

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, March 7-Roast, Gravy, Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans, Fluff, Roll

Wednesday, March 9-Polish Sausage, Blackeyed Peas, Cole-slaw, Apricots, Roll

Friday, March 11-Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Pork & Beans, Corn, Peaches and cookies

Menu subject to change.

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

Note from Fred Strange:

I will be taking more names of veterans over to Clarendon April 1, for them to put on the monument.

If you know of some veteran whose name wasn't on the monument, please send me his name and the years he was in the service before April 1.

Donations toward the cost of the memorial are still being accepted.

Fred's address is Box 774, Silverton, TX 79257.

Girl Scout Troops 833 and 87 have extra Girl Scout cookies. You can call Carrie Baird, 847-2644 or 847-7128; Bobbi Hall, 823-2423, or Erika Branham, 823-2376.

The SHS UIL One-Act Play cast will present a comedy, "You Can't Take It With You," in a dinner theatre at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

Prices for adults will be \$10 and \$6 will admit students and children.

BCAA Domino Tournament Held

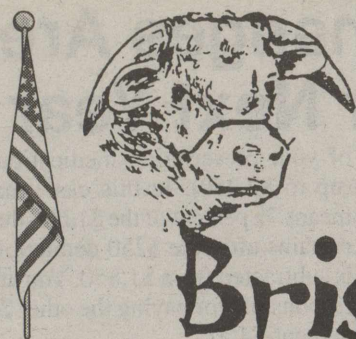
Briscoe County Activities Association held a domino tournament at the Showbarn in Silverton last Saturday.

Trophies were given for first, second and consolation. Winners were Sammy Zarate and Jimmy Reed, first; Robert Smith and Joe Ratliff, second; Scott Faulkenberry and Jerry Battey, consolation.

Lunch was cooked for all those attending.

It is confidence in our bodies, minds and spirits that allows us to keep looking for new adventures, new directions to grow in, and new lessons to learn--which is what life is all about.

Oprah Winfrey



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Hunter Safety Classes Are Scheduled In Quitaque March 4-5

Texas Game Warden Clint Hunt has scheduled hunter education classes Friday, March 4, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 5, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Quitaque Community Center.

Every hunter born after September 2, 1971 must successfully complete a hunter education training

Student Council To Sponsor Next Blood Drive

The next blood drive will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Silverton High School under the sponsorship of the Student Council.

Every donor will receive a T-shirt.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center's bloodmobile will be here to take the blood donations.

To schedule an appointment, call Lou Younger, 823-2254.

Turkey Jamboree Is Saturday, Mar. 5

Everyone is welcome to attend the Turkey Jamboree Saturday, March 5, at the Bob Wills Center (old Turkey school gym).

Entertainers will be Jackie and Ruby Dewbuy, Joy Stodghill, Jamie and Kelsey Timmons and the Turkey Gems.

Hamburgers, chips, drinks and dessert will be served for \$4.00 by the Turkey Lions Club starting at 6:00 p.m.

The show will start at 7:00 p.m. No admission is charged, but contributions are welcome.

Remember, that if thou marry for beauty, thou bindest thyself all thy life for that which perchance will neither last nor please thee one year; and when thou hast it, it will be to thee of no price at all; for the desire dieth when it is attained, and the affection perisheth when it is satisfied.

Sir Walter Raleigh

course. Minimum age for certification is 12 years of age.

Cost of the course is \$10.00.

Another course will be held at the Texas Cooperative Extension Meeting Hall, 310 West Broadway in Tulia, Monday, March 21, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 22, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Thursday, March 24, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All planning to attend one of the courses must call Hunt at 806-847-2571 before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, to pre-register.

Students must attend every day of class and pass a written exam to receive certification.

Time To Renew BSA Flag Service

Silverton Boy Scout Troop 262 is once again selling their flag service. For \$25 per year the troop will place a flag at your home or business on seven holidays. These holidays include Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Briscoe County Celebration, Labor Day and Veterans' Day.

