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Court approves advertising intent to issue certificates to finance hospital projects

After lengthy discussion in Monday's session of Commissioners Court, a resolution was adopted allowing advertising a notice of intent to issue certificates of obligation to finance Yoakum County Hospital construction and improvements reported in the November 6 issue of CCN.

In the discussions, Judge Dallas Brewer remarked, "I want to make sure we handle this in a fair manner which will allow someone to obtain and circulate a petition which could result in enough registered voters signing and call for an election on this issue." County Clerk Debbie Rushing said she had been in conversation with both the Texas Association of Counties and the Secretary of State office. She has prepared, at their instructions, such a petition, and the latest a petition could be presented to the Court would be 10AM Monday, December 16, after the first advertisement appears. This advertisement runs for the first time in this issue of CCN. When all signatures have been obtained on the petition, the Clerk's office must verify each name is a properly registered voter in the county.

Clay Taylor, the hospital administrator, said a bid should be made available on the issuance of certificates of obligation December 16. Southwest Securities is the firm handling the sale of the certificates. The bid will be on \$2,950,000 of the investment certificates. This funding would cover construction and equipment for a new dialysis center, physical therapy center, emergency room expansion, birthing rooms and meeting room.

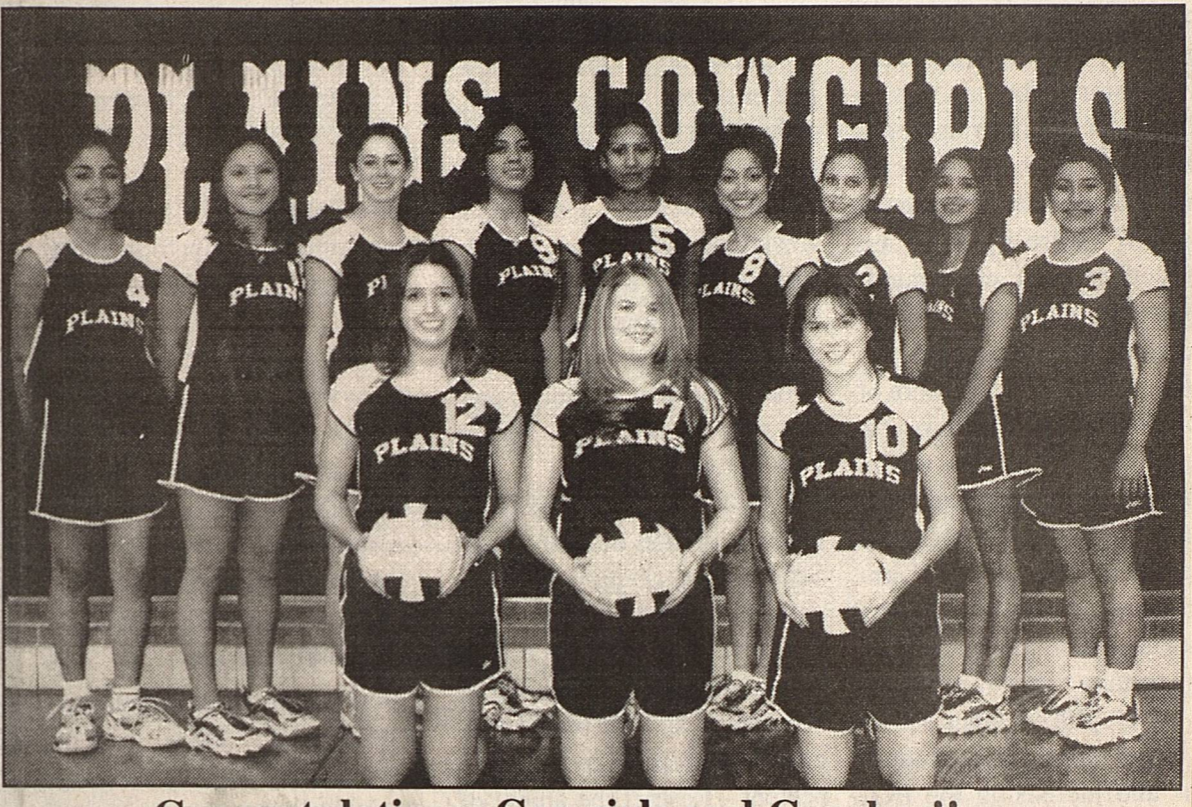
Christmas Parade of Homes slated for Denver City

The Denver City High School Senior Class will sponsor a festive Christmas Parade of Homes Sunday evening, December 8, from 6 PM to 9 PM. Tickets for the tour of decorated homes may be purchased from any Senior student, or from Wilma Powell here in Plains, 456-8822. Eight homes are on the tour list;

- * Mr. Billy Boiles, 609 Santa Fe Drive
- * Mr. & Mrs. Tearl Covington, 210 Mockingbird Lane
- * Mr. & Mrs. Perry Hunt, 1227 Western Ave.
- * Mr. & Mrs. Danny Moore, 309 Mockingbird Lane

Volleyball Cowgirls finish season on high note

The 2002 Cowgirls finished a long, grueling season in fine fashion. They won District honors by defeating Whiteface, then took the Bi-District crown by beating Buena Vista at Andrews, then cinched area honors by downing Ft. Davis. They had the distinct honor of playing in Texas Tech's United Spirit Arena in regional competition, where they were finally defeated by Windthorst, the eventual Class 1A State Champion. Shown here, front, Jill Gray, Kayla Willis, Chelsea Blount, back, Micaela Villegas, Prisma Ortiz, Moriah Traweek, Kristen Morales, Jessinia Suarez, Manuela Villegas, Sandra Gandara, Jamie Covarrubias, Priscilla Mares.



