

Tulians Looking To Big Weekend

Big plans are in the works in Tulia for the last weekend in September.

According to Tulia Chamber of Commerce President Lana Barnett, several civic clubs are joining her organization to prepare for a Classic Weekend celebrating the 1950s. Festivities will begin Friday, September 26, and continue through Saturday.

Barnett explained that the celebration will be held in conjunction with the 17th annual Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. The fair is fund raiser for that organization and according to Committee Chairperson Cindy Hurt, will feature a wide variety of items ranging from clothing to furniture, to paintings. Space is available for fifty booths and the Women's Division obtains its funds through the rental of those spaces and through door receipts. Admission to the fair is \$1, Hurt said. Booths rent for \$50 and spaces are filling up, she continued, adding that anyone interested in reserving a space could contact her at the Tulia Banking Center, Hale County State Bank. The phone number is 995-4151.

Hurt explained that traditionally the fair, which runs from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, has drawn good crowds. Barnett said that it is her hope that Classic Weekend will bring more people to town and the two events will be mutually beneficial to one another.

"We're hoping we can bring in more people for them and they can bring more people for us," Barnett said.

One of the highlights of the weekend will be a car show sponsored by the Tulia Lions Club. Lions Club representative Mike Ferguson explained that in keeping with the 1950s theme, three of the thirteen car classes will feature '50s automobiles. Other categories will include low riders and mini-trucks, 1960-82 cars and trucks, antiques, pre-50s street rods, street machines from 1950-1982, pre-1983 sports and "pony" cars, and special interest vehicles. Awards will be presented, Ferguson said.

Other events include a hula hoop contest and a raffle for a mini juke-box, sponsored by the Rotary Club.

There will be a '50s malt shop and diner downtown in Tulia Saturday.

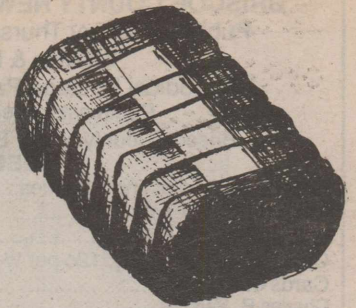
Featured events of the weekend will be a '50s concert and a sock hop Saturday evening. Both will be held at the Dallas Street Gym in the Tulia Junior High complex. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and the dance follows at 8:00.

"Shoes will be checked. It will definitely be a sock hop," Barnett said with a smile.

For more information on the Classic Weekend, Arts and Crafts Fair, or related activities, contact



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Silvertown FFA Chapter officers are (back row, left to right) Matt Martin, president; Jay Arnold, sentinel; Max Whitworth, treasurer; (front) Sara Kirchoffner, reporter; Michelle Warren, secretary; Molly Brooks, vice president. FFA members are continuing to sell sausage from Golden Valley. If you would like to purchase an item, please contact any FFA member.

Briscoe County News Photo

Annual Farmer-Stockman Show Is Slated Oct. 7-9 in Lubbock

The fifth annual Farmer-Stockman Show is scheduled for October 7-9 in Lubbock. The largest outdoor working farm and ranch show in the southwestern United States, boasts 800 acres of show site with 54 acres of stationary exhibits and 600 acres of crops for field demonstrations. Crops to be harvested during the show are corn, cotton, grain sorghum and alfalfa.

In addition to the many field demonstrations, the exhibit field will be covered with the latest in agricultural technology. Companies will exhibit tractors, combines, cotton strippers, tillage equipment, spraying equipment, irrigation equipment, seed, chemicals, fertilizers, livestock equipment, trucks, trailers and many more services and products.

It's no wonder the most commonly heard comment from first-time visitors is, "I can't believe how big this show is! I need more than one day to see it all!"

The busy three day schedule will include a variety of activities for the entire family. For producers, field demonstrations exhibit

the Tulia Chamber of Commerce, 995-2296.

modern machinery in harvesting, tillage and hay handling. Livestock demonstrations have been expanded this year with live cattle handling demonstrations, horse training sessions, cutting horse demonstrations, and a live milking exhibit.

A new section of the show will address wildlife issues with relation to agriculture, and a variety of new exhibitors will display their wares. The popular Family Living area has expanded programs on healthy lifestyles, farm safety, grain sorghum food products, square dancing, quilting and fashion shows. Texas Blood Institute also will feature a blood drive throughout the three days of the show. Crafters and antique exhibits are unique shopping opportunities.

A trip down memory lane also will be at the show with the antique tractor and equipment exhibits. Over 60 individual exhibitors will participate in this event, and many of the tractors can be seen running in the parade scheduled for 11:20 a.m. daily.

Continuing education courses are offered during the show. Two programs will allow producers to receive CEU credits for attend-

Rhoderick to Sponsor Field Day Sept. 30

You are invited to a Field Day sponsored by Rhoderick Irrigation Tuesday, September 30, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on North Ennis Street in Plainview.

The location of the field day is 1/2 mile north of the railroad tracks.

There will be speakers and hamburgers will be served at noon.

CRP Enrollment

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Because of acreage caps imposed by Congress, millions of environmentally sensitive acres in Texas and the nation are no longer in the Conservation Reserve Program.

The program pays landowners to take highly erodible land out of production to improve air and water quality or provide additional wildlife habitat.

Extension agricultural economist Dr. Joe Outlaw says areas with plans for wildlife development score higher on the evaluation. He says something as simple as changing from native ground cover to a grass that's more beneficial to wildlife will improve your score.

Outlaw says having your land re-evaluated by the Extension Service, Farm Services Agency or National Reserve Conservation Services is another way of improving your odds if you plan to reapply this October.

Pep Rally in Gym Friday Morning

The Silvertown High School Pep Rally will begin at 10:00 a.m. Friday in the school gym.

Everyone is invited to take part in the Pep Rally.

The first course, Cotton Plant Mapping, is scheduled at 12:00 -1:00 p.m. and the afternoon course is from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Bollweevil Basics.

The Farmer-Stockman Show is 1.5 miles east of Loop 289 on East 50th Street (FM835). Show hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily October 8, 9 and 10. Admission is \$5 per person, and those 18 and under are admitted free.

Commissioners Vote on Tax Rate

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court voted on September 15 to adopt the effective tax rate of 57.92 cents per \$100.00 valuation for 1997.

The effective tax rate is the rate that would raise the same amount of tax dollars as the previous year. The tax rate for 1996 had been 57.78 cents.

The difference in tax rates is determined by the variations in property values.

The 1997 value of taxable property in Briscoe County is \$73,390,015.

Football Game To Be Played Here

A football game between Borden County and Samnorwood will be played here Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The concession stand will be open, and you can support the Silvertown Booster Club by enjoying something good to eat at the game if you aren't able to follow the Owls to Guthrie Friday night.

BCAA To Meet At 'Barn Tonight

Briscoe County Activities Association will meet at 8:00 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Showbarn in Silvertown.

Plans will be made for the 1998 rodeo and celebration. All members are urged to attend; prospective new members are always welcome to attend.

Couple Escapes Serious Injury

Joe and Carolyn Luckenbach escaped serious injury about 4:00 a.m. Monday, September 15, when they hit a black cow on the highway about .4 of a mile west of Quitaque.

The cow was killed and the vehicle badly damaged.

The Luckenbachs, who live at Lake Mackenzie, were fortunate to have received no serious injuries. They were transported to the Lockney hospital by Quitaque EMS personnel.

Win Owls!

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Advisory Group Defines Basis For Social Security Debate

by Mary Jane Shanes
 Social Security Manager
 Plainview, Texas

Media coverage of the report of the Advisory Council on Social Security highlighted the fact that the group could not reach an agreement on how best to finance future benefits. A story even more important may be the fact that the group of citizens/experts representing a cross-section of the American public reached majority consensus on the basic principles the program should involve. It is worth noting these principles because they may determine the parameters on which agreement on a financing plan may eventually be reached.