Anyone who would like to receive this service should call Larry Comer, Scoutmaster, 823-2190, or Rick Minyard, Assistant Scoutmaster, 823-2108.

Proceeds from the flag service will be used for all troop activities, including summer camp, purchasing merit badges earned by the boys, camping supplies, and any supplies needed for merit badge projects. The continued overwhelming support of the community with this project is greatly appreciated by the troop, and makes Scouting possible for the boys involved.

It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious.

Oscar Wilde

I hate mankind, for I think myself one of the best of them, and I know how bad I am.

Joseph Baretti

Sign-Up Period for 2005 EQIP Funding to End Here March 18

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should make sure they sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18, 2005.

EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and/or management practices on eligible agricultural land.

In 2005 Texas will receive approximately \$64 million in EQIP financial assistance funds and approximately \$5.5 million in Ground and Surface Water EQIP funds.

"The funds will help farmers and ranchers improve the natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, Texas NRCS State Conservationist. "They will be used to solve locally identified resource problems in each county and will also fund special statewide concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee such as water quantity, water and air quality, wildlife habitat, and treatment of invasive species. This program of-

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Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost share rates for EQIP can be found at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/.

Extension and DuPont to Sponsor Weed Control Meeting

A brush and weed control meeting will be held Thursday, March 3, starting at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until approximately 2:00 p.m. at the Lake Mackenzie pavilion. A noon meal will be provided by the DuPont Company.

James Cadenhead, assistant professor and Extension range specialist with Texas A&M University, will give a presentation on brush and weed management. DuPont

representatives J. R. Bell, Jack Lyons and Gerald Hobson will cover current chemicals available, timing of applications and results that can be achieved. Michael Clawson, Swisher County Extension agent, will review current Swisher County activities. Gary Hunter and Jose Mendoza with the NRCS in Tulia and Silverton will

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Too Much of a Good Thing

Texas winter wheat's quick growth can be too much of a good thing. Excess consumption of newly emerged wheat can cause bloating in cattle. Quick growth caused the forage to be high in protein but low in fiber, which can cause bloat. It occurs when the animal cannot rid itself of gas. If this problem persists, the animal can die. The newly emerged forage will become more fibrous as it ages, but close management is needed until then. Call a veterinarian if bloat is suspected, and supplement your herd's diet with hay.

Wet Weather a Wet Blanket for Cotton Gins

Surplus moisture on the South Plains has put gins in a worst-case scenario. The cotton was harvested under humid conditions, forcing ginners to deal with a nightmare of wet cotton. This can slow down the gin, lower cotton grade, in-

crease costs, and lower productivity. Producers can lower chances of harvesting wet cotton by limiting harvest when humidity is above 50%, storing modules in high, dry spots, and covering them with a tarp. While final numbers are not yet known, the South Plains crop is predicted to more than double in size from last year.

Food Choices Can Affect Your Health

Sometimes good food choices can upset the stomach; however, people with delicate stomachs can still have a balanced diet. Those who are lactose intolerant can get calcium from salmon or tuna. If wheat is a problem, experiment with recipes by substituting corn, oatmeal, or regular flour. If raw fruits and vegetables are the culprit, cook them. Applesauce can be a good substitute for raw apples. There are lots of choices, but it's important to be mindful about what is eaten.

Medicare Changes Are Planned For Next Year

The new year is only a couple of months old. But it's not too early to start getting ready for Medicare changes scheduled for 2006, said a Texas Cooperative Extension program specialist.

Medicare's new drug benefit, also known as Part D, will start next January, said Andrew Crocker, Extension program specialist in gerontology and health. Enrollment of beneficiaries will begin in November.

"Enrollment in Medicare Part D will be optional but you may pay an additional premium if you do not enroll in the program within a certain period of time after becoming eligible," Crocker said.

