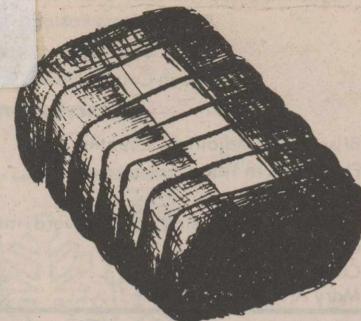


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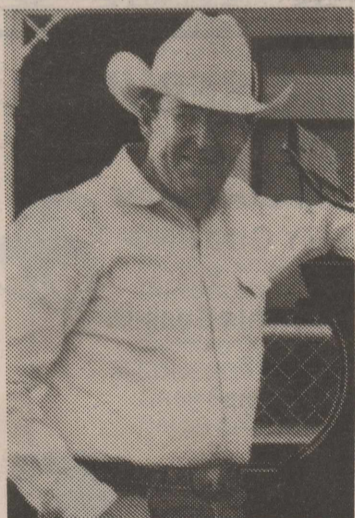
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## Go Owls and Lady Owls!



Jimmy Burson

## Burson Seeking Re-election as County Judge

Jimmy Burson has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election as Briscoe County Judge, subject to action of the Democratic Primary.

In authorizing the Briscoe County News to make the announcement, he said, "Since becoming your County Judge, I have worked hard to develop a good working relationship with the Commissioner's Court and the other elected officials and employees of the county so that our county government can run as efficiently and smoothly as possible.

"I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Briscoe County as your County Judge, and pledge to continue to perform the duties of this office to the best of my ability and to safeguard the interests of the taxpayers of Briscoe County."

Political Advertising Paid For by Jimmy Burson

The framework has been going up this week for the new government office building, located on Highway 86 east of the Malt Shop. The new brick building will house the Briscoe County ASCS and Soil Conservation Service.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Special Caprock Jamboree Show Coming Saturday

The December 4 show at the Caprock Jamboree will be special in a number of ways. First, this will be the final show of 1993. Second, the winner of the Concertmate-900 keyboard and stand, which was donated by Jimmie McKay of Kermit, will be announced during the drawing at the end of the show. Last, but certainly not least, is the great entertainment scheduled, helping make this night a great ending for the 1993 season. All of this will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Local talent and musicians from around the Panhandle providing entertainment during Saturday night's program will include The Country Sounds, Grammy & Pop and friends, The Hesters and Sherion McCoy. Two new entertainers, Cecil and Ter'ie, will be making a first-time appearance.

A special time has been set aside for the Youth Showcase with local and area musicians returning for a repeat performance. These young entertainers will include Kurby and Brooke Garvin, Constance Braddock, and Colby and Molly Gardner. Each of these young musicians is very talented and will help to make the night special at the Caprock Jamboree.

The Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department will be preparing the meal which will consist of mesquite-grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings beginning at 6:00 p.m. Help support this very necessary organization. Proceeds from the meal will be used to purchase equipment needed for fighting fires.

Throughout the show, for a \$1.00 donations, tickets will be given for a

chance to win the keyboard to be drawn for at the conclusion of the show. The winner does not need to be present to win. Proceeds that have been donated on the keyboard and donations given during the show will be used to pay for recently-purchased equipment for the Jamboree.

Remember! There will not be a Jamboree show January 1! The Jamboree coordinators are asking everyone to help spread the word. Then, on February 5, 1994, the Caprock Jamboree will be back on schedule.

Make your plans now to attend the Caprock Jamboree Saturday, December 4, in Silverton. Bring a lawn chair, if you have one, and if you don't, come anyway as some chairs are available.

## Firemen to Host Christmas Ball

Silverton Fire Department will host a Fireman's Ball from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 11, at the showbarn.

A steak supper will be served, followed by music by Caprock Country.

Charge for the event will be \$15.00 each.

You may purchase tickets to the Fireman's Ball from any member of the volunteer fire department. Proceeds of the project will be used to buy equipment and supplies for the fire department.

Firemen must turn their tickets in at the fire meeting on December 7. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

## Greeting Page to Benefit Building Remodeling Fund

L. O. A. Study Club has announced plans to sponsor the Christmas Greeting Page again this year, and the proceeds of the project will be donated to the building remodeling fund.

The two buildings north of Briscoe County News are to be remodeled to house a Chamber of Commerce office and the Silverton Public Library. Meeting rooms, restrooms and a kitchen also are included in the plan.

You will be receiving a letter from the sponsoring organization soon, and if you would like to donate to the project and have your name on the Christmas Greeting Page, you may send a check to Rhenda Burson, treasurer, along with the name or names you wish to place on the special page.



Bess McWilliams

## Mrs. McWilliams Announces for Re-election as Clerk

Bess McWilliams has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that she is a candidate for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

In making her statement, Mrs. McWilliams said, "In announcing my candidacy, I would like to say it has been a pleasure to serve as your County and District Clerk.

"I feel very strongly, and have a deep sense of responsibility to you about the recording and protection of the records.

"Also, I hope that my experience, care and concern for the records and the manner in which I have served you as your County and District Clerk will merit your continued support."

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**Developing Briscoe County Hospitality**

This is the first part in a series on developing our hospitality habits. The impression we make on tourists is a deciding factor in how they will perceive our area. It is also the first step in developing hospitality habits.

Our job in being a hospitable host is to make a good first impression. You form an impression in the first six seconds after you meet someone. Therefore, it is up to you to make the most of those six seconds when you are greeting tourists. You should greet them within the first minute of their arrival with a sincere smile. Also remember to act naturally, but professionally. Avoid being a robot.

Remember to be courteous and friendly! Maintaining eye contact will help you to come across as confident, honest and knowledgeable. The tone of your voice or how you say something makes more of an impression than the words you use. Therefore, you should


SMILE with your voice. Following these steps will help you to make that good first impression which is needed to help promote our area.

**Silverton Public Library**

The new books on the shelves of the Silverton Public Library include "Foxfire 2", ghost stories, spring wild plant foods, spinning and weaving, midwifing, burial customs, corn shuckin's, wagon making and more affairs of plain living. This book is edited with an introduction by Eliot Wigginton.

Other new titles in the library include "Earth In The Balance," Ecology and the Human Spirit, Senator Al Gore; "Transformation," the Breakthrough; Know this: they are watching, Whitley Stresber; "Capital Crimes," Lawrence Sanders; "As The Crow Flies," Jeffrey Archer; "Lonely Passage," Loula Grace Erdman; "This Rough Magic," Mary Stewart; "Danger of Dreams," Patricia Matthews; "Tangled Vines," Janet Dailey.