Congratulations, Cowgirls and Coaches!!

Happy Thanksgiving!

"Connection" Meets, Reviews Year Of Accomplishments

Yoakum County Connection met for their regular meeting on November 12 at the library in Plains. Sue Holder presided in the absence of Chair LeAnn Romines. Story Book Theatre's Little Red Riding Hood from San Antonio was presented in Plains Public School October 31 and in Denver City Public School November 1. Judy London and Liz McCarthy helped prepare the grant application to Texas Commission on the Arts Application in Denver City. Mary Pettigrew and Linda Powell oversaw the grant application process in Plains. Yoakum County Connection has provided monies for the

performances for the last three years. This year's story dealt with Character Counts and reached many youth with the eight performances. A grant application was turned in to Texas Rural Communities in October. The successful Summer Youth Arts Program under the present direction of Janie Ramos was entered in the Texas Rural Best Annual

Award contest. The winner entry will win \$10,000. This is sponsored by the USDA and rewards innovative projects related to education in rural communities. The annual meeting is set for January 9. Remember, your membership sponsors many Yoakum County Connection activities that enrich our quality. **Turn to Page 3, 'Connection'**

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought and excessive temperatures are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Seminole, Wayne Cornelius said today. Gaines, Yoakum and Andrews Counties are three of 122 Texas counties recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought. This designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability. Wayne Cornelius said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan, Wayne Cornelius said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs, in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 23, 2003, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Wayne Cornelius said. FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest. The FSA office is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Area mule deer hunt producing results



This ten point buck was taken in the opening Saturday of the season, shown with Mike Cobb at the airport. The 195 pound buck was killed by a hunter from Bonham on CRP land in the county.



Another ten point buck, skinned and warily admired by young Evan Roblez, weighed some 185 pounds, and was harvested by Raul Nieto of Midland, in the northern part of the county.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Texans On Taxes - We Texans are known for our bold opinions and big ideas. Your responses to my annual survey prove that theory holds true. Hundreds of you took the time to answer my three-part questionnaire, and I appreciate each response. It is important for me to hear your thoughts on the issues facing our state and nation. In the first of a series of columns dedicated to your input, I'd like to focus on our nations economic security.

Permanent Tax Cuts - My question on tax cuts provoked an overwhelming response. I asked, 'Last year the President signed into law the biggest tax cut in history. The law phases in repeal of the marriage penalty and the death tax, and cuts all income tax rates. But the tax cuts will expire in 2011, ten years after their enactment, unless Congress votes to extend them. I believe Americans should be able to keep more of their hard earned money. Which of the tax cuts would you most like to see made permanent?' Nearly 60 percent of respondents placed equal importance on eliminating the death tax and reducing the marriage penalty, while the remainder were split between across the board marginal rate reductions and increasing the IRA and 401(k) contributions. A small percentage, about 8 percent, also would like to see the child tax credit doubled.

There is good news to report for American taxpayers. Although we did have to incorporate a so-called Sunset Pro-

vision into the 2001 tax relief package, one of our first orders of business in the 108th Congress will be to eliminate that provision and make the tax cuts permanent. This includes permanently repealing the marriage penalty and burying the death tax forever. I led the effort in Congress to reduce the marriage penalty and will lead the efforts to erase it from our tax laws forever. Americans deserve dependable tax relief. Uncertainty in the tax laws make it difficult to plan for the future, make work and investment decisions, and adequately prepare for retirement. We are also going to work on another economic stimulus package ensuring strong economic growth and boost our stock market.

Pension Security - Congress is wrestling with how best to strengthen our nations pension system and better provide for retirees. When given a variety of options aimed at helping to protect retirees nest eggs, here is how Texans responded;

11 percent - allow workers to invest a portion of their Social Security contribution in a balanced portfolio of stocks and bonds. 42 percent - Provide more information to workers about investment alternatives so they can make informed decisions. 11 percent - Restrict the ability of workers to invest in the companies for which they work. 35 percent - Give workers more control over shares contributed to the pension plans by employers.

Though Congress passed corporate reform legislation that provides some safeguards for pen-

sion plan participants, more must be done to protect the retirement savings of American workers. I have introduced legislation to encourage portfolio diversification and empower workers with more information and control over their portfolios. In the next Congress, I will work with my colleagues to ensure reform of our nations pension system remains a priority and is one of the first issues addressed.

Social Security Reform - Nearly everyone agrees our Social Security program needs repair. Many proposals, including creating personal savings accounts within Social Security, have been discussed. Texans had strong opinions on the topic. Here are some of the responses I received; From Kingswood - 'I am very concerned about people not being able to collect Social Security. We must fix the system before we baby boomers retire.'

From Refugio - 'It is not the government's right to take and spend someone else's hard earned money.'

From Andrews - 'Don't let the government borrow from Social Security and forget about repaying it.'

