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All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The menu for Tri-County Meals for next week includes:

Monday, May 23-Roast, Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert

Wednesday, May 25-Chicken Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Crackers, Sweet Peas, Dessert

Friday, May 27-Tuna Salad, Bread, Fresh Vegetables, Crackers, Soup, Fruit, Cookies

Tri-County Meals will be closed May 30 for Memorial Day.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

*
Carrie Dickerson called to tell us that the weather was very heavy at her farm last Thursday, with hail that destroyed the wheat crop. About seven to eight inches of rain fell in Briscoe County along the Lockney highway. Farm roads in that area were still closed Friday.

Charlie and I passed through South Plains Friday after the tornado has gone through the day before. It crossed Highway 207 just north of South Plains, knocking down at least five utility poles. Workers were trying to get the poles and wires back up, and had one of their trucks stuck in the ditch at that time. It is hard to imagine that the tornado missed hitting any houses on its track.

The tornado that passed northwest of Ralls did destroy a house and barn west of there. I read an article in the A-J that said the same man had had his home destroyed by tornadoes twice! The tornado was about half a mile wide, and if it had hit Ralls it would have caused a large path of destruction.

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Sales tax rebates in Silverton for March amounted to \$8,419, up 19 percent from the previous reporting period.

Floydada's rebates totaled \$77,022, up four percent.

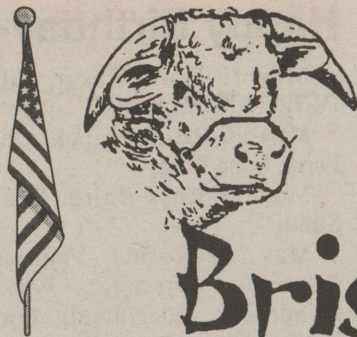
At Kress, the rebate was \$3,866, up 17 percent.

Lockney's rebates totaled \$33,657, up 11 percent.

Quitaque's rebate was \$13,607, which was down seven percent.

Tulia's rebate was \$99,275, up one percent.

*
Daniel Reagan, son of Sheila Reagan of Silverton and David Reagan of Memphis, graduated from West Texas A&M University during ceremonies held Saturday, May 7. He received the bachelor of science degree in history. Daniel has been student teaching at Caprock High School.



Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2005

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Kim Mafield is Selected as WalMart Teacher of the Year

Kim Mayfield, second grade teacher in the Silverton School, received the Teacher of the Year award last week, presented by WalMart in Plainview. She was nominated by students and parents of the Silverton school.

Silverton Independent School District received a \$1,000 award and Mrs. Mayfield received a \$50 gift card from WalMart.

Mrs. Mayfield is a graduate of Silverton High School and from West Texas State University. She has taught in the Silverton school system for 13 years.

She is the mother of Bryn Mayfield, a graduate of Silverton High School and student at West Texas A&M University, and Gid Mayfield, a junior in Silverton High School.

Texas Tech University awarded diplomas to 2,870 students during commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 14, in the United Spirit Arena.

Andrew Boone Francis, a mechanical engineering major and son of Barry and Michelle Francis, was recognized as having one of the highest grade-point averages in the College of Engineering. He received his bachelor's degree.

*
Matt, Aimee and Laurel Fields rejoice to announce Conner Vincent Fields joined their family on April 29. Conner was born March 17, weighing six pounds and one ounce, and was 19 1/2 inches long. His new grandparents are Keith and Shirley Fields and Danny and Donna Francis.

*
Rick, Beverly, Ryan and Eric Minyard went to a game between the San Antonio Spurs and Seattle Supersonics while they were on vacation in San Antonio last week.

*
Glenn Smith was transported to the Lockney hospital by ambulance last Thursday after suffering a stroke at his home. His care is continuing there.



Kim Mayfield

Childcare To Be Provided May 27

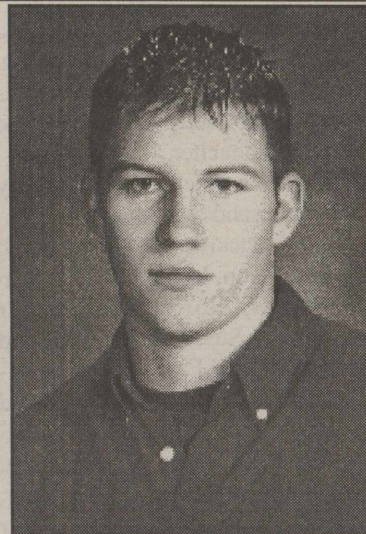
The Silverton School will be providing childcare in Room 2 of the high school for anyone who needs that during the high school graduation May 27.

