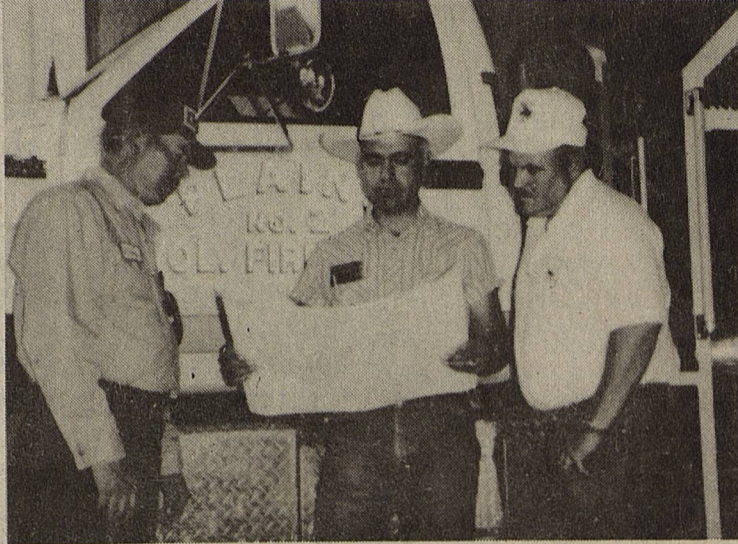


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FIRE FIGHTER WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM TO HELP RURAL RESIDENTS

On March 12 this year, the Plains Volunteer Fire Department sped to the scene of a devastating fire at the rural residence of Raymond Crain on the state line. When the fire was finally contained, the home was a total loss, despite the frantic efforts of the department. Many of the fire fighters were totally frustrated. Fire Chief Charles Diamond felt there was a very good chance the house could have been at least partially saved if the men had not run out of water for their trucks.



L-R; Charles Diamond, Mario Avila & Terry Short, Knowles, check locations on county map

Our rural residents now will have a better chance to avoid this type disaster, with the installation of a number of "dry hydrants" located around the county.

The dry hydrant project is a joint effort, with county, Resource Conservation and Development, Soil Conservation Service and Texas Forest Service participation.

Several months ago, County Commissioners asked Mario Avila, District Conservationist in the local office, and member of the area RC&D committee, to submit a grant request to the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin, seeking funding for the dry hydrant project. The grant was approved, and today, five of these systems are located around the county.

A dry hydrant is a device attached to a farm irrigation well, which can be used to pump well water speedily and directly into a fire truck, assuring a steady supply of water for fighting fires in the nearby area.

Part of the criteria used in picking sites for the units was the irrigation pumps close proximity to fire susceptible CRP grass land pastures, and rural dwellings. They were installed only on wells having electric motors and submersible pumps, the simplest, fastest way for fire fighters to start a flow of water.

Currently, dry hydrants are located at the following sites; Mattie Field farm one mile east of Bronco, ironically near the Crain fire; Ray Bearden farm east

of town, in front of his home; Larry Nelson farm, intersection of FM 1939 and FM 1780, southeast corner of county; Gayle and Lollar farm, six miles north of Plains, one mile east. There is one more hydrant available for installation, preferably in Precinct 2. The farmer or landowner of the site bears no share of the expense of the units, which cost about three hundred fifty dollars.

Another similar type installation is available for department use, located on the New-Tex gin yard. Owners B.G. and Jean craft offered the free use of this water supply.

Volunteer fire fighters from Denver City, Tatum and Knowles community met with the Plains department last week to learn more about the hydrants. Mario Avila conducted a tour of the present sites. These other communities and have worked very well together on past fires in rural areas.

This is a rare example of citizens, state and national agencies cooperating in spending tax money wisely

ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

There are people who will tell you they don't read books, and just have no reason to go to the library.

Many of these people are probably not aware of what our county library has to offer the community. It plays a much larger role than a place to borrow books, although it does have an excellent supply of both fiction and non fiction books.

How about a source for free video movies, How To videos, historical videos, Travel videos. Books on audio tape cassettes, magazines of dozens of different subject matters, from gourmet cooking to

CHANGES IN FARM SCENE

Twenty, thirty years ago, a leisurely drive around the counties farming areas would take you by fields of cotton, milo and alfalfa, the staples of the day. From time to time, farmers would try alternative crops, sun flowers, even the now much hated castor bean. Many times, these other crops were planted only because of adverse conditions.