"Private companies will be contracted by Medicare to offer the Part D benefit, but there will be no separate application. Medicare will help you decide which plan is best for you and process your enrollment in it," he said.

Making that decision requires a little math, Crocker said. To begin with, the monthly premium for Part D will be \$35, which will be deducted from beneficiaries' Social Security checks. The plan also has a deductible of \$250 each year.

Multiply the monthly premium-\$35-by 12 months per year and the annual premium comes out to \$420, Crocker said. And don't forget to add the deductible.

"In the end, this benefit will cost you \$670 annually before you ever receive help from Medicare," Crocker said. "If your prescription drug expenses (excluding over-the-counter medications, which are not covered) are less than \$670, you will not benefit from this program."

However, people with more costly prescription medications might want to consider enrolling for Part D.

After meeting the deductible, Medicare Part D will pay 75 percent of prescription drug costs, up to \$2,250 each year, Crocker said. Beneficiaries are responsible for the total cost of prescriptions between \$2,250 and \$3,600 annually, and Medicare will cover 95 percent of the costs above \$3,600.

Confused yet? Crocker offered an example to help clear things up:

Assume your annual expense for prescription medications is \$1,850. You are responsible for the premium-\$35 each month or \$420 each year-and the \$250 annual deductible. That means after you pay the initial \$670-the amount of the annual premium plus the deductible-Medicare will pay 75 percent

of your prescription medications (up to \$2,250). In this case, that means 75 percent of the \$1,600 that remains after the \$250 deductible is subtracted from \$1,850. You are responsible for paying the other 25 percent-\$400.

Some low-income beneficiaries will be eligible for even more savings under Part D, Crocker said. Beneficiaries who are single and have annual incomes of less than \$12,123, or married with incomes of less than \$16,362, may qualify for further reductions in cost. Other beneficiaries with slightly higher incomes may also qualify.

For more information on Medicare Part D contact the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at (800) MEDICARE - (800) 633-4227-or on the Web at <http://www.medicare.gov>. Or contact the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services at <http://www.txcares.org> or Area Agencies on Aging of Texas at (800) 252-9240.

The living need charity more than the dead.

George Arnold

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have a short presentation on brush and weed management and the local EQIP program.

This program is open to the public and is sponsored by the DuPont Company, Tule Creek and Caprock Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Swisher and Briscoe County Extension offices and NRCS. CEUs can be obtained by attending this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Mote at the Tulia NRCS field office at 995-4126, Extension 3.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 7-Chicken Strips, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, March 8-Chili Cheese Fries, Salad, Cookie, Milk

Wednesday, March 9-Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Jello, Milk

Thursday, March 10-Steak Fingers, Potatoes AuGratin, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk

Friday, March 11-Steak Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Fruit, Milk



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(continued from last week)

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God says, "whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, THINK ON THESE THINGS!

Phillipians 4:8

Next week: Getting the church to endorse the nine strategies we've studied the last nine weeks.

Pray for America!

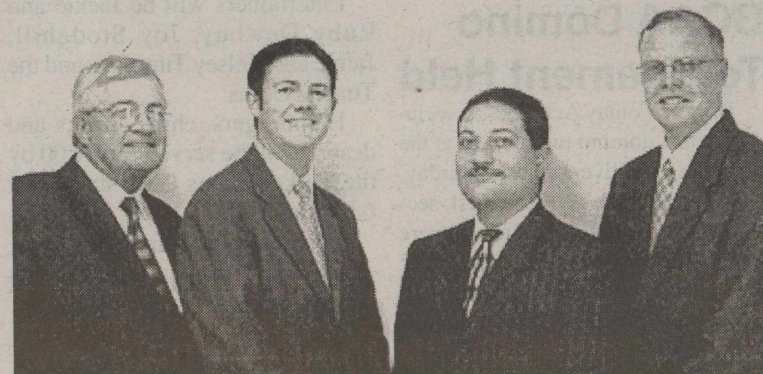
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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

