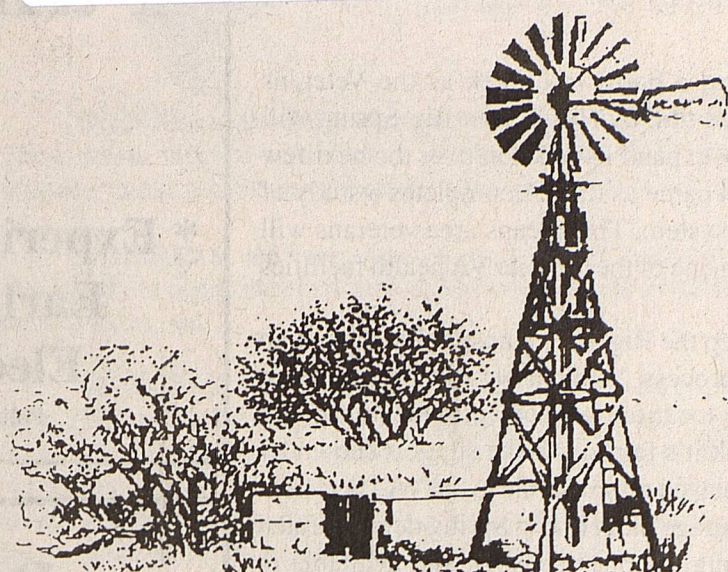
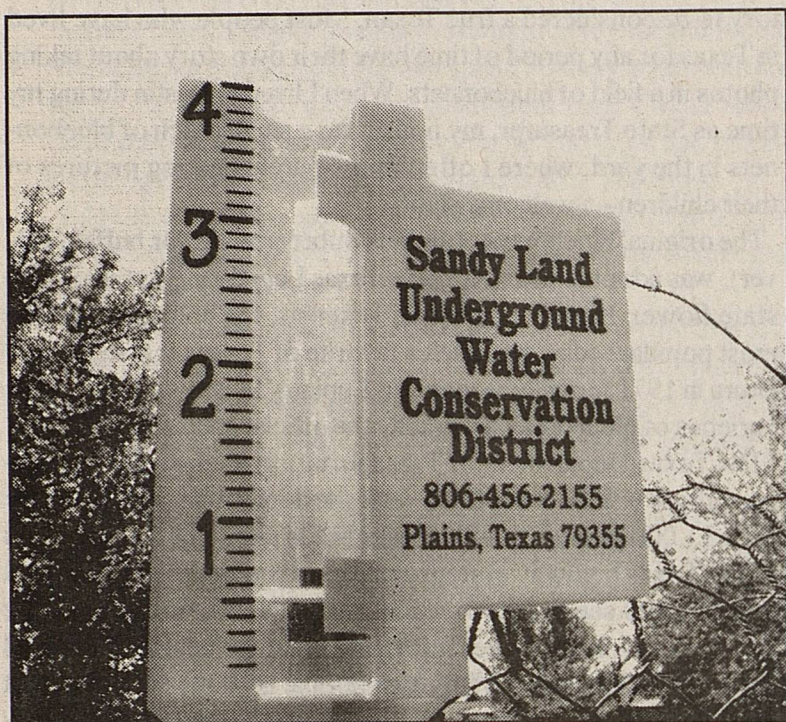


Cowboy Country News



Published each Wednesday in the county seat of Yoakum County, Plains, Texas Volume XII, Issue 32, April 26, 2006

Not Yet Time To Launch Another Ark



A rain gauge has not been an item in great demand in recent weeks and months, but this instrument recorded almost half an inch of precip sometime during the night of April 20 or morning of April 21. That's a good starting point.

National Animal ID System and Premise Number Program

Article by Arlan Gentry, CEA-AG
The Texas Cooperative Extension Service of Terry and Yoakum Counties are hosting an informative meeting which illustrates all about the National Animal ID System and Premise Number Program. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist, will give a brief oversight on our roles as livestock owners and what we do to register, and the purpose of this program. The meeting will be conducted May 2 at the Texas Cooperative Extension office at 209 South Fifth street in Brownfield at 7 PM. Please feel free to contact me, Arlan Gentry, County Extension Agent for Yoakum County, at 806-456-2263 for any questions or if you need assistance.

Premise ID is part of the National Animal Identification System. A Premis ID identifies a location where livestock are handled or comingled. All persons who own, manage or are caretakers for locations where livestock, exotic livestock, poultry or exotic poultry are handled must register their premises with the TAHC. This program is going to affect anyone that owns agricultural animals, whether they have one show pig or 15,000 beef cows.

Animal tracking and disease control may be the impetus for

the national identification program, but its benefits are not limited to those areas. Some other uses include information transfer and management, performance records, health and herd management, carcass quality tracking, age verification and source verification, to name just a few.

If you are one of the producers
Turn To Page 3, Animal ID



Relay For Life committee member volunteers met in Denver City recently for a working luncheon at Savannah's. The second county wide cancer fighting rally will take place May 19 at Denver City's football stadium. It was recently announced Plains citizens now have eight Relay teams working for donations for the American Cancer Society. Latest team is the womens club with the unlikely name, The Red Hat Clubs "Prissy Porch Patooties". Please do your part to support the Relay!!

New Coach, A.D. coming on board at Plains ISD

Plains ISD Superintendent James Haynes reported to CCN the recent hiring of Thomas Harvey, who will assume duties of the Cowboys head football coach, and also serve as the district's Athletic Director. He will replace resigning Blake McWhirter at the end of the school year.

He is married to Valerie, currently teaching Spanish and Drama at Woodsboro High School. The couple have three children, son Ryan, 21, a Marine currently serving in Iraq, daughter Raven, 3, and another son, infant Ranger. Tom attended high school in Artesia, New Mexico, where he achieved All State honors as a football defensive back and punter, and as a powerlifting state champion in 1984.

He attended Texas Tech University where he played football and participated in track and field. He transferred to Eastern New Mexico where he graduated with a BS Degree in social studies, and minor in mathematics. He continued his formal education at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi where he earned his Master's degree in Education Administration.

Coach Harvey pursued his coaching/teaching career with assignments at Artesia in 1991-



Front, new Cowboy Football Coach and Athletic Director Thomas Harvey and wife Valerie, who will have a teaching assignment in high school. Back, Coaches Kevin Bartley, Michael Davis, Gregory Reinhart, Blake Eddleman, Todd Davis. Other coaches were on out of town assignments.

92 as junior high coach and algebra instructor; 1992-94 Football and track coach and algebra teacher at Andrews, Texas Junior high; 1994-95 4-A Gregory Portland High defensive football coach, asst. track coach, algebra teacher.

1995-98 Tuloso Midway High in Corpus Christi; defensive secondary, offensive backs football coach, JV basketball, asst, track and field coach,

taught algebra. 1998-2001 Refugio High 2A offensive coordinator, head track coach, algebra teacher. 2001-2003 5A Roy Miller High, Corpus Christi, defensive coordinator, asst. head coach, algebra teacher.

