

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

The 100th annual commencement ceremonies were held for 80 Clarendon College students on April 30 at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center. Silverton resident Kurby Garvin graduated with an Associate in Science degree, and is transferring to Texas Tech University.

Kurby is the daughter of Lane and Paula Garvin.

We had the following letter from Connie Smith, who has been instructor for the current EMT class.

She wrote: I am happy to report that we started with 13 students, and ended with 13 students! This is tremendous! Statistically, 50% of the class will drop out once they realize how much effort is involved. We are very fortunate to have this dedication in our community. I would like to let the public know what is involved in taking this course. You must attend 130 classroom hours as well as gain your CPR certification. Also required is an eight-hour extrication class, which includes learning how to properly remove a patient from a wrecked automobile, use of the Jaws of Life, knot tying and personal safety. In addition, students participated in a two-hour helicopter landing zone class. Once all this has been accomplished, the student must then work 24 hours in the hospital emergency room in Plainview, plus work 24 hours on duty with Plainview Fire and EMS. They cannot take the National Registry test until each of them has five ambulance runs including one major medical and one major trauma run. They must continue to respond to 911 calls until they get all required runs! That is a lot of dedication for our volunteer service.

Please keep our EMT students in your prayers as they are fast approaching their test date.

Our local EMT students are Ruby Lee, Kristi Wadlow, Amanda Kernell, James (Yopee) and Tammy Smith, Vicky Tiffin, Rhonda Smith, Jeannine West, Fay Perkins
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THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2004



Lane Garvin's cotton east of Silverton on the Harold Storie place was severely damaged by hail Thursday afternoon of last week. About four inches of rain accompanied the hail. In Silverton, the pea-size hail was light. A total of 9.11 inches of precipitation has been measured in the National Weather Service gauge here during the first 21 days of June 2004.

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Cotton Crop Suffers Damage From Hail That Accompanied Rain Storms

Quite a few cotton producers have suffered severe damage from storms that have raked the southern portion of Briscoe County in the past few days. Some crops were damaged on Thursday of last week, and more were added to the list on Monday of this week.

As of early Tuesday morning, the rainfall for the first 21 days of June 2004 amounted to 9.11 inches. In Silverton, hail has been small and minimal.

Silvercot Gin received 2.50 inches Monday night.

Good news is that Lake Mackenzie has finally received some rain, measuring 1.50 inches Monday night. Tule Creek was running Tuesday morning, and the lake was rising, having already come up three to four feet.

Rock Creek was running



Water was moving down Tule Creek at the John Herring place in Swisher County Tuesday morning, on a direct route to Lake Mackenzie. When asked how much rain they had received Tuesday, Jeannett Herring said, "We don't know; our rain gauge ran over. It holds four inches."

Tuesday morning, and the Mayfield lake has had a sig-

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EMT instructor and EMT students are (back row, left to right) Demetris Barrow, Amanda Kernell, Tammy Smith, Michelle Gamble, James Smith, Aleena Perkins, Jeaninne West, Fay Perkins, Ruby Lee, Rhonda Smith; (front) Kathy Fuston, Connie Smith, Vicky Tiffin and Kristi Wadlow.

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 nificant rise, with more water continuing to come in.

At the City Hall in Quitaque, Maria Merrell said they had received 1.2 inches of precipitation since Friday, and 5.25 during the first 21 days of June. They had a little hail Monday.

At Caprock Canyons State Park north of Quitaque, Deanna Oberheu said that .87 of an inch fell Monday, and that the total so far in June was 5.78 inches.

"TxDOT has closed some

roads in the park," Mrs. Oberheu said. "The roads have washed out in places and we are looking at major road repair."

Lake Theo has enjoyed a six-foot rise and was still rising Tuesday morning. The lake has been very low, and the rise is welcome.

Elsewhere ranchers are very happy with the rainfall on their pastures which is keeping their tanks filled.

Tyler and Lee to Coach Texas All-Star Team

Valley football coach Bret Tyler will be the head coach for the Texas all-stars in the All-American Bowl on July 3 in Garden City.

Former Silverton coach Dwaine Lee, now at Strawn, will assist.

The game pits top 2003 six-man players against an all-star group from Canada, Australia, Norway, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Montana.

Valley's Clif Yeary and Rodney Fuston will play for the Texas team.

Mark Your Calendar!