Today, the same drive will reveal a greatly changed agriculture scene. Head south from New-Tex down the state line road, and circle after circle of irrigated peanuts gleam bright green, harvest time not far off.

Much of the irrigated corn has been cut, stored in giant white tubes of plastic sheeting, waiting to be transported to feed lots or dairies. There are many hundred acres of different varieties of green chili peppers thriving, to be harvested soon and trucked to the large packing and shipping dock at Higginbotham.

In the Higginbotham area, the potato harvest is over, and thousands of tons of our local spuds are now going thru check stands around the country as potato chips.

Chardonay grapes have recently been harvested on the Buster Graham farm, and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes harvested from two vineyards owned by D.C. Newsom and his son Neal. The grapes were shipped to Lubbock for processing in the booming wine industry there.

At least one producer in the county has been experimenting with raising colored cotton. Perhaps one of these days he can run a high tech stripper thru his field and spit out a colored shirt of your choice.

Greatly expanded and improved irrigation, new farming methods, better conservation practices, and lots of venturesome imagination from our producers have drastically changed our agricultural environment. Yet one aspect of farming has remained a constant. It is just as hard, just as risky, to make a profit farming as it has been throughout our history. For your efforts and perseverance, we salute you.

THIS FIRST ISSUE OF OUR PAPER IS FURNISHED TO YOU AT NO COST. WE WANT EVERYONE TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER. AND PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS!!



Mechanical grape harvesting on N. Newsom Farm
Photo courtesy Bonnie Earnest

WHY TWO PAPERS ?

When you see this first issue of COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS, you may be inclined to ask, "Can a town the size of Plains financially support two newspapers?". Or perhaps wonder, "You mean tell me there's enough news out there to supply two papers?". The answer to the first question is a very highly probable "NO!", and the second could be answered, "Maybe, if you don't mind reading some duplicated material".

Then why two papers? Simply because we think we can do a better job supplying our readers with the news and features they want, and better serve our advertisers, who keep newspapers in business.

We have no axe to grind with the PLAINS PRIDE. They have for a long time now provided the community with its only source of printed news, something we all want and need, and for this we are grateful.

Now, consider this. We are publishing a regulation, full size weekly newspaper, normally four pages in size, six or eight on special occasions. We will deliver the paper to our subscribers in the city limits each Wednesday morning, and mail first class to subscribers in rural areas and other towns.

Our subscription price is lower, as is our over the counter price, and our rates for all ads, classified or display, are lower.

Everyone on the staff of COWBOY COUNTRY NEWS lives in this community. We have other jobs here, have children and grandchildren in the same schools yours attend. We go to and contribute to local churches. We trade with and support local merchants. We pay city, school and county taxes as you do, vote in the same city, school, county, state and national elections.

We have a stake in Plains, and have benefited from living here, and with this publication, hope to return a little something to you, our friends and neighbors.

In other words, we think we have a better mouse trap to sell. We sincerely hope you will help us with your subscriptions and advertising, and perhaps most important of all, supply us with the news and information we often just don't hear about. THANKS !

CITY ADOPTS BUDGET

On Monday, August 22, the Commerce city council adopted the 300,000 gallon ground annual operating budget. storage tank, and develop This years budget of \$ a water well. This 1,390,510 shows an \$250,000 grant was increase of 15% year fiscal matched with \$100,000 of year 93-94. city funds. This project should be completed by February of 1995.

The completion of a new sewer treatment plant, development of new water sources and storage facility, and purchase of a garbage truck account for an increase in the tax rate or the increased budget. an increase in utility rates

In 1989, the city was will not be necessary to directed by the Texas meet the city's match Natural Resources requirements.

Conservation Commission The purchase of a to increase the capacity of garbage truck is also its sewer plant. In 1992, the budgeted. It will replace city received from the present truck which has Texas Department of already operated two years Commerce a grant of \$250, longer than industry 000 for this project. The city averages for this type will match that amount with vehicle. Funds for this \$100,000 to fund the purchase were committed expected cost of the plant. in the last two budgets.