Currently Tom is employed at Calallen High School, 4A school, where he teaches algebra and serves as football linebacker coach and girls soccer coach.

Coach Harvey reported during his tenure at Calallen he worked closely under Head Coach Phil Danaher, the fourth Texas high school football coach to achieve 300 victories. In 2003 the team was a state semi-finalist with a 13-1 record; In 2004 the team went 9-4 and was a regional semi-finalist; The 2005 team was state runner-up with a 14-2 record.

Early Voting For City Of Plains Election Starts May 1

Legislative special session prompts PISD Board adoption of special resolution

** CCN asked PISD Superintendent James Haynes for a statement concerning the Board of Trustees stance contained in a recently adopted resolution dealing with school finance issues. The following is Mr. Hayne's statement, and the resolution can be found in its entirety on page 3;

"At the regular called board meeting of the Plains ISD board of trustees on April 17, 2006 the following resolution was adopted. The board took this action in support of a set of "Core Principles on School Finance" being supported by the following organizations across the state; the Texas Association of School Boards, Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas Association of Rural Schools, South Texas Association of Schools, Fast Growth School Coalition, Texas School Alliance, The Texas Rural Schools Association, and the Equity Center. Plains ISD is a member of the Texas Association of Rural Schools.

During the last legislative session these varied groups formed the "Coalition to Invest in Public Schools" whose purpose was to support legislation improving the financing system for Texas public schools and would support or work to defeat legislation hurting school districts economically or would burden them with more legislative restrictions or new unfunded mandates. The coalition was very successful in this endeavor and the board feels it is more important than ever to have a strong, united voice in Austin to protect our school district."

-- Randy's Roundup --

A Weekly Newsletter from Congressman Randy Neugebauer

Big Spring VA Hospital

West Texas veterans got a boost last week as the Veterans Administration announced the VA Hospital in Big Spring will remain open and possibly expand its mission over the next few years. The announcement came as the VA completes a study of reorganizing its hospital system. This means area veterans will continue to have access to one of the premier VA health facilities in the Southwest.

The VA's decision to keep the Big Spring hospital in its system capped a two year long process. While it was ultimately based on objective factors like location, services provided and high medical standards, I think it's fair to say the support shown by the people of Big Spring played no small role in the VA's decision. From the mayor to the average citizen, Big Spring demonstrated its commitment to keeping the hospital open and available to West Texas veterans. That commitment of support was never more evident than when thousands of residents turned out when I brought the VA Secretary to Big Spring a couple years ago.

The VA's decision was a good one for West Texas, and most importantly, for West Texas veterans.

Kenneth Engle

Plains School Board Candidate for Place 5
Your vote will be appreciated.

Plains I.S.D. School Board Election
School Auditorium Foyer
May 13, 2006 7 am to 7 pm

Early Voting - School Business Office
May 1 through May 5 and May 8 & 9 8am to 4:30pm

Political Advertisement paid for by Kenneth Engle

100's of All Kinds of Sales at the Bosque Countywide Garage Sales

Fri. & Sat., May 5 & 6, 2006 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

List of sales & location available at
Bosque County convenience stores.

By Individuals, Groups, and Businesses
For information, call (254) 435-2331

Pam Redman

for
Mayor

* Experience * Dedication

Early Voting May 1 - 5
Election Day May 13

Political ad paid for by Pam Redman

ELECT

Darrell Dusek

Plains School Board Trustee
District 1 - Your vote will be
greatly appreciated

Early voting each week beginning May 1st and ending
May 9th, Plains ISD Administration Office
from 8 am to 4:30 pm

School Board Election
Saturday, May 13, 2006 7am to 7 pm.

Political Advertisement paid for by Darrell Dusek

From The Office Of U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison R., State of Texas

The Oceans of Texas

Spring in Texas offers a wonderful opportunity to take in the natural beauty of the Lone Star State. An afternoon drive down a highway or a backcountry road is made more enjoyable by the sight of flowers blooming along the roadside. And each year, around this time, we are graced by the return of our state flower the bluebonnet.

There are over 5,000 species of wildflowers in Texas, but there is something special about bluebonnets. *Texas Monthly* recently listed "75 Things We Love About Texas," and bluebonnets topped the magazine's rankings at number one. Texas offers so much to appreciate, and I commend the magazine's editors for their choice.

As spring arrives, small patches of bluebonnets form. Soon these patches grow into plentiful fields of blue that rival any body of water. The vivid color of bluebonnets makes a wonderful backdrop for a photo. Fields of bluebonnets in bloom are picturesque settings that entice countless families each year to pull off on the side of the road and photograph children, loved ones, and even pets among these wonderful flowers.

This time-honored tradition is an experience that is almost obligatory to be considered a true Texan. Most people who have lived in Texas for any period of time have their own story about taking photos in a field of bluebonnets. When I lived in Austin during my time as State Treasurer, my house had a small patch of bluebonnets in the yard, where I often found parents taking pictures of their children - a welcome sight.

The original bluebonnet, *Lupinus Subcaruosus* (or buffalo clover), was adopted in 1901 by the Texas Legislature as the official state flower. However, *Lupinus Texensis*, the bold, blue flower most popular today, was such a favorite of Texans that the Legislature in 1971 formally recognized *Lupinus Texensis* and any other varieties of bluebonnet as equally the official state flower.

The Texas Department of Transportation does its part to support Texas wildflowers. Each year, the department spreads more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along the 79,000 miles of the Texas highway system and Texas roadways. Each pound has 170,000 seeds from over 30 varieties of wildflowers. The department also provides information on the best spots to find wildflowers through a wildflower hotline at (800) 452-9292 that is updated each week as well as an online database (<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/wflwr/main.htm>) featuring current information from district offices.

Texans also owe a debt of gratitude to Lady Bird Johnson for her contribution to wildflowers in our state. As First Lady in the 1960s, Lady Bird worked to beautify our nation's roadways. She planted bulbs and trees on roadsides and parkways, and was instrumental in the passage of the 1965 Highway Beautification Act, known as "Lady Bird's Bill." In 1982, Lady Bird founded the National Wildflower Research Center in Austin, and it was renamed in her honor in 1998. The center is full of wonderful programs and exhibits on Texas' natural assets.

Across the state, festivals celebrate bluebonnet season. One of the biggest is in Ennis, "The Bluebonnet City of Texas," where preparations are underway for the **55th Annual Ennis Bluebonnet Trails Festival**. An estimated 100,000 visitors come to Ennis each April to explore over 40 miles of Bluebonnet Trails sponsored by the Ennis Garden Club. In 1997, the state legislature designated these trails as the official Bluebonnet Trails of Texas.

Of course, there are factors beyond our control that dictate to what extent the bluebonnets bloom. Texas has not received much rain over the past few months, which has led to projections of a low bloom this season. There will always be bluebonnets in Texas; there just may not be as many as in years past, or their color may not be as bold.