**SILVERTON SCHOOL
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 August 13-14, 2004**

**All Class Reunion
 Friday, August 13
 School Cafeteria**

**School Homecoming
 Registration 1:00 p.m.
 Program 1:30 p.m.
 Silverton School
 Saturday, August 14**

**Veterans Monument
 Dedication
 4:00 p.m. Saturday,
 August 14**

The Lesson of a Rosebud

It is only a tiny rosebud. A flower of God's design.
 But I can't unfold these petals with these clumsy hands
 of mine.

The secret to unfolding flowers is not known to such as I
 God opens this flower so sweetly, then in my hands they die.
 If I cannot unfold a rosebud, this flower of God's design,
 Then how can I have the wisdom to unfold this life of mine?
 So I'll trust in Him for leading each moment of my day
 I will look to Him for guidance, each step of this pilgrim way.
 The pathway that lies before me, only my Heavenly Father
 knows
 I'll trust Him to unfold the moments, just as He unfolds the
 rose.

Read Matt. 6:25-34

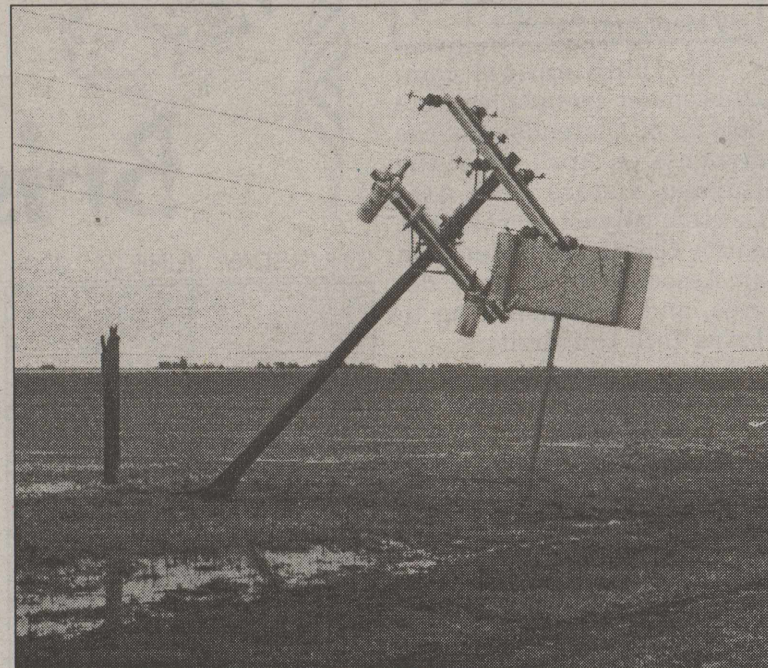
Rock Creek Church of Christ

Storms Topple Power Lines; Some Silverton And Claytonville Customers Without Power

Customers of Swisher Electric Cooperative in an area extending east from Claytonville all the way to Silverton were without power as a result of Monday evening's storms. Swisher Electric's operations superintendent Kenny McCaslin said that as of Tuesday morning, June 22, twenty-seven 69,000 volt transmission poles and countless distribution poles in the Silverton-Claytonville area had been reported downed, with hundreds of broken crossarms.

Cooperative general manager Charles Castleberry said it would be several hours, possibly up to 36 hours in some areas, before power will be able to be restored. Castleberry said the cooperative is working to re-route power to the Claytonville and Northcutt (Silverton) substations where possible. "Basically, we have a flood over there," McCaslin said in explaining that it will take some time to assess the situation and work around the water and impassable roads.

Castleberry assures the affected members that everything possible will be done to



This is one of Swisher Electric's power poles that was broken in the high winds which accompanied rain and hail Monday night. This one is located across from Silvercot Gin, and two more are located near James Alan Patton's home.

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get their power restored as soon as possible, and that as the day progresses, members will start seeing their power restored in the most accessible areas. "We appreciate our customers' patience while we work to restore service as quickly as possible," manager Castleberry said.

Fresh Fruits of Summer

Many fruits and vegetables are now in season. Cantaloupe, oranges, strawberries and tomatoes are especially good during the summer months. When shopping for summer fruit and vegetables, choose ones that are free of

bruises and cuts. To get the most flavor and nutrition from your produce, only buy what can be used in a few days. For more information on summer food issues visit tcebookstore.org and click on the link for food.

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant.