Luminaria Lighting Ceremony is June 3

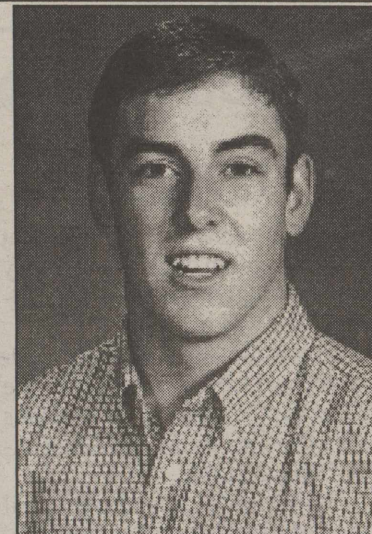
Help support the goals of the American Cancer Society and remember or honor a loved one by purchasing a luminaria candle. The votive candles, nestled in a sand bag and lit for a soft effect, are being sold now, the candles will be lit in a special ceremony during the Relay for Life event held at the Valley School track.

For a \$5 donation per candle, you can dedicate the glowing tribute to someone who has or has had cancer. Everyone is invited to attend this special event to see their donation come to life.

Proceeds from luminaria sales will benefit the Briscoe Unit of the American Cancer Society, which is dedicated to cancer research, patient services and education. For more information or to purchase a luminaria, go by City Bank in Silverton or contact Juannah Jennings, 823-2370. Please order before June 1 to allow time to prepare the luminaria sacks.



James Lynn Tiffin



Max Randolph Comer

James Tiffin, Max Comer Are the Top Graduates in Class of 2005

James Tiffin, son of Jeff and Vicky Tiffin, and Max Comer, son of Larry and Cindy Comer, have been announced as the top graduates of the Silverton High School Class of 2005.

Tiffin is the valedictorian, and is president of the National Honor Society after having been a member for four years. He has been on the honor roll four years, and has

been the highest-ranking boy in the class four years. He was chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students four years.

He is a four-year member of FFA, FHA, football, basketball and FBLA, which he has served this year as secretary/treasurer.

Comer is Student Council presi-

See Top Graduates-
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Councilman Dwain Henderson is Elected to Serve as Mayor Pro-Tem

At the meeting of the Silverton City Council on May 9, 2005, Councilman Dwain Henderson was elected to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Lane Garvin; Council Members Kyle Fuston, Dwain Henderson, Delane Smith and Dwain Tipton, and City Secretary Jerry Patton.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and monthly vouchers were approved for payment.

Other items considered by the Council included:

•Delane Smith made a motion to enter into a contract with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to purchase a \$1,950 computer system for the local library through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Tocker

Foundation. Dwain Tipton seconded the motion.

•Mayor Garvin made the following appointments:

Water Dept.-Wayne Reed

Street Dept.-Dwain Tipton

Sanitation Dept.-Delane Smith

Finance Dept.-Kyle Fuston

•Secretary Patton reported on water use, water quality and tax collections, TCDP grant scoring, bid opening date for the FY05 grant application for a skid loader

•A sample junk vehicle ordinance was presented and discussed

•Mayor Garvin ordered a Special Meeting to be held Monday, May 16, at 8:00 a.m. to consider awarding a bid for the FY05 skid loader grant project

•City Budget for 2004-05 was presented and reviewed

•The 2005-06 City budget was presented and discussed.

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Obituary

MELBA LEONA WILLIAMSON

Melba Leona Williamson went to the Kingdom of Heaven on May 9 after struggling with a long illness. She was 65.

Graveside services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday in the Silverton Cemetery. Arrangements were directed by Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Born Melva Leona Loyd April 26, 1940 in Clovis, New Mexico, she was the daughter of Truman Henry Loyd and Annie Irene (Uptergrove) Loyd.

She married Bill Jack Williamson June 6, 1958 in Silverton.

She loved gardening, reading, travel and family. She worked as real estate broker, bookkeeper and substitute teacher.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Truman.

She is survived by her husband, Jack; her son, Mark and wife Kim of Minot, North Dakota; her daughters, Susan Williamson and husband Rob Franklin of Seminole, Carol Wilkinson and husband Scot of Denton, Jackie Williamson and husband Blake Smith of Azle. She is also survived by her mother, Irene Loyd of Silverton; her brother, Bailey Loyd of Silverton, and her sister, Anita Cooper and husband Billy of Lubbock.

She had seven grandchildren, Kristen, Eric, Blue, Skyler, Evan, Ian and Robin.

From the Patio

by Nina Martin

May 5--The quilters were Nadyne Childress, Laverne Stephens, Rose Mary Perkins, Christene King, Wanda Strange, Joy Stodghill and Nina Martin. We finished Wanda's "Ranch and Wild Life" quilt, and put in Nadyne's "Derik's Star." Derik is Nadyne's great-grandson. He lives at Shallowater.