Fixing our ailing Social Security system is an important concern for all Americans, and Congress agrees. Providing investment choices for Social Security is something we must do to ensure the program is on solid footing when our children and grandchildren retire.

Stabilizing our nations economy is paramount to the security of our country. Without a strong economic foundation, we cannot continue to successfully prosecute the war on terrorism and be the beacon of freedom for the world. The 108th Congress will work tirelessly to shore up our economy and ensure our nation has the financial strength and vitality to keep liberty alive.

Services held for Eunice V. Moore

Graveside services for Eunice V. Moore, 92, were held at Terry County Memorial Cemetery November 18, 2002. Mrs. Moore died November 14 in Tyler, Texas. Interment at the cemetery was under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

She was born March 26, 1910 at Fairview, Alabama. She graduated from Brownfield High School in 1930. She married J.W. Moore Jr. June 28, 1931 in Brownfield. They farmed and ranched in Terry and Yoakum County, and operated a retail business in Plains until 1974. After selling the family owned business they retired at Burnet, Texas, and later moved to Tyler in 1989.

She is preceded in death by her husband; Three brothers, Thomas A., Luther C and Charles A. Elmore, and a sister, Lizzie D. Shults.

She is survived by three sons, Bobby Lynn Moore, Tyler, James Hayward Moore, Weston, and Luther Wayne Moore, Clyde, a daughter, Betty Ann Rushing of Plains, and sister, Hattie B. Brantley, Brownfield; nine grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

**ATTENTION
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND
COLLEGE STUDENTS!**

Lea County Electric Education Foundation is currently accepting applications for scholarships to be awarded for the Fall 2003 semester. The Scholarships are renewable up to 8 consecutive semesters, for a total of \$4,000.00!

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Available only to active members (and immediate family) receiving service from LCEC.

Applicant must maintain a 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale and be considered a full-time student.

Applicant must submit two letters of reference (see application for important details) and demonstrate a coherent degree plan.

Applications must be received no later than February 14, 2003.

For more information contact Allan Brown or Annette Neyman at the Cooperative's Lovington office at 396-3631 or (800) 510-5232. You can now apply on line at www.leacountyelectric.coop! Applications are also available at your high school or any LCEC office.



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Lea County Electric Cooperative's nondiscrimination compliance efforts will be coordinated by Janette Faris, Manager of Administrative/Personnel Services. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination, may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE: The cooperative will accept employment applications at any time regardless of whether there is a vacancy at the time the applicant applies. Applications will be considered active for six (6) months and kept on file for two (2) years.

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Spring Schedules Available

South Plains College's spring 2003 class schedules are now available, listing the spring registration schedule and courses offered.

SPC will offer more than 1,400 academic transfer, allied health and technical training courses and more than 50 Internet courses.

Registration at SPC Levelland is 8:30-11:30 am., and 1:30-6:00 pm., January 15. Sign up at the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock is 8:30-11:30 am., and 1:30-7:00 pm., January 16. Registration permits are required at both locations.

Classes begin January 21, and late registration is January 21-24 and January 27.

Internet courses will be offered in Agriculture, Anthropology, Biology, Business, Commercial Art, Computer Information Systems, Electrical and Power Transmission Technology, Electronics Technology, English, Government, History, Human Development, Law Enforcement, Psychology, Reading and Sociology.

Class schedules can be obtained on-line at www.southplainscollege.edu. To receive a class schedule or registration permit, contact the SPC Admissions Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2570 or 2375 or the SPC Reese Center at 885-3048, ext. 4660 or 2902.

JP Court

The following is a summary of cases filed, fines and bonds set by Judge Melba Crutcher, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, November 22, 2002.

Cases Filed: 162 traffic cases, 1 forcible detainer case, 1 issuance of bad check, 2 possession of drug paraphernalia, 1 open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, 3 public intoxication. Bonds Set: 2 possession of drug paraphernalia - \$500 bond. Unlawful consumption of alcoholic beverage by minor - \$500 bond. Driving under influence of alcohol by a minor - \$500 bond. 4 public intoxication - \$500 bond. Tampering with Government records - held by Border Patrol. Driving while license suspended - \$500 bond. 3 theft - \$500 bond. 3 motion to revoke probation - held until hearing. Motion to revoke probation - \$1,000 bond. 2 false report to Police Officer - \$500 bond. Retaliation - \$2,000 bond. Manufacture or delivery of controlled substance - \$25,000 bond. Possession of marijuana - \$1,000 bond. 2 driving while intoxicated - \$1,000 bond. Issuance of bad check - \$450 bond. Theft by check - \$1,000 bond. Tamper with Government records - held for Border Patrol. Failure to identify - held for Border Patrol. Assault causing bodily injury - \$1,500 bond. Motion to proceed w/adjudication of guilt - \$1,500 bond. No driver's license-DPS warrants - \$440 bond. Speeding-DPS warrants - \$440 bond. Bond forfeiture - \$4,000 cash bond. Bail jumping and failure to appear - \$1,500 bond.