Horace

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

William Arthur Ward

WEATHER

Readings Taken at 6:00 a.m. Daily in June

	High	Low	Precip.
1	86	56	
2	93	58	
3	93	57	2.01
4	70	57	
5	88	58	.69
6	84	56	2.38
7	87	59	
8	90	65	
9	83	65	
10	80	65	.15
11	94	65	
12	93	63	
13	94	62	
14	88	64	
15	98	67	
16	89	64	
17	88	61	T
18	87	62	1.98
19	86	60	1.08
20	76	61	
21	85	67	
22	81	58	.82
June Precip.			9.11
Normal June Precip.			3.78
Total Precip. in 2004			18.88
Normal Precip. to Date			10.56

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

May 19, 1994--Silverton Ambulance Service is hosting the grand opening of their newly-remodeled station at the corner of Highway 86 and Braidfoot Street . . . Tenth graders do very well on their exit tests, the exams that must be passed successfully before they can be awarded their diplomas at the conclusion of their senior year . . . Ashleigh Wyatt of the Silverton 4-H Club will be awarded the Lois Wheeler Smith Scholarship given by the Texas Association for Family and Community Education. The presentation of the \$1,000 scholarship will be part of the annual 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University in College Station . . . Leslee Weaks was the third-place medalist at the State 1A Track Meet in Austin last weekend. She put the shot 34' 8 1/4", her personal best distance, to become a state medalist . . . W. C. Smithee family reunion was held in Turkey May 7 . . . Neil and Sybil King visited Rhea Brooks in Wellington on Easter Sunday . . . Don and Judy Barbo of Coppell announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Haylee . . .

May 24, 1984--Trooper Arlyn Harold Heathington, 29, recently has been assigned to the Highway Patrol Services in Tulia/Silverton . . . Dwight Ramsey chosen to serve as president of Swimming Pool Club . . . Cris Gill recently received the master of science degree from The University of Texas at Arlington . . . Ray Gene Whitfill named to Dean's Honor Roll at Wayland Baptist University. A post-graduate student, he posted a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.00 scale for the spring semester . . . Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel vacationed last week in Oregon and California. While in California, they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rowell . . .

May 23, 1974--Rodeo Queen candidates for the Briscoe County 4-H Junior Rodeo are DeAnn Strange, Sally Northcutt, Susan Payne, Debra Strange and Shonda Smith . . . Kathy Brown was in Amarillo Monday to get the

cast off her arm which was recently broken in three places . . . Mr. and Mrs. Printz Brown visited in Kim, Colorado last week with relatives . . . Silverton Church of Christ to have Vacation Bible School May 2 through June 1 . . . Jones-Buchanan vows exchanged in double-ring ceremony . . . Mr. and Mrs. George McJimsey are parents of a daughter, Georganna, born in Fairbanks, Alaska . . . Victor Weaks had surgery on his hand Tuesday in Lubbock . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baird are parents of a son, John Russell . . . James Ross Alexander has announced the opening of his office for the practice of law in Lubbock . . . Graveside rites conducted for James Samuel Gilkeyson, 55 . . .

May 21, 1964--March of Time Study Club marathon scores for "42" and Bridge for April revealed that Doyle and Merlene Stephens tied with Bill and Evelyn Verden for first place in "42," and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer were high Bridge scorers . . . March of Time Study Club yearbook wins first place in the state. Planners of the yearbook were Mrs. L. D. Griffin, Mrs. Wayne Vaughan and Mrs. James Davis . . . Rev. Clyde R. Cain has accepted a call to be pastor of the First Baptist Church in Silverton . . . Travis McMinn, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and daughters, Debbie and Dudley McMinn were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn . . . Joe Bob Watson won first place in the District 2 4-H Tractor Operator Contest . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McJimsey are parents of a daughter, Vicki Carol . . . Mr. and Mrs. James Maples are parents of a son, Mark Allen . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carver Monroe announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Margaret, to Elzy Louis Strange . . . Miss Elaine Simnacher, Silverton High School teacher of home economics, has received and accepted an invitation to attend the training program for Peace Corps volunteers . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis are parents of a daughter, Katy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Vaughan are parents of a son,

Delton Edwin . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Whitfill are parents of a daughter, Dani Faye . . .

