

Cowboy Country News

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11th Watermelon Round Up Saturday

Scores of Yoakum County Connection volunteers have labored for months planning the 11th annual, premier family fun event of the year, and the day long event starts at 9 AM Saturday, September 2 on the tree shaded grounds of the old courthouse. Choose your venue - good food, live music, arts & crafts, stage events,



Tons of ice cold melon slices will be enjoyed free all day Saturday!

day long team roping, seed spitting, 4-H fashion show, horseshoe pitching, kids games, pony rides and petting zoo, live clowns, huge classic car show, cow patty bingo, sports on air games, toddlers and kids run, and much, much more! Call and invite your friends and family - they'll be glad you did!

Democrat hopeful comes calling

Robert Ricketts of Lubbock made a whistle stop appearance in Plains last week at the County Library. Ricketts will be the Democrat candidate on the November ballot challenging Congressman Randy Neugebauer for his congressional seat in the 27 county District 19.

Ricketts has bachelors, masters and PhD degrees in accounting, and holds an endowed chair of Taxation at Texas Tech. He has taught about tax policy and practice over 20 years. 45 years old, he is married and his wife Quepha is also a CPA. The couple have a 14 year old daughter.

Ricketts claims his campaign platform is basic - Sensible Government, with plenty of emphasis on sharing economic burdens across society, reducing the \$8.5 trillion national debt, curtailing government spending.

He says the current Congress has produced record setting deficits, causing the value of the American dollar to drop 30 percent. "When our dollar is worth less, we pay more for everything on the world market including oil. There are other factors that affect the price of oil, including demand and international tensions, But Americans must begin to relize the weakness in our dollar is a major contributor to today's record high oil prices."

Ricketts faces sprawling miles of territory to travel in his quest to unseat Congressman Neugebauer.

With This Issue
CCN Celebrates
Its 13th Birthday



Democrat Congressional candidate Robert Ricketts with local party faithful Bud Forbus, Ty Powell and Jim Barron at library meeting

Boll Weevil assessment notices arriving soon

Boll weevil eradication notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Western High Plains eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at the local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due September 29, but a two percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 14.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a rebate on those acres completely destroyed prior to the final certification date. Qualifying acres must remain free of all hostabvle cotton until a killing freeze to receive the rebate.

To aid WHP growers who have been affected by weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts. For more information contact the Assessment Department in Abilene at 866-672-2800.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Brief Commissioners Court

Commissioners Court sped through a brief agenda in the August 28 session.

Sheriff Don Corzine requested approval of setting new fees for orders served on the public by sheriff deputies and constables. He presented a chart displaying such fees charged by other area counties indicating many present service fees are too low, including

various type writs, subpoenas, summons and other citations. The proposed list of new service fees was approved.

Tax Assessor/Collector Jan Parrish requested the courts approval of the payment from contingency funds of \$7,818, one-half of the approved 2007 purchase of computer software for her department. The request was approved.

Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor presented a preliminary architectural plan for proposed additions and renovations to the hospital complex. The project would include a major addition to the present physicians clinic for use by recently contracted new staff physicians. The

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Hospital recognized for 50 year affiliation with AHA



Alex R. White, front left, recently presented Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor with a plaque recognizing the hospital's fifty year membership with the American Hospital Association. White is chief executive of the Association's Austin Regional office. In his brief address to several dozen hospital employees White recognized the many changes in hospital service to patients over the years, and the outstanding service provided by the staff and physicians representing the local hospital. He noted the many additions of service centers now available at the county facility, and predicted the multi-faceted health complex in Denver City would continue to grow and improve. He told the employees AHA could not take credit for success of the facilities, adding "We simply help you people make it all work." The hospital complex currently has 140 staff employees, with services provided by seven physicians.

Justice of Peace Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases Filed:

- 41 traffic cases
- 4 public intoxication
- 1 minor driving under influence
- 2 possession of drug paraphernalia-
- Bonds set
- Motion of Surety/Credit card or Debit card abuse- \$10,000
- Motion of Surety/Engage in organized criminal activity- \$10,000
- Motion of Surety/Theft of property- \$10,000

- 3 cases driving while license suspended/invalid- \$500
- 5 cases public intoxication- \$500
- Driving under influence/minor- \$500
- 2 cases Possession of controled substance- \$10,000
- 2 cases possession of controled substance with intent to deliver- \$15,000
- Money laundering- \$7500
- Possession drug paraphernalia- \$500
- Motion to revoke probation- Held until hearing
- DWI - 1st - \$1000

days previously served. He must also pay \$226 court costs. Deputy Curtis Coffman was investigating officer and Warren New served as his attorney. Jack Walton Mullins pled guilty to failure to register as a sex offender, state jail felony.

He was sentenced to 16 months in state jail with credit for 86 days served, and must pay \$271 court costs. Bill Helwig was his attorney and Charlie Higgs, Denver City Police, was investigating officer.

Judge Blair Cherry served as Judge By Assignment in a case of prohibited substance in a correctional facility, state jail felony, against Guadalupe Delgado Ruiz. He was assigned to custody in the Ray D. Anderson Community Corrections Facility at Brownfield for a term of no less than one month or more than 24 months. He must pay all costs including room and board, medical expense and personal items.

Two cases were heard in District Court August 24 with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State.

Douglas Bryan Taylor pled guilty to fraudulent possession of a controlled substance/subscription, third degree felony. He was sentenced to ten years in prison with credit for 87

Felony crime cases heard in District Court

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This will be a common scene Saturday!