February 8, 1996--Owls and Lady Owls own first half of district championships . . . Silverton Volunteer Firemen receive keys to new 1000 gallon pumper truck . . . Amber Womack of Floydada was named Sweepstakes winner of the 1996 Floyd County Junior Livestock Show during the banquet held Monday night after the premium sale . . . Owls sweep four games from Hedley. Top scorers were Jack Cherry, 34; Brandon Sarchet, 13; Trey Wyatt, 12; Jared Holt and Arnold Garza, eight points each; Cory Chandler, six points. Three pointers were scored by Cherry, five; Sarchet, three, and Wyatt, one . . . For the Lady Owls, Lindsey Weaks scored 21 points; Misty Wilkinson, 13; Terri Chitwood, seven; Destiny Ivory and Kimmie Blazier, six points each; Lindsey Jennings, five points. Three-point shots were hit by Lindsey Weaks, five; Misty Wilkinson, three . . . UIL realignment changes basketball district for Silverton. The district will be made up of Amherst, Cotton Center, Lazbuddie, Maple Three Way, Silverton and Whitharral . . .

February 6, 1986--Anthony Kingery presented the Ambulance Attendant of the Year Award to EMT Janice Hill at the annual banquet of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service Saturday night. Mrs. Hill is a director and serves as secretary-treasurer, in addition to going on many ambulance runs . . . Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughés, along with her sister and husband of Memphis, went to Vernon on Saturday to visit with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Renfro. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes went to Iowa Park and attended services at the Faith Baptist Church where Bro. Jerry Miller is the new pastor . . . Mrs. Syble Teeple designed and made the winning quilt block which will represent Briscoe County in the Panhandle Sesqui-centennial Quilt to be completed in February . . . Mrs. George Martin is a patient at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia . . . Leon Martin is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo . . . Russell Simpson and Shavonne Lowrey were chosen as Mr. and Miss SHS . . .

February 5, 1976--Silverton's varsity Owls kissed Memphis goodbye here Friday night by beating the Cyclones 65-49 in one of the most action-packed games of the season. Since Silverton is drop-

ping into Class B for the next two years, the teams have been playing all of their District 2-A opponents for the last time for awhile . . . Bood Myers, 74, buried here Monday . . . Staff Sergeant John M. Perkins has graduated from the Air Training Command Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring . . . Funeral services for Albert Mallow, 71, conducted Saturday . . . Willard Vardell is candidate for sheriff . . . Briscoe County has new liberty tree planted on the courthouse yard . . . Garland Francis entered Central Plains Hospital in Plainview Thursday and underwent a thyroidectomy Friday morning . . . District Attorney George Miller moved to the District Judge's office and Floydada attorney Randy Hollums moved into the District Attorney office Friday by virtue of Governor Dolph Briscoe's appointments on Wednesday . . .

February 10, 1966--Mackenzie Directors confer with White River Manager . . . Funeral services conducted for Mrs. Natalie Waters, 58, a resident of Silverton for 30 years . . . Joe Bob Watson is a member of the Lubbock Christian College team that placed fourth in the junior collegiate livestock judging contest at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth . . . Raye Garrison and Martina Williams, students at Tech, spent the weekend at home . . . Mrs. A. D. Arnold and Mrs. H. B. Simpson were in Plainview Monday . . . Mrs. Bud Long was taken to the Plainview Hospital late Tuesday evening. She underwent emergency surgery early Wednesday . . . Shirley Myers of Tulia spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bood Myers and Jimmy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield have been in Albuquerque, New Mexico for several weeks . . . David House, a student at Texas University, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy House, from Wednesday through Sunday . . . Mrs. Larry Jarrett and Mrs. Bill Durham were hostesses for the L. O. A. Junior Study Club Valentine Party at the City Cafe Tuesday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Deleath Peugh are parents of a daughter, Cori Lynn . . .