May 27, 1954--VFW Amateur Rodeo begins here Friday night . . . Silverton Seniors left Friday evening about 10:00 o'clock on a chartered bus on their long-anticipated trip to Shreveport, New Orleans, Galveston, Houston and Austin . . . Cpl. William Alvie Francis received his discharge from the U. S. Army May 19 . . . Services conducted for Jim Norris, 57-year resident of Briscoe County . . . Miss Virginia Garrison and her fiance, Buck Hardin, were honored at a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allard . . . Miss Bonnie Watters, a student at WTSC, spent the weekend here with her father, Walter Watters, other relatives and friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hamilton are parents of a daughter, Karen Elaine . . . Bill Satterfield home from the

Happy Anniversary-

June 25--Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowrey, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith

June 26--Mr. and Mrs. Rhett Montague, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Dale McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Asebedo

June 27--Mr. and Mrs. Doug Forbes

June 28--Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Perkins

June 29--Mr. and Mrs. Bud Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Couch

June 30--Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Allan McCutchen, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McGinty

Happy Birthday-

June 24--Taylor Griffin, Jan Hutsell, Maria Garcia, Elaine Forbes

June 25--Paul Segura, Jeff Sternberger

June 26--Rusty Whitfill, Tommy Davis

June 27--Delois Baker, Janinne Brooks, Chad Turner, Mike Grady, Gerry James

June 28--Stoney Hubbard, Wayne Stephens, Cally Burk

June 29--Danny Schulte, Paul McWilliams, Tad Cornett, Garner Garrison, Belinda Self, Tricia Dawn Curry

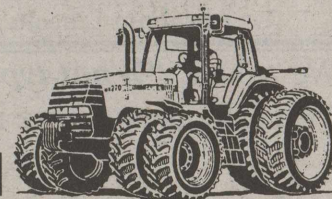
June 30--Richie Hill, Peggy Fleming, Eber Gill, Caleb Joseph Bean, Rebecca Patton, DeLysa Maciel

Army . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strange and Donald Dee Weast were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Amel Smithee and children in Memphis . . . Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Hancock visited her mother, Mrs. M. L. Porter, on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Edna Doak, another daughter of Mrs. Porter, was here also. The Hancocks called on Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montague, and Ted Hancock returned home with them for a visit . . . Officers elected to serve the Westminster Youth Group at the Presbyterian Church are Susie Anderson, moderator; Loretta Lowrey, vice moderator; John Schott, secretary-treasurer, and Sue Reid, reporter . . .

May 18, 1944--Carlyn Wimberly is valedictorian and Doris Campbell is salutatorian of the Class of 1944 . . . The four honor students of the eighth grade this year are Hazel Dee McGavock, valedictorian; Carl Tidwell, salutatorian; James Sumpter and

Frances May . . . In a single-ring ceremony performed in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, Miss Willie Mae Webb became the bride of Lt. Ronald M. Anderson . . . Cecil Seaney and Doris Holt were Senior Carnival King and Queen . . . Dick Bomar attended a World War Veterans banquet at Tulia Thursday night . . . Jim C. Whiteley came Wednesday for a visit with Lt. Jack Haynes and other relatives . . . Billie Wood is Favorite Senior Boy, and Anna Bean is Senior Favorite Girl . . . After regaining his strength following a major operation, Rex Douglas took over the direction of athletics in the Silverton school. He included some military drills in his program. He was honorably discharged from the Naval Air Corps following his long stay in the hospital . . . Mrs. P. D. Jasper is reported as doing nicely at the Plainview hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Francis made a business trip to Lubbock Tuesday . . .

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Schedule Given For Homecoming

Silverton's biennial school homecoming will be held Saturday, August 14, 2004.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. in the school library. The program will follow at 1:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria after the program.

The Veterans Monument Dedication will follow at 4:00 p.m.

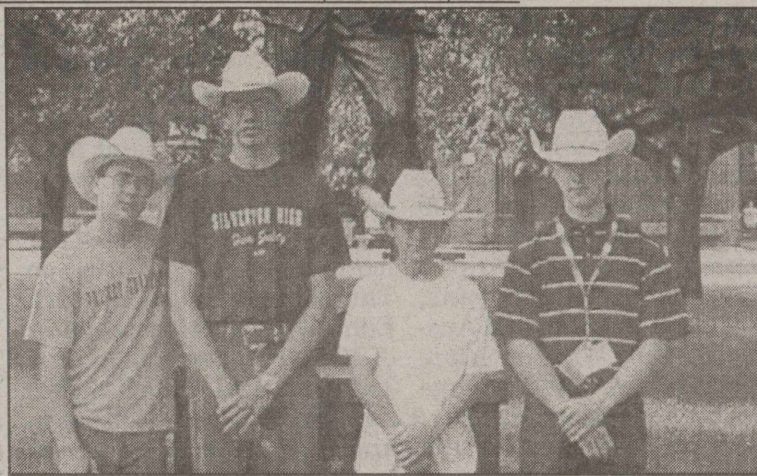
From the Patio

by Nina Martin

June 17 the quilters were Oleta Warren, Laverne Stephens, Rose Mary Perkins, Christene King, Ann Norris, Joy Stodghill, Ada Clay, Syble King, Wanda Strange, Lallie Patton, Bobbye Bean, Nadyne Childress and Nina Martin.