Excessive Spending - An Ongoing Battle

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

For years, talk about excessive federal spending has been reminiscent of that old saying about the weather: "Everyone complains, but nobody does anything about it."

But occasionally there is a glimmer of real hope - signs that the political power structure in Washington is finally getting the message. I've seen some indications of that in recent days. I hope these signs of possible reform are real, and not a mirage.

It often takes a vivid example of waste to focus attention on a problem. We got a bright flash last week when the Government Accounting Office (GAO) reported that up to \$1.4 billion in individual aid doled out after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita may have been spent improperly.

You may remember those \$2,000 debit cards the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) handed out last year so that homeless hurricane evacuees could buy food, clothing and temporary shelter.

Well, the GAO examined some of the actual expenditures. It found some relief money was spent on season football tickets, a vacation to Hawaii, and even a sex-change procedure. The cards were also used to pay for adult entertainment products, champagne and other alcoholic beverages, season tickets to New Orleans Saints games and an all-inclusive, one-week vacation at a Dominican Republic resort.

The agency said it found that people who lodged in hotels often were paid for twice, since FEMA gave them individual rental assistance and also paid hotels directly. FEMA apparently paid various California hotels \$8,000 to house one individual - the same person who received three rental assistance payments for both hurricane disasters.

Of course, this abusive fraud leads us to a much larger problem. The federal budget process is ineffective and broken. There are no short-term consequences when Congress increases deficit spending. In fact, there can be political "rewards" in all this when members of Congress bring home pork for their home districts. It's time we took responsibility for fixing a budget system in disrepair - before today's problem becomes tomorrow's crisis.

President Bush has again asked for line-item veto authority. Congress is now moving to approve that as

part of a broader budget process reform effort. These changes are needed immediately. In only two short years, the Baby Boom generation will begin to retire, and expenditures for Social Security and Medicare will begin to skyrocket.

Last week, I joined with Budget Chairman Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) in introducing the Stop Over-Spending Act of 2006. It would require Congress to reduce growth of "mandatory" entitlement spending if deficit targets are not met. It would also order across-the-board reductions in discretionary spending if Congress can't meet established spending caps.

I introduced a companion bill setting up a bipartisan commission to attack waste and fraud in Medicare and Social Security. That commission will recommend ways to strengthen our largest entitlement program to ensure it can remain solvent indefinitely.

Up until now, attempts to deal with this growing fiscal problem have bogged down in partisanship. While we've dithered, the problem has grown more severe, and devising a solution has become much more difficult.

I may be overly optimistic, but I'm seeing a new willingness in Congress to face up to our more egregious over-spending. Under the threat of the President's first veto, Congress last week reduced an emergency spending supplemental bill - additional funding for Iraq and hurricane relief - from a previously approved \$108.9 billion to a more acceptable \$94.5 billion.

Only in the wonderland of Washington would an additional expenditure of \$94.5 billion be considered a sign of progress. But it's a start - and the longest journey starts with a single step.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities. Cornyn served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice and Bexar County District Judge.

For Sen. Cornyn's previous Texas Times columns: www.cornyn.senate.gov/columns

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project would provide an additional 4,300 square feet of working space. Funds for this project were recently approved by the court. The additional projects in the Pate & Associates prepared presentation included an expansion of the present business office by extending it into space now occupied by the administration department. The renovation project would afford an additional 3,150 square feet for the business department.

The administration department would be relocated to space now occupied by another department, with access on 4th Street. The new quarters would provide approximately 2,110

square feet of work space.

The new clinic project approved by the Court is estimated to cost \$718,100. Business office renovations would cost \$283,500, and relocating the

administration office would cost \$190,000. Total cost of the projects, including architectural and engineering fees is estimated at \$1,497,000.

Jack Cobb



Democratic Candidate for Commissioner Precinct #4

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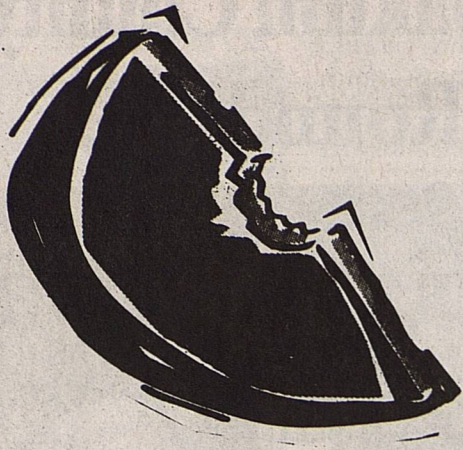
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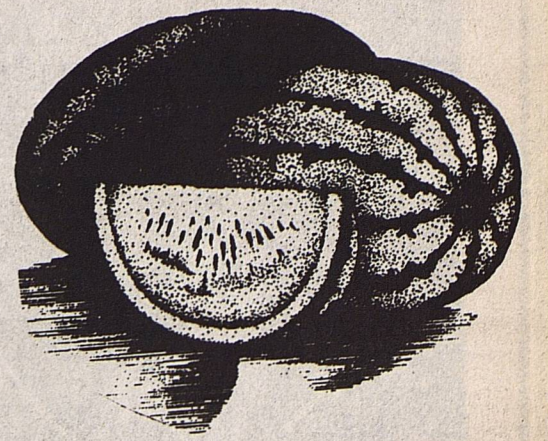
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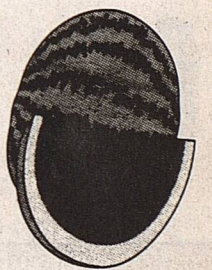
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To determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate is the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. Year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before. Send your comments and questions. In each case these rates are found by...