May 12--The quilters were Joy Stodghill, Nadyne Childress, Ann Norris, Laverne Stephens, Wanda Strange, Rose Mary Perkins, Christene King, Sybil King, Evelyn Smith and Nina Martin.

This day turned out to be stormy, so we left about 2:30. I spent hours in the cellar. My rain gauge showed 3 1/2 inches of rain, but my brother, Elton, said he got 7 1/2 inches and lots of hail. I thought a lot about May 15, 1957. That was the night of tragedy for Silverton when a tornado took so many lives.

Senior Citizens To Meet Friday

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at the Center. Hosting the luncheon will be members of the First Baptist Church.

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.

Thomas Henry Huxley

WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m.

During May 2005

	High	Low	Precip.
1	61	37	
2	65	38	.02
3	40	34	.27
4	43	39	.12
5	50	42	.04
6	70	42	
7	77	52	.04
8	80	47	
9	81	47	
10	88	47	
11	91	53	
12	88	61	
13	71	57	2.72
14	81	54	.12
15	74	53	.19
16	67	49	
17	72	49	
Total May Precipitation			3.52
Normal May Precip.			3.11
Normal Precip. to date			6.70
Precip. Rec'd. to date			8.24
Soil Temperature			65°

Happy Birthday-

May 19-Doris Baker, Vicki Perry, Ted Daugherty
 May 20-Pat Braddock, Chad Perry, Lana Baird
 May 21-Russ Baird, Sonya Smith
 May 22-Norma Vaughan, Johnnie Burson, Wayne Henderson, Ed Hutsell, Dwin Davis, Morgan Davis
 May 23-Lyndell Ivory
 May 24-Liz Griffin
 May 25-Curt Garrison, Jim Davis, Drew Reed

Seventh Street Pool to Have Cleanup Day

Seventh Street Pool will be having a clean-up day Saturday, May 21, at 9:00 a.m. A good turnout is hoped for so the pool will be ready to open June 1. Pool dues will be \$175.00 if paid by June 1 (an "Early Bird Special") and \$200.00 if paid after June 1. The option to pay in two parts is not being offered. Anyone living in Briscoe County may purchase a membership. This also includes grandparents with grandchildren living outside of Briscoe County. Persons purchasing a membership will need to fill out a form with all family information on it. This will need to be signed before anyone can swim. Parents, please be with your kids the first day so this can be filled out.

The cost for guests will be \$4.00 a person and guests must be accompanied by a member to swim.

Pool parties will be \$50 and can be booked with the pool manager.

Hours for the summer will be Tuesday through Saturday, 2:00-7:00 and Sundays, 2:00-5:00.

If you would like to pay dues early or if you have questions, contact Kyle Fuston or Missy Forbes.

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Upcoming Meetings

Second Monday of each month-County Commissioners meet at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom; City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Second Tuesday of each month-Silverton Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton; Silverton School Board, boardroom, 8:00 p.m.

First and third Thursdays of each month-Silverton Fire Department, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Fourth Thursday of each month-Briscoe County Activities Association, 7:00 p.m., Showbarn in Silverton

Happy Anniversary-

May 21-Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bradford

May 23-Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Scott Cordell

Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods.

Albert Einstein

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How Long Since You Wept?

A missionary, called John Vassar, knocked on the door of a person's home and asked the lady if she knew Jesus. "It's none of your business!" she said, and slammed the door in his face. He stood on the doorstep and wept and wept. She was looking out her window at him weeping. The next Sunday she presented herself for church membership. She said it was those tears.

How long has it been since we wept for someone's lost soul?

Please read Matt. 18:13-14

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
 Briscoe County News

April 25, 1996-Second annual Grand Prix coming to Silverton April 28... Kindergarten students to register April 26... The steel framework for the walls of the new PE gym is going up on the schoolgrounds this week... Tourism Forum is on slate for May 2 in Pioneer Room of First State Bank in Silverton... National Trails Day Celebration is June 1 at Quitaque... Farm Bill will restructure farming... Little League parents to meet Monday... Steve Jarnagin will be retiring April 30, 1996, after 28 years of service to First State Bank in Silverton... W. D. and Peggy Rowell announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Lynn, to Delton Cleveland, son of LaRue Cleveland of Amarillo, and Preston and Carietta Cleveland of Granbury... Molly Sarchet and Tarran Forbes have received T-shirts for being 100-Point Club students in the Accelerated Reading Program... Jewell C. Lyon, 80, taken by death...

April 24, 1986-Members of the varsity golf team who qualified for Regional competition last week are Jeff Wheeler, Scotty Harris, Bryan Wheeler and Rhett Montague. They are coached by Bob Loy... Members of the Owlettes who qualified for Regional competition are Kathy Brown, Shavonne Lowrey, DeLyn Patton, Suzann Settle and DeLynn Fitzgerald... Norma Trevino is Academic All-American... Fred Mercer was taken to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Sunday afternoon by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service after becoming ill at his home... Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Smith are parents of a daughter, Tara Shane... Junior High Owls win Loop Track Meet, earn second at District Meet...