My grandson, Marshall Syme, and his friend, Leonard Chapman, spent this week with me. They mowed the lawn and painted a fence. They had the privilege of going to the cellar two nights in a row. Rock Creek got 5.80 inches of rain. It's good to see water in Eric Patton's lake.

Whatever you are, be a good one. Abraham Lincoln



Briscoe County was well represented at the State 4-H Roundup last week at Texas A&M University. Briscoe County 4-H'ers competed in the Grass Identification contest and placed sixth overall. There were 12 other districts competing against them, which made up 24 teams. Team members were Zack Burson, Ty Reed, Dusty Burson and Will Boedecker. The Grass ID team wants to extend its appreciation to Della Boling, Jose at the FSA office, Jeff and Deanna at Caprock Canyons State Park for sharing their knowledge and skills. Your help and support allowed the team to achieve its goals and will encourage future teams. Thanks to the Silverton Schools for allowing the team to use its facility for practice.

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Others involved in the class were Kathy Fuston of Quitaque, Aleena Perkins and Demitris Barrow of Tulia.

Ireno and Ana Baeza and family left for Pecos Thursday morning after learning of the death of his mother.

Dottie Long was honored for high scratch series, 552, at the

end-of-season awards banquet of the Foxy Ladies 2004 bowling league. Dottie and her Blue Jays partner, Patsy Clark, were named the first-place team.

Rena Schott suffered a stroke last week, and was transported by ambulance to Amarillo on Thursday. Her address is Amarillo Nursing Center, 4403 W. 51st Street, Room 118, Amarillo, TX 79109.

Molly Brooks is Honoree At Garden Party

Molly Brooks, daughter of Bill and Janinne Brooks and bride-elect of Ryan Forman, was honored with a bridal shower Friday evening, June 18. Friends and family celebrated her upcoming betrothal with gifts and well wishes in the home and garden of Juanita Howard.

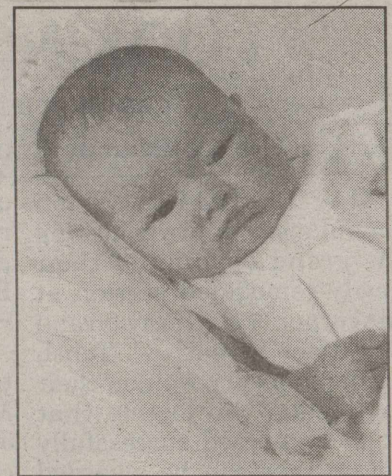
Mrs. Howard greeted the guests and presented them to Molly and her mother. Gifts for the couple were displayed throughout the home.

Guests were shown to the home's outdoor patio where tables were adorned with assorted antique crocheted doilies. Katy Bomar served the guests from crystal appointments on a cheerful spring table graced by an heirloom cloth of white with floral embroidery. Yellow silk tulips gathered in a crystal vase adorned the table. Refreshments included finger sandwiches, pinwheels, carrot cake, cheese balls and crackers, and a bounteous fruit platter and dip, with a choice of raspberry or strawberry-kiwi teas. Children of the guests were treated to child-sized tables and appointments.

Members of the bride's family who were special guests included her grandmother, Mildred Mouser of Plainview; aunts Joyce Drewry of Abilene and Fern Minyard of Silverton; sisters-in-law Janet Brooks of Memphis and Cristen Brooks and Cristen's son of Quitaque; cousins Missy Reed and Amy Embry and Amy's three children, Silverton; and sister-in-law of the bride's mother, Jennifer Pigg of Quitaque.

Special out-of-town guests included Callie Runnels, Tulia; Kenda Lemons and her son, Plainview; Shauna Cheek, Idalou; Leah Schumaker, Lubbock; Kenzie Whittington, and her son and daughter, Pampa; Cynthia Royal and her three sons of Aspermont.

