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EMT Class To Begin Here Soon

An EMT Class will begin in Silverton Tuesday, January 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church of Christ Annex.

If you are interested in taking this course, please contact Anthony Kingery at 823-2434. A head count is needed to make sure there are enough books on hand for those who wish to take this class.

Firemen To Serve Steak Dinner Feb. 14

Silverton Firemen will prepare and serve a steak dinner for their Firemen's Ball to be held from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Saturday, February 14, at the Showbarn.

A live band will provide music for the event.

Tickets are \$15.00 each, and may be purchased from a member of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department or at City Hall.

4-H To Sponsor Concession Stand

Briscoe County 4-H will be operating the concession stand during the Briscoe County Livestock Show to be held at the showbarn in Silverton January 22-24. The concession stand will be open on Thursday, January 22, from 12:00 until 9:00 p.m.; Friday, January 23, from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday, January 24, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during the sale.

Everyone is invited to come out and eat with 4-H while enjoying this year's stock show. Specials will be: Thursday Supper--stew, cornbread and a drink for \$3; Saturday Lunch--mesquite grilled hamburgers, chips, brownie or rice krispie treat and a drink for \$3.50. Other items available will be burritos, baked potatoes, hot dogs, nachos, frito pies, candy, breakfast burritos, sausage/egg biscuits.

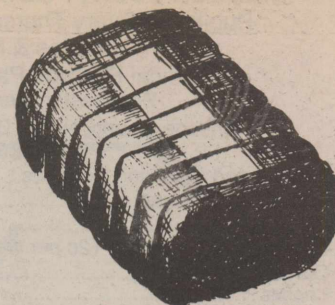
Funds raised from this activity will support the county 4-H program and events during the year.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales Underway Until January 23

The Silverton Girl Scout Troops will be selling Girl Scout cookies January 9-23.

If you would like to purchase a box of cookies, contact Troop leaders Charlotte Rhoderick or Linda Vernon. This will be the major fundraiser for this year. The girls will use the money for field trips, day camps, re-registration and possibly for uniforms.

Every purchase is greatly appreciated. Support your Silverton Girl Scouts--buy some cookies.



Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1998

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County Livestock Show Gets Underway Here This Afternoon

The Briscoe County Livestock Show will get underway at the Showbarn in Silverton with weigh-in of steers and sheep and check-in of beef and dairy heifers between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. today.

The Beef Heifer Show begins at 7:00 p.m. today, followed in order by the Dairy Heifer Show, Sheep Show and Steer Show.

Swine will be weighed in between 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. Friday.

The Swine Show will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday followed by the Pee Wee Showmanship.

The Buyers' Brisket Supper begins at 5:00 p.m. and the awards and auction gets going at 6:30 p.m.

The twelfth annual Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award, sponsored by the Burson family, will be presented to the 4-H or FFA member who excels above all others in the areas of feeding, fitting, showmanship and personal effort throughout the entire feeding program.

The Pee Wee Showmanship awards are sponsored by the Briscoe County Livestock Show Board.

Max Weaver is superintendent of the Market Swine and Prospect Swine Divisions, and his assistants are Stan Price, Derrel Johnson and Rex Yeary.

Clinton Pigg is superintendent of the Steer and Beef Heifer Shows, and he will be assisted by Byron Brock and Zane Mayfield.

Superintendent of the Dairy Heifer Show is Larry Don Price, and he will be assisted by Rick Hester.

Bryan Burson is superintendent of the Sheep Show, and he will be assisted by Bobby Phillips.

Judges for the shows will be Greg Jones, Cattle and Sheep; Danny Preston, Swine; Jeff McGinnis, Showmanship.

Bill Brooks is general superintendent of the show, and he is to be assisted by Tom Burson.

Announcers are Aaron Younger and Jimmy Davidson. Show secretaries are Bena Hester, Nancy Wood, Joanie Pigg and Deb Burson.

Youth supervisors are Ronnie Miller, Ricky McKay and Darin Martinez, Vo-Ag instructors, and Pammy Milliken, Briscoe County Agricultural Extension Agent.

All exhibitors must be bonafide members of FFA Chapters or 4-H Clubs in Briscoe County and enrolled in school at Silverton or

Valley or a private or home school within the Silverton or Valley School District.

All exhibitors are limited to sell two animals in the Premium Auction.

Pledge Week Community Service Project is Carried Out in Silverton

A Lubbock Christian University service club, Lambda Omega Alpha (known as LOA), came to Silverton last week for its initiation of new members, fellowship and community service.

Vice President Leslee Weaks, a graduate of Silverton High School, was in charge of pledge week activities, and when she began to plan the community service project her first thought was of home. Calls to Wayne Nance and Jerry Patton brought about the decision to paint the playground equipment in the city park.

It is an LOA tradition to spend the final night of pledge week together. Final initiation rites are administered that night. The group spent the night at the Church of Christ Annex, and the final test for pledges was held all over town, ending at the football field. To celebrate membership and cement fellowship, the next day is traditionally spent in community service.

Members and officers taking

Good Luck,
Owls, Lady Owls

Fire Department Elects Officers

Members of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department met for supper Thursday night of last week, and elected Leon Lavy to serve as president for the coming year.

Chosen to serve with Lavy were Dwight Ramsey, fire chief; Stan Gamble, assistant fire chief; Charles Sarchet, assistant fire chief; JoDee Robison, secretary and reporter; Tom Burson, treasurer.

BCAA To Meet At City Hall Today

Members of Briscoe County Activities Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the City Hall in Silverton.

Having the regular meeting in an alternate location is due to the Briscoe County Stock Show.

All members are urged to attend, and anyone who would like to join BCAA is always welcome to attend.

BCAA Needs Loading Chute

Briscoe County Activities Association needs to know who borrowed the loading chutes at the rodeo arena.

Please contact Tobe Riddell if you know where the chute is.



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Obituaries

REV. R. C. GUEST

Graveside services for the Rev. R. C. Guest, 93, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday in the Silverton Cemetery with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Rev. Guest died Friday, January 16, 1998 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock where he had made his home in a retirement center for the past several years.

The Rev. Guest was born September 16, 1908 in Red River County. He was a retired Baptist minister. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner and a member of First Baptist Church in Silverton.

He married Ollie Lee (Myrt) Campbell in 1924 at Deport. She preceded him in death in 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Earlyne Hutsell of Silverton; a son, Dick Guest of Lubbock; a brother, Gobel Guest of Mesa, Arizona; a sister, Annie Mae Dickson of Brownfield; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to a favorite charity or the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

GERALDINE DANIEL

Services for Geraldine B. Arnold Daniel, 66, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton with Pastor Mike Wright and the Rev. Jess Little, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Daniel died Friday, January 16, in Amarillo.

