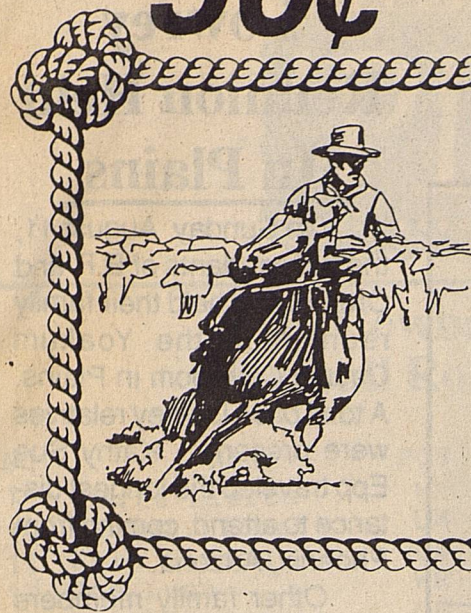


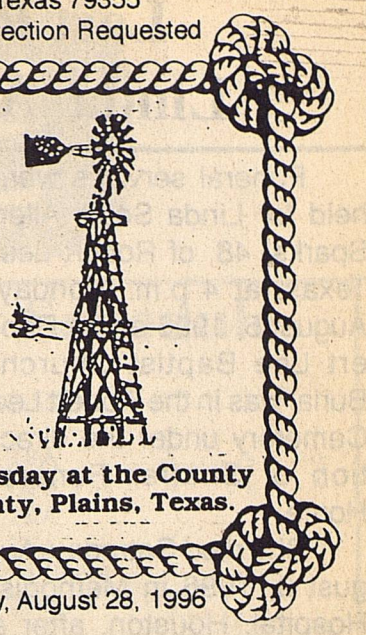
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## SPAG to Host Benefits Counseling Meeting

The South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging will be hosting a Benefits Counseling presentation on Thursday, August 29, 1996. The presentation will be held at the Yoakum County Community Center at 1006 Avenue G, Plains, Texas. The presentation will start at 10 AM and last until 12 Noon. Pete H. Lara, Benefits Counselor, in the Aging Department will speak at the presentation titled, "The Responsibility is Yours." The presentation will be given in both English and Spanish.

Topics to be discussed are program benefits concerning Medicare, QMB/SLMB, Supplemental Insurance, and Social Security. The presentation will be free and open to the general public. For more information please call the South Plains Association of Governments, Aging Department at 1-800-858-1809.

## Property Tax Relief meet on tap

Public's ideas for new school funding sources sought by Committee

If you are one of the army of property taxpayer's dissatisfied with high tax rates used to fund the public schools of Texas, and have ideas on alternate plans to raise the vitally needed money to educate our youngsters, you should be at the Citizens Committee on Property Tax Relief hearing at the Knipping Center, Methodist Hospital, Thursday, August 29, 9:30 a.m.

The Committee, appointed by Governor George W. Bush earlier, has been traveling the entire state, listening to citizens ideas about the thorny issue. The Lubbock meeting will be the last scheduled in West Texas before the Committee assembles their report for the Governor.

District 80 Representative Gary Walker will attend the meeting, and recently stated, "I believe this is an important opportunity for West Texans to voice their opinion on property taxes. The Governor has given us a venue to express our ideas, solutions and thoughts, and we should jump at this chance."

## Sandy Land Board Lowers Tax Rate

The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District Board of Directors met Wednesday, August 21, with the principal agenda item being the adopting of the 1997 operating budget.

Board members present for the meeting included David Turnbough, Pres., Dennis Harrison, Vice-Pres., Darrel Barron, Sectry., Ray Bearden and Don Parrish, members. Also present were Sandy Land Consultant Gary Walker and Administrative Assistant Kathy Jones.

The budget for fiscal year 1997 is \$180,190, an amount considerably less than three of the last year's budgets. The income producing tax rate for 1997 was set at one-cent per each \$100 valuation of property, down from this year's rate of 1.226 cents per hundred.

Walker said he was proud the Directors are dedicated to operating the Water District in a lean and

conservative manner. As an illustration of how the reduced tax rate will affect property tax payers in funding the District, a \$100,000 property will be taxed \$10, instead of last years \$12.26.

## Change In Sheriff's Deputy Lineup

In County Commissioners Court Monday, August 26, Sheriff Jim Rice presented a letter of resignation from Donald Booth, a Lieutenant in the force, effective August 25. The letter expressed Booth's appreciation to the Court and Sheriff Rice for the cooperation during his eleven years service in the Department. Booth has relocated to Oklahoma, where he has purchased a convenience store, restaurant and bait shop on an area lake.

The Court approved the Sheriff's promotion of former Sergeant Lisa Switzer to the position of Lieutenant. In an interview following the Court session, Rice described Lt. Switzer as an excellent employee, hard working and dedicated to the Department.



Lt. Lisa Switzer

Switzer started her law enforcement career as a Sheriff's Department Dispatcher in 1980, and was promoted to Deputy in 1981. The 16 year veteran officer is originally from Dimmit, where her father was County Judge of Castro County a number of years. Upon his death, her mother was appointed to the office. Her husband Dale is also in law enforcement, a criminal investigator in the Seminole Police Department. Switzer will continue to work the

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**It's Almost Here.....  
The Very First  
Yoakum County  
Watermelon Round-Up!**

The County Courthouse grounds and Pioneer Plaza, just across the street, should be teeming with folks most all of this Saturday, August 31, taking in the many events and features of the first Watermelon Round-Up, planned and coordinated by the recently formed Yoakum County Connection.

Over 60 booths have been reserved for food and drink items, and displays of many types of arts and crafts. Some seven bands will entertain the crowd, and judged contests will continue throughout the day, including a heavy melon event, watermelon theme costume contest, seed spitting competition, melon

rolling, and a chili and brisket cook-off. Many other family oriented events are scheduled on the long, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. day, followed by a musical presentation by Denver City's Jack Harmon, pianist, and talented vocalist Amy Clark Synatzske, a former resident of both Plains and Denver City, in the school auditorium that evening at 7:30 p.m.

A 'Classic Car Show', featuring restored older model autos, will be on display in the parking area at the school complex, as will antique, restored farm tractors at the same location.

Officers and members of the Yoakum County Connection have labored long and hard organizing

and promoting the Round-Up, hopefully an annual event. The purpose of the affair is two-fold, an effort to draw attention to the County and its attractions and diversified oil and agricultural economy. The watermelon theme is a tribute to the millions of pounds of the sweet melons grown in the county by local producers, to be shipped to virtually every state in the U.S., and many places in Canada.

Yoakum County Connection also hopes to make a profit on the many exhibits and contests, funds to be used in the future for promoting the many art forms in Yoakum County.

Come, and support the Round-Up!



This is what produced the Watermelon Round-Up. Thousands of tons of melons will be shipped from county locations around the nation, like these seen this week at Anderson Produce just west of town.