Read! and enjoy your public library which is located in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse and is open on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

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fail sometimes in our plenty. We forget to be grateful, especially, to thank Him who giveth us all good things.

A position of plenty is a dangerous one, especially to the person that has experienced nothing but this. Losing our sense of appreciation, we cease to be thankful. It can be devastating to us spiritually.

The church of the Laodicians was a well-to-do church; however, material well-being had made them complacent spiritually. The Lord read their thoughts, and said, "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing: and knowest not that thou art wretched miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried with fire . . . that thou mayest be rich: And white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed. And eye salve that thou mayest see. (Revelation 3:17-18).

If we are not grateful for what we have, chances are that we would not be happy with what we wish we had . . . If we forget the language of gratitude, we can never be on speaking terms with happiness . . . There is a sense in which no gift is ours until we have thanked the giver.

If your wealth is in friends, you can handle poverty in anything else . . . It is better to trust your friend and be disappointed, than not to trust and be sorry . . . Friends are imperfect people who put up with each other's imperfections . . . If you have to buy your friends, you can be sure that they aren't worth the price . . . Friends help you relax . . . Enemies keep us on our toes . . .

Recognizing Opportunity: A neighbor knocked at the lazy man's door and told him of a job that could be had by simply going after it. "Umm," said the man, "it appears that there is considerable involved." "Oh, yes," said the neighbor, "you will pass many sleepless nights, and many toilsome days, but it is a good position and a chance for advancement." "Umm," said the man, "and just who are you?" "I am called Opportunity." "Umm," said the man, "you call yourself Opportunity, but you look like hard work to me," and he slammed the door.

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# Looking Back

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**December 8, 1983**—Silverton Tournament set to go this morning . . . Students making the elementary honor roll were Holly Nance, first grade; Matt Francis, Kami Martin, Wayne Martin, Braden Towe, Michelle Whitfill, second grade; Aimee Francis, Justin McFall, Melissa Woods, third grade; Fidencio Reyes, fifth grade; Ron McCune, Tracy Tomlin, sixth grade . . . Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhode are parents of a son, Nicholas . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brookshier to observe seventieth wedding anniversary at Tulia Care

Center . . . Amanda Weast wins doll and wardrobe given away by Century of Progress Study Club . . .

**December 6, 1973**—Cotton harvest expanding rapidly under clear weather . . . Sixty-two aoudad sheep taken in seven-day season . . . A. R. Martin returned home from an Amarillo hospital, where he had been a patient for several days, on Monday of this week . . . City Tailors to close December 15 . . . Mrs. Leland Hugh Wood, the former Miss Rita Joy Taylor, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower here Saturday . . . Eighth grade boys, girls win second in tournament . . . Haylake Club to have Christmas party . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Drewry and Tammy of Huntsville had as their Thanksgiving dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Drewry and Robin of Burleson and Mrs.

Mildred Brooks and Roy of Silverton . . .

**November 28, 1963**—"Do not ask what your Country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Country." In memory of John F. Kennedy . . . From "All Around the Town": Last Friday shortly afternoon, when the news began flashing across the country that President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated our first feeling was that it was a horrible, uncalled for and inappropriate joke. It just didn't seem possible that such a thing could have been waiting for the Presidential party in Dallas, Texas. What a black day in Texas history! Dallas, noted for the inhospitable reception of persons of dignity, had been checked out and rechecked for the President's safety. Always one to like to get close to his constituents, President Kennedy and

his party were not beneath the safety of the bubble which was especially designed for the Presidential limosine during the administration of Dwight Eisenhower, I think. Had the rain still been falling perhaps this ignoble deed might not have been committed, as the President would have sat beneath the protective bubble. For the first time in my life I almost felt ashamed to be a Texan. How could a thing like this have happened in the Lone Star State, in dazzling Big D? This is not the American way of solving problems. Everything about the act was so un-American that it almost makes me sick to think about it. Every reaction of the assassin was un-American. And now a great President is dead. The great esteem in which he was held in most of the foreign countries around the world has been demonstrated. The uniting of the hearts and minds of all peoples regardless of political party affiliation and the continuity of a government as provided by our Constitution are sources of consolation . . .

**December 3, 1953**—BT3 Jim Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardin, arrived home on Thanksgiving Day for a 30-day leave from the Navy. Jim returned to the States last June from Korean waters but this is his first visit here . . . Pvt. E. H. McGavock, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McGavock, has been selected to attend the 5th Armored Division's Motor Mechanics School . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morris and Alvie Morris returned on Wednesday of last week from a deer hunt near Marathon. Roy and Alvie each killed a nice buck, but Vivian failed to get one . . . The first 10 to enter the Douglas Flower & Gift Shop Anniversary Open House with a 1943 penny in their possession received an orchid. These included Betty Gilkeyson, Bess Gilkeyson, Juanita Stephens, Margaret Thornton, Gaile Word, Ruby Clement, Don Thomas, Mrs. R. M. Hill, Patricia Cagle and Linda Sue Jones . . .

**December 9, 1943**—Dear Santa, I am a little boy three years old and my little brother, David, is eight months old. I try to be a good boy and I drink my milk. Please, Santa, bring me a machine gun, a hammer, sideboards, painted red, for my wagon and an army truck. Bring David some blocks, a teddy bear and a doll. John Schott . . . Dear Santa, I am nine years old. I am in the sixth grade. I have not been making very good grades. I want a baseball glove and an eversharp pencil. I hope you can bring them to me. Yours truly, Gail Bullock . . . Dear Santa, I am just a little girl and I don't want much this year, just a rattler will do. You might leave a few oranges, but I don't care much for candy and nuts. Your friend, LaQuetta Jo Chitty . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a big doll, a first aid kit, a story book and a pair of shoes. Your friend, Fern Norris . . .

**July 15, 1926**—Mayor Tom Nichols announces that arrangements have been made with the State Highway Department for the use of equipment for grading the principle resident streets in the near future . . . G. W. Burkett, new rural route carrier, is taking a ten-day vacation. W. L. Jenkins will carry the mail in his absence . . . Variety store is being opened here by Plainview man . . . Mrs. E. B. Walker entertained the little folks with a party Friday afternoon. The party was in honor of her oldest son, Alton, who was five years old. Attending were Anna Mae Busby, Maxine Watters, Barbara Fowler, Delma Dean Self, Iva Watters, Uldean Baker, Lynda and Willie Mae Watters and Alton Walker, Theodore Brooks, Eldon Baker, Dud Watters, Roy Mack Walker, O. C. and Billy Rampley . . . Juanita Shaw entered the sanitarium last Sunday for a tonsil operation . . . Wyona, eight-year-old daughter of W. V. Bomar, is doing nicely since an operation for appendicitis . . .

