

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



There have been so many people in our family moving that my address book has had to be recopied.

Charles' brother, Donald, has moved from Amarillo to the Vigo Park area of Swisher County--just a stone's throw away from us.

Our grandson, Jordan, moved into a new house with his roommates, and they have been busy sodding the yard, putting up a backyard fence, etc.

Our granddaughter, Molly, moved into her dorm at Southwestern Oklahoma State Saturday.

Molly's mother, Jonann, and family have been moving into larger house in Rowlett.

Grandson Brandon is in the same location, and is going to graduate school this fall. His wife is back in law school.

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SILVERTON OWLS 2002 Varsity Football Schedule

- Aug. 17--Lazbuddie (Scrimmage)
There, 10:00
 - Aug. 23--Follett (Scrimmage)
There, 4:00
 - Aug. 30--Chillicothe, Home, 7:30
 - Sept. 6--Lazbuddie, Home, 7:30,
Homecoming game
 - Sept. 13--Samnorwood, There,
7:30
 - Sept. 19--Floyd NM, Home, 7:30
 - Sept. 28--Fort Worth Masonic,
TBA
 - Oct. 4--OPEN
 - Oct. 11--Valley*, Home, 7:30
 - Oct. 19--Hedley*, There, 3:00
 - Oct. 25--Patton Springs*, Home,
7:30
 - Nov. 2--Motley County*, There,
5:00
 - Nov. 8--Happy*, Home, 7:30
- *District Games

SILVERTON OWLS 8th Grade Football Schedule

- Aug. 29--Happy, Home, 5:00
- Sept. 5--Lazbuddie, There, 5:00
- Sept. 12--Samnorwood, Home,
5:00
- Sept. 19--Groom, Home, 6:00
- Sept. 26--Motley County, There,
5:00
- Oct. 3--OPEN
- Oct. 10--Valley, There, 5:00
- Oct. 17--Hedley, Home, 5:00
- Oct. 24--Patton Springs, There,
5:00
- Oct. 31--Motley County, Home,
5:00

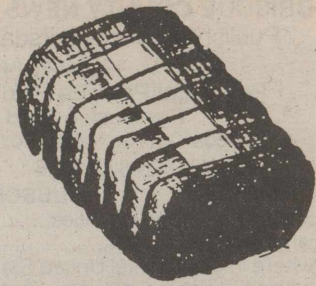
SILVERTON OWLS 7th Grade Football Schedule

- Sept. 12--Motley County, Home,
6:00
- Sept. 19--Bible Heritage, Home,
5:00
- Sept. 26--Spade, There, 4:00
- Oct. 3--Happy, Home, 5:00
- Oct. 10--Hedley, There, 5:00
- Oct. 17--OPEN
- Oct. 24--Spade, Home, 5:00
- Oct. 31--OPEN
- Nov. 7--Happy, There, 5:00



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West Nile Virus Confirmed in Briscoe, Three Area Counties

West Nile Virus has made its way to the Panhandle's horse population earlier than expected by health officials.

Karen McDonald with the Lubbock office of the Texas Department of Health Zoonosis Control said four cases of West Nile Virus in horses have been confirmed in the High Plains region. The cases of the mosquito-borne virus reported Tuesday came from Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Deaf Smith counties.

"We didn't think it was going to get here quite as soon as it did," said James Alexander with the Amarillo office of the Texas Department of Health Zoonosis Control. "Until we get a good frost, there's still a chance of it spreading."

A vaccination is available. It's a two-shot treatment, about three weeks apart, and the zoonosis officials advise not waiting until the virus is in your area to vaccinate.

It takes six to eight weeks to build immunity, but some reports indicate the initial vaccination, if done prior to infection, may reduce the severity of the syndrome, Alexander said.

McDonald said there has been a question whether some areas have enough of a mosquito population to necessitate vaccination.

"We do know that it is moving westward into the more arid areas, so we are advising all horse owners to vaccinate," she said.

Alexander said the northernmost case was found in the northeast corner of Deaf Smith County. All of the cases were reported after testing during the last four to five days by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory in Amarillo, Alexander said.

Richard Mock, virologist at the lab, said they have been receiving samples from all over the state and Louisiana prior to this, including some samples from the Haskell area last week.

Only during the weekend did they start receiving samples from north of Lubbock, he said. The four have been confirmed. One sample turned out negative, and a number of other samples are still to be tested and those results will be ready soon.

One horse from Lockney in

Floyd County was euthanized after deteriorating from the disease, he said.

"I expect this (testing) won't stop for a while--the next couple of months probably," Mock said.

A variety of symptoms can show up in a horse infected by the disease, Alexander said. Initially, the horse will look like it is not feeling well and eventually it may go off feed and water.

One vet reported that the lower lip looked loose or that the horse had no control of it, Alexander said. He said the horse may lose coordination in the hindquarters and sometimes can't get back up and there may be muscle tremors in the skin.

"An early diagnosis is important so that supportive therapy can be started," Alexander said. "Many vets are using anti-inflammatory drugs to reduce the inflammation in the tissues."

He said it could take several days for the disease to progress, and most susceptible are horses or animals with a compromised immune or health system, which would enhance the failure to recover.

