

Fire Department Meets Tonight

Silverton Fire Department meets at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday, July 3) at the City Hall. Supper will be served.

WEATHER

JUNE 24-HOUR READINGS
DAY HIGH LOW PRECIP.

1	76	55	
2	86	55	
3	81	58	
4	81	58	
5	81	58	
6	77	57	
7	76	60	.31
8	75	56	.92
9	64	55	.37
10	79	55	.08
11	79	55	
12	86	59	
13	93	57	
14	85	57	
15	84	60	.99
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17	81	56	.72
18	82	56	
19	89	59	
20	98	66	
21	98	60	
22	88	59	
23	71	63	.18
24	82	63	
25	90	65	
26	85	64	
27	85	62	.54
28	84	62	.73
29	91	62	
30	**	**	.10

Total June Precip. 4.94
Normal June Precip. 3.78
Total Precip. Rec'd. 17.64
Year to Date Normal Precip. For Year to Date 10.56
**Lightning knocked out digital temperature readout instrument.

Subscription Prices To Go Up

Prices of yearly subscriptions to the *Briscoe County News* will be increasing at the first of July 1997.

The rate for papers mailed in Briscoe and adjoining counties will become \$15.50 per year. This is an increase of almost four cents per issue.

The rate for papers mailed elsewhere in Texas will become \$17.50, and the rate for papers mailed to addresses outside of Texas will become \$18.50.

This increase is the first in several years, and is made necessary by rising costs.

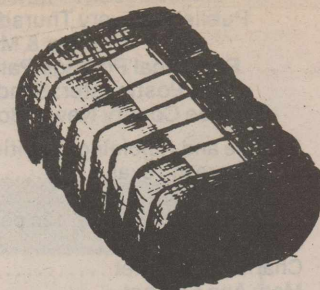
Baptist VBS To Be Held July 7-11

First Baptist Church in Silverton will host Vacation Bible School from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. each day July 7-11.

Theme of the school is "Sonrise Balloon Adventure," a high-flying adventure in faith. There will be games, crafts, songs, snacks and Bible stories.



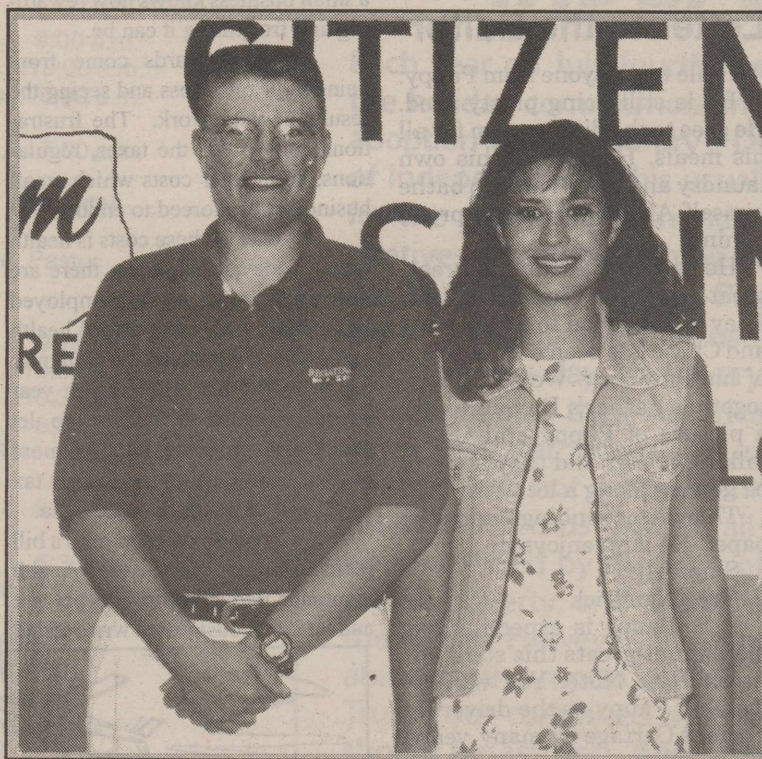
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Michael Reagan and Misty Wilkinson

Local Students Attend Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 34th annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo June 16-20 were Michael Reagan and Misty Wilkinson.

Sponsored by the Briscoe County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

Purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Perry Brunson of Silverton, County FB President.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, President of Angelo State University. "Farm Bureau-Your Host" was presented by Bob Stallman, President of Texas Farm Bureau.

Dale Bullock (TFB Field Representative), Cara Chrimes (1996 Miss TFB), and Michael Santos, the 1996 TFB speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities."

Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects included David Vernon and Jerad Boyd, Lubbock Christian University, "Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE);" Earl Taylor of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, "The Making of America," and Kurt Swanda,

Fort Worth, "American."

The video tape "A More Perfect Union" was shown to the students and there also were special presentations by Dale Minnick and Clebe McClary, motivational speakers.

Dr. Turner to Give Athletic Physicals

Dr. Stephen Turner will be in Silverton August 1 at 1:30 p.m. to give athletic physicals to all junior high and high school boys and girls.

A physical is required to participate in athletics.

The cost is \$15.00 per student. Please call the school at 823-2476 to make an appointment.

Dr. Turner also will be giving bus driver physicals at this time.

Persons Reunion To Be Held in Quitaque Saturday

The Persons Family Reunion will be held at the Quitaque Community Center between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 5.

Lunch will be catered. Visitors will be welcome after 1:00 p.m.

Further information is available at 972-231-1295 or 806-823-2122.

Briscoe County 4-H To Host Jamboree Supper Saturday

Briscoe County 4-H Clubs will begin serving mesquite-grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 5, preceding the Caprock Jamboree.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m., musicians and singers from around the Panhandle will go on stage to provide entertainment for the

approximately 350 loyal Jamboree fans.

Admission is free and door prizes will be given during the show. A cash prize of \$25 will be given at the conclusion of the show.

Bring a folding chair, if possible, but if you don't bring a chair, one will be provided for you.

Brandi Price Awarded Caprock Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Scholarship

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that the \$500 scholarship for 1997 was awarded to Brandi Price of Quitaque.

Brandi plans to attend South Plains College to major in agricultural communications, specializing in deaf interpretation.

The Caprock SWCD congratulates Brandi, and knows that she will be successful in college and her future career.



Brandi Price

Have Bake Sale

The Silverton High School Cheerleaders will be having a bake sale July 3, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Nance's Food Store.

Silverton Basketball Camp Set To Be Held Here July 28 - August 1

The Silverton Basketball Camp is scheduled to be held in the school gym here July 28 through August 1, from 8:00 until 11:30 a.m. Monday - Thursday and 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

A special feature of the camp is the Friday noon clinic session and games. All parents and friends of campers are invited to attend and see the drills and activities demonstrated by the campers who will be divided according to age and ability to play in team competition.

The primary purpose of the camp is to improve the fundamental techniques of basketball and challenge each camper regardless of present abilities. It is hoped that the campers will have fun, enjoy good fellowship and improve the skills that will make them better competitors.

