

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



This issue of the Briscoe County News was printed early at the request of the loyal and efficient employees of Blanco Offset, who were moving all the newspapers they print on Wednesdays to Tuesday so that they will be able to spend Thanksgiving Day with their families and friends instead of printing the newspapers they regularly print on Thursdays.

We hope all of our friends are spending the holiday doing what they like best.

Wednesday, Nov. 23, the United Parcel Service regular pickup and delivery service is as usual.

Thursday, Nov. 23, there will be no UPS pickup or delivery service.

Friday, Nov. 24, there will be pickup and delivery of UPS air shipments only.

The Amarillo Railroad Museum will again hold its annual Magic of Christmas Past Train Show in Western Plaza this year. The model train layout includes five scale miles of track, including a multitude of scenes, steam and diesel locomotives, passenger and freight trains. There will also be an HO-scale model railroad, complete with track, scenery, locomotives and cars given away at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. You do not have to be present to win.

Firemen Taking Orders For Christmas Briskets

Silverton Volunteer Firemen are taking orders for briskets for Christmas.

The briskets will be cooked December 22.

Call Jerry Patton at the City Hall, 823-2125, to order your brisket.

'Hanging of the Greens'

Silverton United Methodist Church would like to extend an invitation to everyone in the community to attend the "Hanging of the Greens" worship service. This will take place Sunday, November 26, at 6:00 p.m.

"Hanging of the Greens" is a time of praise and worship as the birth, life, death and resurrection of the Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated. The sanctuary will be decorated during this hour, and each article used will symbolize an aspect of Jesus' life. Scripture, music and drama will be used to convey the Good News of Salvation. It will be concluded with a special candlelight ceremony.

You may invite friends and family to attend with you and to stay afterward for food and fellowship. If you would like more information, you may call the church anytime at 823-2140.



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Owls, Lady Owls To Enter FM 211 Classic Nov. 30

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in the FM 211 Classic at Wilson and New Home November 30 and December 1-2.

The Owls will make their first appearance at 10:30 a.m. Thursday with Three Way at Wilson. This will follow the Lady Owls and Three Way, which begin at 9:00 a.m. Thursday at Wilson.

This is a huge tournament, with 16 teams in each bracket. Some of the games will be played at Wilson and the others will be played at New Home.

The other teams in the tournament are Whitharral, Spur, Ropes, Meadow, Lazbuddie, Jayton, Dawson, Wilson, Grady, Cotton Center, Hermleigh, Southland, Loop and New Home.

If the Owls and Lady Owls win their first games, they will play the winners of the Grady-Cotton Center games at 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. Friday at New Home. The losers of these games play at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday at Wilson.

Football Playoff To Be Played Here Friday Night

Silverton fans were treated to an outstanding state playoff football game here last Friday, between Lazbuddie and Patton Springs, in which the Lazbuddie Longhorns took a one-point victory over the Rangers.

This week, Lazbuddie is coming back to play another round with Groom on Payne Field in Silverton.

Kickoff time will be at 7:30 p.m. Another playoff game will be played at Valley Friday night, this between Follett and Whitharral, and kickoff in this game is set at 6:00 p.m.

Tax Office To Be Closed Tuesday

The office of Betty Ann Stephens, Briscoe County Tax Assessor-Collector, will be closed all day Tuesday, November 28, for doctor appointments.

Please arrange your business so you will not be inconvenienced by this closing.

Group Considers Final Revisions In Drafting Regional Water Plan

The initially-prepared Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan moved one step closer to final adoption on November 15, as planning group members considered revisions to the plan based upon comments received from federal and state agencies and the public.

"The Texas Water Development Board in Austin (TWDB) has made their preliminary assessment of the initially-prepared regional water plan document," said Chairman A. Wayne Wyatt of Lubbock. "Their review has found some minor elements missing from the draft plan that are necessary to meet statutes, rules, or contract requirements of Senate Bill 1 and the TWDB. We are expecting additional input from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department prior to December 5," he said.

The group also reviewed comments from the public received after the water plan was unveiled at a September 26 public hearing in Lubbock. "We received 19 written comments regarding the content of the regional water plan and have responded to each one," said Wyatt.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan must be completed, adopted, and submitted to the TWDB by January 5, 2001. After review and approval, the TWDB will incorporate the 16 regional water plans into a comprehensive state water plan by January 2002.

Even as the Planning Group members approach the end of the first water planning cycle, they are already thinking about the next planning cycle. They considered a draft list of tasks to be included in the second phase of the regional water planning effort, which begins in 2001.

The planning group has identified several tasks that will be included in a formal Scope of Work to be submitted to the TWDB at a later date.