From Page 1, 'Connection'

ity of life. As a result of our educational umbrella, involving all interests and backgrounds, we have managed to meld working relationships where none existed in the past. Providing common ground for discussion and approaching youth cultural enrichment as a shared interest and promotes cooperation rather than competition. Yoakum County Connection's MISSION is to connect people of all ages, ethnic groups, organizations, social, and economic interests through exposure to and education about the arts by utilizing existing or new facilities, talents and other resources to strengthen county unity and improve quality of life.

on imports and exports - suggesting that an import tariff on American goods by any nation would trigger similar tariffs on that nation's goods in the U.S. *Opposition to hunting deer in state owned streambeds as a barrier to trespass and violation of property rights *Support of funding for the state quail initiative *Support for transportation of wildlife providing all health regulations are met *Funding of federal disaster payments "Off budget" without raiding the farm program *Insuring that TFB be involved in the development of any livestock identification system *Preventing cotton equipment from non-eradicated boll weevil zones from moving freely into weevil free zones *Seek alternatives to property taxes for education funding *Allow local sales taxes for economic development to rise from a half cent to one cent

The Texas Farm Bureau state convention will be held in Corpus Christi on December 8-11. State resolutions approved there will become the policy of Texas Farm Bureau. National resolutions that are approved in Corpus Christi will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation, which meets in Tampa, Florida in January. Texas Farm Bureau is Texas' largest organization of farmers and ranchers.

TFB Sets Agenda For 2003

The Texas Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee completed its work Wednesday at the TFB state headquarters in Waco.

The Resolutions Committee is charged with reviewing all policy recommendations from County Farm Bureaus, combining and streamlining them for consideration by TFB voting delegates the organization's convention in Corpus Christi, next month.

Kenneth Dierschke, Vice President of Texas Farm Bureau, chaired the committee, which was composed of three farmers or ranchers from each of TFB's 13 Districts, plus the chairman of the Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.

"The committee dealt with many proposals that are potentially controversial, but we feel the delegates will have a clear picture of what the County Farm Bureaus want done by Farm Bureau this next Year," Dierschke said.

Among the resolutions to be considered by convention delegates: *Cost of living adjustments in government farm programs *Opposition to a ban on packer ownership of livestock *A strongly worded resolution calling on Mexico to honor the water treaty of 1944 - Mexico is in violation of that treaty, depriving South Texas farmers of badly needed water resources *A proposal to equalize tariffs

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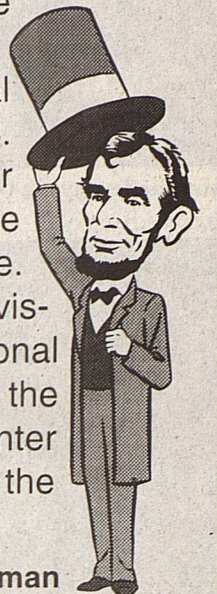
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For more information contact Allan Brown or Annette Neyman at the Cooperative's Lovington office at 396-3631 or (800) 510-5232.

You can now apply on line at www.leacountyelectric.coop! Applications are also available at your high school or any LCEC office. Applications due by February 14, 2003.

Santa's Visit Scheduled Here

Santa Claus will make a brief stop in Plains on his pre-Christmas practise run. He will arrive at Chaparral Park shortly after 5:45 pm, Wednesday, December 4. KIDS! bring canned goods and have your picture taken with Santa. The Cowboy Band will perform Christmas Music, and Reverend Cecil Van Hoose will bring the Devotional message.

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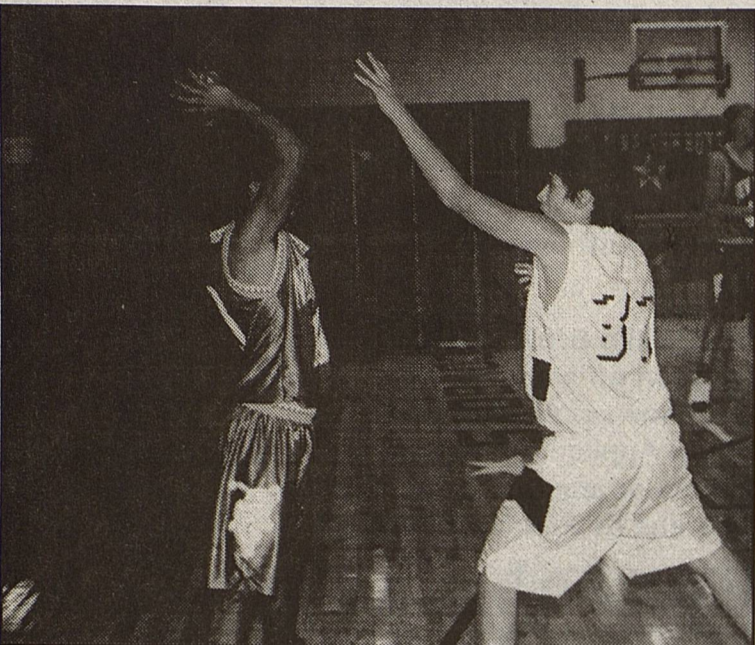
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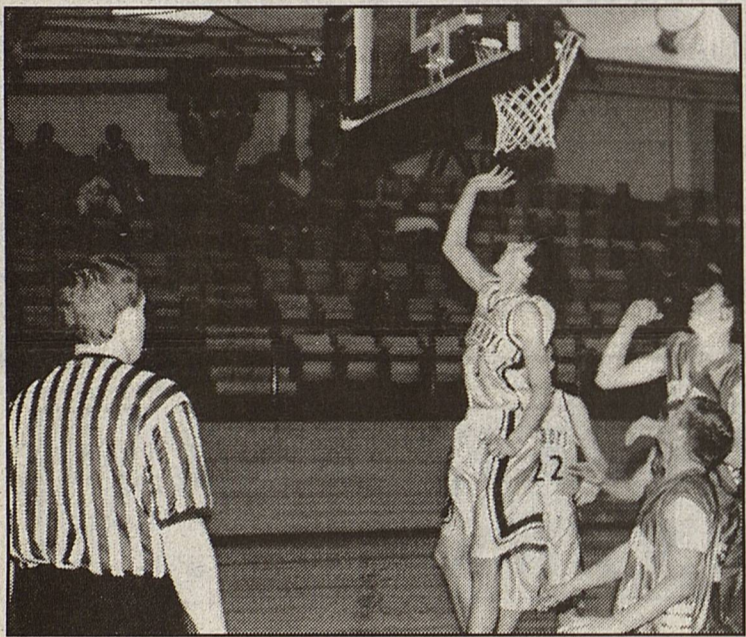
JV, Varsity Basketball Action Shots