The council agreed that Social Security is vitally important as a compulsory, universal program of income replacement and

should be the base of the retirement income system for future generations. In addition, the council stated the following:

- Action to revise the long-range financing of the program should be taken as early as possible to derive the largest return from program changes and to give policy makers reasonable options to deal effectively with the greater costs of the coming Baby Boom retirement.
- Maintaining full and automatic cost-of-living adjustments, as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, should be one of the most important goals of Social Security.
- Any sacrifices involved in bringing the system into balance should be widely shared and not be placed entirely on the shoulders of current and future workers and their employers.
- Conventional means-testing of Social Security is unwise.
- Benefits of low-wage work-

ers should be protected in making reductions in the future growth of benefits.

The 13-member Council was appointed by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala in early 1994. Edward M. Gramlich, chairman of the council and dean of the School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, stated: "Some change is needed to return the program to long-term financial stability, and that change can be undertaken in a thoughtful, reasoned way that insures equitable treatment and adequate retirement income for all workers of all generations," he stated. "But we must begin to evaluate options now to assure the American people that the program can continue to be financially solvent for future generations."

The council clearly recognized the importance of coming up with a financing plan that reinforces the strengths of the system and builds on our experience in meeting the needs of the American people. They are dialogue on future directions of the Social Security system.

WEATHER

SEPTEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	90	62	
2	92	61	
3	93	60	
4	76	66	
5	80	64	
6	87	64	
7	91	62	
8	92	62	
9	95	62	
10	82	62	
11	80	57	
12	86	55	
13	88	66	
14	93	63	2.10
15	86	65	.75
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17	93	60	
18	94	60	
19	94	64	
20	92	58	
21	60	48	
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23	69	61	.67
Total Sept. Precip.			3.55
Normal Sept. Precip.			2.49
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			27.19
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			18.08

The largest leaf of any plant belongs to the raffia palm of the Mascarene Islands. Leaf blades may measure up to 65 1/2 feet.

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Scout Master Computer Program

Pammy Millican
 County Extension Agent

Computer bugs are what computer junkies avoid, but Texas Agricultural Extension Service agents think computers and bugs are made for each other.

Extension pest management agent Ray Huffman created the Scout Master program to make this combination a reality. With a field computer, Huffman identifies potential insect problems, records those observations and feeds that data directly into a network so producers online can have immediate access to that information.

Extension entomologist Dr. John Norman says the early warning system can help growers decide whether insecticide

use is necessary or if predators and insects can keep the bad bugs at a tolerable level.

Huffman plans to make it commercially available within two years. However, Extension agents in some areas are already using Scout Master and making that information accessible to growers upon request.

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September 24, 1987--Alton Riddell has been a member of the "chain gang" at Silverton football games for the past 22 years. He not only serves at home games, but also works at some of the away games . . . Bids received for repair of hail damage on roof of school . . . W. D., Peggy and Will Rowell have moved from California back to Silverton to make their home. He has been employed by Briscoe Implement . . . Berle Fisch underwent surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Monday afternoon . . . Forty donated blood here last week . . . Mrs. W. H. Tennison had the misfortune of breaking a hip in a fall at her home Friday night . . . Owls earn big 66-20 victory over Amherst . . . Junior High Owls earn safety to defeat Amherst . . . Leading the cheers for the Junior High Owls this year are Ashleigh Wyatt, Christy Nease, Kami Martin and Krista Tucker . . .

September 29, 1977--Adeana Morris of Floydada is new Miss Mackenzie . . . Pioneer resident, Cora Donnell, buried here Tuesday . . . Owls travel to Valley Friday night . . . A wildcat oil well is being drilled in Briscoe County two miles east of Silverton on Highway 86 by Exploration Unlimited on the Walter Graham farm . . . Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Stark of Quitaque and W. T. (Red) Diviney of Burlington, Iowa were involved in an automobile accident near Estelline last week . . . Tommy Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee Perkins, was third-place winner in the State 4-H Record Book Contest . . . Emmett Tomlin, Bruce Tiffin, Anthony Kingery, Aaron Younger, Roy Younger, Mabry Greenhaw, Jay Towe, Charlie Parker, Gail Bullock and Charles Sarchet, Silverton volunteer firemen, attended the fourth annual Canyon Regional Fire Protection School. Roy Younger, Bullock, Tomlin and Sarchet served as instructors for the school . . . Junior High Owls defeat Springlake-Earth, 22-8 . . . Claude forfeits game to Silverton when game was called in the third quarter due to the weather with the Mustangs leading 14-6. The reason for the forfeit was that Claude discovered they had inadvertently used an ineligible player in the game . . . Brannon reunion held at Quartz Mountain State Park in Oklahoma . . . Officers of the Freshman Class are Roger Cantwell, president; Bill Settle, vice president; Sally Northcutt, secretary; Susie Tipton, treasurer; Joni Denton, parliamentarian; Brandon Jarrett, reporter. Staci Mayfield and John Segura were chosen as Student Council representatives. Miss Jo Kirkland is the class sponsor . . .

September 21, 1967--Mackenzie Bond Election is scheduled October 14 . . . Owls

take 6-0 win from Turkey Turks . . . Max Garrison, a veterinary medicine student at Texas A&M University was guest speaker for the noonday meeting of the Silverton Lions Club . . . Fred Arnold suffered a sprained foot Monday morning when the combine on which he was working rolled over his foot . . . Private Norberto Garcia, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Santos Garcia, completed a radio relay and carrier operation course at the Army Southeastern Signal School at Fort Gordon, Georgia September 8 . . . Robert Rhode is attending the Goethe Institute in Staufen, West Germany, preparatory to continuing his studies in theology at Tubingen University in the Alps . . . Rhode Pipe Company crew working a Laredo this week . . . Some crop damage due to heavy rains, high winds and hail was reported in an area of Briscoe County Monday morning. J. L. Self had crops damaged by hail and the path of the heaviest rain apparently crossed this area south of Silverton and extended into the Quitaque vicinity . . . Jeanne Davis was in Austin recently to take her examination for a hairdresser's license before the state board . . . Haylake Club meets with Mrs. L. A. McJimsey . . .

October 3, 1957--Double-ring ceremony unites Lottie Mattheus, Werner Leo Boedeker . . . Messrs. and Meses. Robert McPherson and Leila Jo and Gale McPherson and Steve returned Saturday from a trip to the west part of the United States . . . Wendell Patterson injured in football game Friday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Simpson are parents of a daughter, Celia . . . Marvin Self, age three, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self, spent a couple of days in the Lockney Hospital last week with bronchial trouble . . . 4-H Club boys who will be showing calves Saturday are Bobby and Jimmy Saul, Terry Wood, Rex Anderson, Warren Merrell, Robert Phelps, Max Garrison, Wayne Nance, Jim and Dick Reid, Jimmy Smith, Jerry Stephens, Joe Kitchens, Dewey Estes and Dwight Rampley . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Youngquist are parents of a daughter, Larita Kay . . . Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Watkins and daughters spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud McMinn . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bean left for New Jersey Thursday of last week for a visit with their son and his wife, Pfc. and Mrs. Donald Bean . . .