These include revising and updating the region's basic water data base, water demand projections, and population totals based upon 2000 U. S. Census data; improving data collection to determine

irrigation pumpage estimates to reflect historic and future water demands; more accurately determining the firm yields of area surface water reservoirs; determining the specific yield of the Ogallala Aquifer within the region; examining ground water quality for all uses in the region; testing of secondary recovery to release ground water held by capillary attraction between the pore spaces of the aquifer; continuing public awareness about the regional water planning effort; and developing specific information about a proposed regional water distribution pipeline network to transport water from Hartley and/or Roberts counties to towns, cities and industries in the Llano Estacado Water Planning region.

Wyatt said mayors, city managers, and public utility directors within the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group are scheduled to discuss the regional water distribution network at a 10:00 a.m. December 7 meeting at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District office in Lubbock. "We contacted these entities a few months ago to see if they were interested in participating in a regional water pipeline project as outlined in the draft water management plan. Of the 46 entities contacted, 42 responded favorably. This upcoming meeting is open to the public and will give us an opportunity to discuss this issue prior to the start of the 77th Texas Legislative Session," said Wyatt.

The Llano Estacado Regional Water Management Plan is available for viewing on the internet at the planning group's web site at www.llanoplan.org.

Texas Crop, Weather Report

Texas received beneficial moisture this week, giving producers hope for cool season crops and grasses. The South Plains district received three to eight inches of snow, with the heaviest concentrations near the New Mexico border.

The moisture helped late season growth of bermudagrass and winter forage. Harvesting activities in the Panhandle were halted, and cotton and peanut crops are declining in quality due to rain and snow.

Disaster Program Being Developed

Details of the 2000 Disaster Assistance Package are still being developed by the United States Department of Agriculture, although little new information has been received over the last week to ten days. USDA is developing the rules and regulations that will govern the assistance program authorized as part of the FY2001 Agriculture Appropriations Bill.

Here is a run-down of what is known at this time.

The 2000 Disaster Assistance Program was approved with three separate components: "Quantity, Quality and Severe Economic Loss."

Of these components only two, quantity and quality, were evaluated by the Congressional Budget Office and assigned an estimated cost. The third component had no explicit directions provided by Congress and did not receive a CBO "score." No CBO score could make it somewhat more difficult to provide grower benefits through this proposed third component.

One really good bit of news for growers is that the law also says any benefits provided through the program shall not be pro-rated. Congress did not assign a set amount of money to fund the program and authorized the expenditure of whatever funds are necessary to implement the program. This should mean producers will be able to immediately receive their benefits.

One caveat is that it is still unclear whether or not a payment limitation of \$80,000 per entity will be imposed as part of the program. Such payment limitations have been included in past disaster programs.

Here is what is expected from the program at this time with a few examples to illustrate how benefits would be calculated under each phase.

Part One - Quantity

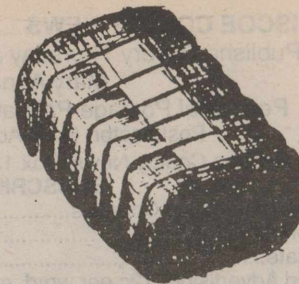
Eligibility Threshold: 65 percent
Explanation: Producers will be eligible to receive benefits under the quantity component if their actual 2000 crop yield per acre tallies less than 65 percent of the higher of their current crop insurance Actual Production History

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TELCOT Report A Weekly Summary of Cotton Marketing News

With first notice day of the December contract next Wednesday, the delivery period weighed on the market and remained a dominant feature this week as observers closely monitored the large number of bales in certificated stocks. Impending inclement weather in Texas gave a small boost to the market as analysts anticipate further crop losses and degeration of cotton quality in the state.

West Texas farmers were stripping as many fields as possible before anticipated rain and snow moved into the area this weekend. Early classings from weathered cotton around Lubbock revealed that color grades have dropped from predominantly strict middling and better to strict low middling light spotted and better. Average staple length also has shortened slightly, and micronaire readings have fallen.

According to USDA figures, overall U. S. cotton harvesting reached 77 percent complete as of November 12, up from 74 percent last year and matching the five-

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year average. Based on November 1 production estimates compiled by USDA before additional adversity hit the crop, roughly 1.73 million bales would have remained on the stalk in Texas as of Sunday, November 12.

Meanwhile, USDA reported weekly export sales of upland cotton fell to 54,800 running bales for the week ended November 9. Sales were considerably lower than the previous week's 126,100-bale figure and 26 percent below the four-week average.

Canada was the only sizable buyer of U. S. cotton with purchases totaling 34,800 bales, but sales of 4,000 bales to China captured the attention of market observers. China has purchased U. S. cotton for three consecutive weeks, but amounts have been small which could be an indication that the country has been filling needs for high-quality varieties. Despite its appearance in several U. S. export sales reports, China is not considered a major player in the export market at this point, but traders will be watching USDA reports closely for further sales.