She was born in San Bernardino, California, and had been a resident of Amarillo for 11 years. She was a bookkeeper at Southwest General Contractors before retiring.

She married Jerry Daniel in 1994 in Amarillo. She was preceded in death by a son, Michael



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Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Margie Arnold Grady of Kenedy and Patricia Arnold Pierson of Amarillo; two stepdaughters, Debra Curry of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Dona Wright of Fort Worth; a stepson, David Daniel of Lubbock; her mother, Gladys Welch, of the care center in Lockney; a sister, Mary Myers of Silverton; a brother, Don Browning of Turlock, California; a stepbrother, Denny Welch of Tucumcari, New Mexico; a grandson and numerous step-grandchildren.

The family requested memorials be to the American Cancer Society; or Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P. O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176-0001.

HOMER E. BOTHE, JR.

Services for Homer E. Bothe, Jr., 78, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Thursday of last week at Forest Park Lauderdale in Houston. Interment was in Houston.

Mr. Bothe died January 13, 1998 in a Houston hospital. He was born June 13, 1919, son of the late Homer E. Bothe, Sr. and Stella Combs Bothe of Denison. He was reared at Denison, attended Oak Grove School and Denison High School.

He served in the U. S. Army during World War II under General Patton in Europe in the tank destroyer battalion and later in the Army of Occupation.

He was an auto mechanic shop manager for Friendly Chevrolet in Dallas and later was shop manager for Bekins Van Lines in Houston before retiring. He was a 32nd degree Mason and was a past patron of the Eastern Star. He also was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and one sister, Bernice Russell.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of the home in Houston; a son, Homer Don Bothe of Bedford; one stepdaughter, Melanie Stokely of Houston; two sisters, Bonnie May of Silverton and Sylvia Burgin of Denison; also four grandchildren and one stepgreat-granddaughter.

Stock Show Group Seeking Flatbed Trailers

Several flatbed cotton trailers are needed for storing the stock show panels that have recently been completed. The panels need to be put on trailers and shedded in order to preserve them for many years to come. If you have an old trailer you would donate or sell, please contact Deb Burson, Janinne Brooks, Bena Hester or Beverly Minyard.

Thanks to those who have donated to the 4-H - FFA stock show building fund to make it possible to hold the county show in Silverton once again.



Nick Nickel caught this 9.25-lb. striper while trolling at Lake Mackenzie last week.

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through the files of the
Briscoe County News

January 28, 1988--Clay Schott is winner of second annual Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award . . . Work begins on 911 service for region . . . TEAMS tests to be given soon . . . Harry Booth underwent surgery at Lubbock General Hospital last week . . . Funeral services conducted for Ted Hester, 61; Elva Watson (Ma) Reed, 87; David Carson Grabbe, 46; Leighton Teeple, 67; Hallie Charlsie Roberts, 74 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe were honored with a fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration at their home Sunday, January 24 . . . Miss Kelli Gillespie, bride-elect of Craig Patton, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower Sunday afternoon . . . Kim Burson was exhibitor of the Reserve Breed Champion and Reserve Grand Champion lamb, a mediumweight Hamp, at the County Livestock Show . . . Clay Schott showed the Breed Champion and Grand Champion barrow at the County Livestock Show and also was winner of the lamb showmanship award . . . Julie Graham was exhibitor of the crossbred barrow that was named Breed Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the County Livestock Show, and showed the Reserve Breed Champion barrow . . . David and Debbie Holt are the new owners of Ray Teeple Fertilizers, and are operating as H & H Fertilizer . . . Extension Homemakers meet in Rex Holt home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mark Patton are parents of a son, Thor Addison . . . Mr. and Mrs. Michael Greenhaw are parents of a son, Dakota Brian . . .

January 26, 1978--Dr. James Antin Chua Tuan will be opening the Briscoe County Clinic in Silverton Monday . . . Silverton Mayor Fred Mercer this week filed for a place on the ballot and is seeking election as Briscoe County Judge . . . Julia Dickerson and Marshall Rauch have entered the three-year professional program leading to a bachelor of science in pharmacy degree at Southwestern State University School of Pharmacy in Weatherford, Oklahoma . . . A former Silverton resident, Billy Ray Ford, underwent stomach surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock last week . . . Services conducted for Lillus Ruth McJimsey . . . Owls win first district game; Owlettes lose to state champs, 47-43 . . . Ted Strange returned home after having been a patient in a Plainview hospital last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yeary were honored with a Sunday afternoon reception hosted by their nieces and sister in observance of their silver wedding anniversary . . . SAC bombers to fly training route over Silverton . . .

January 25, 1968--City Councilmen hear report on water test holes drilled here . . . A total of

2.15 inches of soaking rain fell on Silverton over the weekend, considerably brightening area wheat prospects . . . Officers elected to serve the Town & Country Home Demonstration Club are Lois Walker, president; Dean Burson, vice president; Laverne Stephens, secretary-treasurer; Lajuana McJimsey and Bobbye Bean, Council delegates; Jo Meason, reporter; Lottie Garrison, 4-H chairman . . . G. W. Chappell had an emergency appendectomy Friday morning at the Lockney Hospital . . . Rita Brown has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown, between semesters at Tech . . . Mrs. Clyde Lightsey is a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital today, having been taken there by ambulance Wednesday . . . Local clubs endorse Mrs. O. C. Rampley for the office of third vice president of Caprock District of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs . . . Jim Boling left early this week for Houston for medical treatment and examination . . . Bill Boling is a surgical patient in the Plainview Hospital this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, jr. visited patients in Swisher Memorial Hospital Tuesday afternoon . . .

January 23, 1958--Funeral services held for D. E. (Uncle Ed) Brown, 80 . . . Mrs. Luke Thompson returned to St. Anthony's Hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooks and Jimmy were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Bud Brooks, other relatives and friends. They left before dinner Sunday on account of the snow . . . Mrs. Doodle Zackry underwent surgery in the Tulia hospital . . . Mrs. J. E. Vaughan is announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Lola, to Dale Smalts, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smalts of Plainview . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Long and Nicky were in Lubbock on Tuesday to meet Johnny Quillen of Aransas Pass who came up to transact business and to visit his mother, Mrs. H. E. Fowler, and Mr. Fowler, for a few days . . . Mrs. Wade Welch and Mary visited in Amarillo from Saturday until Monday with their daughter and sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur Arnold and children . . . Pvt. Richard Tunnell of Fort Sill visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell, other relatives and friends here from Saturday until Monday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smithee and children were also Sunday guests of her parents . . .