April 22, 1976-Briscoe County was officially designated as a National Bicentennial County and Community in a ceremony conducted Tuesday at the Silverton School... Good showers fall on county... Marvin Self, who is a senior at West Texas State University and will receive his degree in May, was a double winner in the track and field meet held at WT last Saturday. Self won first place in the discus with 159'10" and first place in the shot with 51'... Sonya Greenfield was winner of the grand prize, a color television set, at the grand opening of Boot Hill Western Wear at Lockney last weekend... The girls Regional Track Meet begins in Lubbock Friday, and

Silverton will be represented by Susan Payne, Lesa Francis, Debbie Storie, Twila Wood, Linda Vaughn and Becky Francis... Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hunt and children of Clarendon visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt, last week... Mr. and Mrs. Jack McFall, Jena and Justin visited Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sid McFall and Beth at Matador... Jewell Lyon and Kay Young from Silverton are among the 212 women nominated for the Texas Panhandle Distinguished Service Awards to be presented by West Texas State University April 24... Members of the UIL One-Act Play cast are Earl Jarrett, David Strange, Liz Brown, Jeff Jones, Jo Jarrett, Clayton Fowler, Tracy Gill, Brett Gill and Colleen Hutsell... Parties honoring graduating class being held...

April 28, 1966-Larry Comer wins second place in District 4-H Tractor Operator Contest. He was coached by Jimmy Myers and Joe Bob Watson, and Watson is planning to accompany Comer to the State Roundup... Joni Self and Kathy Self won second place in the district with their Soil, Water and Range Conservation demonstration and also will compete at the State Roundup. They were coached by Leland Campsey... Silverton High School baseball team defeats Farwell to win first place in district... Crockett Grabbe wins first place in the Regional Number Sense competition. His brother, Orlin, won third in the Regional Science contest... The State 4-H Land Judging contest winners, Jimmy Burson, Buddy Comer and John Montague, are in Oklahoma City to participate in the National Land Judging Contest. The team is coached by Robert Rauch... Beneficial rains fall on Briscoe County... Third grade students listed on the honor roll were Able Asebedo, Deborah Boling, Scott Garvin, Sue Ann Monk, John Sharp, Mikel Griffin, Ruth Ann Cline, Julia Dickerson, Brenda Payne, Scott Hutsell, Joel Morris and Jill Hutsell... Elaine Boyles, Joni Self and Connie Dudley are attending the State Meeting of the Future Homemakers of America in San Antonio this week...

April 26, 1956-The First Baptist Church in Silverton was the scene of the marriage of Jonette Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds, to Fredrick Ross Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamilton of Silverton... James

Emmitt Daniel, 88, pioneer Briscoe County attorney and official, passed away at the Peoples Hospital in Floydada Saturday morning after a lengthy illness... Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Gregg spent the weekend in Lubbock with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Boling and Jimmy... Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green and family spent Sunday afternoon with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montague... H. A. Morris, who underwent eye surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo last week, came home on Saturday... Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tye of Paducah visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Davis, from Friday through Sunday...

April 23, 1936-Annual Junior-Senior Banquet held with Spanish theme. Twelve members of the Sophomore class, dressed as Spaniards, were waitresses and waiters. They are Gladys Cline, Georgia Kirk, Ruth and Margaret Francis, Bethleen Northcutt, Vinson and J. B. Smith, Taylor Williamson, Albert White, Alton Strickland, Riddell Hutsell and Buster Allard. Favors were small cactus plants... If you wish to spend an interesting hour, stop in at Bob Stevenson's little museum in the basement of the courthouse. He has a collection of everything from arrowheads to petrified fingers-and can tell you right where he got most of them... C. O. Allard figured in a slight accident Wednesday when the Phillips Petroleum truck, which he was driving, slid into the bar ditch and turned over... Miss Florene Northcutt and Robert Farnsworth were united in marriage at Floydada last Thursday afternoon... Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Country boy in town: Ordered a T-bone steak without consulting the menu. And was relieved of \$1.25 when I passed the cash register. It would have resulted in a bad case of lock jaw if I had seen that price first"... Bessie Garner of Turkey was a houseguest of her cousin, Louise Buchanan, last week... Lola Fern Foust is confined at home with the mumps. Several cases of mumps are being enjoyed in Silverton... Mrs. J. W. Ewing of Quitaque visited with her sister, Miss Lizzie Gregg, Tuesday... Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Watson left Friday for Tulia where O'Neal has a position...

I think I should have no other mortal wants, if I could always have plenty of music. It seems to infuse strength into my limbs and ideas into my brain. Life seems to go on without effort, when I am filled with music.