Hope You Enjoy The 11th

Watermelon Round Up!



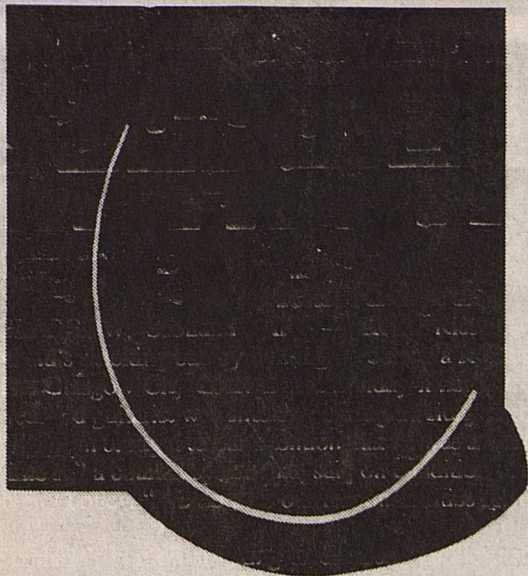
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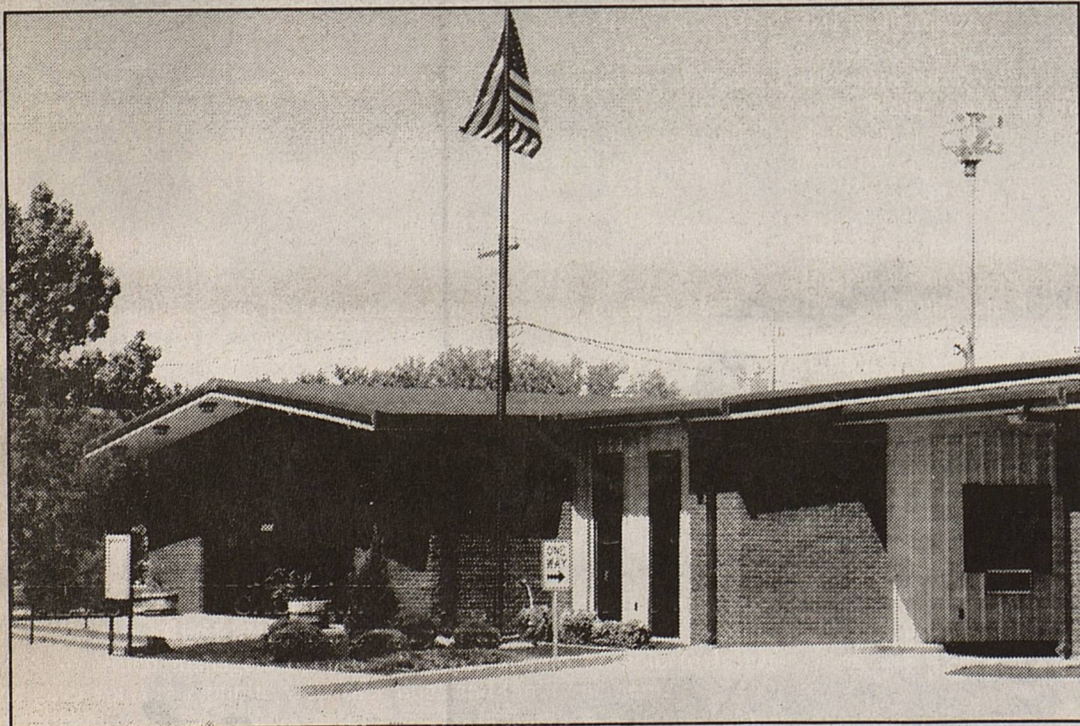
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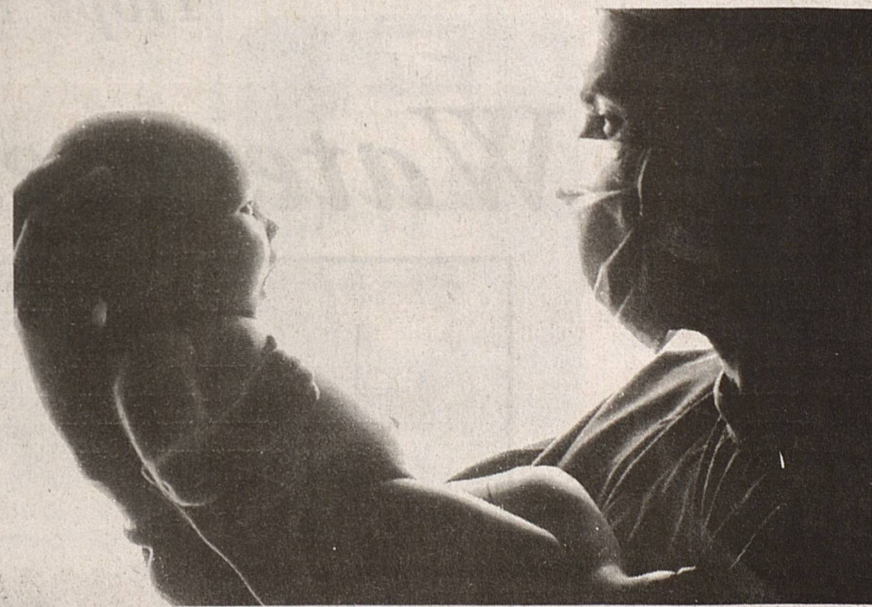
The City of Plains



Congratulates the Yoakum County Connection
for the 11th annual Watermelon Round Up,
and hopes to see you at this fun day!