Each camper will receive personal instruction and attention. Offensive and defensive fundamentals will be taught. Campers

will be divided into age groups for daily practice and competition and three-on-three tournament play will be held. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt.

Boys and girls between the ages of 9-14 years (1996-97 third through eighth graders) may par-

See Basketball Camp--Continued on Page Two

New Event Being Planned in Silverton

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Tradesday-Swap Day in Silverton on Saturday, August 16, as part of the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration.

The event will be held on Highway 86, west of the "66" Station.

No booth rental fee will be charged. To reserve a booth, which will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, or for further information, please call 806-823-2210.

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**BASKETBALL CAMP--
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participate in the camp. The cost is \$40 per camper. To reserve a spot in the camp a deposit of \$10 is requested by July 15, although the entire amount may be paid when reservations are made. All payments and correspondence is to be directed to Donnie Dutton, P. O. Box 287, Silverton, TX 79257, telephone 806-823-2086.

Dutton has just completed his fifth season as the head coach of the Silverton Owls who finished the season as bi-district champions. Dutton has over 11 years experience coaching at the high school and junior high levels.

Joe Crabb has just completed his second season as the head coach of the Silverton Lady Owls who also finished the 1996-97 season as bi-district champions. Crabb has over four years experience coaching at the high school and junior high levels.

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 and should be read carefully:**

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Silverton Basketball Camp. This authorization shall waive, release and absolve Silverton ISD and the camp staff from any and all liability for injury or illness incurred at the camp. I give the staff permission to act for me according to its best judgment in any emergency.

Signed _____

**Swim Lessons
 To Be Offered at
 Silverton Pool**

Swimming lessons are being offered at the Silverton Pool, beginning July 8 and continuing through July 18.

Mary Woods of Quitaque will be teaching these classes, and if you are interested in enrolling your children you may contact her at (day) 806-455-1132 or (night) 806-455-1264.

Letter to the Editor

Hello to everyone from Pappy: He is still doing pretty good. He goes to the dining room for all his meals. He does all his own laundry and is still able to bathe himself. All in all, I am real proud of him.

He is crazy about his great-great-grandson, Chase Hendrick. They didn't get off to a good start and Chase has been a little afraid of his Paw Paw. We had a get-together Father's Day and I got a picture of Pappy and Chase talking it over and they seem to be getting along a lot better.

Thanks for sending Pappy the paper. He sure enjoys it.

Sincerely,
 Greg Hendrick

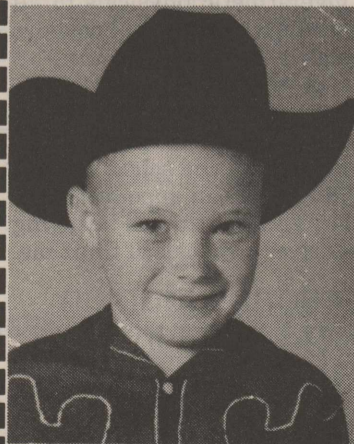
P. S. Pappy is expecting two more great-greats this summer.

(Editor's Note: You will remember Pappy as the driver for Thomas Cartage for many years. He is in the nursing home facility at the VA Hospital in Amarillo now.)

Letter to the Editor

Words could never impart
 My feelings from the "start"
 About Silverton
 And most everyone
 That still lingers in my heart.
 Loney Stout
 Age 76

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**Always Late!
 Guess Who Turned
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ISSUE UPDATE

with
Mac Thornberry

**Making Health Care More Affordable
 for America's Small Businesses**

Anyone who's ever started a small business knows how rewarding and frustrating it can be.

The rewards come from being your own boss and seeing the results of your work. The frustrations come from the taxes, regulations, and other costs which small businesses are forced to endure.

One of these costs is health care. Today in America, there are nearly 3 million self-employed individuals who can't afford health care for themselves. Congress began to fix this problem last year when it passed legislation to let small business owners deduct more of their health insurance costs at tax time. But more needs to be done.

I recently signed onto a bill which would raise the health insurance deduction to 100 percent and let small businesses write off all

of the costs in this area. We should also give small business owners the option of setting up their own tax free Medical Savings Accounts to use for health care expenses -- whether it's for a trip to the doctor or a stay in the hospital.

The importance of small businesses to our cities and towns cannot be overstated. The establishment of a small business with 100 employees brings numerous benefits to a local economy, including over \$560,000 in additional retail sales each year and \$1,036,000 more in personal income.

If small businesses are the engines which drive our economy, then small business owners are the drivers. The more we can help them take care of business without having to worry about taking care of themselves, the better off we all will be.



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Evening.....8:00 p.m.

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

July 2, 1987--Big Fourth of July celebration planned in Silverton . . . Jimmy Ross is sworn in as Briscoe County Judge . . . June rainfall totals 3.15 inches . . . Playground equipment has been installed this week in the park near the group picnic shelter on the south side of Lake Mackenzie . . . Telephone rates being adjusted . . . Silverton Scouts enjoyed a camping trip to Lake Mackenzie over the weekend. They swam, hiked, fished, though no fish were caught, and there was very little sleep. They killed a rattlesnake in the late afternoon. When it got dark, they caught fireflies . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McPherson are parents of a daughter, Tahníe Jade . . . Kimmie Blazier attended the West Texas Raiders Open Hose Show in Plainview, competing in the 7-10 class, and received second place in both the flag race and poles. She finished third in western pleasure and barrels . . .

July 7, 1977--When Susan Grabbe was named valedictorian for this year's Silverton High School graduating class, she became the sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Grabbe to earn that honor . . . Jimmy Stevenson is retiring this week after serving 19 1/2 years as a substitute rural mail carrier for the Silverton Post Office . . . Johnnie Boling, 18, underwent surgery for the placement of a rod in his leg which was crushed when he was pinned between two vehicles at the Rock Creek Grocery and Station . . . John McCammon and his wife, Darrah, have moved here from Lubbock, and he will be in charge of public relations at Lake Mackenzie . . . Coffee honors Mrs. Alvin May here . . . Cloud seeding reportedly taking place outside the operational zone . . . Don Thomas and children spent the Fourth of July holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, and with his sister, Becky Woods and family . . .

July 6, 1967--The seventy-sixth year of Methodism in Briscoe County will be celebrated in the Silverton Methodist Church Sunday . . . More rain falls here . . . Mrs. Emma Waller, 100, buried at Lockney . . . Luree Burson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Glen Allen, other relatives and friends in Costa Mesa, California . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Francis are parents of a daughter, Cynthia Marie . . . Jackie Durham spent the long Fourth of July holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham and Kirk . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple, Marsha and Monte, and Cynthia Sutton have spent ten days in Yellowstone National Park . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield, Zane, Roy Dayne, Traci and Staci spent the holiday weekend with the Roy Mayfields at the ranch . . . Susan Anderson of Dallas spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Clarence Anderson . . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams and

Annette and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mattheus attended the wedding of Mr. Williams' cousin, Thomas McAlister, at Floyd, New Mexico, Sunday afternoon . . .