February 9, 1956--Royce Bodiford, State President of the Texas Future Farmers of America, will be the main speaker at the Silverton Father and Son Banquet on February 14 . . . Mrs. Van Martin of Flomot taken by death . . . Grandma Vaughan celebrated her

Skies Are Clearing

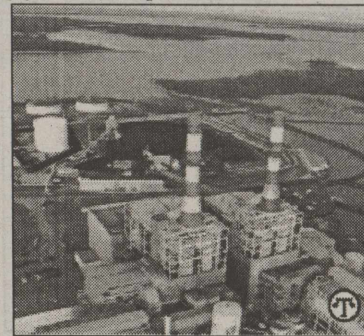
(NAPSA)-A report by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency shows that air quality in the nation has steadily improved since the early 1970s. Total emissions from trucks, cars, factories, power plants and other sources have been cut almost in half, compared with 30 years ago.

The air has gotten healthier even

104th birthday January 29 . . . Six junior boys, Bill Stephens, Jim Whitfill, Sammy Turner, Joe Brannon, Deleath Peugh and Gerald Garvin, are trying very hard to earn the Lone Star Farmer Degree . . . Plains area is snow covered. Falls up to 19 inches reported in Briscoe County during five-day snow storm . . . Mrs. Jeff Simpson receives painful injuries in fall at her home . . . Mrs. Betty Curby weds Bud Long on February 4 . . .

February 6, 1936--The Briscoe County News, official publication of Briscoe County, became the property of Roy Hahn, formerly of Cimarron, Kansas. R. B. Boyle, the retiring editor, has owned and managed the News for about three successful years . . . Census report shows that there were 6,159 bales of cotton ginned in Briscoe County from the crop of 1935 prior to January 16, as compared with 1,267 bales ginned to January 16th crop of 1934 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dick Garvin spent Sunday with Dick's parents in the Lakeview community . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mafield and G. Mayfield were Plainview visitors Saturday . . . Frank Shaffer was delightfully surprised last Friday evening when he became aware of the fact that his friends had gathered in the home of Miss Luetta Northcutt to celebrate his sixteenth birthday. Cocoa, jello salad and cake were served to Misses Iwana Simpson, Reba Holt, Vontella Gresham, Bethleen Northcutt, Madge Hudgins, Buster Allard, William McIntyre, J. R. Steele, L. D. Hover, the honoree and Miss Northcutt . . . Officers elected by the newly-organized High League are Joynelle Hodges, president; Marjorie Vineyard, vice-president; Daphne Ferne Blackwell, secretary-treasurer; Jack O'Neal, reporter . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield are the proud parents of an eight-pound boy born February 1. Teddy Jack was the name selected . . . Mrs. Printz Brown and son are visiting in Floydada this week . . . Carver Monroe of Lubbock spent the weekend in Silverton . . . Girls who were dinner guests of Blanche Thompson last Sunday are Vivian Burlison, Roberta McMurtry, Phyllis Mae and Bobbie Allred . . .

though the population has grown by almost 50 percent, people are driving nearly one and a half times as much and the total amount of energy the country uses has grown by about 50 percent.



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Happy Birthday-

March 3-Ty Lee Gregg, Thomas Rex Wadley, Mary Grantham, Connie Simpson, Rena Taitano, Danny Edwards, D'Nae Kellum
March 4-Zane Reagan, Bronc Otis, Emily Garcia
March 5-Wayne Cartrite, Wesley Francis, Matt McGinn, Carl Minyard, Enrique Gamez
March 6-Preston May
March 7-J. T. West
March 8-Shana Strange, Kerry Baird, Katy Bomar
March 9-Mary Asebedo, Jace Francis, Kody Rhoderick, Kaitlyn Davis

though the demand for electricity has grown by almost 75 percent. New regulations by the EPA and further efforts by electric utilities will lead to much greater emission reductions.

Utilities also generate electricity with a variety of fuels such as nuclear power and renewable energy. All of this helps to keep air emissions down. Using many fuels to generate power helps make electricity more reliable and affordable, too. To learn more, visit www.eei.org/air-quality.