September 25, 1947--Owls to play first local game Friday night . . . County Fair is big success . . . Mr. and Mrs. Montie Pitts are parents of a son, Montie Darrell . . . Mr. and Mrs. John McCain are parents of a daughter, Martha Carol . . . Officers of the Quarterback Club are Arthur

Arnold, president; Mart Self, secretary-treasurer; Dillard Scott, publicity chairman . . . Garner Guest, an employee of Stodghill's Hardware, returned from a two-week vacation early this week . . . The LTD Club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Conrad Alexander. "Guess Whats" were given to Mrs. Ware Fogerson and Mrs. Obra Watson . . . Officers elected by the American Legion Auxiliary were Mrs. Roberta Griffin, president; Mrs. Syble Stevenson, vice-president; Mrs. Bess McWilliams, second vice-president; Mrs. Leota Alexander, treasurer; Mrs. Vivian Hughes, secretary; Mrs. Alice Bundy, chaplain, and Mrs. Georgia Allard, historian . . . Fried chicken, salads, peas, creamed macaroni, cottage cheese, fresh tomatoes, fresh peach cobbler and iced tea were served when a group of ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Pearl Simpson to surprise her with a birthday luncheon . . .

Happy Anniversary-

September 26--Mr. and Mrs. Warren Reid
September 27--Mr. and Mrs. David Holt
September 28--Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lavy
September 29--Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cogdell

Happy Birthday-

September 25--Doyle Stephens, Jim Estes, Florene Fitzgerald, Amanda Harris
September 26--Brooke Garvin, Aimee Francis, Matthew Davis, Hazel Hoyt, Courtney Michelle Gragson
September 27--Leslie Polley,

Maebelle Francis
September 28--Ada Clay, John Schott, Brian Strickland, Jason Bailey
September 29--Rex Johnson, George Long
September 30--Rank Cogdell, Mary Lee Watters, Wesley Stafford
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High-Quality Child Care: Luxury Option or Standard Equipment?

Provided by Calley Payne
Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

We may be able to forgo luxury options when buying a car, deciding against cruise control or an expensive stereo system. But what about choosing an early childhood program? Shouldn't all characteristics of high-quality care and education be standard features in every program and center?

In her article in the January issue of *Young Children*, Deborah Koshansky reminds us that "option packages" do not exist when it comes to a high-quality early childhood education.

To insure all children receive the kind of care and education they need to thrive, early childhood programs and centers must fully meet criteria of high quality. A "stripped down" model of a car may get us safely from place to place, but a "stripped down" model of child care and education means that children's learning and development will be compromised. How can any of these options be considered a "luxury" when it comes to high-quality care?

- Warranty-License and/or accreditation for the program
- Seat belts and air bags-Health and safety guidelines to protect the child from illness and accidents
- Fuel injection system-Nutritious meals and snacks
- Responsive handling-Small groups and teacher-child ratios to allow prompt and appropriate attention to the child's needs
- Shock absorbers-Teachers' sensitive assistance as the child encounters rough places on the road to maturity
- Preventive maintenance

agreement-Teachers' knowledge of child development and early childhood education for recognizing problems and addressing them early

• Steering mechanism-Developmentally appropriate curriculum to guide the child's curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving skills

• Automatic transmission-Teachers' ability to change gears to meet the child's changing interests

• Comfortable interiors-Teachers' smiles, hugs and appreciation that provide a cushion for the child's self esteem

• Cruise control-Appropriate limit setting and strategies to assist the child in learning self control

• Maneuverability-Opportunities for children to interact with each other and develop social skills

• Choice of color and style-Environment in which each child feels special and unique

• Radio, directional signals, horn, hazard lights - Opportunities for children to learn to communicate effectively

• Air conditioning-Opportunities for outdoor play and physical development

• Reliability-Good working conditions and an equitable pay scale to reduce teacher turnover, thus insuring greater consistency of care

• Customer satisfaction-Parents involved in their child's program and seen by teachers as partners in a child's growth

In high-quality early childhood programs and centers, all of the above are standard features. But like all quality features, they cost money. No child's learning and development should be compromised because his/her parents cannot afford a high-quality early childhood program. Only by continuing our efforts to find alternate resources will we insure that

no child has to settle for a "stripped down" model of child care. When all children receive high-quality education and care, we will yield children equipped with the skills necessary for life in the 21st century. And that's an investment that won't depreciate.

Certified Nurse Aide Class To Be Taught Soon

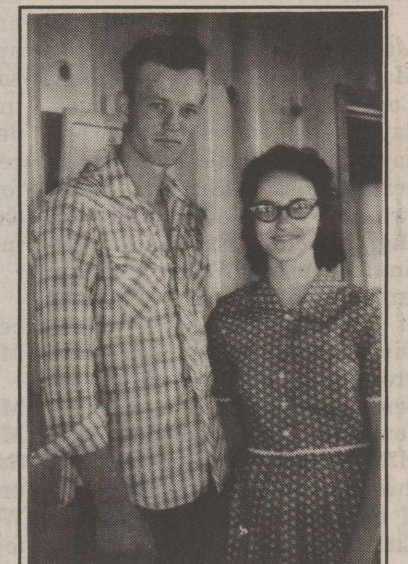
RNR, Rural Nurse Resource, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will sponsor two Certified Nurse Aide Classes.

These classes will train individuals to care for patients in the Nursing Home, Hospice, Home Health, and private care setting.

The evening course will begin on Monday, September 29, 1997. The day course begins on Monday, October 6, 1997.

To receive an application packet or for more information, call RNR's office at (806) 983-8096.

In England, teatime is any time between 4 and 7 p.m., but high tea or early supper may be at tea time or later.



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ISSUE UPDATE

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New National Testing Standards Aren't the Way to Improve Our Kids' Education

Last week, the House passed an amendment which would block the Department of Education from spending money on a new national testing program for our kids.

I voted for this amendment -- not because I'm opposed to higher standards in schools, but because I'm opposed to bureaucrats in Washington telling states and local communities what those standards should be.

As it stands now, the federal government spends nearly \$100 billion dollars each year on 760 programs spanning 40 federal agencies. The government will also spend more than \$500 million this year alone just to help states come up with their own exams measuring academic achievement and performance.

If there's anything we should have learned over the past 30 years, it's that the problems facing us as a Nation cannot be solved simply by spending more money or creating a new government program.

As the president himself said in a speech last March, "We cannot ask the American people to spend more on education until we do a better job with the money we've got now."

Doing a better job doesn't begin with national testing. It begins with sending more money to the classroom and taking steps to strengthen basic skills in basic academics.

It also begins with giving a greater role to the people who matter most in children's lives -- their parents.

Cattle Grazing Needs Determined By Their Weight

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Research is showing that cattle, like humans, need a specific amount of food to maintain their weight.

Humans need a certain amount of calories per day to maintain proper weight and cattle need a set number of pounds of feed per day to maintain their weight. Dr. Don Dorsett, associate professor and forage specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said the animal's body weight is what determines how much they need to eat in dry matter on a daily basis.

"Each animal eats three percent of its body weight," Dorsett said.

By calculating how much each animal will eat per day, an owner can then evaluate stocking rates.

"A stocking rate is an animal grazing a given area of land for a given period of time," Dorsett said.

Dorsett said many people understand a stocking rate as one animal grazing an acre for a year. In reality, the stocking rate can be as short as three or four days or as long as a year.

Using the animal's weight and food intake, a person is able to determine the stocking rate for a specific area of land.

"It's simply a matter of taking the dry matter produced by the forage, figuring how much dry matter the cow needs and then correlating the two so that we know how long cattle can graze on a pasture," Dorsett said.

By using stocking rates to get the best results from forage as feed, ranchers are able to determine how much hay will be needed in winter. Dorsett said if another drought hits this summer, most producers would not use the hay that is stored for the winter.