July 11, 1957--First Briscoe County onion crop being harvested this week by Roy and Wiley Bomar, jr. . . L. C. Yates, who suffered a heart attack some two weeks ago, came home from the Lockney Hospital on Wednesday of last week . . . Debra Dickerson honored on seventh birthday . . . Barney Stark was killed in truck crash Monday on Farm-to-Market road 12 miles south of here . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and family have recently moved into their new three-bedroom home on South Main Street . . . Mrs. Virgia Dennis has recently purchased the Snackateria located just west of Grundy's Grocery from Mrs. Bula Baird, and has been in charge since July 1 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer and Ann spent the weekend vacationing in Ruidoso, New Mexico . . . Mrs. Ben Bingham and her niece, Elaine McDaniel, were in Plainview Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holt and children and Raye Garrison left for Center, Colorado last Friday where they are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Boyce . . . Mrs. J. E. Minyard, Ruth Ann, Margaret and Marilyn were in Tulia Wednesday of last week . . . J. W. McCracken and his grandchildren, Joy Ann and Richard McCutchen, spent the weekend in Bronte and Robert Lee with relatives . . .

July 3, 1947--Harvest slows down; most wheat cut; no storage is available . . . Thelma Mercer and Wilma Lee Francis were listed on the dean's list of honor students for the spring term at West Texas State College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Pitts . . . Four fires here since last Thursday . . . Mrs. U. D. Brown and Anne, and Sue McJimsey were visitors in the home of W. A. Rowell Sunday morning . . . Mrs. Fred Mercer, Junis and Mike were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Brown . . . Peggy Joyce Davis was honored with a party on her seventh birthday Saturday in the home of her parents. Cake and ice cream were served to Teddy Gale Hancock, Jimmy Smith, Jerry Dee McWilliams, Vaughnell Rowell, Gale Mercer, Myrna Sue Bingham, Frankie Lou Hunt, Glenda Rae McWilliams, Diane Fogerson, Sydney Gale Mills, W. L. Messemer, Dwain and Sheila Reid, Wanda and Paula Reid, John, David and Bill Schott, Janice Donnell, J. E. and Jerry Patton, Charles Edwin and Becky Cowart, Judy and John Howard Burson, Susan and Joe Anderson, Robert Hughes, Robert Haley Hill, Leah Dare Kellum, Lily Davis, Waynell and Joy McCutchen, Dianne Davis, Zobie Sue Self, Ann Brown, Junis and Mike Mercer, Jean Davis, Kay Garrison, Dwin Davis, Carol Ann Hughes, Mrs. Gordon Montague, Mrs. Johnnie Burson, Mrs. Charles Cowart, Mrs. W. E.

Schott, Mrs. Jerry Smith, Mrs. Hatch Anderson, Mrs. Willie Smithee, Mrs. D. H. Davis and the hostess, Mrs. Edwin Davis . . .

Elephants get stomach cramps if the temperature drops below 35 degrees.

Tanks got their name from the British, who developed them during World War One. To conceal their purpose, they referred to them as "water tanks."

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Mandy Rampley

Mandy Rampley is Cum Laude 1997 Graduate

Mandy Rampley, daughter of Wayne and Pam Rampley of Muskogee, Oklahoma and granddaughter of O. C. and Faye Rampley of Silverton, graduated cum laude from Muskogee High School.

She was a member of National Honor Society four years and Oklahoma Honor Society four years. She was Northeastern Student of the Month, won second place at the DECA convention, and was nominated for Miss Teenager by the Optimist Club. She was selected as Best Female Vocalist, Best Soloist and received the Tommy Yaden Award (the top music award given at MHS). She received the highest award for solo, duet and ensemble at state competition.

She was active in the Muskogee Church of Christ Youth Group, Teens for Christ, RAID (Roughers Against Illegal Drugs), Lt. Governor of Key Club

and was a member of Ecology Club. She was a speaker for DARE, president of Tuxedo Junction (the top vocal group at MHS) and was a member of DECA (a marketing association).

She was active in music not only at the high school level but also in the community. She was invited to sing with the community chorus in the production of "The Messiah" her junior and senior years. She was in three musicals with the community theater, "Music Man," "Annie Get Your Gun," and held a leading role in "Hello Dolly." She had roles in three high school musicals, "Li'l Abner," "Fiddler on the Roof," and held the female lead in "South Pacific" her senior year.

She has taught vocal music for three years.

In her spare time she enjoys gymnastics, swimming and roller blading.

She received the President's Leadership Scholarship and two music scholarships from Northeastern University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where she plans to enroll in the fall.

Mrs. Whittington Is Shower Honoree

Mrs. Cody Whittington, nee Kenzie Burson, was honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower on June 21, 1997 in the home of Marsha Brunson.

Refreshments were served from a table adorned by a heart grapevine weath with black and white gingham and sunflower ribbon accented with silk ivy, sunflowers, dried flowers and eucalyptus. Picture frames with wedding pictures of the bride and groom and votive candles accented with sunflowers completed the setting.

Molly Brooks, Lacy Brunson, Lindsey Jennings and Shauna Kingery, friends and classmates

of the bride, served assorted mini-muffins, tortilla roll-ups, white and dark chocolate-dipped strawberries, sausage balls, melon balls and punch.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Brunson and introduced to the bride, her mother, Rhenda Burson, and to the groom's mother, Tami Lantz of Elk City, Oklahoma.

Other out-of-town guests included Chelsea and Chanel Lantz of Elk City, Oklahoma; Becky and Audrey Isbell, Arcadia, Oklahoma; VonNita and Lani Douthit, Clarendon; Brenda Morris and Kimber Slack, Plainview; Judy and Kathy Welch and Kim, Whitney and Cason George, all of Tulia; Margie Gafford and Joyce Speers, Floydada; Lina Whittington, Quitaque, and Keeley Cox, Lubbock.

The hostess gift was an upright vacuum.

Assisting Mrs. Brunson as hostesses were Gail Wyatt, Anita Ramsey, Lisa Cherry, Deb Burson, Mary Lane Younger, Michelle Francis, Patsy Towe, Jane Self, Tina Nance, Juannah Jennings, Margaret Smith, Janinne Brooks, Bena Hester, Kathy Kingery and Sheryl Weaver.

Students Named To Dean's List

Two hundred thirty-two West Texas A&M University students were named to the President's List, and 812 students earned mention on the Dean's List for the 1997 spring semester.

Students earning President's List recognition achieved a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 (of a possible 4.0) or better with a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25

WTAMU Awards Mable Hare Scholarship Recipients

The West Texas A&M University Department of English and Modern Languages has awarded Mable Hare Scholarships and writing awards to several students enrolled in beginning English classes.

The scholarship winner for English 099 was Keri Adcock, a freshman undeclared major from Amarillo, for her essay, "My Worst Job."