Survival rate is about 60 to 70 percent for the horses, McDonald said.

Mosquitoes, which transmit the disease to humans and horses, are drawn to areas with a ready water supply to reproduce. It takes only a thimble of water for the insects to breed, according to Texas Department of Health information.

More severe infections may include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and, in rare cases, death, according to the Texas Department of Health.

Close contact with an infected horse or bird poses no threat to humans and the virus is not transmitted from person to person. People should wear insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors in mosquito-infested areas.

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It was learned late last week that dead birds are being found at the Riley Ziegler home southwest of Silverton.

Briscoe County Sheriff's Dept. Launching Project ChildSafe

The Briscoe County Sheriff's Department will kick off Project ChildSafe, a statewide firearms safety and free gun lock program today (Thursday, August 22).

Project ChildSafe, which is funded through a grant from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division will distribute firearm safety kits to law enforcement agencies throughout the state. As part of the program the Sheriff's Department will distribute, free of charge, firearm safety literature and 100 cable style gun lock devices to community members that request them. The lock, which works like a bicycle cable lock, is threaded through the firearm's action, rendering the firearm inoperable. The locks, in combination with the accompanying educational materials, are intended to promote safe handling and secure storage practices among all firearms owners.

"I'm pleased to be a part of Project ChildSafe," said Sheriff Jeff Fuston. "I strongly believe that educating gun owners about safe firearm practices in combination with using gun locking devices will help prevent accidental injuries and deaths. These locks can be used on most types of firearms, including handguns, rifles and shotguns. I urge local residents to take advantage of this opportunity to pick up free gunlocks and use them to secure their firearms."

The free locks and safety pamphlets being provided by Project ChildSafe will be available for dis-

tribution August 22, 2002 at the Briscoe County Sheriff's Office. For more information, please call Briscoe County Sheriff's Office at 806-823-2135.

Producers Asked To Tell TBWEF About Spraying

Cotton producers use several insecticides to control pests in their fields, such as Furadan for aphids. So Texas Boll Weevil Eradication officials request that growers contact their district office with information on when a field has been treated with any chemicals and what chemicals were used.

Although fields that have been treated must be posted, contacting eradication personnel will help ensure that employees take the necessary precautions to protect their health and safety when working in these fields.

The Foundation also wishes to avoid unnecessarily treating fields, as some of the pesticides growers use provide control of boll weevils.

For more information, growers may contact their local eradication office.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and responsible manner possible.

Walk Across Texas

Provided by Cory Edwards, Briscoe County CEA Texas Cooperative Extension, Family & Consumer Sciences

Walk Across Texas! teams have been going strong for 6 weeks now! The "Double Nickels and Older" are still in the lead with 1058.25 miles. They have made it just past Saginaw, Texas as they head back home.

Also heading back home are the "Road Warriors" with 1014.8 total miles. "Ankle Express" is still racking up the miles. The "Fairmont Flyers" are sitting in the fourth place slot with 463.5 miles. Not far behind is the "ASKEBAT" team with 364.69 miles and the "Wild Women Walkers" are still in the competition with 240.6 miles.

Here are some fun facts about Saginaw as we take a "Texas Trip".

- Saginaw is home to some of the world's largest grain elevators!
- The city was incorporated in 1949 with John Kennedy as the first mayor.

- The City of Saginaw is located nine miles north of downtown Fort Worth, and 37 miles west of Dallas, in the state of Texas and county of Tarrant.

- The population increased from 1,001 in the 1960 census to 5,736 in the 1980 census. The 1990 census was 8,551, with the estimated population at 12,850.

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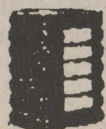


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ban and rural communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. These centers care for one of every five low-income children and one of every 12 rural residents. By working together with schools, businesses, churches, community organizations, foundations, and state and local governments, these health centers strive to meet the special needs and priorities of communities and to improve the health and well-being of countless families and individuals.

Health centers offer responsive and cost-effective health care that includes comprehensive primary and preventive services; prenatal and postpartum care; patient education, case management, and outreach; translation and other support services. My Administration is committed to increasing Federal support of healthcare centers. Through my Community and Migrant Health Centers Initiative we are working to double the number of patients served in these centers, and create 1,200 new and expanded health center sites over five years.

With the observance of National Health Center Week, we recognize the important role and the invaluable contributions of America's

health centers, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for their success. During National Health Center Week, I join in encouraging all Americans to celebrate the importance of health centers to our communities by participating in health fairs and screenings, blood drives, immunizations and open house events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim August 18 through 24, 2002, as National Health Center Week. I encourage all Americans to raise their awareness of the importance

and variety of services provided by America's health centers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Bobbye Bean

We had most of our quilters present last week. Ada Clay, Oleta Warren, Nina Martin, Sybil King, Joy Stodghill, Nadyne Childress, Wanda Strange, Ann Norris and Bobbye Bean quilted on Nadyne's Patchwork Bouquet quilt and Ada's white on white quilt. We finished Nadyne's. Nina will put hers up next.

Nina has been to her daughter's (Celia) to help with the children. They all came home with her and helped Nina do some repairs on her house. Bobbye and Walter went to Midland to baby-sit with their grandchildren.