For this reason, it is especially important this year not to pick the bluebonnets. In fact, it is "against the law" to do so. While this offense does not carry any criminal charges, Texans have a particularly strong sense of right and wrong. This has been proven by generations of Texans over the years, which is why this state treasure is abundant year after year.

Connection organizes eight work committees

Yoakum County Connection held its regular monthly meeting April 18 at City Hall. Secretary Alecia McCullough read the minutes of the earlier meeting. Chairperson Judy London discussed the organization of a number of supervisory groups to

oversee specific areas of Connection activities. Eight committees were organized; Community Events, Yoakum County Centennial, Grants Program, Publicity, Finance & Membership, Connection Building, Summer Youth, and Watermelon Round Up.

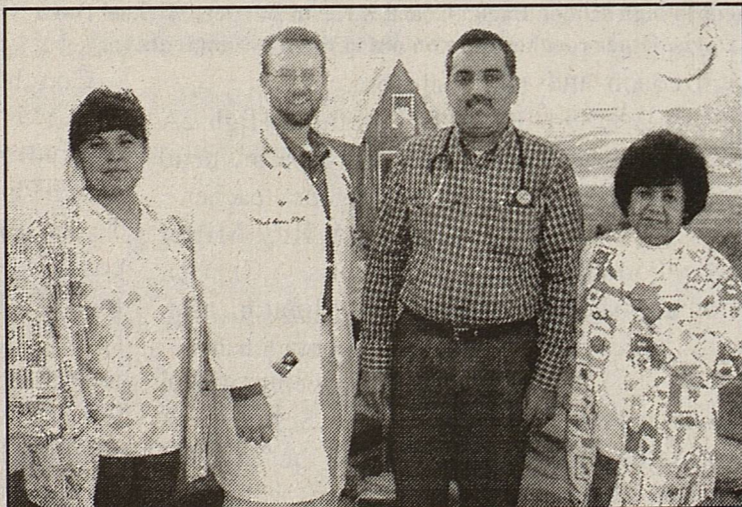
Linda Powell reported the Apache Corporation, under guidance of Clint Brian, has donated \$500 to the summer youth art program. Janie Ramos will again direct the June classes, and enrollment forms are available in both county libraries.

Meeting guest Jolene Taylor, PHS English and Art teacher, discussed her dream of an adult drama group for the county. She asked, "Why should kids have all the fun?!"

Watermelon Round Up Chair Jeannette Head reported this year's Round Up will feature an Hispanic band as part of the September 2 musical program.

Liz Chandler of Plains won \$100 for her winning design of the Round Up T-Shirt design. The fund raising shirts will be in pastel colors this year. Others present at the meeting were Corky Black, Mara Fortner, Linda Harris, Sue Holder, Terry Howard and Hazel Lowrey.

Plains Family Health Clinic



The professionally trained and dedicated staff of Plains Family Health Clinic are available and ready to meet the medical needs of the community

Prescription Assistance Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

For more information call 592-2121, EXT 521 or

592-2121, EXT 506, or the Plains Clinic

Please call 806-456-6365

CASH NOW As seen on T.V.
FOR STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS, ANNUITIES and INSURANCE PAYOUTS
(800) 794-7310
J.G. Wentworth means CASH NOW for Structured Settlements!

MULTI - PERIL CROP & CROP HAIL
STATE INSURANCE LINE
DANNY BELL
Office 456-3521 Home 456-6325
Mobile 456-7517

AG INSURANCE PLUS
CROP INSURANCE MPC-CRC-CAT-CROP HAIL
456-2788
Jim Brown, Agent CELL - 896-215-1054 Home - 806-592-3490
Jeff Lowrey Assoc. CELL 806-592-1319 Home 806-456-3195

Cowboy Country News
Published weekly each Wednesday at 1205 Copeland Ave., PO Box 179, Plains, TX 79355.
Gary Dyer, Publisher. Subscription price in Zip Code 793 \$18 annually. Other Zip Codes \$20 annually. Periodicals postage paid at Plains, TX. POSTMASER: Send address changes to Cowboy Country News, Box 179, Plains TX 79355.
E-Mail us at ccn@crosswind.net
ID # 017574 Ph. 806-456-8451 Fax 806-456-2010

Public Service Announcement
Please publish the following announcement once a week for four weeks. Thank you.

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Plains Independent School District intends to destroy records of students who have received special education services. Records to be destroyed are for persons who received Special Education, including speech therapy services, prior to 1978-1999, school year. These records are located at:

School Plains ISD TX
Phone 456-7498
Address Box 479 Plains, TX 79355

Legal parent / guardian or adult student with disabilities may request copies of these records at the school.

AVISO
Aviso ésto dado que La Escuela de Plains ISD TX tiene intención de destruir documentos de estudiantes que recibieron servicio de Educación Especial. Documentos que deben ser destruidos son para personas que recibieron educación especial, incluyendo servicios de terapia de lenguaje hasta el año escolar 1978-1999. Los únicos documentos que van estar destruidos son los que están localizados en:

Escuela Plains ISD TX
Teléfono 456-7498
Dirección Box 479 Plains, TX 79355

Padres / guardian legal o estudiantes adultos con incapacidades física / mentales pueden pedir copias de sus documentos en la escuela.

County applies for new housing grants

In the April 24 session of Commissioners Court, Denver City Economic Development coordinator Mike Fears sought approval of the county to request South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) to apply for a 2006 Home Grant. If approved, the grant would fund construction of five new homes for qualifying families, three homes in Denver City, two others in rural areas of the

county. The county would assist in the program by agreeing to remove any structures from the locations and ready the locations for construction of the new homes for qualifying residents. Denver City City Manager Stan David would be administrator of the grant program. The court approved the request, which will probably take six to eight months to clear the approval process.

Judge Dallas Brewer

requested approval of the purchase of a new sound system for the court room in the courthouse, originally installed in 1958. The court approved the \$3,350 purchase and installation of the new system.

T. Burns, partner in Burns and Gill Architects, addressed the court on the possible design and construction of a new, 54 inmate jail facility, a capacity suggested by current use and transfer of county prisoners to other facilities because of lack of space. He reported construction costs of major projects have soared in recent years, and that size jail would cost approximately \$4.5 million today. To house the inmates would cost some \$83,000 per bed, or \$215 per square foot. Burns reported he was on a courtesy call only, and hoped the court would consider his firm if the decision is made to erect the new jail. The county is currently spending thousands of dollars housing inmates elsewhere because of overcrowding of the present jail.