Cooking Ideas

Aluminum foil containers can be safely used in today's microwave ovens. In fact, when you microwave with aluminum, food is heated from the center out for more uniform heating or cooking. Plus, aluminum foil containers are a great recyclable package. They can go from the freezer into the oven and then to the table--all in the same container. For more information, visit the Aluminum Foil Container Manufacturers Association at www.afcma.org.

A traditional part of any meal is gravy, a staple at family dinner tables year-round. Gravy is often associated with foods such as turkey, biscuits, pork and potatoes. With twice the thickening power of flour, corn starch is a preferred thickening agent, resulting in perfect gravy. To substitute corn starch for flour, use one tablespoon of corn starch for every two tablespoons of flour. For versatile recipes from delicious desserts and glazes to side dishes and drinks, visit www.argostarch.com.

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April 8 - April 10

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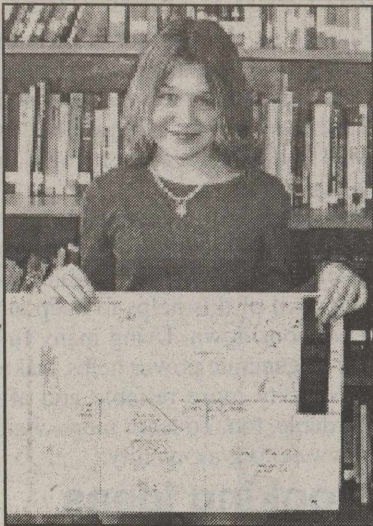
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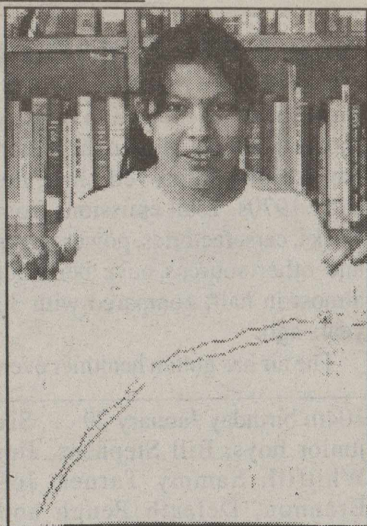
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Adrienne Hubbard



Brittney Grabbe



April DeLeon

Poster Contest Winners Announced by SWCD

Adrienne Hubbard was the first place winner of the Caprock SWCD's annual poster contest. She received a \$25.00 prize. Second place went to Brittney Grabbe who received \$15.00, and third place went to April DeLeon who received \$10.00.

The top three posters were sent on for area competition.

Other winners included: Pre-K-Lara Ortiz, first place; Grant Dudley, second place; Brittany Juarez, third place. Kindergarten-Destiney Perez, first place; Sheridan Reagan, second place; Shayna Smith, third place.

Second Grade-Riley Cogdell, first place; Koree Smith, second place; Clara Patino, third place.

Third Grade-Brittney Grabbe, first place; Taylor Blackmoore, second place; Matias DeLeon, third place.

Sixth Grade-Adrienne Hubbard, first place; April DeLeon, second place; Kaitlan Reagan, third place.

First, second and third place winners in each grade were awarded prizes in the amounts of \$6.00, \$4.00 and \$2.00 respectively.

Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-Among the spots listed by consumers as places they would most like to be able to use their credit cards are vending machines and parking meters. If plastic was accepted at more locations where people tend to make small purchases-less than \$10-almost half of cardholders would be more likely to use their credit or debit card. For more information on the benefits of credit and debit acceptance and usage for consumers and businesses, visit www.visa.com.

People in very cold areas should remove the water from the pipes and sprinklers during colder weather so that it won't freeze and cause the pipes to burst. There are several ways to drain pipes: manual drain valves, automatic drain valves or the compressed air blowout method. Since there could be potential safety risks, contacting an irrigation specialist such as

those at Rain Bird is recommended. For irrigation tips or information visit www.rainbird.com or call 1-800-RAINBIRD.