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## Small Departments Get Help From State Agency Grants

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection has approved \$410,045 in grants and low-interest loans for fire departments in small towns and rural communities across the state.

Almost \$100,000 of the grant money will go to 22 fire departments for the purchase of 150 sets of bunker gear: the fire fighters' protective coats, pants and helmets. Grants for 50 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units—which fire fighters need to be able to breathe in burning buildings—accounted for another \$65,000.

The commission also approved \$230,750 in low-interest loans to 11 fire departments for the purchase of fire trucks, fire station facilities and other equipment.

Four communities will split \$4,600 in scholarship money to send 11 fire fighters to fire school.

During the last legislative session, Texas lawmakers allocated approximately \$1.4 million for the 1994-95 biennium to the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. The commission's Fire Department Emergency program administers the funds for fire department grants, loans and scholarships. The legislature has specified that half of the money is to be used for grants and the other half for loans and that the money is to be split equally between municipalities and rural or unincorporated areas.

So far this year, almost 100 small towns and rural communities have asked the state for more than \$1.8 million in financial help for fire department equipment and training. The commission's Funds Allocation Advisory Committee reviews the requests and recommends approval based on the communities' relative needs.

The commission will discuss further appropriations at its January meeting and will accept applications for funds through July 1994.

Fire departments in the following communities received grants for protective clothing or breathing

equipment, unless otherwise noted:

Angus (12,800), Anson (\$1,275 for fire school scholarships), Bethel-Cayuga (\$3,050), Blackjack (\$3,600), Breckenridge (\$9,000 for air-refilling station).

Briar Oaks (\$4,000), Brookston (\$11,070 for protective gear and fire school scholarships), Buchanan (\$11,650), China Spring (\$7,090), Coleman (\$9,695).

Cottendale (\$1,400), Covington (\$9,400), Ector (\$7,200), Galena Park (\$10,000 for an SCBA compressor), Goldthwaite (\$4,940).

Hawley (\$1,275 for fire school scholarships), Mid-County (\$2,200), Milano (\$3,300), Morgan (\$2,500), Nesbitt (\$8,350).

Palmview (\$2,800), Point Blank

(\$3,300), Reklaw (\$5,850 for protective gear and fire school scholarships), Roby (\$6,500 for a 300-gallon skid unit), Rock Island (\$2,800).

Rolling Oaks (\$2,750), Santo (\$8,350), Silver Creek (\$7,800), Sunset (\$2,750), Taft (\$5,600), Tioga (\$5,800), Wellington (\$2,750) and 3-N-1 Volunteer Fire Department (\$8,450 for protective clothing, hand-held radios and nozzles).

Fire departments in the following communities received low-interest loans:

Cash (\$25,000 for protective gear and an attack / grass truck), Dawson (\$10,000 for an addition to the fire station), Eastside (\$24,750 for protective gear, spare cylinders, a used truck and other fire fighting equipment), Ector (\$16,000 for a grass truck), Hearne (\$25,000 for a truck and tank).

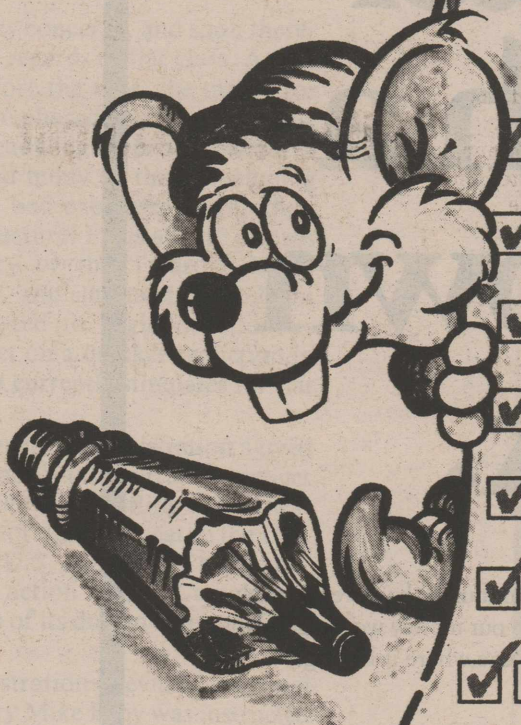
Justin (\$25,000 for a fire truck and related costs), Surfside Beach (\$15,000 for a truck), Speegleville (\$25,000 for a truck and foam unit), Wild Peach (\$25,000 for a tank and for repairs to

an existing truck chassis), Winters (\$25,000 for a fire station) and 3-N-1 Volunteer Fire Department (\$15,000 for a two-bay fire station).

Spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Clifton and Joy Stodghill were their children, Mary, Bryan, Matt and Nick Garner of Amarillo, Donna Majors of Lubbock, and Carol and Greg Huddleston of Irving. Also visiting were her parents, Bern and Bonnie May. Visiting the group on Sunday were Doris Sewell and Billy Blake of Lubbock.

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- DON'T USE INDOOR LIGHTS OUTSIDE.
- AVOID OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL LINES when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
- USE WATERPROOF LIGHTING EQUIPMENT OUTDOORS. Also, hang sockets downwards and don't leave a socket empty.

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**SILVERTON BOY SCOUTS**—(front, left to right) Kevin Duncan, Aaron Wederski, Martin Younger; (back) Larry Comer, Will Hester, Heath Braddock, Cy Comer, Desley Kellum, Miles Comer. Not pictured: David Kellum also was present.

## Boy Scout News

Scouting is great fun for boys of all ages. Many new skills are learned and refined. These skills are carried out in a team setting, promoting teamwork and cooperation. For the last month, the Scouts have been learning about Wilderness Survival. Scouts who participated in this will also be earning a Wilderness Survival merit badge.

The Boy Scouts recently went to Caprock Canyons State Park to practice these wilderness survival skills. This was a two-day camp-out, starting on Friday after school and ending Sunday afternoon. The opportunity to use the park as a training ground is appreciated. The red canyon walls, the

many different rocks, trees and grasses along with the character of many different creeks and draws make this an ideal place for Scout training. This was a good experience for all the Scouts, who learned such skills as firstaid on the trail, signaling for help by five different methods, what to do if you get lost, building an emergency wilderness shelter and sleeping in it, three ways to start a fire without matches, and map and compass work.

Heath Braddock, Miles Comer, Desley Kellum and Cy Comer acted as firstaid victims. Heath played the part of a snakebite victim. Miles simulated a patient with a broken leg. Desley portrayed a choking victim and Cy pretended to have a head injury. Martin Younger, Aaron Wederski, Ryan

Minyard, Kevin Henderson and Will Hester treated them by splinting Miles' leg and building a stretcher out of two sticks and a blanket. A bandana was used to demonstrate the slowing of poison on Heath. The Heimlick maneuver was demonstrated on Desley. Cy's head was bandaged to demonstrate the slowing of bleeding.