From Page 1, Animal ID

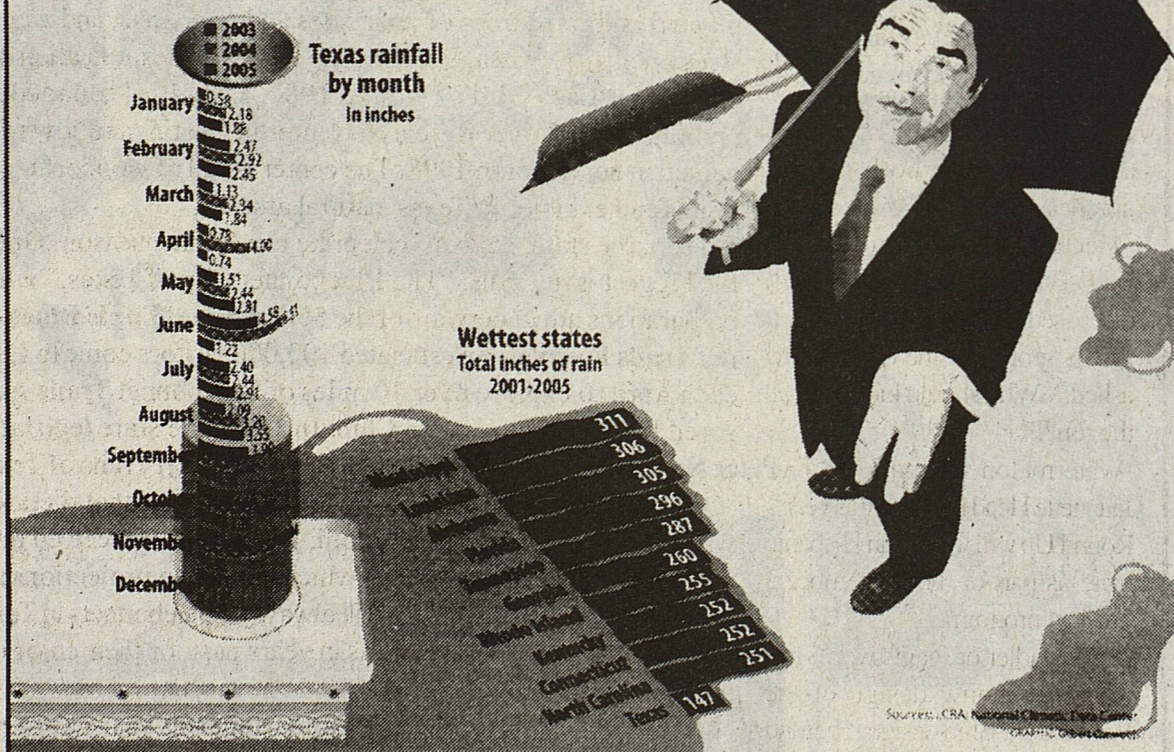
who will be affected by this program and need further information, the following websites offer information and instructions on the registration process: (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>) or <http://tahc.state.tx.us/>.

Texas at a Glance

Check the Rain Gauge

Texas isn't exactly monsoon-ridden, but 2004 was the third wettest year on record for the state. More than 40 inches of rain washed through the state, according to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). Texas' wettest year on record was 1919, when nearly 42 inches of measurable rain hit a state that averages 28 inches a year.

The April showers bring May flowers' adage didn't apply. April has been Texas' driest month from 2001 to 2005. June and October were the wettest during those years. From 2001 to 2005, Texas had 147 inches of rain.



CITY OF PLAINS EARLY VOTING GENERAL ELECTION MAY 13, 2006

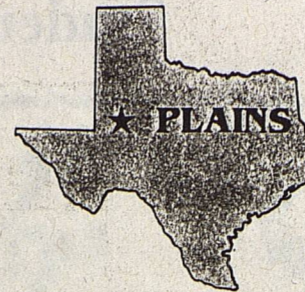
Early voting by personal appearance for the May 13, 2006 City of Plains General Election will be conducted at Plains City Hall located at 1015 Ave. F, Plains, Texas.

EARLY VOTING WILL BE HELD EACH WEEKDAY DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM BEGINNING ON MONDAY MAY 1, 2006 AND ENDING TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006.

SPECIAL HOURS

On Tuesday, May 2, 2006 and Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Early Voting from 7 AM - 7 PM.

THE PURPOSE OF THE ELECTION IS TO ELECT
A MAYOR AND TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBERS.



Independent School District

1000 10th St. • P.O. Box 479 • Plains, Texas 79355
(806) 456-7401 Fax (806) 456-4325

WHEREAS, the Texas Association of Rural Schools is an organization of 548 Texas school districts committed to representing the educational interests of children attending public schools in rural communities throughout the state, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Association of Rural Schools has a constituency of 3,836 elected school board members serving 500,000 children attending public schools in the state of Texas, and

WHEREAS, it is the right of all children attending public schools within the State of Texas to have equitable and adequate access to funding sufficient to provide them with the educational experiences they will need to meet the academic standards required of the State of Texas, to grow and develop as productive citizens and educated voters, and to thereby ensure the cultural and economic future the State of Texas and its future commitment to the principles of democracy and justice valued by our citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Association of Rural Schools is a member in good standing of the Coalition to Invest in Public Schools representing the Texas Association of School Administrators, the Texas Association of School Boards, the Equity Center, the South Texas Association of Schools, the Fast Growth School Coalition, the Texas School Alliance, and the Texas Rural Schools Association, and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Coalition to Invest in Texas Schools has adopted and committed their organizations to several *Core Principles on School Finance*, and

WHEREAS, these principles encourage the following legislative commitments by the State of Texas:

Meaningful Discretion

- Adoption of a system which allows meaningful discretion in the levying of taxes and the allocation of tax proceeds beyond that required to meet the state's educational requirements; and
- To constitute meaningful discretion, a local board's discretionary authority should apply to at least 15 cents (or 10%) of its property taxing authority, such local funding produced to be equalized.

Adequacy

- Recognize the dynamic nature of educational requirements and expectations, changing socioeconomic factors, and appropriate cost differentials, providing up-to-date cost adjustments for varying student needs and district characteristics; and
- Provide a meaningful opportunity for each Texas student to meet all local, state, and federal performance expectations.

Equity

- Provide substantially equal access to similar revenue per student at similar tax efforts, considering all state and local revenues of districts; and
- Provide a system of equity which includes at least 92 percent of students within the equalized system and which phases in greater equity up to 98 percent.

Capacity

- Reduce over-reliance on local property taxes by creating stable state revenue sources in order to increase and maintain the state share of public school funding;
- Assure funding for enrollment growth and inflation each year; and
- Provide state support for existing debt and new instructional facilities, ensuring that support for facilities meets the equity principle.

Vouchers

- Oppose the use of scarce public funds to provide financial resources to private elementary and secondary schools through funding of programs or materials, tax credits, virtual charter schools, or vouchers; and

WHEREAS the Texas Association of Rural Schools believes that if these *Core Principles on School Finance* are effectively implemented in their entirety through the initiative of the Legislature of the State of Texas, that all children enrolled in all public schools will have access to educational opportunities that will ensure a bright future for both our state and for its future citizens, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the PLAINS Independent School District, duly elected by the parents and tax paying constituents of the District, do hereby endorse in their entirety the *Core Principles on School Finance* as adopted by the Coalition to Invest in Texas Schools and: be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the PLAINS Independent School District do hereby pledge their support of legislative initiatives by the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor of the State of Texas that adhere in their entirety to the *Core Principles on School Finance* as adopted by the Coalition to Invest in Texas Schools.