"More people would actually sell some of their cows rather than sell the hay they know they're going to need this winter," Dorsett said.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



RX FOR THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Andrea Fisher is a bright young woman, 38 years old, a successful attorney and the mother of three young children. Last month she was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

ALS is a progressive disease of the central nervous system that strikes nearly 5,000 Americans each year. There is no cure. Its victims typically survive between three and five years, during which time their muscles gradually cease to function. They lose the ability to swallow, and then cannot breathe.

The only drug now available to treat ALS extends the life expectancy of its victims two or three months. A newer drug, Myotrophin, increases their life expectancy by 26 percent. Two studies of this drug have been completed, with promising results. There are no concerns about its safety. Despite these results, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has refused permission to put this drug on the market, and is requiring yet another study.

Desperate ALS patients, such as Andrea Fisher, have no access to Myotrophin unless they are lucky enough to be able to participate in the third clinical study. This sad situation is proof positive the FDA needs critical reform in the way it operates.

For almost 20 years, congressional committees and a plethora of advisory commissions have studied the FDA and offered prescriptions for its improvement. These efforts focused on the time it takes a new drug or treatment to move through the testing process and arrive on the market. A common theme of these studies is reflected by the following, taken from the 1989 Edwards Commission report: "The (FDA) should be guided by the principle that expeditious approval of useful and safe new products enhances the health of the American people. Approving such products can be as important as preventing the marketing of harmful or ineffective products."

The FDA reform bill now before the Senate would streamline the approval process without sacrificing safety. One of its strongest provisions expands "fast track" approval to cover any new drug that treats serious or life-threatening diseases -- drugs such as Myotrophin.

The expedited approval lane is now available only for HIV and cancer treatments, despite the fact that the FDA's experience has shown that expedited testing does not compromise safety or effectiveness. If we get reform, no longer will some diseases be "more equal than others."

In addition, the legislation will allow any patient, acting through a licensed physician, to request a drug or device still in the testing phase if no other effective or approved therapy is available. Access to new, state-of-the-art drugs will be expanded to those suffering from a long list of tragic conditions such as Lou Gehrig's disease and multiple sclerosis.

The new law also will allow food labels to include health claims if an authoritative federal scientific body has published proof. A case in point: countless cases of spina bifida could have been averted had the FDA moved more quickly to permit health claims to be made for the B-vitamin folic acid, adequate supplies of which prevent such neural tube disorders.

Bottom line here is that the FDA is doing an adequate job of ensuring that the drugs doctors prescribe for Americans will help, not harm them. But the agency could and should work much better. Each day we delay reform denies Americans quicker access to better, sometimes crucial, therapies. 8.12.97

4-H Endangered Species Studies

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Inner-city children may never see a bald eagle or black bear, but they are learning about those

ager Gary Outenreach says the goal is not to kill all the bad bugs. If you eliminate the damaging insects, the beneficial insects will soon die from lack of food. Then you are at risk for a more intense return of the harmful insects. The other reason for not using chemical control agents is that they can harm the butterflies, birds and fish. It's a delicate balance which conservatories are learning to help keep the balance of nature elsewhere as well.

and other endangered species through an innovative 4-H program put together by Dallas County Extension Agent Allen Malone. It allows students to learn more about wildlife that are threatened or nearing extinction.

This traveling program involves games, displays and computer programs to help the students learn as much as possible in the short time they have. It is programs such as this that help inner-city children to step outside the concrete jungle and explore vastly different parts of their world.

Women in Wyoming were authorized to vote and hold office as early as 1869.

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Texas A&M is helping one conservatory to control harmful insects without pesticides. When Moody Gardens was built in Galveston, managers immediately contacted Texas A&M for a plan to keep pests off its more than 12-hundred species of plants.

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Owls Tame Tigers in 74-40 Contest on Home Field

It was a beautiful night for football when the Owls hosted the McLean Tigers last Friday night, and the sight of the lopsided score on the board at its conclusion made the after-game celebration all the more sweet. The Owls started the game without two of their starters, quarterback Jack Cherry, who had a badly sprained ankle, and Jeremy Holt, who was nursing a hip pointer, and this seemed to have a depressing effect on the team even though the injured players do have very capable backups.

It looked like the straw that broke the camel's back was a very bad refereeing error that occurred at the conclusion of Silverton's first offensive series. Leland Wood had passed to Jared Holt for a first down before the Owls had to punt. Jared's punt went into the endzone where a McLean player fielded it and attempted to run it out instead of going down on a knee to kill the play. He was immediately surrounded by Owls who wrestled him to the ground in the endzone, and the referees called it a touchback. This raised the ire of players, coaches and fans alike, and almost became the point at which the Owls had no further opportunity to win.

The Owl defense held McLean, with outstanding plays by Wood and Chris Justice, and brought about a fourth-down punt. Andy Bullock carried a couple of times for the Owls, picking up a first down on the 36, before Trey Ziegler carried for a 14-yard gain. Bullock ran for a first down on the McLean 20, and Wood completed a pass to Bullock for a short gain. Ziegler carried to the six, and Bullock made a first down on McLean's three.

Bullock scored from three yards out on an end around with 2:38 remaining in the first quarter. The PAT pass was incomplete, and the Owls held a slim 6-0 lead.

Jared Holt kicked off once again, and the ball went into and out of the endzone. This was a touchback.

On McLean's first play, the

Owls recovered a fumble, and on the very next play Trey Wyatt scored on a pass from Leland Wood. The play covered 31 yards with 2:16 still to be played in the first quarter. The PAT pass was incomplete, and the Owls held a 12-0 lead.

The Tigers came back, making a first down on their 35 and getting another on a 15-yard penalty against the Owls. Jared Francis, David Gamble and Wyatt were providing tough defense on this series, but the Tigers passed complete for their first score with two seconds remaining in the opening quarter. They passed complete for the PAT, and narrowed the score to 12-7.

McLean kicked off, and Bullock was able to return it to just the Silverton 11. As the second quarter opened, Wood passed complete to Jared Holt and Ziegler for short gains, but the Owls were forced to punt on fourth down.

Once again the Tigers were putting it together, and after making a first down on the Silverton 35, they scored with 7:56 remaining before halftime. There was no PAT, but the Owls were flagged on the play. McLean tried it again and made it to move into a 15-12 lead.

The Owls weren't able to do much on their next possession, their spirit seemingly at a very low point. On fourth down, Jared Holt punted to the McLean 20.

The Tigers completed a pass for a first down near midfield, stopped by Justice, then passed complete for a touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 5:57 remaining in the second quarter the Tigers moved into a 21-12 lead.

Adrian Ramirez carried McLean's kickoff out to the Silverton 23, and Jeremy Holt, who had entered the game for the first time, scored on the next play on a 57-yard run. There was no PAT, and with 5:31 still to be played in the first half, the Owls trailed by only three, 21-18.

The lift it had given the team when Cherry and Jeremy Holt entered the game is not possible

to measure, but it could be seen and felt by those present.

McLean completed several passes enroute to scoring again, and with 4:27 remaining before halftime, they moved into a 27-18 lead.

When McLean kicked off, Bullock returned the ball 78 yards for a touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 4:06 still on the clock the Owls trailed by a point, 27-26.

Jared Holt kicked off once again, and Wyatt stopped the runback on about the 15. Wyatt and Jared Francis stopped the next two plays before the Tigers went for a first down on their 38. Wyatt, Jared Francis and Ziegler provided defense on the next series as the Tigers moved nearer their goal and scored with 57 seconds remaining. There was no PAT, and the Tigers had extended their lead to 33-26.

The onside kick was taken by Wyatt, and the Owls moved to a first down on a pass from Cherry to Jay Arnold. Cherry hit Arnold again for a 10-yard gain before passing complete to Ziegler for another score for the Owls. Jeremy Holt drop-kicked the PAT, and the Owls moved into the lead 34-33.