Bridal gifts from the hostesses were a red KitchenAid mixer and free-standing baker's rack with Coca-Cola motif. Hostesses for the occasion were Katy Bomar, Juanita Howard, Marsha Brunson, Debbie Holt, Norma Birdwell, Kathy Kingery, Cory



Brynlii Grace Chandler

Deklyn Chandler is proud to announce the arrival of his sister, Brynlii Grace Chandler. She was born April 21 at Baptist/St. Anthony's in Amarillo. She weighed seven pounds and ten ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Cory and Dara Chandler of Panhandle, Texas. Proud grandparents are Dwight and Anita Ramsey of Silverton, Gary and Vonaceil Chandler of Quitaque, and a great-grandfather, Jack Chandler, of Quitaque.

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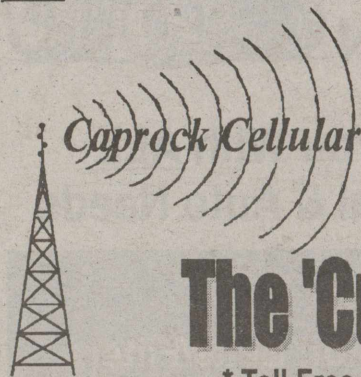
BCAA To Meet

Briscoe County Activities Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday, June 24) at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Edwards, Frances Ann Gamble, JonEtta Ziegler, Bena Hester, Penny Carpenter, Sheila Brooks, Gail Wyatt, Robin Boedecker, Dorothy Johnson, Rhenda Burson, Lisa Cherry, Michelle Francis, Sheila Reagan, Deb Burson and Cindy Comer.

Also helping with preparations and refreshments were Juanita Howard's daughters, Ann and Beth.

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Cotton Market weekly

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After three consecutive days of lower closings, the cotton market closed higher Thursday in an active trading session. According to one analyst, a healthy export report from USDA may have provided some support to the market.

USDA reported strong shipments in its weekly export sales report on Thursday. For the week ended June 10, export shipments totaled 386,100 bales which were 39 percent above the week earlier and a 44 percent increase from the four-week average. The primary destination was China followed by Mexico, Turkey and Indonesia.

The department's data showed net export sales of 118,600 bales that were 31 percent lower than the previous week and five percent less than the four-week average. Major buyers for the week included Indonesia, Canada, China and Turkey. Sales of 129,800 bales for delivery in 2004-05 were primarily for Mexico, Turkey, Indonesia, Thailand and Canada.

On the spot cotton scene, trading was slightly higher in the five trading days ended June 17 as Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 673 bales online compared to the previous week when 660 bales were sold.

In other news, cotton planting in the United States is nearing completion. USDA reported 95 percent of the intended acreage was planted as of June 13 compared to 92 percent at the same time one year ago and the 23 percent five-year average. Both Oklahoma and Texas were ahead of schedule as Oklahoma producers were 95 percent complete with planting versus 91 percent one year ago. Texas farmers had 89 percent of their crop in the ground compared to 83 percent the previous year.

News of expected rain in West Texas was bearish to the market this week, but much of the widespread rain in the area's forecast never materi-

alized. Scattered thunderstorms moved through parts of the Texas High and Rolling Plains producing gusty winds and light rain in some areas. According to USDA's drought monitor map for the week ended June 15, soil moisture levels across West Texas still range from abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions. Producers there would welcome an extensive, slow, soaking rain to help ease the dry conditions.

Some producers in the Texas Coastal Bend received a small amount of rain this week while mostly hot, humid conditions continued in the Rio Grande Valley. Daytime temperatures remained in the mid 90s, and the heat index readings were slightly over

Cucumbers: Great Quality and Yield

Pickling cucumbers may taste sour, but there is nothing sour about this year's crop. Pickling cucumbers currently sell for a steady \$7 to \$8 per hundred pounds. With current production rates and quality, this is a good year for producers. Texas produces 10% of the

100 degrees. Cotton plants there now are entering the heavy fruiting stage, and the intense heat likely will cause some boll shed. Some farmers, therefore, have been irrigating.

The health of the crop continues to improve in most states. Crops rated good to excellent ranged from 49 percent in South Carolina to 84 percent in Alabama as of June 13. The most noticeable decline in plant health, however, was reported in Texas where just 52 percent of stands were categorized as good to excellent, down 11 percent points from the previous week. Thirty-two percent of the state's crop was termed fair, and 26 percent was considered poor to very poor.

United States pickling cucumber supply. Flooding and disease only affected a small amount of this year's 11,000 acres. The South Texas crop was affected by downy mildew, but did not significantly damage production.