George Eliot

Jail-N-Bail Project To Benefit Relay for Life

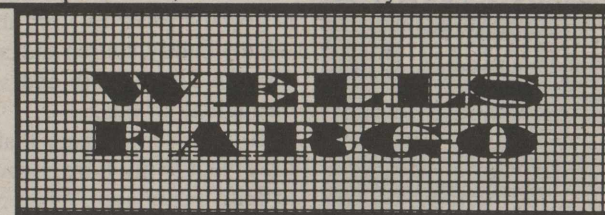
It's that time again. On May 21, 2005, the Briscoe County Bail Busters will be rounding up "criminals" in Silverton for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

The Bail Busters are accepting donations for "warrants" to be issued and "hoosegow" insurance is also available. The fee to have a warrant issued is \$3.00 or you can get four (4) of them for \$10.00. Insurance fees are \$15.00 but if the warrant(s) are issued before the insurance is purchased, no "fines"

will be added to the price of the insurance. Fines will be assessed at \$5.00 per "offense". However, once the insurance is purchased, no warrant(s) may be issued for your arrest.

So come one, come all; step up and get even for warrants that were issued last year. Win friends, influence people, and have a little fun with the Bail Busters on May 21, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

To purchase your "jailhouse" insurance, contact Jeff Fuston or Jeannine West at the Briscoe County Sheriff's Office.



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Bill Strange Details Experience With Cancer in February 2003

February 28, 2003, I had thyroid surgery to remove a large tumor from my throat. It turned out to be fine.

On the advice of Dr. Benton, who had sent me to have a cat-scan and other tests before my first surgery, I decided I had better go for more tests to see if they could figure out what caused the thyroid tumor.

To make a long story short, they found a spot on my right kidney and I had surgery April 15, 2003 to find out I had cancer.

As always the good Lord was taking care of me, as I had put it all in His hands when this all started.

God was in control the whole time as my case was found very early. I have not had to have any treatments so far.

The reason I am writing this is to give thanks to my Lord and Savior, my family, church and community for all the help and support through all of this.

It wasn't my cancer that made me give it to my Lord. I gave it all to Him years ago. When Sharon passed away in 1986 from skin cancer, and my sister, Diana in 2001, I made it through all of that

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Silverton EMS Celebrating its Special Week May 15-21, 2005

Silverton EMS joins with other EMS across the nation in celebrating EMS Week. Local members are Connie Smith, JoDee Robison, Dale McWaters, Bena Hester, Kristi Wadlow, Jeanine West, Rhonda Smith, Tammy Smith, James (Yopee) Smith, Vicky Tiffin, Ruby Lee and Fay Perkins. Silverton EMS is here to serve you.

The first few minutes after an injury or medical crisis occurs are frequently the most important. The American College of Emergency Physicians has identified the following warning signs of a medical emergency:

- Difficulty breathing, shortness of breath
- Chest or upper abdominal pain or pressure
- Fainting, sudden dizziness, weakness
- Changes in vision
- Confusion or changes in mental status
- Any sudden or severe pain
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Severe or persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Coughing or vomiting blood
- Suicidal or homicidal feelings

Review this list with your physician and ask whether there are other warning signs you should watch for, because other factors, such as previous medical problems may be important. In addition, ask when you should call the doctor's office vs. going straight to an emergency department or calling an ambulance. Find out what you should do when the doctor's office is closed.

Always call EMS if the victim needs immediate medical treatment. To make this decision, ask yourself the following questions:

- Is the victim's condition life-threatening?
- Could the victim's condition worsen and become life-threatening on the way to the hospital?
- Does the victim require the skills or equipment of paramedics or emergency medical technicians?
- Could the distance or traffic conditions cause a delay in getting with God by my side.

We can all look at our troubles and think we have it pretty bad, but, as you all know, it doesn't take long to find others a lot worse off.

I thank my family, church and community for all that you do for people here. I'm proud to be surrounded by such good people.

As I write this, we all have a friend who needs a special prayer. I know this community will always pray hard and give a helping hand.

Thanks, Bill Strange.

the victim to the hospital?

If your answer to any of these questions is "yes", or if you are unsure, it is best to call EMS. Paramedics and emergency medical technicians can begin medical treatments at the scene and on the way to the hospital and alert the emergency department of your condition en route.

When you call 911 for help, speak calmly and clearly. Give your name, physical address and phone number; give the location of the victim; and describe the problem. Don't hang up until the dispatcher tells you to, because he or she may need more information or need to give you instructions.

If you or a member of your family has a potentially life-threatening emergency, call EMS at 911 and the ambulance will take you to the nearest emergency department capable of treating your condition. For conditions that are not life-threatening, you may have several nearby emergency departments from which to choose. Your choice (which you should plan before you need emergency care) should be based on several factors:

•Doctor's recommendation. Your physician may recommend an emergency department based on his or her staff privileges, knowledge of the staff or familiarity with its capabilities.

