
- \*AXA Achievement Scholarship Dec. 15
- \*Texas Medical Association (career in medical/science) Jan 8
- \*Gates Millennium Scholars (Hispanic) Jan. 14
- \*San Angelo State University CARR Scholarship Feb. 1
- \*Ranger College Drama Scholarship

*Don't wait until the deadline to get the information.*

**Student of the Week**

PHS Student of the Week is Kerry Sisson, a senior and the son of Wayne and Judy Sisson. Kerry was nominated by Mr. Cullins who said, "Last year Kerry consistently improved in Number Sense and he has started strong this year. At Lubbock Coronado, he made his highest score ever at a meet. Hopefully, he will continue to improve this year and our



Number Sense team will follow the Cross-Country team's example, and we will take a little trip to the Austin area."

**From Page 1, COWBOYS**

The Cowboys amassed an impressive 408 yards total offense. 183 on the ground, 225 thru the air on Evan Cain's arm.

His 12 pass completions accounted for the 225 yards. He also ran for one touchdown in a big night. Caffey carried the ball 15 times for 150 yards to go over 1,000 yards in nine contests. Todd Williams had 37 yards in 4 carries. Cotton had 98 receiving yards, Parker 81. The stat sheet showed leading tacklers were Caffey with 9, Scott Bruton 5, and Isaac Ramon 5.

An overall very good effort, which they have made throughout the long, hard season.

The Eagles would score twice more to win 48-31.



Evan Cain, #10 on left, got the ball away, top right corner, but was in Harm's Way from the Eagles

**NOTICE FOR BIDS**

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Wednesday, November 24, 2004, to approve the purchase of two (2) New vehicles for the Sheriff Department for delivery and payment in 2005, with trade-in of two (2) Chevrolet Impalas, year model 2001 and 2003. Bids will be reviewed with

contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, November 29, 2004. Sealed bids should be marked "POLICE VEHICLES" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners court reserves the right to accept any or all bids.

**Bridal Shower Honoring Meghan Allsup**  
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## Yoakum County TEEA Meets



Yoakum County TEEA (Texas Extension Education Association) members Velma Dearing, Sidney Murphey, Jerri Lollar, Debbie Pollard, Cecilia Knight recently attended the State Convention in Abilene. The wide variety of workshops provided the members with information that they will share with others in the community through upcoming programs. Some of the program topics were Native American seeds, humming birds, home repair, identity theft, cooking with herbs, women's heart issues, and antiques. Keynote speaker Evelyn Weilert, spoke on Character Education. A highlight of the meeting was the speech by Bo Pilgrim, president of Pilgrims Pride Poultry/ A 'Tea Party' luncheon was held where members participated in a teacup exchange. Sidney Murphey was presented with a corsage in recognition of being the oldest member in attendance. The meeting culminated on Thursday night with a banquet.



Sidney Murphey was recognized as the oldest member present at the 2004 State TEEA Convention in Abilene. This was her 32nd State Meeting to attend, with the first being in 1951. She was unable to attend for the 20 years that she worked at Plains ISD as a teacher's aide.

## District President At TSA MO GA Meeting

Caprock District President Donna Hogue of Amarillo presented the keynote address "Threads of Life" to TSA MO GA members and guests at their last meeting. The club welcomed Hogue and approximately 20 members of Denver City's Tejas Study Club to the salad supper honoring the district officer October 25. Hogue presented her message and said she has come from "tragedy to triumph", citing personal obstacles that made her life begin to unravel like a thread. Quoting Tim Boal, Hogue said, "we are going to suffer regularly. Life is more of a question of what we choose to do with that. Will it make us bigger or smaller, bitter or more loving; will it connect us or isolate us from one another? It is one of the things that bind us to every other human being we will ever meet."

Hogue's theme for her term of office is "Threads of Life...100% for the HALI project." The HALI project was established in 1999 by a couple in response to challenges they were facing in raising their daughter Hali. Their mission is to develop and provide help and support for families of children with special needs. Hogue is also promoting the sale of the "Hali ornament," produced by Nelda Laney, wife of former Texas House speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center. The district of federated women's clubs has purchased these ornaments and is allowing the Hali project to make a profit from its sale. Hogue says she "keeps knitting the threads of life because life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

## Seniors Corner

She is a beautiful bride. She radiates happiness. She is the granddaughter of Marcene Beattie, and now for the rest of the story.

A fourteen, Kelsie Powell decided to await her father's approval before giving her heart to any young man. The years passed as she waited the fulfillment of her commitment.