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Join Us At The
11th Round Up !



Services for Rhuey Crutcher Pierce



Rhuey Crutcher Pierce, 80, of Plains, passed away August 24, 2006 in Lubbock. Services were held at 11 AM Monday, August 28 at First Baptist Church in Plains, with Rev. Bill Wright officiating. Services were under direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors/Chapel. Mrs. Pierce was born September 4, 1925 to Horace and Wava Chambers in Union Town, Kansas. She attended school in O'Donnell and has been a resident of the Tokio and Plains area since 1952. She served as Deputy Clerk in the County Clerk of-

fice here many years. In 1943 she married A.J. Crutcher in New Moore, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1980. In 1984 she married Bob Edwards, and he preceded her in death in 1994. In January of 2003 Rhuey married Gilbert Pierce in Plains. Mrs. Pierce's favorite hobbies were traveling, quilting, square and round dancing, and playing dominos. She is survived by husband Gilbert of Plains, a son Dennis and wife Melba of Plains; a daughter, Carolyne Yeager and husband Bob of Carlsbad; a brother, Harley Chambers of Scottsdale, Arizona; five grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, a brother, Howard Chambers, and sister Waneta Harris. The family suggests memorials be sent to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, TX 79423.

Services held for Lillie Edwards

This wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma passed from this life August 21, 2006 at the age of 91. She was born March 10, 1915 in Bandera County and moved to West Texas when she married Idis Norvel Edwards of Wellman. The family received guests at Price Funeral Home in Levelland Thursday, August 24 and graveside services followed at 11 AM at the Levelland Cemetery, with Gary Kirksey, pastor of City View Christian Church officiating. She spent many years as a housewife, mother, a laundry owner in Loop and as a restaurant worker in Plains. Lillie retired to Lubbock in 1997. She was preceded in death by Norvel, her husband, and Sandra Lavern Atwater, her daughter. She is survived by her son Daryl and his wife Judy of Lubbock; her sister Patsy Wyatt of Littlefield, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." 1st Corinthians 13:7-8

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The County of Yoakum conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Yoakum from properties on the tax roll in the preceding years by 15.47 percent on August 25, 2006 at 5:00 PM and August 28, 2006 at 1:30 PM. The Yoakum County is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 7, 2006, at 4:00 PM at the District Court Room.

**TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD
TEMPLE, TEXAS**

NOTICE TO ELIGIBLE VOTERS

OF THE YOAKUM
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 150

NOTICE OF FILING FOR CANDIDACY

To all eligible voters in the above named Conservation District as described under the provisions of V.T.C.A., Agriculture Code, Chapter 201, who hold title to farm and ranch lands lying within Subdivision No. 1 and 2 (legal description attached) within said Conservation District and intend to run as a candidate for the office of Director of YOAKUM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO.150, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of V.T.C.A. Agriculture Code, Section 201.073 and rules adopted by said district, that candidates must file a written notice of candidacy with said district during established business hours in the month of August at

1305 Cowboy Way, Plains, Texas, 79355

Qualified voters of the above named Soil and Water Conservation District will assemble at 1305 Cowboy Way Plains, Texas 79355 at 8:00 A.M., on the 4 day of (location) October 2006, then and there to elect a candidate owning land within said subdivision to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of said soil and water conservation district.

BY DIRECTION OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

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**** NOTICE ****

THE CITY OF PLAINS WILL HOLD THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 TO ADOPT THE 2006 TAX RATE

THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS THIS YEARS EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$.500240 PER \$100.00 OF VALUE

The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at City of Plains City Hall 1015 Avenue F

The Regular Meeting is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend this meeting, please contact City Hall at 456-2288 at least 4 hours in advance of the hearing

**** NOTICE ****

THE CITY OF PLAINS WILL CONDUCT A BUDGET HEARING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 ON THE PROPOSED FY 2006 - 2007 BUDGET

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. at City of Plains City Hall 1015 Avenue F

The Public Hearing is available to all persons regardless of disability. If you require special assistance to attend this hearing, please contact City Hall at 456-2288 at least 4 hours in advance of the hearing.

2006 Property Tax Rates in City of Plains

This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for City of Plains. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 98,783
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 98,783
Last year's tax base	\$ 19,171,226
Last year's total tax rate	0.515267 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 98,756
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 19,741,686
= This year's effective tax rate	0.500240 /\$100
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>	
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 98,756
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 19,741,686
= This year's effective operating rate	0.500240 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.540259 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.540259 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Plains adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.500240 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2005 taxes by \$858.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the units property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$646,000
Property Tax	\$93,000

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at P.O. BOX 250, PLAINS, TEXAS 79355.