** Public Notice **

FROM

Cornelius Corp. and Newsom Vineyards

As of today, April 26, 2006, please be advised the above vineyards, West Half Section 312 and South Half Section 253 will be susceptible to certain pesticides. Please notify me of any use in Yoakum County of any restricted use pesticides in the Phenoxy family; example - 2-4 D, 2-4 DB, Diacamba, but not limited to the above. Posted under the State of Texas Department of Agriculture "RIGHT TO KNOW LAW".

Neal Newsom

PO Box 540, Plains, Tx 79355
Ph 806-456-7885

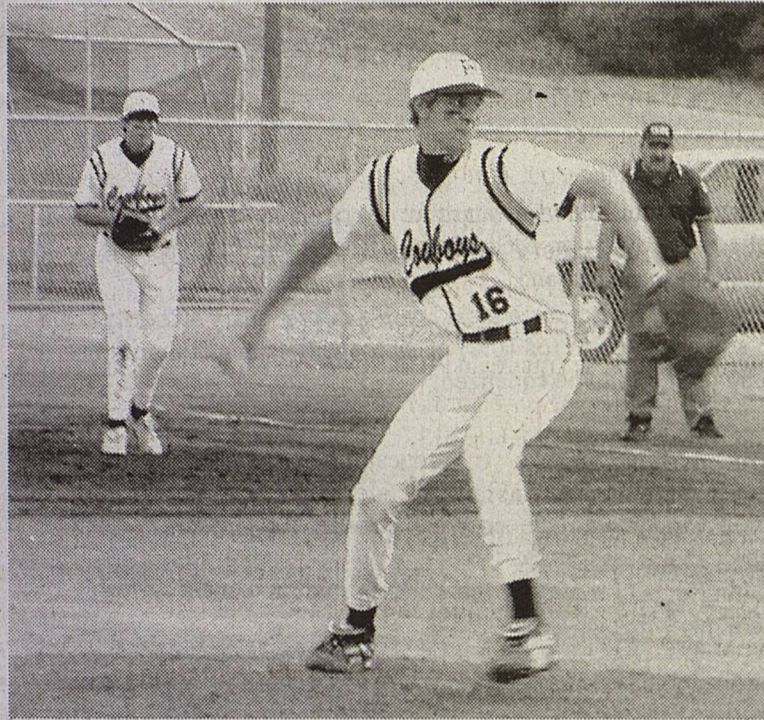
Cowboy Baseball

By Coach Kevin Bartley:

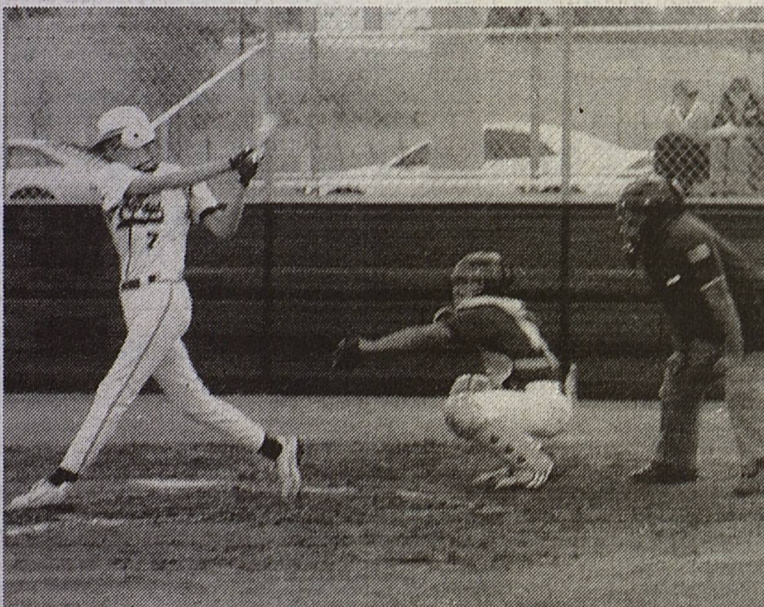
"The Cowboys are on a roll. Nine district games, nine victories, and all by the Ten Run Rule. No team in our district has gone past the 5th inning against the Cowboys. The challenge and goal, this year for the Cowboys is to go 12-0 in district.

On Senior Day April 22 they added their 9th district win against Whiteface. The Cowboys scored 2 runs in the bottom of the first, but Whiteface would answer back two runs of their own. The Cowboys would not allow the Antelopes to stay tied long. They would score four runs in the bottom of the second inning. In the fourth, Whiteface scored a run and closed the game to 6-3. The Cowboys would score two more in the fourth making the score 8-3. They scored two more in the fifth, and with the bases loaded Landon Craft hit a Grand Slam to end the game by the ten run rule, 14-3.

Craft was 2-4 with the homer and 4 rbi's, Casson Curtis 1-3 with 2 rbi's, TJ Cordova 1-2 with double and 3 rbi's. He also broke the school record of consecutive games with a base hit, set by Miguel Coronado at 19. TJ has 20 and 3 games left in the season. Abel Ramos was 2-3 with 3 stolen bases, Peter Neufeld 1-2 with double, Ramiro Martinez 1-3 with 2 stolen bases. Craft was awarded Player of the Game. They are now 16-4, 9-0 in district play with three games left on the road. The face O'Donnell April 25 at 5 PM, New Home April 20, 7 PM, and Morton May 2 at 5 PM. They can clinch district the fourth year in a row by beating O'Donnell Tuesday. COME WATCH!



Blake O'Quinn delivers fast ball



Landon Craft swings away



Coach Bartley waits for Rudy Gonzales at third

Student of the Week



April 17 Student of the Week is Ben Hays, a senior and the son of Glenn Hays and Mrs. Amy Teaff. He was nominated by Jennifer Everitt, who said, "I love to be around people who love life. Ben is a positive member of PHS. He is involved in football and track, and is currently working on a trip to Austin for the state track meet".



April 24 Student of the Week is Ashli Humphrey, a senior and the daughter of Joe and Denise Humphrey. She was nominated by Mrs. Everitt, who said, "A wise man named David McNally once said, "There is no tougher challenge we face than to accept personal responsibility for not only what we are but also what we MISC.can be." Ashli is a person who is not afraid to work for what she wants. She takes responsibility for whatever task is at hand and can be relied upon to show leadership where needed."



Adam McCravey rounds second base



T.J. Cordova ready at third

53 I.T. projects - 51 going to State

Eight PHS Industrial Technology students entered 53 projects in the Regional Contest last week, and qualified 51 of them for the state competition in Waco May 4-5. Instructor Robert Canon said, "I appreciate all of the hard work these students put forth in my class, and look forward to great results at the State Meet".