Kevin Bartley lays in two points



David Escobar defends against New Deal



Zach Broome drives in for lay up

Students of the Week



PHS student of the week is Mandi Rogers a senior and the daughter of Melisa Dorsett. Mandi was nominated by Mr. Friesen, who said, "Mandi does not get much recognition for the important roles she has at school. She is a behind the scenes worker. She is involved in band and student council and is willing to take on the less enjoyable tasks for both organizations. She motivates her peers by making life richer and more colorful with her great sense of humor. When she gets frustrated, she uses humor to

ease the tension for herself and others. Her tenacity in computer science will help her now and later in life.

PHS student of the week is B.J. Lester a freshman and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lester. B.J. was nominated by Mrs. Wilkins, who said, " B.J. is a member of the Cowboy Band, Student Council, and Athletics. He is a very conscientious student who is always willing to lend a hand and help out. I am very proud to honor B.J. as this week's student of the week.

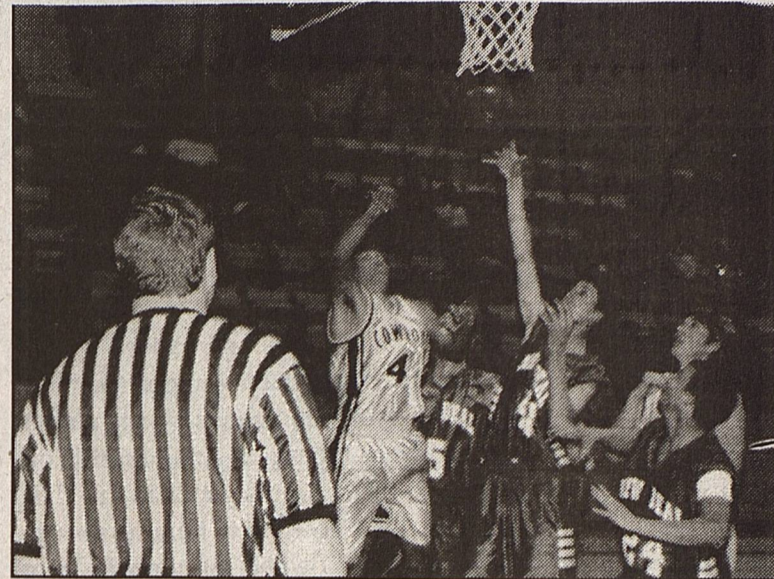


PISD Sports Capsule

Junior High:
7th Girls- The 7th Lady Wranglers started the season with a convincing 33-15 win over Morton. Joanie Bell topped scoring with 13 points, Lauren Davis and Katie Winn each had 10. Lauren Hise, Amber Friesen and Sky Sellers had good defensive efforts. The girls posted another win against Brownfield, 30-19. Bell, Davis and Winn were again tope scorers.
8th Girls- The older Lady Wranglers found Morton too tough, and fell 40-17. Meghan Garcia was lead scorer with 11, while Angelica Gomez, Callie Howell and Lisa Neufeld each had 2 points. They fared better the next time, losing only 32-29. Meghan managed 18 points, Nicole Culwell 5, Caitlin Carter 4, Callie Howell 2. They next faced 3-A Brownfield, and went down 49-24. Meghan had 18 points, Nicole 4, Caitlin 2. They also found Whiteface too tough and fell 40-21. Meghan, Nicole and Lisa led scoring.
7th Boys: The younger Wranglers demolished Morton 42-14. Top scorers were Zach Ramos 13, John Tyson 8, Kirk Alldredge 7, Cody Mayes 6, Elias Carrillo 4, Juan Lara 4. In the Whiteface Tourney, they fell in the opener to Whiteface 47-34, but bounced back to down Sudan 45-30 to win Consolation honors. In the second game Ramos had 18 points, Lara 8, Mayes 7, Alldredge 6, Trent Hawthorne 4, Carrillo 2.
JV Cowgirls- The young Cowgirls had a good opening game against Ralls but fell 42-40. Cecilia Bonilla was top shooter with 14 points, Sarah Martinez 7, Skylar Keesee and Priscilla Mares 5 each. Coach Lusk cited the outstanding play of Manuela Villegas, Sandra Gandara and Allison Friesen.
JV Cowboys- The young Cowboys opened with a thriller, coming from behind to down Sudan 47-46. Arnold Cordova sealed the win with a 3 pointer with time expiring. Scoring were Kerry Sisson, Cordova and Cody Flores 9 each, Brandon Davis 5, Payton Bean & Todd Williams 3 each, Blake O'Quinn and Patrick Cotton 2 each, T.J. Cordova 1. They repeated the win against Ralls in the last 4 seconds when Flores got the ball to O'Quinn for the final shot. Scorers included Flores 16, O'Quinn 7, TJ Cordova 5, Sisson, Davis and Cotton 4, Arnold Cordova 2, Abel Ramos 1.