Waist Circumference

USDA research shows people who get around 18% of their calories from white bread gain a half-inch in their waist every year. People who eat healthy foods gain about one-sixth of an inch. Weight gain and an increase in waist circumference can trigger heart disease and diabetes. To stay healthy, people should eat mostly fruits, vegetables, reduced-fat dairy products, and whole grains. It's suggested to stay away from fast foods, sodas and refined grains.

Generations to come, it may well be, will scarce believe that such a man as this, ever in flesh and blood, walked upon this earth.

Albert Einstein on Gandhi

It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Howard Ruff

Extension Opens Ears To Texans' Concerns

Texas Cooperative Extension wants to know what Texans care about. To find out, Extension's Texas Communities Futures Forum is adding a new way to participate. Residents can now voice their opinion using an on-line input box. The forum is designed to find out what local needs are, and then partner with other organizations to make a plan of action. This is Extension's second TCFF. The first was held in 1999. To make a suggestion, visit futuresforum.tamu.edu and click on the appropriate link.

We are all salesmen every day of our lives. We are selling our ideas, our plans, our enthusiasms to those with whom we come in contact.

Charles M. Schwab

Life, we learn too late, is in the living, the tissue of every day and hour.

Stephen Butler Leacock

Everything should be made simpler.

Albert Einstein

Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority

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Dear Water Customer:

On July 1, Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will be changing the disinfectant that we use from chlorine to chloramines. This change is intended to benefit our customers by reducing the levels of disinfection byproducts (DBP's) in the system, while still providing protection from waterborne disease.

However, the change to chloramines can cause problems to persons dependent on dialysis machines. A condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water used for the dialysate. Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for the dialysis units must include some means, such as a charcoal filter, for removing the chloramines prior to this date. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment.

In addition, chloraminated water may be toxic to fish. If you have a fish tank, please make sure that the chemicals or filters that you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chloramines. You may also need to change the type of filter that you use for the fish tank.

Thank you,
Van Breedlove
General Manager



Cotton experts from the Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station are in the process of putting together a series of Crop Production Guides that are available to cotton producers through the Lubbock Texas A&M Research and Extension Center's website.

The series, which is composed of both previously released information on specific management topics, as well as all-new publications are designed to provide producers the latest information regarding cotton production issues they may face.

According to TCE Cotton Specialist Dr. Randy Boman the effort will eventually pro-

vide a complete set of management guides that a producer can access through the Internet or on a compact disk that can be opened on a personal computer.

He explains that by putting the different publications together and making them easily accessible they become an even more valuable resource for cotton producers.

The impetus for the Crop Production Guide series is the *Focus* newsletter put out by editor Dr. James Leser at the Lubbock Center.

"The newsletter has become a valuable tool for producers over the years. It has grown to address more than just insect-related issues important to cotton producers," says

Leser. "The Crop Production Guide series was developed to provide a more manageable information resource that they can use to gather pertinent crop production information."

Beginning this year *Focus* contributors will no longer try to include every bit of information available on a topic in the newsletter. Instead, links will be provided within the newsletter to these more detailed production guides which can better meet producer needs. To download a copy of individual Crop Production Guides go to the Lubbock Center's website <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/focus>.

The following guides, with their release dates and authors, are currently available for download:

- Cotton Fleahopper Management Tips, Dr. Jim Leser, June 16, 2004
- Early Post-emergence Weed Control Options, Dr. Peter Dotray, May 27, 2004
- Successful Weed Manage-

ment Systems Include the Use of Dinitroaniline Herbicides, Dr. Peter Dotray, May 14, 2004

• General Keys for Successful Weed Management in Field Crops, Dr. Peter Dotray, May 6, 2004

• Thrips Control Critical for Irrigated Cotton, Dr. Jim Leser, April 12, 2004

• Pink Bollworm Management Tips II, Mapping Potential Problem Fields, Dr. Jim Leser, March 23, 2004

• Pink Bollworm Management Tips I, Dr. Jim Leser, March 10, 2004

• 2003 Grain Sorghum Hybrid Suggestions, Dr. Calvin Trostle, April 22, 2003

• Pre-plant Irrigation Management, Dr. Dana Porter, April 11, 2003

• 2003 Cotton Variety Selection Considerations, Dr. Randy Boman, March 28, 2003

• Time to Check for Yield-robbing Nematodes, Dr. Terry Wheeler, November 14, 2002

Welch Reunion Held June 19-20

The Welch Reunion was held June 19-20 in Silverton.