Name of person preparing this notice: JAN PARRISH
Title: TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
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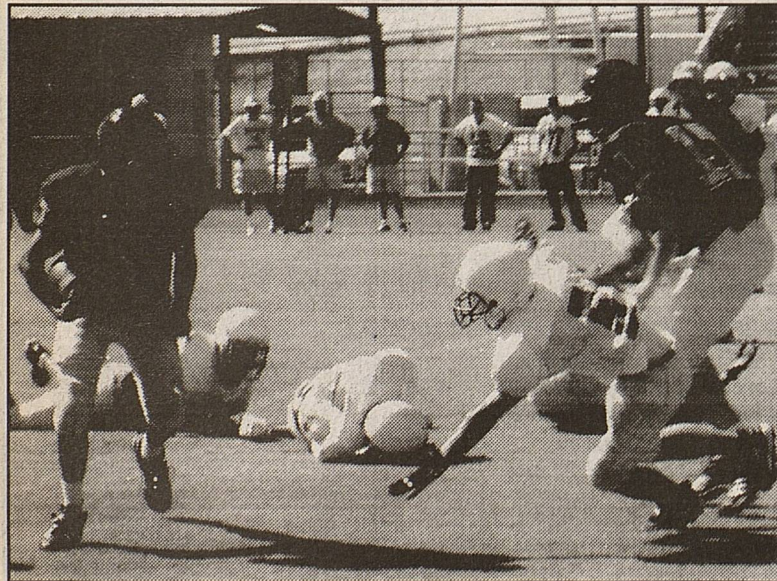
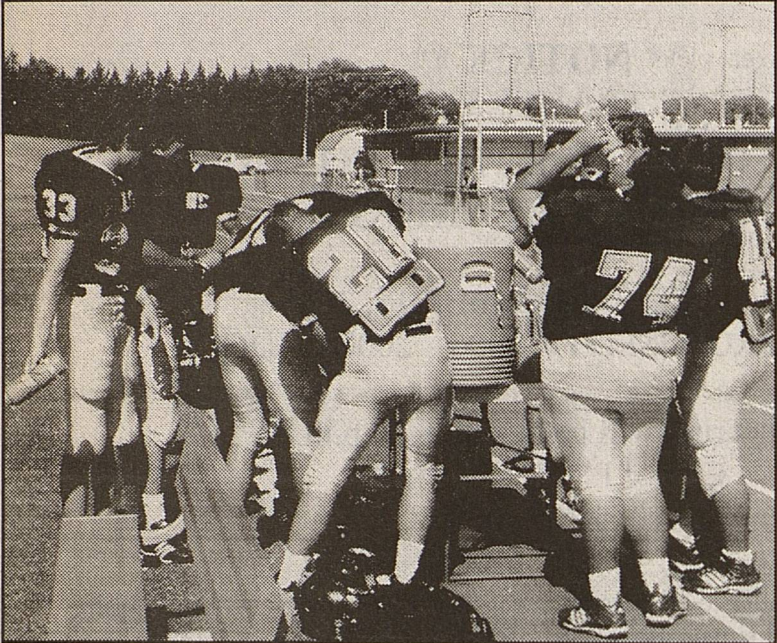


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PHS Students Of The Week



Student of the Week ending August 18 is Adriana Ponce, a senior and the daughter of Isidro and Nancy Ponce. She was nominated by Ms. Treon Ortega, who said, "She is willing to do whatever is needed to motivate students, carry out a project or even help a friend. They spent a great deal of time this summer working to make this school a success for student council. I appreciate her opinions and leadership qualities that enable her to teach our school new things and help PHS students get out of their comfort zone."



Student of the Week ending August 25 is Araceli Mendoza, a senior and the daughter of Manuel and Lucy Mendoza. She also was nominated by Ms. Ortega, saying "A smart person once said, 'There is no traffic jam on the extra mile.' Araceli is someone who never has to worry about traffic jams in life because she always goes the extra mile. She is one of the most dependable people I have ever known. Council would not be what it is today without her hard work and dependability. Even with all the extra things in her life, she has not allowed projects she takes on to be less than excellent quality."

Cowgirl Varsity Volleyball Report

On August 14, the Cowgirl Varsity beat Brownfield 25-21, 25-22 and 25-23. On August 18, the Cowgirls okayed pool play in the Wink Tournament. The Cowgirls lost to Jal 22-25, 25-22 and 21-25. They next beat Midland Classical 25-16, 22-25 and 26-24. Finally, the Cowgirls beat Colorado City 25-14 and 25-19. On August 19 the Cowgirls played in the Gold Bracket. The Cowgirls lost to Crane 16-25 and 10-25. They next played Kermit in the Consolation game and lost 23-25, 25-21 and 24-26.

On August 22 the Cowgirls lost to Lubbock trinity 17-25, 26-28 and 16-25. Joani Bell had 4 digs, 5 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces. Katie Winn had 1 dig and 6 assists. Reyna Gallegos had 4 digs. Desiraye Broome had 3 digs, 3 kills and 2 blocks. Lauren Hise had 1 block. Liz Perez had 1 assist and 1 ace. Meghan Garcia had 4 digs and Regina Morales had 7 digs.