## Last Rites For Linda Allen Sparks

Funeral services were held for Linda Seale Allen Sparks, 48, of Robert Lee, Texas, at 4 p.m. Monday, August 5, 1996 at the Robert Lee Baptist Church. Burial was in the Robert Lee Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, August 3, 1996 in Methodist Hospital, Houston, after a brief illness.

She was born January 3, 1948 in Brownfield, Texas. She was a 1966 graduate of Plains High School. She had worked for GTE in

Brownfield prior to moving to Robert Lee in 1974. She was currently employed as a clerk for Mitchell Energy, at the Jamison Plant. She was a member of the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church in Robert Lee.

Survivors include her husband, Frank E. Sparks of Robert Lee; her parents, Elbert and Frankie Allen of Brownfield (formerly of Plains); two brothers, Gene Allen and his wife Kathy of Levelland, Elbert Jr. (Buck) and his wife Gail of Brownfield; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Plains and Denver City areas in her new position.

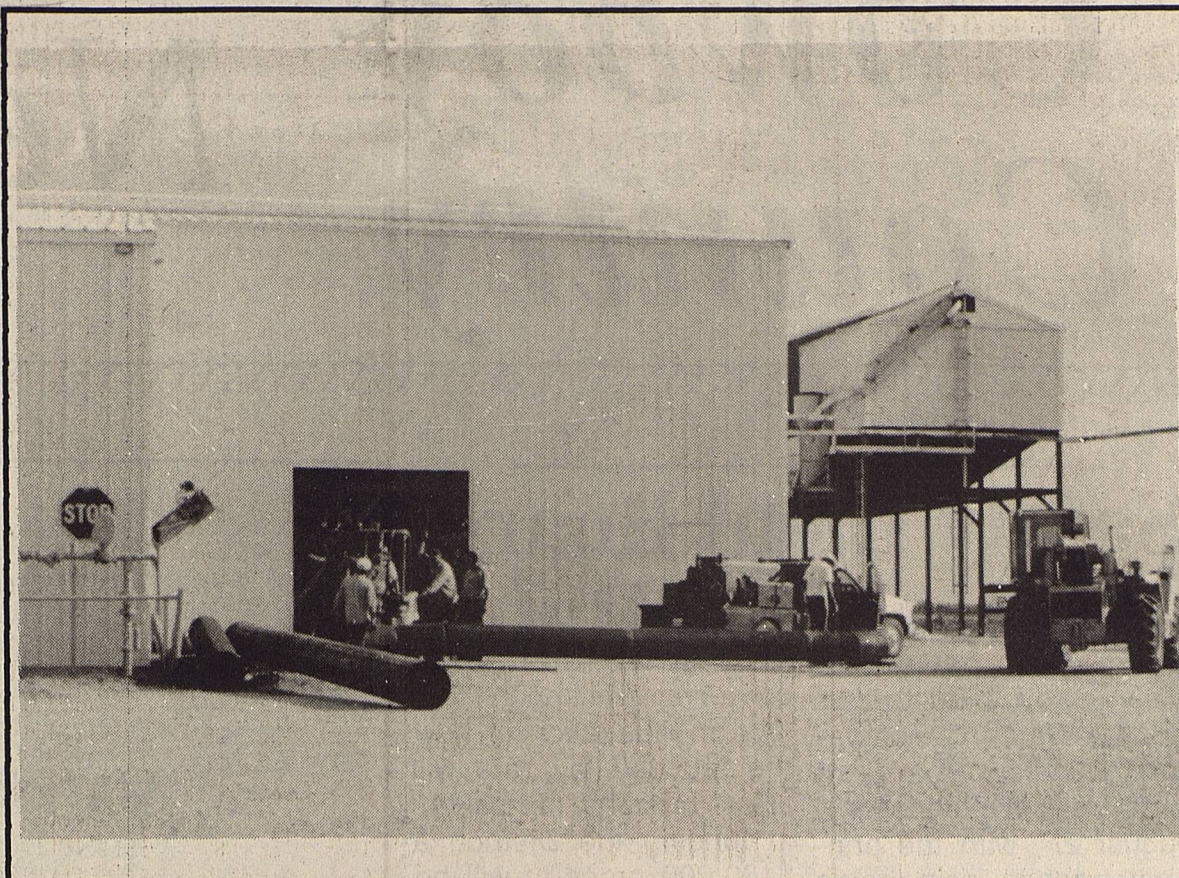
The Court also approved the status change of James Melendez, from Reserve Officer to Sheriff's Deputy retroactive to August 22. Rice described Melendez as an experienced, well qualified officer, and added, "I feel very fortunate we have him back on the force in a full time position."

In other court matters,

the Commissioner's granted two requests from the Soil Conservation office, fire lanes on property belonging to Angel Hernandez in Precinct One, and another on land belonging to Stanley Ashburn, Precinct Three.

County Treasurer Toni Jones' monthly report for July was approved, and the hourly rate of \$7 per hour for County Park employee Bobby Trevino was approved.

## Cotton Producers, Ginners Eternal Optimists



With the dog days of summer winding down, and fall rapidly approaching, area cotton farmers and ginners are thinking Harvest Time.

The current crop, after a very touch and go earlier start, appears to be in excellent condition in most local areas.

This scene was taken at New-Tex Gin, showing workers installing large, new piping used in the air delivery system.

## Update on Integrated Pest Management in Terry and Yoakum Counties

### Bollworms

All program fields except one have now been treated once for bollworms and some have been treated 3 times. Counts ranged from 0 to 38,000 treatable worms/acre and averaged about 13,600/acre last week. Egg counts ranged from 0 to 72,000/acre and averaged 18,200/acre which was considerably lower than the previous week. Hopefully, this will be the last round of applications for worms as many fields are now cutting out and worm survival will be very low. Bolls should be protected until they are hard enough to prevent small worms from entering.

### Boll Weevils

Punctured square counts in program fields range from 0 to 53%. The field which averaged 53% is east of Brownfield and has been treated three times since August 6, when it jumped from 10 to 20% punctured squares in a four day period. Many fields from Brownfield south and west to Denver City have now been treated for weevils one or more times. Fields should be monitored closely because

adult weevil populations can increase very quickly. Pheromone trap counts have increased considerably, indicating weevil migration from field to field. Treatments should be initiated when punctured square counts reach 15-20%. Be sure to examine only fresh squares. Counting old damage will give you a false representation of current field populations, especially if the field was recently treated. Examine small bolls in fields which are cutting out and protect bolls until they are 12 days old or about the diameter of a quarter. Fields treated with Furadan are not safe from weevil damage during the 14 day re-entry interval.

### Beet Armyworms

Active BAW hits are now easily found in most area fields. Counts as high as six active hits per 100 row feet have been recorded in the Union area. The treatment threshold is 2 active hits per 100 row feet.