Following halftime, the Tigers kicked off and Ramirez took it to the Silverton 30. Jeremy Holt and Ziegler picked up a few yards before Cherry hit Wyatt complete for a first down on the Tiger 27.

Ziegler scored on a 22-yard run with 6:36 remaining in the third quarter. There was no PAT, and the Owls moved into a 40-33 lead.

Jared Holt kicked off and the runback was held at the McLean 15. The Tigers completed a couple of passes for first downs, after which the Owls received a penalty which moved the ball half the distance to the goal. The Tigers scored on a pass with 5:32 still to be played in the third quarter, passed for the PAT, and knotted the score at 40-40.

McLean kicked off out of bounds, and the Owls elected to take it where it went out of bounds, on the 34, and went back on offense at that point. Ziegler and Jeremy Holt alternated in carrying the ball, and Jeremy scored from five yards out. Jeremy passed complete to Wood for the PAT, and the Owls moved into a 47-40 lead.

Jared Holt kicked into and out of the endzone for a touchback and on first down the referees flagged the Owls for pass interference and gave the Tigers a first down. A couple of plays later, Arnold came out of the cloud of dust with the ball and took it to the endzone. The referees brought the ball back to the point where they said he stepped out of bounds, and on the next play Jeremy Holt went 17 yards for the touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 1:19 still on the

Silverton Player Receives Mention

Jeremy Holt received an honorable mention from the Amarillo Daily News Sportswriters in the selection of the Six Man Football Player of the Week for his performance in Silverton's win over McLean last Friday night.

Holt was credited with 181 yards rushing and five touchdowns on 13 carries.

He also drop-kicked three PATs and passed for two more PATs.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Sept. 25--Whitharral JH & JV, here, 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26--Owls at Guthrie, 7:30; Borden County vs. Samnorwood, here, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2--JH & JV at Lazbuddie, 5:00 & 6:30; Wellness Clinic

Friday, Oct. 3--Samnorwood, third-quarter clock, the Owls led 53-40.

With Jared Francis and Wood shining on defense, the Tigers were kept in check, and on fourth down the ball went over to the Owls. This time the Silverton boys were unable to move the ball, and it went back to the Tigers on downs. They made a couple of first downs before Arnold threw them for a 15-yard loss. Jared Francis held them once more, and the ball went back to the Owls on downs.

Ziegler and Jeremy carried for a first down before Jeremy scored from 12 yards out. His kick failed, and the Owls held a 61-40 lead.

Jared Holt kicked into and out of the endzone for a touchback, and McLean made a first down before seeing the ball go back to the Owls.

Ziegler ran for 10 yards before Jeremy Holt ran into the endzone from 26 yards out. Jeremy passed complete to Wood for another PAT, and the Owls moved ahead 68-40.

The Owls intercepted the Tigers on the next series after defense by Ramirez, Paul Segura and Wood.

Back on offense, Nathan Francis passed complete to Ramirez for a touchdown. The play covered 48 yards. There was no PAT, and the Owls enjoyed a 74-40 lead.

Jared Holt kicked off again, and McLean killed the clock.

This week the Owls are on the road to Guthrie where the always-tough Jaguars live. They need all the support they can get as they attempt to overcome injuries to say on the road to victory. Pep rally is at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. Be there!

Borden County and Samnorwood will be playing here Friday at 7:30 p.m. The concession stand will be open, and this should be a really tough six-man football game. If you can't travel to Guthrie, this will be a good night's entertainment for the dedicated football fan.

here, 7:30; Church of Christ after-game party

Saturday, Oct. 4--Cross Country Meet at Lubbock

Silverton School Honor Roll

First Six Weeks

Second Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Jimmy Estes, Davin Fabela, Shandy Forbes, Jasmin Ivory, Kassi Jasper

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

Fourth Grade--Melonie Johnson, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

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

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

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

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

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

Eleventh Grade--Josh Breedlove, Dara Ramsey

Twelfth Grade--Shauna Kingery, Michelle Warren

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 29--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Sept. 30--Pork Pattie, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 1--Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Tater Tots, Salad, Chocolate Pudding, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 2--Meat & Cheese Enchilada, Salad, Hot Sauce, Chips, Fruit, Milk

Friday, Oct. 3--Chili Dog, French Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

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Junior High Owls Fly High to Earn Victory in First Game of Season

Jimmy Castillo and Andrew Francis ran over, around and through the McLean Tigers last Thursday for four touchdowns each. Behind the blocking of the Owl offensive linemen, Kevin Duncan, Junior Gonzales and Matt Strange, and the quarterbacking of the dynamic alternating duo of Monty Wood and Red Ivory, Castillo and Francis pretty much had their way when they carried the football.

The defense also looked mighty strong, limiting the Ti-

gers to no more than one score in each quarter. The defensive line was anchored by John Arnold, who had a quarterback sack that caused a fumble, Danny Dunn and Chase Comer. Cornerback Clay McMurtrey and Nicholas Vargas kept the Tigers corralled most of the night. Safety Dustin Hale also played well for the Owls.

Jimmy Castillo started the scoring with a six-yard run after the Owls had kicked off and recovered a fumble. This touchdown was set up by a long pass

from Red Ivory to Andrew Francis.

Silverton's next score came on a four-yard run by Andrew Francis. Ivory then passed to Francis for the PAT.

Francis got loose on a 52-yard run, and his extra-point run made the score 20-0.

Red Ivory found Matt Strange in the left corner of the endzone for another counter, and after that great play, Jimmy Castillo ran for a 50-yard touchdown followed by a 48-yard run which ended the half with a 38-7 lead for the Owls.

When the Owls came back out Castillo was at it again when he caught a pass from Ivory and ran

for a 60-yard gain down the left side. Ivory dropped back, broke loose from a defensive end, and found Castillo open for a touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, Francis ran a 70-yard kick-off return and later in the game added an 80-yard touchdown run. He really racked up points for the Owls. With the combined talents of Castillo and Francis, the Owls were unstoppable. The Owls came home with a big 58-20 victory over the McLean Tigers. Scores at the ends of the quarters were 12-0, 38-7, 45-14 and 58-20.

The Junior High football team would like to thank the many fans who followed them to McLean to support them during their first out-of-town game. They would also like to thank Shelley Brock for taking the Pep Squad, who were led by the four cheerleaders, Jenny Young, Tarran Forbes, Bryn Mayfield and Chelsey Cherry, who did an outstanding job cheering the Owls to victory.

This afternoon the Junior High and Junior Varsity teams will be playing Whitharal here at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. This will be the first home game for both teams, and it is hoped that a large crowd of fans will go to the game to cheer both teams on to victory.

New Arrival

Cody and Kenzie Whittington are parents of a daughter, Cherub Nicole, born at 10:24 a.m. August 25, 1997 in Amarillo. She weighed seven pounds eleven and one-half ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Rhenda Burson, Dee Whittington of Quitaque and Royal and Tami Lantz of Elk City, Oklahoma.

Fair Bake Show Awards Presented

by Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

D'Ann Artho, an eighth grader at Canyon Junior High School, was named the winner of the Panhandle District 4-H Bake Show on Saturday, September 13, at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair. Jana Barrett, communication specialist with the Texas Wheat Producers presented plaques.

The first-place winner received a bread-making machine.

Purpose of the Bake Show is to promote wheat, one of the Panhandle's major agricultural products, and to emphasize the importance of bread and cereal products in the diet. The United States Department of Agriculture and the American Dietetics Association recommend six to eleven servings per day.

Andrea Archibeque of Moore County placed second and received a six-speed mixer. Nikki Jeffrey of Collingsworth County was third and was awarded a set

of cookware by the Tri-State Fair. Arrowhead Mills of Hereford provided wheat flour for participants along with the \$5 premium provided by the board of directors of the Tri-State Fair.