The Senior Citizens had their regular luncheon with about 40 present. The Rock Creek Church of Christ was the host. Members from that church sang several songs for us that we enjoyed. Wanda reported that we made \$778.00 on the quilt we sold chances on. Thanks to all of you who purchased tickets. Lavern's granddaughter, Colleen Harrison, won it.

Groundwater Conservation Districts

Provided by Brandon McGinty
County Extension Agent-Ag
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Briscoe County

In November, many Texans will take to the poles over proposed Groundwater Conservation Districts. The local control is the legislatively preferred method to manage groundwater in our state. The basic job of a groundwater conservation district is to create and implement a comprehensive management plan. They are in charge of permitting large wells and keeping records of all wells. Management rules cover conservation, preservation, protection, prevention of water waste, and recharge. Each district is unique in its funding, controls, and powers. Voters should learn as much as possible about their proposed district. Resources are available through your County Extension Office.

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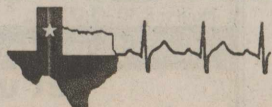
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Back pain leads to nearly 12 million doctor visits each year. According to the Mayo Clinic, back pain is the second-most common complaint. About 90% of these painful conditions clear up without medical treatment. But, if not taken care of some back conditions can become disabling.

To treat back pain at home, apply cold, followed by heat; get comfortable; rest for short period of time; and try over-the-counter pain relievers. But, if pain makes moving difficult, is followed by a fever and/or vomiting, or causing unexplained weakness in other areas of the body then a doctor should be consulted.

Prevention is the best way to deal with back pain. Three steps to prevention are: exercise, posture, and diet. Exercise strengthens the back, improves overall fitness, reduces stress, and helps shed excess pounds.

Maintaining good posture keeps the back healthy. And a healthy, balanced diet also helps maintain a healthy weight. If ever in doubt of how serious a condition is, contact a health care provider.

Extension nutrition specialist Peggy Van Laanen says foodborne illnesses are easily avoided. She recommends buying food from reputable sources instead of buying from street vendors. And, urges consumers to take the newly purchased foods straight home to be stored.

The refrigerator should have a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below, and the freezer zero degrees Fahrenheit or below.

Van Laanen says food should not stay in temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit for more than two hours. She suggests using a solution of one teaspoon of bleach to one quart of water to sanitize surfaces where food will be prepared. Van Laanen suggests washing fresh fruits and vegetables under cold running tap water to rinse off dirt and bacteria. Throw away suspect food. She says a general rule of thumb is "If in doubt, throw it out."

Medical break throughs are made possible thanks to haptic technology. Haptic is a Greek word meaning "to feel." It is a new field of computer graphics, and the next step in graphic interface. The device includes a hand-held baton that indicates what is being felt as it interacts with an image on the computer screen. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researchers study atomic particles in hopes of curing diseases. Haptics allows them to see and feel how a chemical compound fits together to design a new drug. Also, studies are being made to enable doctors to perform surgeries via the internet using the baton to "feel" the difference between bones, soft and hard tissue.

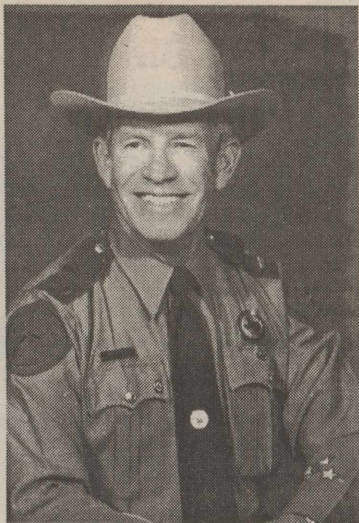
Life is like a B-picture script. It is that corny. If I had my life story offered to me to film, I'd turn it down.

--Kirk Douglas

Acts 20:27

**"For I have not
hesitated to proclaim to
you the whole will of God."**

Rock Creek Church of Christ



Lt. Dyrle Maples

Officer Retires After 33 Years

After Lt. Dyrle Maples retired Friday from the Department of Public Safety, he plans to tend to his acreage south of Canyon and visit his grandchildren. To do so, he'll have to cross hundreds of miles. But it's his own fault his children got so spread out.

During 33 years in the DPS, Maples has worked in locales all across the state: Dimmitt, Pierce, Refugio, Del Rio and Amarillo, where he's been since 1991. So his three children naturally planted roots and started their own families at various spots along the way.

Not that Maples will mind traversing the state he has patrolled for so long. He loves it.

"Every part of the state is different," Maples said. "It varies geographically, and the people are different every place. But the people were decent every place I went. If I hadn't been in the DPS, I would've been in one location all my life."

Maples got his first job in law enforcement as a sheriff's deputy in his hometown of Silverton, where he had graduated from high school.

"I had no training whatsoever," he said. "In the mid-'60's, I had an incident one night in which I feared for my life. I went home and told my wife I was going to go into an organization that could give me some training."

He got that training at the DPS academy in Austin, and then he joined the force. He spent 10 1/2 years as a highway trooper in Dimmitt and achieved the rank of lieutenant for the Amarillo Highway Patrol Subdivision. As such, he supervised 46 patrolmen across 19 counties and he was the region's K-9 coordinator for narcotic-locating dogs.