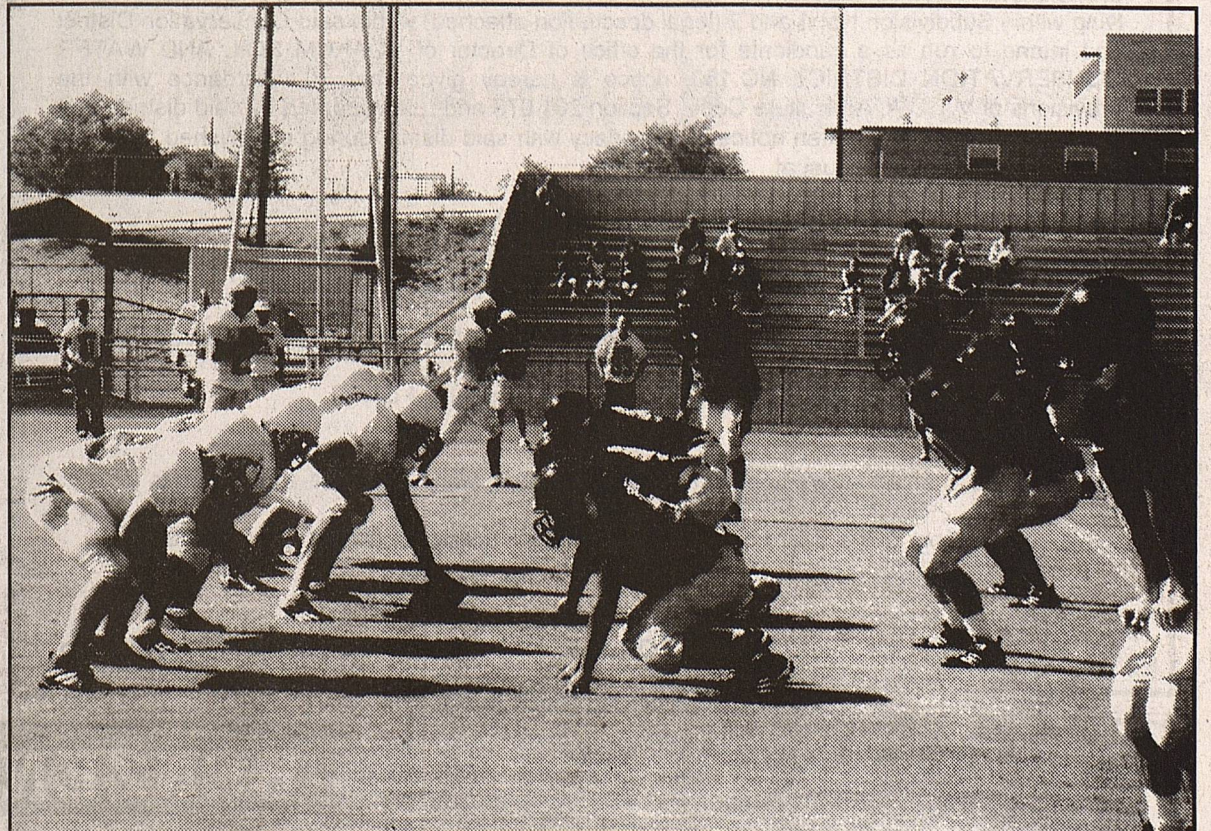
Cowgirl JV Report

On Tuesday, August 14, the Cowgirl JV lost to Brownfield 15-25, 24-26 and 17-25.

On August 22, the Cowgirls JV Team lost to Lubbock Trinity 12-25 and 11-25. Heather Parrott had 1 ace, 3 service points, 1 kill, 3 digs. Natalie Butler had 2 service points, 1 kill, 2 digs. Courtni Asebedo had 3 service points, 4 assists, 2 digs. Jasinine Mares had 2 service points, 1 kill, 1 assist and 1 dig. M'Leah McKinzie had 3 service points, 2 kills, 4 digs. Lydia Whitzel and Abby Hernandez had 1 dig each. On August 26 the JV Cowgirls participated in the Lubbock Comets Tournament. They lost to San Angelo 11-25 and 24-25, and next lost to Lubbock Comets 18-25 and 14-25.

PHS Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIMES
Fri, Aug 11	Colorado City Scrimmage	Away	11:00 A
Tue, Aug 15	Brownfield/Midland Greenwood	Home	5:00
Fri-Sat, Aug 18-19	Wink Varsity Tourney	Away	TBA
Tue, Aug 22	Lubbock Trinity Christian	Away	5:30
Sat, Aug 26	Open	TBA	TBA
Tue, Aug 29	Lubbock Estacado	Away	5:30
Fri-Sat, Sep 1-2	Bronte Varsity Tourney	Away	TBA
Tue, Sep 5	Brownfield/LCHS @ Brownfield	Away	6:00
Fri-Sat, Sep 8-9	Lamesa JV Tourney	Away	TBA
Sat, Sep 9	Open	TBA	TBA
Tue, Sep 12	Littlefield/Dimmitt @ Littlefield	Away	4:00
Sat, Sep 16	Shallowater	Home	1:30
Tue, Sep 19	Littlefield	Home	5:00
Sat, Sep 23	Dimmitt	Away	5:00
Tue, Sep 26	*Wink	Home	5:00
Sat, Sep 30	*Grandfalls-Royalty	Away	4:00
Tue, Oct 3	*Imperial Buena Vista	Home	5:00
Sat, Oct 7	*McCamey	Away	4:00
Tue, Oct 10	Lubbock Home School	Home	5:00
Sat, Oct 14	*Wink	Away	4:00
Tue, Oct 17	*Grandfalls-Royalty	Home	5:00
Sat, Oct 21	*Imperial Buena Vista	Away	5:00
Tue, Oct 24	*McCamey	Home	5:00



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Lifelines & Styles

My name is Angela and I am a survivor of domestic violence. I am a mother with three children. I entered an abusive marriage six years ago. The abuse was so violent that it is only by the grace of God that I am still alive today. Due to the acts of my abuser, my independence deteriorated. I had become completely lost. I didn't know the person my mother had raised and taught me to be.

Being in an abusive situation can take a great toll on your life in many areas. I experienced many difficulties and downfalls in my daily living. I became addicted to drugs and alcohol due to the abuse I was experiencing. I depended on this self-medication to numb the physical, mental, and emotional pain that I endured while in this horrible relationship. Becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol was something that was totally against my character and my spiritual principles. Since I was a child my spiritual principles had been with me.