Other participants included Amanda Burrell, Armstrong County; Scarlett Sperry, Briscoe County; Erik Vance, Carson County; Justin Werner, Dallam County; Lark Duncan, Deaf Smith County; Haley McClellan, Donley County; Andrea Shank, Gray County; Abby Winegarner,

Hanford County; Miranda Grayson, Hartley County; Dawn Innis, Hemphill County; Lewayne Lyckman, Hutchinson County; Alysia Hand, Lipscomb County; Rachel Miller, Ochiltree County; Clay Taylor, Oldham County; Jennifer Snider, Potter County; Tiffany Knight, Sherman County; Jerry Tice, Wheeler County.

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Social Security Getting Tough On Fraud, Abuse

Recent convictions of persons accused of defrauding the Social Security Administration underscores the serious nature of the effort to protect the public from exploitation and abuse. These cases are typical of what is coming before Social Security investigators today and represent the tip of the iceberg.

More than \$11.5 million in fines, judgements and restitutions was recovered during the first six months of fiscal year 1997 by the Social Security's Inspector General's office. They involved 788 investigations and 397 convictions as a result of investigations. More than 2,307 new cases were opened during the same period.

•A Social Security disability beneficiary pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of New York to working under another name and Social Security number since 1981. The amount of the fraud was approximately \$92,989. The beneficiary was sentenced to four years probation, six months home confinement and ordered to apply five percent of his gross income toward restitution during the period of probation.

•A woman was sentenced in the U. S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, to three years probation for providing false information on forms filed with SSA in an effort to obtain widow's benefits. She also was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$51,048 through monthly withholdings.

The Braille System of writing for the blind has 63 combinations of raised dots.

The full name of the subject of the *Mona Lisa* was Lisa del Giocondo.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Silverton Independent School District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 5.6 percent on September 25, 1997.

The Silverton Independent School District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on September 30, 1997 at 8:00 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I saw in the September 18th issue of the *Briscoe County News* the public notice of salary increases for Briscoe County elected officials for FY 97-98. While most of these increases are appropriate I do believe the County Judge and Commissioners should rethink their own raises.

In the first place I have serious reservations about the propriety of legislative officials ever voting to raise their own salaries. Surely each Commissioner and the Judge knew what the office paid when they ran for office.

Secondly, I believe the tax funds used for Judge and Commissioner raises would be more appropriately used to increase support for Briscoe County law enforcement officers.

Thirdly, I do not believe the work load of Briscoe County Commissioners justifies any increase. City Councilmen and ISD board members render an equal or greater service and receive no salary at all. Their work is considered community service.

In addition to the salary reported in the September 18 issue of *the News* the County Judge is also to receive in Fiscal Year 1997-98 \$5,000.00 in supplemented salary paid by the state to the County Treasurer and by the treasurer in monthly increments to the Judge. The additional payroll burden of Social Security, Retirement and Workman's Compensation is pure county expense. The Judge also receives \$3,000.00 travel expense, not reported in the *Briscoe County News*.

Win, Owls!

Gordon Grabs Top Spot in 6-Man Poll

Defending state champion Gordon received five first-place votes and is ranked No. 1 in the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's* six-man football poll.

Panther Creek (2-0) and Lazbuddie (2-0) each received a first-place vote and are second and third, respectively.

Whitharral (2-0) and Trinidad (2-0) round out the top five.

All teams listed own a 2-0 record.

1. Gordon
2. Panther Creek
3. Lazbuddie
4. Whitharral
5. Trinidad
6. Strawn
7. Grandfalls-Royalty
8. Brookesmith
9. Jayton
10. Jonesboro

Other teams receiving votes: Blackwell 9, Borden County 7, Follett 4, Wellman-Union 4, Cranfills Gap 3, Buckholtz 2, Covington 2, Rochester 1, Balmorhea 1.

All elected officials at every level should exercise the greatest care and restraint in spending tax dollars. Such concern must begin at the most basic level. Why not here?

Only Commissioner Terry Grimland voted against the raise and as of Wednesday, September 17th, he had filed an affidavit refusing the increase.

Finally, I am not now and will not be a candidate for either County Judge or County Commissioner.

If you agree with these sentiments, don't tell me. Tell your elected officials.

Sincerely,
R. Edwin Norris

Agency Offers Some Financial Planning Help

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

With all the information we have been providing on Social Security's "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement," I have come to believe that Social Security might legitimately be considered a type of financial planning service.

We are now automatically sending the statement to people who are 57 or older. In 1998, we will be sending statements to people 53 or older. And by the year 2000, we will begin sending them to workers age 25 and older.

While it's true we promote the statements as an important financial planning tool, it may be stretching it a bit to view ourselves as a financial planning service. You should consider, however, that your Social Security taxes represent a substantial investment in your financial future, and the package of protection you receive covers the most horrible threats to your financial security—retirement, death and disability. To the extent that it provides a basis for financial security for you and your family, it's value in financial planning should not be underestimated.

Social Security's retirement protection replaces about 42 percent of the pre-retirement benefits of the average wage earner. The disability protection, the only disability coverage most workers have, is valued at over \$200,000 for a young worker. The survivors protection is valued at over \$322,000 for a young worker.

It is the "Personal Earnings and Benefits Estimate Statement" that unlocks the real potential of the protection however. Financial planning is the key to successful living in modern society. Knowing how much you and your family can expect from Social Security frees you to exercise options that may generate additional income for you, i. e., private insurance, investments and savings.

Plains Cotton Cooperative Announces \$34 Million Total Cash Distribution

Total net margins of \$27.4 million, its fourth best financial performance ever, were announced by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA) during its 44th Annual Stockholders Meet-

ing in Lubbock. PCCA also announced a total cash distribution of \$34 million, the cooperative's second best payout to its members. The distribution consists of \$13.4 million in cash dividends, \$17.1 million in stock retirements and \$3.5 million in retirement of per-unit capital retains.

If you're not among those receiving the benefit statements automatically, you can get a statement by calling our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. Ask for a form, SSA-7004 ("Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement"). If you have access to the Internet, you can request it from <http://www.ssa.gov>. Your statement will be mailed to you within four to six weeks.

"For the second year in a row we have been fortunate to surpass all five cash payment and equity targets under our '20/20 Vision Equity Plan'," PCCA President and CEO Van May said. "Members who market their cotton through PCCA have seen this financial plan help us maximize our year-end cash distribu-

tions to them now for four years." PCCA's textile division posted net margins of \$17.7 million, which ranks in its top five finishes ever and its fourth best since PCCA acquired the denim mill at Littlefield.

"After 10 years of PCCA ownership, patronage margins from the mill have totaled \$141 million, giving an average of \$13.35 per participating bale," May added. "Cash paid to members, including this year has been \$103 million in cash dividends and stock retirements and \$27 million in retirement of per-unit capital retains for a total of \$130 million."

PCCA's marketing division also had a banner year, ranking in the top five of its 44-year history.

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Former High Plains Cotton Specialist Dr. James Supak will not apply for vacant Resident Director Position at Lubbock Agricultural Experiment Station. Former Resident Director Dr. John Abernathy recently was elected as the Dean of the Texas Tech University College of Agriculture. Dr. Supak, currently Associate Department Head and Extension Program Leader for Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University, announced his decision not to seek the Lubbock Resident Director vacancy September 19.

"I am very flattered by the many people who have approached me about seeking this position," explains Supak. "As attractive as the prospect is, in-

cluding the opportunity to move back to Lubbock and re-establish contact with farmer and researchers in this area, other factors entered into the equation at this time."

