

## Youth Tour Contest Open For Entries

An all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D. C. will be awarded to two area youth by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For 31 years Swisher Electric has sponsored students on the "Government in Action" youth tour to Washington, D. C.

The winners will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held April 3 at Swisher Electric in Tulia.

Any 14- to 19-year-old attending school in Nazareth, Hart, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, Silverton or Olton, or home schooled in Swisher Electric's service area is eligible to enter the contest.

Swisher Electric will have a representative visiting area high schools during February 17-28 to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the contest. Those interested, who do not hear more about the contest through their school, should contact Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia, at 995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344.

The deadline for receiving entry forms is March 27.

The 1997 YouthTour is scheduled for June 5-17. The winners of Swisher Electric's speech contest will travel to Dallas where they will join other young people from all over Texas for the trip to Washington.

In Washington, the students will visit their U. S. Congressman, watch the House and Senate in action, tour the Supreme Court Building and visit the White House.

The youth also will get to tour the more memorable Washington, D. C. sights including the Smithsonian Institution, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theatre, the FBI headquarters, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Vietnam memorials, and more.

## Blood Drive Was Big Success Here

Silverton's most recent blood drive was a big success. In fact, Coffee Memorial Blood Center's mobile unit had to leave before all the donations had been taken due to time constraints.

This was the largest blood drive that has been held here since 1987.

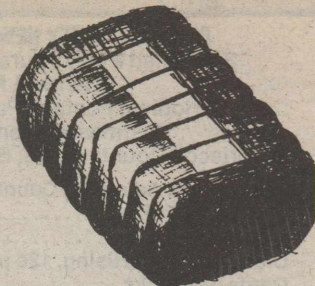
Cynthia Younger, chairman of the Silverton Blood Drives, has asked that appreciation be expressed to all who donated blood, especially the Silverton School students, and for other contributions.

## Host Valentine Ball Here Soon

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department members will be hosting a steak dinner and Valentine party at the Showbarn on Saturday night, February 15.



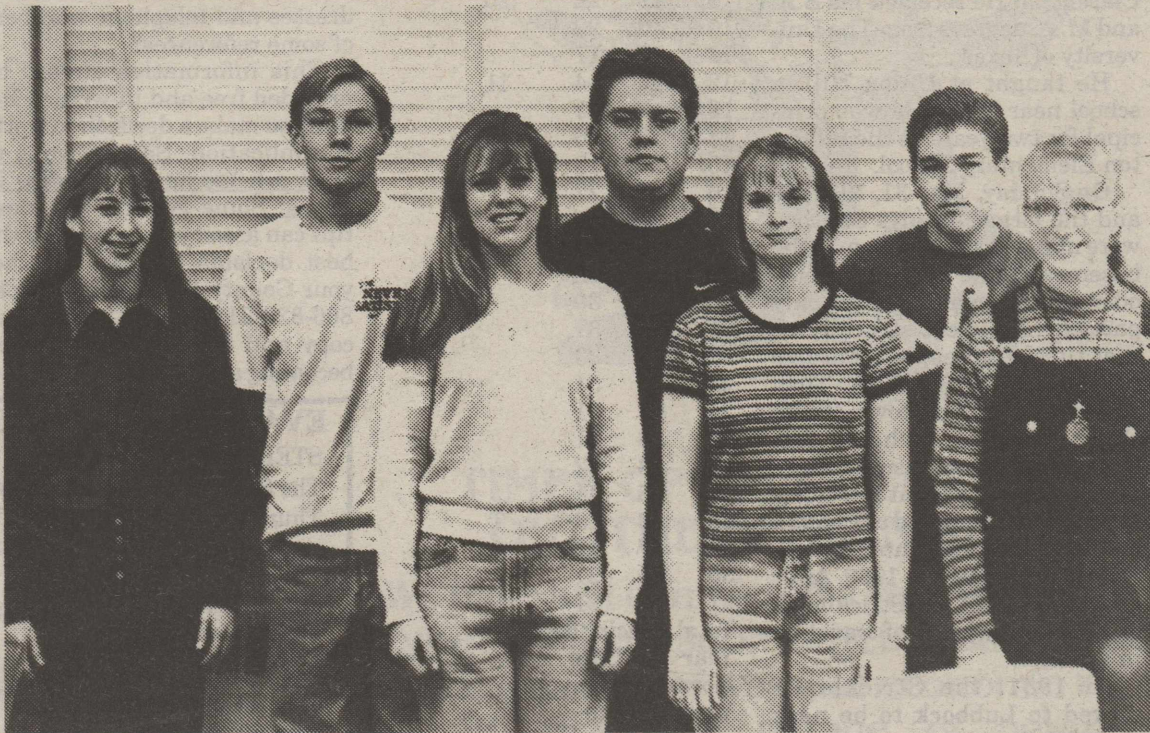
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Members of the Silverton High School chapter of Future Business Leaders of America attended their Regional meeting Saturday, and competed in a number of contests. From left to right, they are Sara Kirchoffner, who won second in Intro to Impromptu; Jordan Sarchet, first place, Intro to Business Communications; Lisa Comer, first place, Intro to Impromptu; Billy Edwards, second in Impromptu; Shauna Kingery, fourth in Business Calculations; Miles Comer, third in Job Interview; Trista Davis, fourth in Word Processing.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Briscoe Clinic Without Physician's Assistant

In a January meeting at the Silverton City Hall, members of the Baptist St. Anthony's Health System and the Briscoe County Medical Board met to review services of the Briscoe County Medical Clinic, according to Dave Clark, Regional Health Services coordinator.

Due to the departure of Ken Chamblin, Physician Assistant, both entities met to review available options for the clinic.

Due to the difficulty of recruiting and retaining physician assistants to the area, Baptist St. Anthony's Health System sought support for the continuance of the clinic on a daily basis, but with reduced hours. Due to the time necessary to recruit physician assistants and the fact that three have left the community, the Baptist St. Anthony's System felt time would be a restraining factor in locating another provider. The contributing issues in the relocation of the past physician assistants didn't seem to rest with the physician assistant, but family dynamic issues.

As a result of the meeting, the temporary clinic hours at 1:00 until 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or until the last patient is seen. The clinic will be open on several mornings with special children's clinics, women's services, and so forth. These special clinics will be noted in the newspaper.

The bottom line to the community is as follows, according to Clark:

- Baptist St. Anthony's remains committed to the community
- No jobs were lost in the reduced hours
- Efforts are being made to recruit and restore the clinic's morning hours
- Specialty clinics will be held
- Support to the school and sideline sports support will continue

In fact, a major emphasis with the Baptist St. Anthony's Health System is to increase utilization of services.

We at Baptist St. Anthony's appreciate the willingness of the Armstrong County Medical Cen-

ter Board to help out the people of Briscoe County while the clinic is without a P. A.

The new temporary hours at the Claude Medical Clinic will be 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday - Friday.

Baptist St. Anthony's Health Care System and the Armstrong County community are a strong partnership in support of rural primary health care.

"We want to assure the community of our commitment to our healthcare partnership with you," Mr. Clark said. "We ask for your continued commitment to support our healthcare partnership by using the Silverton Clinic and keeping primary care at home. When we support each other, we support the community. We look forward to a strong, growing healthcare partnership with your community."

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive of Petersburg and Tom Olive of Aurora, Colorado visited Betty Olive on Thursday of last week.