Lamonda Caro	4-1 st places	2-2 nd places	1-3 rd place
Michael Crump	4-1 st places	3-2 nd places	1-3 rd place
Zach Guerra	3-1 st places	3-2 nd places	2-3 rd places
Reagan Haynes	8-1 st places	5-2 nd places	1-3 rd place
Ben Hays	5-1 st places	4-2 nd places	2-3 rd places
Michael Marin	2-1 st places	1-2 nd place	1-3 rd place
Adam McCravey	6-1 st places	2-2 nd places	1-3 rd place
Jose Valdez	3-1 st places	1-2 nd place	1-3 rd place

PHS Regional Academic Champs

Nineteen students competed at Levelland April 21 in Regional Academics, and eight will advance to the state meet in Austin May 4-6. Individual results:

*Advances to State

Ready Writing

Jose Luis Gallegoes - 12th

Headline Writing

Blake O'Quinn
Elias Carrillo

Poetry Interpretation

Lauren Hise
Jordan Williams

Mathematics Team 2nd

Allison Friesen 5th
BJ Lester 6th
David Alldredge 7th
Kurt Alldredge 10th

Number Sense Team 1st

*David Alldredge 1st
*Kurt Alldredge 4th
*Blake O'Quinn 12th
*Amber Friesen 20th

Computer Science Team 2nd

*Adam McCravey 1st
Allison Friesen 5th
Amber Friesen 8th
Lauren Davis 36th

Calculator Team 1st

*Allison Friesen 1st
*BJ Lester 4th
*Amber Friesen 8th
*Blake O'Quinn 22nd

News Writing

Allison Friesen
Blake O'Quinn
Ryan Crump

Persuasive Speaking

Scott Addison

Feature Writing

Allison Friesen 6th
Lauren Hise

Spelling and Vocabulary Team 2nd

*Maria Andazola 3rd
Flor Lara 20th
Erika Loewen 20th
Skylar Keesee 24th

Editorial Writing

Araceli Mendoza



Peter Neufeld grabs deep fly ball



Blake O'Quinn popped this one up

EQUIP YOURSELF

Get valuable career training while you earn money for college. If you're ready to advance yourself through technology, join the Army National Guard today.

UP TO A \$20,000 (dependent on your qualifications)

NATIONAL GUARD TEXAS

1-800-GO-GUARD • www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com

COMPANY PAID CDL TRAINING!

Call now to find out about our recent pay increase!

- No Experience Needed!
- Great Benefits & 401K!
- No layoffs in 25 years!

Stevens Transport offers the best comprehensive training program for new drivers! Get your career rolling and enjoy exceptional earnings and great benefits from the #1 premier transportation carrier!

Stevens Transport

800-333-8595

www.stevenstransport.com

NOT MAKING ENOUGH MONEY? STARING AT THE SAME FOUR WALLS?

Enjoy the freedom, respect and independence of becoming an over-the-road driver at Schneider National.

- Experience rewarded but not required
- Company-provided CDL training for qualified candidates
- \$34,500-\$57,500 (depending on experience)
- Teams can earn more than \$125,000/yr (Schneider can help you find a team partner)
- Immediate benefits for experienced drivers
- SIGN-ON BONUS MAY APPLY

Apply Online @ schneiderjobs.com

Or call 1-800-44-PRIDE (1-800-447-7433)

SCHNEIDER NATIONAL

BENZENE ALERT

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with **Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)** or **Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)**, please call us today toll free at 1-866-369-3476 to discuss your legal rights.

THE FOX LAW FIRM, P.C. 1-866-FOX-FIRM

Principle Office-- Dallas, Texas www.foxfirm.com

Lifelines & Styles

Hey Ladies !

A reminder..... your favorite family recipes are urgently needed for the fund raising cookbook which will herald the 100th Birthday of our Yoakum County. Official recipe forms are available at a number of firms and from Tsa Mo Ga Club members. Profits from sale of the cookbooks will help fund the Club's construction of a new Gazebo which will be placed in Pioneer Park to help commemorate the 100th birthday



Relay for Life
Luminarias
Yoakum County
May 19, 2006

Luminaria Order Form

Yes! I would like to buy _____ luminaria.

Suggested minimum donation: \$1.

Total attached: \$ _____

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Please provide name for each luminaria:

1. Name: _____

"in memory" or "in honor"

2. Name: _____

"in memory" or "in honor"

3. Name: _____

"in memory" or "in honor"

4. Name: _____

"in memory" or "in honor"

5. Name: _____

"in memory" or "in honor"

If you have any questions, call Sheri Curry,
806-592-3189.

Engagement Announced



Mr. Nickolas Olenik of Lubbock announces the engagement of his and the late Vennette Fitzgerald Olenik's daughter, Maegan Nicole, to Christopher Chisholm, son of Paul and Carolyn Chisholm of Lubbock. Maegan is the grand daughter of Judy and Venum Fitzgerald of Plains.

Maegan graduated from Lubbock Christian High School and is currently employed at Lakeside Nursing Home. Christopher graduated from Coronado High School and is employed at American State Bank. Both are students at Wayland Baptist University. The couple plans to marry in Plains June 3, 2006 at the First Baptist Church.

Tsa Mo Ga features environmental program

Water, windmills and litter prevention projects were topics of the April 10 Tsa Mo Ga meeting.

Zaretta Winn was program coordinator for the three-part presentation that gave information on the topics with the program heading of "Urban Water Conservation."

Betty Rushing presented "A Fight For Water Rights" and "Environmental Awareness-Playa Lakes." She circulated an aerial picture of the playa lakes in the Lubbock area after a wet season. Wilma Powell gave out a Lubbock Visitor's Guide and a brochure featuring the American Wind Power Center in Lubbock. She also spoke of the windmill just erected on the courthouse square and her grandfather who was a well driller. She also said one of her most

dreaded jobs on the ranch was raising a windmill."

Rennetta O'Quinn told about the Plains High School Student Council's "Adopt a Highway" section of roadway east of town they clean throughout the school year. She also mentioned various committees of the council which stresses conservation of water and power, educating and making students aware of their responsibility to be good stewards of the land and natural resources. Members were encouraged to contact county residents and collect recipes for the Yoakum County Centennial Cookbook. Deadline for recipes is May 1. Hostesses for the meeting were Elouise and Mary Jo St. Roman.