Confirm® 2F can be used at this level of infestation, but a threshold of five active hits per 100 row feet is required to use Pirate® 3SC. From: Phillip Kidd

## It Happened in Texas in August

Aug. 9, 1809-William Barret Travis, commander at the Alamo, was born in S. Carolina.

Aug. 14, 1819- Gen. Long began publishing 'Texas Republic' in Nacogdoches.

Aug. 2, 1827- Texans, under command of Hayden Edwards, defeated Mexican troops at the battle of Nacogdoches.

Aug. 8, 1840- Linville in Calhoun County was sacked and burned by Comanches. It was abandoned and never rebuilt.

Aug. 20, 181855- Ft. Lancaster established on Live Oak Creek near its junction with the Pecos River, abandoned in 1861.

## Lowrey Reunion Held In Plains

On Sunday, August 11, the descendants of B.F. and Ora Lowrey held their family reunion in the Yoakum County Clubroom in Plains. A total of 54 Lowrey relatives were present. Kathy Sue Epp traveled the longest distance to attend, coming from Phoenix, Arizona.

Other family members in attendance were Carl & Marie Lowrey, Roy & Hazel Lowrey, Steve Lowrey and friend, Staci Redwine, Melvin & Linda Lowrey, Tracy Lowrey, Angie & Justin Tipps, Jerry Lowrey and friend, Dell Fry, Coy Lowrey, Shana & Lyle Keeton, Chad & Shelly Lowrey, Darrel & Beverly Lowrey, Jeff & Rebecca Lowrey, Beverly & J.W. McCan, Scoot & Foy Lowrey, Bud & Sydna Lowrey, Robbie, Stella, Tyler & Josh Nieman, Clarence & Darlene Nieman, Debbie Nieman Malony, Ruth & R.T. Pippin, Marilyn & J.B. Ellison, Jimmy Ellison, Debra & Jackie Kleam, Misty & Randon Lance, Mandi & Austin Kleam, Derlye & George Alexander, Georgia Goertz, Vicki, Steve, Shawn & Brandi Gayle.

During the reunion, the family celebrated the August birthdays of Coy Lowrey, Melvin Lowrey and Scott Lowrey.



## Y'all Come To The Yoakum County Watermelon

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## PHS Cowboys Football Roster

NO.	NAME	POS	CLASS	WT.
1	Marte Pierce	WR	Sr.	160
10	Tanner Blount	QB	Soph.	140
11	Kyle Sisson	QB	Fr.	120
12	Joe Luna	WR	Sr.	140
17	Abraham Garcia	QB	Jr.	160
20	Adrian Rios	B	Soph.	130
21	Wayne Willett	B	Sr.	190
22	Eric Luna	B	Jr.	160
24	Stephen Bitolas	B	Sr.	160
27	Jacob Lester	B	Sr.	170
30	Victor Cantu	B	Sr.	180
32	Kipp Blount	B	Jr.	140
33	Josh Bell	B	Fr.	150
34	Fermin Luna	B	FR.	150
40	Yancey House	WR	Sr.	150
44	Colt Winn	WR	Fr.	110
51	Jeremy Morphis	C	Fr.	130
52	Isaac Gonzalez	T	Fr.	170
54	Dustin Brunson	G	Soph.	170
55	Shain Bearden	T	Soph.	240
60	Cosme Casillas	G	Soph.	150
62	Adam Dominguez	G	Jr.	195
64	Arthur Hernandez	C	Sr.	195
65	Major Howard	G	Sr.	200
67	Chris Willis	G	Fr.	130
70	Travis Bennett	T	Jr.	230
71	Heath Bowlin	C	Jr.	170
72	Chris Gonzales	T	Jr.	220
74	Steven Bunch	G	Soph.	190
76	Derek Brunson	T	Jr.	210
78	Coley Burgess	G	Sr.	215
80	Jason Redman	TE	Jr.	185
81	Vincent Delgado	WR	Soph.	130
83	Chris Willett	TE	Jr.	180
85	Will St. Romain	TE	Jr.	150
88	Casey Forbus	WR	Sr.	140

Coaches: Larry McMinn, Edwin Brink, David Williams, Evert McAdams, Michael Davis  
 Cheerleaders: Sonia Avila, Kristi Guetersloh, Shawna Box, Shyloh Winn, Maranda Box, Krystle Blundel. Sponsor, Karol Morgan.  
 Band Drum Majors Tessa St. Romain & Roy San Filippo, Director Byron Morgan

### 1996 Cowboy Schedule

Opponent	Where	Time
Aug. 30 * New Deal	Home	TBA
Sept. 6 Abernathy	Away	8:00
Sept. 13 O'Donnell	Away	8:00
Sept. 20 Wink	Home	8:00
Sept. 27 Petersburg	Away	8:00
Oct. 4 **Whiteface	Home	8:00
Oct. 11 Shallowater	Home	7:30
Oct. 18 Seagraves	Away	7:30
Oct. 25 Sundown	Home	7:30
Nov. 1 Morton	Home	7:30
Nov. 8 Tahoka	Away	7:30

\* Scrimmage  
 \*\* Homecoming

## Student of the Week



Roni Ponce is the PHS student of the week. A senior, she is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Isidoro Ponce. She was nominated by Mrs. Dorsett, who said, "She is a joy to be around all the time. Dedication, loyalty, hard working are three of the many adjectives describing this student. Most of you spent your summers working or playing, while Roni was working and planning for this year. This Student of the Week is your Student Council President".

### Varsity Cowgirls

#10-Dolly Gonzales - Soph  
 13-Candace Bowers - Fr.  
 14-Kyley Bearden - Sr.  
 20-Sandy Warren - Jr.  
 22-Lindsey Six - Jr.  
 23-Lyndi Rowe - Sr.  
 24-Mary Morales - Sr.  
 25-LaCresha Johnson - Soph  
 31-Jolyne Burgess - Soph

Go, Cowgirls & Cowboys !!