•Staffing. It used to be common for emergency departments to be staffed by physicians without any specialized training. Today, emergency departments are staffed by specialists, many of whom are board-certified in emergency medicine or who are full-time, career emergency physicians. In any case, emergency departments are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Other specialists, such as cardiologists, orthopedic surgeons, and pediatricians, should be on call in case they are needed. Specialty backup varies from hospital to hospital.

•Pediatric capabilities. If you have children, make sure the emergency department you choose has the right size and type of equipment for pediatric needs. If the physicians and nurses are not emergency specialists, find out what kinds of pediatric emergency training they have. Also make sure the hospital has pediatricians on call.

•Options listed by your health plan. Check the provisions of your health plan regarding emergency care coverage.

Silverton School Activities

May 19-Catholic Church Senior Lunch; Senior Graduation Practice, 6th and 7th periods

May 20-Athletic Banquet, 7:00; Last day to charge in lunchroom

May 21-Junior-Senior Outing

May 23-Senior Graduation Practice, 7th period; Elementary Grades Due-8:00

May 24-8th Grade Graduation Practice, 7th period

May 25-Even Semester Tests

May 26-Odd Semester Tests; Kindergarten Graduation; Awards Assembly; Moving-Up, 1:15; 8th Grade Graduation, 7:00

May 27-Teacher Workday; Employee Lunch; High School Graduation, 8:00

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, May 23-Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Pepper Slices, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, May 24-Corn Dog, Potato Salad, Beans, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, May 25-Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, May 26-Sack Lunch

Honor Graduates

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dent, vice president of National Honor Society, varsity football captain, UIL One-Act Play Zone and District All-Star Cast, Boy Scout Troop 262 Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Rock Salt Youth Group Mexico Mission team, Eagle Scout, Pep Squad Beau and Wittiest Boy.

Other members of this year's graduating class are Beau Brock, Zack Burson, Kelsie Estes, Logan Fisher, Ignacio Gamez, Christopher Garcia, Krista Hale, Danielle Ramirez, Chance Rhoderick, Humberto Vasquez and Sasha Wood.

Graduation exercises will be held Friday, May 27, in the school gym.

Many people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions of the times; few are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.

Sydney J. Harris

If you have a talent, use it in every which way possible. Don't hoard it. Don't dole it out like a miser. Spend it lavishly like a millionaire intent on going broke.

Brendan Francis

Cotton Market weekly

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Cotton futures settled sharply lower on Thursday, May 12, at the New York Board of Trade following the release of a bearish export sales report. USDA's supply/demand report also may have added pressure to the market.

A surprising U. S. export sales report from USDA halted the latest market rally and led to a sharp sell-off at the New York Board of Trade. Although the department reported export sales of 291,500 bales for the week ended May 5, cancellations of 373,100 bales resulting from reporting errors in a previous report led to a net decline of 81,600 bales in total U. S. exports for the year. Net sales of 26,100 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were mainly for Mexico.

Export shipments of 285,900 bales were five percent less than the previous week and 20 percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations include China, Mexico and Indonesia.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas increased in the week ended May 12 as sales totaled 5,808 bales com-

pared to the previous week when 1,681 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 25.60 to 44.16 cents per pound compared to 38.25 to 47.56 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, the market was anticipating an optimistic May supply/demand report, and USDA provided 2005-06 marketing season estimates that were in line with those expectations.

A summary report by the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) division of USDA said the first projections for the 2005-06 U. S. cotton crop included lower production and domestic mill use, higher exports, and lower ending stocks relative to 2004-05. Production of 19.5 million bales, 16 percent below last season, reflects the most recent three-year national abandonment rate and yield.

WASDE also noted that domestic mill use now is projected down eight percent to 5.8 million bales as growth in textile imports likely will reduce the market share of domestic mills; however, the lat-

Does Rust in Wheat Crop Affect Hay and Silage for Livestock?

Growing conditions this winter and spring set the stage for widespread rust problems in the wheat crop. Rust is not unusual in the Panhandle; however the severity of the problem this spring is unusual. We have fielded a number of inquiries about the feeding value and safety of forage harvested from rust-infested wheat.

Rusts are fungi that affect numerous plant species. The important fungal species vary among plant species. Three types of rust can affect wheat-stripped rust, leaf rust and stem rust.

A review of information on rust found nothing suggesting that rust-infested forages contained mycotoxins or other toxic compounds. However, there was mention that the spores from rusts can cause respiratory problems (especially in horses).