January 15, 1948--Plans for the Silverton Hospital erection got underway today with the Hospital Committee meeting tonight to determine the location . . . The Silverton Fire Department was called out this morning to extinguish flames which threatened to destroy the garage of Bryant Eddleman, the building

located behind his home which is two doors south of the Silverton Hotel . . . Mrs. J. F. Jago of Amarillo, who has recently returned from a trip to New York and Florida, is visiting Mrs. Clyde Wright, who is ill . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edwards are parents of a son, Edward Lynn . . . Mr. and Mrs. Winston Hamilton spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Holt . . . Miss Luree Burson, who is attending school at Plainview, visited here over the weekend . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele spent Sunday night with their daughter, Polly, in Lubbock . . . Jack Jewell and Patsy Crass have been on the sick list this week . . . Mrs. Harold Marler of Lockney visited her mother, Mrs. Cleat Jacobs. Her little daughter, who had been visiting her grandmother, returned home with her . . . Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Seaney observed their golden wedding anniversary in Erick, Oklahoma. Attending from Silverton were Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney and Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison, Carolyn and Max Dee and Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn and Fayree . . .

January 27, 1938--The new and modern machinery is being installed this week in the plant being built here by the Western Clay and Products Company, of which J. L. Webb is manager . . . J. E. Minyard and R. E. Brook-

shier, have secured the agency for Allis-Chalmers Farm Machinery here . . . According to the records of the County Clerk's office, there were 40 marriage licenses issued in the county during 1937. Fourteen divorces were granted by the District Court during the year and five divorce suits are pending. Almost half as many divorces granted as licenses issued . . . Displaying some of their best basketball of the year, the Silverton Owls encountered little difficulty in defeating teams from Wayside and Plainview by top heavy scores to reach the semi-finals only to lose to Quitaque by a score of 25 to 34. Vinson Smith was high point man of the first game with 21 points. The Owls defeated Plainview by a score of 27-17. Vinson, again, was high point man with 20 points. In the third game, Captain Otis Gregg played a stellar game at guard and the Smith brothers tied for high point honors with seven points each . . . A wedding of interest to everyone in this vicinity was that of Richard Eugene (Buster) Dickerson and Miss Cloye Dunlap of Plainview, who were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dickerson Saturday night . . . Mrs. C. M. Strickland entertained for her daughter, Durene, whose birthday it was, on Saturday night at their home five miles north of town . . .

Happy Birthday-

January 22--Dianna Hill, Rick Hutsell

January 23--Carrie Baird, Michael Williams, Carl Hall, Ken Wood, Jack Davis

January 24 -- DeLana Jarnagin, Jimmy Castillo, Christine Casillas

January 25--Cameron Burk, Mary Lou Campbell, Earl Payne, Tracy Stark

January 26--Dusty Martin, Lyndon Couch, Catherine Reyna, Rudy Ramirez

January 27--Edwina Davis, Andrew Boyd, Dorothy Martin, Derinda Patton

Basketball District Schedule

Jan. 23--Groom, there, 4:00

Jan. 27--Hedley, here, 4:00

Jan. 30--Lakeview, there, 6:30

Feb. 3--Groom, here, 4:00

Feb. 6--Hedley, there, 4:00

Feb. 10--Lakeview, here, 6:30

Happy Anniversary-

January 23--Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming

January 24--Mr. and Mrs. Ted Daugherty

Do you have a few hours you could donate to
Community Service?

Why not consider becoming a member of your
Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

A new class for certification of Emergency Medical
Technicians will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 27,
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Teams Sweep Series of Games At McLean; Open District Friday

The varsity teams and junior varsity Lady Owls traveled to McLean for a series of games on January 13, and swept the series from the Tiger teams.

The JV Lady Owls opened the action with a 52-12 decision over the Tiger ladies. Taylor Griffin led the scoring with 16 points, and Brooke Garvin and Destiny Ivory scored 12 points each. Adding to the score were Sharyl McMurtrey and Dara Johnston, six points each.

Three pointers were hit by Sharyl and Dara, two each.

JV Lady Owls	7	24	41	52
McLean	1	5	9	12

The varsity Lady Owls took a 67-50 decision from the Tiger ladies after coming from behind small deficits in the first quarter. The Lady Owls took charge of the game in the third quarter and were never headed.

Lacy Brunson had the hot hands and tossed 20 points into the baskets. Dara Ramsey rang up 16 and Sara Kirchoffner put 11 points on the board. Also scoring were Misty Wilkinson, nine; Lindsey Weeks, seven; Michelle Warren, four points.

Three pointers were hit by Dara (3) and Sara (1).

Lady Owls	14	30	46	67
McLean	15	26	35	50

The varsity Owls ripped McLean to the tune of 62-53 behind the scoring of Jared Holt, who pumped in 19 points. Jeremy Holt scored 15 and Jack Cherry hit 14 points. Also scoring were Trey Wyatt and Jay Arnold, seven points each.

Three-point shots were hit by Jeremy (2).

Owls	14	30	38	62
McLean	4	18	29	53

The teams drove to Happy for a pair of games Friday night, and this occasion found the Lady Owls very cold on their shooting. Lacy Brunson scored in double figures with 12. Adding to the score were Dara Ramsey, eight; Michelle Warren, six; Sara Kirchoffner, three.

The Lady Owls led at the ends of the first three quarters, but hit only one point in the fourth quarter while the Cowgirls were ringing up 12 points.

Three pointers were hit by

Dara (2) and Sara (1).
 Lady Owls 17 19 28 29
 Happy 11 17 26 38
 The Owls defeated the Cow-boys 56-50 an overtime period during which the Owls outscored the Cowboys 13-8.

Jack Cherry had the hot hands and burned the baskets with 28 points. Jeremy Holt also scored in double figures with 10. Adding to the score were Trey Wyatt, eight; Will Hester, four; Jay Arnold, three; Jared Holt, two, and Paul Segura, one point from the line.

Three pointers were hit by Trey and Jeremy, one each.

The game was very close during the first quarter, but the Owls began to put it away during the second period; however, the Cow-boys tied the score at 43-43 before the end of regulation play and the overtime period was necessary.

Owls 8 21 31 43 56
 Happy 8 19 29 43 50

The varsity teams will open their campaigns to repeat as the district champions Friday night at Groom. They will meet Hedley here on Tuesday night of next week, and will travel to Lakeview for a pair of games on January 30.

Junior High Teams Have Annual Red-White Games

The annual Red-White games were played by the Junior High teams Monday night of last week.

The Lady Owls led off with a 24-18 victory by the White team over the Red.

Kurby Garvin led the winners with 12 points, while Jenny Young and Amanda Estes caged six points each. Lauren Van Horn added two points.

Chelsea Cherry caged 14 points for the Red team, while Bryn Mayfield and Brandi Rice tossed in two points each.