## PHS Cowgirls Volleyball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	V	JV	OT
Sat. Aug. 17	Denver City/Lamesa (Scrimmage)	LAMESA	TBA	X	X	X
Tues. Aug. 20	LUBBOCK HIGH	HERE	6:00 PM	X	X	X
Thurs. Aug. 22	MONAHANS TOURNAMENT	MONAHANS	TBA			X
Sat. Aug. 24	MONAHANS TOURNAMENT	MONAHANS	TBA	X	X	X
Tues. Aug. 27	LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN	HERE	6:00 PM	X	X	
Fri-Sat Aug. 30-31	DENVER CITY TOURNAMENT	DENVER CITY	TBA	X		
Tues. Sept. 3	MIDLAND CHRISTIAN/ MONAHANS	HERE	5:00 PM	X	X	X
Sat. Sept. 7	BROWNFIELD SNYDER JV & 9th TOURNEY	BROWNFIELD	11:00 AM	X		
Tues. Sept. 10	BROWNFIELD/ANDREWS	BROWNFIELD	5:30 PM	X	X	
Sat. Sept. 14	ROSWELL TOURNAMENT LAMESA TOURNAMENT	ROSWELL	TBA	X		
Tues. Sept. 17	LEVELLAND	LEVELLAND	5:30 PM	X	X	X
Sat. Sept. 21	DENVER CITY/SNYDER DENVER CITY TOURNAMENT	HERE	10:00 AM	X		
Tues. Sept. 24	LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN	LUBBOCK	5:00 PM	X	X	
Sat. Sept. 28	TAHOKA*	HERE	1:00 PM	X	X	X
Tues. Oct. 1	LOVINGTON	LOVINGTON	6:00 PM cst	X	X	
Sat. Oct. 5	PORTALES	PORTALES	3:00 PM	X	X	
Tues. Oct. 8	SEMINOLE	HERE	5:30 PM	X	X	X
Sat. Oct. 12	FORT DAVIS/BROWNFIELD	KERMIT	2:00 PM	X	X	X
Tues. Oct. 15	MONAHANS	MONAHANS	5:30 PM	X	X	X
Sat. Oct. 19	OPEN					
Tues. Oct. 22	TAHOKA*	TAHOKA	5:00 PM	X	X	X
Sat. Oct. 26	MIDLAND CHRISTIAN	MIDLAND	11:00 AM	X	X	X
Tues. Oct. 29	BROWNFIELD	HERE	5:00 PM	X		
Sat. Nov. 2						
Tues. Nov. 5						
Sat. Nov. 9						
Tues. Nov. 12						
Fri-Sat Nov. 15-16						

\*Denotes District Games

### 1996 PLAINS JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TEAM
Mon. Aug. 26	DENVER CITY	HERE	4:30 PM	7-8 A & B
Mon. Sept. 9	LEVELLAND	HERE	5:00 PM	7-8 A & B
Sat. Sept. 14	DENVER CITY TOURNEY	DENVER CITY	TBA	7-8 A
Mon. Sept. 16	LUBBOCK COOPER	LUBBOCK	5:00	7-8
Sat. Sept. 21	BROWNFIELD	BROWNFIELD	TBA	7-8
Mon. Sept. 23	LEVELLAND	LEVELLAND	5:00 PM	7-8 A & B
Mon. Sept. 30	DENVER CITY	DENVER CITY	4:30 PM	7-8 A & B
Mon. Oct. 7	LAMESA	PLAINS	5:00 PM	7-8 A & B
Mon. Oct. 21	SEMINOLE	PLAINS	5:30 PM	7-8 A & B
Mon. Oct. 28	BROWNFIELD	PLAINS	5:00 PM	7-8 A & B

Other Team Rosters and schedules will be listed in future issues of CCN.

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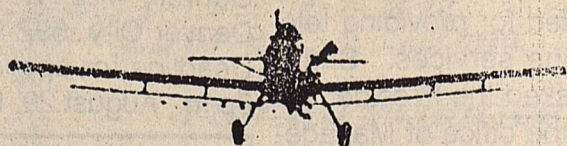
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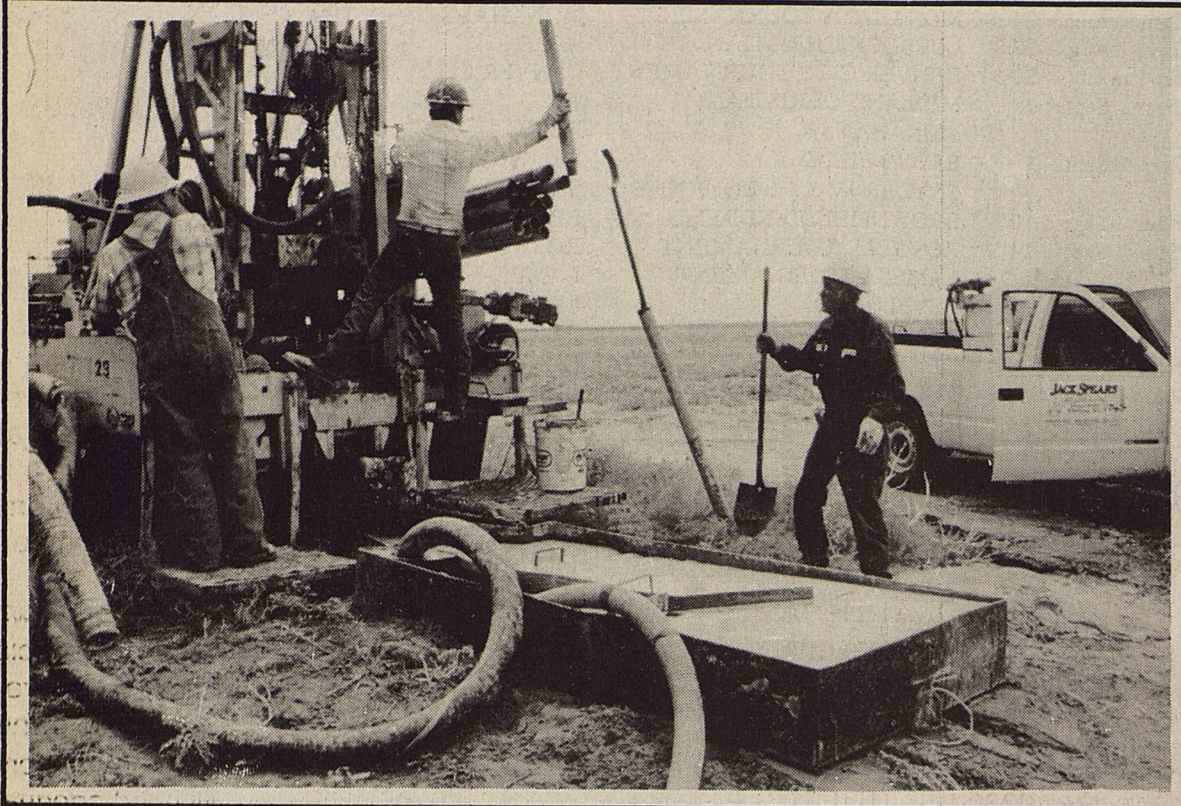
Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District now has two recently completed water level monitoring wells which will allow more accurate measuring of irrigation water levels.

One well is on the Jerry Hartman farm south of New Tex, and the other is located

on a farm of Darrel Barron off the old Lovington road.

Sandy Land Consultant Gary Walker said the monitoring well project is a much more accurate method of measuring fluctuations in this part of the Ogalalla Aquifer. He explained when a well is pumped for irrigation needs,

the water level is the immediate area of the well tends to drop in a conical shape, deeper at the center of the cone, higher on the edges, and it takes some time to return to its original level depth. The monitor wells will not be subject to these fluctuations.



Jack Spears and drilling crew completing monitor well on Section 401 west of town.

## Sharp Urges President To Improve Vital Telemedicine Health Care In West Texas

AUSTIN: State Comptroller John Sharp today urged President Clinton to authorize Medicare reimbursement for telemedicine consultations provided by Texas Tech University at Lubbock, thereby improving vital health care services for the elderly and disabled in 108 West Texas counties.