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Digital scrapbooks and home videos are now one of the most convenient ways to preserve precious memories and bring them to life after the excitement of special events.

WEATHER

Readings Taken at
6:00 a.m. during February

	High	Low	Precip.
1	38	28	
2	32	29	.03
3	44	22	
4	56	22	
5	57	24	
6	47	33	.46
7	51	29	
8	52	29	
9	59	25	
10	47	24	
11	54	26	
12	56	40	
13	53	41	
14	67	34	
15	73	34	
16	75	35	
17	49	29	
18	46	29	
19	42	35	.11
20	65	40	.07
21	70	37	
22	69	35	
23	70	35	
24	41	33	
25	53	32	
26	52	30	
27	48	30	
28	52	26	.03
February Precipitation			.70
Normal Feb. Precip.			.60
Total Precip. in 2005			1.88
Normal Precip. to Date			1.25

Cotton Market weekly



A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Nearby cotton futures at the New York Board of Trade settled slightly weaker Thursday but well off early lows. No fundamental news was seen behind the market's early selloff, analysts said. However, traders were awaiting Friday's release of the latest export sales data from USDA. The figures were delayed due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

According to USDA, net export sales of 137,300 bales in the week ended Feb. 17 were 41% less than the previous week and 57% less than the four-week average. Major buyers included Indonesia, China, Pakistan and Turkey. Sales of 82,800 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were mainly for Mexico and Canada.

China, which celebrated its New Year from Feb. 9 to Feb. 15, did not make a strong presence in the market over the holiday. One cotton analyst noted that despite the fact that USDA's export sales report showed sales at a slower pace, there is anticipation that the market will see firmer sales and good purchases from China in the near future.

Export shipments of 286,200 bales were just one percent more than the previous week and 14% better than the four-week average. Primary destinations included Turkey, China and Mexico.

On the spot cotton scene, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 65,703 bales online in the week ended Feb. 24 compared to the previous week when 95,445 bales were traded. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 34.27 to 36.54 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 33.99 to 34.71 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, the 2004 crop-year will lay claim to record crops for the state of Texas, for the U. S., and for the world, and harvest is nearing completion as each day passes. Sources on the Texas High Plains now say it looks like area ginners have slightly less than 400,000 bales left to gin from the final tally that is estimated to exceed 4.6 million bales.

Both the Lubbock, Texas, and Lamesa, Texas, Cotton Classing Offices now have surpassed their existing record numbers of bales

classified in a season. Lamesa broke its 1988 record of 937,056 bales classed a couple of weeks ago and should be near the million bale mark before the season is complete.

The Lubbock Classing Office has broken its record, and now stands as the U. S. record holder at 3,277,917 bales classed thus far. The previous office record in Lubbock was set in 2002 when employees there classed 2,711,976 bales.

In other news, the National Cotton Council reported this week that U. S. mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 6.18 million bales in the month of January. The figure was lower than most analysts expected as it was well below the December consumption figure of 6.43 million bales.

Despite lower domestic consumption, a USDA economist said this week that he expects the demand for cotton in 2005 to exceed production, drawing down surplus stocks. He said lower U. S. cotton production would support prices in 2005-06.

"Even with cotton area in the U. S. rising slightly, a decline from 2004's phenomenal yields will sharply reduce production from last season," the economist said. "U. S. cotton area probably will rise approximately four percent following last year's record-shattering yields, strong program incentives and improving export prospects with China," he concluded.

Silverton School Activities

- Friday, March 4-Wellington JH & HS track meet
- Saturday, March 5-Wellington JH & HS track meet
- March 7-19-Houston Stock Show
- Tuesday, March 8-Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the High School
- Thursday, March 10-School Board Meeting, 7:00
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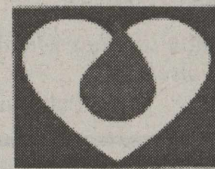
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Lubbock Classing Office Sets Single Season Record

3,277,917 and rising. That is the total number of bales that have been processed by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Cotton Division classing office in Lubbock through midnight February 23.