White	8	12	14	26
Red	6	10	14	18

The boys battled to a one-point decision in their game, with the White team taking a 33-32 victory.

Jimmy Castillo led the offense

Silverton School Honor Roll

Third Six Weeks

Second Grade -- Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, Angela Hunt

Third Grade--Ami Dunn, Kiefer Dutton, Ory Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Fourth Grade--Melonie Johnson, Ethan Long, Joshua Maciel, Gid Mayfield, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Fifth Grade--Max Comer
 Sixth Grade--Payton Estes, Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Tyler Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Seventh Grade--Paola Baeza, Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Lauren Van Horn, Jenny Young

Eighth Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Hector Gonzalez, Amy Maciel, Matt Strange

Ninth Grade--Brooke Garvin, Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver, Tyler Young

Tenth Grade--Lisa Comer, Nathan Francis

Eleventh Grade--Lindsey Jennings, Misty Wilkinson

Twelfth Grade--Miles Comer, Shauna Kingery, Michael Reagan, Michelle Warren, Trey Wyatt, Irene Gonzalez, Trista Davis

FIRST SEMESTER

Second Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Davin Fabela, Shandy Forbes, Angela Hunt, Kassi Jasper

Third Grade--Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Fourth Grade--Albert DeLeon, Hanna James, Melonie Johnson, Ethan Long, Joshua Maciel, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Victoria Perkins, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Sixth Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Tyler Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Seventh Grade--Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Lauren Van Horn, Jenny Young

Eighth Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel, Matt Strange

Ninth Grade--Brooke Garvin, Taylor Griffin, Idalia Hernandez, Julie Weaver, Tyler Young

Tenth Grade--Lisa Comer, Nathan Francis, Daniel Reagan

Eleventh Grade--Lindsey Jennings, Matthew Martin, Misty Wilkinson

Twelfth Grade--Shauna Kingery, Michelle Warren, Trista Davis, Irene Gonzalez, Michael Reagan

for the White team with 13, closely followed by Ivory with 12. Clay McMurtrey and Matt Strange scored four points each.

Andrew Francis led the scoring for the Red team with 15 points. Adding to the score were McMurtrey, seven; Monty Wood and John Arnold, two points each; Danny Dunn and Junior Gonzalez, one point each.

White	7	15	21	33
Red	6	10	22	32

Miss Texas To Address Silverton Student Body Here February 4

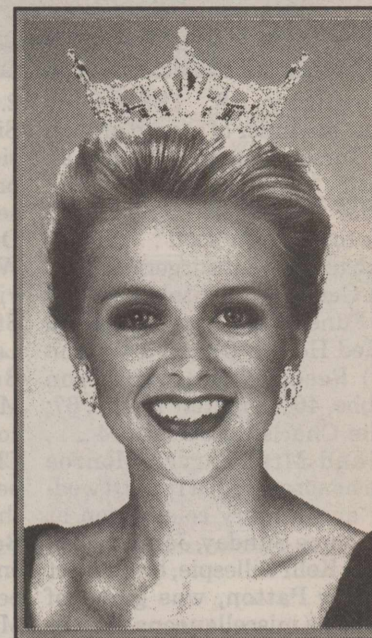
Miss Texas 1997, Reagan Hughes, will present a motivational talk before the Silverton School student body beginning at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 4, in the school auditorium. The public is invited to join the students for this program.

Miss Hughes is a 23-year-old senior at Baylor University majoring in communications. As Miss Texas 1997, she earned the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss America when she represented Texas and her hometown of Midland in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant in September in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Her college education has been paid for by the nearly \$40,000 in scholarship money she has won at the local, state and national levels of the Miss America Organization, which is the single largest source of scholarships for women in the entire world.

An accomplished vocalist, Miss Hughes was the Overall Talent Winner at the 1997 Miss Texas Pageant. With her ability to sing country, gospel and popular music, she plans to pursue a career in music after completing her college degree.

As Miss Texas 1997, Miss Hughes travels daily on a state-wide speaking tour promoting her platform of "mentoring" and will make more than 300 appearances. This includes talking with approximately 100,000 students at 200 schools statewide.

Because of her involvement with Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Miss Hughes has gained invaluable experience and knowledge about the power of mentoring programs and will promote the issue statewide. She travels daily



Reagan Hughes
Miss Texas 1997

speaking about "The Power of Mentoring." At schools, she emphasizes staying drug-free, making wise decisions, staying in school, and relying on others for guidance.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 26--Vegetable Soup, Cold Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Jan. 27--Lasagna, Salad, Corn, Crackers or Cornbread, Cherry Crisp, Milk

Wednesday, Jan. 28--Mexican Casserole, Salad, Rice, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

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Silverton School Activities

Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 22-24--Briscoe County Livestock Show

Friday, Jan. 23--In-Service Day; Student Holiday; Groom, there, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24--Kress JH Tournament

Monday, Jan. 26--JH at Valley, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27--Hedley, here, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29--All School Assembly, 8:10

Friday, Jan. 30--Lakeview, there, 6:30

Rhoderick Competes In Junior Bull Riding

Chance Rhoderick has been competing in the American Junior Bull Riding Association events. He qualified for the AJBRA State Finals in Odessa Thanksgiving weekend.

Chance returned to Odessa last Saturday to compete in the Senior Steer Riding for those 11-12 years old. He marked a score of 68 to earn second place.

Chance is the 11-year-old son of Eddie and Charlotte Rhoderick.

Junior High In Kress Tourney Saturday, Jan. 24

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in a tournament at Kress Saturday.

The Lady Owls will play San Jacinto at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Owls vs. San Jacinto at 10:15 a.m.

The other two teams in the tournament are Kress and Bovina.

Consolation games are at 2:00 and 3:15 p.m., and the championship games are at 4:30 and 5:45 p.m.

Earns Degree at Texas Tech Dec. 20

DeLynn Fitzgerald earned the bachelor of science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences at Texas Tech University and received her degree in a ceremony held December 20.

Among those attending the service were Rodger, Nannette, Russ, Korey and Amanda Kennedy, Abilene; Ron, Suzette and Brian Nistler, Amarillo; Kim and Amber Oldham, Shamrock; Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald, Silverton; DeDe Laumbach and Zachary Wray, Lubbock; Jon and Elaine LaBaume, Floydada, and Kelly Childre, Allen.

New Arrival

Michelle and Terry Miller are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Hayden Lee, at Mangold Memorial Hospital on January 4 at 11:15 p.m. He weighed seven pounds and ten ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Pam and Jerry Jones of Memphis and Judy and Steve Miller of Silverton.

Great-grandparents are Mary Alice Wilkinson of Silverton, Hazel Jones of Memphis and Mattie and Johnny Williams of Memphis.

'Living Room' Debuts on Web

Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

Living Room, a site designed to help media with lifestyle- and feature-related materials on a broad range of subjects, makes its official debut on the World Wide Web this month.