Sunday the Scouts did a good turn by picking up railroad spikes on the ten-mile stretch from Quitaque to the railroad tunnel. This was a particularly rewarding experience, as it will save the Park Service many flats and ruined tires and some of the Scouts saw the tunnel for the first time. The countryside was particularly beautiful. On the south side of the tunnel, the flowing creek and the trees and bushes with different colored leaves painted the countryside in enjoyable colors.

Special honors were given to Martin Younger for his prompt and cool-headed work with firstaid treatment. Ryan Minyard and Cy Comer were honored for having the best emergency shelters. Aaron Wederski received recognition for being the most enthusiastic while beautifying the railroad trail. Kevin Reynolds was awarded recognition for being the most-improved Scout. A special thanks to Miles Comer, Heath Braddock, Desley Kellum and Cy Comer for a job well done in playing the part of accident victims.

Scouting is a wonderful learning tool and a lot of fun. If you are interested in joining the Boy Scouts, you can contact Larry Comer, Rick Minyard, David Kellum, Pat Braddock, or come to the meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. The Boy Scouts appreciate the support that you have given as a community. Without you, this would not be possible.

## Silverton School Activities

December 2-4—Smyer Tournament  
 Monday, December 6—Hedley Junior High, here, 4:30; Nazareth Junior High, here, 6:30; District FFA Banquet, Clarendon; High School Art Field Trip  
 Tuesday, December 7—Motley County, here, 4:00  
 Wednesday, December 8—High School Knowledge Master for GT Students; Personality and Group Pictures  
 Thursday, December 9—Board Meeting, 7:00½ Junior High Knowledge Master for GT Students  
 December 9-11—Cotton Center Tournament  
 Sunday, December 12—Rauch / Boedeker Christmas Recital

## Silverton School Lunchroom Menu

Monday, December 6—Fish, Tartar Sauce, French Fries, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Chocolate Cup, Milk  
 Tuesday, December 7—Beef and Cheese Chalupa, Hot Sauce, Salad, Corn, Sopapillas, Syrup, Milk  
 Wednesday, December 8—Beef and Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk  
 Thursday, December 9—Corn Dog with Cheese Curly Fries, Cornbread, Fruit, Jello, Milk  
 Friday, December 10—Turkey and Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Fruit Salad, Milk

## Couple to Observe Anniversary Friday

Ewing and Louise Vaughan will observe their sixty-first wedding anniversary on Friday, December 3.

Mr. Vaughan and the former Louise Brown were married at the Baptist parsonage in Silverton by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Lawrence. They had attended school together here.

The couple have spent all of their married life in Briscoe County, where he is now retired from farming. She is a retired art teacher.

They are parents of two children, Helen Youngquist of Lubbock and Ronald Vaughan of Arlington. They also have six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## New Arrival

Kim and Dusty George of Tulia are parents of a son, Cayson Burson, born Tuesday, November 23, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed nine pounds, three and one-half ounces, and measured 21½" long at birth.

Welcoming her new brother into the family is Whitney, who is three years old.

Grandparents are A. C. and Carol George of Tulia and Rhenda and Jimmy Burson.

Maternal great-grandparents are Randy and Marge Gafford of Floydada and Johnnie and Dean Burson.

## Immunizations to Be Available in Tulia on Dec. 8

A special clinic to administer immunizations to anyone who needs them will be conducted Wednesday, December 8, 1993 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health Office, Tulia Courthouse Annex, 310 West Broadway, Room 115. Please call for an appointment.

Walkins may sign in at the door and will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Immunizations offered include Flu for adults and high-risk adolescents, Polio, DPT, PTaP, Td, MMR, HIB for appropriate ages, and Hepatitis B for infants and high-risk adolescents.

Fees are on a sliding scale depending on monthly income. Flu vaccine will be \$2.00 plus Co-Pay.

For further information, call 995-3638.

## Senior Citizens To Have Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the center on Tuesday, December 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Those who have birthdays in December will be honored.

The party last month was called off, so the hosts for this month's party will be those who had birthdays in October and November.

Visiting in the home of John and Beverly Bowman for Thanksgiving were two of their sons and families, Dan, Paula, Phillip and Jonathan of Whiteface and Tom, Sonya and Timmy of Matador.

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## Varsity Teams in Smyer Tourney

Silverton's varsity Owls and Lady Owls are in a tournament at Smyer this weekend. The other teams in the girls bracket are Dawson, Amherst, Ropes, Loop, Wilson, Smyer and Three Way. Teams in the boys division are the same, with the exception of Ropes, whose boys are still in the state football playoffs.

The Owls are scheduled to play Wilson in the opening round, with tipoff at 4:30 p.m. in Gym B. This will be followed by the Lady Owls at 6:00 p.m. in Gym B.

Winners of the Owls vs. Wilson will play either Smyer or Three Way at 9:00 p.m. Friday in Gym A. Loser will play at 6:00 p.m. Friday in Gym B.

Winner of the first Lady Owls game will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Gym A. Loser plays at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Gym B against either Smyer or Three Way.

## Junior High Owls Win Two Games

In a four-game set-to with Motley County here last week, Silverton's Junior High boys won a pair of games, and the eighth grade Lady Owls won while their seventh grade counterparts dropped their game.

7th Lady Owls	0	4	10	14
Motley Co.	8	13	17	24

Amanda Cruz led the scoring with 10 points. Dara Ramsey and Lindsey Weaks dropped in two points each. The other girls on this team are Lindsey Jennings, Trista Davis and Destiny Ivory.

7th Owls	4	6	15	15
Motley Co.	2	4	8	10

The seventh grade Owls led at the end of each quarter, with scoring by Jay Arnold, nine points; Jared Holt, four points, and Matt Martin, two points. Others on this team are Donny Burson, Jeremy Holt, David Gamble, David Donahoo and Lorn Estes.

8th Lady Owls	13	21	31	37
Motley Co.	4	4	5	9

The Lady Owls pretty much ran away with this game, led in scoring by Michelle Warren, who lighted the boards with 15 points, and Shauna Kingery, who also was in double figures with 10. Adding to the score were Misti Wilkinson and Lacey Brunson, four points each; Molly Brooks and Kenzie

## Victory Eluding The Varsity Owls

The Owls are still looking for a win, and pursued it at Hedley Tuesday night of this week. In the past two outings, at Claude and at Lazbuddie, both the Owls and Lady Owls have found it really rough going against some good teams.

