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COMMISSIONER COURT MEETS

New Plans For County Hospital Approved

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, August 21, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Commissioners present were; Avara, Thurston, Barron and McWhirter along with Ruby Bruton, Clerk, Toni Jones, Treasurer, and Hazel Lowrey, Auditor.

With a lengthy agenda this week, the Court acted on the following issues; Reported no bids on an asphalt hot tank for sale by Precincts 1 and 2. The Court announced Apollo Software Election Systems representatives were present, and after the Court adjournment, would demonstrate a proposed automated election program for use in the County Clerk's office.

Line item transfers totaling \$48,822 were approved, from the General Fund to various departments. Judge Brewer read a letter from Connie Kelly, of Software Group, concerning a new software maintenance agreement, which was approved, and Auditor Hazel Lowrey was authorized to pay past invoices to the company, held until a new agreement was reached.

The monthly Treasurer's report from Toni Jones was approved, as were all county bills and part time

salaries.

Ed Rogers, Administrator of Yoakum County Hospital, made a report to the County on a meeting of the Hospital Board of Directors last week. The Directors heard representatives of St. Mary's Hospital, Lubbock, present their proposal to take over management of the County Hospital, and clinics here and in Denver City. Rogers reported the Directors unanimously voted to accept the proposed agreement, and were recommending Commissioners Court approval of the plan.

Rogers introduced Tony Heap, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of St. Mary's. He distributed copies of the 16 page proposal, and discussed the more important points of the agreement. He answered numerous questions about the take over, and the Court unanimously voted to accept the agreement. (See News Release from St. Mary's Hospital) Mr. Heap was accompanied by Sharon Thiel, Director of Regional Services, Richard Pope, Vice President, Regional Services, and Bo Brown, Legal Counsel for St. Mary's Hospital.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL ENTERS AGREEMENT TO MANAGE YOAKUM COUNTY HOSPITAL

LUBBOCK, TX--Upon recommendation of the Yoakum County Hospital Board of Directors, the County Commissioners Court of Yoakum County voted Monday, Aug. 21, 1995, to enter into an agreement with St. Mary Hospital to manage Yoakum County Hospital and two clinics in Denver City and Plains.

For the first year of the two-year contract, which begins Jan. 1, 1996, St. Mary Hospital will provide up to \$225,000 toward operations of the hospital.

As part of the agreement, Hospital Administrator Ed Rodgers will become an employee of St. Mary Hospital. All other Hospital personnel will continue to be employees of Yoakum County Hospital.

The contract also stipulates that St. Mary Hospital will have the right of representation and participation in all meetings of

the Yoakum County Hospital's Board of Directors. This agreement is pending approval of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees, which is expected at their regular monthly meeting Sept. 11.

"We have maintained a productive, successful affiliation with Yoakum County Hospital since 1990," said St. Mary Hospital Vice President Richard Pope. "This management agreement is the logical next step for both of us."

The two-year contract covering the clinics will begin Oct. 1, 1995. Under this agreement, the clinics will become St. Mary Family Healthcare Centers.

"As Family Healthcare Centers, these clinics will become part of an integrated delivery system the Hospital has created in which physicians and the Hospital work as a team to provide comprehensive care," Pope said.

VERNON TOWNES SERVICES HELD IN SAN ANGELO SUNDAY

Please Note: The following Obituary was furnished to us by the Vernon Townes family, and originally printed in the San Angelo Standard Times.

"Vernon Andrew (Big) Townes, Jr., of 4817 Century Drive, San Angelo, was called home by his Heavenly Father on Thursday, August 17, 1995, at Diagnostic Hospital in Houston, Texas. Funeral services were held 3:00 PM Sunday, August 20, at Southland Baptist church, with John M. Ferguson officiating, a special family friend, and assisted by Dan Williams, Pastor of Southland Baptist Church.

'Big' was born in Dallas, June 22, 1922, but grew up in Greenville. He graduated from Greenville High in 1939, and attended East Texas State College in Commerce. He later transferred to Texas Christian University to take primary flight training at Meacham Field in Fort Worth. He later transferred to Texas Christian University, and took primary flight training at Meacham Field in Fort Worth. He then enlisted in the Army Air Corps, and served as a B-24 bomber pilot in World War II. Stationed in Italy, he flew 36 combat missions, but because of the difficulty and danger of the missions, was officially credited with 50. He took part in the bombing raids on the Nazi held oil production center of Ploesti, one of the most heavily defended areas US planes and men faced in the entire war, causing heavy losses of both crews and planes. He was returned to the states, where he served as an instructor for P-17 fighter pilots.

Upon the war's end, he entered the University of Texas Law School, and while enrolled there, later married Billy Jean Tankersley, affectionately known as 'Mu', September 7, 1944. He would later earn his law degree in 1948.

Following graduation from law school, the couple moved to Brownfield, where he entered law practice. He would later be elected Terry County Attorney, and in 1954, elected County District Attorney.

Three children were born to the couple while in Brownfield; Laura Ann, Connie, and Andrew Townes III, (Andy).

In 1955, the Townes moved to Denver City, where he opened a private law practice. He would later serve as County Attorney



for many years.

Vernon was active in the Lion's Club of Denver City, the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Denver City First Baptist Church 29 years.

The couple moved to Dallas in June, 1984, where he practiced law until 1988. They moved to San Angelo in 1990, where he entered semi-retirement, but continued to maintain a small law practice until his death. There, he was a member of Southland Baptist Church, and an active and loyal member of the 'Bobcat Booster Club'.