Spot cotton sales on TELCOT fell to 8,638 bales for the week ended Nov. 16 compared to the previous week's impressive 42,585-bale figure. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the

electronic marketing system ranged from 53.25 to 56.64 cents per pound compared to a range of 53.52 to 56.34 the previous week.



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Hal Rogers, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
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Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
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SUNDAY:
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.

Give Thanks to the Lord



At an early age, children are taught to say "thank you" when they are given something. Parents try to instill in their children the feeling of being grateful and the importance of acknowledging when someone does something good for them. Children learn by our example as well as our words, and they are quick to imitate their parents' habits. Thanking those who have been good or helpful to us is common courtesy. We should also be expressing our appreciation to God for his many blessings. Recognizing God as our sustaining source of life, and being appreciative of His great love will draw us closer to Him and help us to be better people. A sincere and honest "thank you" is a blessing to the giver as well as to the receiver, and it indicates that a person's good deed or helpful action was not in vain.

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good,
for His mercy endureth forever.*

K.J.V. Psalm 107:1

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Obituaries

BILL STEPHENS

Gordon (Bill) Stephens passed away November 11, 2000 at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. His body has been donated to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center for research.

A memorial service is pending.

Mr. Stephens was born November 16, 1938 in Morton and was the son of Homer and Lola Mae Stephens. He was reared in Silverton, and had lived in Lubbock most of his life.

He attended Tarleton State, Texas Tech and received a masters degree from Sul Ross University. He was employed by the Plainview School District.

He served in the U. S. Navy and was a Vietnam War veteran.

He married Mary Ann Robison in 1966.

He was preceded in death by his father, Homer, and a brother, Donnie.

He is survived by his wife; his mother, Lola Mae Stephens of Silverton; a sister, Elaine Forbes of Silverton; a brother, Kenneth Stephens of Lubbock, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Silverton Cemetery Association or

JEFF B. MORRIS

A former Silverton resident, Jeff B. Morriss, 84, died at his residence in Tyler October 5, 2000. His body was cremated and no services are planned. Arrangements were directed by Tyler Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Morriss was born February 12, 1916 in Silverton. He had resided in Denver, and had made his home in Tyler since 1970.

He was a Marines veteran of World War II and a retired paint contractor with Morriss Paint Company.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Fern Morriss of Tyler; three sons, Joe Karl Morriss of Mississippi, Hal Morriss of Oklahoma and Don Morriss of Denver, Colorado; a daughter, Lynda Reeves Obar of Tyler; a sister, Zollie Hamm of Whittier, California; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family requested that memorials be to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or charity of the donor's choice.

Christian character is not an inheritance; each individual must build it for himself.

the Silverton United Methodist Church.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 27--Beef-Cheese Chalupa, Salad, Hot Sauce, Crackers, Milk, Fruit

Tuesday, Nov. 28--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Fried Okra, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Wednesday, Nov. 29--Corn Dog with Cheese, Ranch Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Thursday, Nov. 30--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, Dec. 1--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookie

Silverton School Activities

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24--Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, Nov. 27--Nazareth Junior High, here, 5:00

Tuesday, Nov. 28--Owls at Claude, 5:00

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2--Wilson Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 5--Lorenzo, here
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 7-9--New Deal Tournament

Happy Birthday-

November 23--Cason George, Debbie Davis, Cody Whitfill, Neal Edwards, C. L. McWilliams, Mackinsey Louise Strange

November 24--Andrew Scott Brooks, Laura McCammon

November 25--Brandon Kitchens, Dana Martin, Erma Polley, Carrie Ann McJimsey, Billy Cogdell, Fred Strange, Paul Ledbetter, Dustin Hale

November 26--Kay May, Louie Kitchens, Cynthia Finck, Paula Garvin, Pauline Chitty, Floyd Butler Otis IV

November 27--Jill Culwell, John Daniels, Thomas Perkins, jr., Michael Long, Blaze Cogdell

November 28--McKenzie Taylor Perkins, Octavio Trevino, Rosa Linda Segura, Eric Minyard, Stan Couch, Rita Davis, Fairy McWilliams

November 29--Hand Baird, George Reed, Joe Speiser

Happy Anniversary-

November 23--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield

November 26--Mr. and Mrs. David Kellum, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ramsey

November 27--Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brannon

November 28--Mr. and Mrs. George Long

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, To show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

Psalm 9-2:1-2



Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kingery

Couple to Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary at Reception

Ted and LaVern Kingery were married December 3, 1950 in a little white Church of Christ building in Roaring Springs, Texas. As he said "I do" and pledged his love until they parted in death he also promised her the world.