The scholarship winner for English 101 was Laura Rickert, a freshman journalism major from Canyon, for her essay, "It Takes You."

The scholarship winners for with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Included on the President's List is Matthew B. Francis, senior agriculture major. Maria L. Justice, senior generic special ed major, and Vanessa L. Martin Barbour, sophomore reading major, were named to the Dean's List.

Diplomas Awarded To May Graduates

Degrees were conferred on 539 West Texas A&M University graduates at the May 10 commencement ceremonies.

The University awarded master's degrees to 77 graduates and bachelor's degrees to 462 graduates.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and were eligible to wear gold honor cords.

Included among the 55 students who were graduated with cum laude honors were Trisha R. Davis, who received the bachelor of science degree in biology, and Aimee J. Francis, who received the bachelor of science degree with an undeclared major.

Happy Birthday--

July 3--Alison Tipton, Leslee Weaks, Max Comer

July 4--Courtney Paige Parham, Kippi Cogdell, Donna Fudge, Karena Perkins, Terry Juarez, Sybil King, Riddell Hutsell

July 5--Jared Francis, Santos Segura

July 6--Todd Reagan, Wesley Reed, Marla Warren, Kirk Towe, Robin Copeland

July 7--Travis Whitten, Angela Garcia, Buck Hardin, Dena Thomas, Lou Younger, Calvin Shelton, Charles Sarchet, Jerry Don Brannon

July 8--Wayne Rampley, Kami Martin, Kathi Hubbard

July 9--Dwight Ramsey, Cecil Seaney, Jimmy Wade Myers, Annette Roehr, Cal Brannon, Warren Reid IV

English 102 were first place to Jana Ellsworth, a sophomore reading major from Spearman, for her essay, "My New Home: Emily's Point of View about Going to the Home," and second place to Tasha Love, a sophomore nursing major from Amarillo, for her essay, "Phoenix Jackson: A Character Study."

The Mable Hare Scholarships were established in 1984 to honor Hare, a WTAMU assistant professor of English from 1956-1981. Scholarship awards ranged from \$50 to \$200 per student.

Vanessa Martin Barbour, a sophomore reading major, received a scholarship for her essay, "A Character Study of Phoenix Jackson."

Happy Anniversary--

July 5--Mr. and Mrs. Wade Brannon

July 6--Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Douglas Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Brian West

July 7--Mr. and Mrs. John McCammon

July 8--Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stodghill

July 9--Mr. and Mrs. Kent Carpenter

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Weather Provides Comfortable Conditions For Grand - Prix

Saturday, June 21, as the men were finishing up on work in the arena in preparation for Sunday's grand-prix, others were out on the course tying more orange ribbon and driving stakes. The sun was bearing down and the sweat was rolling. Thoughts of the women and kids riding for an hour and the men for two hours as hard and fast as possible on a day like this let everyone know that they really have to be hooked on riding.

Sunday Mother Nature gave her blessings and presented the group with an absolutely perfect day for the event. It was cool and overcast. There was a fine mist off and on until time to hang the score cards and have the trophy presentation. Even that turned out all right.

The track was the best ever, according to many comments, and the people that came to watch got a good show. The jumps were great fun for the riders and the occasional bike that would get away and make a few on its own, made it even more fun for the those attending.

Three members of the Estes family, who live in Silverton, took part in the event and the youngest, Shane Estes, placed third in the 0-10 age class.

Another local, Wayne Henderson, placed first in the beginner's class.

A former resident, Brandon Eddleman, also took part in the event.

One young lady from Memphis, Shelly McWhorter, entered the event at the insistence of a friend and finished third in the women's class. She made the day brighter at sign-in with her humorous comments on the whole procedure.

The group also enjoys the crew from the volunteer fire department. According to the members of High Plains Pathfinders, "They're not only fine people to visit with, but they can also cook mighty fine hamburgers."

The club members hope to have the support of the town for future races. They appreciate the privilege of using the arena and local roads to do what they love doing best--riding dirt bikes!

RESULTS

Expert Class:

1. Chad Carlisle-15 laps-3.48
2. Shane Redine-15 laps-7.36
3. Matt Wright-15 laps-8.54

200 Class:

1. Jonathan Miles-14 laps-6.25
2. Casey Podzemmy-DNF
3. Dagon Newton-DNF

250 Class:

1. Clint Boswell-14 laps-8.25
2. Justin Warren-13 laps-0.04
3. Harold Wilson-13 laps-1.47

Open Class:

1. Terry Smith-13 laps-3.16
2. Stephen Maddox-13 laps-6.13

3. Chad Sanders-13 laps-DNF

Beginner's Class:

1. Wayne Henderson-13 laps-0.30
2. Michael Bunn-12 laps-0.50

3. Matt Howell-12 laps-7.06

One Hour Grand Prix

0-10 Years:

1. Lee Smith
2. Maegan Arnold
3. Shane Estes

11-15 Years:

1. Michael Bunn
2. Dusty Jackson
3. Adam Smith

Women's Class:

1. Cassie Oldham
2. Lizz Pierce
3. Shelly McWhorter

The course had to be changed slightly this year due to water holes from the heavy spring rains. The sponsors are sorry that they disappointed local residents who were looking forward to having the racers come past their house.

Time to Plan Vacation Trips

It's summertime and time to start planning our vacation trips, said Trooper L. B. Snider, Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety, who says that safe vacation travel is as basic as one, two, three. First, prepare the vehicle; second, prepare the driver; and third, when traveling, use your best attitude and skills.

Basic vehicle preparation includes checking belts, hoses, radiator coolant, motor oil, transmission oil, power steering fluid, brake fluid and windshield solution. Replace wiper blades if needed and check the tires for wear and correct air pressure. Clean air and fuel filters can save roadside distress also. Trooper Snider also urges drivers to be sure all the lights are functioning properly.

Driver preparation calls for adequate pretrip rest and being free of alcohol and/or other drug impairment, which includes medications that may affect safe driving. The driver(s) should be familiar with route plans and weather forecasts as well as possible alternate routes. Trooper Snider recommends travelers to share travel plans with a family

member or friend who would know how to contact the travelers should contact be needed.

When traveling, Snider encourages all riders to make proper use of safety belts. "Proper use of safety belts is as fundamental as a baseball catcher's protective gear, greatly increasing our ability to survive a collision," states Snider. Drivers are requested to use headlights during daytime travel as well as at night. This helps other drivers to see us and ourselves to see others better and often quicker thus helping avoid many daytime collisions and near misses. Additional travel tips Snider offers are: allow for occasional stops to enhance driver alertness, drivers need to keep their eyes moving to avoid 'highway hypnosis' and to keep alert to changes to traffic, road conditions and the area environment.

Trooper Snider adds that motorists with mobile/cellular phones needing help or to get help for others may call, toll free, 1-800-525-5555 for DPS assistance. When using this number, be prepared to give good location information such as road number/name, distance from a town (estimate) and the type of help needed. However, if urgent help is needed, motorists may need to use 911.