In a town on the other side of the world a young man, Joshua Steele, was serving as a missionary in the Ukraine. He needed a wife and helpmate. He remembered the Biblical Solomon saying "A prudent wife is from the Lord," and so he waited.

He received an e-mail from his mother saying she had met a young lady, named Kelsie, who was phenomenal. She was living at home with her parents but had quite a history of ministry in both the United States and abroad; was fluent in several languages; and had been praying she might marry a missionary.

Joshua wrote Kelsie's father if he would be willing for the young people to establish a courtship. To Joshua's surprise, Kelsie's father replied, "Yes!" The two men had corresponded via e-mail for about two months when Kelsie's father suggested they let Kelsie know what was going on, and so Joshua wrote Kelsie introducing himself and asking to court her with the goal of marriage in mind.

Kelsie answered, "Dear Joshua, As far as I can determine based on my parents' clear direction, God's apparent orchestration of these events, and the general concurrence of our life's goals, I feel I may confidently answer, "Yes" for seeking God's will for the two of us regarding marriage." That was in March of this year. In May they met for the first time when he flew into Fort Worth. After a brief personal courtship, permission from her father was given for marriage between them, and a romantic proposal on bended knee was accepted. They were married on the 18th of September and plan to return to the Ukraine together to serve as missionaries. What a wonderful story of two young people seeking and obeying God's will for their lives. It is a bright spot in our troubled and wayward world. Thanks for sharing, Marsene.

The need to avoid a dilemma this week when there was to be a total lunar eclipse at the very same hour that I was coaching the Red Sox to another victory, was taken care of by nature when the skies clouded over! I really wanted to see the full moon glide through the earth's shadow, so I checked the skies a couple of times before setting back into my recliner and guiding my team on to success. Sometimes it's hard to make

these earth shaking decisions, so I was glad to see the hand of the Almighty handle the situation for me.

Monday was the monthly birthday/anniversary celebration and the dining room was filled with folks who came to help the honorees enjoy their special day. Spencer and Lorene Randolph are celebrating an anniversary this month. Claudia Ferguson played "Thanks For The Memories," for them. Ann Greer, John Sides, Jimmie Steele, Ed Kostelich, Art Hall, Maidelle Mitchell, Lorene Randolph, and Annie Belle Tucker are all celebrating birthday's. Pastor Jon Humbert, from the Nazarene Church led the birthday song and the table blessing for us. Thanks, Pastor Jon, and congratulations everyone! Some of the visitors signing our register on that day were Danice Pruitt, who was a guest of Arthur Hall, Rogelio Salinas, Rosa Cenicerros, Audrey Whitfield, Annie Belle Tucker, Vera Bennett, who came as a guest of Maidelle Mitchell, and Pastor Dave Gebhart who is the new youth pastor at the Methodist Church.

Vicki Delgado, the new member of our Plains van driving team, brought her son, Vincent, and his wife, Charlene, along with their baby girl, Elyssa, to join us for lunch; Margaret McPherson, came to join Jean Sparks one day; Ty Earl Powell had lunch with us on the day of our board meeting; and Rosa's brother, Henry Sanchez and his wife, Cheryl, joined us for lunch on still another day.

Our thanks to Anna Taylor for braving the cold, damp day to bring our monthly health program for us. The information on eating too much tuna fish and not eating enough fresh fruits is relevant for all of us.

Are you interested in learning how to paint? Please drop by the office or call 592-8000 if this is something that appeals to you. There will be more details as soon as we determine how many folks are interested. This class will be taught by a retired art teacher from our local school system. She wants to start with Basic Art 101, leading in Oil Painting 101. She would like to start the class after the first of the new year. We are hoping for much interest in this opportunity, so come and join us.

(I plan to take the class. I think it will be a real challenge to any art teacher. I am the one who, when having drawn a picture for one of the grandchildren, was always asked the question, "Grandma, what is that?")

Thought for today: Political elections are a good deal like marriages: there's no accounting for anyone's taste. Will Rogers.

## Plains COED In Scholarship Pageant



Ashley Brooke Vantine from Plains is among 17 young women competing in the 47th annual Miss Caprock Scholarship Pageant November 19 at South Plains College in Levelland.

The festivities begin at 7 p.m. in the Tom T. Hall Performance Center in SPC's Creative Arts Building. Tickets are \$2 a person and are available in the SPC Student Activities Office or at the north side of the facility seats about 220 persons. Entrance is on the north side of the building.