He is survived by his loving wife and friend of 48 years, Billy Jean 'Mu' Townes, his daughter Laura Greene, San Angelo, his daughter and son-in-law Connie and Allen Arnold, Decatur, and son and daughter in law, Andy and Alice Townes, Ft. Worth.

His other survivors include nine precious grandchildren; John, Bert and Greene of San Angelo, Nancy and Lane Arnold, Decatur, Josh and Jacob Townes, Fort Worth, and Sandi and Jason Dunn of Midland; Sisters-in-law Cleon Thornton of Abilene, Frances Messer of San Antonio.

Also honored were nieces, nephews and special friends of the family, including Joe and Bette League, San Angelo, Joe and Marie Sharp, Abilene, Bill Narramore, Greenville, Jerry and Linda Corbin, Denver City, and John and Shirley Miller, Del Rio.

Honorary pallbearers were nephews John Massey, John Craine, Bill Thornton, Art Brender, Jimmy Tankersley, Jack Pool, Grover Campbell, and Greg Anderson. Dear friends included Joe Sharp, Joe League, Jerry Corbin, Bob Thornton, Bill Narramore, Gary Dyer, and John Miller.

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RURAL RESIDENTS BEWARE; YOUR TRASH DUMPING CAN GET YOU IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

If you live out side the city limits of Plains or Denver City, your trash dumping habits may spell trouble for you. We have just learned of a concerted effort by The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to crack down on rural residents statewide to stop the dumping of trash in illegal sites.

One local farmer living in the country was recently notified by TNRCC he was in violation of State regulations for dumping his farm produced trash and refuse in an abandoned caliche pit. Evidently, he ignored the warning letter, and later received another letter telling him he faced a fine if the pit was not cleaned up in a proper manner by a certain deadline. The third letter he received informed him he faced a \$9600 fine which would be promptly paid, or he would see the inside of jail.

It appears he then did clean the pit up, and with the help of another party with some clout in Austin, persuaded TNRCC to forego the stiff fine.

Another farmer with an abandoned caliche pit has for years used it as a dump site for all types of trash from his farming operation. He was told by his employees an airplane had been circling the pit recently, and a few days later, an individual appeared at the pit, taking photographs of the site. He had apparently heard of the prior case, and obviously concerned, contacted Gary Walker in his role as Administrator of the County Landfill. Walker advised him to use whatever method necessary to clean out the pit, and told him virtually all of the refuse could be legally disposed of in the landfill.

The point of this article is to inform rural residents and farm producers with illegal dump sites the State of Texas is watching you.

In talking to other government officials, we have confirmed TNRCC is indeed inspecting Yoakum County, and all the other counties of the state, and are very serious about the illegal dumping of trash. If this situation pertains to you, you are strongly advised to contact the Lubbock District office of

TNRCC, and learn exactly what their rules and regulations are for legally disposing of trash.

In researching this article, we talked to Mario Avila, District Conservationist in the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office here, and he too had heard of TNRCC's surveillance, and also said he had learned of that agencies efforts to discover illegal burn sites of CRP land. Avila said TNRCC considered any CRP burning illegal unless a certified burn plan had been prepared prior to the burn by an office of the NRCS, and the state agency could issue a citation and levy a fine on the producer setting the fire.

He cited the case of a producer in Garza County who started an illegal CRP burn. The fire got out of hand, and destroyed nine utility poles valued at \$400 each. The farmer had to pay the utility company, and may face a fine from TNRCC.

Whether you like it or not, big brother is watching you, and we suggest you use prudence in what you dump and burn. In the case of trash disposal, cleaning up what is considered an illegal dump site may be time consuming and even expensive, but it will still be much cheaper to utilize the County Landfill instead of coughing up a large fine.

SANDY LAND BUDGET COMES DOWN

Reducing governmental spending is a hot topic these days, and to date, it appears there is more verbalizing about the subject than actual cutting of expenditures.

The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation Board of Directors on Monday, in their annual operating budget meeting, actually lowered the budget 8.81% from last years figure. The Board adopted the 1996 budget, calling for expenditures of

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"Those of us who knew him well and loved him so dearly are filled with thanks and gratitude for the blessing and example he was to us. He was kind, honest, and had a boundless capacity to care for others. He enjoyed life until the very last minute of his own. We shall miss him every day of our lives, yet we praise God for sharing him with us, and the calling hi home in the twinkling of an eye, answering one of his fervent prayers."

The family also enclosed this passage from John Graves "Goodbye To A River";

"I've waked in the green freshness of mountain mornings in tropical lands, and heard the strange birds cry, and the street vendors, maybe music somewhere, felt the hit of it like a fist in my stomach, going sleepy-eyed to a balcony under the green mountains and above flame-thrower trees, to thank God for life and being there. And I'm glad I have."

We will deeply miss our friend and fishing buddy.
R.I.P.

NEW WATER WELL BEING TESTED

The City's badly needed additional water well is being reverse flushed at press time. When the water clears satisfactorily, it must then be pumped continuously for 36 hours. At the end of the pumping, the Engineer and City officials will know the amount of water the well can produce, enabling them to order the correct size pump.

While waiting for the pump, well casing will be cemented. Once the pump is installed, the well will be 'plumbed' into the new storage tank. One more governmental regulation must be met before water flows into the city lines. Samples of the water must be taken three consecutive days and tested for bacteria levels. Each daily Test takes a minimum of 24 hours. Administrator David Brunson says the well could be pumping by Sept. 8 if no problems arise in any of the steps.

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\$175,330, down from \$190,020 in 1995.

This years legal effective tax rate is 0.01345/\$100, with a hearing limit of 0.1385/\$100, and the roll back rate of 0.01453/\$100. Sandy Land adopted a tax rate of only 0.01226/\$100.