Filmtime at the Library

What a great group of kids we had at film-time at the Yoakum County Library April 19, 2006! We had our "Commotion In The Ocean" Program. The children played "Duck, Duck, Goose" as we waited for everyone to arrive. Later, we gathered together and said the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags and read the books The Rainbow Fish and Somewhere in the Ocean. The children then were instructed to gather around a large blue sheet and to hold the edges. Several different sea creatures were laid on the floor underneath the sheet. All the children took turns "swimming" underneath the sheet and picking one sea creature and bringing it to the surface. They were then told to name the creature or sea object to the rest of the children. Afterward we all watched "The Magic School Bus Gets Eaten." The children that came were: Braleigh Lowrey, Taryn Willis, Brei Willis, Delese Willis, Kaitlyn Ward, Kendall Dusek, Bret'lei Dominguez, Allie Williams, Austin Ward, Kiarsen Harris, Ethan Harris, Devon Walker, Jentry Wall, Ezekiel Diaz, Evan Rodriguez, Madison Gonzales, Mason Gonzales, Kutter Wilson, Abigale McAdams, Elijah McAdams, Grace McAdams, and JoAnne McAdams. Everyone left the library with coloring pages and Fruit Rollups.

We appreciate all the mothers that take the time and effort to bring their children to film-time every week and the great group of kids that attend! Film-time is held every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. during the regular school year.

We Need Your Help!

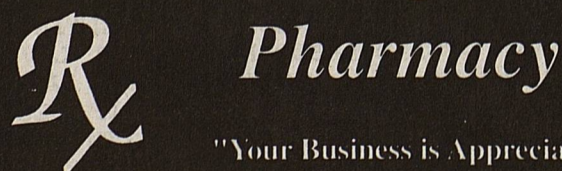
Yoakum County Historical Commission would like YOU to help with the theme for our Yoakum County Centennial in 2007. Your entered slogan/theme (with your name, address and phone number) will need to be deposited at Yoakum County Libraries not later than May 30, 2006. Winning entry will earn a \$50 cash prize, along with a copy of the history book. Yoakum County Historical Commission reserves the right to edit winning slogan or theme. Original theme selected will be appraised on appropriateness and creativity relating to the upcoming celebration.

Look for opportunity. You can't wait for it to knock on the door... you might not be home.

Hicks Air & Appliances



Nelson Prescription



"Your Business is Appreciated"

Our Toll-Free Number Is For Your Convenience Call 1-800-658-9604 For all your Pharmacy Needs !!

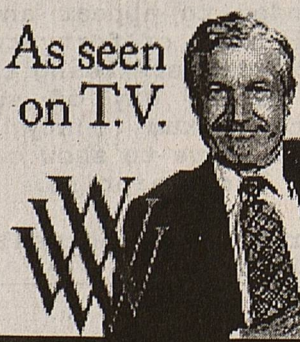
805 Tahoka Rd. Brownfield, Tx

CASH NOW

FOR STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS, ANNUITIES and INSURANCE PAYOUTS

(800) 794-7310

J.G. Wentworth means CASH NOW for Structured Settlements!



Urgent news for people who took SEROQUEL.

Seroquel, an antipsychotic drug, has been linked to diabetes, pancreatitis, diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) and even death. If you or a loved one have experienced any of these health problems, call us now toll free at 1-800-THE-EAGLE for a free consultation. We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

GOLDBERG & OSBORNE
1-800-THE-EAGLE
(1-800-843-3245)
www.1800theeagle.com



Offices in Phoenix and Tucson

Open 7 days a week

Mesothelioma

NO FEE FOR FIRST VISIT

May occur 30 to 50 years after exposure to asbestos. Many workers were exposed from the 1940s through the 1970s. Industrial maintenance and operators are among those at risk for mesothelioma, throat cancer or lung cancer. Call us for professional insight.

Ryan A. Krebs, MD, JD (Doctor-Lawyer in full time Law Practice)

Richard A. Dodd, L.C.

Timothy R. Cappolino, P.C. Board Certified Personal Injury Trial Law & Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Compton, Texas

1-800-460-0606

CAPPOLINO CERTIFIED AS ABOVE AND OTHERS NOT CERTIFIED BY THE TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

www.asbestoslaw.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Plains, Texas

Sunday School
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.
Evening Program
6:00 P.M.

PLSD Student Greenhouse

Opening Wednesday, April 5. Weekly hours Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 12:30-3:30 PM
Greenhouse located in back of Plains Junior High. We will be closed the following school holidays: April 7, 14 & May 5. Featuring
* Annuals * Perennials * Vegetables *
* Baskets * Pots & Soil
Bring your pots and let us plant your flowers for you! For special orders and info call Pam Burgess at 456-7282

From The Hack

My Marine Corps bud clogged the ether net recently with grist for this mill, but I prefer not to be pursued by gun and badge wielding large males, so I will ignore 97 percent of his stuff, and take my chances with the following material involving memorable messages printed on custom ordered T-Shirts;

This brawny male specimen is wearing a tight fitting shirt, with the message across the chest, " I am a Bomb Technician. If you see me running, try to keep up."

This huge, huge bellied guy is beaming while wearing a T with the message, " I Finally Beat Anorexia!"

Two side by side, beaming blonde flammers wearing more than amply filled puritan white T-s with the rather succinct message, " I wish these were brains!"

Finally, this pleased with himself, obviously half ton or so overstuffed male beams at the camera, the message on his

shirt reading, " My idea of a balanced diet is a cold beer in each hand."

I am getting just a bit weary of those commercials touting the beneficial wonders of Aleve, the pain pill which will cure all but hemorrhoids and IRS agony. You know the scene- this guy bends down to tie his shoe in a store, grimaces, almost screams, and his fellow shopper sympathetically asks his problem and the victim gasps, ' My arthritis!' His buddy reaches in his pocket, pops out a bottle of Aleve magic pills, seconds later the victim is cartwheeling down the aisles whistling ' Pain Free At Last!'

Very strange to me. I am acquainted with 'Arthur', and on the golf course when I grimace, scream, almost faint with a sudden pain, those surrounding me usually moan, " Oh, come on! Tee the ball and swing, you woosshh!" Not once have I been offered an Aleve. Plenty of advice, most of it obscene, but no Aleve. I have decided to fight back. I too now carry Aleve. If one of my sadistic fellow golfers is attacked by Arthur, I shall whip out an Aleve wonder pill, and gloat, " My Aleve for a dozen of your Titleist PRO-V 1 best". Should put Arthur in flight very quickly.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, May 4, for the PURCHASE of a 2006 Pickup with or without trade-in of a 2001 Ford F-250 Pickup.

Bid Price will be paid from 2006 funds.

For more information please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491 Ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. To see the vehicle, please contact Arlan Gentry, Yoakum County CEA-AF, 806-456-2263.

Sealed bids should be marked " 2006 PICKUP " on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/ Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, May 4, 2006 for the SALE of one (1) 2001 Ford F-250 Pickup.

Bids will be reviewed with contract awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, May 8, 2006.

For more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-7491 Ext. 292 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. To see the vehicle, please contact Arlan Gentry, Yoakum County CEA-AG, 806-456-2263.

Sealed Bids should be marked " SALE OF PICKUP " on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/ Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The cost for this space is far, far TOO CHEAP!