The Lady Owl books were not available Tuesday afternoon.

At Lazbuddie, the Owls lost a 79-62 decision. Stoney Hubbard had the hot hand and burned the baskets with 21 points, while Matt Francis and Lance Holt scored in double figures with 17 and 11 points respectively. Also scoring were Phil Patino, eight; Zane Henderson, three, and Braden Towe, two points.

Owls	11	29	50	62
Lazbuddie	22	35	56	79

The teams were idle Friday night, due to it being the Thanksgiving holiday.

Burson, two points each.				
8th Owls	8	18	25	33
Motley Co.	12	16	19	27

The Owls had to come from behind to earn this victory. Jackie Cherry led the offense by scoring 12 points. Leland Wood and Trey Wyatt caged eight points each; Trey Ziegler got three and Jared Francis added two points to the score. Others on this team are Chris Justice, Will Hester, Miles Comer, Michael Reagan and Andy Bullock.

Monday night of this week the Junior High teams traveled to Matador for a rematch. Once again, the tough little seventh grade girls from Motley County defeated the Lady Owls.

7th Lady Owls	6	6	10	16
Motley Co.	6	8	8	31

Scoring for the Lady Owls was by Dara Ramsey, six points; Amanda Cruz and Trista Davis, four points each, and Lindsey Weaks, two points.

7th Owls	1	3	11	19
Motley Co.	6	8	12	18

The seventh grade Owls had a little trouble with the scrappy Motley County group, having to come from behind to take a one-point victory. Scoring was by Jay Arnold, seven; David Gamble, six; Jared Holt, four; Matt Martin, two points.

8th Lady Owls	4	11	22	27
Motley Co.	2	5	7	7

The Lady Owls had little trouble earning this victory, with Michelle Warren again leading all scorers with 13 points. Adding to the score were Misti Wilkinson, five; Lacey Brunson, four; Molly Brooks, three; Kenzie Burson, two points.

8th Owls	6	18	30	40
Motley Co.	4	7	12	25

The Owls took control of the game early and really poured it on. Cherry led the offense by scoring a big 20 points. Also scoring were Trey Wyatt, eight; Leland Wood and Andy Bullock, four points each; Jared Francis and Chris Justice, two points each.

The Junior High teams will be at home Monday when they host teams from Hedley and Nazareth.

## Remember Fire Safety When Planning Holiday Trees, Decorations

Texans enjoyed a special holiday gift last year: No one died in a fire related to Christmas trees or other holiday decorations.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection urges all Texans to keep up the good work by avoiding fire hazards this holiday season. "Christmas trees and decorations, Hanukkah Menorahs and New Year's Eve fireworks all are fire hazards uniquely related to the holiday season," said Executive Director Michael E. Hines. "By using common sense, you can avoid needless fires that would ruin your holiday."

The Commission on Fire Protection recommends the following steps to prevent holiday fires:

(1) Keep natural trees well-watered and moist.

Natural trees require special care. According to fire statistics, natural trees used as decorations in the home are three times as likely as artificial trees to be involved in fires.

Water the tree daily. Letting the water supply run out even once can keep the tree from drawing any more water through the trunk.

Heaters dry the air, which dries natural trees. Use a humidifier to replace air moisture.

As the tree dries, don't leave lights on for extended times. Never leave a lighted tree unattended.

(2) Dispose of natural trees and decorations safely.

The largest number of Christmas tree fires occur during January when the trees have been put out for trash collection. Take used trees and branches to recycling centers or landfills. This will keep children from being tempted to experiment with matches and the dried greenery.

(3) Avoid candles, and assign "candle watchers".

Fire statistics show that candles caused half of the holiday-decoration fires last year. The best option is to replace wax candles with battery-operated candlesticks.

If wax candles are used, be sure someone is in the room whenever the candles are burning. Put out all candles before going to sleep or leaving the home.

(4) Assign "Light watchers".

Faulty or unattended electrical lights caused half of the Christmas tree fires last December, according to fire statistics. Be sure someone is at home and awake whenever decorative lights are on. Turn off lights before going to sleep.

(5) Avoid the common hazards of fireworks.

Most fires caused by fireworks were grass, tree or brush fires. Almost half were caused by children playing with the fireworks. The safest option is to avoid all fireworks.

Set off fireworks in open areas clear of grass and trees. Do not use fireworks in windy or dry weather. Check with the local fire department to see if fireworks are legal in your area.

(6) Remember home fire safety.

Be sure there are working smoke alarms near all bedrooms. Give smoke alarms as gifts to those who don't have smoke alarms or who need to replace old smoke alarms.

Don't leave cooking unattended. Plan and practice an emergency exit drill in the home.

Last December, 19 fires involved Christmas trees and another 25 fires involved holiday decorations, according to the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System operated by the commission to gather fire statistics from Texas fire departments. Only one person was injured in a Christmas tree fire. In



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December 1991, five people died in fires involving Christmas trees.

The most common causes of accidental holiday fires were candles and electrical malfunctions, especially involving lamps and lights. Fire statistics also show that the largest number of holiday fires were caused by children playing with fire or fireworks or by arson or suspected arson.

During the 1992 winter holiday season, fireworks were involved in 11 building fires and 81 grass or brush fires.

The Texas Commission on Fire Protection is a state agency involved in numerous aspects of fire protection. Through the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System, the commission collected fire information during 1992 from 439 Texas fire departments, representing about 75 percent of the state's population.

### Social Security Benefits for Divorced Spouses

by Terry Richardson  
Social Security Office Manager  
Plainview, Texas

Are you divorced? Did you know that divorced women and men may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits on the record of their former spouse?

To qualify for benefits as a divorced spouse, you must:

- ★ be at least 62, and
  - ★ have been married to your spouse for at least 10 years; and
  - ★ are currently unmarried.
- Your former spouse must be:
- ★ at least 62, and
  - ★ receiving Social Security retirement or disability benefits.

You also can get benefits if your former spouse is eligible for retirement benefits but not actually receiving them, if you have been divorced for two years or more. If your ex-spouse was receiving retirement benefits before the divorce, the two-year period doesn't apply.

If your own retirement benefit is higher than what you could receive on your ex-husband's record, you will be paid only your retirement benefit.

If your former spouse is deceased, you may be eligible for Social Security benefits on his or her record if you're 60 or older. If you have a disability, you can get benefits as early as 50. In either case, your marriage must have lasted 10 years. You can receive divorced widow(er)s benefits at any age if you are caring for your former spouse's child who is under 17 years old or disabled. The 10-year marriage rule does not apply in these cases.