Supak notes that the main reasons behind his decision are related to personal considerations not other career aspirations.

"It isn't often that a person, working in a job they truly enjoy, has an opportunity such as this," adds Supak. "Having the chance to try for an equally appealing position is a rare occurrence and given a different set of circumstances I would probably have arrived at a different conclusion."

Plains Cotton Growers officials, echoing the sentiments of producers and researchers across

the High Plains, note that Supak's decision was met with more than a little disappointment. PCG officials add that they respect Dr. Supak's decision and will strive to continue their close working relationship.

"Dr. Supak is a man of high integrity who would have been a strong candidate for the Lubbock Resident Director position," said PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

"We know that the person selected as Resident Director will be outstanding, however it would have been nice to have had the chance to bring back one of our own. Especially if that person has the personal affinity and relationship Dr. Supak has with the farmers in this area."

Producers looking at the prospects of a change in the weather September 20 and 21 may need to consider taking advantage of the possible effects of the brief cooling off period.

With forecasts calling for low temperatures in the lower 40's on

Saturday and Sunday and highs only reaching the 60's, former High Plains cotton specialist Dr. James Supak says producers may want to reconsider their current harvest aid schedule.

"This could be a real good opportunity for producers to do themselves a lot of good in terms of increasing the effectiveness of harvest aid applications," says Supak, currently Associate Department Head and Extension Program Leader for Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M University.

If the predictions currently put forth hold true the crop in most areas could receive a welcome bit of conditioning prior to harvest. A brief cool spell will help improve the effectiveness of harvest aid products and possibly even speed up the harvest schedule.

Dr. Randy Boman, TAEX Cotton Specialist, also notes that while producers in some areas feel their crop is late enough that it needs additional time, probably 90-95 percent of the crop that could be made is already there and ready.

Waiting to make the last few bolls following the cooling off period and the slowing down of heat unit accumulations during late September and early October might not be economically feasible.

The potential for wetter than normal Fall conditions also could be a reason for speeding harvest activities.

Plant in Fall For A Better Spring

Fall is a great time to tackle landscape projects.

Extension horticulturist Dr. Doug Welsh promotes getting your hands dirty now so you can enjoy a more beautiful yard come next spring.

He says the early planting allows the root system time to establish itself because Texas soil doesn't freeze. He says pansies, johnny jump-ups, dianthus and especially petunias are best when planted in the fall. They'll bloom in the fall and even sporadically during the winter. When spring comes, the plants will appear bigger, stronger and they will bloom better.

Welsh also reminds us that because these plants continue to grow through the change of seasons, we need to keep them fertilized.

For best results, select heat-resistant glass pans for pie baking.

The highest incorporated city in the United States is Leadville, CO, at an elevation of 10,152 ft.

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 537.381 km of seal coat at various locations on US 83, LP 204, FM 1981, FM 592, FM 1547, FM 2299, SH 70, SH 256, SH 86, FM 3031, US 62, FM 2466, FM 268, FM 3365, FM 3102, FM 1038, SH 222, US 82, FM 2701, SH 6, FM 1868, FM 2640, FM 3295, FM 392, FM 2363, FM 3143, FM 2998, FM 2876, FM 3103, and SH 152 covered by CPM 31-4-36, CPM 31-5-32, CPM 31-7-4, CPM 2165-1-6, CPM 761-5-9, CPM 761-1-14, CPM 761-3-16, CPM 2702-1-4, CPM 311-1-14, CPM 381-2-17, CPM 303-5-14, CPM 2545-2-6, CPM 32-1-27, CPM 2314-2-4, CPM 2533-2-5, CPM 303-3-35, CPM 2424-2-3, CPM 3182-1-5, CPM 760-1-18, CPM 496-2-14, CPM 496-4-28, CPM 496-1-20, CPM 133-3-35, CPM 2711-1-4, CPM 98-5-27, CPM 131-6-42, CPM 131-6-43, CPM 131-6-44, CPM 132-1-40, CPM 132-1-41, CPM 1773-1-8, CPM 132-3-27, CPM 2598-1-7, CPM 832-3-11, CPM 702-2-22, CPM 1701-2-10, CPM 146-1-39, CPM 105-4-34, CPM 797-7-22, CPM 3001-1-3, CPM 2251-2-3, CPM 832-3-12, CPM 3183-1-3, CPM 797-6-5, CPM 145-8-24, CPM 702-4-8, CPM 702-2-23, and CPM 486-1-24 in Collingsworth, Childress, Wheeler, Donley, Hall, Briscoe, Cottle, Knox, Dickens, King, Hardeman, Motley, and Foard County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., October 9, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

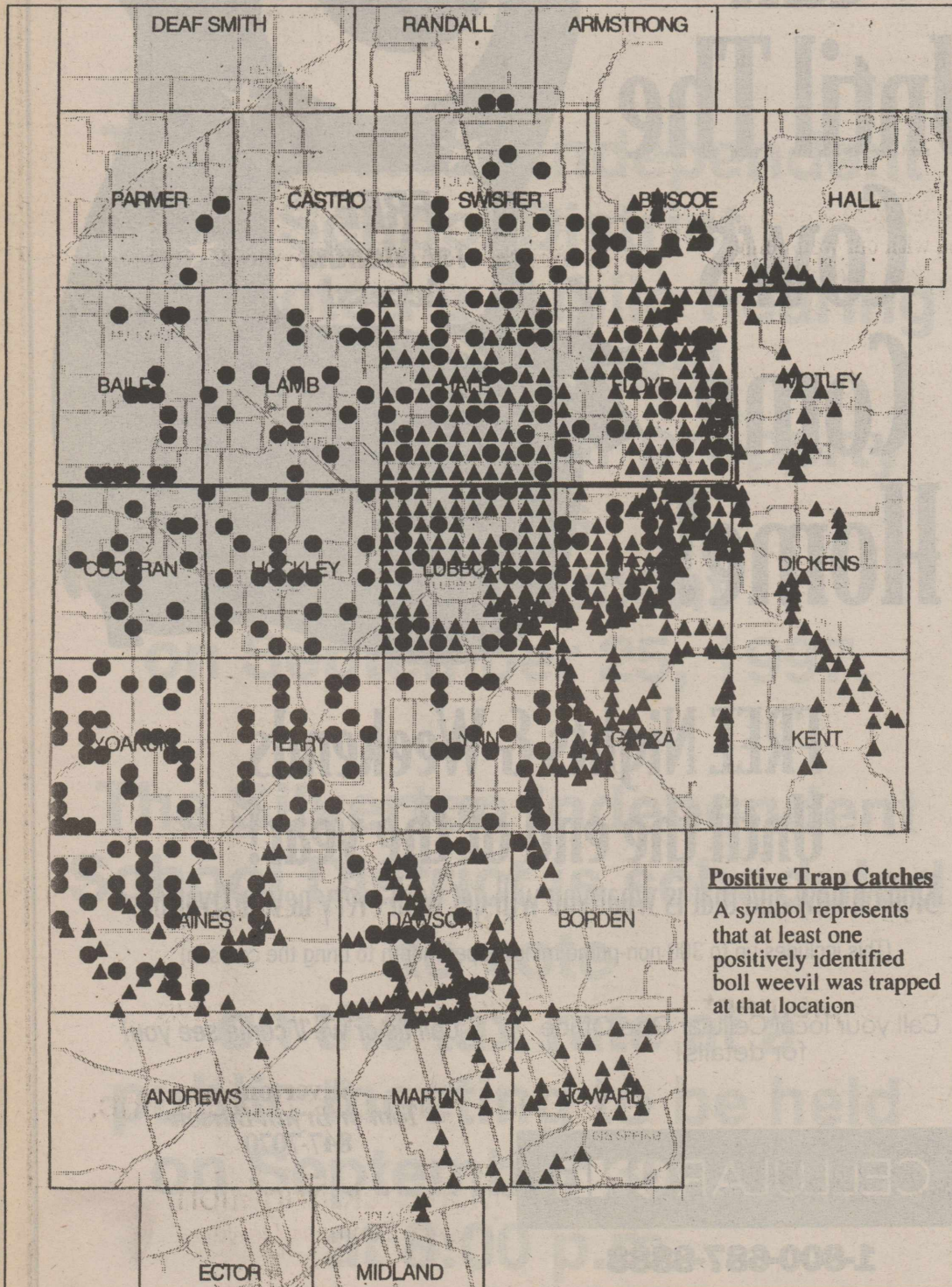
Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Daniel E. Brown, Area Engineer, Wellington, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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Boll Weevil Trapping Report 1997