Varsity Cowgirls- The Cowgirls fell to Ralls 51-37 after only two days practice, but Coach Thaggard reported fans will not be disappointed with the hustle and effort this exciting team is capable of. Chelsea Blount had 18 points, Jessica Knight 9, Kayla Willis 6, Moriah Traweek 4 The girls managed 8 of 10 free throws.
Varsity Cowboys- Cold shooting, only 19%, led to the Cowboys 45-33 defeat by Ralls. Zach broome and Evan Cain led scoring with 8 points each, Armando Ramirez had 5, Richard Diaz, Chase Howell and Kelly Bowers 4 each.
 Coach Davis said they had a much better team effort and big improvement in shooting in their defeat of New Deal November 22. Zach Broome had the hot shooting hand, managing 21 points, followed by Chase Howell 11, Kelly Bowers 7, Evan Cain 5, Armando Ramirez and Kevin Bartlett 3 each, Richard Diaz 2, and Angel Ruiz 1.



Richard Diaz gets set for shot



A battle for the ball under New Deal basket



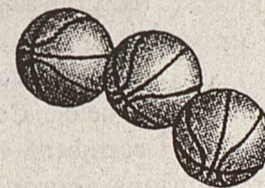
Chase Howell goes high for jump shot

PHS All-District honorees next week

2002-2003 PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

12/3	Dawson	Plains	JV/V Girls/Boys	5:00
12/5-7	Whiteface Tourn.	Whiteface	V Girls/Boys	TBA
12/5-7	D.C. Tourn.	Denver City	JV Girls/Boys	TBA
12/10	Dawson	Dawson	JV/V Girls/Boys	4:00
12/12-14	New Deal Tourn.	New Deal	V Girls/Boys	TBA
12/16	Post	Post	JV/V Girls/Boys	5:00
12/30-31	Sundown Tourn.	Sundown	V Girls/Boys	TBA
1/3	*Morton	Plains	JV/V Girls	5:00
1/3	Coahoma	Plains	JV/V Boys	1:00
1/7	*Sundown	Sundown	JV/V Girls	6:00
1/7	Seagraves	Seagraves	JV/V Boys	5:00
1/10	*Anton	Plains	JV/V Girls/Boys	5:00
1/14	*Whiteface	Plains	JV/V Girls/Boys	5:00
1/17	*Smyer	Smyer	JV/V Girls/Boys	4:00
1/21	*Morton	Morton	JV/V Girls/Boys	4:00
1/23&25	JV District Tourn.	Plains	JV Girls/Boys	TBA
1/24	*Sundown	Plains	V Girls/Boys	6:00
1/28	*Anton	Anton	JV/V Girls/Boys	4:00
1/31	*Whiteface	Whiteface	JV/V Girls/Boys	5:00
2/4	*Smyer	Plains	JV/V Girls/Boys	5:00
2/7	*Morton	Plains	JV/V Boys	6:00
2/11	*Sundown	Sundown	JV/V Boys	6:00

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Senior Citizens Corner

This week we want to introduce one of our seniors who is still full time in the labor market, but who finds time to drop in for lunch and a short time of visiting every week or so.

Opal Roberts was born in the spring time of 1940 in Adabel, Oklahoma, the youngest of eight children. Her family moved to Slaton when she was one year old. She attended school there and graduated in the spring of 1958. After graduation, she followed in her Daddy's and brother's footsteps when she joined the WACS (Women's Army Corps). She went to Birmingham, Alabama, for Basic training then to Fort Sam in San Antonio, Texas, for medical training. After medical school, she was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for her remaining three years. Leaving the medical field, she became the receptionist for the headquarters of the base at McNair Hall for about a year, but returned to the medical field and worked in a base clinic.

After her military service, she worked at the Citizen's State Bank in Slaton, the Plains National Bank in Lubbock, and Bell Dairy Products as a wholesale bookkeeper.

She met her husband, Ray, on a blind date. She worked with Ray's sister in law who arranged the date for them. They married in 1966, and will be celebrating their 36th anniversary on Thanksgiving Day.