That promise was fulfilled in an almost literal way as their love for God brought them to their life's career. They entered full-time ministry with the Dell City Church of Christ in Dell City, Texas in 1957 and went on to preach in Mercedes, Texas in 1960. In 1963 Ted and LaVern moved their family to the Panama Canal Zone where they ministered in Gatun while building a home for the preacher and the church building in Margarita, CZ. They worked with the American congregation in Margarita and also the Cuna Indians on San Blas Island during their six years there. Upon returning to the States the family moved to Huntington, Indiana and worked with two churches in that area over the next four years. In 1974 they made their home in Silverton.

The couple has made their home in the Church of Christ preacher's home for 18 of the 26 years they have lived in this community. As part of his work with the congre-

gation here and with LaVern's full support, Ted has made numerous mission trips to Russia.

Upon winning the election for Briscoe County Judge in 1998, Ted resigned as minister, but he and LaVern still are very active within God's service. They also continue to promote and work for the community they have loved and lived in the past 26 years.

The couple has four children: Anthony Kingery of Silverton, Fran Brown of Chickasha, OK, Glen Kingery of Abilene and Annette Roehr of Gallup, NM. They also have four grandchildren, Kara Kingery of Lubbock, Shauna Cheek of Corpus Christi, Shalana Roehr and Nathan Roehr of Gallup, NM.

The children of the couple will hold a fiftieth anniversary reception in their honor on Sunday, December 3, 2000 in the Church of Christ Annex from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. All their friends from the community are invited to attend. Your friendship and love are the only gifts they request.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 8, 1990--Mayor A. R. Martin declares "Beat Lazbuddie" Week . . . Pfc. Robert D. McWaters has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal, which is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments . . . Owls clinch tie for district championship . . . Junior High Owls take big bite out of Cotton Center . . . Junior Varsity team loses to Valley by 6-2 "baseball score" . . . The children of Tommie Harrison honored her on her eightieth birthday in the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Jo and David Hall in Weatherford, Texas . . . Kim and Dusty George are parents of a daughter, Whitney Hanna . . . Brent and Lisa Grabbe are parents of a son, Dennis Matthew . . .

November 6, 1980--Halloween King and Queen for 1980 are Bill Settle and Stacy Mayfield, seniors. Halloween Princess and Prince are Keeley Burson and Rhett Montague, fourth graders . . . Reagan wins Briscoe County by one vote . . . Owls upend Lazbuddie; host Nazareth tonight . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gary Martin are parents of a son, Matthew D. . . J. R. Steele is retiring from his clerk job at the Silverton Post Office . . . Owlettes do well in first scrimmage . . . Mr. and Mrs. John R. Asebedo announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Sue, to Manuel Leal . . .

October 29, 1970--Owls go for third district win against Clarendon . . . Dorothy Yancey was crowned as the 1970 Football Queen in a pre-game ceremony Friday . . . Advanced standard Red Cross first aid course being taught here this week . . . Junior High Owls only one game away from 2-A championship . . . Charlie M. Payne to direct County Spelling Bee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham to celebrate golden wedding anniversary . . .

November 3, 1960--Halloween King and Queen are Robert Rhode and Ann Wingo. The Prince and Princess are Billy Hamilton and Chyrel Cowart . . . Owls smother Crosbyton Chiefs, 28-20 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson and Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Bomar transacted business in Amarillo Saturday . . . Announcement has been made this week of the sale of Alexander Insurance Agency to Verlin Towe. Conrad Alexander has operated this insurance and accounting office for the past two years . . . A candlelight ceremony Friday united in marriage Miss Waynelle McCutchen and Stanley Earl Couch. Rev. G. A. Elrod performed the double-ring ceremony in the lovely home of the grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

McCracken . . . A double-ring ceremony was solemnized Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montague for Miss Wanda Chambless and Ted Hancock . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chandler are the proud parents of a son, Kennie Jim . . .

November 9, 1950--A farm home on the Rowell place seven miles southwest of Silverton was destroyed by fire Friday when the J. A. Bradley family was setting up housekeeping on the farm . . . Sgt. Armsted W. Self shows improvement in Oakland, California U. S. Naval Hospital . . . Dennis Ray Dickerson celebrated his fourth birthday in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickerson, November 3 . . . Mart Norris and daughter, Fern, were business visitors in Tulia Saturday . . . Esdell Hutsell and Dick Guest made a business trip to Abilene Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ragland, sr. spent Sunday in the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Yancey . . . The football queen was Mary Tom Bomar and her attendant was Mary Lou Bellingier. They were escorted by the football captains, John Francis and Donald Bean. All the football boys had an escort. The class attendants were: Gale McPherson and Ruby Underwood, freshmen; Beth Mason and Joe Wayne Brooks, sophomores; Richard Tunnell and Peggy Holt, juniors; Darrell McWilliams and Dorothy Heckman, seniors . . .