In his career, Maples was skilled in criminal interdiction, which he describes as "going beyond the traffic stop--asking questions, seeing where it leads you." He helped the DPS put in that strategy.

"We had some troopers who were being successful, and their supervisors began to take note," Maples said. "They were doing good police work, going beyond

the traffic stop. So they made this training part of the curriculum."

He used the strategy while working in Refugio, which he said was a corridor for stolen cars going out of Houston to Mexico.

"You look at their body language," he said, describing the technique he used when he pulled someone over. "Are they looking at us? Are they telling the truth? Do they look nervous? Are they licking their lips?"

Even as he puts his badge away now, he doesn't want criminals to

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

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CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Childress
 Contract 0310-01-035 for DISTRICTWIDE SEALCOAT in Donley County, etc. will be opened on September 6, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

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

NPO: 7150

STATE OFFICE

Construction Division
 200 E. Riverside Dr.
 Austin, Texas 78704
 Phone: 512-416-2540

DISTRICT OFFICE(S)

Childress District
 District Engineer
 7599 US 287

Childress, Texas 79202-9705
 Phone: 940-937-2571

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 33-2tc

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

July 22, 1992--Caprock Canyons Trailway to be reality one day . . . Monday afternoon Ralph Hill, Lynn Frizzell and Jimmy Burson hauled a load of rock for the centennial monument which will be built near the jailhouse museum by the Historical Committee . . . Former Briscoe County Sheriff Raymond K. Grewe laid to rest . . . Traci Harmon and Frank Ramirez, jr. are parents of a son, Tres Jordan Ramirez . . . Lone Star Farmer de-grees awarded to Lance Bradford and Stan Gamble of the Silverton FFA chapter . . . Carol Koslowski earns bachelor of business administration degree at Texas Tech . . .

August 5, 1982--Briscoe County, one of the areas hardest hit by the severe summer weather, can appreciate the significant role Texas Farm Bureau played in securing some \$350 million in disaster assistance for a 75-county area of West Texas . . . School Home-coming to coincide with County Birthday Celebration . . . Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church will receive an original painting of the Virgin Mary done by Gregorio Garcia of Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Garcia, long-time residents of Silverton . . . New state park to open to overnight campers August 13 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bean and Kristi and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Meier attended the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus in Lubbock Wednesday afternoon . . .

July 6, 1972--Mrs. O. C. Rampley, business teacher in Silverton High School, has been chosen to appear in the 1972 awards volume of Leaders of American Secondary Education . . .

Mrs. Noel Deavenport is back at work at the bank on a part-time basis while continuing to recuperate from surgery . . . Bill Strange is scheduled for surgery Friday morning to put a plate in his right arm . . . A double-ring ceremony Saturday at the Vigo Park Methodist Church united in marriage Miss Sandy Colene Culwell and Gary Layne Williamson . . . Martha Carol Mills to marry Marcum Maynard Greeson . . . Avonna Miller was honored on her birthday Friday with cake and ice cream served to Brad West, Tonnette Miller, Kerry and Ty Copeland, Denise Crawford and Lana Missner . . .

June 21, 1962--Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson are parents of a son, Bobby Scott . . . Dr. J. E. Garner laid to rest at Turkey . . . Rain totals 1.40 inches . . . Celene Lanham was listed with 93 other University of Texas students on the dean's honor roll at the close of her first year of college . . . Mrs. Mart Norris, Butch and Ruby have recently spent several days in

Monahans with Mr. and Mrs. Leland Norris and family . . . John T. (Red) Gilkeyson returned home from the Lockney hospital last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cagle and Pat have been vacationing in California and visiting relatives . . . Stevenson-Cook vows read in candlelight ceremony . . .

July 10, 1952--Kenneth B. Stephens and Melvin E. Hamilton to receive Lone Star Farmer Degrees at meeting of Texas Association of Future Farmers of America . . . Mrs. Albert Ramsey honored with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Fred Brannon . . . Wanda Sue McDaniel is honored with a birthday picnic in the park. Attending were LaQuetta Chitty, Norma Fay Rowland, Travis Gilkeyson, Jerry Bingham, Anita Stout, Nancy Brooks, Mike Simmons, Jo Lynn Womack, Lela Faye Sweek, Mona Kay Mayfield, Robert Hughes, Barbara Kay Fisch, Jimmie Nell and Diane Reynolds, Sandra and Peggy Mercer, Cathy and Sandy Norvell, Becky and Sheryl Cowart, Reba Jo and Deryl Maples, Jimmy and Monte Smith . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Francis spent the past week in Red River, New Mexico . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Crow and baby of Dallas spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crow . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Montague and Mr. and Mrs. George Long were vacationing in the mountains of New Mexico over the weekend . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer and Mr. and Mrs. Brubs Bomar spent the Fourth of July in Plainview . . .