It is interesting to note the certified evaluation of taxable assets in the County totaled \$3,117,893,510 in 1990, the first year of Sandy Land's operation. The certified evaluation in 1995 had dropped to \$1,421,943,160.

The Board of Directors is composed of Darrell Barron, Don Parrish, Dennis Harrison, David Turnbough, and Ray Bearden.

COUNTY JP COURT

The following is a summary of cases heard by Judge Melba Crutcher, Justice of Peace, Precinct One, in the two week period ending August 18:

- 77 traffic cases filed
- Bonds set:
- No Liability Insurance - Subsequent (Class B Misd.) \$500 bond
- Driving While Intoxicated, 1st offense, \$1,000 bond
- Public Intoxication \$460 bond, \$230 fine
- Minor in Possession of an Alcoholic Beverage \$260 bond, \$130 fine
- Issuance of bad check \$317.03 fine
- Issuance of bad check \$255 fine
- Arson \$5,000 bond
- Possession of Controlled substance, cocaine \$2,500 bond
- Aggravated Assault \$5,000 bond
- Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon \$5,000 bond
- Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon \$5,000 bond
- Criminal Attempt of Murder \$5,000 bond
- Criminal attempt of Murder \$5,000 bond
- Prohibited Weapons \$2,500 bond
- Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon \$1,000 bond
- Resisting Arrest \$1,000 bond
- Driving while Intoxicated, 2nd offense \$1,500 bond
- Motion to Revoke Probation - Original Charge/Forgery - Held until hearing

- Failure to Appear \$2,000 bond
- Theft 0/\$200 - u/\$750, \$2,000 bond
- Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd offense - held until transported (Ector County)
- Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity \$5,000 bond
- Parole Violation - held until transported
- Motion to revoke Probation Judgment NISI Terry County \$2,000 bond
- Cruelty to Animals \$1,000 bond

FARMERS KEEP EYE ON WORM THREAT

Media coverage of the beet armyworms invasion and destruction of virtually all of the 220,000 acre cotton crop in the Concho Valley surrounding San Angelo has local producers very nervous. The Sunday Avalanche-Journal added cause for worry Sunday, reporting the devastating and extremely hard to kill insects have spread northward into High Plains areas south of here.

The worms earlier this year reduced a predicted 400,000 bale cotton crop to about 60,000 bales in the Rio Grande Valley.

A major concern of all cotton producers is the difficulty of destroying the pests, and apparently the scarcity of an effective insecticide. It has been reported in heavily infested areas three to five spraying applications are necessary to control the armyworms. Apparently the application

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF YOAKUM

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on September 5, 1995 from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the District Courtroom in Plains, Texas on the 1996 Proposed Budget for Yoakum County.

All persons attending the hearing will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments and to ask questions about the Proposed Budget. A Copy of the said Proposed Budget is on file in the County Clerk's Office and may be examined there or in the office of the County Judge or County Auditor or in the Denver City Library or in the Plains Library.

Following is a summary of the 1996 Proposed Budget for Yoakum County:

All Funds	
Estimated Receipts	
Taxes, Penalty and Interest	\$ 7,821,204
Intergovernmental	113,200
Auto Registration	400,000
Licenses and Permits	10,460
Fees of Office	196,923
Fines and Forfeitures	89,500
Interest	174,227
Other Receipts	107,850
Balance January 1, 1996	828,837
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 9,742,201
Estimated Expenditures (By Fund)	
General	\$ 5,466,237
Road and Bridge	2,313,041
Jury	38,484
Lateral Road Fund	20,550
Permanent Improvements	121,000
Debt Service	537,768
Youth Center Special	123,992
CDA Fee Account	3,594
Special Video	1,315
Probate Education	182
Voter Registrar Special	2,150
Yoakum County Drug Enforcement	2,505
County Clerk Records Management and Preservation	25,869
Yoakum County Records Management and Prservation	1,860
Law Library	5,726
Courthouse Security	298
Transfers to Hospital	960,000
Total Expenditures	9,624,571
Balance December 31, 1996	117,630
Total Expenditures and Balance	\$ 9,742,201

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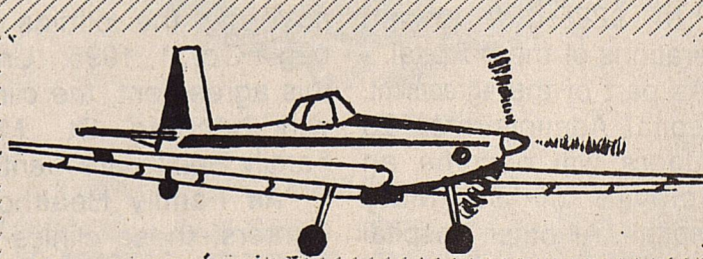
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P.I.S.D. TRUSTEES MEETING

The Plains Independent School District Board met in regular session Monday, August 14.

Members present were Tim Addison, Stanley Ashburn, Danny Bell, Dwayne Canada, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer and Randy Tuggle.

Also attending were Pete Simmons, Supt., Eric Banfield, Bus. Mgr., Principals Steve O'Quinn, Ronnie Watkins and Joel Haragan, and Counselor Arlon Alexander.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, and the called meetings of June 29, July 1, July 18, and August 8, with the following corrections; June 29, II; Dwayne Canada moved and Randy Tuggle seconded hiring Mary Ellen Robertson as a teacher. Motion approved. Aug. 8, IV; Danny Bell moved, Tim Addison seconded accepting the resignation of Pride Weeks; motion approved.