December 19, 1946--First grade students on the honor roll are Carol Lynn Elkins, Kay Garrison, Leah Dare Kellum, Waynelle McCutchen, LaWanda Reid, Vaughnell Rowell, Ginger Scott and Wilma Shipman . . . Mr. and Mrs. Warner Ward are parents of a son, Jack Lawson . . . Cold wave hits city while on big rampage . . . Miss Lavelle Montague entertained with a Christmas party for Lillian Brooks, Wilford Thomas, Bertha Pavlicek, Annette Wulfman, Eunice Elkins and Annette Wilson . . . Wayne Stephens, small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Stephens, underwent a tonsillectomy in the Tulia hospital Monday . . . Miss Lona Ann Stephens of Lakeview was a Sunday guest of Miss Juanita Edwards . . . Robert Isbell spent Sunday night with Rance Stephens . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price of Lockney visited with Mr. and Mrs. Roy McMurtry Sunday. They also visited with their niece, Mrs. L. D. Griffin, who is ill in the Tulia hospital . . .

January 9, 1930--Six-inch snow boosts wheat prospects for 1930 . . . S. J. Bailey named foreman of Grand Jury . . . H. C. Claunch, a 19-year-old youth of

the Wallace community, has been declared winner of the state in the Master Pupil contest of vocational agriculture for 1928-29. The honor carries with it a money award of \$100 and the right to compete for the National Master Pupil designation at Kansas City . . . Quitaque Lions will put on play here . . . Paul Reid, Ashel McDaniel and Homer Vaughan spent Sunday afternoon with Coy Chappell . . . The home of S. T. Wynn on Braidfoot Street was heavily damaged by fire Tuesday afternoon . . . Feed out beeves at home, says banker . . . Important mid-winter social event held by Mmes. Frank P. Bain and T. R.

Whiteside . . . Joyful gathering in J. Lee Francis home Christmas . . . The power of the printed word continues to be demonstrated along with the truism that "the way of the transgressor is hard." Sheriff N. R. Honea and Deputy Clay Fowler have been mailing out broadsides, printed by the News, containing descriptions of nine men wanted by the district court for felonies. One was apprehended through the reward notices, and was arrested at Ballinger and turned over to Sheriff Honea . . .

To understand everthing makes one tolerant. --Germaine de Stael

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Disaster Program- Continued From Page One

(APH) yield on the county average yield as calculated using National Agricultural Statistics Service figures by production practice. Producers are expected to be able to qualify on a unit by unit basis.

Payment rate: 65 percent of crop insurance price

Explanation: For cotton, the 2000 Disaster Program payment rate for cotton will be approximately 38 cents per pound, which is 65 percent of the current crop insurance price of 59 cents per pound.

Assumptions: At this time it is assumed that previous years rules regarding zero production will be in place. This would mean that producers who had NO production in 2000 would calculate their disaster benefits and then reduce them by a factor of 18 percent.

Part Two - Quality Two Alternatives Possible for Cotton Quality:

Option One: Language in the authorizing legislation says producers whose average quality on a farm is 20 percent below the assigned average quality for their county would be eligible for a quality adjustment regardless of yield.

If the 20 percent quality loss trigger is surpassed, the payment rate would be the difference between the actual quality and the county average quality multiplied by 65 percent. That amount would be paid on the actual production from 65 percent of the harvested acres.

The cotton industry is also working to allow quality assistance under this scenario to be calculated at the unit level.

Option Two: Quality assistance would be offered as in the 1999 Disaster Program as a component of yield and would supplement quantity disaster benefits.

PCG and the National Cotton

Council are encouraging USDA to allow cotton producers the option to choose either option one or option two.

Part Three - "Severe Economic Loss"

Eligibility Threshold: It is currently assumed that only growers who harvested a crop in 2000 will be eligible for assistance under this component.

Explanation: There are several ideas being considered for delivery of additional assistance under this section. There is, unfortunately, no clear message from USDA indicating if a program will eventually be offered, or at what level it would be available.

Considerable effort is being focused on this area as it is likely to be the best way to target benefits to "notch" growers who will not qualify for help from other sections of the assistance program despite suffering significant economic losses in 2000.

Girls To Take Part In Macy's Parade

Amber Stone and Stephanie Bigham, seniors in Idalou High School, left Saturday morning for New York City and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The girls, as senior captains of their cheerleader squad, were given the opportunity to attend and perform as UCA (Universal Cheerleader Association) cheerleaders along with other cheerleaders from across the nation. The girls raised money by selling pizzas, garage sales, car washes and through business and personal donations.

Through the week the girls will practice a routine to be performed during the parade and sightsee.

The Macy's Parade will air on NBC Thanksgiving morning. The girls' production will follow Bullwinkle and Rocky around 10:15 a.m.