The project should be completed by September an ordinance setting the of 1995. city's property tax rate for

In 1993, the city received 1994 at \$.49 per \$100 of another grant from the Texas Department of

TURN TO PG. TWO

SCHOOL DAYS AGAIN

Dozens of Plains' young mothers breathed a sigh of relief on August 15, the first day of the new school year, when they bundled their young ones off to the care of our schools. There were other mothers concerned about their very first year students, a strange and

often scary experience for some.

Sara Kay Burrus, secretary to Mr. Simmons, school superintendent, reported this years student enrollment at 505, up twenty students from last year.



Debbie Garland escorts children across cross walk
Photo by Bonnie Earnest

protect our children...
DRIVE SAFELY

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HELP WANTED

From time to time we will be publishing historical type stories about our communities early years. We want to do articles about some of our earliest settlers, their occupations, the founding and growth of our town, its early commerce and business people.

We need pictures and factual information from you readers. Use your imagination; scenes of ranch activities, early farm development, our schools growth, athletic events, community gatherings, weddings, family reunions, first irrigation efforts, etc. If you have good quality

black and white photos of people and scenes you think we can use, PLEASE bring them to our "home-office", 1205 Copeland, any weekday from 8:00 am-5:pm. We will of course need to pick your minds and get all the background information we can about the pictures subjects. The pictures will be returned to you.

We feel this project will be of interest not only to our seniors, many of whom took part in these activities and events, but to our younger readers, many of whom are not aware of our historical heritage. Please, Give us a hand!!

CITY BUDGET

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property value, and allowing for discounts and exemptions as in the past. This rate is the effective tax rate, and will produce the same revenues as the 1993 rate.

FROM THE COURTHOUSE

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday. Members present were Judge Dallas Brewer, John Avara, Comm., Prec 1, Jim Barron, Comm., Prec. 3, Macky McWhirter, Comm., Prec 4, and Julia Lemley, Deputy Clerk. Bob Thurston, Comm., Prec.2, was absent due to family illness.

The court unanimously approved the release of the following securities; College Station Texas Utility System, \$25,000. U. S. Treasury Note, \$500,000; SLMA \$1,000,000.

Motion was made by Mc Whirter, second by Barron, to approve a petition of Amoco for authority to construct a pipeline 42 in. across a county borrow ditch.

Lists of disbursements and part time salaries were filed, including a \$50,000 disbursement to Sandyland Underground Water District.

Got something really news-worthy? Share it with us, & we'll share it with others

YOUR LIBRARY

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trout fishing in New Zealand.

The library staff can make copies for you, laminate documents, create fancy numbers and figures on their Ellison machine. Talk to them about getting a computer program for your PC. You can get instruction material telling you how to grow mushrooms, repair your auto, quilt a quilt, fix a deer rifle. They can even loan you fun shaped cake pans and cookie cutters.

Got a research project giving you problems? Your library has reference books of every description. They can order books from other area libraries should you need something they don't have.

They can create posters and displays for your use, and will help you exchange items or ideas with other folks and organizations.

They offer an excellent program encouraging children to read more during the summer months, Film Time for pre-schoolers (see following pages for more on this program).

They have large display cases for showing off your hobbies, art and craft, scrapbooks, and have rooms available for group meetings.

The library staff does an excellent job offering us all a facility we can use, enjoy, and benefit from. If you haven't visited the library lately, drop by. They'll probably offer you a good cup of coffee.



Dolores Davis, Asst. Librarian; Pat McNabb, Secretary; Latrell McDonald, Librarian Photo by Bonnie Earnest

COUNTY RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES

Area county employees were honored for their years service August 22 at the court house.

County Judge Dallas Brewer presented a gold memorial pen to Toni Jones, County Treasurer, for fifteen years county service. He presented a black Cross pen to Bobbie Payne for her ten years service at the Youth Center.

Judge Brewer presented silver pens to Marcene Lowe, five years service in the Sheriffs Department, Naomi Goodman, five years service, County Clerks office, and Carolyn Rivas, five years service at the County Clinic.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jim Barron presented a gold pen to Royce Randall, 15 years service, and Hershel Smith, a Cross pen for 10 years service. Precinct 4 Commissioner

Macky McWhirter presented Raymond Diaz with a five year pen. Our congratulations to all these officers and employees.