The board entered into the executive session at 9:43 pm, and reconvened in regular session at

10:11pm. Motion remained the same. The board entered executive session at 10:26 pm, and reconvened at 11:20pm.

Monthly bills were approved for payment, as were line item transfers of appropriations to amend the 1994-95 budget.

A budget hearing was held, with no one present to comment. The proposed 1995-96 budget was approved as presented. The appraisal period was set from September 5 thru May 10, 1996, with Ronnie Watkins, Steven O'Quinn and Joel Haragan were approved as appraisers, with Arlon Alexander serving as alternate.

Dwayne Canada moved, Tim Addison seconded that a decision on transportation needs be postponed.

In other Board actions, a financial report was presented by Eric Banfield, and O'Quinn, Watkins Haragan and Alexander delivered administrative reports. The board entered into executive session at 10:08, and reconvened at 11:04pm.

Other Trustee business included appointing Haragan as textbook coordinator, and approval of the secretary, band director and coaching salary schedule.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Plains High School Student of the Week is Cosme Casillas. Cosme is a Freshman at Plains High School and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. C. Casillas.

Cosme was nominated by Mr. Friesen. "When the student-of-the-Week tradition was started last year, one of the qualifications for nomination was for the student to do more than what was expected of him. Even though Cosme is just a freshman entering high school, many of the teachers already know him at least by reputation. I have heard only positive remarks about this young man from teachers and others how Cosme works hard and can be trusted to handle responsibilities that are usually entrusted to an older person.

Cosme was nominated this week because he showed a characteristic that should be seen more in adults as well as students. Without being asked and also at the expense of having to do his own work outside of class, he showed concern for two fellow classmates who could not speak English by helping them understand the lesson each day this week.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 28 - Sept. 2

Monday: Volleyball, Denver City - 7th & 8th A & B, There - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Volleyball, Pecos/Midland Lee - JV, V At Midland - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: Football scrimmage, Springlake-Earth - Here - TBA

Friday: Volleyball, Denver City Tournament, V - There - TBA

Saturday: Volleyball, Snyder Tournament - 9th; JV - There - TBA

Volleyball, Denver City Tournament Continues

MENU

Monday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, grape juice, milk
Lunch: chicken salad, lettuce leaf, stuffed celery, carrot sticks, potato rounds w/catsup, bread or crackers, apple crisp, milk
Tuesday:

Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, chips, mixed fruit, date toast, apple juice, milk
Lunch: nacho w/meat & cheese sauce, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, cornbread, plum cobbler, milk
Wednesday: Breakfast: French toast w/syrup, toast, orange juice, milk
Lunch: cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce leaf, pickles, onion rings, cookies, milk
Thursday: Breakfast: pancakes w/syrup, fruit punch, milk
Lunch: baked potatoes w/chili & cheese, carrot sticks, crackers, peaches, milk
Friday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, orange/pineapple juice, milk
Lunch: roast w/gravy, garden green beans, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, pear half, milk

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM/SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Plains Independent School District takes part in the National School Lunch Program/Breakfast Program. Meals are served every school day and all Plains ISD students receive free meals from our cafeteria; however, Plains ISD may be reimbursed for meals served to children from families who qualify under the stated guidelines.

In order to claim reimbursement for these meals, a completed application form must be on file for each ELIGIBLE child. If your child/children would qualify for free or reduced price meals, please complete the application form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION FORM. An application that does not contain COMPLETE information on household members and income cannot be used by the school.

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get food stamps or AFDC for the children you are applying for, the application must have the children's names, a food stamp or AFDC case number for each child, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature. If you do not list a food stamp or AFDC case number for all children you are applying for, then the application must have the children's names, the names of all household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member, and that adult's social security number or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number.

INCOME CHART

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	13,820.....	1,152.....	266
2.....	18,556.....	1,547.....	357
3.....	23,292.....	1,941.....	448
4.....	28,028.....	2,336.....	539
5.....	32,764.....	2,731.....	631
6.....	37,500.....	3,125.....	722
7.....	42,236.....	3,520.....	813
8.....	46,972.....	3,915.....	904
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Verification: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your children should get free or reduced-price meals.

Fair Hearing: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You may also ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing:

Name Eric Banfield Phone 806-456-7483

Address P.O. Box 479 Plains, TX 79355

Reporting Changes: If your children get free or reduced-price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your children get meals because you get food stamps or AFDC, you must tell the school when you are not getting AFDC or food stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

Confidentiality: School officials use the information on the application only to decide if your children should get free or reduced-price meals.

Reapplication: You may apply for meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change in status, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or AFDC for your children, you may then complete an application.

Handicapped: Meal substitutions at no additional cost for children who meet the definition of "handicapped" will be served, provided a physician has submitted a statement attesting to this fact and prescribing a substitute.

IN THE OPERATION OF THE CHILD FEEDING PROGRAMS, NO CHILD WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE OR HANDICAP. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely, *Eric Banfield*

APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS

To apply for free and reduced-price meals, complete this application, sign your name and return the application to the school. Call the school if you need help. # _____

1 Print STUDENT INFORMATION. 2 List the child's FOOD STAMP or AFDC case number, if any.

NAME	GRADE	NAME OF SCHOOL	FOOD STAMP NUMBER	OR	AFDC NUMBER
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3 FOSTER CHILD: List the child's monthly personal use income. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income. \$ _____

4 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND MONTHLY INCOME: If you gave a food stamp or AFDC case number for the child, skip to PART 5.

NAMES OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS	Gross MONTHLY Earnings (Before Deductions)		MONTHLY Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony	MONTHLY Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	Any Other MONTHLY Income
	Job 1	Job 2			
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
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5 SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: I certify that all of the above is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of federal funds; that school officials may verify the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable state and federal laws.