Rust may reduce the feeding value and palatability of harvested wheat forage. In studies with other chemical changes in the plant as well as leaf loss lowered feeding value. Rust infestation has been reported to decrease water-soluble carbohydrates, increase cell wall development and lignification, and reduce forage digestibility of grasses. Striped rust in orchardgrass can increase acid detergent fiber by

six to eight percentage units. Grazing studies with sheep and cattle revealed negative correlations between rust and palatability/preference for forage.

Some producers have applied fungicides to the wheat this spring and some of this treated wheat may have been harvested for forage. The chemical fungicides used to control rust in wheat are Tilt, Propimax, Headline, Quadris, Stratego, and Quilt. The labels for these products include restrictions for grazing and harvesting forage. The restrictions vary for the different fungicides. To read the labels, go to <http://www.greenbook.net>.

Based on information from other forages, feeding value and palatability of wheat forage may decline with rust infestation. The degree of decline will most likely depend on the severity of infestation. There are no reports of toxic compounds in rust infested forage. The only potential health concerns appear to be respiratory problems associated with inhaling fungal spores. Other precautions may be necessary if the forage was treated with fungicides.

Ted McCollum III, PhD, PAS
Extension Beef Cattle Spec.

New Compost Lab For Central Texas

Scientists in Stephenville have a new soil analysis lab to serve composters of dairy waste. Compost is used for dairy cow bedding. Consumers won't find it at their local gardening center because it is low in organic matter. Most is sold to the Texas Department of Transportation to improve highway right-of-ways. The new lab was needed when TxDOT adopted higher testing standards. The compost must be analyzed for heavy metals and its carbon to nitrogen rate. The lab should be fully operational in about a month.

Crop Production Guides Available

Farming is a question-and-answer game. Extension now offers a series of crop production guides on the internet. Each guide addresses a specific topic or problem and offers advice that producers can use to formulate a solution. There are production guides for insects, plant disease, irrigation, harvest management, soil fertility, and more.

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est estimate does not take into account potential safeguards on textile imports from China which currently are under consideration by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. Exports are projected to reach a record 14.5 million bales based on strong growth in China's import demand. Ending stocks are expected to fall 11 percent to 6.3 million bales or 31 percent of total use.

World cotton projections for 2005-06 included sharply lower production and higher consumption and trade with ending stocks projected to fall approximately eight percent. China's planted area is likely to fall roughly 15 percent from last season due to low prices at harvest. Reduced cotton production in China and the United States accounted for 60 percent of the 12.3-million-bale decline in expected world production.

World consumption of 111.5 million bales assumes above-average growth for the second consecutive year based on continued expansion in textile demand and favorable cotton prices relative to polyester. A sharp increase in world trade is driven by anticipated Chinese imports of 15.0 million bales, nearly double the estimated 2004-05 level. World ending stocks are projected at 45.2 million bales.



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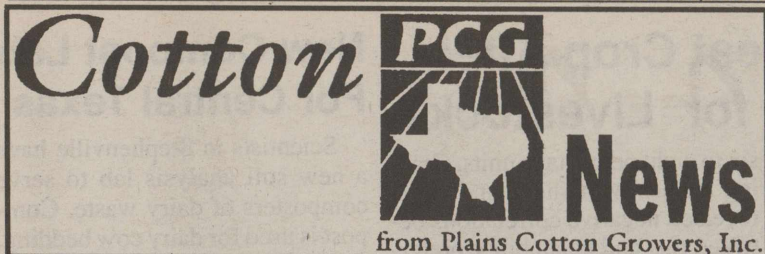
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The first week in May brought a welcome flood of activity to High Plains cotton fields as producers, many of whom would have preferred to start planting the previous week, raced to take advantage of the return to warm, sunny days.

That activity has pushed planting progress to between 10 and 15 percent of the region's projected 3.6 million cotton acres. Virtually all the 2005 crop planted to date has been on irrigated cotton acreage.

With scattered thunderstorms forecast for the entire week and through the weekend producers have adopted a sense of urgency about getting seed in the ground. At least part of that urgency is due to the fact they have a lot of ground to cover and a relatively short timeframe to work with because of looming federal crop insurance planting dates.

Final planting dates for High Plains counties range from May 31 in northern counties to June 5 and 10 in central and southern counties, respectively.

Those feelings seem to be well founded following an afternoon and evening of heavy thunderstorms May 12. The storms were concentrated in the northeastern quarter of the High Plains, in Briscoe, Crosby, Floyd, Hale and Lubbock counties.

From a crop standpoint the rains brought by the storms were generally beneficial, despite some occurrences of locally heavy rains and numerous tornadoes and hail that caused some property damage.

With continued favorable weather over the next few weeks planting progress is expected to advance rapidly, especially in irrigated areas. With most dryland producers still in need of planting moisture, significant progress in non-irrigated areas will be slower to develop in the absence of rainfall until the calendar forces planters into the field.