June 25, 1942--Young men to register for service June 30 . . . Fulton Gregg purchased a new Model 62 6-foot combine this week from Tull Implement . . . W. Coffee is new president of Silverton Lions Club. Others who will serve with him are Claude Carpenter, first vice president; Lem Weaver, second vice president; T. R. Whiteside, third vice president; Jake Honea, secretary; Alvin Redin, tail twister; Maurice Foust, Lion tamer . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters are the parents of a baby girl who arrived last week . . . George Kirk and Jim Baird of Amarillo were in Silverton Thursday. Shorty Bingham returned as far as Canyon with them and visited the Bill Bingham . . . Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Mast returned to Silverton from Lubbock Wednesday. Dr. Mast left Thursday for Rochester, New York where he will do interne work. Mrs. Mast will join him after spending a month with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Bundy . . . Mrs. J. E. Jowell spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Edwin Crass . . .

Happy Birthday-

August 22--LaRue Garvin, Max Davis, Mandy Rampley, Cody Bridges, Susan Pool, Tommy Bitner, Bradley Harrison
August 23--Shannon Bingham, Pat Fitzgerald, Tammi Stafford, Kirk Couch, Levi Hutsell, Amanda Kennedy, Brooke Lynn Daily
August 24--Dorothy Johnson, Tonya Perkins, Louis Grabbe, Gary Whitfill
August 25--Rhenda Burson, Larry Stephens, Glenda McGavock, Misty Dawn Edwards, Curtis Scrivner, Kasey Copeland
August 27--Missy Reed, Anthony Kingery, Debra Turner, Pamela McGavock, Clifton Baker
August 28--Rhonda McGinn, Gina Banister, Shirley Francis
August 29--Dusti Weaks, Nolan

Happy Anniversary-

August 22--Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith
August 23--Mr. and Mrs. Gary Chandler
August 24--Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nistler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill
August 25--Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Curry
In some parts of the world, it is believed that placing an acorn on a window sill will prevent the house from being struck by lightning.
'Tis an ill cook that cannot lick his own fingers. --W. Shakespeare Romeo and Juliet
Patrick Grady, Cooper Cogdell, Tatum ReNee Ellison, Kenneth William Walls



(NAPSA)--After the chairlifts close and the sun sets on yet another day of skiing, an increasing number of winter sports enthusiasts are finding themselves unwinding with family and friends at the base of the mountain for after-ski festivities, otherwise referred to as après-ski parties.

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Here & There

by Lataine Dillard

Lucy McDaniel celebrated her 83rd birthday on Thursday, August 16. Glenda Francis took her out to eat in Tulia. Her children and grandchildren called and wished her many more. Lucy makes great hot rolls, just like Theta Holt and Ramona Martin. Yum!

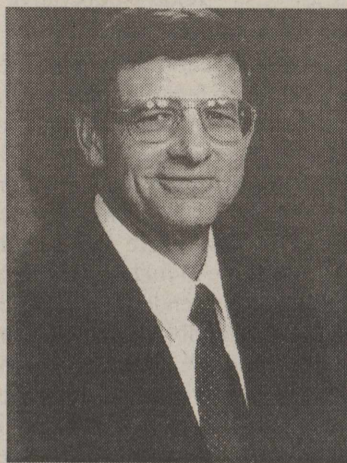
Sylvia Hill was honored with a birthday supper hosted by her pastor's family. It was a great meal. Reverend Jimmy Greene, his wife, Kathy, and their sons, Kenny and Tommy and Sylvia's parents, Bailey and LaNelle Hill also attended and had a wonderful time.

Lt. Dyrle Maples, brother of Reba Tipton, was honored with a retirement celebration on Friday in Amarillo. He was a Department of Public Safety officer for 33 years. Reba attended. At the Briscoe Celebration, it was Dyrle and his wife, Virginia, who were there with Reba, not the Tiptons.

I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.

--Albert Einstein

Harbin Joins the Texas Electric Cooperatives Board of Directors



Billy C. Harbin

Billy C. Harbin, executive vice president and general manager of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Floydada, has been elected to the board of directors of Texas Electric Cooperatives Inc. (TEC). The statewide organization serves 75 electric cooperatives in Texas. The election was held August 7 at TEC's 62nd annual membership meeting in Dallas.

"I'm honored to serve on the TEC board. The association pro-

vides valuable assistance to its members and I intend to contribute as much as I possibly can," Harbin said. "Co-ops have outpaced big utilities in gaining the trust of their member-consumers and keeping them satisfied. Our goal is to continue providing superior service."

Prior to joining Lighthouse, Harbin was engineering services manager at Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc. for almost 14 years. He is a second-generation co-op employee. His father, Joe Harbin, was a director and later a longtime employee of Bailey County Electric Cooperative.

"It has been my great good fortune to be associated with our program for most of my life," the new director said. "I am grateful for the privilege of serving the wonderful people who are employed by and are members of the electric cooperatives of Texas."

Harbin grew up on a dairy farm in Bailey County and attended Muleshoe High School. He has a degree in agricultural engineering from Texas Tech University.

Active in the community, he has served as president of the local Economic Development Foundation and is chairman of the Municipal Airport Board. He also is chairman of the Board of Directors of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative.

He and his wife, Linda, have been married for 35 years. They have one son, one daughter, and three grandsons.

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative

Water District Stops Cloud Seeding

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District #1 suspended its rainfall enhancement program until further notice beginning August 9th.