X _____ Signature of Adult Household Member X _____ Social Security Number*
HOME TELEPHONE NO. _____ WORK TELEPHONE NO. _____ PRINTED NAME _____

STREET/APT. NO. _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ DATE _____

6 RACE: Please check the racial or ethnic identity of your child(ren). You are not required to answer this question.

____ White, not Hispanic ____ Black, not Hispanic ____ Hispanic ____ Asian/Pacific Islander ____ American Indian/Alaskan Native

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DATE NOTICE OF CHANGE SENT TO PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ SIGNATURE OF VERIFYING OFFICIAL: _____ DATE: _____

NICK HANNA GRADUATES FROM DPS ACADEMY

Nick Hanna, son of Buddy and Lee Hanna, is now officially Trooper Hanna with the Department of Public Safety. He graduated from the DPS Academy on August 11. In the ceremonies, Sen. John Montford delivered the commencement address in Frank Erwin Center, Austin. Nick qualified for the tough Academy course in February, 1994, and the 25 week training session started in February. 129 would be Troopers started the course, and 107 finished. Nick was 19th in his graduating class.

He attended school here, and graduated from PHS in 1984. He has seven years experience in law enforcement, serving as a municipal Police Officer in Big Spring and Brady.

He requested assignment in the general west/central area of the state, and is to be stationed in Eastland, going to work August 28. He said the Eastland DPS office utilizes 8 troopers, a Sergeant, and two weight and license officers.

Some of the class room and field training sessions in the Academy included the Code of Criminal

Procedures, Penal Code, Uniform Act, accident investigation, use of force, sessions on dealing with stress and pressure, the civil process and procedures, and drivers license laws.

The class had over 80 hours of firearms instruction in the use of sidearms, shotguns and Mini 14 arms. He said the course required many hours of physical conditioning, including 10 mile runs, standard physical exercises, handcuffing procedures, weapon retention, boxing, wrestling, and a combination of the two. When told he looked in good physical shape, he grinned, and said, "None of my pants fit now. I lost over 30 pounds in the 25 weeks."

Ironically, Nick became good friends with his roommate, Tom Hunt, of Fritch. Hunt has been assigned to duty here in Plains, and will be here around the last of the month. Nick said Hunt also has 7 years experience, serving as Sergeant in the Fritch City Police Department before his Academy appointment.

PRODUCERS MUST REQUEST PAYMENT FOR PREVENTED PLANTING WHEAT ACRES

If producers who were unable to plant their winter wheat crop have not requested the insurance payments due them, they should contact their local Consolidated Far Service Agency office. Recent changes in the crop insurance program allow producers with prevented-planted wheat acres who had already planted an alternate crop to claim their insurance indemnity payment. But, producers must request those payments as soon as possible.

The changes were brought about when the National Grain Sorghum Producers, the Texas Grain Sorghum Association and the Texas Wheat Producers Association, working in conjunction with the Texas CFSA office, pushed for the rule changes. The groups have been persistent in their claim that producers in the Southwest who were unable to plant their insured winter wheat crop because of adverse weather have been treated unfairly.

Under the old rule, producers had been told that they could not participate in farm program options if they collected the crop insurance prevented-planting payment they were entitled to. Most of the producers with unplanted winter wheat were forced to forget the insurance payment and plant another crop, since they could not afford to leave the fields unplanted.

"We're very pleased that the rule has been changed," said Harold Bob Bennett, CFSA acting state executive director for Texas. "We were happy to work with the commodity groups to correct the problem. Producers affected by the new rule must contact their local CFSA office to file for their indemnity payment."

"The crop insurance rules were unfair," said Jack Eberspacher, NGSP executive director, "since many sorghum growers plant winter wheat and were affected by this, we were very vocal in telling USDA and our legislators about the problem."

GRAMM AIDE TO DELIVER '95 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WASHINGTON--Hans Klingler, director of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office in Lubbock, will update the community on the Senate's legislative goals during a briefing with the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, August 29. The public is invited to attend.

The briefing is slated to begin at noon, Tuesday, August 29, at the Community Center, 609 - 11th street in Plains.

The Senate, under a new Republican majority, has begun work on a myriad of bills aimed at lightening the federal government's belt so Americans can keep more of what they earn.

Among the Gramm proposals are a tax cut that would double the dependent exemption for children. Also, the Senator is working to repeal the Clinton tax increase on Social Security benefits, and to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

FIRST GRAPE HARVEST OF YEAR

Yields Will Be Down Because Of Late Spring Freeze

The first grape harvest in the county took place Wednesday morning at the Neal and Janice Newsom vineyard north of town.

A 12 person crew of pickers swarmed over the half acre of Orange Muscat grapes, and in a brief two hours of picking had the grapes loaded and on their way to the Caprock Winery in Lubbock.

Newsom said this years grape crop yield will be about 40% less than last year, due to the devastating late freeze this spring. Caprock had contracted the Orange Muscat grapes, and the yield of another producer with 8 acres of the variety. They will process the grapes, and if the quality is good, will bottle the product as a new varietal wine in their line. If the quality does not warrant bottling under the Orange Muscat variety, it will be used to blend with other white varieties of wine.

SHERIDAN AND TEXAS

Austin. A story which has gained wide acceptance during the last few months concerns a recent visit of General Phil Sheridan to Texas. The story, apparently first published in the Houston Evening Star, quotes the General as saying that is he owned Texas and Hell, he would rent out Texas and live in Hell. While no one names the paper, the story goes that one Texas editor

replied to this slur by saying that his opinion of the General had greatly improved because of the statement. For, said the editor, he had "always admired a man who would stand up for his native country".