Living Room is the latest creation from the Agricultural Communications--News and Public Affairs team of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. It may be found at <http://agnews.tamu.edu/livingroom>.

"Living Room was created to showcase Extension's programs that are based on living in Texas. The common perception is that Extension is all about agriculture, but that's just not so. Our programs encompass a wide variety of subjects like passenger safety, money management, consumer economic trends, the 4-H program and nutrition," said Living Room Editor Melanie Maxcey. Much like a newspaper's Sunday lifestyle edition, Living Room has a main feature with art and three additional sections titled Creature Comforts, Refreshment and Leaflets.

Graphic designer Blanca Jackson has engineered the page so that all graphics and icons can be downloaded as GIF files.

"The entire section can be downloaded onto your computer," Jackson said. "The GIF files, especially the feature graphic, are the perfect solution for people who need art with their stories."

The new Web site is a direct result of Extension's continuous efforts to provide higher education to the citizens of Texas, Maxcey noted.

"We hope Living Room will be a useful tool for all. Extension's programs are geared to help everyone--parents, children, public servants, private citizens. The stories here will be informative features and breaking news about issues that face us all," Maxcey said.

For more information, call Maxcey at 409-1460 or email_maxcey@tamu.edu, or visiting Living Room.

Employers Race to Meet Deadline to Provide W-2 Forms

With 1998 tax season just beginning, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds Texas employers that Forms W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," needs to be made available to their employees by the end of January. Additionally, Form 1099, "Statement for Miscellaneous Income," also needs to be available to employees by the January 31 deadline.

Most employees need this income information so they can file their tax forms early to receive their tax refund. According to the IRS North Texas District, seven out of 10 North Texans receive tax refunds. Last year, the average tax refund was \$1,309.37.

Texans who received a special TeleFile tax package and plan to file by telephone also need their W-2 statements. That's because TeleFilers will need to enter interest income, unemployment compensation, wages, tax withheld and employer identification number directly from each W-2 Form.

Employees are encouraged to ask their employer for their W-2 if they do not receive it by February 2. If employees do not receive their W-2 or 1099 forms by February 15, the IRS can help by requesting the form from their employer.

Employers are reminded to keep any undeliverable employee copies of Form W-2 for at least four years.

Farm Theft Costs Texans Millions

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Rural America, despite its slower pace and friendly residents, is suffering some of the same criminal ills that plague its urban neighbors. In Texas, losses of livestock, tractors, trailers and other ranch property theft are estimated to be between six and ten million dollars.

Farm theft, like other crimes, is fueled by individuals willing to buy stolen goods. One convicted thief says it happens all the time. He says most people don't care that they're buying stolen property. They just want to know where it came from so they can avoid the owner.

Former Brazos County Sheriff's Department investigator Chris Benson explains that agricultural property is an easy target because it can be moved quickly without causing alarm. He says the best deterrent is to brand livestock rather than use ear tags which can easily be removed and tattoos which often go unnoticed. He recommends photographing all show animals. And because factory plates are easily removed from farm equipment, Benson advises engraving your drivers license number into the frame and painting a section of your equipment with highly visible nonfactory color.

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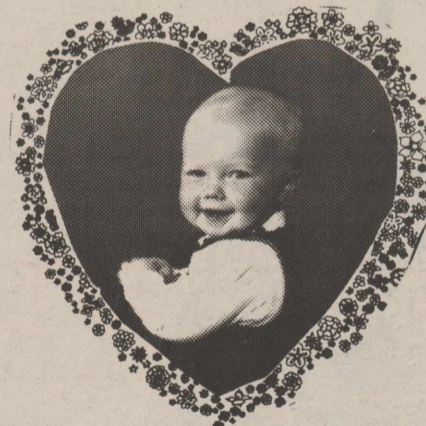


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Thursday, January 22

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7:00 p.m. Beef Heifer Show
Dairy Heifer Show
Sheep Show
Steer Show

Friday, January 23

12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Weigh in swine

Saturday, January 24

8:30 a.m. Swine show followed by
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5:00 p.m. Buyers Brisket Supper

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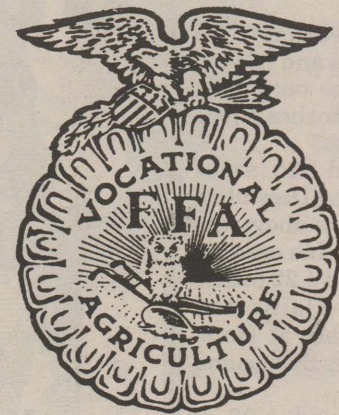
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South Plains Weather Was Colder, Wetter

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of December 1997 was significantly colder and wetter than normal.

Temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees below normal and ranged from 4.7 degrees below normal at Friona to 1.6 degrees below normal at Jayton.

Silverton's temperatures averaged 36 degrees, which was 1.5 degrees below the South Plains average.

Maximum temperatures averaged 5.2 degrees below normal and ranged from 8.1 degrees below normal at Hereford to 1.8 degrees below normal at Jayton. The highest temperature reported during the month was 77 degrees at Abernathy on the 18th.

Silverton's highest temperature of the month was 73 degrees on the 19th of the month. The high temperatures here averaged 47.6 degrees, which was a little more than two degrees below the South Plains average.

Minimum temperatures averaged one degree below normal and ranged from three degrees below normal at Post to 0.7 degree above normal at Olton. The lowest temperature reported during the month was eight degrees at both Friona and Muleshoe on the 26th.

Silverton's minimum temperatures averaged 24.4 degrees, which was about a degree below the South Plains average. The lowest temperature recorded here during the month was 11 on the 13th and 14th.

Precipitation averaged 1.5 inches above normal and ranged from 0.65 inch above normal at Lockettville to 3.16 inches above normal at Littlefield.

Silverton received 1.85 inches of precipitation during December, which is 1.17 inches above the 50-year average for this area.

Snowfall averaged 4.22 inches across the South Plains and ranged from 16 inches at Hereford to no snow at Big Spring and Jayton.

Silverton received 4.00 of snowfall, which was .22 below the South Plains average.

WEATHER Revising the State Tax Laws

JANUARY 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	53	22	
2	61	26	
3	70	35	
4	61	34	
5	48	34	
6	60	29	
7	39	27	
8	44	20	
11	62	18	
12	62	27	
13	63	24	
14	39	22	
15	50	19	
16	60	19	
17	55	26	
18	63	24	
19	57	23	
20	61	23	

Total Jan. Precip.	.00
Normal Jan. Precip.	.65
Total Precip. Rec'd.	
Year to Date	.00
Normal Precip. For Year to Date	.65

February Cluster TRAMM Training

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is conducting a TRAMM training February 10 in Clarendon and February 11 in Amarillo from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for area grain producers. Participants will be exposed to marketing plans, budgeting, crop insurance, futures and options, and other marketing alternatives. Producers will be able to

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Texas ranks 35th. That's pretty low when you're talking taxes.