## Warmup Games Are Scheduled

A warm-up game has been scheduled for the Lady Owls at Bushland when they will play Texline at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

The Owls will have a game with Lockney at Lockney Tuesday, February 11.

## Playoff Shirts On Sale Now

Owl playoff shirts will be on sale through February 15, and may be ordered by contacting Leigh Ann Dutton or any high school cheerleader. Call her at home, 823-2086, or call the school office, 823-2476.

The shirts need to be paid for when ordered.

Style A is a gray sweatshirt with gold stitching around OWLS on a red plaid flannel background. SILVERTON appears below on a plaid background with red stitching on the edges. This shirt is \$25.00 and comes in adult sizes only.

Style B features a red plaid flannel S with OWLS written across the bottom and with gold stitching around the outside. This gray shirt is \$30.00 and comes in adult sizes only.

Style C is a T-shirt that sells for \$15.00. This is a gray short-sleeved shirt with the same red plaid flannel S and OWLS written across the bottom. This shirt comes in youth sizes only.



Lauren Little would like to be a cheerleader right now, and demonstrated her best moves during the game at Groom last Friday night.

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**OBITUARIES**

**CHESTER O. STRICKLAND**

Funeral services for Chester O. Strickland, 89, will be conducted at the Silverton United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 7. Officiating will be the pastor, Rev. Randy Thomas, assisted by Keith Green of Turkey and Wayne Nance of Silverton.

Interment will be in the Silverton Cemetery.

Mr. Strickland died February 4 in Albany, Georgia, where he had resided for the past several years.

Born September 27, 1907, Mr. Strickland was the eldest child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mot Strickland. At an early age, the family moved to Munday, Texas and later to Haskell, where Mr. Strickland finished high school.

In the summer of 1926, the family moved to Silverton. Mr. Strickland attended his first year

of college at Methodist College in Clarendon. He received his B.A. and M. A. degrees from The University of Texas.

He taught at Union Hill, a school near Tulia. He was principal for two years at the Silverton Elementary School.

On Sunday, May 31, 1931, he and the former Gladys Smithee were married at high noon in the basement of the Silverton Methodist Church, which was the only part of the current structure at that time. The couple spent five years teaching in Kress. They also taught at Skellytown, White Deer District, where Mr. Strickland served as superintendent. After one year at Hereford, the Stricklands moved to Denton. He served as superintendent in Denton from 1942 to 1969. After retiring in 1969, the Stricklands enjoyed many years of traveling in a trailer.

In 1981, the Stricklands moved to Lubbock to be near their family.

In 1991, the Stricklands moved to Albany, Georgia to be near their daughter and son-in-law, Kaynelle and Lynn Wylie. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Sherri Wylie, Atlanta, Georgia; two grandsons, Roger Wylie, Seattle, Washington and Cliff Wylie, Chicago, Illinois; and a great-granddaughter. In addition, he is survived by a sister,

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Durene Nance McPherson, Happy, Texas; two brothers, Dr. J. D. Strickland, Abilene, Texas, and Alton Strickland, Lubbock, Texas; several nieces, including Juannah Jennings of Silverton and Nancy Montague of Tulia, and nephews, including Wayne Nance of Silverton.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mayvis Trimm.

Mr. Strickland was a person who loved people. He worked for 41 years to advance education in the public schools of Texas.

While in Denton, he received many honors. He saw the school grow by more than 50%, including nine new schools, a stadium, and an administration building. In 1969, Strickland Middle School was named in his honor. Throughout his life, he served in numerous civic and professional organizations on the state and local level. He was a member of Kiwanis and served as president. He also received the Denton Chamber of Commerce Otis Fowler Award for outstanding public service.

He and his wife have always been active members of the Methodist Church.

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
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**February 5, 1987--**Jason Jontra wins county spelling bee; first runner-up was Braden Towe and second runner-up was Melissa Woods . . . Leon Edwin Davis, 72, a retired water well service technician, taken by death . . . Wade and Zoe Steele recently were honored with a supper in appreciation for the part they have played in the continued strength of the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Wade is the eldest man and Zoe is next-to-eldest woman, and possibly they have been members of that church longer than any other person . . .

**February 10, 1977--**Silverton's varsity Owls finished their season with a razzle-dazzle victory over the Cowboys at Happy last Friday night. Jackie Vaughn scored a career-high 53 points in the game. Also scoring for the Owls were Brent Brannon, Jace Francis, Darrell Reynolds, David Strange, Tommy Lacy and Gary Turner . . . The Owlettes also wound up their very successful basketball season with a win over the Cowgirls. Linda Vaughn led the scoring with 23 points, followed by Margaret Crosslin, Twila Wood, Kim Hutsell, Ruegena Davidson and Donna Rowell . . . Undefeated Seventh Grade Owls include players Bryan Schott, Blaine Eddleman, Scotty Harris, Jimmy Stone, Bob Arnold, Fred Stice, Casey Bean, Dwain Tipton, Donnie Curry, Andy Fabela, Michael Greenhaw, Jim Estes, David Vaughn, Jesse Cruz, Gary Juarez and Kelly McMurtry. They were coached by Duane Reynolds . . . Graveside rites held for Wood Hardcastle . . . John McClendon buried at Tulia . . . Mackenzie directors to oppose weather modification permits . . . June Moosberg to marry Tommy Sherman . . . Brit Parker has received notification that he has passed the final portion of his CPA examination . . .

**February 9, 1967--**Margaret Minyard is Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen . . . Joni Self is local "Home-maker of Tomorrow" . . . Funeral services held here Monday for Mrs. Jennie Penn, 77 . . . Mrs. Buck Hardin has been a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo this week . . . Mrs. J. E. Vaughan went to Hollis, Oklahoma Tuesday afternoon for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Johnston . . . Bill Strange has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital since Sunday. Mrs. Norman Strange has been there with her son most of the time. He is thought to be improving . . . Mrs. Ray Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. David Stone spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch near Erick, Oklahoma . . . Mrs. C. T. Loudermilk has been a visitor with Mrs. Gerald Smith at Quitaque. Elaine Boyles has been staying with Mrs. Smith

while she was recuperating from surgery . . . Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baird and Linda have moved to their new home at 704 Stalbird . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jon LaBaume of Wellington were recent supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel . . . Mr. and Mrs. Durward Brown spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. H. Roy Brown. Other Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dudley, Connie Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Brannon of Stephenville are parents of a daughter, Amy DeAnn . . . Tillie May, who has been away since August, returned Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Loyd May and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Nuke May and children. Tillie has been in Westerville, Ohio, with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Womack and family, until recently when the Womack family moved to Midland . . .

**February 14, 1957--**Jane Cobb and Donald Bean exchange wedding vows at Tulia Methodist Church . . . Tommy Autry is member of Livestock Team at Howard Payne College . . . Mrs. Flora Dickerson observes 85th birthday . . . Messrs. and Mmes. George Seaney, James Patton, Ware Fogerson and Glen Lindsey attended the Hardware Convention in Amarillo early this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Welch and children have moved to Alford McMurtry's ranch near Goodnight where Mr. Welch will be employed . . . Richard Tunnell, a recent graduate of the School of Pharmacy at The University of Texas, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tunnell, and other relatives for several days, left Monday for Plainview where he will be employed as a pharmacist at West Pharmacist . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. O'Neal were at their farm near Turkey Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell and Mr. and Mrs. Riely Yates were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meadows and family in Childress . . . James M. Thornton is stationed in Korea with the 7th Division . . . Mrs. Charlie B. Parker was in Lockney for a checkup on recent surgery Monday . . . Donald Fleming and his cousins, Truman and Stanley Fleming of Fort Worth, spent the weekend here with Donald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fleming . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chappell are parents of a daughter, Reba Lois, born at Tulia . . . Mrs. W. A. Rowell is spending a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lorene Voyles, and other relatives in Big Spring . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Davis left Thursday of last week for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Weast, in Garden City, Kansas . . . Freddie, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, was a patient in the local hospital over the weekend . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis, Dale and Linda Jones were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Franks and daughters in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee D. Bomar and Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs.