The Texas News, August 15, 1867



Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas could lose billions in Medicaid funds by 2002

If Medicaid funding formulas proposed by Congress are approved, Texas health care providers could lose close to \$12 billion in seven years. Many counties would see total losses greater than \$100 million. State Comptroller John Sharp has proposed the Fair Share Plan, a block grant proposal which would distribute Medicaid funds according to each state's percentage of the U.S. population and its poverty rate.

Medicaid, 2002 Loss per capita

- \$1,000 to \$3,000
- \$500 to \$999
- \$499 or less
- Total loss greater than \$100 million

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Texas Department of Human Services; US Bureau of the Census and Concurrent Budget Resolution.

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Thanks to the outstanding response by the citizens of Plains to the City's request for water conservation, the City has been able to maintain near-normal water pressure. However, the water storage facilities continue to operate at about one-third capacity.

The City requests that you continue to conserve water as much as possible so that we can maintain a supply for basic household needs and especially to maintain a reserve for fire protection.

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FOR OUR FEMME FRIENDS

RAYNEE DAVIS, KYLE ANDREWS UNITED IN MARRIAGE



Ellen Raynee Davis and Kyle Dean Andrews were united in marriage on Saturday, July 22, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Corpus Christi, Texas. Dr. Paul Armes, Pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Dolores Davis, of Plains and the late Wayne Davis.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Andrews of Mexia. The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Andrews of Childress and Mrs. Althea Lipsey of Longview.

The bride wore an elegant sheath of candlelight satin and Alencon lace designed by Moonlight. The bodice, heavily beaded with sequins and pearls, featured a sweetheart neckline, long sheer beaded sleeves and a Basque waist. The gown displayed an open back, a straight skirt and was highlighted with a semi-cathedral detachable train adorned with sequin and pearl beaded lace appliques and beaded hem lace. To complete her attire, the bride chose a pearl tiara highlighted with double pouf and a tiered fingertip veiling. The bride carried a bouquet of cascading white tea roses, stephanotis, gardenias, pieces of white lilac and touches of greenery. She also carried a white linen handkerchief that had belonged to her maternal grandmother, the late Clara Williams.

The groom was attired in a black double-breasted tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie and vest. The groom's boutonniere was a white tea rose and purple mini daisy.

The maid of honor was Sha Pierot of Lubbock. Matron of honor was Gail Smith of Morton, cousin of the bride. The bride's attendants wore two piece suits of purple shantung. The bodice featured an off the shoulder portrait collar and rhinestone buttons. The straight skirt was floor length. They carried arm bouquets of spring flowers including purple and white lilacs, yellow roses, pink tulips, yellow honeysuckle accented by touches of greenery and tied with candlelight French ribbon.

The best man was Kris Andrews, of Austin, brother of the groom. Michael Davis, of Plains, brother of the bride, served as a groomsman and usher. Wayne Lee Davis, of Plains, brother of the bride, ushered as well. Grooms men, ushers, and the father of the groom wore purple double-breasted tuxedos with black accents, white shirts, black

and purple print bow tie and vest. Their boutonnieres were white tea rose buds and mini daisies.

The flower girl was Lauren Davis of Plains, niece of the bride. She wore a cotton floral print tea-length dress with a white Battenburg lace trimmed collar. The short puffed sleeves and the hemline of the full gathered skirt were also edged with Battenburg lace. Her wide sash was of white chiffon. She carried a basket with a small arrangement of white tea roses and touches of purple mini daisies. A French tied white bow accented the basket filled with rose pot-pourri.

The ring bearer was Ty Dean Andrews, son of the groom. He was dressed in a purple double-breasted tuxedo, white shirt and purple and black bow tie and vest. He carried a white satin pillow gathered with white lace. On the top of the pillow a tiny arrangement with baby sweetheart roses and purple mini daisies were tied together with a white ribbon. He wore a boutonniere of purple mini daisies.

Prelude selections and "The Wedding March" were played by Mrs. Arlene Long, organist.

A flute trio, Gail, Ashley, and Monica Smith, cousins of the bride, of Morton, played "Canon in D" to begin the ceremony. Dayne Bacon Otto, of Austin, sang "In This Very Room" as the mothers were seated.

The bride was given in marriage by her brothers, Wayne Lee and Michael Davis as Dayne Otto sang "The Wedding Prayer." She was accompanied by Jeff Barron, of St. Louis, Missouri, at the piano.

Other special music selections were "Household of Faith" and "Only God Could Love You More" sung by Jeff Barron and Dayne Otto. The ceremony ended with a flute solo, "The Lord's Prayer", played by Gail Smith. The bride and groom exited to "Trumpet Voluntary" played by Mrs. Long.

The couple exchanged vows before an altar decorated with an arch brass candelabra in the center and brass candelabra trees on both sides holding ivory tapers. All of the candelabra was adorned with cascading English ivy and baby's breath.

The reception was held in Hereford Parlor at the church. It was transformed into a lovely garden. A white lattice screen provided the background for the bride's table.

The screen was decorated with English ivy and baby's breath cascading from the top. The round table was covered with a white layered cloth and trimmed with white satin French ribbon and large bows along the sides of the table. A large arrangement of yellow and red tulips, roses in shades of mauve, forsythia, red anemone and purple delphinium accented with English ivy was the center piece to the bride's cake which consisted of four individual heart shaped cakes placed on clear columns at varied heights. The all white cake had a basket weave design with lilac confection flowers on top of each layer. The top layer featured a Precious Moments porcelain bride and groom. Serving at the bride's table were Donna Milner and Julie Culwell, of Lubbock.