Master of ceremonies will be Russell Hall, director of development. Entertainment will be provided by SPC vocalist Carrie Rucker form

### New Items at the Yoakum County Library

**NONFICTION**  
The Best of Teresa Wentzler: Cross Stitch Christmas Collection, Typing & Keyboarding, by Nathan Levine, Barnyard In You Back Yard, by Gail Damerow, Cowboy Corner Conversations, by Red Steagall, Unfit For Command, by John E. O'Neill, Family First, by Dr Phil McGraw, Come Thirsty, by Max Lucado, Green River, Running Red, by Ann Rule

**FICTION**  
Brandish, by Douglas Hirt, The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah, by Stephen King, The Dark Tower VII: The Dark Tower, by Stephen King, The Falls, by Joyce Carol Oates, Brimstone, by Douglas Preston, Are You Afraid Of The Dark?, by Sidney Sheldon, Blind Alley, by Iris Johansen, Trace, by Patricia Cornwell, Nights Of Rain & Stars, by Maeve Binchy, The Sunday Philosophy Club, by Alexander McCall Smith, Flat Crazy, by Ben Rehder.

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# From The Hack

I have witnessed two Eskimo women in a spirited while blubber eating contest. At the Brady Heart of Texas Fair one summer I watched, just barely able to avoid upchucking, a carnival geek eat a live, squawking chicken, and then eat the squawk, I suppose, cause the bird sure didn't say anything else. I watched in absolute awe when our early astronauts made the Lunar Landing and then the "giant step for mankind." I felt raging, raw, uncontrollable emotions as I watched and cried as the terrorists crashed the highjacked jets into the Twin Towers

All this and many more graphic scenes, but I don't think I have ever witnessed anything as bizarre, as wild, as sneakily devious, as outrageously expensive, as hate driven, as comical, as the, *THANK GOD*, now ended presidential election!

With reports pouring in of campaign shenanigans ( experienced prosecutors usually call them FELONIES ) even before early voting started, I was already gun shy. When I did go to the courthouse to make my many marks, I nervously examined the ballot for anthrax, quickly scanned down the candidate lists to make sure scoundrels had not made my candidates disappear with invisible ink, but it appeared OK. I meticulously colored in the little oval things signifying my blessings on the candidate. I worked very slowly, very, very careful not to allow my pencil

to get outside the oval's line, for I knew when my ballot was examined someone would accuse me of creating pregnant chads.

Election day was hectic for me. Had to hurriedly eat Methodist Chili with those folks, then hurry to Lovington to print last week's CCN. I felt the flu or a virus coming on, and went to bed early, believing Bush's future appeared a bit shaky. Foolish me.

The voting stats clearly illustrate our county's preferences in the national races. Republican through and through. As my two fingers clumsily pounded the above short paragraph, I swear I heard, or sensed, a strange, rustling, whirring sound, and then it dawned on me.... it was many long gone Democrats, spinning wildy in their graves!

A fairly young wife I know rather well told me her husband, another well known to me, not quite so fairly young, true blue Democrat had made a vow to eat nothing but crackers and water for 30 days should John Heinz... er, Kerry lose his bid for seat Number Uno. She said she retired early, sick of politics. She came awake about 3 AM to find hubby not by her side. She eased down the hall, and sure enough, there he sat at the table, munching a cheese sandwich, washing it down with chocolate milk, and a box of Oreo's standing ready at his side.

He pouted and whined, "That diet is just too severe. I'm going to shoot myself a little later on this morning."

What is really, truly strange to me about the outcome.... as of yet, I haven't heard a single peep from old Teddy Boy Kennedy. You don't suppose he drove off that Chappaquidic Bridge again?

Sincere thanks to my very favorite humor columnist, Dave Barry. I have dutifully circled Friday, November 19 on all my calendars. I am not about to overlook the fact that is the day looked forward to by so many, for so long.... World Toilet Day. I suppose I have to confess, my admiration for Mr. Barry is prompted by the fact I learned several years ago, we write exactly alike - smuttily.

Oh well, if you insist on getting pickily technical, I suppose there are teeny differences in his pen and mine. His makes money. Big Money. He actually has a desk at the Miami Herald, but his column is syndicated and appears in about 8 jillion newspapers, plus, he's written quite a few books.

At last tally, not certified by a reputable CPA, which remain un-affordable, CCN turned a tidy profit of \$27.13 for the month of October. All I can say is, "Thank You, God, For Letting Us Have Elections Now And Then!"

But I digress. We were speaking of World Toilet Day. About time we paid more attention to this edifice of civilization. I wish all business house managers paid more attention to their edifices, too. In Hobbs last week, I chanced a visit to the Wal Mart Mens, just in time to hear a WHHOOOSSHHH, like Old Faithful in Yellowstone, followed by loud language which made even my ex-navy blood blush, and the door is kicked open by a very large, enraged, sopping wet man, smelling rather strongly, yelling over and over again, "I'm suing, I'm suing, I'm suing!!!"