Their children are Stan Roberts of Flower Mound, Texas, who is a Regional Manager for Macafee; Susan Gilpin of Midland, Texas, who works for State Farm Insurance; and Kimy Roberts who works for

Home Depot in Dallas, Texas. They have four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She and Ray lived in Andrews, Texas, the first six years of their marriage where he worked for El Paso Natural Gas. He was transferred to Denver City in 1972. Opal worked as Activity Director at the Chaparral Lodge for two and a half years then started working at the library part time in 1978. She became Assistant Librarian in 1979, Head Librarian in 1995, and Yoakum County Librarian of both Denver City and Plains in 1999. She is still employed in that capacity. She is an active member of the Pink Ladies. She and Ray are members of the Nazarene Church.

The Roberts have traveled to the New England states, Oregon, New Mexico, Arizona, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nevada, and California. Opal likes spending time with her great grandsons as top on her list of hobbies. She also enjoys reading, fishing, and watching the Dallas Cowboys. Her favorite song is, "What A Day That Will Be", her favorite food is Christine's Fried Chicken or Mexican food, and her choice TV program is "The Practice".

I quote Opal to say, "I started coming to the Center last year mainly to be with good friends and meet new ones. Time doesn't permit me to be there much now, but it's a special time of fellowship and good meals. In the future I plan to become more involved in the Center. Maybe I can even learn how to play a game of pool with the ladies."

Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association met November 5, with Jeanette Head presiding. Betty Estep, treasurer, gave her report. The Christmas Party was discussed. It will be held on Friday, December 13, in the home of Linda and Ty Earl Powell. Linda and Jeanette will be hostesses. The other members will bring salads and vegetables. It was decided to bring a Christmas gift for a child to be donated to the courthouse Christmas tree.

The Club will attend the Art Exhibit at the OS Museum in Post on December 7. Those members who choose to may also go to old Post Days in the afternoon. They will meet at the courthouse at 9:00 am.

Susie Powell gave a watercolor demonstration showing how she does the painting for her Christmas cards. Jimmie Bayer won the door prize brought by artist of the month, Betty Estep. Refreshments were served by hostesses, Ineatta Teaff and Jeanette Head.

Kelton Mason Second Individual In Meat Judging Contest

The American Meat Science Association (AMSA) announced winners from the American Royal Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest, held November 3, 2002, at IBP, Part of the Tyson Foods Family, in Emporia Kansas.

Kelton Mason, son of Larry and Sara Mason of Plains and a PHS graduate now attending Texas A&M University, placed second in the Senior Division of the Prestigious Contest.

The Texas A&M team was second in the Contest. A total of 127 contestants in 20 teams participated in the contest.

A later press release reported Kelton has been named to the Senior Division All American Meat Judging Team. The team is chosen based on a combination of the student's grade point average and performance in intercollegiate meat judging contests.

PHS Students Report To Tsa Mo Ga Club

Senior Jordan Bean and junior Stacie Alldredge presented highlights of their trips to American Legion Boys State and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar to TSA MO GA members November 11. The program tied in with the club's meeting theme of "Concepts of American Patriotism", and "Leadership: Active Members in Training."

Bean, son of Pam and Monty Bean, noted that before his trip to Boys State on the University of Texas campus this summer he had a "laissez faire" attitude toward government. During his trip, the senior said he "learned a responsibility toward civic duty, voting, the flag, our country, and respect for military servicemen."

Bean credits his Boys State Experience with sparking his interest in taking an active role in government. The senior quizzed members on their voting record and announced that he exercised his right to vote for the first time in the November 5 election.

Besides learning about the party process, running of office, and hearing speakers, the senior also was a member of the Boys State Band, which included a parade from the UT campus to the capitol.

Alldredge, daughter of Pat and Steve Alldredge, attended the three-day Hugh O'Brian Leadership seminar in Amarillo in May. The seminar, which promotes leadership and career opportunities for sophomores, featured guest speakers from various vocations and a field trip to the hospital and its heliopad. Speakers included teachers, a NASA astronaut, servicemen, and news anchors. The junior said that the trip "opened my mind for careers

and college." She learned that an important leadership skill is to make time and effort to "call a person by their name and speak with them about their interests."

Alldredge also said that the seminar promotes "realizing that our generation IS tomorrow." HOBY also enriches and "ensures that today's dreams are tomorrow's achievements."

Senior Jill Gray, the Bluebonnet Girls State representative, was unable to attend the meeting due to post season play-offs in volleyball. Gray is the daughter of Cindy and Jim Gray.

The students were able to attend these leadership seminars with the financial support of the American Legion, its auxiliary, and TSA MO GA. In honor of Veteran's Day, members brought gifts to be delivered to the Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring. These gifts will be used by veterans to give to family members for Christmas.

The group's next meeting will be at the annual Christmas tree lighting in Pioneer Plaza Park on December 4. Members are urged to bring canned goods to stock the community food pantry or to make a monetary donation for items which will be delivered to needy families during the holidays.

The club's Christmas meeting will be held December 9 in the home of Sarah Shelton. A special Christmas project will be monetary gifts to fill "Santa's Moccasins for the 'Sit Jones' Scholarship Fund." Members are urged to bring their spouse or a friend.

Hostesses for the Veteran's Day meeting were Valeria and Zareta Winn and Renetta O'Quinn.

Operation Christmas Card

Operation Christmas Card Project will be sponsored again this year by Plains Dirt Gardeners Garden Club. Dean Richardson will serve as chairman. Donations are used for cemetery beautification. Donors to this fund will have their names placed in the Community Christmas Card that is published in the December 25th issue of CCN. The deadline for this edition is December 20th. Names received after the deadline will be printed in a news article but cannot be included in the Christmas Card.