Texas Tech operates HealthNet, one of the nation's first telemedicine networks, created in 1989

utilizing a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services.

"Of the 108 counties it covers in West Texas, 99 are rural, with 49 of them designated as 'frontier' counties. These counties have a population density of less than seven people per square mile," Sharp said.

In a letter to the President, Sharp said Texas Tech, which operates the largest telemedicine network in the

state, should be included in the federal government's national telemedicine demonstration project and should be reimbursed for its costs from the Medicare Trust Fund.

Sharp relayed to the President the case of an elderly West Texas patient and his physician who used the HealthNet video network at Alpine to speak with a cardiologist at the Texas Tech teaching hospital at Lubbock. The patient did not have to travel 150 miles to the closest urban hospital at Odessa to identify appropriate treatment for his congestive heart failure.

"Telemedicine saved hours of critical treatment time, cost of transportation and unnecessary services because of a faster local diagnosis. The estimated savings were almost \$3,000," Sharp said.

Sharp asked the President to direct the federal Health Care Finance Agency to include Texas Tech's HealthNet with five other demonstration projects that are now under way in other parts of the country to determine how these health care providers should best be reimbursed for providing telemedicine services. Sharp also asked the President to direct the office of Management and Budget to reimburse Texas Tech and the five other telemedicine demonstration projects around the country through the Medicare Trust Fund.

Because it is a pioneer in the area of telemedicine, Sharp said Texas Tech can provide valuable assistance to the national demonstration project.

## SPC Offers Electrical Utilities Classes

LEVELLAND: The job of electrician has been ranked by the Texas Work force Commission as one of the state's top priority occupations, with more than 1,300 projected job openings annually.

To help meet the shortage for trained electrical workers on the South Plains area, South Plains College will offer courses this fall through a two-year program in Electrical Utilities Technology. Classes will be offered on both the Levelland and Lubbock campuses.

SPC Levelland's fall registration will be Thursday (Aug. 22) SPC Lubbock's fall registration will be Wednesday (Aug. 21) for returning students and Thursday (Aug. 22) for new students. Registration at SPC's extension center at Reese Air Force Base will be Monday and Tuesday (Aug. 19-20).

EUT courses on the Levelland campus will be offered

in DC/AC and Magnetism, Orientation and Line Skill Fundamentals, Area Lighting, Distribution Operations and Control Devices.

EUT courses on the Lubbock campus are Mechanics and Vectors, Instruments and Meters and Introduction to Controls.

Dick Shannon, chairperson of the Industrial Technology Department on the Lubbock campus, is in charge of the program there.

For more information, contact Brown's office at 894-9611, ext 2290 or Shannon's office at 747-0576, ext. 4603.

## A Letter From Your School System

The 1996-97 school year will begin very soon. We are excited at Plains ISD about having the opportunity once again to help educate the young people of this community. The citizens of this school district have consistently shown tremendous interest in the students and support of their academic and extra-curricular activities. The results of this interest have been high performance by our students in the classroom, at UIL events, and in sports.

For any school to best meet the needs of its community there must be input from parents, individuals from the community, representatives from businesses in the community, and school staff. This year there will be a District Planning Committee comprised of parents, community members, business representatives, teachers, and administrators. The overall aim of the committee would be to improve student performance.

This committee will have at least two meetings per year and will be comprised of 19 members. Representatives on the committee will serve staggered three-year terms and will be limited to two consecutive terms. If you would be interested in volunteering for the District Planning Committee, please complete the form below. This will be a unique opportunity for you to play a direct part in the education of our students--an education that should prepare each individual to achieve his or her very best and to have skills preparing them to enter the work force or higher education.

Since membership on the committee is limited by policy, not all volunteers may be used. However, there will be other times when interested persons' skills can be used by the school district. We would appreciate your serious consideration of serving on this committee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to serve on the District Planning Committee because \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Superintendent's office, or mail to Pete Simmons, Superintendent, PO Box 479, Plains, Tx 79355.

**Attention, Old Tractor Buffs!**  
If you would like to display your pride and joy restored farm tractor at the Watermelon Round-up, contact Neal Newsom for details.

### \*Employment\* Notice

The City of Plains is accepting applications for a Utility Supervisor. This position will be responsible for operation and maintenance of water, sewer, gas and electric systems. Applicants should have current Class "C" water and wastewater license. Supervisory skills, effective oral and written communication ability, and public service skills required. Computer knowledge and bilingual beneficial. Application for and job description can be obtained by calling 806-456-2288. Salary range from \$22,000 to \$26,000 plus health insurance and retirement benefits. Send application, resume and references to: City of Plains, P.O. Box 550, Plains, Texas, 79355. Deadline: August 30, 1996, EOE.

### \*Help Wanted\*

Site Director for Yoakum County Senior Citizens Center. 412 W. 5th St., Denver City, 592-8000. Deadline for applications is 3p.m., August 29. E.O.E.

### ATTENTION!

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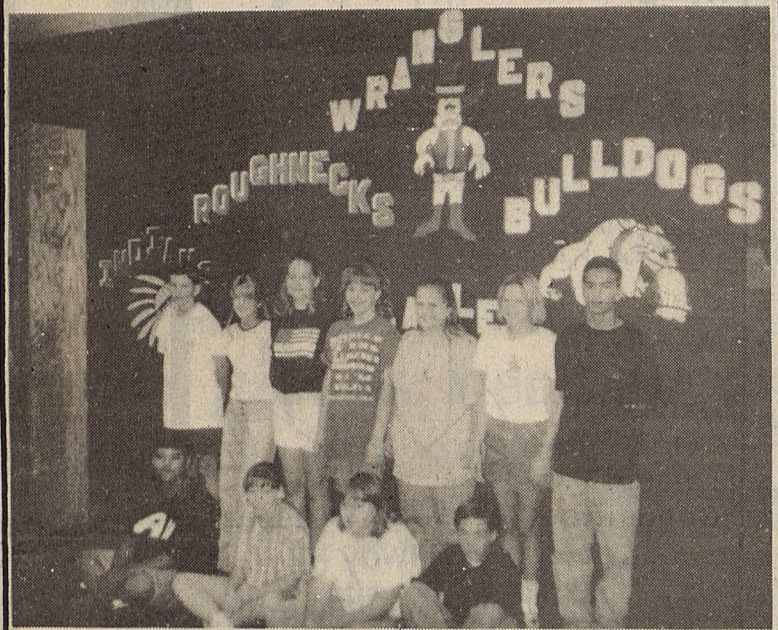


# Femme Friends



The Library saluted the upcoming Watermelon Round-Up with this gaily decorated bulletin board.

Plains Middle School is now offering an art class. The class will be responsible for decorating the commons area for the pep rallies. They have also helped the pep squad decorate the lockers. They will be decorating the halls of the middle school and the teachers rooms.