D. O. Bomar in Lubbock Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Montague and Ted Hancock honored her sister, Mrs. R. C. Green, with a birthday dinner Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle and children were visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer, and James one evening last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gilkeyson and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Garvin, jr. and Lane were in Amarillo Monday . . .

**February 6, 1947--**High School students on the honor roll are Marion Arnold, Joan Clemmer, Teresa Crass and Donald Paige, freshmen; Betty Jean Bradley, Don Burson, Mickey Cornett, Joye Brown, Joye Belle Deavenport and LaRue Gilkeyson, sophomores; Gladys Hyatt, Alvie Morris and Clifton Stodghill, juniors; Modine Yates, Alma Jewel Leuty and Robert Isbell, seniors . . . J. J.

Vardell was a business visitor in Clarksville, Arkansas recently . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGavock of Plainview were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bomar, sr. . . Mrs. Clay Fowler returned home from Lubbock Friday after having been a patient in West Texas Hospital . . . George Rampley and Jimmie

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## Briscoe County In The Making

by Cynthia Ann Biffle Sweeney  
From the Briscoe County News  
dated May 7, 1936

All history should start with ancestors, so I am starting with my father, N. I. Biffle, who came from Wayne County, Tennessee.

First going to Illinois, lived there several months, then to Missouri, living there for four years, all this moving being done in ox carts, sometimes in a two-wheel cart. I claim to be a first-class pioneer. Starting life as Cynthia Ann Biffle at Weatherford, Texas in 1860

where my father N. I. Biffle ran a grist mill during the war between the states and right here I want to pause and say my father ran this mill from 6:00 o'clock in the morning until the same time at night and then worked until midnight helping the women card and spin for the poor widows and soldiers.

We lived in Weatherford while most of Texas still belonged to the Indians. The history of Cynthia Ann Parker was known by everyone. In 1881 my father was living on the county line between Stephens and Palo Pinto. The famous T & P Railroad built right in front of our door. Texas was growing. On February 25, 1881, I married D. H. or as most of you oldtime Briscoe people will know him, Pat Sweeney. After my marriage we went back to Jack County, living there three years.

April 1, 1890, Mr Sweeney started with his cattle to the free state of Briscoe reaching there in June. In the spring there had been heavy rains, lakes were full and many even joined. Grass could be cut for hay—all in all, a cattleman's paradise. On reaching home, Mr. Sweeney told everyone of this wonderful country, free grass, free everything, the old story had just started about the North Pole and the barbed wire fence. So in October we went out on the Plains to view this promised land, spending our summer and then back to Jack County for the winter, as my husband was afraid to spend the winter for fear we might freeze as we only had a dugout and wood was scarce except for the famous buffalo chips which were lifesavers in the time of need.

March 10 saw us back in our new home in the west, which at that time was the same dugout of the fall before. We arrived in time to help organize Briscoe County on a snowy day, March 15, 1891.

I will always remember Mr. Sweeney and my nephew, Fred Biffle, coming down the dugout steps, stamping their feet from the cold and his words were: "Well, Annie, we helped make

history for you and the children when we became organizers of this county today."

After this snow in March there was no moisture until in June, when there was a light rain. My first garden was a terrible failure. No rain. All the water it had I carried in buckets, then what leaves sprouted the rabbits ate at night. In September, it started to rain, rained off and on for three weeks, but it was too late for a crop. Cane grew about 12 inches high that year but grass was fine, and cattle wintered rolling fat. No cattle were fed for several years after we arrived, very little farming being done.

With the country all open and no fences, it was a good cattle country. Cattle drifted south before northers into Floyd and Crosby counties. They sometimes went as far south as Yellowhouse Canyon. When spring came the little ranchmen rounded up their horses, rigged up a chuckwagon and every man had his "roll" and so the roundup started. Each man brought his cattle home. The chuckwagon was nicknamed by the big cattle companies as the Bull Elk wagon.

The F's were owned by Colonel Goodnight; the Adairs owned the A's. All of Briscoe County not in the F's was in the A's. Our ranch being in the Haylake community or the F's summer range.

My family at this time consisted of three children—Maude, Hiram and Lonnie. My youngest son, Ned Sweeney, was born in Briscoe County December 7, 1892.

Life on the Plains at this time was very hard, no conveniences whatever, few schools. Doctors were far away, church held whenever ministers were available in the old courthouse. Everything had to be freighted from Amarillo which was a hard five days trip provided that your old team didn't stray off during the night as they often did causing hours of walking until you learned to hobble or stake them near your camp. The lumber for our house was hauled this long distance. This house, a four room frame, two rooms below and two above, was only a shell. When our first windstorm came, lasting three days and two nights, the first windstorm that I had ever seen, the framework of our house almost fell in but we propped it up with heavy timbers. Needless to say the wall stood and is still standing today northwest of Silverton.

My children thought no more of seeing bunches of antelope than we do of seeing automobiles. We had no milk cows, so a bunch of range cows were driven and tested to see which would make the best milkers. The fun for the children started when a likely looking cow's head was tied to a fence post, both hind feet held by a rope and the milking started. In fact it was much more like a 1936 rodeo wild cow milking contest. Mr. Sweeney always did the roping and I had the tame job of milking. Some of these wild cows gave as much as a quart of milk.

Land was very cheap. My hus-

band filed on one section and then bought another section from a man who did not like the country, paying him \$14 in money and a wagon and a tent to boot. A section was bought for \$50 that had a spring of good water in the edge of the canyon. Our cattle watered there for years. The last section bought had a windmill, a small house and a dugout. This one cost us \$300 cash. Water was quite an item. Most wells were deep and then not much water. Some wells were over 200 feet deep.

By the last of the nineties all my children went to school at Silverton. Most of the time they went to school in a two-wheeled cart or jerkey as they were called from their jerking motion. They went seven and one-half miles opening a number of wire gates. It was pretty cold on them but there were no hothouse children in Briscoe at that early date.

Most every section of school land was filed on by the early settlers but the first dry years caused many of them to leave so by 1893 and 1894 none but the harder ones were left. They had all gone back to fruit and society as one family put it. The people staying on had livestock, especially cattle, to help them make a living. I was the staying kind and have made only two moves since 1891: one to Tulia and the other to my present home in Amarillo.

The real pioneer stock has an eye to the future and as Horace Greeley said, "Go west, young man, and grow up with the country." Who would think of turning their back on as fair and promising a land as Briscoe County of 1891 and 1936?