ROJO Agricultural Services
Authorized Square D



Dealer
456-7540

Land For Sale
9 acre tracts
2 miles north
of Plains
Call
806-592-1143

NO. 8390

LA MESA FARMS, INC.

VS.

DON D. JOHNSON, HERMENE B. CLARKE, STEVE M. VEITH, DANIEL J. VEITH, JR., DIANE L. VEITH DIAZ, EUGENE D. LAVIN, CONSTANCE BAUR, PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF TEXAS, MBANK ALAMO NA, TRUSTEE OF THE KITTY SNIDEMAN MESHKE REVOCABLE TRUST, MARIE DE CORDOVA SPURLIN, BARBARA BROOKE KING, BETTY R. BROOKE, TRUSTEE OF JOHN R. BROOKE AND BETTY J. BROOKE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, MARILYN GLAZE HOSTER, MCCAMPBELL-OGDEN INTERESTS LTD, MARGARET OGDEN WELCH, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD C. WELCH, TRUSTEE OF THE WELCH FAMILY TRUST, ELIZABETH RUCKER STEELSMITH, CAROLYN BROOKE SCHINDLER, BARBARA DE CORDOVA GATLIN, RONITA DE CORDOVA MILLER, DOROTHY OGDEN JACKSON, WILLIAM WESLEY OGDEN, DIANE DE CORDOVA STANLEY, MARY ELAINE PETERSON, OGDEN BAUR, JR. AKA OGDEN BAUR IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THE HEIRS OF OGDEN BAUR, JR., CAROL A. VEITH POWERS, LOUIS WARREN CHILTON III, KENNETH E. LAVIN, PATRICIA A. LAVIN FISK, AND ETHEL PORTER, INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF IRVIN DE CORDOVA, DECEASED

IN THE 121ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT IN AND FOR

YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF YOAKUM

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas

Notice is hereby given as follows:

TO: Don D. Johnson;

Steve M. Veith;

Diane L. Veith Diaz;

Elizabeth Rucker Steelsmith, if living, if deceased, to her heirs, executors, successors and/or assigns;

Dorothy Ogden Jackson, if living, if deceased, to her heirs, executors, successors and/or assigns;

Diane de Cordova Stanley;

Ogden Baur, Jr., if living, if deceased, to his heirs, executors, successors and/or assigns;

Carol A. Veith Powers;

Kenneth E. Lavin;

All Unknown Owners and/or Claimants, heirs and unknown heirs of any of the above, if any are deceased;

Any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in the following described property, to-wit:

Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 182, Block D, John H. Gibson Survey, Yoakum County, Texas, containing 160 acres, more or less.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by La Mesa Farms, Inc., as Plaintiff, against you as Defendants, by petition filed on the 14th day of June, 2005, in a certain suit styled LA MESA FARMS, INC. VS. DON D. JOHNSON, HERMENE B. CLARKE, STEVE M. VEITH, DANIEL J. VEITH, JR., DIANE L. VEITH DIAZ, EUGENE D. LAVIN, CONSTANCE BAUR, PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF TEXAS, MBANK ALAMO, NA, TRUSTEE OF THE KITTY SNIDEMAN MESHKE REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1984, MARIE DE CORDOVA SPURLIN, BARBARA BROOKE KING, BETTY R. BROOKE, TRUSTEE OF THE JOHN R. BROOKE AKA JOHN R. BROOKE III AND BETTY J. BROOKE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, MARILYN GLAZE HOSTER, MCCAMPBELL-OGDEN INTERESTS, LTD, MARGARET OGDEN WELCH, TRUSTEE AND RICHARD C. WELCH, TRUSTEE OF THE WELCH FAMILY TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1993, ELIZABETH RUCKER STEELSMITH, CAROLYN BROOKE SCHINDLER, BARBARA DE CORDOVA GATLIN, RONITA DE CORDOVA MILLER, DOROTHY OGDEN JACKSON, WILLIAM WESLEY OGDEN, DIANE DE CORDOVA STANLEY, MARY ELAINE PETERSON, DEBORAH L. GARDNER, TRUSTEE OF HOWARD/DEBORAH GARDNER LIVING TRUST, BRADLEY A. MESHKE TRUSTEE OF BRADLEY A. MESHKE TRUST, AND DIANE M. DICKENS, OGDEN BAUR, JR. AKA OGDEN BAUR, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THE HEIRS OF OGDEN BAUR, JR. AKA OGDEN BAUR, CAROL A. VEITH POWERS, LOUIS WARREN CHILTON III, KENNETH E. LAVIN, PATRICIA A. LAVIN FISK AND ETHEL PORTER, INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF IRVIN DE CORDOVA, DECEASED, for partition of said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Yoakum County, Texas, 121st Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 8390. The Defendants are owners or purported owners of undivided interests in the land. Plaintiff seeks a judicial determination of all parties ownership interests.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 22nd day of MAY, A.D. 2006 (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered as requested by the Plaintiff.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Plains, Yoakum County, Texas, this 6TH day of APRIL, A.D. 2006.



VICKI BLUNDELL
Clerk of the District Court
Yoakum County, Texas
121st Judicial District

BY: Sandra Roblez
SANDRA ROBLEZ, DEPUTY

South Plains Pest Control
Affordable rates for homes & businesses
Charles Oswalt, Owner
Home 806-637-3831
Cell 806-638-7384

New Listing In Plains
3 br, 2 ba, carport
507 8th Street
Call to See
Hunt Realty
806-592-3556

Plains, Texas Line Crew Position
Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Lovington, New Mexico (Headquarters)

A position on the Plains, Texas Line Crew is now open. Groundman through lineman apprentice will be considered for the position. Applicant must be willing to relocate to Plains, Texas. Lea County Electric offers a competitive salary and benefits package. Interested applicants may apply or contact Lea County Electric by contacting:

Janette Faris;
Administrative/Member Services Department
1300 W. Avenue D
Lovington, NM 88260
(505) 396-3631

Grand Entry

Western Wear
110 N. Main
Denver City, TX
Boot & Shoe Repair
806-592-8198

TERRY COUNTY TRACTOR
Massey Ferguson
Kubota
Bush Hog Shredders,
Lilliston Rolling Cultivators, Lorenz & Buffalo Cultivators, Baker Disc & Switch Plows, Spray Coupe, Wilmar Sprayer
Brownfield, Tx.
806-637-4569

For all your seed treatment needs, contact your nearest Agriliance dealer.

AGRILIANCE
complete pak
Think out of the box

Contact Stacy Franklin or Alan Bell at 806-456-6505

©2006 Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc. Greensboro, NC 27419. AVICTA Complete Pak is comprised of three separately registered products. Important: Always read and follow label instructions before buying or using these products. AVICTA technology is protected by U.S. Patent No. 6,875,777, and other patents and pending patent applications in US and other countries. AVICTA, "Think out of the box" are trademarks of a Syngenta Group Company. Agriliance is a registered trademark of Agriliance, LLC. MW 11P56016