"The High Plains Water District

Library Update

As a followup story on the Silvertown Public Library Summer Reading Program, we wish to make this announcement: Of the three age bracket participants: Brittany Deckard read twenty-one (21) books; Sierra Juarez read thirty-four (34) books and Tamra Metcalf read nine (9) books in her age bracket.

With much pride and appreciation, the Library gives this record of these readers. Each and all readers in this endeavor were required to keep a Title Log of the books read and the time involved for each book.

Naturally advanced reading in each category of a reader requires a little more reading time.

Again, thanks to Brittany Deckard, Sierra Juarez and Tamra Metcalf for fine and well earned reading records! Applause and kudos are offered to each of you three readers and many good wishes to each of you for enjoyable reading!

owns 4,000 miles of line and serves approximately 8,000 meters in the Panhandle and South Plains. The counties served are Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Hale, Hall, Motley and Swisher.

has a long history of listening to its constituents," said Jim Conkwright, District Manager. "Criticism emanating from residents of Bailey and other surrounding counties has alerted us to their concerns regarding the program."

Matthew Kast, District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, said he thinks this is a positive development and encourages everyone to make their thoughts known to the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock.

WEATHER

Readings at 6:00 a.m. each day in August

	High	Low	Precip.
1	95	66	
2	99	68	.65
3	89	67	
4	92	65	
5	94	67	
6	91	64	
7	85	64	
8	89	65	
9	94	66	
10	94	67	.51
11	86	61	.75
12	92	65	
13	95	67	
14	74	58	
15	88	57	
16	97	70	
17	94	69	
18	92	70	
19	96	69	
20	96	69	

Total Precip. in Aug. 2002 1.91
Total Precip. in 2002 9.08
Normal Precip. to Date 15.59

UPCOMING AUCTIONS



THIS WEEKS AUCTIONS

Saturday, August 24th at 10 AM

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| Grandfather Clock | European Collectibles |
| (2) Antique Organs | Sears Table Saw, Radial Arm Saw |
| Hand Painted China | Sears Wood Lathe & Band Saw/Sander |
| Furniture: Chairs, Tables, etc. | Assorted Hand Tools & Shop Tools |

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FUTURE AUCTIONS

Tuesday, August 27th at 10 AM

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Friday, August 30th at 10 AM

The Pancake House

Real Estate and Restaurant Related Equipment
313 North Broadway Street • Dimmitt, Texas

Saturday, August 31st at 10 AM

Newton's Electric

Real Estate and Inventory
601 S.E. 4th Street • Dimmitt, Texas

Thursday, September 5th at 7 PM

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Silverton School Activities

Friday, August 23--Follett Scrimmage, there, 4:00; Power Team, 9:00

Thursday, August 29--School Pictures, 8:30

Friday, August 30--Chillicothe, here, 7:30

Reputation is an idle and most false imposition; oft got without merit, and lost without deserving.

--William Shakespeare, *Othello*

The earliest stopwatches were known as pulse watches. Made in the 1680s, they were used by doctors.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, August 26--Meat & Cheese Taco Supreme, Hot Sauce, Salad, Ranch Beans, Crackers, Milk, Fruit Cup

Tuesday, August 27--Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Trail Mix

Wednesday, August 28--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Roll, Milk, Chocolate Pudding

Thursday, August 29--Baked Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, August 30--Chili Dog, French Fries, Milk, Fruit & Jello

4-H Sign-Up Night, Swim Party

by Cory Edwards

Texas Cooperative Extension, FCS
Briscoe County 4-H will have a Sign-up Night and Swim Party Thursday, August 22, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. This year a prize will be given to the 4-H'er who recruits the most new 4-H members (not previously in 4-H) and brings them to the Swim Party. 4-H is a zero-based enrollment program, so everyone must fill out a new enrollment form each year.

After a short business meeting, we will swim and enjoy banana splits. Please call the Extension office at 823-2131, to sign up to bring your favorite banana split topping..

Pigeonpea May Fill Seasonal Forage Gap

Provided by Brandon McGinty, County Extension Agent-Ag
Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County

Livestock may soon have nutritious forage year round. Pigeonpea is a summer legume that has the same yields and nutrition values as those of other forages. It is drought resistant and uses nitrogen fixation. This means it transforms nitrogen from the atmosphere into a form plants can use to fuel their growth. Pigeonpea is intended to fill the gap of forage availability between late summer and fall. During that time the quality and quantity of grasses decline and winter wheat forage is not yet available. It benefits farmer by lowering livestock production

costs, improving soil fertility and reducing vulnerability of soils to erosion.

The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand other things well.

--Hugh Walpole

You should always believe allyou read in newspapers, as this makes them more interesting.

--Rose Maculay

If the recipe calls for whipped egg whites, you'll get more volume if the whites are at room temperature.

Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

New York cotton futures soared sharply higher Monday, ignoring the bearish implications of USDA's almost one million bale increase in prospective U. S. cotton production this year and an increase in projected ending stocks from a month ago.

"The market might not yet be at a point where there's enough harvest pressure," one analyst said. "In the last several months, the market's behavior can best be described as schizophrenic. Therefore, I think Monday's surprising rally was just another episode," she added.