"The Texas Department of Public Safety believes that proper preparation along with alert defensive driving skills and a safe driving attitude go far toward safe traveling whether it be for summer vacation or just around the block," says Trooper Snider.

Obituaries

W. HAMILTON

Services for Winston Harrison Hamilton, 84, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at the Silverton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Edwin Norris and the Rev. Jay Stinson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hamilton died Tuesday, June 24.

He was born in Malone August 28, 1912. A retired farmer and wholesale oil company dealership owner, he was a member of the Baptist Church.

He married Lorena Holt in 1930. She died in June 1980. He also was preceded in death by a son, Freddy Hamilton.

He married Josephine Mallow in September 1980 in Silverton.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Wayne Hamilton of Tulia and Melvin Hamilton of Spearman; two stepdaughters, Becky Brown of Lubbock and Sandra Rampley of Roswell, New Mexico; eight grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

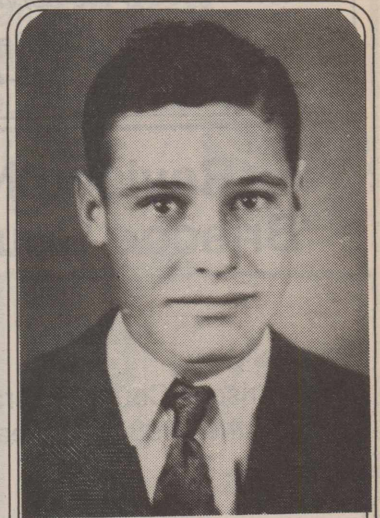
Pallbearers were Max Hamilton, Van Hamilton, Todd Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Art Hamilton, Steve Robinson, Trip Robinson and Clint Robinson.

The family requested memorials be sent to the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service or the Silverton Cemetery Association.

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sion approved lyocell as a generic fiber type.

Tencel is the trade name for the lyocell fiber produced by Courtaulds Fibers, Inc. It is a natural fiber produced from cel-

lulose found in trees grown especially for this purpose on managed tree farms. The fiber is produced by using a non-toxic dissolving agent and spinning process referred to as solvent spinning. Due to this process, the Tencel fiber is 100% biodegradable and more environmentally friendly than many other man-made fibers.

Tencel looks and acts very much like rayon; however, it is a much stronger fiber, wet or dry, and is machine washable. This strength allows for longer-lasting garments. Tencel is an extremely versatile fiber.

It is naturally soft and smooth, yet due to its strength, a variety of finishing techniques can be

used to produce unique surface effects in a wide range of fabrics. The drapability of Tencel allows the fiber to flow and move in a way that expresses grace and elegance. Tencel readily absorbs dye, producing deep rich colors whether dark or pastel hues. A wide range of fabrics can be created with this fiber. Knitted/woven fabrics, such as crepes, twills and chambray, can be designed by using either 100% or blended Tencel. Garments made from Tencel are typically high-priced garments and can be found in department and specialty stores.

Items made from Lyocell must use that generic name on fiber identification and care labels. Brand names may be used in addition to the generic name if the manufacturer so chooses. Courtaulds Fibers, Inc. was the first company to enter the U. S. lyocell market with Tencel and will allow use of the Tencil name only on items containing at least 50 percent of the fiber.

Center, Austin. Because the historical materials are so important to Texas history, and many are in fragile condition, the original exhibition has been replicated in photo panels for travel throughout the state. James L. Haley, an author and Texas historian living in Austin, served as guest curator for both the original exhibition and the panel show. He has written an interpretive text that addresses all the major issues related to Texas annexation. Separate panels are devoted to slavery, encouragement of European immigration, international treaties, the Mexican War, and the unique disposition of lands within Texas boundaries. There are pictures of such treasures as Mary Maverick's diary, Sam Houston's passport, Santa Anna's snuff box, and a teapot presented to President Houston by the Empress of China.

To celebrate the showing in Panhandle, historian-curator Haley will give a talk at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 13, at the Museum. No stranger to the history of the Texas Panhandle region, Haley's book, *The Buffalo War: The History of the Red River Indian Uprising of 1874*, is considered one of the definitive works on the last of the Comanche-Kiowa Indian wars. A 1985 book tour for his *Texas: An Album of History* took him through Amarillo, Pampa, Borger, Dumas and Dalhart. "I'm looking forward to renewing some old acquaintances," he said.

Haley's topic Sunday will be "Digging Up History." Said Haley, "What people most like to hear are war stories from doing research into Texas history, and I've got some pretty good stories. But I also try to build bigger themes on that, because fewer people study history seriously these days. That troubles me. People think they've got their own problems, and they don't see history as anything relevant to their daily lives. They couldn't be more wrong. If I tell the right stories on Sunday, I think they'll want to learn more."

"Annexation: Celebrating 150 Years of Texas Statehood" can be viewed in the Square House gallery, and the lecture will be held across the street in the Hazlewood Arts and Education Building auditorium. Both the exhibit and the lecture are free of charge. It's an experience you will never forget--and you'll always regret if you miss it. The Square House Museum, located in Panhandle at the intersection of TX Hwy. 207 and Fifth Street, is open every day. For more information about the exhibit, the lecture, and the Museum, call 806-537-3524.

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Revised Notice of Public Hearing on Briscoe County Appraisal District Budget

The Briscoe County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1998 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 10, 1997, at 8:00 a.m. at the appraisal district office in the Courthouse.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.....	\$71,460
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.....	\$ 4,460
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget (full-time equivalent).....	2
The number of employees compensated under the current budget (full-time equivalent).....	2

The Legislature has mandated expanded education for the Appraisal Review Board causing an increase in expense for education, travel and Appraisal Review Board payroll. There is a newly mandated mass "mailout" which causes extra postage expense. An increase in the cost of postage is also anticipated.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Author To Speak At Texas History Exhibit at Panhandle

There is, in the state of Texas, one surviving Lone Star flag known to have flown in the service of the Republic. It was carried to the Mexican border with troops on a mission from President Mirabeau Lamar. This was in November of 1839, the same year of the flag's design and adoption. On the return journey, the entire detachment was killed, perhaps by bandits, and the flag was taken to Ciudad Carmargo, Mexico, where it hung in the police station for many years.

This flag is among the many historic artifacts depicted in a photo-and-text panel exhibit celebrating the 150th anniversary of the annexation of Texas as the 28th state of the United States. This exhibit will be on display from July 2 through July 24 in Panhandle in a free-admission public humanities program sponsored by the Carson County Square House Museum.

Entitled "Annexation: Celebrating 150 Years of Texas Statehood," the panel exhibit has been organized by the Texas Humanities Resource Center, Austin, with support from Exxon Companies, USA. It includes 24 panels of photographic images and fascinating captions detailing the conditions of life in Texas during the era of the Republic and the intensive political maneuvering that took place while it was debated whether to admit Texas into the union.