### Happy Birthday To . . .

February 6--Hope Patino, Duston Baker, Duane Reynolds, Dianne Reynolds

February 8--Brad West, Susie Yates, David Warren

February 9--Jim Reid, III, Cory Chandler

February 10--Derrick Franklin Smith, Russell Bingham, Adelmira Ramirez, Lottie Owens, Ken Sarchet, Kent Holt, Lottie Garrison

February 11--Brandy Gamble

February 12--Doug Coleman, Wade Greeson, Jane Pigg

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# Goat Meat Is 'New' Lean Meat

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The newest lean meat is probably as old as time itself, and a recent survey by Texas A&M University shows that retailers in the United States would put more into their meat cases if they had a steady supply.

Goat meat offers consumers a lowfat meat, according to Dr. Ernie Davis, agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"It's a very tasty item," said David, who helped conduct the survey of wholesale meat distributors, chain restaurants, independent restaurants, chain food stores and independent grocery stores.

These commercial retailers felt like they would be able to sell an estimated 4.8 million carcasses a year if supplied with the meat.

Presently, there are about 800,000 meat goats in the United States and 700,000 of those are in Texas, according to Zane Willard of San Angelo, executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

"Goat meat is the No. 1 consumed meat in the world," Willard said. It's also been consumed for centuries.

Federally-inspected plants processed 326,000 goats last year, about one-third of the total number of goats slaughtered in the nation. Most of the goat consumption in the United States is ethnic and the slaughter is done at the farm level, Davis said. Much of the traditional Texas consumption is of cabrito, a young tender goat.

Also, in-store advertising, on-site cooking demonstrations and recipes and price specials in grocery stores would play an integral role in whether goat meat is widely accepted by consumers, Davis said. The main thrust of consumer acceptance would still entail working with chain restaurants, supplying them with recipes.

"We want to insure that the goat-eating experience is very satisfactory to people. It wouldn't be something they would just take home and cook because it is low in fat. If it was cooked wrong, it wouldn't be a good experience for them."

Norman Kohls, a meat goat producer from Eldorado, thinks there is a future in the business.

"Everything you do in terms of marketing is supply and demand," Kohls said. "We don't meet demand here in the United States. If we can raise them, there is a market somewhere for them. And I think this thing is growing so fast it is the wave of the future."

There are many people who are either raising or poised to

raise meat goats, Davis said.

"It's not a problem at all getting people interested in raising goats," he explained. "We've got a lot of goat producers out there right now. The problem is trying to coordinate those efforts where they're raising the right type of breed."

Goats are the oldest domesticated animal in the world, except for dogs. Every breed of goat—even dairy—has been used as a meat goat at one time or another.

Davis said the most common meat breed—the Spanish goat—is so active and playful that it would be hard to raise it to the 100- to 110-pound live weight that would be needed for the market.

"I think the problem is being able to increase the size to 110 pounds at one year of age and be able to furnish a plumper, fuller carcass to the industry. If you're going to case-ready cuts, you're going to have to furnish a larger, leaner cut."

One way to do this is to cross-breed goats, he said. Among those crosses being investigated are the crossing of traditional meat breeds with the large South African Boer goat.

Meat goats could be a lucrative option for West Texas sheep and goat producers who have lost governmental incentives, according to Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension sheep and goat specialist.

Additionally, Craddock feels goats may be a good option for East Texas landowners. Since goats are small animals, they can easily be raised on a little piece of land—it takes only one to three acres for each goat, he said.

However, there are several considerations would-be producers need to keep in mind.

"Goats are a very active animal and they like to travel and go through fences. They can find holes that most animals can't. Producers have to have good fencing."

Additionally, internal and external parasites and predators such as coyotes and wild dogs could be a problem, especially in the eastern part of the state, he said.

## Give Winter Weather The Old 'One-Two'

The most important part of a home's winter defense is its heating system, yet many homeowners neglect to properly prepare their propane gas home heating systems for cold weather. The Texas Railroad Commission says the two most crucial keys to having a safe and warm winter are scheduling a gas check of all appliances and making sure the

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The Railroad Commission also encourages homeowners who fuel furnaces and appliances with propane to have their local dealer put their delivery account on "automatic". That way a homeowner never has to worry about having an adequate supply of propane, no matter how cold the weather or treacherous the road conditions. It is certainly not comfortable or safe to be left out in the cold without enough propane to heat the house, or run appliances like stoves or clothes dryers.

Other tips for the approaching winter weather include making sure one's propane tank has a protective cap or "dome" over the regulator. The dome will keep snow, ice or rain from clogging the regulator vent. Homeowners should also check all gas appliance intakes and exhaust vents for the clothes dryer, furnace and water heater to make sure they are kept clear of snow, ice or other obstructions.

For more information on how safely to warm with propane this winter, look under "gas/propane" in the Yellow Pages for your nearest propane dealer, or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at 800-64-CLEAR.

## LOOKING BACK

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Price were Sunday guests of John Arthur and Fred Arnold . . . Edwin Crass and Lowell Callaway were recent business visitors in Lima, Ohio . . . Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Tiffin were in Quitaque Sunday to pick up their son, Doyle, who had been visiting relatives there . . . Ray Teeple spent Saturday and Sunday with Rance Stephens . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowart and children and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughan . . . LTD Club met with Mrs. Gatewood Lusk and refreshments were served to Mmes. Durward Brown, Conrad Alexander, Ware Fogerson, Dillard Scott, Arnold Brown and "Dutch" Tidwell . . . Miss Jo Webb and Bob Trout of Denton visited Tuesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Dee McWilliams . . .

## February is Pet Neuter Month

The Pet Sterilization Program of the Panhandle, a reduced-cost pet spay/neuter program based in Amarillo, is observing February as spay/neuter education month.

PSPP is a not-for-profit corporation. The purpose of this corporation is to reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs in this area and to educate people as to the benefits of owning a sterilized pet.

PSPP became operational in January 1994, and by December, 1996, a total of 1,876 reduced-cost surgeries had been performed by seven participating veterinary clinics in Amarillo.

The PSPP reduced-cost program is made available to anyone who has a pet in need of ster-

ilization and has been utilized by clients in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. This program is unique in that it is open to everyone who has a pet in need of sterilization, regardless of the individual's income.

For more information about PSPP, call 372-7777 or write to PSPP, 4414 West Second, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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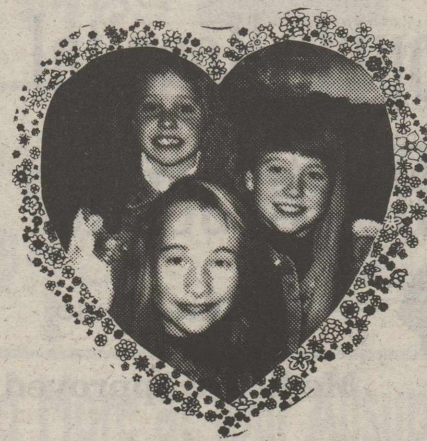
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# Owls, Lady Owls Undefeated Continuing into Second Round

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls finished the first round of District, standing undefeated atop their respective divisions, and won the first games of their second round at Groom last Friday night.

At this point, it is all over but the shouting for the Lady Owls. They have only Hedley remaining on their district schedule after having accepted a forfeit from Lakeview for Friday night. Actually the Lady Owls could lose to Hedley and still win district, but fans of the red and white ladies are hoping they will repeat as the undefeated champions, and there seems to be no reason why this won't happen.

A game has been secured for the Lady Owls at Lakeview Friday night to take the place of the scheduled game with the Eagle ladies.

The Owls had a pretty tight hold on the championship after defeating Groom for the second time Friday night. Their game wasn't very pretty, but it was very effective in putting away the Tigers who now have been beaten twice by Silverton and once by Hedley.