If you remarry before age 60, you cannot get Social Security from an ex-spouse unless that subsequent marriage also ends. But if your ex-spouse remarries, you may still be eligible for benefits on his or her record; however, you are not eligible for divorced widow(er)s benefits if your own retirement benefit is higher.

If you are a divorced spouse who is 60 or older (or over 50 but disabled), the benefits you receive will not affect the payments made to other survivors receiving Social Security benefits on your ex-spouse's record.

If you have any questions concerning your eligibility for divorced spouse's benefits, you may call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or visit your local Social Security office.

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The meeting, which is being sponsored by Edd V. Henderson Certified Public Accountants and presented by a representative of AgriPlan/BizPlan, will be held at 7:00 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Edd V. Henderson Certified Public Accountants at 806-983-3700.



For the past one hundred years the Mexican cotton boll weevil has been "looking for a home" in American cotton. The boll weevil has never found that home on the High Plains of Texas, thanks to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG has operated the High Plains Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program for the past 30 years to protect the 3+ million acres of cotton in its 25-county area. From the start in 1964, the plan was to take a stand against the boll weevil along the edge of the Caprock, the steep escarpment that marks the beginning of the High Plains.

Boll weevil infestations across the state of Texas reached record proportions in 1993; however, the PCG program continues to successfully prevent this highly-damaging insect from becoming established in cotton above the Caprock.

The suppression area contains parts of 15 counties and encompasses around 15,500 square miles. There are 5,097 cotton fields within its boundaries

totaling 749,279 acres.

The PCG Boll Weevil Program always has been based on an integrated approach to pest management. Cotton producers in the control zone are encouraged to use all cultural measures possible to minimize field infestations. Uniform planting dates, early stalk destruction and short-season cottons help in the fight. The PCG program maps cotton fields in the control zone and carefully monitors boll weevil activity during the growing season using pheromone traps and field scouts.

During the six weeks or so before the first freeze, the boll weevil starts to build fat deposits to enable its survival through winter hibernation. This stage of the insect's life cycle is called diapause.

A proven control strategy during this diapause period is to treat infested fields with light applications of the insect control agent malathion.

The control phase of the 1993 program started in mid-September, and ended with the freezing temperatures that chilled the High Plains during the Halloween weekend.

The carefully-run suppression program combines proven, safe treatment strategies with ultra-modern computer and satellite technology to control boll weevils. Aggregate acreage totals show 1,357,521 acres were treated to control boll weevils during four scheduled program applications. Total program cost this year is estimated to be \$3.7 million for a cost per treated acre around \$2.73.

A satellite based, parallel-swath navigation system that automatically tracks and records each aircraft's flight path again was provided to the PCG program by its developers, SATLOC Inc. of Casa Grande, Arizona. The system was first used during the 1992 program.

A total of nine turbine-powered aerial application aircraft were used in 1993. Each was equipped with the SATLOC system.

Organization of the program is overseen by PCG's Boll Weevil Steering Committee. Producers in PCG's 25-county area contribute to the program through a per-bale assessment on their cotton collected at area compresses and warehouses. Some operational costs are shared with the United States Department of Agriculture as part of the National Boll Weevil Cooperative Control Program.

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DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	65	21	
2	66	37	
3	55	28	
4	70	28	
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19	65	38	
20	65	22	
21	54	26	
22	67	29	
23	69	33	
24	74	24	
25	31	12	
26	30	9	
27	42	10	
28	57	18	
29	62	23	
30	60	29	

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## TELCOT Report

A Weekly Summary of Cotton  
Marketing News

For the Week Ending November 25

Cotton growers and buyers continued to cash in on an abnormally wide spread between the adjusted world price (AWP) and cotton futures in the past week, as the TELCOT electronic marketing system again registered sizable daily sales totals in the holiday-shortened trading period.

An almost two-cent, largely technical jump in New York cotton futures in the week ended November 25 outpaced gains in the AWP, which USDA announced at 42.16 cents per pound, effective through December 2, and up 82 points from the previous week with a resulting producer option payment (POP) of 1,019 points. As a result, an already-wide 17-cent to 18-cent gap between the AWP and futures grew to around the 20-cent level in the past week; and, industry members, aware that such unusual marketing conditions often last for only a short duration, actively capitalized on the situation.

Sales on the TELCOT electronic marketing system for the holiday-abbreviated four-day trading period totaled 154,772 bales, behind the previous week but reflecting healthy average daily volume. Sources say spot trading of the abundant, high-quality 1993 West Texas / Oklahoma crop has been limited somewhat by ginning capacity; and, while much of the cotton that has entered marketing channels already has been traded, less than half of the total West Texas / Oklahoma crop has found a home.

Harvest of the Texas cotton crop was 77% complete early in the week, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. The figure is well ahead of 57 percent a year ago and 56 percent as the five-year average. The Oklahoma crop also was coming off the stalk ahead of normal, with 74 percent of the harvest completed early in the week, ahead of just 47 percent a year ago and 46 percent on average.

The unusually wide AWP / futures spread coupled with a disastrous Delta cotton crop have provided an extremely friendly environment for marketing Texas / Oklahoma cotton. One industry source predicts domestic consumption

of Texas / Oklahoma cotton should rise from just under 2.0 million bales last year to about 2.7 million this year.

Consumption of U. S. cotton by domestic mills continued at a steady pace throughout October, almost unchanged from the September figure, according to a report released by the National Cotton Council (NCC). The group pegged October's seasonally-adjusted annualized usage rate at 10.183 million bales, nearly even with 10.185 million bales in September. "That's a very high consumption rate. It's not one anyone would want to complain about," commented Melanie Gordon, NCC senior market analyst. Gordon expects a small drop in suage through the end of the year as mills close for extended periods during the winter holidays. "I expect a cyclical drop-off, but I don't expect a nose-dive," she added.

But, the U. S. export front provides a much less rosy scenario. Overseas sales of U. S. cotton for 1993-94 fell a net 14,500 bales in the week ended November 18. Sales to Venezuela, Japan, Mexico and Colombia were more than offset by cancellations totaling 94,400 bales.

One bright spot on an otherwise bleak global front came early in the week as newswire stories reported renewed interest from Russia in obtaining PL-480 credits to purchase a substantial volume of U. S. cotton. The Russian textile organization representing some 500 mills has requested that the Russian government apply for about 900,000 bales of U. S. cotton. While such rumors previously have surfaced and been dismissed due to Russia's need for food products, many industry members think the likelihood of this request actually being granted is better than usual. First, Russia's inability to pay cash for cotton from the Central Asian Republics has made for a difficult trading partnership. Russia's agreements with former Soviet states Uzbekistan and Tajikistan provide for about half of the 5.5 million bales needed there. Only 85 percent of this actually has been delivered so far. Second, prices for cotton from the Central Asian Republics continue to climb, a factor that could make U. S. cotton more competitive in Russia. In addition, sources say only U. S. cotton can be bought on extended credit terms, an important factor for a country suffering from a cash crunch.