METHODISTS PLAN CHILI EVENT

First United Methodist Church schedules its second annual Chili lunch On election day, Nov. 8. The fund raising event will offer home cooked chili for \$5, children \$3, served at the new church fellowship hall, Tuesday noon. Last years chili was excellent, and church volunteers urge you to come and enjoy this year.

The weather for a steaming bowl of red should be perfect at this time of year.

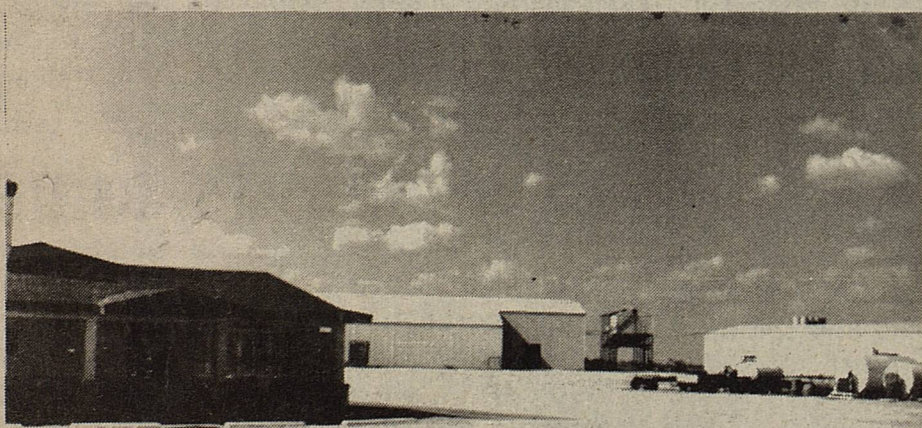
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NEW DOCTOR TO SERVE US

Dr. Larry Boyd, who lives & practices in Denver City, met Plains patients for the first time at the County Clinic on Aug. 25.

Dr. Boyd will be at our clinic each Thursday from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Appointments are very strongly urged. Walk-in patients will be worked in as possible.

An in depth interview with Dr. Boyd is being arranged. We will tell you more about the Doctor soon.

Welcome to Plains, Dr. Boyd.

BRAND NEW ARRIVAL

We are proud to announce the arrival of Tanner Drake Patterson, infant son of Kyle Patterson and Rena' McElroy. The little Cowboy was born Sunday, August 21st, and weighed a healthy 7lbs, 14 oz. Congratulations, Rena' and Kyle

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

In the city limits, our rate is \$12.50 per year. Rural customers and out of town deliveries will be \$18.00 per year, to defray first class mail expense.



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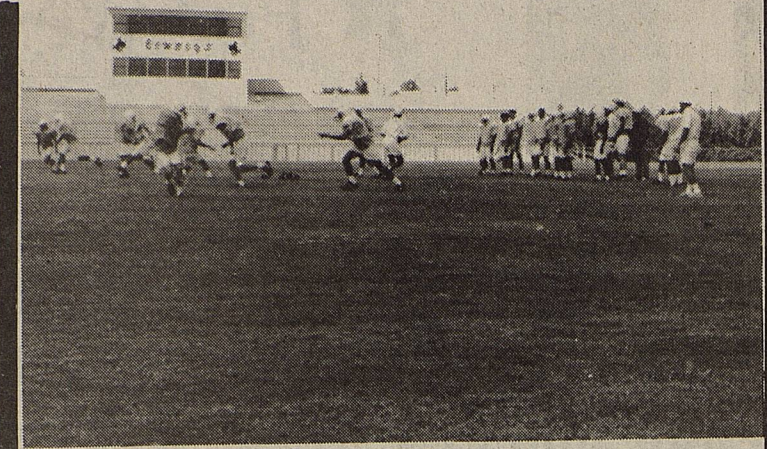
Every afternoon following school, there is an unusually large amount of moisture present at Cowboy stadium. It is the copious sweat of our Cowboy footballers, hard at work preparing for the coming season.

Head Coach Larry McMinn says the young men have to work hard, as the road ahead the next few months will be long and hard.