That ranking is based on the amount of money each person pays to the state in terms of sales, property and other types of taxes; however, in the sales tax category, Texas' tax is comparatively high. It is six and a quarter cents on the dollar. Local governments can add another two cents to that for their collection which is among the highest in the nation.

utilize these tools in a real world situation exercise that will allow them to see how the different tools work.

Faculty from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will conduct the game and will be on hand to discuss the outcomes and possible strategies resulting from the exercise. In this fun but educational exercise, small cash awards will be given to those participants who do the best in the game.

The registration fee is \$25 per participant (lunch included) and pre-registration is required by Thursday, February 5. This workshop is sponsored by the Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth and Briscoe (Deaf Smith, Oldham, Potter and Randall) Extension Program Building Committees. For more information or to register, call your county Extension agent.

Extension economist Dr. Judith Stallman is the author of a new book that chronicles taxation in Texas and explains how the different taxes work. It addresses the fairness and effect of taxes on people of different incomes. It also shows if a tax provides adequate revenue for government purposes. It also covers how easy a tax is to administer.

For instance, the corporate franchise tax is complicated. An incorporated business has to figure taxes on its net worth and taxes on profits and executive salaries and then pay the higher of the two. That's a tax Stallmann expects the legislature to consider revising. She also expects Texans will pay more in fees and licenses to cover specific state services. You can get a copy of Stallmann's Texas taxes book through the Extension Service or by logging on to

the Texas A&M Agricultural Economics Department web site.

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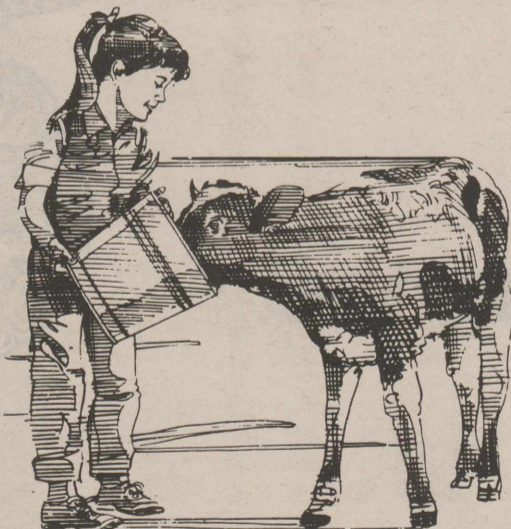
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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending January 15, 1998

Although traders kept one eye on events unfolding in Asia this week, their primary focus shifted momentarily to USDA's 1997-98 supply/demand report and export sales figures.

USDA's long-awaited supply/demand report was considered neutral by most in the industry as it was well within the expectations of most analysts. The January world cotton estimates for 1997/98 showed higher production and lower consumption, which raised the ending stocks forecast by approximately 3.5 percent. World cotton production is now expected to reach 90.9 million bales, up nearly 800,000 bales from last month. However, larger crops in China, the U. S., and Syria were partially offset by a reduction in Pakistan.

Weaker prospects for textile activity in Brazil, Pakistan and Indonesia were reflected in the report as projected world consumption was reduced 450,000 bales. Prospective world trade, which was cut nearly 300,000 bales due mainly to decreases in Pakistan and Uzbekistan, was partially offset by an increase in U. S. exports. The department also raised world ending stocks approximately 1.3 million bales, with China accounting for most of the difference.

Increased production and trade highlighted this month's U. S. 1997/98 outlook. Estimated production was raised more than 150,000 bales to a total of 19.0 million bales and USDA left estimated ending stocks unchanged at 4.3 million bales. The domestic mill use forecast was unchanged at 11.4 million bales, but exports were raised 200,000 bales to 7.3 million bales. Competitive pricing of U. S. cotton, availability of GSM credit for South Korea, and increased consumption and imports by Mexico, a major U. S. market, are boosting the U. S. share of world trade.

In fact, U. S. export sales were strong this week. USDA reported net export sales of 1997/98 crop cotton increased 89,000 bales for the week ending January 8. The figure was notably higher than last week's sales of 7,000 bales, a marketing year low. Turkey was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton with purchases totaling 20,500 bales. Mexico and China followed with purchases of 15,000 bales and 11,900 bales respectively. In addition, the department reported net export sales of 1998-99 cotton at 10,800 bales.

After watching the U. S. secure strong cotton export sales in the past few months, analysts have now turned their attention more to the shipment pace to see how well those sales will translate into shipments for the final seven months of the 1997-98

marketing year.

One analyst said the bulk of U. S. cotton exports are shipped during the critical November-to-May period. The U. S. still has approximately 30 weeks before the end of 1997-98 and the beginning of the next season in August. With a higher export target for 1997-98, the U. S. needs to see healthy shipments each week to prevent worries about the loading pace. According to USDA, cotton shipments so far in 1997-98 are faster than any time in the past six years.

Meanwhile, spot cotton sales remain brisk. In the five trading days ending January 15, sales of cotton on the electronic marketing system totaled 45,118 bales, considerably lower than the previous week's 129,639 bale figure. Average daily prices received by producers on TELCOT ranged from 54.34 to 55.74 cents per pound during the week.

Career Workshop To Be Held in Clarendon

Area high school students will learn about future employment projections and labor market trends at the first-ever "Careers 2005 Workshop," hosted by Clarendon College and Panhandle Tech Prep/School to Work.

The "Careers 2005 Workshop" will be held at Clarendon College's Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium on Friday, February 13, from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Keynote speaker is Dr. Bill Whitter, Project Director for the Texas State Occupational Informational Coordinating Committee. Dr. Whitter will deliver fun and informative data regarding future job market trends.

Students will also have the opportunity to explore popular Texas Panhandle occupations. Industry leaders from a variety of occupations will meet with students in four breakout sessions. Representatives from the following industries will participate in the "Careers 2005 Workshop": Hotel and Restaurant Management, Health Occupations, Agriculture, Equine, Computer Technology, Criminal Justice, Environmental, Nuclear, Petrochemical, and Engineering.

Panhandle Tech Prep Director LeAnne Vogel and Curriculum Director Lisa Bentley will introduce students to emerging technical programs and tech-prep opportunities.

The "Careers 2005 Workshop" is open to all area high school students and teachers. Admission is free, and registration forms are available by calling Clarendon College's Counseling Center at 1-800-687-9737, Monday-Friday, 8-12 and 1-4:30 p.m.