Altogether 2005 planting progress is not far off what would be considered more or less normal at this time of year, even though weather conditions the past few years have allowed growers to get accustomed to slightly earlier starts to the planting season.

The feeling of being somewhat behind, combined with recent weather patterns, is contributing to

the urgency of growers in 2005. This situation will also insure rapid progress is made every day through the end of the planting window.

NASS Releases Final 2004 Crop Estimate

This week's release of the 2004 Cotton Ginnings Annual Report and the last district level 2004-crop production estimate from the national Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) offers an insightful first glimpse into the composition of a record-setting 2004 crop.

With state and national level NASS personnel tracking down and pinpointing the county of origin of the last of the 2004 crop, Plains Cotton Growers officials are encouraging anyone contacted by NASS to assist them in every possible way.

Without doubt the final tally for many Texas counties will be the highest ever recorded. Assisting the people who are responsible for verifying the accuracy of those records is key to insuring every county gets full credit for the cotton produced within its borders in 2004.

This week's Crop Production Report, which contained the last district level production estimate before final county numbers are released, gives an indication of just how big some of the totals will be.

Totaling the May 12 estimate for production in Texas Crop Reporting Districts 1-N and 1-S indicates the High Plains region will be credited for producing at least 4.73 million bales the state produced in 2003. The previous state record of six million bales was established during the 1949 growing season.

Another good indicator of how the county production figures will turn out is the final 2004-crop Cotton Ginnings Report, also released May 12. The primary contents of that report are county level ginning totals including, to the greatest extent possible, identification of how many running bales of cotton were produced in each county.

Highlights of the report include six High Plains counties (5-Hale, 6-Lubbock, 7-Lamb, 8-Gaines, 9-Lynn and 10-Terry) ranked in the top ten, nationally based on current estimates of cotton running bales produced. The top four counties in this ranking include three in California (Fresno, Kings and Kern) and Mississippi County Arkansas. These figures reflect the All Cotton production total attributed to

each county and do not differentiate between Pima and Upland cotton.

High Plains counties listed among the top ten in total number of running bales ginned are: Lubbock (579,800), Hockley (469,700), Hale (457,150), Gaines (411,600) and Lamb (371,500).

Based on the figures published in the May 12 Cotton Ginnings report, the 4.73 million-bale pro-

duction estimate for the PCG 41-county area appears to be right on target.

Among the impressive running bale production figures reported for High Plains counties were: Hale County, 385,800; Lubbock, 357,650; Lamb, 331,950; Gaines, 326,400; Lynn, 323,800; Terry, 321,350; Crosby, 302,600; Hockley, 276,400; Dawson, 271,400, and Floyd, 256,100.


Stenholm Appreciation Dinner Scheduled May 21


An appreciation dinner for Charlie and Cindy Stenholm will be held Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

The event will be held at the Texas Cowboy Reunion Pavilion in Stamford, Texas.

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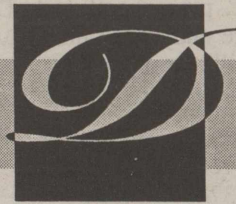
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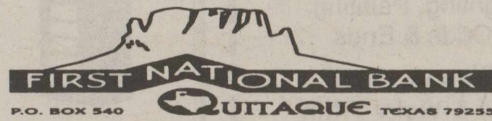
Although everyone probably has a fear of something, knowing that God our Father is always with us, should be a comfort to us whenever we become anxious or fearful. Telling ourselves or someone else to not be afraid is a nice statement, but one that is usually easier said than done. Building up a loving and trusting relationship with God is the best way to overcome our fears. The Bible tells us that God is love and there is no fear in love, and perfect love casts out fear.



...I will fear no evil: for thou art with me...

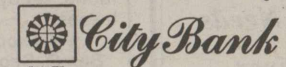
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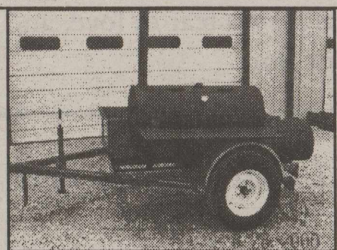
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Edna Estes

Once more, I want to say "thank you" for all your get-well cards, phone calls, good food, flowers, and, most of all, for all your special prayers. Thanks to Bro. King, Dwain Reynolds and Bro. Mayfield for sitting with my family during surgery; to all the churches for your prayer letters, each with your love and kindness; also for all the pretty birthday cards. To my family, special thanks for always being here for me. I love you all. I am doing fine.

Lallie

I would like to thank the Briscoe County 4-H Clothing Project group for the happy Mother's Day card they sent me. I would like to thank everyone for the many birthday and Mother's Day gifts and cards. I would like to thank those from Quitauque who bring me meals.

Elzora

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Anatole France

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