I keep scanning the papers and TV, expecting to spot a header announcing "Unknown assumes major share of Wal Mart empire".

That could possibly put a damper on World Toilet Day.

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### Yoakum County General Election Totals

	101	202	303	404	305	406	TOTAL	EARLY VOTE	TOTAL
<b>STRAIGHT PARTY</b>									
REP	103	97	22	31	40	36	329	442	771
DEM	16	23	14	8	12	6	79	110	189
LIB	3	2	1	0	1	0	7	5	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>			<b>972</b>
<b>PRESIDENT-VICE PRESIDENT</b>									
BUSH/CHENEY	262	228	106	100	67	98	861	1367	2228
KERRY/EDWARDS	34	34	29	21	17	16	151	225	378
BADNARIK/CAMPAGNA	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	7
WRITE IN -	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
WRITE IN -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WRITE IN -	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>114</b>			<b>2613</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE DIST #19</b>									
RANDY NEUGEBAUER	228	195	82	76	58	71	710	1103	1813
CHARLES W STENHOLM	60	53	47	40	25	34	259	439	698
RICHARD PETERSON	1	2	1	2	1	2	9	20	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>107</b>			<b>2540</b>
<b>RAILROAD COMMISSIONER</b>									
VICTOR G CARRILLO	199	175	67	65	55	63	624	1013	1637
BOB SCARBOROUGH	68	56	43	33	17	32	249	418	657
ANTHONY GARCIA	11	12	9	7	8	5	52	40	92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>2386</b>
<b>STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 31</b>									
KEL SELIGER	216	187	83	73	57	69	685	1100	1785
ELAINE KING MILLER	55	51	36	39	21	29	231	333	564
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>			<b>2349</b>
<b>STATE REP, DISTRICT 83</b>									
DELWIN JONES	233	188	75	69	54	74	693	1159	1852
JOHN E MILLER	49	59	48	46	24	24	250	347	597
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>98</b>			<b>2449</b>
<b>COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 4</b>									
JIM CAMPBELL	234	201	91	81	65	82	754	1154	1908
<b>TOTAL</b>									
<b>121ST DISTRICT JUDGE</b>									
KELLY G MOORE	243	211	99	89	70	84	796	1231	2027
<b>TOTAL</b>									
<b>SHERIFF</b>									
DON CORZINE	242	197	82	90	69	92	772	1158	1930
RICK DICKSON	52	61	49	31	15	21	229	425	654
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>113</b>			<b>2584</b>
<b>CO COMMISSIONER, PRECT #3</b>									
TIM WILLIS	0	0	64	0	38	0	102	139	241
TY EARL POWELL	0	0	69	0	47	0	116	212	328
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>569</b>
<b>JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT #3</b>									
HARRIET O'NEILL	235	200	91	82	68	83	759	1151	1910
<b>TOTAL</b>									
<b>JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT #5</b>									
PAUL GREEN	236	204	90	82	65	82	759	1154	1913
<b>TOTAL</b>									
<b>JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT #9</b>									
SCOTT BRISTER	229	196	80	79	56	73	713	1106	1819
DAVID VAN OS	41	41	35	29	23	23	192	286	478
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>96</b>			<b>2297</b>
<b>COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 2</b>									
LAWRENCE "LARRY" MEYERS	233	193	91	78	63	73	731	1150	1881
QUANAH PARKER	27	22	16	17	12	19	113	145	258
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>92</b>			<b>2139</b>
<b>COURT OF APPEALS, PLACE 5</b>									
CHERYL JOHNSON	235	194	89	84	63	85	750	1177	1927
TOM OXFORD	21	22	15	12	11	6	87	101	188
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>91</b>			<b>2115</b>

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By Agriculture Commissioner  
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With 100 percent of the 288 attendees reporting that they learned new ideas at the workshops, the schedule has been expanded to include two additional sessions Dec. 6-7 in Uvalde and Dec. 8-9 in Cuero.

Here is a comment from one attendee this summer: "It was like a breath of fresh air. I am so pumped up and ready to get the ball rolling in our community." Others remarked: "Fantastic, revealing and to the point." "Excellent - lots of good info for small communities." "Value-packed!"

Each workshop includes two, day-long sessions: Starting on the Right Foot, which focuses on general ways to kick up tourism in small towns, and Two Stepping, Beyond the Basics, which covers proven strategies for generating sponsor dollars to offset the cost of rural tourism events.

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To build on the momentum, we are also planning to launch a new series of TexasYes! workshops in 2005. Stay tuned!