Cotton News



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

As reported in last week's *Cotton News*, the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone was created by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) January 8 following grower initiated efforts to provide an answer to the area's current boll weevil infestation.

The TDA announcement included the naming of James C. Brown of Midland to serve as the Permian Basin Zone representative on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors.

Brown joins Don Parrish of Yoakum County on the TBWEF Board of Directors. The naming of Brown to represent the Permian Basin Zone creates a vacancy on the TBWEF Board. A new representative for the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone is expected to be named in the near future.

Growers from the newly-created Southern High Plains and Permian Basin Zones are now in the process of collecting data and working with the TBWEF to pull together plans for new boll weevil programs in these areas.

Officials with the TBWEF and a Task Force Committee from the SHP Zone, together with advisors from PCG and the Texas Ag Extension Service, will meet January 17 in Brownfield to formulate plans, budgets and assessment proposals for the SHP Eradication Zone.

Growers in the Southern High Plains Zone could possibly vote on a program within the next few months.

PCG officials have pledged any help they can provide to growers and to the TBWEF to gather data, develop program plans and increase grower awareness as this effort moves forward.

"How do you feel the boll weevil problem will be in the future?" was one of the questions posed in a recent survey of cotton producers and landlords conducted on behalf of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Southwest Research Associates, a Lubbock company specializing in polling, surveys and statistical analysis, presented the survey results to a group that included Senator Robert Duncan, Representative Delwin Jones, Directors of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and PCG's Executive Committee.

The survey asked 26 questions. Three hundred interviews were completed in the southern zone consisting of Andrews, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Howard, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Motley, Terry and Yoakum counties. Three hundred and one interviews were conducted in the northern zone consisting of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Par-

mer, Potter, Randall and Swisher counties.

A detailed analysis of the responses will help producer groups across the area develop plans, programs and assessment proposals for boll weevil control or eradication that meet the needs and expectations of growers and landlords.

As to the future, 66 percent of respondents in the northern zone feel that the boll weevils will become somewhat of a problem to a serious problem and 77 percent in the southern zone feel the same way.

Preliminary plans are being put together for the 41st Plains Cotton Growers Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Convention and Trade Show which will be held in Lubbock April 16-17, 1998.

The PCG Annual Meeting will be held Friday, April 17.

Lots of things will be going on prior to the PCG Annual Meeting and one of the most important is the election of new members to the PCG Board of Directors.

PCG Board members serve two-year terms with one producer and one business representative elected on alternate years.

This year's election schedule includes elections for new business directors from all PCG member counties except Hale and Swisher counties where producer directors will be elected.

Global Inspection System Discussed

Pammy Millican
County Agricultural Agent

With all the concern over food safety, formation of a global food inspection system is being discussed.

Dr. Ron Knutson is the director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University. He calls it pie in the sky, but admits it's a good idea if it works.

He says a single food inspection agency makes a lot of sense. It would eliminate bickering among nations that creates barriers to free trade.

Many Americans have voiced concern about the North Ameri-

can Free Trade Agreement because a more open border may mean food products coming in from Mexico that aren't as carefully inspected. If Mexico had to operate under the same food safety standards as the U. S. and all other countries, that would not be a problem. He says if a regulatory agency is created, the rules need to be carefully considered so they won't be constantly changing.

Beat Tax Rush For Social Security Numbers

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

Taxpayers are urged to act now to beat the rush for Social Security numbers needed for tax returns. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not process returns with missing or incorrect Social Security numbers. If the return does not include the correct Social Security number, IRS may contact the taxpayer for the correct information before issuing a refund.

Taxpayers are now required to have the names of all dependents correctly listed on their tax returns. To avoid delaying your refund, you should make sure your name and Social Security number, and the name and Social Security number of your spouse and any dependents listed on the return, agree with the name and number shown on each individual's Social Security card.

To get an original or replacement Social Security card, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. The best times to call to avoid peak telephone traffic are later in the week and the second half of the month.

If you have already applied for a Social Security number for your newborn child at the hospital where you gave information for your child's birth certificate, you should receive your child's Social Security card in the mail within six weeks after Social Security receives the information from your state's vital records office.

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Tx DOT's Small Business Meetings

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Purpose of these meetings is to enhance communication and identify needs and concerns of small businesses. Disadvantaged

Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) conducting business with TxDOT, generate new ideas for better methods of doing business with TxDOT and recruit new DBE/HUBs and small businesses.

All meetings will be held from 3-5 in TxDOT District Offices located in designated cities.

The meeting to be held in this area will be in Amarillo's District Office, Main Conference Room, 5715 Canyon Drive on Tuesday, February 24. The contact number is 806-356-3201.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



TEXANS BIG ON REGULATORY REFORM

During my travels around Texas I get an earful of what's on people's minds. Last month, a Henderson County rancher told me federal environmental regulations are more of a problem than insect infestations and other natural disasters.

He longs for the "good, ole days" when the big challenges were the weather, market fluctuations and pesky insects.

A lot of Texans feel that way: sick and tired of being overly regulated and second-guessed by intrusive government. Responding to my annual questionnaire, 86 percent of you said you support Congressional efforts to roll back excessive regulation by federal agencies; 71 percent said that private property owners have a role to play in the effort to protect endangered species.

Here are some other Texas opinions on this sore subject:

From Fort Stockton: "Congress should require that all regulations, existing or new, are justified by honest, audited, proven science. Data provided by the Environmental Protection Agency is not always representative or correct. In addition, all regulations should be subject to a cost/benefit analysis before they are imposed."

From Coppell: "Congress should impose "sunset" laws to require periodic legislative review of government rules and regulations. If not reauthorized, those rules and regulations would fade from the law books."

From Brady: "The size and scope of all environmental agencies should be reduced. They operate with tunnel vision. They are too powerful, and ignore the rights of property owners."

From Rusk: "I say don't just roll back the environmental laws, repeal them."

From Kirbyville: "I consider myself a good steward of my land. I voluntarily protect endangered species on my property. But I expect and demand that the federal government butt out."

From Rochelle: "I have worked with the Environmental Protection Agency in the past and was often amazed at the extent to which its representatives were removed from reality. I had just run a long, extensive road test of methanol powered cars, when the EPA proclaimed that this was the answer to pollution problems and that cars could be converted for only "about \$3000." Our data certainly did not support such enthusiasm. The EPA chose to ignore the fact that methanol costs twice as much as gasoline, but only got slightly better than half the mileage per gallon. It reduced the emissions we measured, but greatly increased some that were not yet regulated. The whole program was and is a real loser."

From Eddy: "Some of these regulatory agencies act as if they are the law. It is extremely difficult for a private citizen or property owner to overturn one of their decisions, no matter how wrong. This is not democracy."