Still, many in the trade dismissed the development, contending that the Russian government in all likelihood would lean toward requesting food commodities. But, one source countered, "The old (Russian) officials who were believed prejudicial toward grains are believed to be out since the government shake up." If USDA includes cotton in its latest PL-480 agreement with Russia, it will do so for the first time ever.

A favorably wide spread between New York cotton futures and the adjusted world price (AWP) continued to boost sales on the TELCOT electronic marketing system in the past week. Meanwhile, technical influences were back in the driver's seat where futures trading was concerned as the market was virtually unaffected by passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

A 17- to 18-cent spread between futures and the AWP continued in the past week, and sources say this factor has had more to do with the volume of Texas / Oklahoma cotton being traded on TELCOT recently than current market levels. "As long as this relationship between futures and the AWP exists, merchants will continue to demonstrate demand for this cotton," said one market watcher, adding, "A spread like this allows merchants to buy today and fill forward sales at a reasonable margin."

Should the AWP / futures spread narrow to a more traditional 14-cent average, growers would have to lower their equity levels to induce continued purchases. "Right now, this is a win-win situation," said one industry player, adding that under current market conditions, growers are getting good equities and merchants are able to fill current and forward needs.

And, there is plenty of high-quality Texas / Oklahoma cotton rapidly being harvested to fill those needs. The Texas harvest was 70 percent complete early last week, far ahead of 45 percent at the same time last year and on average. Meanwhile, Oklahoma's crop was 67 percent harvested, ahead of just 37 percent a year ago and 35 percent on average.

Sales of Texas / Oklahoma cotton on the TELCOT electronic marketing system totaled 169,724 bales for the five-day trading period ended November 18. The figure is behind the previous week's sales, but continues to reflect robust demand for a crop that quickly is finding a home with traditional and non-traditional markets alike.

Sources estimate that a 500,000- to 700,000-bale market that traditionally looks to the Delta growing region is being diverted to Texas / Oklahoma supplies in the face of a Delta cotton disaster. A Delta crop year fraught with problems such as drought, insects and other predicaments has resulted in a cotton crop there that is being labeled as the worst in at least 10 years, and, the window created by this means unusually high-quality cotton from Texas and Oklahoma can be marketed more freely. One market watcher early in the past week commented, "Quality concerns have had traditional Memphis Territory buyers flocking to Texas styles in droves in the last one to two months."

Trading at the New York Cotton Exchange was governed mostly by technical influences throughout the week, as most sources felt market lows were made and an upward trend which could continue through the winter months had been regained.

Passage of NAFTA by the House of Representatives on November 17 was expected to have little or no immediate effect on cotton futures or trading of cotton between participating countries. The U. S. cotton industry in recent years has managed to establish a growing relationship as a supplier to

Mexico in the face of plummeting cotton production there.


Most experts feel NAFTA will allow the U. S. to continue to dominate the supply side of the cotton equation with Mexico. Meanwhile, one source speculated that defeat of NAFTA might have meant a reversal of the market share which recently has been achieved by the U. S. in Mexico. Others in the trade believe NAFTA will help draw attention to U. S. growths from other Latin American countries who will carefully be monitoring the agreement and its consequences. Latin America is regarded by most in the industry as a burgeoning market for U. S. cotton.

New foreign markets such as Latin America recently have provided one of the few bright spots in an otherwise dismal export picture. According to USDA's weekly export report released on November 18, overseas sales of U. S. cotton for 1993-94 fell a net 3,600 bales in the week that ended November 11. Sales to featured buyers Japan, Ireland and Taiwan were more than offset by significant cancellations to unknown destinations.

Also on November 18, USDA announced the AWP through the week ending November 25 is 41.34 cents per pound. The figure reflects a 68-point jump from the previous week and results in a producer option payment (POP) of 1,101 points.

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Bill Sarpalius**

**A View From  
the Hill**

**SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT**

As I approached a decision about whether to support or oppose the North American Free Trade Agreement, I was faced with several problems. For every winner, there appeared to be a loser, at least in the 13th Congressional District.

It seemed to me that my role as Congressman for the 13th District was clear. I needed to demonstrate some effectiveness in getting concessions for several industries that would be losers under NAFTA.

For several months before the vote, I worked hard to communicate my concerns and the concerns of my district regarding wheat, peanuts, sugar and flat glass to the Administration. I believe all that hard work paid off handsomely, as I was able to vote on a bill in which each and every concern I had was addressed.

The way the agreement looked before I stood firm on my concerns, the Texas sugar industry stood to lose \$497 million of business activity in the state. Without any changes to the agreement, Mexico would have been able to switch to corn syrup sweeteners in soft drinks. That would have freed up raw sugar in Mexico for export to the United States, thus putting a big dent in our own raw sugar market. After working for several weeks to impress on the Administration how devastating this problem could be to sugar beet producers, I was proud when in a side letter, Mexico pledged not to substitute high fructose corn syrup in order to have a net production surplus of sugar.

But that was only the first of my concerns, and soon thereafter an agreement was reached in regards to flat glass. As the agreement stood a few weeks before the vote, the tariffs for U.S. flat glass would have been phased out in ten years. Mexico's flat glass industry is already highly profitable and a threat to U.S. manufacturers, and many of them, including PPG industries in Wichita Falls, had expressed to me their concerns with the unfair tariff structure. I was able to discuss this specific issue with Secretary of the Treasury Lloyd Bentsen, Vice President Al Gore, and ultimately, President Clinton. In the end, Mexico agreed to begin negotiations as soon as NAFTA goes into effect on a quicker reduction in Mexican tariffs than the agreement currently stipulates for flat glass.

Then, only days before the vote, the Administration agreed to address the problems with Canada's unfair trade practices in regards to wheat. Canada has been undercutting U.S. wheat prices, therefore increasing imports of durum wheat to the U.S. and hurting the domestic market of U.S. durum. In a side letter, the Administration agreed to take action against Canada if it doesn't remedy the negative effects of its durum wheat subsidy practices.

On that same day, the Administration alleviated my final concern, when Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy was instructed to begin discussions with the Canadian government to seek to remedy the increase in imports of peanut paste, and to agree on appropriate quality standards of peanut products. The problem with peanuts had been that there are currently limits on imports of peanuts, but not peanut products.