Back Row: Dustin Six, Lensey Cullins, Kim Willis, Kimbe Jones, Ashlei Mason, Kari Guetersloh, Adam Garcia. Front Row: Gerry Rivas, Lexi Warren, Lesli Rowe, Kelsey Blundell

## Booster Club To Meet

The Plains Athletic Booster's Club will meet Wednesday, August 28, at 8:30 p.m. at the Sandy Land District office. Officers of the club urge everyone interested in Plains athletic events to attend the meeting.

Plans for the new school year and all athletic activities will be discussed and made.

Hear Gary Walker on the 'Big Ed Show', KRFE, AM 580, AUG. 29, 7:30 AM, discussing the Watermelon Round-Up.

**\* Apples \*  
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## New Books at the Library

*Total Health For Men* by Wertheimer  
*How To Probate An Estate In Texas* by Rolick  
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*Texas Forgotten Ports III* by Guthrie  
*The Color of Water* by McBride  
*The Lost Don* by Puzo  
*The Tenth Insight* by Redfield  
*Stop Aging Now* by Casper  
*Executive Orders* by Clancy  
*Exclusive* by S. Brown

## Yearly Filmtime To Start

Children's Filmtime will begin September 4 at the Library. It will be held each Wednesday morning at 10 to 11 A.M., a special time for children under school age.

The summer reading program was a big success this summer. 203 Children participated in the program. Those readers completing the required number of books received a certificate from the State, and coupons for ice cream from the Dairy Queen. The Library greatly appreciates the Dairy Queen's support in the program.

## PISD Bulletin

**Aug. 28 - Sept. 3**  
**Thursday:** Gifted/Talented Parent's Meeting, cafeteria, 6 PM  
**Friday:** Football scrimmage, New Deal, V, Here, TBA  
**Volleyball, Denver City Tournament, V, There, TBA**  
**Saturday:** Volleyball, Denver City Tournament Continues  
**Monday:** Labor Day, School Holiday  
**Tuesday:** Volleyball, Midland Christian/Monahans, 9th/JVV, Here, 5 PM

**Chamber of Commerce meets Thursday, 7:00 AM August 29, Johnnie's Restaurant**

## Senior Citizen Corner

It's been a busy week with visitors at the center this week: Rev. and Mrs. Aulds and Rusty Smith from Trinity Baptist Church. Rheuy Edwards, Florence Bookout, Neva Williams, Shana Yeager, Leta Dodd, Eunice Woosley, Betty and Glenn Scott. We are happy to welcome these visitors.

Don't forget the raffle for the 12 or 20 gauge shotgun to be held August 31, 1996 at the Watermelon Roundup in Plains, TX. Everyone needs to visit our booth at the Watermelon Roundup where we will have numerous Arts and Crafts items available for sale. We encourage everyone to support and attend this First Annual Watermelon Festival.

Wednesday's Thanksgiving Dinner was well attended by the community. The welcome mat is always out.

See you next week, Smitty

## PISD Menu Aug. 28-Sept. 3

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Canadian bacon, toast, orange juice, milk  
Lunch: all American cheeseburger, chips, pasta salad, mixed fruit, peanut butter cookies, milk  
**Thursday**  
Breakfast: cereal or pancakes w/syrup, fruit punch, milk  
Lunch: chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, cornbread, plum cobbler, milk  
**Friday**  
Breakfast: cereal, toast, orange/pineapple juice, milk  
Lunch: baked ham, buttered broccoli, rice, hot rolls, sweet potato pie, milk  
**Monday - No School**  
**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, toast, apple juice, milk  
Lunch: nacho w/meat & cheese sauce, pinto beans, shredded lettuce & tomatoes, crackers, diced pears & vanilla wafers, milk



## HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



## BUILDING A STRONG HOME BASED BUSINESS

A strong home based business is more than just a great idea. It takes support from family, personal traits, and resources to make the business successful. Consider these factors before you decide to start a business:

- Your business expertise. What skills and knowledge do you have that can be channeled into a business idea? What experiences in small business do you have? Can you determine the demand for your product or service? Are you able to keep accurate records? Have you ever written a business plan or marketing plan? You may want to consult with an agency that can help you complete these tasks or find someone to work with that can do these.

- Your personality. Are you the type of person who is self-motivated? Are you dedicated? Flexible? Decisive? If you have these characteristics, you have a better chance of being a successful home business owner.

- Your home. To successfully operate a home based business out of your home, you will need adequate space, including space to produce or provide the service, display materials, meet with customers, and still have a family life. Is your family completely supportive? What arrangements do you have for answering the phone, pick-up and delivery, child care? How will work and family responsibilities be managed so that the business is seen by customers as a real business?

Starting a home based business requires that your business meets state and local zoning and licensing requirements. Check with the Texas Department of Commerce in Austin to obtain information about State business licenses and permits. Call 1-800-888-0511.

Thorough and thoughtful planning can ensure that your home based business can be more than just a good idea. Contact your county Extension office for more information on planning and managing a home based business.

*Have A Happy  
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# Watermelon Round-Up