I was first introduced to Women's Protective Services in 2003. The introduction to this shelter was a life saving and truly God sent solution. It helped me find my way out of an abusive marriage and the hopeless state of mind I was in. During my stay at WPS, I was able to receive the necessary counseling and other services to help regain control of my life. In taking the necessary steps, I was able to get my life back. I was able to find that beautiful woman that God placed here on this earth. I was also able to become a good mother to my children that God wanted me to be. Last, but not least, I was able to realize that I was not a punching bag and that I deserved better. Also, in my stay at WPS, I was able to save money and focus on a better life for my children and me.

I am truly grateful to the Women's Protective Services. Since my stay here, I have gotten out of that abusive situation and recovered from my addiction. I am able to walk through my life with grace and dignity. With the help of God working through Women's Protective Services, I am able to share this story to the women who are suffering in an abusive situation. I want to let you know that there is a way out. There is hope and a safe place for you to go. You can work on you and find out who you really are with WPS. I gained hope and a bright future by taking that first step and getting out to a safe place. God worked his wondrous acts for me through WPS. He took my broken spirit and my dried up emotion and made a beauty out of the ashes.

Thank you WPS for your help and support. May God continue to bless you for what you do for women like me.

Angela Dunn

The above letter appeared in a recent publication of Lubbock's Women's Protective Services, *The Purple Ribbon*. WPS has provided a safe haven for battered and abused women and their children for over 20 years, providing over 5,000 women and children each year with living space, food and clothing when needed, and with a ray of hope for their futures. South Plains counties currently served by WPS include Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum. For more information contact WPS at Box 54089, Lubbock TX 79453 or call 806 - 748 - 5292. You will feel better when you do.

Senior Corners

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the Center. We've had a number of guests; Jean Sparks had her brother in law and several family members, Jimmie Steele's daughter was visiting her. We welcome all and hope you will come back.

I need to change the time for meals some of our members come in to pick up. You need to call by 10 AM and pick the meals up between 11 and 11:30. This makes it easier on our cooks. They have a budget, and anytime you need to pick up a meal or plan to come in to eat please call ahead by 10AM.

Our member G.W. Cleveland has been ill and unable to attend. We want G.W. to know we haven't forgotten you, and are keeping you in our prayers and hope you get better soon, as we do Elmer and June Hanneman, and want them to know we miss them.

I feel I need to say something about the war in the Mid East. I hope the ceasefire holds, but I doubt that will happen. Our world is infested with terrorists determined that all infidels (non-muslims) should die. We need to pray for Israel and our leaders. We only have to read the paper to see how things are. I found a poem written about an American Indian, written by Phil George;

They said, 'You are no longer a lad.' I nodded

They said 'Enter the council lodge.' I sat

They said 'Our lands are at stake.' I scowled.

They said 'Prepare red war symbols.' I painted

They said 'Count coups.' I scalped.

They said 'You'll see friends die.' I cringed.

They said 'Desperate warriors fight best.' I charged.

They said 'Some will be wounded.' I bled.

They said 'To die is glorious.' They lied.

Sound familiar? It sounds like the formula terrorists are teaching young people today. Pray for world leaders, and especially pray for our troops.

Enough of the bad stuff. Come try our Center to get your spirits lifted. Join a line dance group, bingo, 42, pool. We have a rec room with exercise equipment, a large screen TV, a library.

This week I won't end with my usual "Pray for rain". Seems like some of our farmers need some dry weather and sunshine to help their crops along. So, I will accommodate them. Until next week -

Local student advances in Pan Am competition



Dakota Earnest, left, and teammate Amanda Bailey

Dakota Earnest, member of the U.S. Jr. Elite Trampoline Team recently competed in the Pan American competition held at Monterey, Mexico August 16-21. She earned the bronze medal in competition against teams from Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and the U.S. Dakota and Acúspirit teammate Amanda Bailey of Sundown were named to the six member USA team to compete in the Pan American games in Brazil next July. Dakota is a seventh grader in Plains Junior High, the daughter of Michael and Kellie Earnest

Storytime At The Library

Storytime will be starting up at Yoakum County Library on Wednesday, September 6 at 10 AM. Pre-schooler (2,3, and 4 years of age) are invited to attend with their parents or caregivers. The programs will be held each Wednesday throughout the school year from 10AM to 10:45 AM. Storytime includes such items as good books, great short film features, fun activities, and wonderful learning opportunities. Come join the fun at the library!

SWCD Scholarship winners



Receiving \$2000 scholarships from the Yoakum SWCD are, back row, Michael Crump, Rifle Collingsworth and Marty Roberts. They are shown with SWCD Directors Bud Forbus and Brad Crump. Recipient Skylar Keesee was unavailable for photo.

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From The Hack

I continue to be asked, "How was your eye surgery." If I had a dollar for every such question I would have at least a portion of the down payment on the bill for the procedure. You will probably be disappointed when I truthfully tell you, "It lasted all of 35 minutes from the time I signed in at Dr. Ingram's Midland office until I strutted triumphantly out the door, on the way home, my only problem partial blindness from the dilation procedure." Absolutely true tale. 35 minutes. Just incredible - No Pain, and Lots Of Gain! Of course, I have not received the bill yet - I feel confident my giddy delight will promptly crash and burn when I do.

One particularly pleasant surprise was how much more effective my eyesight is on the golf course. It's not that I can see the airborne ball so much better - I can now clearly detect all sorts of suspicious moves made by my playing companions which literally SCREAM, 'Look! He kicked his ball back on the fairway!', or 'Look! He stepped on my ball!' I am confident my game will greatly improve.