The show is based on an exhibition of original artifacts and actual documents organized by the Capitol Complex Visitors

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So two years ago the State of Texas adopted a radical new strategy for enforcing its environmental laws: let the vast majority of responsible businesses audit their own operations and concentrate enforcement efforts on the really bad offenders.

The key to making this system work is that the Texas law assumes most businesses are acting in good faith, want to comply with the law and shouldn't be penalized for taking steps on their own initiative to see that they do.

Case in point: A Houston-based manufacturer wanted to conduct an audit of its own compliance efforts, but was reluctant to do so for fear that if it found violations the information could result in legal proceedings and fines. Because it is a small company with fewer than 50 employees, committing resources to an audit was difficult — until the threat that the information gathered could be used against the company was removed by state law. Once the Texas law was enacted, the firm examined its own operations, determined it had miscalculated its emissions and corrected the problem. This is a win/win situation for cleaner air — and for the company trying to comply with the law.

I have introduced legislation on the federal level to expand this voluntary system nationwide. Unfortunately, companies in states without this law don't perform voluntary self-audits because the data gathered can be used by government regulators, prosecutors or advocacy groups to sue them. Under those circumstances, documentation serves as a roadmap for lawsuits, even if a problem has been corrected and no harm occurred.

It just makes sense to pass legislation that encourages businesses to comply with the law rather than raise the ante in the adversarial climate that has grown up around our complex compliance system.

Twenty one states, including Texas, have enacted laws similar to the Environmental Protection Partnership Act that I have introduced. These states understand that to truly protect the environment, everyone must participate.

We now have cleaner air and water in America than we've had in 30 years. To consolidate and build on these gains we need to prevent pollution rather than to react only after problems occur. All too often our approach to environmental challenges has been arbitrary and penalty-driven, rather than incentive-oriented.

But this doesn't mean companies that pollute will go scot free. My bill in no way protects willful violators and those that do not promptly address violations. All of us want a cleaner environment, all of us want pure water and clear skies.

The law will allow us to engage every business voluntarily in working toward those goals. This will free the EPA to target enforcement dollars on the real offenders — those who deliberately and intentionally pollute. 6.20.97



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Cool weather is the biggest obstacle the 1997 crop has to overcome as slow development continues to leave the crop vulnerable to the effects of high winds, disease and static electricity.

Localized heavy rains and occasional hail also are concerns for producers struggling to keep their crops going.

So far an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 acres of High Plains cotton have been lost to the factors described above. A significant number of acres also have been damaged and are trying to recover.

"The cumulative effect of the past month has been a delay in crop maturity that could present further problems as we move into the latter parts of the growing season," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Hopefully, some of the promise this crop exhibited early on can be recovered with the onset of warm, sunny days that will allow plants to accumulate additional heat units."

Congressman Larry Combest has announced he will be conducting two meetings for the purpose of providing information to landowners interested in enrolling acreage into the Conserva-

tion Reserve Program (CRP).

Attending the meetings with Congressman Combest will be Parks Shackelford of Washington, D. C., Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). Shackelford has been closely involved in the creation of the new CRP's rules and will be a valuable source for information pertaining to the Program.

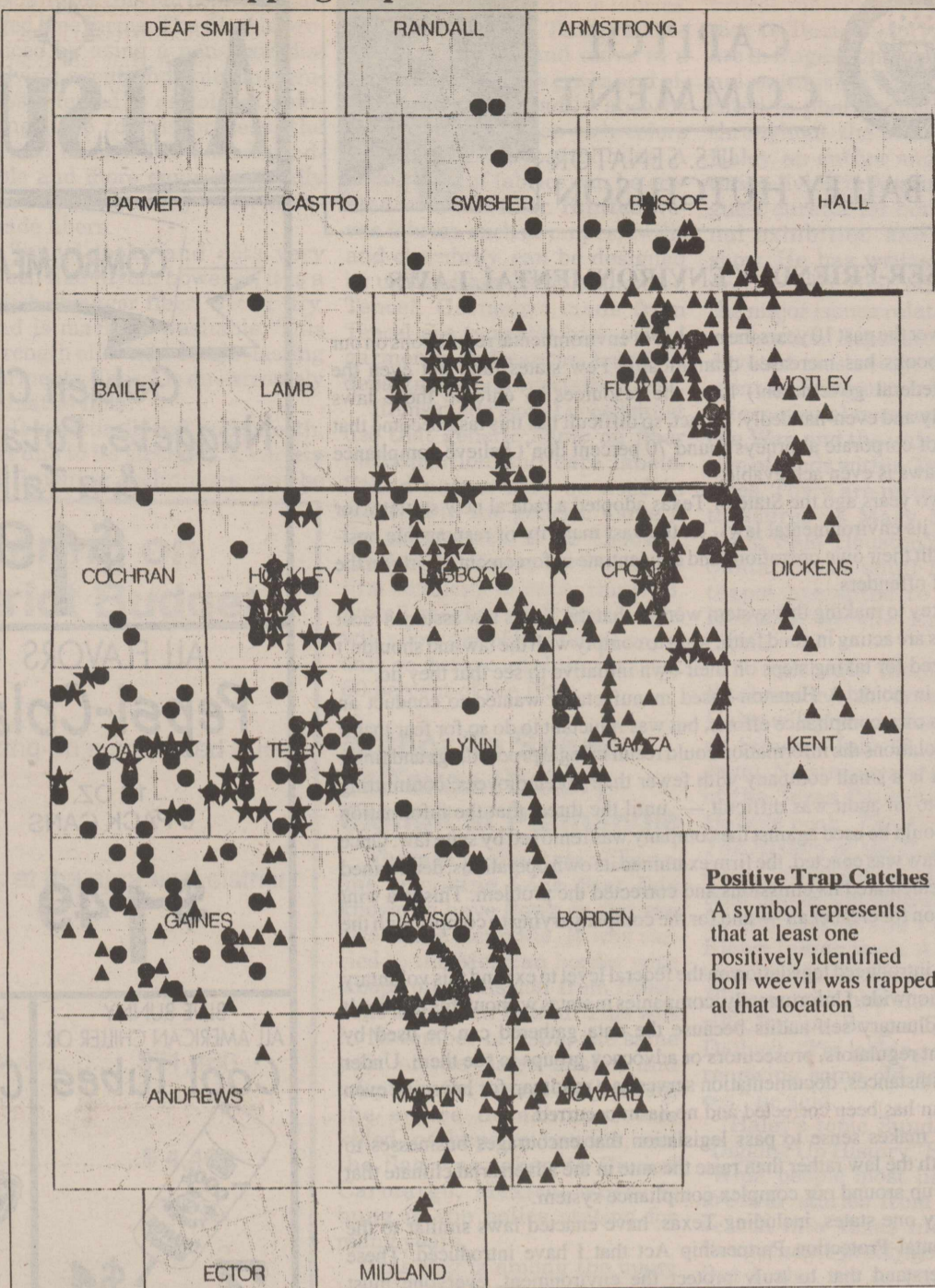
The meetings have been scheduled for July 2 and 3, each beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 12:00 noon. The July 2 meeting will be held in Dumas, at 524 South Porter in the Dumas Chamber of Commerce Building. The July 3 meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station north of Lubbock.