Amber is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Madeline Stone.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

District: CHILDRESS

Contract 0925-09-011 for REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES in HALL County, etc. will be opened on December 05, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are

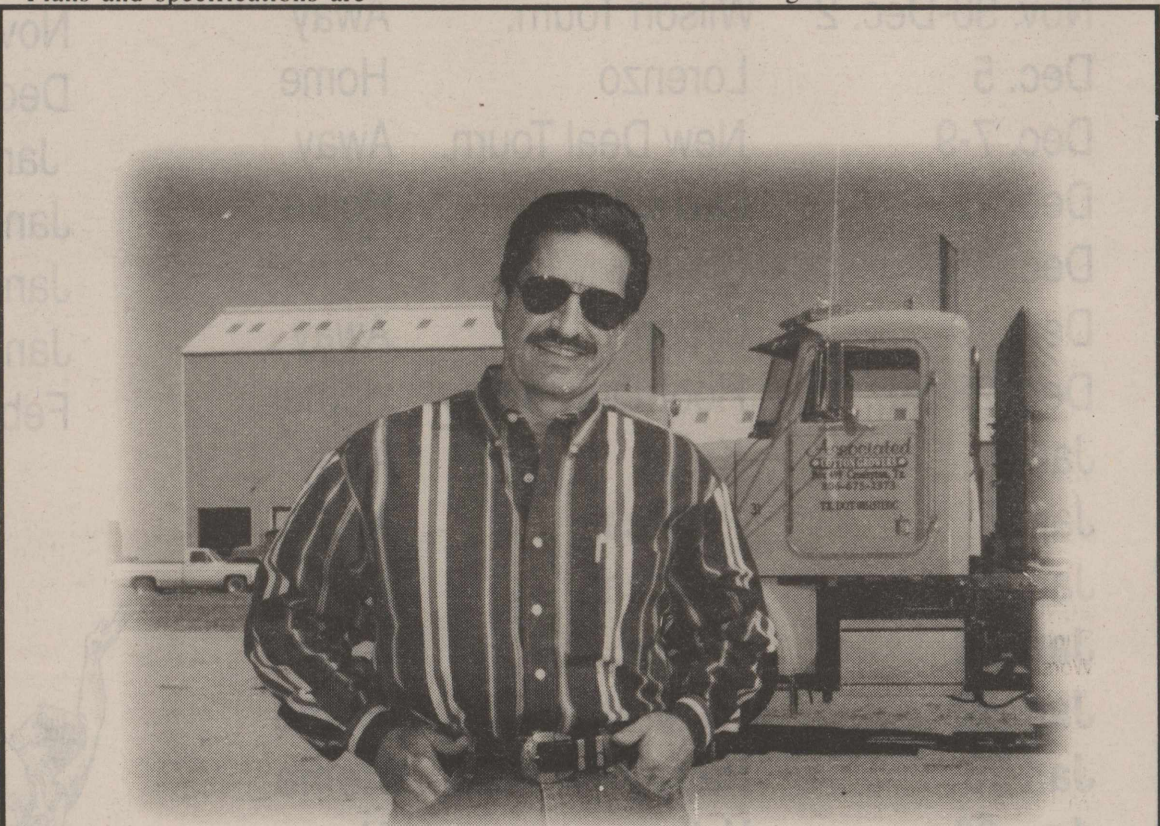
available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 1957

STATE OFFICE
Construction Division
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Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

DISTRICT OFFICE(S)
CHILDRESS DISTRICT
DISTRICT ENGINEER
1700 Ave F NW
Childress, Tx 79201
Phone: 940-937-7100

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 46-2tc



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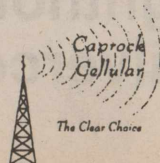