It's incredible, but it appears my husband/wife friends in Pecos have gone philosophical

in their Senior Years. What is incredible is the fact he can't spell the word philosophical. They e-mailed me something called "For those who love the philosophy of hypocrisy and ambiguity". I wonder how I have survived these 74 years without these gems:

- * Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things
 - * One tequila, two tequila, three tequila floor.
 - * Atheism is a non-Prophet organization.
 - * If man evolved from monkeys and apes, how come we still have monkeys and apes?
 - * If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
 - * If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself is it considered a hostage situation?
 - * What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
 - * Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
 - * If a turtle doesn't have a shell is he homeless or naked?
 - * Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
 - * If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
 - * What was the best thing before sliced bread?
 - * Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
 - * Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
 - * How is it possible to have a civil war?
 - * If a synchronized swimmer drowns, do the others drown also?
 - * If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?
 - * Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
 - * Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
 - * Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?
 - * And finally, why are hemorrhoids called hemorrhoids instead of assteroids?
- I suspect I won't sleep an hour tonight worrying over all this.

The same couple are responsible for the following. Remember TV's "Hollywood Squares" show of the 70's and 80's? These are actual questions tossed to the celebrity contestants:

- Q - Do female frogs croak?
 - A - Paul Lynde- If you hold their little heads underwater long enough they do.
 - Q- If you make a parachute jump how high should you be?
 - A- Charley Weaver- Three days of hard drinking oughta do it.
 - Q- You have trouble going to sleep. Are you male or female?
 - A- Don Knotts- That's what's keeping me awake.
 - Q- If you meet a stranger at a party and thinks he's attractive is it OK to ask if he's married?
 - A- Rose Marie- No, wait until the next morning.
 - Q- Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?
 - A- Weaver- My sense of decency.
 - Q. In Hawaiian, does it take more than three words to say I love you?
 - A- Vincent Price- No, you can say it with a pineapple and a twenty.
 - Q- Why do Hell's Angels wear leather?
 - A- Paul- Because chiffon wrinkles too easy.
 - Q- You've decided to grow strawberries. Are you going to get any the first year?
 - A- Weaver- Of course not, I'm too busy growing strawberries.
 - Q- In bowling, what's a perfect score?
 - A- Rose Marie- Ralph, the pin boy.
 - Q- Can boys join the campfire girls?
 - A- Marty Allen- Only after lights out.
- This should offend No One-Look at TV today!*

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RICHARD L. STAFFORD AND LENA MAE GROOM STAFFORD, DECEASED.

Notice is now given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estates of Richard L. Stafford and Lena Mae Groom Stafford were issued on August 14, 2006, in Cause No. 1496, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to: **Cindy Lee Burkes**. The residence of such Executor and where claims may be presented is as follows:

Cindy Lee Burkes
723 N. Brady
Denver City, Texas 79323

All persons having claims against these Estates which are currently being administered are required to present them within four (4) months after the receipt of this notice and in the manner prescribed by law or the claim will be barred if not barred by the general statutes of limitation.

DATED: August 14, 2006

WARREN NEW

Warren New, Attorney for the Estates, PO Box 670, Denver City, Texas 79323, Phone 806-592-2129, Fax 806-592-7733

PUBLIC HEARING

As required by law, and by directive of the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County, Texas, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Public Hearing on the salaries, expenses and allowances of elected County and Precinct Officers to be provided for in the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget for Yoakum County is set for 3:45 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2006, preceding the Public Hearing on 2007 Proposed Budget. The hearing will be held in the District Courtroom, County Courthouse, Plains, Texas. The salaries and allowances will be considered and acted upon at this meeting and officially adopted before the completion of the hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. Present salaries and allowances with the requested and proposed increases are as follows:


<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Present Base Salary/ Longevity Salary/ Allowance(s)</u>	<u>Proposed Base Salary/ Longevity Salary/ Allowance(s)</u>	<u>Increase</u>
County Judge	\$ 37,783.44 7,068.00 7,200.00	\$ 40,806.12 .00 8,400.00	\$ 3,022.68 .00 1,200.00
*NOTE (1)	1,200.00	No Change	0.00
**NOTE (2)	15,000.00	No Change	0.00
Commissioner Prct. #1	\$ 37,144.68 3,348.00 7,200.00	\$ 40,116.25 3,720.00 8,400.00	\$ 2,971.57 372.00 1,200.00
Commissioner Prct. #2	\$ 37,144.68 5,518.00 7,200.00	\$ 40,116.25 5,890.00 8,400.00	\$ 2,971.57 372.00 1,200.00
Commissioner Prct. #3	\$ 37,144.68 1,140.00 7,200.00	\$ 40,116.25 2,232.00 8,400.00	\$ 2,971.57 1,092.00 1,200.00
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County Sheriff	\$ 37,783.44 6,510.00	\$ 40,806.12 6,882.00	\$ 3,022.68 372.00
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JP Prct. #1	\$ 37,783.44 7,688.00 4,800.00	\$ 40,806.12 No Change 6,000.00	\$ 3,022.58 372.00 1,200.00
JP Prct. #2	\$ 37,783.44 684.00 4,800.00	\$ 40,806.12 912.00 6,000.00	\$ 3,022.58 228.00 1,200.00

* NOTE (1) Juvenile Board salary for Juvenile Judge duties.
** NOTE (2) Judicial salary for Constitutional County Court Judge's duties (State Supplement)

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