The groom's table also had a white lattice screen as background identical to the bride's. The rectangle table was covered in a white tailored cloth with pleated skirting. The centerpiece was two three-foot Verde candle holders with glass globes and decorated with purple primula and accented with purple French ribbon.

Serving at the groom's table were Kim Andrews, Ashlee Winn, of Lubbock, Ashley Smith and Pam Pate, of Dallas.

Cheese and fruit were served on a large square table, covered with a floor length white cloth. Grapes, strawberries, watermelon, and cantaloupe were arranged in tiered baskets and carved watermelon and cantaloupe baskets.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Plains High School. She is also a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and Baylor University in Waco. She is the Network Development Manager for Humana Health Care Plans of Corpus Christi.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Plains High School. He is also a graduate of Angelo State University. He is employed by the Gregory-Portland Independent School District.

Following a brief honeymoon in Port Aransas, the couple is residing in Portland.

TO ALL PLAINS BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERS

Another school year is upon us. Summer has flown by and it is time we, the parents and Boosters must also get started.

To host a successful Athletic Banquet next May, we must start planning and working together now. One fund-raiser used with good results is the Hamburger and soft drinks Concession at the Old Settler's Dance. This started the year off great. Thanks to everyone who worked this year. The of-

icers jobs are much easier when we know we can count on people to do what they say they will do.

Our largest money maker is the Poster Schedules given out free to all students and boosters. Our profit is made through ad sales. The Booster Club really appreciates all the businesses who purchased ads and ask all the Athletes and Parents to tell these supporters just how much it means to them every time they get the chance.

Another Booster Project is the Annual "Meet the Cowboys and Cowgirls" at the stadium. This event is a fan favorite and really kicks off the new season and gets everyone in the mood. It was held Thursday, Aug. 17th in the Cowboy Stadium. Watermelons from Macky McWhirter's farm were served to all attending. Coach McMinn introduced his coaching staff, and the Coaches introduced the 1995-96 Plains Football teams. Coach Horn introduced her volleyball coaching staff and the 1995-96 Cowgirl Volleyball teams. Coach McAdams was asked to introduce the Plains Cross-Country track team for the new season.

The Booster Club will continue the Telephone Committee. This should reach everyone faster and keep everyone informed with better lines of communication between members. If you have not heard from your representative, then please call her with your number and the best times to reach you at your convenience.

Senior Girls-Lucy Moreno
Senior Boys-Beth Clanahan
Junior Girls-Kay Swann
Junior Boys-Jan Lester
Sophomore Girls-

Teresa Howard
Sophomore Boys-
Yolanda Gonzales
Freshmen Girls-Pam Burgess
Freshmen Boys-
Gloria Covarrubias

Football and Volleyball T-shirts and PHS caps were ordered and are ready for sale. Also available are the 'Go Cowboys' Sun Blockers and the new Bumper Stickers. There are also a few Rowdy Rags still around for those who missed them last basket-ball season.

Any ideas you have for fund raisers or special projects we can do for the Plains Athletes, please let us know. The Booster Club is responsible for the Spring Athletic Banquet

that honors all Plains High School Athletes. So when you are called to help, it doesn't matter what season we are in at the time, or that your child only participates in the spring sports. We are all working for a common goal the entire year. It takes an entire year of work to make the money necessary to host the type Banquet that our Youth deserves.

We need your input, ideas, enthusiasm, spirit, co-operation and even your complaints to continue the work.

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NEW ARRIVAL

Tadd and Scotia Knight proudly announce the birth of a son, Cameron Lee, born on Aug. 8, 1995 at 1:47 p.m. in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 in. long.

He is welcomed by a sister, Kristen. His grandparents are Bill and Kathy Materson of Guthrie, Patricia Knight of Lubbock, and Taylor Knight of Kileen. Great grandparents are Walter and Evelyn Zesch of Mason, Elizabeth Materson of Guthrie, and C.J. and Margie Fails of Meadow.

FAREWELL PARTY

Shari Chambliss was honored Thursday evening, August 17, at a 'Farewell Dinner Party', hosted by Myrna and Dale Boulter, owners of Yoakum County Abstract, where Shari has been employed almost seven years.

She and her two sons, Justin and Jordan, have moved to Lubbock, where she will be employed by Western Title Company.

Both Myrna and Dale Boulter expressed their regrets at Shari's departure, and thanked her for her devoted service.

Guests enjoying the party at Charlie's in Denver City included: Pam & Jeff Redman, Lanny & Sharon Smith, Perry Hunt, Dale & Myrna Boulter, Shane McKinzie, Vicki Blundell, Gary & Holly Dyer, Abel & Yolanda Gonzales, Elfida Winkler, Warren & Pam New, Faye Nelms, Justin & Jordan Chambliss, and Julia Lemley.

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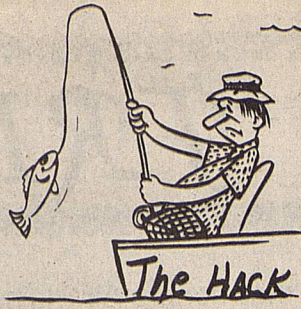
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FROM THE HACK



The Bride and I attended the final services for our buddy, Vernon Townes, in San Angelo Sunday afternoon. On the drive down, we kept telling one another how we dreaded the experience, how depressingly sad it was going to be seeing his wife Billie Jean, their children, grand kids and other members of the family grieving over their loss.

We were in for a big surprise. There was sorrow, heartbreak, grief, some tears, alright, but I know this for a fact. Old Townes would have been super proud of his clan's behavior at the very different final goodbye from his loved ones and friends.