Washington's first assessment of the 2002-03 U. S. cotton crop, based on objective yield surveys in major cotton producing states, suggests an approximate nine percent decrease from last year's record yielding production. However, USDA's estimated 2002-03 U. S. production figure of 18.4 million bales surprised the market. The new number was considerably higher than the department's previous forecast of 17.5 million bales and was more than 100,000 bales higher than most private analysts expected.

Additionally, USDA's August modifications to world supply and demand resulted in a 1.4 million-bale drop in carryover for 2002-03 from the previous month to 39.7 million bales. The reduction was due mainly to sizeable declines in Chinese and Indian ending stocks. The change in the world numbers should be credited with supporting prices.

USDA also made considerable adjustments to the U. S. statistical position. In addition to a jump in cotton production, U. S. mill use and exports also were raised by 940,000 bales and 400,000 bales,

respectively. Therefore, the rise in U. S. carryover stocks was restricted to 400,000 bales.

Meanwhile, the final export sales report for marketing year 2001-02 showed U. S. cotton exports totaled 11.2 million statistical bales, up 66 percent from last year's level of 6.7 million, USDA said Tuesday.

U. S. cotton exports accounted for more than 35 percent of world cotton trade, up from 26 percent the previous year. Mexico remained the top destination for U. S. cotton, accounting for more than 17 percent of all U. S. cotton exports or 19.5 million bales. Turkey, the number two export destination for U. S. cotton, nearly tripled its purchases from a year ago, importing more than 1.5 million bales. India rose in the ranks as one of the top markets for U. S. cotton in 2001-02, importing slightly more than one million bales and tripling its purchases from the previous marketing year. According to USDA, current low cotton prices combined with falling world production and increased demand will lead to continuing trade opportunities for the United States in 2002-03. The department forecasts U. S. exports of 11.2 million bales, the second highest on record. U. S. cotton likely is to remain competitive in the new markets developed during the past year.

In its weekly export sales report, USDA placed net export sales of 2002-03 crop U. S. cotton at 178,400 bales in the week ended August 8. The figure was higher than the previous week's negative sales number that resulted from sales cancellations. Shipments, however, totaled 131,400 bales in the first week of August, 24 per-

If only men could be induced to laugh more they might hate less, and find more serenity here on Earth.

--Malcolm Muggeridge

It's not your blue blood, your pedigree or your college degree. It's what you do with your life that counts.

--Millard Fuller

cent below the previous week and the four-week average.

On the spot cotton scene, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 1,959 bales online in the week ended July 15 compared with the previous week's total of 675 bales. The average price received by growers selling their cotton online ranged from 33.95 to 39.16 cents per pound compared to the previous week's range of 38.81 to 39.03 cents per pound.

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Thursday, August 22, 2002

8:00 p.m.

In the Board Room, Room 1

Outreach Health Services WIC Offers

How can you help protect yourself and your family from heart disease and cancer, lower your calorie, fat, and cholesterol intake, and fight off infections? It is easy: eating a minimum of five servings of fruits and vegetables a day promotes these benefits and much more. Outreach Health Services (OHS) Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is offering nutrition classes to teach Texas families how to incorporate five servings of fruits and vegetables into their daily diets.

Called "Fruits and Vegetables: Lily Bets on Five a Day," the program is targeted to children age five and under and their parents. Classes are being held in August and September 2002. For more information about the classes, including the days and times offered, contact the OHS-WIC clinic in Silverton, 806-674-1334. The classes are taught by WIC staff and are open to the public.

"We want to help families eat a balanced diet and encourage them to be more active. Once we achieve those two goals we can begin to address the growing obesity problem in the U. S., especially among children," says Ann Latham, registered licensed dietitian and an OHS-WIC assistant director.

Eating fruits and vegetables can help reduce the risks associated with obesity. Childhood obesity cases in the United States have increased by about 50 percent over the past 20 years. Obese children are at greater risk of developing type II diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and other health problems.

"Fruits and vegetables are the original fast food. The simple action of eating five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day reduced the risk for cancer, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, hypertension and other chronic diseases," states Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson.

"Over 60 percent of Americans are not aware of the need to eat five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day to retain good health. Our class will show participants how easy it is to include fruits and vegetables in their diets and explain the difference between portion sizes for adults and children," explains Latham.

Class participants will receive tasty and nutritious fruit and vegetable recipes and be treated to a fruit smoothie that is included in the lesson. Participants are eligible to sign up for a drawing for a blender to be given away during the last class in September.

WIC is a well respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by en-

couraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. In addition to ongoing nutrition education classes, WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, meal planning assistance, immunizations and breastfeeding instruction and support.

Each month Outreach Health Services offers WIC services to more than 33,500 clients in 59 Texas counties. Free WIC services are available to middle-to-low-income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or have an infant and / or children younger than five years of age. Income and residency requirements may apply. For more information, contact the Silverton WIC clinic at 806-674-1334 or visit www.outreachhealth.com

WIC is an equal opportunity program that does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

Wheelchairs Are Available in 2002

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 years old and up) and the Permanently Disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, please call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll free at 1-800-246-6010.