The number is a milestone for the Lubbock Classing office, which has now officially processed a single-season record 3,277,917 samples from the 2004-crop. And, if setting the record isn't impressive enough, it appears the record will continue to grow as the facility expects to receive another 400,000 cotton samples before the 2004 classing season draws to a close.

The current Lubbock office totally eclipsed the previous USDA-AMS Cotton Division single-season record set earlier this year by the Memphis, Tennessee classing facility.

Lubbock Office Director Kenny Day notes that, based on current reports from area gins, his office will have tested samples from approximately 3.65 million bales of cotton by the time the season ends. The Lubbock total demonstrates, in measurable terms, the magnitude of the crop produced on the High Plains in 2004.

How long the record might stand is anybody's guess, but history indicates it is probably a record that will go unchallenged for decades to come.

USDA-AMS Cotton Division cotton classing facilities test and assign official quality measurements for a variety of cotton fiber characteristics. Among the fiber properties quantified by Cotton Division personnel are fiber, color, length, strength, maturity, and length uniformity. Also measured and reported is the overall level of trash (non-lint content) in the bale.

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Agriculture's Importance To be Highlighted During Washington Fly-In

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce's 2005 Washington, DC Fly-In will take place March 1-3 and one of the primary messages the group will deliver is the importance of agriculture to the region's economy and the devastating impact proposed changes to U.S. farm programs would have on West Texas.

Leading the Lubbock group will be current Chamber of Commerce Chair Linda Gaither and chair-elect Steve Verett of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The group began their Washington rounds March 2 at a breakfast

meeting with District 19 Representative Randy Neugebauer, District 11 Representative Mike Conaway, and District 28 Representative Henry Cuellar of San Antonio.

Additional Chamber activities include private meetings with Representative Neugebauer of Lubbock, Representative Conaway of Midland, District 23 Representative Henry Bonilla of San Antonio, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, and Senator John Cornyn.

Topping the Chamber's list of issues is agriculture program funding and the adverse impact of spending cuts proposed by the Bush Administration in its FY2006 Budget request.

Recognizing that farmers are typically viewed as the primary

beneficiaries of farm program spending, the Lubbock contingent will seek to illustrate the broader impact that farm program dollars have on the region's economy.

The group will provide information showing how devastating the proposed cuts would be to farmers directly and also discuss how the cuts would adversely impact the rest of the region's communities.

One way the Chamber can achieve this goal is to focus on how the majority of farm program dollars flow through producers and into the hands of area businesses. By doing so the Lubbock Chamber expects to paint a clearer picture of the actual economic activity supported by farm program spending.



Silverton Owls And Lady Owls Track Meets



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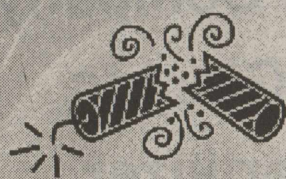
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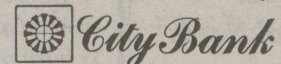
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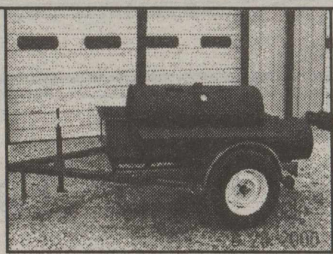
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Ed and Ann

To be stupid, selfish, and have good health are three requirements for happiness, though if stupidity is lacking, all is lost.

Gustave Flaubert

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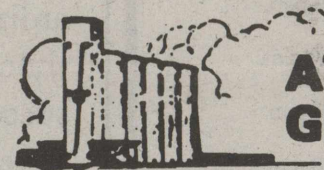
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