"The purpose of these meetings," says Combest aide Jimmy Clark of Lubbock, "is to help answer the questions of landowners who were unsuccessful in their effort to enroll acreage in the last CRP sign-up or are interested in submitting bids during the next sign-up period. Hopefully we can help them maximize their chances for acceptance during the next CRP sign-up."

Indications are that a CRP sign-up is being planned for this

Boll Weevil Trapping Report 1997

Week 27 (06/23/97 thru 06/27/97)



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Data collected by AgriPartners Program of Texas Ag Extension Service, Independent Crop Consultants, individual cotton producers, and PCG Boll Weevil Control Program.

Map prepared by Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Control Office

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A series of meetings to explain and educate cotton producers located in the newly-created Southern High Plains-Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have been scheduled beginning June 30.

The meetings, conducted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, will be held in each of the 19 counties included in the SHP-C Zone prior to the mailing of ballots in mid-July for the August 1 referendum.

Counties included in the SHP-C Zone are Andrews, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Howard, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Midland, Martin, Motley, Terry and Yoakum.

A schedule of meeting dates, times and places will be available from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) office in Abilene as they are finalized. The TBWEF can be reached at 1-800-687-1212.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Plains Cotton Growers board of directors has been

scheduled for July 9 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the 50-Yard Line Restaurant in Lubbock.



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Regulations Relaxed On Live Trapping of Whitetail Deer

Texas Parks and Wildlife officials have streamlined procedures for individuals to trap and release whitetail deer for genetic enhancement. A permit must be obtained prior to trapping or moving any deer. The purpose of the regulation change is to assist private individuals desiring to improve the quality and health of wild whitetails.

In the past an individual who intended to relocate wild whitetails had a lengthy and complicated process which included on-site inspections by wildlife biologists. The capture and release sites had to pass many tests for permit approval.

Release sites now must be 200 acres or more (if they are under a game fence) to qualify. Whitetail bucks displaying above-average genetic characteristics may be relocated for breeding purposes. Whitetail does may also be trapped and released when this transfer can be deemed desirable.

Permits will not be issued when an immediate harvest of transplanted animals is intended. The purpose of the regulation change is to improve genetic quality. The purpose is not to facilitate hunting.

Opponents of hunting state that hunters take out the best animals and leave undesirable bucks unharvested. These undesirable, genetically inferior bucks reproduce. The recent regulation changes will counter this trend

Boll Weevil Board Makes Decisions

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's board of directors convened recently to make decisions regarding the three active eradication zones and to make recommendations on several required items to Rick Perry, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The board entertained a recommendation from the South Texas/Winter Garden Grower Steering Committee to lower the assessment in that eradication zone and approved a change in the assessment rate from \$23.14 to \$18.00 per acre for the 1997 crop. The reduced assessment was proposed to enable the growers in the South Texas/Winter Garden Zone to pay their assessments after having to carry out in season treatments resulting from a court-induced delay.

Decisions were made regarding an eradication referendum ballot, to be distributed August 1, in the Southern High Plains Caprock Eradication Zone (SHPC). At the SHPC growers' request, the board agreed to place a proposed contract with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) on the ballot. A majority

vote would allow PCG to implement boll weevil suppression activities within the SHPC zone through the year 2001. PCG is a grower organization which has been administering a diapause program in the zone for more than 30 years.

The board also approved a bank resolution that authorizes Chairman Woody Anderson and/or members of the finance committee, Mike Wright and John Inman, to sign financial loan agreements on behalf of the Foundation. Foundation officials and representatives from Production Credit Associations and Farm Credit Bank are currently evaluating program financing and are in the process of finalizing a loan agreement.

Also during the meeting, Anderson made the announcement that Frank Myers, former executive director of the Foundation, had retired as of June 17, 1997. Anderson reported that the Foundation soon will be looking for a replacement. "On behalf of the Foundation I want to say that we appreciate Frank's dedication and energy in starting up and carrying out the program throughout the last three years. He more than fulfilled the three-year commitment he made to help Texas growers with their program," said Anderson. I am supportive and willing to help the program in any way, but for now I'm looking forward to spending my retirement years with my family, said Frank Myers.

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by facilitating the reproduction of genetically superior deer.

If an individual has control of 200 acres with a high fence around it, this individual can obtain permits to bring exceptional whitetail bucks onto his land. These bucks would not be harvested immediately, and they would be able to breed existing does, thereby passing on good genetic characteristics. When whitetail numbers exceed carrying capacity on said 200 acres, then hopefully these deer could be released into the wild.

Also, a farm or ranch 200 acres or more could acquire whitetail deer in the state of Texas. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department should be congratulated for their efforts to improve the quality and health of wild whitetails.

Persons desiring to participate in this endeavor may contact Thompson Temple, P. O. Box 498, Ingram, TX 78025, or may call 210-367-5069. You will receive application instructions and/or information on how to receive whitetail deer.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Some families live in fear

Domestic violence rose 28 percent in Texas from 1991-95, with 92 percent of the crimes committed by men against women. More than one-third, 36 percent, of women killed in 1995 were murdered by their partner.

Domestic violence in Texas, 1995

Number of women killed by their partner	130	Number of domestic violence cases	172,476
Number of women's shelters	62	Number of adults in shelters	12,053
Number to call for help	1-800-799-7233	Number of children in shelters in Texas	16,847

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For the first time in history, the number of Americans filing personal bankruptcy has passed the one million mark.

A total of 1,242,700 bankruptcies were filed in 1996, up 35 percent from 918,964 in 1995, according to CDB Infotek, a public records research firm that keeps tabs on all U. S. bankruptcy jurisdictions. A study of bankruptcy filings by Visa USA found a 26.6 percent increase in consumer bankruptcies from 1995 to 1996.

Although this number includes a small number of commercial liquidations, the majority of filings were for personal property liquidations or Chapter 13 filings. Chapter 13 filings permit debtors to work out a debt repayment plan with creditors.

In a speech to the Consumer Federation of America in December, Federal Reserve Governor Lawrence Lindsey said the economic conditions in the U. S. have been "very favorable to a rise in consumer debt."

He cited the decline in interest rates and the disappointing rise in incomes as factors and suggested that consumers re-

sponded to these conditions by expanding their consumer debt.

Since the second quarter of 1991, for every \$1 they have earned, consumers have spent \$1.10. Such a trend is not sustainable in the long run, and bankruptcies will occur. In the latest wave of bankruptcies, medical expenses and divorce are not believed to be major contributing factors.

Debt to income ratios have risen almost six points for consumers earning between \$50,000 and \$100,000 annually. Rising debt to income ratios may cause banks and other lenders to tighten lending policies, making it more difficult for consumers to get credit. Less credit means less consumer spending. Less spending could ultimately result in an economic slowdown of the economy or even a recession.