## LAKEVIEW

The Owls and Lady Owls disposed of the Lakeview teams in a pair of pretty good games.

The Lady Owls led off the action against the five Lakeview ladies, and quickly distanced themselves on the scoreboard. The Owl ladies led 23-2 at the end of the first quarter, and 45-15 at halftime. Two of the Eaglettes had fouled out before halftime, and following halftime they were allowed to return to

the game. The Lady Owls held a 73-19 lead at the three-quarter stop and went on to win the game 87-27.

Lacy Brunson led the scoring with 21 points, with three teammates also scoring in double figures: Misty Wilkinson, 17; Michelle Warren, 14; Kenzie Burson, 10.

Adding to the score were Sara Kirchoffner, Lindsey Weaks and Dara Ramsey, five points each; Lindsey Jennings, four, and Terri Chitwood, two points.

The Lakeview Eagles are a good-shooting group, and kept the Owls scoring to stay ahead of them. The Owls led at the end of each quarter: 29-15, 46-32, 68-43, 84-54.

Jack Cherry led the offense by burning the baskets with 37 big points. Brandon Sarchet contributed 15; Trey Wyatt, 13; Jared Holt, 12. Also scoring were Jon Ivory, five, and Arnold Vargas, two points.

Shots from downtown were hit by Sara Kirchoffner, Lindsey Weaks, Dara Ramsey, Trey Wyatt and Brandon Sarchet.

## SECOND-ROUND GROOM GAMES PLAYED THERE

The Owls and Lady Owls played four games with Groom there Friday night, winning three of the four matches.

The junior varsity Lady Owls led off the evening's action by dropping their match 19-34 in a game that saw the Owls frustrated by their inability to hit the baskets. Dara Johnston hit only one of her three-point tries and led the scoring with seven points. Kimmie Blazier scored four points, Lindsey Jennings,

three, and Lisa Comer, two points.

Their game was very close the first time the two teams played, but ordinarily more of the girls are able to connect on their threes--and they add up fast!

The junior varsity Owls, playing with just five due to some being gone to the stock show in Fort Worth, had only one player foul out and were able to hold the line against the Tigers playing four against five. Silverton's coaches are very good at knowing how to handle this situation and also preventing putting others with lots of fouls at risk.

The Owls led at the end of each quarter: 12-10, 29-18, 44-24, 48-38.

Nathan Francis led the scoring for his team with 19 points, while his teammates Paul Segura and Jordan Sarchet dropped 10 points each into the baskets. Also scoring were Bert Garza, five, and Max Whitworth, four points.

Nathan hit the only three-point attempt in this game.

The Lady Owl varsity team took control of their game early and were never headed. They led at the end of each quarter: 18-5, 31-21, 55-38 and 75-53.

Michelle Warren was the scoring leader with 21 points to her credit. Also scoring in double figures were Lacy Brunson, 19; Sara Kirchoffner, 17; Dara Ramsey, 10 points. Lindsey Weaks added six points and Misty Wilkinson tossed in a couple from the line.

Three-point shots were hit by Sara Kirchoffner, three; Lindsey Weaks and Dara Ramsey, one each.

The Owls also led at the end of each quarter of play: 12-5, 22-16, 32-26, 62-52.

Jack Cherry led all scorers with 22 points, while Trey Wyatt hit 12 and Arnold Garza rang up 10. Adding to the score were Jared Holt, seven; Jay Arnold, four; Brandon Sarchet, three; Jeremy Holt and Arnold Garza, two points each. The Owls had lots of trouble getting their shots into the baskets, but in spite of the game not being a pretty one, it was just what they needed.

Shots from downtown were hit by Trey Wyatt, two; Jack Cherry, one.

It's not very far to Lakeview, so plan now to put on your red and white and drive down for a pair of games Friday night beginning at 6:30.

## Activities

Friday, February 7--Lakeview, there, 6:00

Saturday, February 8--Sweetheart Prom, 7:00

Tuesday, February 11--Drug & Alcohol Program for 6-12, 9:00

Thursday, February 13--Board Meeting, 7:00

Friday--Valentine's Day



Courtney Parham and Morgan Little stole the show as the littliest cheerleaders at Groom last Friday night. Dressed in their red and white "uniforms", they took to the floor with the high school cheerleaders and did their part to raise the spirit of the crowd.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Junior High Teams Win Three Games From Hedley Here

The Green Owls from Hedley came to call Monday afternoon, and the Red Owls who call Silverton home won all three of the games played.

The Seventh Grade Owls led off the action in a real mismatch. Some fans had worried because a couple of the players, Danny Dunn and Jimmy Castillo, weren't able to take part because of injuries, but the worry was not well founded and the Red Owls played to a 46-9 decision over Hedley.

Andrew Francis had the hot hands and burned the baskets with a big 34-point effort. Also scoring were Matt Strange, eight; Clay McMurtrey, six; Ismael Alvarez and JR. Gonzales, four points each.

The Red Owls led at the end of each quarter: 14-4, 20-4, 34-7, 46-9.

Hedley elected not to play a Seventh Grade girls game, so the Silverton Seventh Graders suited up with the Eighth Graders and really made their presence felt.

Offensive leaders in the game were Chelsey Cherry and Amanda Estes, who tallied 10 points each. Adding to the score were Taylor Griffin and Brooke Garvin, five points each; Julie Weaver and Kurby Garvin, two points.

The Silverton Lady Owls led at the end of each quarter: 9-2, 20-8, 32-16, 34-22. Twenty-three girls took part in the game for the Red Owls.

Silverton's Eighth Grade Owls also raced to a big victory, and finished ahead 42-26. The Red Owls found themselves in a 7-7 tie at the end of the first quarter, but had moved ahead 24-14 before halftime. They lead 34-19 at the three-quarter stop.

Adrian Ramirez led the scoring with a big 23 points. Also scoring were Clint Ivory, eight; Isaiah Ivory, three; Issac Garcia, Martin Younger and Gary

Whitworth, two points each, and Virgil Gossett, one point.

Shots from downtown were hit by Isaiah Ivory and Adrian Ramirez.

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, February 10--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Potato, Hot Roll, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, February 11--Burrito, Hot Sauce, Salad, Ranch Beans, Taco Chips, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk

Wednesday, February 12--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Brownie, Milk

Thursday, February 13--Baked Chicken, Gravy, Broccoli & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, February 14--Hamburger, Cheese, French Fries, Salad, Cookie, Milk

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Friday--Cheese Toast, Milk, Juice

## Youth Basketball Teams To Be Organized Here

It is time once again to plan the Youth Basketball program, which is for all Silverton students in the third through sixth grades. It does not cost the boys and girls anything to play.

Youth basketball helps teach basketball fundamentals and sportsmanship, and is a great way for the boys and girls to learn to play with a team.

The organizational meeting will be Thursday, February 6, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All interested coaches and parents need to attend this meeting. No students will be allowed to attend so that teams and coaches can be picked.

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### Teams Have Game, Intrasquad Match

On Monday of last week, the teams from Lakeview were scheduled to come for a pair of games, but due to personnel problems the Eagles played only their Eighth Grade girls game.

The Lady Owls held big leads at the end of each quarter: 9-2, 24-9, 28-14 and 38-30.

Seventh Grader Chelsey Cherry led the offense by scoring 17 points. Adding to the score were Cathryn Reyna, nine; Julie Weaver, six; Amanda Estes, two, and Brooke Garvin, one point.