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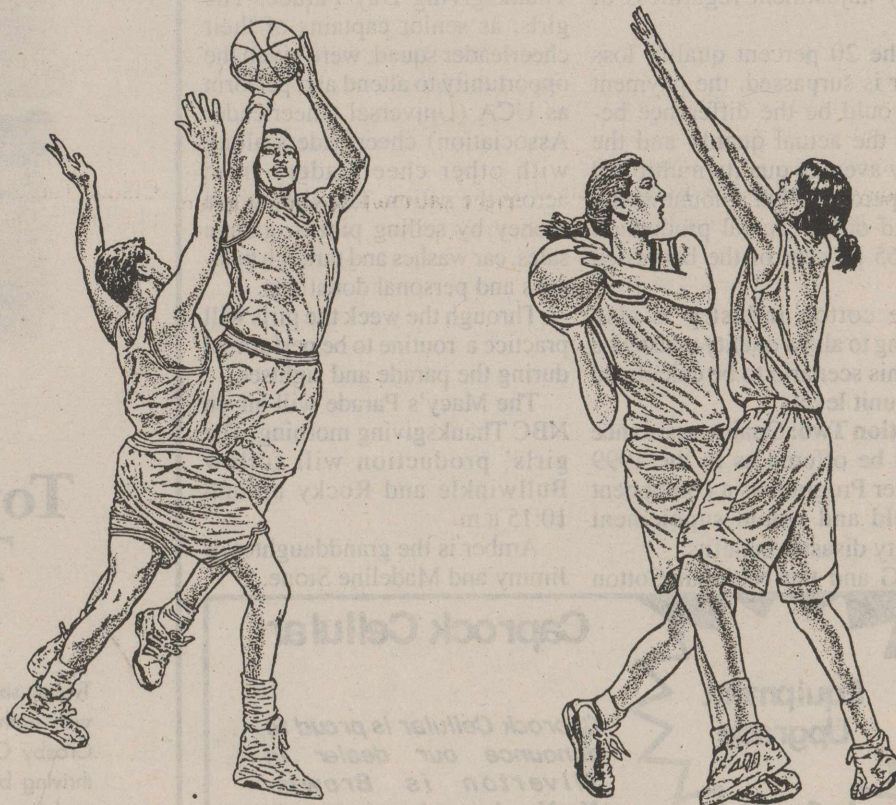
Silverton Owls & Lady Owls 2000 - 2001 Basketball Schedule

High School Schedule

Nov. 28	Claude	Away
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	Wilson Tourn.	Away
Dec. 5	Lorenzo	Home
Dec. 7-9	New Deal Tourn.	Away
Dec. 12	Lazbuddie	Home
Dec. 15	Claude	Home
Dec. 19	Groom	Away
Dec. 28-30	Hoot-Out Tourn.	Home
Jan. 2.	Kress	Away
Jan. 5	Paducah	Away
Jan. 12	Paducah	Home
Jan. 19	Valley	Away
Jan. 23	Nazareth	Home
Jan. 26	Happy	Home
Jan. 30	Valley	Home
Feb. 2	Nazareth	Away
Feb. 6	Happy	Away

Junior High Schedule

Nov. 27	Nazareth	Home
Dec. 4	Happy	Home
Jan. 8	Happy	Away
Jan. 15	Nazareth	Home
Jan. 22	Valley	Home
Jan. 29	Nazareth	Away
Feb. 5	Happy	There



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Owls, Lady Owls Already Off and Running With String of Victories

The Lazbuddie boys weren't ready to play basketball yet, due to being in the state football playoffs, so Silverton's Lady Owls teams traveled there November 14 and opened the new roundball season with a pair of victories.

The Junior Varsity team led off the action with a 39-16 win. Kurby Garvin led the offense with 15-points, closely followed by Lori Griffin's 12-point effort. Also scoring were Kassie Strange, six points; Brandi Rice, four, and Daryl-Ann Reynolds, two points. Also members of this team are Kelcy Simpson and Kami Wilson.

Lady Owls JV 12 21 31 39
Lazbuddie JV 0 6 10 16

The Lady Owls varsity followed with a 56-49 victory over the Lazbuddie ladies.

Taylor Griffin scored 18 points to lead the offense for the Lady

Angel Christmas Tree Project Is Now Underway

The Angel Christmas Tree is an anonymous project that is for the benefit of needy children in the community.

The Angel Christmas Tree has been up in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse since Monday, November 6. Each angel on the tree will include sizes that are needed.

It is required that each one sponsoring an angel provide four items of clothing: pants, shirt, sox and underwear, and a toy or age-appropriate gift.

Please go by the courthouse next week and take an angel off the tree. You can take care of this project before or during the time you are preparing Christmas for your own family.

The gifts are returned to the tree in time to be distributed to the children at Christmas.

Owls. Bryn Mayfield and Jenny Young also scored in double figures, getting 11 and 10 points respectively. Rounding out the score were Julie Weaver, seven points; Amanda Estes and Chelsey Cherry, five points each. Also members of this team are Brooke Garvin and Tarran Forbes.

Lady Owls 7 20 34 56
Lazbuddie 10 17 30 49

Coach Card's JV Lady Owls started the action with a 33-15 victory November 17, this time defeating the Kress Kangaroo ladies.

Lori Griffin led the scoring with a 16-point effort. Also adding points to the score were Kelcy Simpson, eight; Daryl-Ann Reynolds, four; Kassie Strange and Kami Wilson, two points each, and Kurby Garvin, one point.

Lady Owls 10 13 23 33
Kress 4 8 10 15

Coach Henderson's JV Owls began their season with a 33-19 victory over Kress. Caleb Francis led the scoring with 16 points. Also adding to the score were Nathan Baker, seven; Peyton Estes and Colt Smith, four points each; Eric Minyard, two points. Ty Reed and Josh Allen are also listed as members of this team.