Practice started August 3rd, and players bodies are gradually toughening, lung capacity expanding, and routines and plays are becoming more familiar. The first scrimmage against Petersburg was a success, Cowboys scoring twice to their one tally.

Coach McMinn feels fortunate about the squads make-up, particularly the experience of the returning starters from last year. That experience will be invaluable during the long ten game schedule. Seven defensive and eight offensive players will be back from last years district play off team.

The starting offense will probably feature; Greg Salas, center guards Joey Guerra and Ken McAdams, tackles Chase Clanahan and Kirk Parrish, wide receivers Chris Payne and Brad Ramirez, tight end Brad McMinn, split back



Cowboys Hard at Work Photo by Bonnie Earnest

Shanon Ward, victor Bernal at quarterback, and tailback David Bitolas. Expected to see considerable action are Steven Bitolas, Lee David Hernandez, Joe Luna and Wayne Willett.

Defensive starters include, Tackles Chase Clanahan and Joey Guerra, ends Lee Roy Vasquez and Brad McMinn, outside linebackers Jacob Lester and David Bitolas, inside linebackers Ken McAdams and Eric Ramos, and the secondary will consist of Ralph Ramirez, Shannon Ward and Steven Bitolas. Getting defense playing time will be Kirk Parrish and Wayne Willett.

McMinn, head coach here since 1981, thinks the tough district race will be exciting and possibly close. The Sudan Hornets seemingly always come up dangerous teams and the old adage, "any team can beat any other team on any

given day" is still accurate. District play starts Oct. 14.

The coaching staff ably supporting McMinn includes Everett McAdams, Jack Baucom, Edwin Brink, and Michael Davis.

The season opener Sept. 2 finds the age old foe and rival Seagraves Eagles flying into Cowboy field. If you have been a resident many years, you will know about the long running feud between the teams. Our coaches and our Cowboys will need each and everyone of you in what will be a very noisy stadium. Good Luck, Coaches and Cowboys.



LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS TALENTS RECOGNIZED BY DISNEY

If you have THE DISNEY CHANNEL on your TV cable, and receive the DISNEY magazine, you may have seen a familiar young face on pgs. 10 and 32 of the current August-September issue.

Yes, that fine looking young musician is Matt Morgan, 8th grade student at PJH, the son of Byron and Karol Morgan, a member of THE DISNEY YOUNG MUSICIAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

Matt earned this recognition auditioning for the orchestra in a nationwide contest for musicians between the ages of eight and twelve. Following the successful audition which included solos and sight reading, Matt attended a Disney camp in Los Angeles preparing for a televised concert.

While in L.A., Matt was able to meet the late music director Henry Mancini, musician Bradford Marsalis, and actor-pianist Dudley Moore.

BAND BOOSTERS TO MEET

The Plains BAND BOOSTER CLUB will meet Thursday Sept. 1, at five pm in the county library. Everyone with children in band is urged to attend this very important meeting. Officers for 1994-1996 will be nominated and elected.

There has been a noticeable decline in parents participation in this organization. Many of the services the club now provide for the band members may have to be reduced or curtailed because of this.

This booster organization plays an important role in our band activities, our school and community. They help with the purchase of T-shirts for the band members, provide scholarship funds to graduating seniors. They serve refreshments at the band's spring concert, pizza and drinks at band clinics.

The club serves the community by publishing events and birthday calendar each year. These are activities that are important not only to our children, but to the entire community. They need your help and participation. Please be at the meeting.

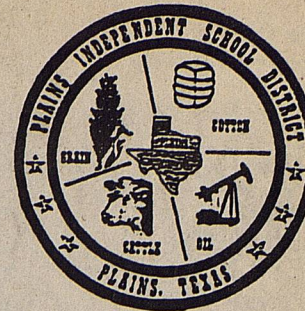
Any of the following staff members of your new paper may be contacted to take news items, place ads or subscriptions. Gary Dyer, editor, Holly Dyer, bus. mgr, 6-8451, Debbie Rushing, reporter, 6-6803 after 5pm, Shari Chambliss 6-5951 after 5pm. "Home-office" hours at 1205 Copeland are 9 to 5 week days.