The other Seventh and Eighth Grade girls played an intrasquad game that saw the White Team beat the Red Team, 17-15. The White Team led 5-3 at the end of the first quarter and the score was knotted at 7-7 at halftime. The Red Team was ahead 11-9 at the end of three quarters, and the White Team went on to win the game.

Diana Garza led the offense for the White Team by scoring 10 points. Andrea Barraza scored four and Katy Hester got three points.

Vicki Van Horn led the Red Team with eight points, while Kurby Garvin scored five and Amy Maciel was credited with two points.

The Seventh and Eighth Grade Owls were divided into two teams which played to a 37-35 decision, with the Red Team coming from behind to win. Isaiah Ivory caged 10 points and other scoring was by Clint Ivory, eight; Daniel Castillo, seven; Jimmy Castillo, six; Issac Garcia, four; Gary Whitworth, three, and JR. Gonzalez, one point.

The White Team led 12-5 at the first stop and the score was knotted at 14-14 at halftime. The Red Team was ahead 26-24 at the end of three quarters, and went on to win.

Andrew Francis scored 13 points and Adrian Ramirez got 12 for the White Team. Martin Younger caged nine points.

### Junior High Ends Roundball Season

Silverton's Junior High basketball schedule came to an end here Monday, and those boys and girls began their track workouts on Tuesday.

Both the Owls and Lady Owls have provided many good times for their fans with a lot of victories, a few trophies won and a general show of good sportsmanship while they were going about it.

The varsity Owls and Lady Owls will be going into the playoffs. The girls cinched the district championship at Groom last Friday, and the Owls cinched a play-off position as either the first- or second- place team. The boys teams have been more evenly matched in the district this year, and there could possibly be a play-off required. At this writing, some key games remain to be played which could affect the

Owls, both teams of which were undefeated in district play before this week's games.

Lakeview has forfeited their game with the Lady Owls for Friday night, but another team will be taking their place so there will be two games at the home of the Eagles beginning at 6:30 p.m.

### Tech Students On Dean's List

More than 3,300 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall 1996 semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students had grade point averages of 3.5 to 3.9 in 12 or more semester hours of classwork qualified for the Dean's List.

Molly Bomar, a sophomore studying pre-physical therapy, was named to the Dean's List.

Holly Nance, a sophomore in family studies, received designation to the President's List.



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U. S. cotton export sales soared to a marketing year high for the week ended January 23; however, the figure still was lower than the expectations of most analysts.

Market observers looked forward to an exceptionally high

export number since the export report encompassed a period in which cotton futures fell to near term lows. Initial response by mills overseas was thought to be subdued, but subsequent trade reports commonly suggested sales of 200,000 to 300,000 bales.

USDA reported export sales of 1996-97 U. S. cotton increased a net 257,200 bales for the week ended January 23, exceeding the previous week's total of 214,600 by one-fifth and the four-week average by 64 percent. The consensus of most market observers

is that some of the export sales made last week were not reported, thus the current figure was not as high as expected. Most of the sales were to China, which took 58,000 bales, then Turkey at 35,200 bales.

U. S. cotton sales to Brazil were a welcome surprise in this week's export sales report as the country typically tooks to the Central Asian countries of the Former Soviet Union (CIS) for its cotton needs. Brazil, a market the U. S. has courted for quite some time, purchased 21,400 bales of U. S. cotton this week. The country was compelled to purchase U. S. cotton due to the fact that CIS cotton was unavailable because of production shortfalls. Analysts expect to see more export sales to Brazil as USDA has pegged Brazilian cotton production at only 1.4 million bales. According to one trader, the country's crop is "the smallest in years."

Healthy U. S. export trading has spurred sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton this week as buyers were particularly interested in the higher grade growths the region had to offer. Spot cotton sales on TELCOT for the five trading days ended January 30 totaled 115,218 bales, up notably

from the previous week's figure of 86,726 bales.

Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 62.65 to 65.09 cents per pound. Producers are selling steadily over TELCOT, but more cotton has been offered over the system as prices rise to the middle or upper end of the current trading range.

Cotton futures continue to trade erratically as the market anxiously awaits fundamental news to point it in a clear direction. The trading range remains in the 73 to 76 cent per pound level and most observers believe prices will not change in the near term. "I don't see the market breaking out of its current price range and moving upward unless problems in the Southern Hemisphere materialize," one analyst commented.

Traders are paying special attention to crop conditions in Australia, where cotton is still in the fields. "Difficulties in the country have not yet been widespread or severe, but cotton is very vulnerable out in the field," the observer said. Additionally, Australian production may be smaller due to mild weather in some cotton-growing areas that has prevented some crops from receiving adequate heat units. USDA pegged Australian output at 2.6 million bales; however, recent estimates place the crop at 2.5 million bales and some analysts believe the country's production could fall as low as 2.2 million.

A cotton analyst said foreign production and demand, particularly in Southern Hemisphere countries such as Brazil and Australia, may be key in determining acreage planted to cotton in the U. S. He believes production in those countries could greatly influence cotton prices. USDA has estimated 1996-97 U. S. cotton acreage at 14.67 million acres, but producers and analysts are watching cotton prices very closely as the new cotton year approaches. "All things being equal, producers may favor cotton but they will respond to market conditions," an analyst commented.

In a speech at the Farm Policy Conference in Memphis this week, influential cotton merchant William B. Dunavant, Jr., estimated 1997 U. S. cotton acreage at 14 to 14.2 million acres. The industry will have firmer ideas about U. S. acreage in April, he added. According to analysts, Dunavant's speech contained few surprises and did not sway the market.

However, the merchant calculates 1996-97 cotton exports will be 6.8 million bales, a higher figure than USDA's 6.3 million bale estimate. "The final level of exports may depend partly on how large Southern Hemisphere crops are," Dunavant said.



Year-end comparisons between Lubbock and Lamesa Cotton Classing Offices indicate the 1996 crop was very high in quality in addition to being a pleasant surprise in regard to total production.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, figures from area cotton classing offices indicate the 1996 crop totaled 3,085,370 running bales compared to 1995's total of 2,576,979 running bales classed through February 8, 1996.

This marks an increase of about 19.7 percent in area-wide production despite the fact that as many as 800,000 acres of cotton were unable to be planted or were lost during the season.

When converted to statistical (480-pound) bales the 1996 crop jumps to 3,193,358 bales, up from 1995's eventual total of 2,629,300 480-pound bales. Final county production figures will be released by USDA at a later date.

Readings for Color and Strength appear to be lower on average than those seen in the 1995 crop. Measurements for Micronaire appear to have dropped slightly at Lamesa, but increased slightly at Lubbock.

Length appears to be slightly higher in 1996 at both locations. Base quality for the 1996 Upland Cotton Loan is Color 41 and Leaf 4.

Color grades appear to be about the same for grades 21 and 31 and grades 22 and 32 at both the Lubbock and Lamesa classing offices. Leaf grades show a decrease with more bales receiving grades 2 or 3.

"The 1996 crop proved to be just as unpredictable as the weather in West Texas," notes PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "Early-season expectations were much below our actual level of production due to the favorable weather patterns that developed across the area while the crop was fruiting."

Production dropped greatly in the Lamesa region with that office classing 451,291 bales in 1996. This is down from 1995's total of 619,279 bales.

The 40th Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, April 11, 1997 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.