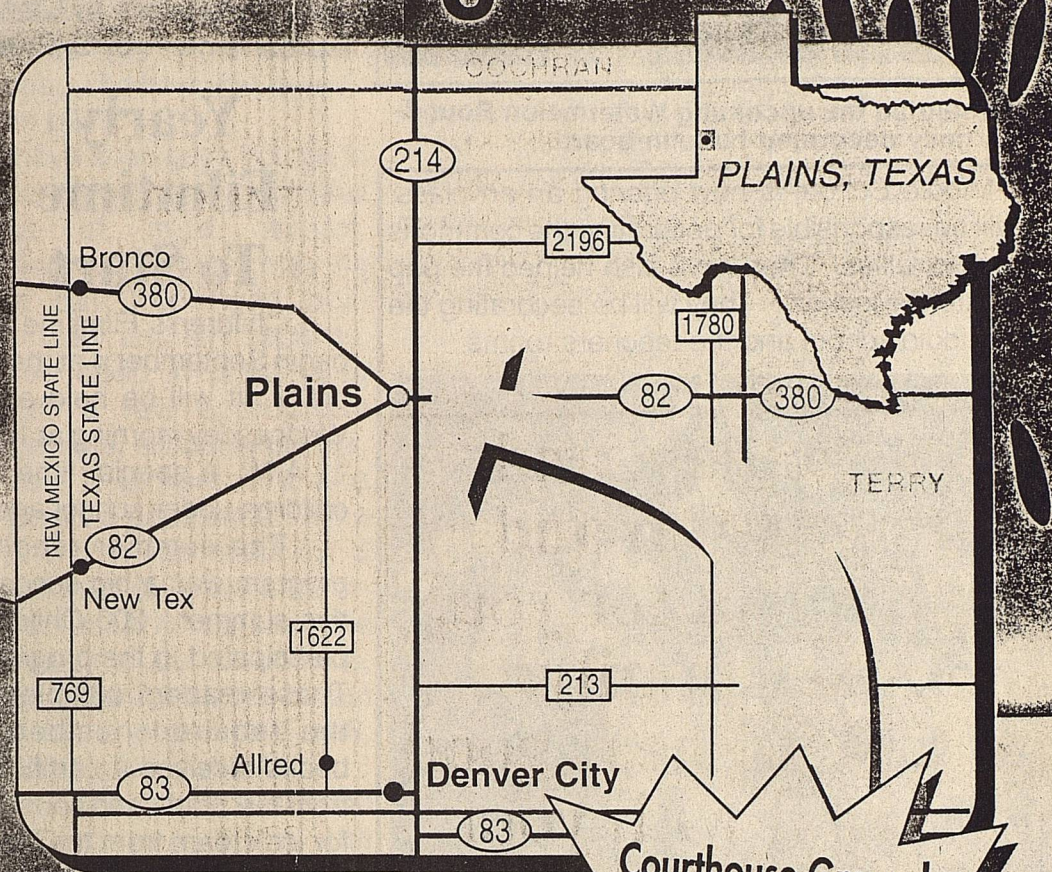


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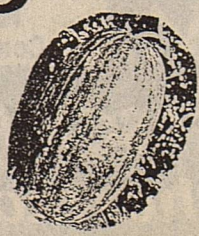
AUGUST 31, 1996 9AM-6PM

- ▶ Arts & Crafts Show
- ▶ Brisket Chili Cook Off
- ▶ Cow Patty Bingo
- ▶ Melon Rolling Contest
- ▶ 5K Run
- ▶ 1M Fun Run
- ▶ Live Entertainment
- ▶ Old Tractor Exhibit
- ▶ Classic Car Show
- ▶ Watermelon Olympics
- ▶ Melon Eating Contest
- ▶ Seed Spitting Contest
- ▶ Watermelon Recipes
- ▶ Style Show
- ▶ Costume Contest
- ▶ The Great Melon Growing Contest



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**On August 31,  
Cowboy Country News  
will celebrate its 2nd  
Anniversary!  
We wish to celebrate  
our birthday by  
congratulating the  
Yoakum  
County Connection,  
For their hard work in  
producing the 1st  
Yoakum County  
Watermelon  
Round-Up!**



**To All Our Yoakum  
County Customers;  
We Hope You Enjoy The  
Watermelon  
Round-Up!**

**Come Visit Us At Our Open  
House August 31,  
9 am to 3 pm**



Hear Gary Walker on the 'Big Ed Show',  
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discussing the Watermelon Round-Up.





# JOIN US AT THE



## WATERMELON ROUND-UP!

**Fun, Games, Music, Contests, Prize Drawings, Something For The Entire Family!**

### Watermelon Round-Up Entertainment Time Schedule

- 9:00 - 10:00 Kathy Adair, Fashion Show  
Anna Gonzales, Watermelon Costume Contest
- 10:00 - 10:30 Patrick Hamilton, Gospel Music
- 10:30 - 11:00 The Rubies, Musical Trio, Plains
- 11:00 - 12:00 High Plains Drifters, Country Music,  
Maljamar, NM
- 12:00 - 1:00 Last Call Band, Levelland
- 1:00 - 1:30 Presentation of Awards
- 1:30 - 2:00 Lyndie Durham & His Fiddle, Hobbs, NM
- 2:00 - 3:00 The Lusters, Country Music, Eunice, NM
- 3:00 - 4:00 Arron & Becky Mingus, Musical Duo, Odessa
- 4:00 - 5:00 Sidney Pippin (Tokio) & Dan Beck (Del Rio),  
Country Music
- 5:00 - 6:00 Brisket Auction

**An entire day, and evening of fun and entertainment for you, and your family. Come join us, hear good music, visit with your neighbors and visitors. Enjoy games and contests, shop for arts, crafts, good things to eat!**

**Win big bucks in Cow Patty Bingo, get tickets for a great handmade Bear Paw Quilt, watch the big 5-K Fun Race and Walk, bid on the champion Brisket Cookoff winner, help the 'Yoakum County Connection' make our county and two cities better places to live, work, and raise our families! See you Saturday morning, and the rest of the day!**

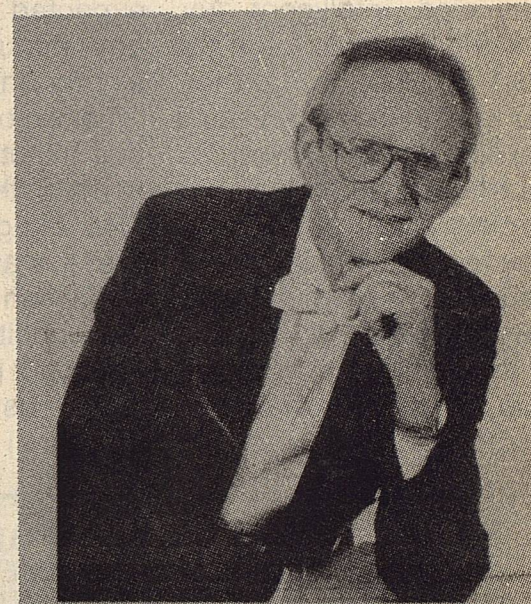
### Big Melon Contest

Weigh-in of watermelons entered in the Big Melon Contest will start at 7 a.m. in Pioneer Plaza, across from the Courthouse. Contestants in the three category contest are reminded, 10 a.m. is the final deadline to weigh-in melons. One thousand bucks in U.S. Savings Bonds is up for grabs in the contest. Plains State Bank is donating a \$500 bond to the Open Class winner, while Norwest Bank of Denver City will award two \$250 bonds, one in the age 13 or under class (6th grade), another in the 65 and older category.

### To Yoakum County with Love... A Music Celebration



featuring vocalist,  
*Amy Clark Synatzske*  
and pianist,  
*Jack Harmon*  
sponsored by  
Yoakum County  
Connection  
during the Watermelon  
Round-Up  
Saturday  
August 31, 1996  
7:30 p.m.  
Plains High School  
Auditorium



The Yoakum County Connection brings you this unique opportunity to enjoy two of its own in an evening of musical celebration. Amy and Jack will perform country, classical, opera, Broadway, and spiritual selections.

#### Ticket Information

**\$5.00 per person-----General Admission**

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**Tickets may be purchased at the Denver City Chamber of Commerce, Plains City Hall, from Yoakum County Connection members, or at the door of the Plains High School Auditorium.**

#### Contact:

- Ann Hartman (806) 592-2515 or 592-7022**
- Linda Powell (806) 456-3939**
- Kathy Clark (806) 592-2529**

**Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up  
Family Fun Day — Labor Day Weekend  
Saturday, August 31, 1996 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas**

# From The Hack



I had the displeasure of attending a two day continuing education course in Lubbock last week, in order to renew my Real Estate License another two years.