JV Owls 2 4 16 33
Kress JV 4 9 17 19

The Lady Owls won their game 39-33 over Kress, with the offense led by Chelsey Cherry, who caged 12 points. Also scoring were Taylor Griffin, seven; Bryn Mayfield, six; Brooke Garvin and Amanda Estes, four points each; Tarran Forbs and Julie Weaver, three points each.

Lady Owls 11 18 28 39
Kress 8 20 27 33

The varsity Owls earned their victory 58-53. It had only been a week since football, but Isaiah Ivory had switched to roundball and led the offense with a 22-point

It's Time To Put Your Name on Greeting Page

Century of Progress Study Club will sponsor the Christmas Greeting Page in the Briscoe County News, and invites your family to take part in this by donating the money you would have spent mailing Christmas cards locally.

Organizations chosen to share the proceeds from the project will include Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, Silverton Public Library and Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

The Christmas Greeting Page will be a feature of the last issue of the Briscoe County News printed before Christmas. Deadline for getting your name on the page is December 9.

Please print your name below as you would like for it to appear on the greeting page, and send it along with your donation. Thank you.

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effort. His brother, Red Ivory, tossed 16 points into the baskets and Andrew Francis also caged in double figures with 11. Also scoring were Issac Garcia, seven, and Matt Strange, two points.

The Owls had to come from behind to win and the score was very close throughout the first half.

Owls 15 29 46 58
Kress 16 27 35 53

The teams will be traveling to Claude Tuesday night, and will be playing in the FM 211 Classic at

Early Thanksgiving Held in Hill Home

An early bountiful Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed in the home of Janice and Ralph Hill. Turkey and all the trimmings were enjoyed by Bailey, Lanell and Sylvia Hill, Silverton; Ron and Christi Hester, Dalhart; Adrienne Hubbard, Bena, Rick and Katy Hester, Silverton;

New Home and Wilson Nov. 30-December 1-2.

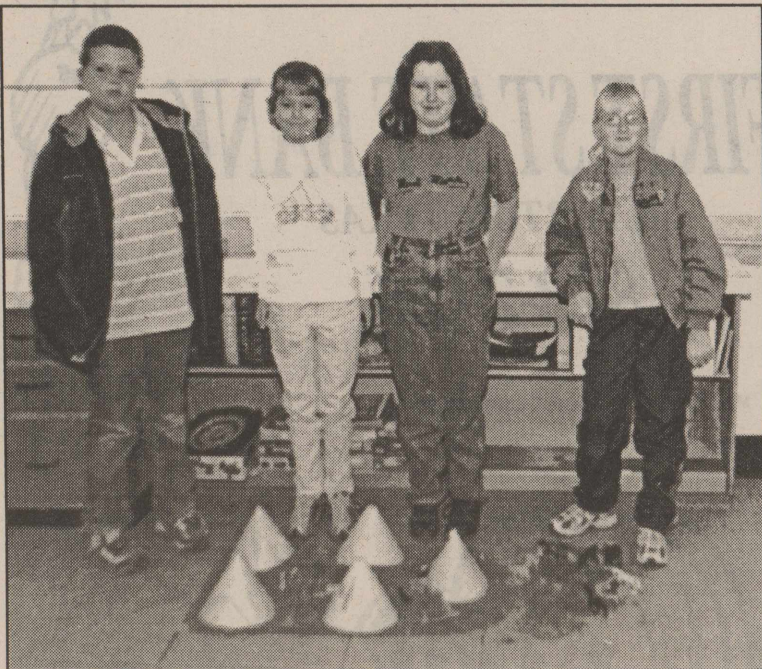
Jeremy, Jonna, McKinley and Haley Hester, Dalhart; Denny Hill, Tulia and Ruby Hester, Silverton, in addition to the host and hostess. The day was spent visiting and looking at old pictures.

Between 1970 and 1999, the San Francisco 49ers won 16 division titles.

In politics you have to give the electorate a tune they can whistle.
--British politician
Enoch Powell



Without the help of the Indians the early settlers couldn't have survived, and Nancy Young's Fourth Grade has been building Indian villages. Pictured are (left to right) Cade Holt, Cord Stidham, Tyler Garvin, Eloy Beltran, Carlos Garcia, Destiney Wilson, Torrey Fuston, True Burson, Reese Scarborough and Shawn Johnson.



Nancy Young's Fourth Grade recently has constructed Indian villages as part of their Thanksgiving study. Pictured (left to right) are those who built villages: Mitchell Curry, Kyla Minyard, Nichole Schott and Charla Rhoderick.



Students in Nancy Young's Fourth Grade who built Indian villages as part of their study of Thanksgiving are (left to right) Ismael Martinez, Joshua Garcia, Leonardo Perez, Blake Strange, Townlii Ziegler, Cord Griffin, Jeremiah Henderson, Butler Otis, Jesse Henderson.