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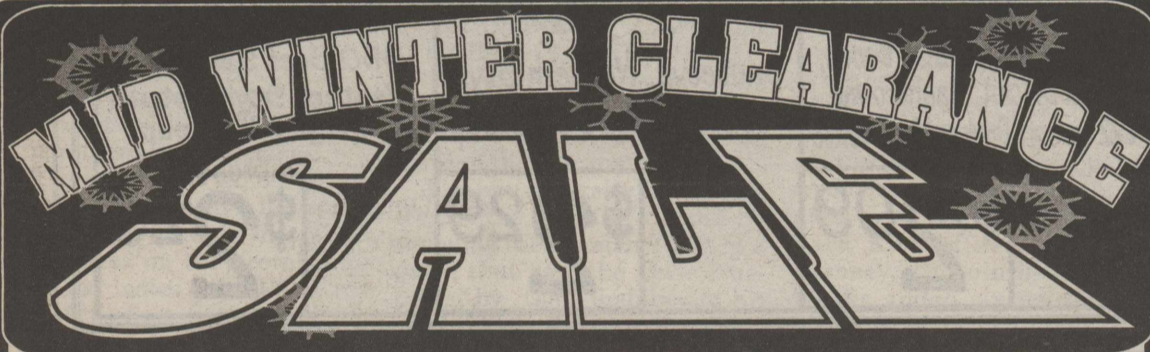
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 Helms Irrigation  
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 Rick's Muffler  
 Hill Crop Services  
 John True Burson  
 Hall County Farm Store  
 Connie Smith  
 Plainview Acid Delinting  
 (bought all meat for supper)

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING**

10:00 a.m. February 13, 1997  
 Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters  
 East U.S. Highway 70  
 Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 24, 1997. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 2, District 5, and District 8, will be elected in 1997. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

**SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS:**

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

**SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS**

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the District attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS**

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominees(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1997**

	District 2	
Harold Bertrand		Kreis McIntosh
RR 2 Box 65		RR 4 Box 89
Floydada, Texas 79235		Floydada, Texas 79235
	District 5	
Bruce Rigler		Charles Huffman
RR 2 Box 162		RR 1 Box 145
Plainview, Texas 79072		Lockney, Texas 79241
	District 8	
Eddie Braidfoot		Milton Beasley
RR 2 Box 143		RR 2 Box 124
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by Mary Jane Shanes  
 Social Security Manager  
 Plainview, Texas

Because Social Security is automatically deducted from your paycheck, you may not realize that there are other steps you should take to assure that the money will be there for you when you retire, or if you become disabled, and to your family if you should die.

When you work, your employer deducts the Social Security taxes from your paycheck, adds a matching amount, and sends the taxes to Internal Revenue Service and a report to the Social Security Administration. By the end of January, you should receive a W-2 form stating the amount of wages the employer paid you during the year that you can use to file your own income tax return. If you do not receive the statement, you should contact the employer.

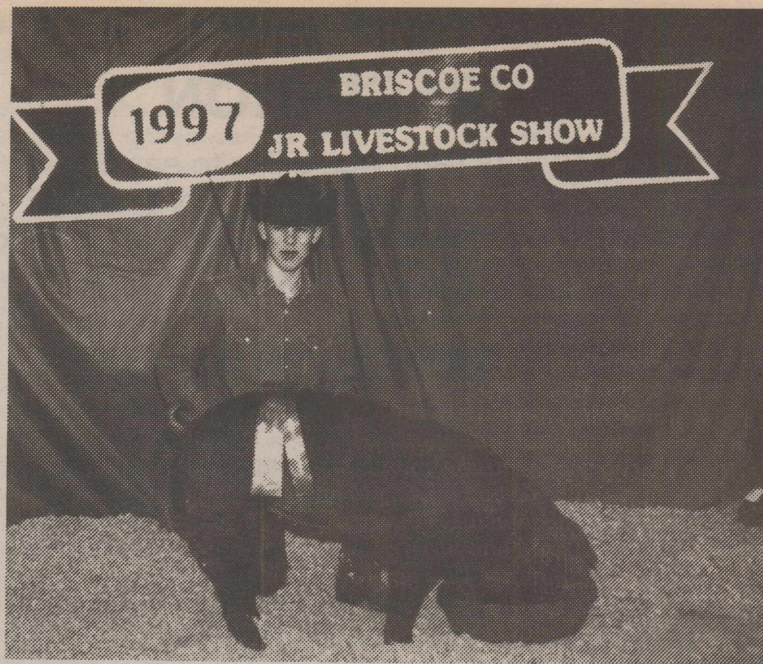
When you receive your W-2 form, check it for the correct name and Social Security number. Compare the number and name shown on the W-2 with the information on your Social Security card. Report any discrepancies to your employer and local Social Security office right away. Uncredited earnings could adversely affect your future eligibility for benefits, as well as your benefit amount.

You should protect your Social Security number, the key to your Social Security account. The nine digit number identifies your account and permits Social Security to credit your account correctly. If you lose the card, you can generally get a duplicate with a phone call. You should show your Social Security card to your employer when you start a job.

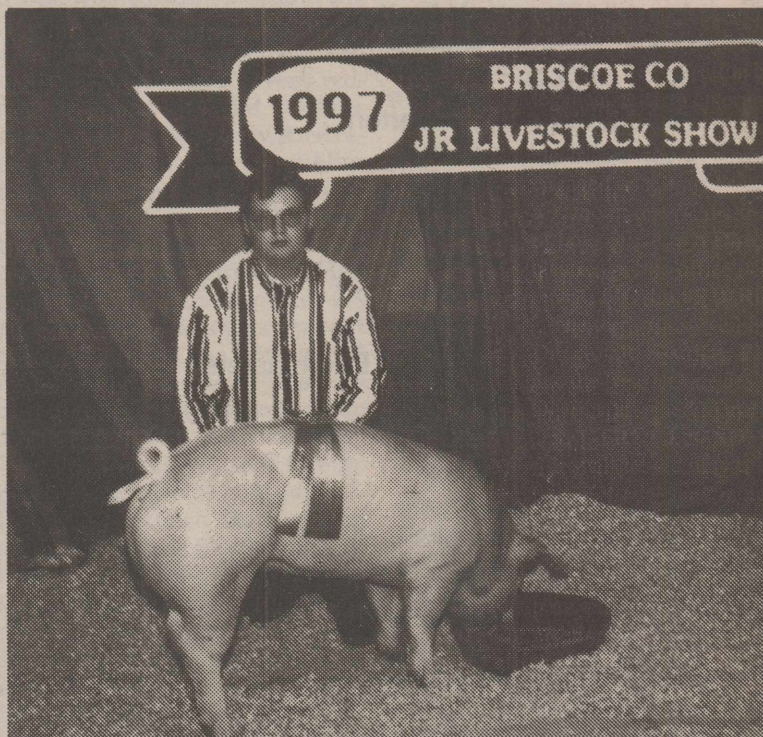
You should be sure to keep your Social Security record up to date. If, because of marriage, divorce, adoption, etc., you change the name you use for work or other official business, be sure to apply for a corrected Social Security card. And once you make the change, be sure to use the name consistently for work, banking, and filing income tax returns.

Finally, Social Security suggests that you check the earnings credited to your account at least once every three years. You can keep track of your account easily by calling and requesting a **Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement (PEBES)**. If there is an error in your earnings, you should contact Social Security as soon as possible. If you have the necessary documents showing your earnings, the correction can actually be made online. If you wait longer than three years, it may be difficult to correct the earnings record using the employer's records.