Peas, Sunflowers A Perfect Match

Provided by Brandon McGinty
County Extension Agent-Ag
Texas Cooperative Extension

Continuing drought in North Texas is causing farmers to rethink crop choices. The best alternative was found to be peas when rotated with sunflowers. The combination is a winner because peas use little water, and sunflowers are a deep rooting crop. So peas leave behind more water in the soil when grown first, and sunflowers can go deeper into the soil to reach that water.

It promises high sunflower fields, about 1,490 pounds per acre. At this rate, farmers can see predicted gross earnings of \$134 per acre at the typical price of nine cents per pound yielding an estimated net return of \$42.41 for the rotation.

Beet Armyworm

USDA scientists are searching what host plant the beet army-

Be Wary of Children Exiting School Buses

What is yellow and black and carries young children and teenagers? Well, taxicabs can be ruled out, that's for sure.

It's a school bus and the beginning of the school year is upon us. Children will be crossing the streets and exiting school buses in busy areas of town. The Department of Public Safety reminds motorists to slow down and keep an eye out for children.

Motorists can expect to encounter several consequences if caught speeding through school zones or failing to stop for school buses.

"Make sure you're paying attention when you're driving, especially in and around school zones or near school buses. You don't want to become part of a tragedy," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, jr., director of the DPS.

It is illegal for motorists to pass a school bus when it is flashing its alternating red warning lights. The fine can reach up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus when these lights are activated. A driver's license can be suspended for up to six months if motorists pass a school bus that is loading or unloading children.

"Stopping for school buses is the law," Davis said. "We have zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses."

Commonly, most collisions occur when school buses are loading or unloading students. In fact, according to the National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10. According to recent studies done by the National Coalition for School Bus Safety, the State of Texas did not report any children injured or killed during the 2000-01 and 2001-02 school years.

worm prefers for its offspring. It is a fact that army worms use pigweed, cotton, peppers, sunflowers and cabbage as host plants.

But armyworms have preferences.

Researchers experimented on individual leaves, and in greenhouse studies using potted plants. They found that beet armyworms laid eggs four to five times more often on pigweed than sunflower or cabbage, and half as often as cotton and peppers. Also beet armyworm larvae grow faster and larger on pigweed because it provides a nutritional advantage. Pigweed has much higher amino acids than other host plants. It has nine of the ten amino acids beneficial to insects.



The West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute will hold the organization's 50th Annual WTACI Conference at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Wednesday, August 28.

Registration for the conference will be handled onsite and includes a \$70 per person registration fee. Some 500 producers and agribusiness people are expected to attend to learn the latest on food safety, water conservation and a number of other issues.

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and the program will kick off at 8:00 a.m. The morning session will include keynote speakers Jay Lehr of the Potash Institute; C. J. Scifres, deputy director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; and Dan Upchurch and John Burke from the USDA Plant Stress Laboratory in Lubbock. Also on the morning schedule are the presentation of various awards and college scholarships totaling more than \$7,000.

The afternoon general session will begin at 12:45 p.m. and include presentations on the new farm bill, boll weevil eradication and textile quality issues. Speakers will include Tom Sell, deputy staff director for the House Agriculture Committee; Charles Allen, of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; and Darrell Lindsey from Plains Cotton Cooperative Association.

Concurrent educational sessions that afternoon will begin at 3:15 p.m. and run through 4:45 p.m. Topics to be covered in the concurrent sessions will include precision agriculture, biotechnology, insect identification, crop diseases, and a weed workshop. Closing remarks, awarding of CEU-CCA certificates, and session evaluations will occur after the close of the concurrent educational sessions at 4:45 p.m.

For more information about the WTACI conference contact Sheryl Smith at 806-746-6101.

SAYING THANKS TO CHAIRMAN COMBEST

Business and agriculture leaders across the State are coming together August 27 in Lubbock to express their appreciation to House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest of Lubbock for his efforts

to secure passage of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002.

The event is open to anyone wishing to attend. Scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. and conclude by 7:00 p.m. on August 27, the festivities will be conducted in the main Exhibit Hall at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Over forty agricultural and business entities have signed on to co-sponsor the event to date. There is no charge to attend and business people, farmers, ranchers and all other interested individuals are encouraged to attend the "come as you are" event.

PETITION SIGN-UP PERIOD FOR COTTON RESEARCH & PROMOTION PROGRAM CLOSES AUGUST 30

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is conducting a sign-up June 3 through August 30 to provide cotton producers and importers an opportunity to request a referendum on continuing two key features of their national research and promotion program.

The program, developed under the Cotton Research and Promotion Act, is a self-help marketing initiative, funded with assessments collected from cotton producers and importers. It is designed to strengthen cotton's competitive market position and to expand markets and uses for cotton.

In 1991, USDA instituted non-refundable assessments on all U. S. Upland cotton and the authority to collect assessments on imported cotton and cotton imported textiles as amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act.

As required by the act, USDA reviewed the program to determine whether a referendum on continuing the two amendments was needed. USDA issued a decision that a referendum was unnecessary in the January 14, 2002, Federal Register. However, the act also requires such a decision be followed with an opportunity for producers and importers to request a referendum. USDA would offer that option if enough producers and importers are interested.

To move to a referendum, the numerical equivalent of 10 percent of those voting in the last referendum would have to request a referendum.

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