"Living beneath one's means, not beyond it, would help many debt-strapped families," according to Nancy Granovsky, professor and Extension family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and a Certified Financial Planner licensee.

"If you continue to spend more than you make, you will be trapped eventually," she cautioned.

Consumers would do well to calculate their own debt to in-

come ratios. "If you are spending more than 20 percent of your take-home pay on non-mortgage debt, you could be headed for trouble," she indicated.

To determine your debt to income ratio, add up the total of your monthly credit payments (excluding your mortgage payment). Divide the total by your take-home pay. The result is your debt to income ratio.

It should be 20 percent or less. If it is more, you are likely to be experiencing difficulty in making ends meet. The solution is to pay down your debt as much as possible without taking on new debt.

"Living beneath your means allows you to set money aside for future goals as well as meet your current debt obligations," Granovsky added.

Babies Ride Backward to Save Their Necks

Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

Why should babies ride backward? And why should they ride facing the back of the car for the entire first year of life? The American Academy of Pediatrics new guidelines, published in PEDIATRICS in May 1996, say there is a very good reason for infants under age one to ride facing the rear: to protect their necks from spinal cord injury.

A reclined, rearward-facing restraint cushions the baby's back, head and neck in a frontal impact. Recent research has led pediatricians to push for babies to ride rear-facing for a minimum of one year. This is because a baby's neck muscles take time to develop. Under age one these muscles often are not strong enough to protect the spinal cord adequately. Very serious injuries have been documented to babies riding facing forward.

A common sight, however, is a young baby riding facing forward! Parents usually have no idea why the front-facing position is less safe for a baby. They need encouragement to keep their baby turned backwards. This is especially true when they are also being told that their baby should ride in the rear seat, even when the driver is the only adult in the vehicle. With passenger side air bags, the back seat

for a rear-facing restraint is critically important.

Key points to remember:

1. Keep baby, up to age one, in a rear-facing restraint in the rear seat.

2. When a baby outgrows an infant-only restraint, he/she should be moved to a larger convertible seat that allows them to ride rear-facing in the rear seat until age one.

3. Follow the weight guidelines on the child restraint you have. Realize, however, that if your baby is average or heavier than average, you may want to switch to a different restraint that can accommodate rear-facing.

Aggressive Drivers Test Patience of Others

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Have you ever been cut off by another driver? Have you waited your turn to merge only to have someone recklessly speed up and take your place? How did you feel? Did you get angry and want to show that person that you would not put up with that kind of treatment?

We have all been there, done that at some point. We have all been aggressive drivers. According to Ricardo Martinez, M. D., administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, aggressive driving is on the rise in America.

Who are the aggressive drivers? Studies show that the majority of perpetrators are males between the ages of 18 and 26. That does not leave out other age categories. There is no typical profile of an "aggressive driver."

What causes aggressive driving? The triggering incidents are often pretty trivial. Some reasons for these violent traffic disputes include arguments over parking spaces, cutting another motorist off or refusing to allow passing. Minor traffic crashes, obscene gestures, loud music, overuse of the horn, slow driving, tailgating and failure to use a turn signal also can contribute. These disputes are rarely the result of a single incident, but rather are the cumulative result of stressors in the motorist's life. It is often just the last straw.

An attitude adjustment is

needed by all drivers. Assume other drivers' mistakes are not personal. Be polite and courteous, even if the other driver is not. Avoid conflict. If another driver challenges you, take a deep breath and get out of the way.

While adjusting your attitude, reduce your stress. Allow plenty of time for your trip and try listening to soothing music. Improve the comfort in your vehicle, and most importantly, understand that you cannot control the traffic, only your reaction to it.

Remember, your car is not a tank, it is not bullet proof, and the truly aggressive driver may follow you home. And finally, is an impulsive action worth ruining the rest of your life?

Social Security Should Meet Changing Needs

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Members of Generation X, people between 19 and 30, are looking forward to a brave new world in the next millennium. Probably the best illustration of their view of how Social Security will fit into that world is provided in the polls released last year which indicated that many Generation Xers are more likely to believe in UFOs than that Social Security will be there for them in the future.

When you consider that Social Security has been around for 60 years and UFOs may or may not exist, their lack of faith seems a little preposterous. But it does dramatize the question: Will Social Security be there for me when I'm ready to retire? How will Social Security fit into my world?

The changes of Social Security being around for your retirement are probably greater than your chances of living to retirement. As to what form it will take remains to be seen. Everything changes, and Social Security has changed over the years to meet the changing needs of society. It's likely to change in the future as our society changes and different needs emerge.

Social Security started out as a retirement plan covering a limited number of workers in commerce and industry. Before the first checks were paid in 1940, the program expanded to include benefits to the dependents of retirees and deceased workers. During the 1940's the program expanded to cover most workers in the economy. In 1957, it added disability coverage for workers with permanent disabilities, and in 1965, Medicare for people 65 and over. In 1973, Medicare was changed to include people receiving disability benefits for two or more years. Beginning in 1974, the Congress included an automatic cost-of-living provision in the program to help beneficiaries keep up with annual increases in the cost of living.

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Each year on July fourth, we observe the holiday commemorating the adoption of our country's Declaration of Independence. This usually is a time for the gathering of friends and relatives to celebrate how much God has blessed our country. Picnics, parades, and parties are usually in order on this day, and everyone should display their American flag to show their patriotism. We as a young country, are not without our problems, though. It seems that we all have been affected by the evils of crime, drugs, poverty, and the breakdown of the family. However, if we practice and abide by the motto of "In God We Trust", our continued independence should be assured. And, although we want to be independent and free from tyranny, our dependence on God should never be taken for granted or forgotten.

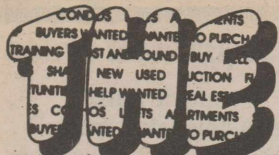


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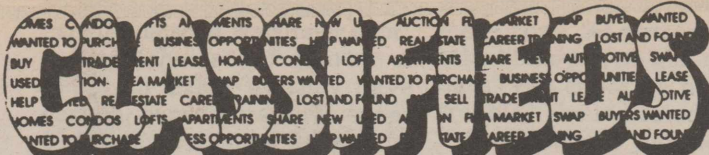
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We appreciate each and every one of you, and especially the friendship you have shown us since we have been in Silverton. God bless you,
Janice Kirchoffner

We want to express our thanks to our friends and relatives for their expressions of sympathy through their visits, phone calls, flowers, food, cards and prayers.

Every act of kindness and concern has helped us to bear the loss of our loved one.

The family of
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We want to thank our friends for all the words of condolence, beautiful flowers, food and cards since the death of Winston. The floral arrangements, the bountiful dinner for the family at the church and the services were appreciated so much.

Thanks again, dear friends, and God bless you.

Jo Hamilton
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Becky and Sandra

Thank you to my friends and family who prayed for me while I was in the hospital. I also appreciate the cards, visits, phone calls, food and flowers, and your care and concern.

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