Now, I have some detractors that are running around the district saying I sold my vote for NAFTA. If fixing a potentially bad bill so as to make it a good bill by withholding my support is "selling my vote", then so be it. I consider that to be good and effective legislating. To me, the mark of an effective legislator is not someone who just votes no on everything, but rather someone who is using his contacts with the President and his cabinet to work for effective change and make legislation better for his constituents.

I am proud that I have access to President Clinton and his cabinet. I believe I have used that access in a good and effective manner for the 13th District. While I know there are a few naysayers who just want me to vote against everything, I believe the vast majority of citizens in the 13th Congressional District want me to be effective and make bad legislation good.

Put casters on a drawer from a discarded dresser to make a toy or storage bin that can be rolled under the bed.

**Happy Birthday to . . .**

- December 2—Brenda Gaskins, Jena McFall, Stella Hall, Cameron Stephens
- December 3—Fernando Patino, Beryl Long, Penny Carpenter
- December 4—Desiree Star Casillas, Jimmy D. Stone, Lori Griffin, Elsie Cornett
- December 5—Anita Ramsey
- December 6—Ethan Long, Robert Cole Burson, Donaleta Garrison, Perry Brunson, Rosemary Perkins, Roy Wood, Annie Grabbe, Leland Wood
- December 7—Jamie Frizzell, Dee McWilliams, Michael Rampley
- December 8—Norby Garcia

**Happy Anniversary to . . .**

- December 3—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kingery
- December 5—Mr. and Mrs. James

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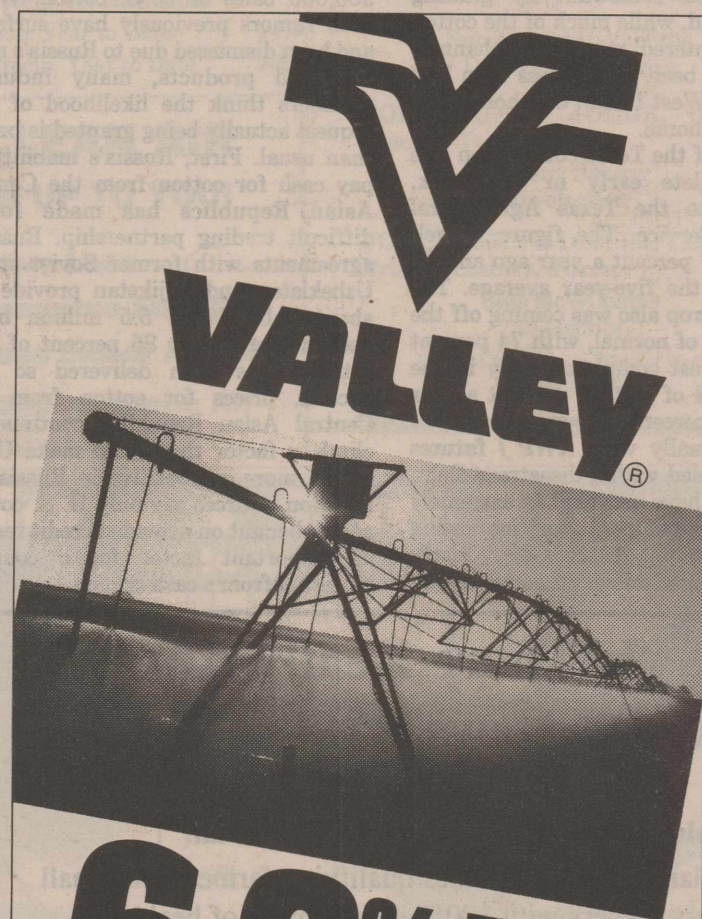
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Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

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

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Ted Kingery, Minister

**SUNDAY:**

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

**WEDNESDAY:**

Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Bryan Donahoo, Pastor

**SUNDAY:**

Library Opens ..... 9:15 a.m.  
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Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:**

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**WEDNESDAY:**

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



# GOD'S LOVE APPEARS IN THE SPARKLING WHITE OF WINTER

When autumn colors fade away  
And skies aren't overcast with gray,  
The brightest stars are on display  
To brighten up the night;  
And meanwhile, on the earth below,  
The ground and trees are all aglow,  
They're blanketed with ice and snow,  
To everyone's delight  
The icicles adorn the trees  
And all the world would seem to freeze;  
However, everyone agrees  
It is an awesome sight.  
Each lesson of our faith implies  
A blessing we should recognize:  
The love of God before our eyes,  
With winter's sparkling white.

— Gloria Nowak

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**SUNDAY:**

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST MONDAY:**

United Methodist Men . 6:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY:**

United Meth. Women... 9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**

Choir Practice ..... 5:00 p.m.  
In-home Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**THIRD SATURDAY:**

Family Fun Night ..... 7:00 p.m.

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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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High..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**SUNDAY:**

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

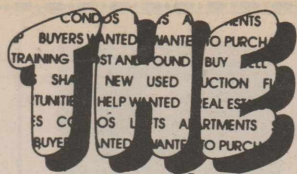
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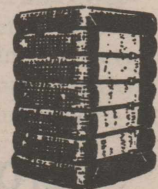
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CARDS OF THANKS

Our sincere thanks to a group of firemen, Calvin Shelton, Dwight Ramsey, Charles Sarchet, Stan Gamble, Tom Justice, Jerry Miller and Dick Roehr, for the speedy help on our cotton stripper fire. We appreciate the service you have rendered to us and are rendering to our entire area. Brett Gill and John Gill

Words can't adequately express how much all the acts of kindness shown to Mama and the rest of us meant.

For all the visits, phone calls, cards, food and flowers, we want to thank you. The outpouring of love wasn't unexpected, because she was a very special lady and you have always responded this way during times of crises. You all made our hard time a little easier. Bros. Bryan and Ted, thank you for the beautiful going home service.

The family of Bula Baird Robert Jim, Lawanda & family Bill, Peggy & family Jerry, Jealeta & family Barry Don Lillie Mae Johnson & family Farris & Jean Martin & family Jerrel & Joy Lee Martin & family Donnie & Carol Martin & family

We would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of love, concern, and most of all for the prayers for us during my illness. Your love and prayers made a difficult time much easier.

We are truly blessed to live in a community that has so much love.

Thank you once again and God bless each of you!

Love, Steve, Marsha, and the girls

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, called me and thank you for all the prayers on my behalf. I want to thank Vicki and Donna for checking me out and thank you, Janice and Connie, for taking me to Lockney.

I cannot put into words the appreciation I feel for all the kind people we have in Silverton.

Thanky, Donald Perkins

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NEVA MARIE COMER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Neva Marie Comer were issued on November 23, 1993, in Cause No. 1308, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas to:

Jo Nell Hatcher

The residence of the Executrix is Hale County, Texas.

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Attorney For The Estate

SBN 16005220

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