Two eight hour days of listening to an instructor review changes in real estate law, receiving tips on the infinite number of ways a licensee can be sued by both buyers and sellers, once more proved the validity of this old adage; 'The mind can only absorb as much as the bottom can endure'.

The second day I ate lunch with three other students of the class. One guy, well into his sixties, stood about two inches shorter than I do, and I conservatively guesstimate he weighted his scales down with a minimum 290 pounds. He overlapped his chair about six inches on each side, and the girth of his belly kept him at arms length from the table. A very nice, intelligent guy, just a bit portly. Not in the best of health, either. During lunch, he revealed he had endured two prior heart attacks, had two angiograms performed, was minus his gall bladder, and was scheduled the very next day for removal of three skin cancers, plus, was faced with making a decision to undergo

another angiogram or something called a Thallium Stress Test, also the very next day.

I looked very carefully at the gentlemen, pleasantly describing his medical problems. He had ordered a large, and I mean LARGE chicken fried steak, swimming in cream gravy, his plate covered with greasy curly fries, and he was rebutting his already buttered Texas Toast, already eying a big peach cobbler for his dessert.

At that moment, the guy sitting on my side of the table and I saw him go sort of pale, stop talking and eating, and rub his chest, and then he muttered, "I guess I've been eating too fast, can't get my breath". He stood, walked outside, then turned around and headed for the men's room, looking grim.

Heart attack was my immediate thought. The guy by me got up and followed him, and I expected him to emerge any minute yelling "Call 911 for an ambulance!".

The two of us waited about five minutes, and decided to check the men's room.

The big guy was standing there washing his face, and when we asked about his condition, he said he was ok, he had forgotten to tell us he also had a duodenal hernia, "and I

guess it closed off on me for a few minutes".

Really scary. I imagine I will always remember the picture of him sitting there, telling us all his problems, gravy dribbling down his double chin, wiping curly fry grease off his hands, slapping more butter on his toast. What an eternal optimist.

I spent parts of Sunday afternoon watching the epic U.S. Amateur Golf Championship on the tube. Super golf by both young players, and the most asinine, unrealistic commercials for the US Golf Association I have ever witnessed.

The serious, calm message, offered more than once, used video shots and messages extolling the virtues of male golfers and their inherent honesty and integrity. An errant shot hit into the woods (weeds, in our case) is quickly declared a lost ball. A sand bunker shot, when a player accidentally touches the ground with his club, has him immediately calling a stroke penalty on his Holier

Than Thou Self. A shot in a fairway divot hole is ALWAYS played as it lies, and if any good USGA member realizes he has, in any shape, form or fashion violated one of golfdom's sacred rules, he immediately announces it to God and the rest of the world, and penalizes himself with the appropriate number of penalty strokes.

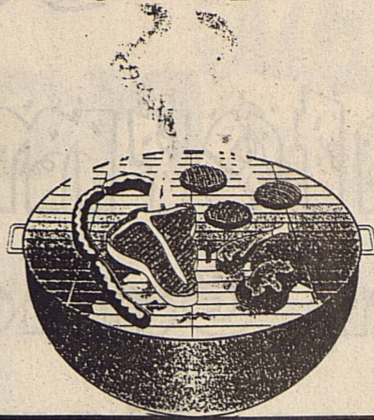
Hog wash. Bovine scatterings. The commercial producers never played with any of the characters I know at the local course.

"All is Fair in Love Or War or Golf", is the battle cry when you tee off in Yoakum County. "Let The Faithful Beware" is another popular ditty, and one of the absolutely better players at YCGC normally announces while the bets are being negotiated, "Show me a guy who doesn't cheat, I'll show you a guy I can beat!"

I have seen guys you go to church with kick golf balls out of mud, brush, whatever. A local may hit his ball into head high shinnery and elm saplings, knee deep in grass, and after a few appropriate moments, suddenly cry out, "Here it is, here it is, and I've got a good shot!". It's a fairly common event for a person to hit a tee shot on #18, clearly across the fence into out of bounds, say, "I think it stayed in, but I'll hit a provisional ball, just in case it didn't".

He whacks the second ball, drives down the fairway, slams on the brakes, jumps out and examines the ground, then yells, "Mercy me, here's my first ball. It must have hit a rabbit or a badger and bounced back out here in the fairway". Yeah. It bounced out of his pocket, most likely.

## Mesquite Mystique



Drive through almost any county in Texas and you're likely to see mesquite trees growing in pastures along the roadside. From the High plains to the Rio Grande Valley, mesquite trees cover more than 55 million acres of the state. In fact, Texas contains about 70 percent of the world's mesquite.

For decades, landowners have tried to get rid of mesquite trees by burning, poisoning, chopping and bulldozing them. As all efforts to stamp out the pesky shrub have failed, some entrepreneurial Texans have decided to harvest it for profit. The mesquite industry is still in its infancy--annual sales are estimated at no more than \$20 million--but is expected to grow in the future.

Mesquite products are sold across the U.S. and have been ordered by customers in Europe, Africa and Australia. Mesquite chips used for barbecuing account for the largest portion of mesquite sales, but the wood is also used for flooring, cabinets, furniture, arts and crafts. Mesquite beans are used to make syrups, jellies, meal for bread and several other specialty foods.

Many grocery stores stock mesquite chips for chunks on the barbecue briquette aisle. According to Peter Felker of Texas A&M University at Kingsville, this sector of the industry is growing at rates of 20 percent to 30 percent a year or more. Mesquite adds a distinctive flavor to barbecued meat; the wood lights faster than charcoal and burns longer and hotter.

of mesquite are ideal for furniture and flooring. When dried, mesquite is reddish-brown and has a striking grain, the result of mineral streaks and ingrown bark.

Mesquite is twice as hard as oak and walnut and will hold up in extreme humidity that warps other kinds of wood.

Mesquite flooring appears in some famous homes--including that of Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft Corp.--and in the offices of Walt Disney Co. Closer to home, mesquite wood is found in the floor of the Neiman-Marcus store in Dallas' North park Mall.

A major obstacle to the industry's growth--especially in the hardwoods sector--is the scarcity of cut mesquite available for processing. The supply of cut wood does not meet the demand for mesquite products, so processors have to turn away orders. Mesquite suitable for barbecue chips now sells for \$80 to \$90 a cord; mesquite logs suitable to be cut for flooring sell for \$150 to \$200 a cord, almost double the asking price of other select-grade hardwood lumber.

Texas A&M's Agriculture Extension Service are working to encourage landowners to form cooperatives that would allow cutters to pay the landowners for the right to cut their mesquite trees. The cutters would receive income by selling the wood to processors; the landowners, besides receiving the cutting fees, would benefit by having their land cleared of mesquite.

Another obstacle is limited marketing. Currently, mesquite products are marketed only at trade shows, by a few interior decorators and by word of mouth from those already in the industry.

If the mesquite business takes off as many of the industry hope, people around the world may begin to think of Texas as the state whose residents are blessed with a mesquite mill--rather than an oil well--in every back yard.

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