Disney then taped the concert, and the show was aired on THE DISNEY CHANNEL in late August of 1993. This program was reshown this last August 25.

Matt is a member of our marching band playing trumpet. He is also a member of the 8th grade football squad. He has one brother, Mark, a first grader. Grandparents are Carolyn Conway of Lubbock, Veda Smith and Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Conway, all of Plains.

Matt, your friends and neighbors are proud of you. *****

READERS: This article is an example of the type of news we want to feature each week. We would not know about this young man if not for a call from a citizen who recognized its news worthiness. PLEASE help make us aware of this type story.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following dates are scheduled as school holidays;

- Mon. Sept. 5-Labor Day
- Nov. 23, 24, 25- Thanks - giving.
- Dec. 21-Jan 1- Christmas
- Feb. 10-Stock show.
- Mar. 13-17- Spring break
- Apr. 14-17- Good Friday

VOLLEY BALL TALK NEXT WEEK



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

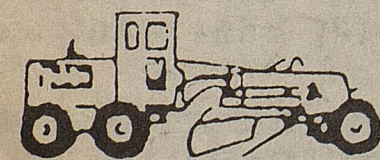
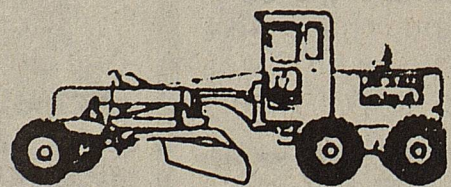
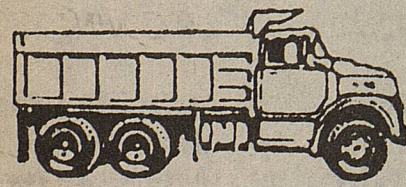
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CORN STORED FOR DAIRY ENSILAGE USE AT AREA DAIRIES. (STORY ON PG. ONE.)

LIBRARY FILMTIME

Filmtime starts today for all children under school age. The programs will be offered each Wednesday at 10:00 am, and parents are reminded children must be picked up no later than 11:00 am. Parents or baby sitters are welcome. The annual school term program offers films, games, songs, story times, birthday parties, and special holiday events.

TERRY MILLICAN TO VACATE COUNTY POST

Terry Millican, Yoakum County Extension Agent, Ag., will be leaving the community September 1, to accept the same position in Snyder, Curry County.

County officials and many friends expressed their regrets about losing Millican, but realize the move is a very positive move in his career.

A reception honoring Millican will be held today, August 31 from 4:00pm until 5:30pm, and friends of Terry are urged to attend.

A search for Millican's replacement is now being conducted by county officials.

ENJOY A TRIP TO MEXICO

The Stateline and Turner Extension Clubs will jointly sponsor a meeting and dinner Thursday night at 7:00 pm. The menu and theme of the evening will be "GO TO MEXICO". Plains member Nora Stewart planned the meeting.

One of the goals of the clubs is helping members become more knowledgeable about foreign countries and customs.

All club members and their families are urged to attend and enjoy this gourmet trip to Mexico.

It is reported long time ago famed actor Clark Gable, before reaching Hollywood fame, worked in a tire factory, and as a lumberjack. He is best remembered for his still famous line, "Frankly, my dear tree, I don't give a damn".

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FUND RAISER HELD FOR GARY WALKER IN BROWNFIELD

TERRY county and Brownfield residents and boosters gathered in Coleman Park Saturday evening to show their support for Gary Walker, candidate for State Representative from our District 80.

The fund raising project followed the same format our local residents staged for Walker here in July, with the donors enjoying a hamburger cookout at the amphitheatre.

Walker pledged to the crowd he would continue to work hard to become our representative, and pursue fiscally sound conservative legislation in Austin. He pointed out that the huge geographical area he wants to represent calls for extensive and costly travel expenses, and asked the crowd to continue to support him.

The local musical group "Country Classics" performed during the event, and were so well received by the crowd, Walker asked them to continue playing after the rally ended. Local musicians Lee and Diane Brown, Buster Kennedy, and James Altman were joined by fiddler, Lindy Durham from Hobbs. The event was coordinated in Brownfield by Mike Timmons, who was assisted by many volunteers.

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James 1:17

Prayer concerns:
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Mary Thurston
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