Any Garden Club member may accept your donations or donations maybe left at Richardson Insurance Agency.

Projects that this fund have funded in the past include the South Entrance, Memorial Markers for unmarked graves, Street Markers, and the Planting of Live Oak trees on the east side of cemetery. Future projects will include replacing of dead trees in the border of the cemetery.

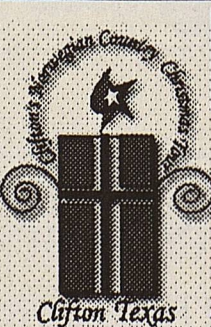
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From the Buddy Hanna Family

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Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship - 10:45 am

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From The Hack

The Bride and I survived another of her infamous family reunions deep in the East Texas piney woods. It's probably because of that iron tasting, and smelling, water those locals drink, 'cause her people are sure getting older each time we attend one of those hug, smooch and eat all day sessions.

Truthfully, we did have a good time. Thanks to all who provided free lodging and food. I do think all of you kissin' cousins down there should give serious thought to having the reunion a bit closer to us every other year... say, in Plains, Texas. We could make the headquarters Debbie's house. I haven't discussed this with her, but feel sure she would be thrilled to be the chief organizer. I just think it would be a reasonable and fair arrangement - all you folks there should thoroughly enjoy the semi-annual 597 mile one way scenic trip. The Bride and I are anxious to receive your thoughts on such a worthy idea. Try to keep you comments semi-clean, will you?

I played golf a couple of days with the brother in law constantly suffering from irregularity and ill temper. I must give him credit, but only after a few discouraging observations - at his considerably older than me age, he still knows more about cheating at the game than I ever imagined. When he hits a ball into a sand trap, his ruling is, "This East Texas sand is too hard... the club members here are allowed to place their ball out of the trap... but you're a guest, and that rule doesn't apply to non-members."

Unbelievably, while playing with Zig, I hit a tee shot which killed a red squirrel. I protested I should be allowed another shot. His ruling was, "No, here non-members killing squirrels

forefeit two strokes on that hole, and three strokes for more dead squirrels." You can't beat him.

Some real food for serious thought:

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things and drink whatever comes out?"

If Jimmy Cracks Corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

Why do people point to their wrist asking for the time, but don't point to their crotch when asking where the bathroom is?

Why does the gynecologist leave the room when you're getting undressed if they're going to look up there anyway?

What do you call male ballerinas?

If corn oil is made from corn

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Commissioners Court (the Court) of Yoakum County, Texas (the County), shall convene at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 16th day of December, 2002, at its regular meeting place in the Yoakum County Courthouse, and, during such meeting, the Court will consider the passage of an order authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$2,950,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the County to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (1) constructing, renovating and equipping the County hospital, (2) the purchase of material, supplies, equipment, machinery, land, rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes relating to the County hospital, and (3) payment for professional services relating to the construction and financing of the aforementioned projects. The Certificates will be payable from the levy of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property within the County and additionally from a lien on and pledge of certain net revenues derived from the operation of the County's hospital.

The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Certificates of Obligation Act of 1971, as amended, Texas Local Government Code Section 271.041 through Section 271.063 and Section 263.024, as amended, Texas Health and Safety Code.

Deborah L. Rushing
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court,
Yoakum County, Texas

and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

If a man is talking in the forest, and no woman is there to hear him, is he still wrong?

Why is it when someone tells you there are billions of stars you believe them, but when there is wet paint somewhere you have to touch it?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad, but when you take him for a car ride he wants to stick his head out the window?

And finally.... Why do they call it an asteroid when it's outside the hemisphere, but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your rear end????

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR BRINE MINING INJECTION WELL PERMITS

NES PERMIAN BASIN, LP; 3001 N. BIG SPRING, SUITE 101-MIDLAND, TX. 79705, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for permits to inject fresh water into a salt formation and extract brine.

The applicant proposes to produce brine from the SALADO SALT formation in the subsurface depth interval from 2454 feet to 3050 feet on the FEE LEASE, WELL NOS. 1011, 3011 and 4011.

The existing facility and wells are located 5/8 OF A MILE WEST OF PLAINS, TEXAS, IN THE BRAHANEY FIELD IN YOAKUM COUNTY.

The wells are located in SECTION 426, BLOCK D, J.H. GIBSON SURVEY, YOAKUM COUNTY as follows:
Well 1011: 2475 feet FWL & 495 feet FSL
Well 3011: 2175 feet FWL and 245 feet FSL
Well 4011: 1700 feet FWL and 165 feet FSL

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for further information concerning the application should be submitted in writing to the Brine Mining Section, Environmental Services, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711, or call 512-475-4655.

Persons who show they may be adversely affected by the proposed or existing operation may request a public hearing on the application. Such a request must be received in writing within thirty days of the last date of publication of this notice. Requests for hearing should be sent to the Brine Mining Section at the address above.

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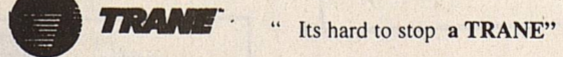
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