The First Baptist Minister said a few words, a song was sung, and then the preacher said in his years of knowing Vernon, he had come to realize he was a true individual, and his family had decided to honor his memory and his wishes with a service program he would have applauded.

A young grandson first delivered his part of the Eulogy, telling of a bass fishing experience he'd shared with his granddad, "Big" to the family. The young man admitted he desperately wanted to catch a bass larger than "Big's", and did land a nice five pound fish. He said both he and granddad were thrilled to pieces, then released

the fish. A little later, grandad landed a bass almost twice the size of the youngsters. He said both of them were thrilled, but he "sure did want to beat "Big" that day", and felt a little sorry for himself. He closed his manfully delivered and well controlled remarks by saying, "You know, today, I really feel proud of how that trip turned out."

Vernon's daughter Connie stood in the pulpit next, and I was amazed at her composure, knowing the love she felt for the man. She told of many incidents in his life, and admitted straight up Vernon, like all men, had a few minor faults. He was known to use profanity, had experimented with demon rum, had an occasional wild attitude, and had even been known to show moments of arrogance.

She described some of his wartime experiences as a Bomber pilot flying out of Italy. She told how when 20 years to the day before his death he was diagnosed with cancer. He told his family, "There is absolutely no doubt in my mind the good Lord can whip this disease, but I think he's gonna use Cobalt treatments to get it done".

Connie actually had the audience, the family members, even the two ministers laughing when she told of some of his exploits in the 20

years he battled one malady after another, including two knee surgeries, a knee replacement, gall bladder removal, cancer, a hearing aid installed, and heart attack. Once in a Tony Romo's Restaurant in Dallas with family members, he thought he was having a heart attack, and the family insisted he go to a hospital. He did, but only after finishing his big plate of ribs.

She said one night just before his death, he was sitting on the hospital bed, preparing to get some sleep. He pointed to a TV monitor camera in the corner, and asked if his family visitors thought the thing was really working. They assured him it was, for he was in the ICU unit. "Well, I'm going to bed", he announced, and proceeded to wave at the camera, but with only one finger.

A brother in law came forward, and told of an antelope hunt he and Vernon enjoyed in Wyoming years ago. He said after a bitter cold day of hunting, he and Vernon went into a saloon, and both ordered whiskey with water on the side. In the planned move, both stuck a finger in the water, shook off a drop or two in the whiskey. The puzzled barkeep asked what they were doing, and Vernon said, "Well, we like mixed drinks, but neither of us can handle much of this water".

I have never experienced a funeral service at which the audience, the preachers, even the family members enjoyed a number of good laughs. I half expected the casket lid to open, Vernon to sit up, grinning, and say, "Hey, this is a pretty neat deal!"

I recall a few incidents during the forty years I knew him. I walked into a Denver City cafe with Vernon one morning, and a guy we both knew greeted Vernon with, "Hey Townes, see you got your brother with you". Quick as a

flash, he replied, "He can't be my brother, all my momma's kids had a daddy". Dozens of times I heard him introduce himself to strangers with, "I'm Vernon Townes, and the reason we don't have a County Attorney".

He was a fun guy. I'll bet St. Peter is enjoying a chuckle with him right now. And Andy Townes, thanks again for the fishing rod.

Cont'd from page 2, 'Worm Threat'

costs run about \$18 per acre, when the right chemical is available, adding a large increase in production costs.

If the armyworm threat is not enough to worry about, the San Angelo Standard Times reported Sunday of another onslaught of insects in Mississippi cotton fields, with over 500,000 acres in the state seriously infested with tobacco budworms. Like the armyworms, the budworm is very hard to kill. A spokesman with the Mississippi Department of Agriculture reported "Pirate", an insecticide produced by American Cyanamid, appears to be more effective in combating the budworms, but as here in Texas, the supply of the chemical is very limited, and expensive. Farmers there are spending \$17 to \$25 per acre, just for the chemical, when it can be found.

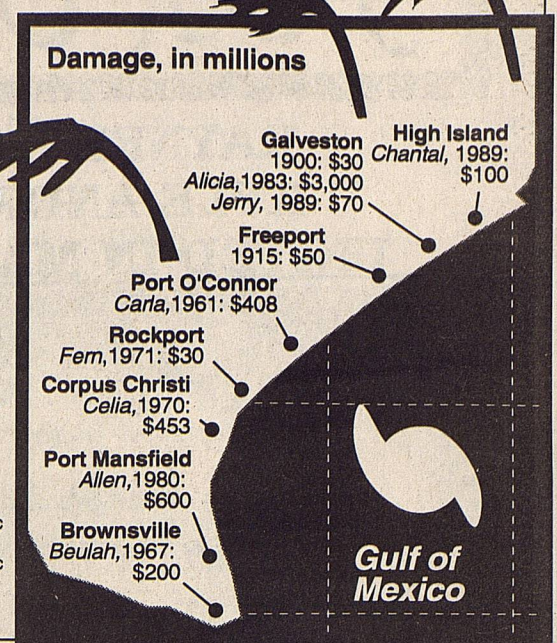
Many local producers are closely monitoring their cotton crops, and a large number are hiring consultants and entomologists to inspect their fields for insect threats.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Hurricane season blowing in

Most of Texas' hurricanes hit the Gulf Coast in August and September, bringing high tides, strong winds, injuries and deaths as well as millions of dollars in damage. The map shows the 10 costliest hurricanes to hit Texas since 1900.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; University of Texas, Bureau of Economic Geology and U.S. Department of Commerce.



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