Attending were Jerry and Margie Bingham, Amarillo; Fred Dunham, Marlin; Jeff Dunham, Dallas; Jo Nell Hatcher, Plainview; Kelly, DeLyn and Nicholas Sanders and Jason Vaughan, Lubbock; Othel Long, Silverton; Mike, Jackie, Bryce, Brook and Brie Cornett, Dimmitt; John and Ann Bingham, Big Spring; Faye Ruth Reeves, Fort Worth; Wilma McElmurry, Taft, California; Jerry and Brenda Patton, Silverton; Charlie Welch, Southlake; Ronald Welch, Tulia; Roy Len Long, Silverton; Mackenzie and Tad Cornett, Dimmitt; Bonnie Watters and Nona Burkett, Yuma, Arizona; Don Cornett, Dimmitt; Carroll and Kathy Welch, Kress; Clay Dunham, Hereford; Delese Philpott and Shawn Peterson, Lubbock; Clint Philpott, Dallas; Amelia Williams, Lubbock; Craig, Kelli, Cole and Cody Patton, Lockney; James and Shanna Welch, Amarillo; Juanita Howard, Silverton; Ann and Bill Philpott, Beth and John Cargill, Lubbock; Jimmy Wade Myers, Silverton; Denny, Phyliss and Sherry Welch, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Jimmy and Mary Myers, Silverton; Dean and Bob Barley, Lubbock. Stopping by for a visit were Carl Bomar, Terry Bomar, John Burson, Martha Jo Hawk, J. L. Self, Silverton; Lina Whittington, Quitaque; John Howard Burson, Roswell.

CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, food and money when I broke my arm. It is healing now. I pray God will bless you'all.

Thank you so much.
Tina Davis

The family of Hazel Grabbe wish to thank everyone for all the kindness shown. The warm wishes, prayers, cards and phone calls have meant a lot. We wish to thank Rance Young for sitting with us during Mom's knee surgery. We also want to thank Mary Ramirez for helping get Mom back in her routine after surgery.

Thank you and may the Lord be with you,
Hazel Grabbe
Pat McWaters and family
Donna Fudge and family

MACKENZIE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	WATER SUPPLY FUND	RECREATION FUND
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	159,618	343,016		
Interest	3,002	8,696	18,340	2,384
Miscellaneous	234			39,256
Water Revenues			482,166	
Sinking Fund Deposits			502,404	
Recreation Receipts				119,641
Total Receipts	162,854	351,712	1,002,910	161,281
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Administrative and Operation	221,374			
Bond Principal and Interest		345,518		
Operating Expenses			627,042	110,763
Bond Interest Expense			257,040	
Total Disbursements	221,374	345,518	884,082	110,763
Net	(58,520)	6,194	118,828	50,518
Fund Balance October 1, 2002	148,071	306,328	(456,156)	265,855
Fund Balance September 30, 2003	89,551	312,522	(337,328)	316,373

**SILVERTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
James Mayfield
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
Jerry Becknal, Interim Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
MONDAY:
Ladies Bible Study.....8:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs
SECOND WEDNESDAY:
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
Mission Friends, GAs.....7:00 p.m.
RAs, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Rance Young, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.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**

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.

GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH
Joyce Greer Cooper, Pastor

SATURDAY:
Gospel Singing..... 7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.



Make Church a Part of Your Life



Being Satisfied

It seems that so many people in this world are dissatisfied with their lives and have difficulty understanding why things are not better for them. They may not be content with their chosen occupation, where they live or with their family life. These unhappy people are not being fulfilled in this world, and it is difficult for them to understand why they are involved in such troublesome situations.

In life, everyone has difficulties and problems to contend with, and if we put our hopes and dreams only on things of this world, we will never be completely satisfied. Things are constantly changing in our lives, and the only thing that remains firm and steadfast in this world is God's love for us. God wants us to be the best that we can be, and to be satisfied and fulfilled in our daily routine. And though this is much easier said than done, the Bible tells us that we should come to the Lord, those who are carrying heavy loads, and He will give us rest.

*For He satisfieth the longing soul,
and filleth the hungry soul
with goodness.*

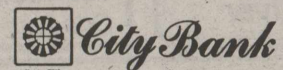
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AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitauque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 4-tfnc

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Garage Sale: One Day Only, Saturday, June 26, 8-4. Comforter sets, clothing, books, software, children's items, misc. Michael Long home, 4 miles east of Silverton on hwy. 86. Look for Garage Sale sign. Weather permitting. 26-1tc

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one thing, it will always lead to something else.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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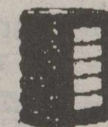
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