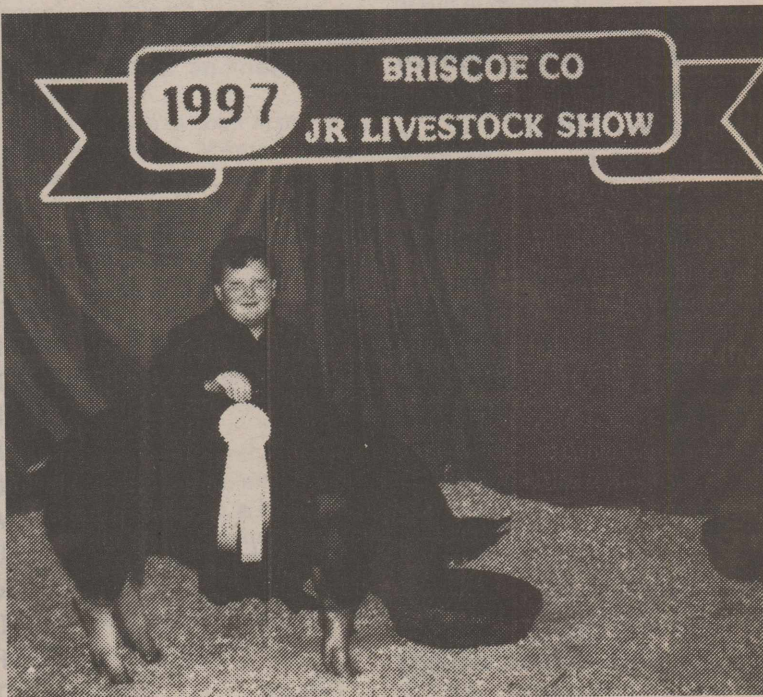
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Trey Ziegler was pictured with his Breed Champion Duroc at the Briscoe County Stock Show. Photo by Wilburn Leeper



Coty Braddock, with his White OPB Breed Champion, at the Briscoe County Stock Show. Photo by Wilburn Leeper



Eric Minyard was exhibitor of the Reserve Breed Champion Berkshire at the Briscoe County Stock Show. Photo by Wilburn Leeper

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 Morning Worship.. 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.. 6:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY;  
 Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Ted Kingery, Minister

SUNDAY;  
 Sunday School.... 9:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.... 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.... 6:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY;  
 Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Jess Craig Little, Pastor

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

**SILVERTON UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

Rev. Randy Thomas, Pastor

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

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 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.

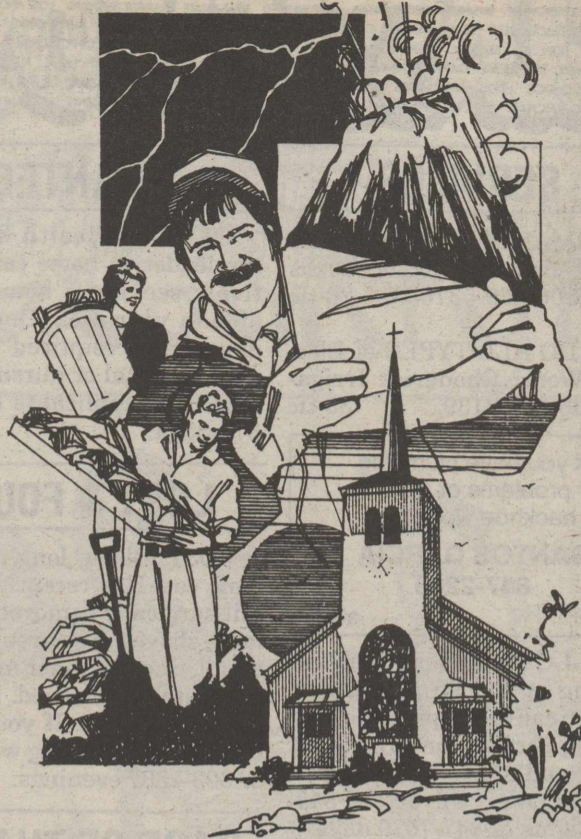
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SUNDAY;  
 Mass..... 9:00 a.m.  
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 Doctrina Cl. ...4:30-5:30 p.m.  
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 High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY;  
 Worship Service.... 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.. 6:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY;  
 Worship Service.... 7:30 p.m.



**TIMES OF TROUBLE CAN BRING  
OUT THE BEST IN ALL OF US**

We have just completed a year that those of us who survived it will not soon forget. In addition to the man-made calamities of war and economic recession, we saw an incredible parade of natural disasters throughout the world. There were floods, along with tornadoes and other killer storms; as well as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. For the answers to why these things happen, go to your House of Worship. There you will learn that misfortune can bring out the best in us, causing us to forget our own problems and pursuits while we help our neighbors in trouble. This is true of nations as well as individuals. God has been reminding us of the power of His universe, and helping man to develop an unselfish capacity for dealing with it.

*He who helps in the  
saving of others  
Saves himself as well.  
-Hartmann Von Aue*

*"They helped every one  
his neighbour; and  
every one said to his  
brother, Be of good  
courage."  
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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor and City Council of Silverton, Texas, Briscoe County, will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, until 5:00 p.m. February 7, 1997, for furnishing diesel and unleaded fuel for City operations. Additional information may be obtained from the City Secretary, City Hall, P. O. Box 250, Silverton, Texas 79257. 5-2tc

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**CARD OF THANKS**

The Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service and its Paramedics and EMTs wish to thank the Century of Progress Study Club, community members who donated to the Christmas Greeting Page, the Silverton 6th Grade Class, and everyone who made memorials and other donations to the Ambulance Service during the past year.

The operation of an ambulance service is very costly even with the many hours of volunteer service given each year by our personnel. We would be unable to have the state-of-the-art equipment that we have without the generosity of the community.

The cost of training and continuing education for our personnel continues to be a major expense, as initial certification for EMTs requires 120+ classroom hours with 40 hours of continuing education every two years and our paramedics are required to have 80 hours of continuing education every two years.

We continue to strive for the best service possible for everyone in our service area and your support enables us to have the equipment and education to continue that commitment.

Emmett E. Tomlin,  
President

To just say "thank you" seems so inadequate compared to the love and kindness our friends of Silverton extended us at the passing of our dear Mother. A special thank you to the ladies who prepared the noon meal and to John Schott for the sweet service. May God's richest blessings be bestowed on each and every one of you.

Bill & Altha Reynolds  
Jo Hamilton  
Jerry & Louise Reynolds  
Jimmie Ford  
Dianne & Jim Bailey

Thanks to those who did so many nice things for me while I was sick.

I appreciate the cards, letters, telephone calls and every expression of your friendship.  
Annie Williams

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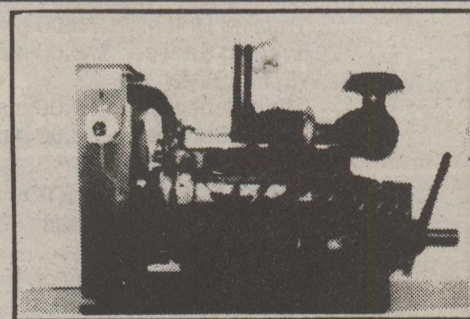
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