From Clifton: "Don't expect landowners to limit their use of their own property to accommodate any species. Evolution has always eliminated species. Why should we interfere with nature?"

From Onalaska: "I am for preserving valuable environmental resources, but in a way that demonstrates common sense — and preserves the constitutional protection of private property. Property owners should have a major role in deciding on efforts to protect species."

From Tomball: "Please give relief from federal regulations. They cause conflict and nullify any benefit to owning private property. You don't really own it, you just get to pay for it, while someone else tells you what you can and cannot do with it."

From Junction: "We need less federal government and more state and local government."

It seems to me Texans have a realistic view about the limits — and limitations — of government. Regulation has to be balanced against the need for America to stay productive and competitive, and, most important of all, free.

Monitoring the Mosquito-Borne Illnesses

Pammy Millican
Briscoe County Agent

Cold weather signals the end of mosquito season. And while most of us got bitten, no one died in Texas from a mosquito-borne illness in 1997.

Glenna Teltow with the Texas Department of Health explains that her agency keeps a close watch each year primarily for encephalitis.

They can track it by trapping mosquitos all over the state. Teltow says St. Louis encephalitis is the most common in Texas and it is seldom deadly. While Eastern encephalitis kills half the people it affects, St. Louis encephalitis has less than a three-percent mortality rate. In rare cases, it causes swelling of the brain that can be fatal.

The health department also monitors for more tropical-type mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and dengue fever.

Medicare Costs Increase for 1998

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

The 1998 increases in the hospital costs payable by Medicare beneficiaries--the Part A hospital insurance deductible and the Part B medical insurance premium--were announced this month. The deductible and the premium are re-calculated each year to reflect changes in the costs of health care or changes in Medicare law.

The Part A deductible for beneficiaries admitted to hospitals in 1998 will be \$764, an increase of \$4 over this year's \$760. The monthly Part B premium will remain at \$43.80. These relatively modest increases for 1998 reflect increases in Medicare spending lower than previously projected.

The Part A deductible is a beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of covered inpatient hospital services during a benefit period. A benefit period begins when the beneficiary enters the hospital and ends when he or she has been out of the hospital or a skilled nursing facility for 60 consecutive days. The Part A deductible is based on the rates that Medicare pays hospitals for inpatient care.

For hospital stays longer than 60 days, a beneficiary will be responsible for \$191 per day for the 61st through 90th days, and \$382 per day for the 91st through 150th days.

Win, Owls
and Lady Owls!

Water Gardens Are Trendy

Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

For years, rock gardens were popular. Now the pendulum is swinging the other way and water gardens are trendy.

Water adds a restful dimension to a landscape. The motion and sound create a sense of peacefulness. People are also discovering how versatile they are.

You don't have to dig a big hole in the yard. You can make smaller water gardens in portable clay, plastic or wooden containers.

Extension horticulturist Dr. Bill Welch says the water needs to be at least 18 inches deep and

the aquatic plants will do best if they have at least half a day of direct sunlight.

Welch says the underwater, potted plants need to be repotted once a year to keep them healthy. The pool should also be cleaned at least once a year.

Welch says your goal should be a balance between water, plants and animals. Fish, frogs and snails help keep down insect populations and algae.

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 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jess Craig Little, Pastor

SUNDAY:
 Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
 Bible Study/S.S.....10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 SECOND & FOURTH
 TUESDAYS:
 Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
 SECOND SUNDAY:
 Praise & Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 TUESDAY:
 Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
 In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
 Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

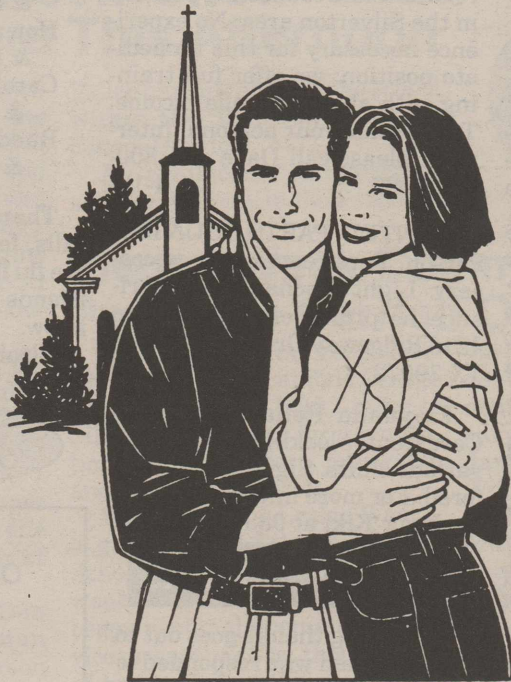
Father Ed Graff, Pastor

SUNDAY:
 Mass.....9:00 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
 Junior & Senior
 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.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

Love And Respect



Love, mutual respect, and consideration, are the foundation for any good relationship. When a couple truly loves and respects each other, their relationship is usually more meaningful and satisfying; however, a person may love someone dearly and not always be respectful or considerate of them. We should always be aware of the feelings of our loved ones and friends, and realize that unkind actions and words can be hurtful. God not only loves us, He is also respectful and considerate of us. He always loves us, and has shown us respect and consideration by giving us free will. There is a picture that shows Jesus standing in front of an outside door with no door handle. The only way Jesus can enter is if we let Him in. God never forces Himself on us and He is always standing at our door, waiting for an invitation to come in. Inviting God into a loving and respectful relationship will ensure blessings and mutual happiness.

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Good News Bible Revelation 3:20

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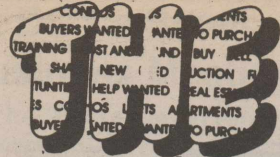
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CARD OF THANKS

A great big thanks goes out to all the firemen who responded to our wake-up call Monday morning. We really appreciate every one of you.

Thanks again and God bless. Riley and Lois Ziegler

Thanks to the ambulance service volunteers, Lana Burson, Dale McWaters, Ed Norris and Emmett Tomlin, for coming to help me when I needed them. I appreciate their service very much.

Christine King

Thank you to Rena Schott, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Grabbe, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold, Mary Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bomar and Hoyse McMurtry for your donations to the Silvertown Volunteer Fire Department. Also to Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Schott, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Couch and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet for your memorial gifts.

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Words are inadequate to express our sincere appreciation to each of you during Norlan's illness and death. Thank you for the visits, phone calls, cards, food, flowers and memorials. Your prayers were a great comfort to us.

Bless you,
Doris Dudley
Brian and Joan Vining & family
J. D. and Laura McNamara & family
Clayton and Donna Pigg & family
Hop and Jeanne Graham & family
Carol and Mary Davis & family
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Thank you for the telephone calls, food and fruit while I had the flu last week. I appreciate my friends more than you will ever know.

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