Week 39 (09/15/97 thru 09/19/97)



Positive Trap Catches

A symbol represents that at least one positively identified boll weevil was trapped at that location

- AgriPartners Grid Trap
- ★ Crop Consultant or Producer Trap
- ▲ Plains Cotton Growers Trap

Data collected by AgriPartners Program of Texas Ag Extension Service, Independent Crop Consultants, individual cotton producers, and PCG Boll Weevil Control Program.

Map prepared by Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Control Office

**LIGHTHOUSE
ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

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

**SILVERTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Ted Kingery, Minister

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jess Craig Little, Pastor

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

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Jay Stinson, Pastor

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

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST MISSION**

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

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Father Ed Graff, Pastor

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

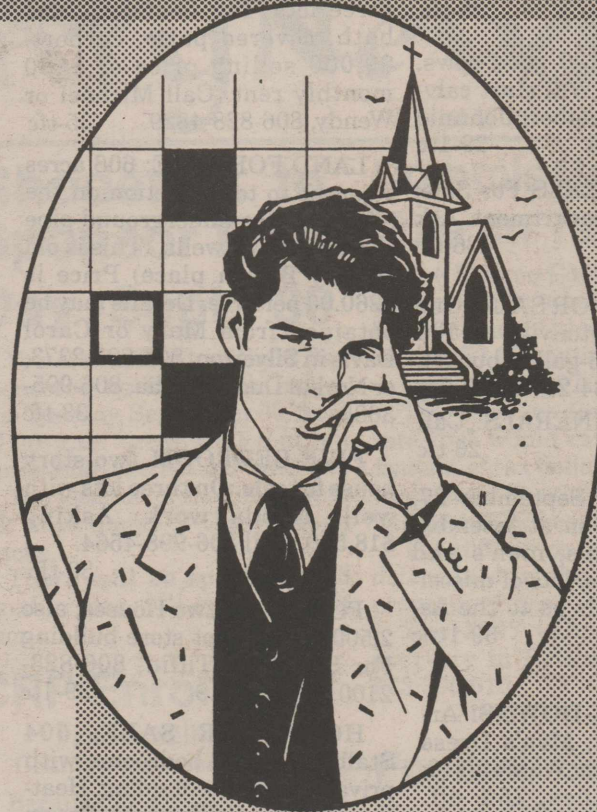
**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

TAKING CARE OF GOD'S TEMPLE

There is an old Spanish proverb that states, "It is not the burden, but the overburden that kills the beast." How nice it would be if we could follow these words and realize when we are overburdened so as to not jeopardize our physical and mental health. The dictionary defines burden as "a heavy load or a strong feeling of responsibility, guilt or shame". Although we should be the best judge to know if we are overburdened, sometimes we may not realize when circumstances affect us to a point that may be harmful to our health. Everyone's different, and various activities may affect each of us in different ways; that is, what may be a heavy burden to one person may merely be just a challenge to someone else.

Sometimes, we are not aware of how those close to us are affected by our various situations. Our loved ones are concerned with our well-being and we have a responsibility to them and to God, to take good care of ourselves. Our gift from God is our life, and our gift to God should be to take care of our temple.



Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee; He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

KJV Psalm 55:22

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

KJV 1 Corinthians 3:16

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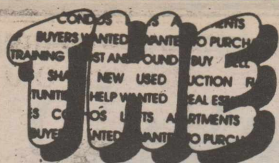
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FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Sam Stevens Double Stalk Cutter. 847-2528. 38-tfc

FOR SALE: 130 good cows, ages 5, 7 and 8. Will start calving first of December. Johnnie Burson, 847-2524. 39-1tc

TRASH BARRELS For Sale: Silverton Fire Department. Ask at City Hall. 26-tfc

TOMATOES FOR SALE: One mile east of Claytonville on FM 145. \$6.00 for a 5-gallon bucket. After 5:00 call 684-2871. 37-2tp

FEEDS & MINERALS: Call 847-2291. 26-tfc

YARD SALE: September 27, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Assembly of God. Women's, men's and children's clothes, lots of miscellaneous. Proceeds go to the Assembly of God. 39-1tnc

LAST MARK-DOWNS! Arrow Shirts, \$10; Men's Dress Pants, \$12; lots Women's & Children's Clothes, 75% off. Come in for some good buys. Tiffin's Dept. Store. 39-1tc

REAL ESTATE

REAL ESTATE: For Sale or Rent: 14x60 Mobile Home on three lots. Two bedrooms, one bath, covered patio, carport. \$9,000 selling price or \$180 monthly rent. Call Michael or Wendy, 806-828-4829. 35-tfc

LAND FOR SALE: 608 acres adjacent to town section on the NORTH. Has underground pipe and four small wells. (This is old H. Roy Brown place) Price is \$260.00 per acre. Details may be obtained from Mary or Carol Davis in Silverton, 806-823-2373, or Norlan Dudley, Tulia, 806-995-3688. 33-tfc

FIVE-BEDROOM two-story house for sale. On three lots with well. Needs work. Asking \$18,500. Call 806-998-4564. 39-tfc

FOR SALE: Two Houses; also 2,500 square foot store building For Sale. Rex Tiffin, 806-823-2100 or 823-2219. 39-1tc

HOME FOR SALE: 504 Stalbird. Three bedrooms with private baths. Steel siding. Heating. Cooling. Ceiling fans. Storm cellar. Garage. 1/4 block. Jackie Mercer. 49-tfc

THREE BEDROOM, one Bath House For Sale. 305 Braidfoot. Wayne Reed, 823-2516. 38-2tc

FOR SALE: Three Bedroom Home with 2 1/2 Baths, Office, Basement. Contact Juanita Stephens, 823-2090. 37-4tc

SERVICES

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., 111 N. Wall St. (1 block north of courthouse), Floydada. 1-806-983-3635. 16-tnc

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LAND WANTED: 160 to 330 acres, grassland, farm, and/or metal building close to your area, priced right. Have sold some land, have 30 days to reinvest. Will buy soon. Evenings 409-740-2634. 38-3tp

SERVICES

GERMANIA: Lee's Insurance Agency, Box 36, Flomot, Texas 79234. 806-469-5370. 26-tfc

LOST & FOUND

LOST: 3/4 Siamese Male Cat. Grey and white with blue eyes and blue flea collar. Goes by name of Tiny. Declawed. If found or seen, PLEASE call Sabrina at 823-2307. 39-1tp

LOST: Two keys with black leather tag attached were lost Wednesday, September 10, about 4:30 p.m. If you find them, please drop them in the "Local" mail slot in the Post Office. 38-2tnc

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you God and all of His people. It is only because of God and all of His people who responded to our cries for help that our lives were spared and our recovery so rapid after our wreck last Monday. For all of these acts, prayers and concern, we are eternally grateful and sincerely blessed. Thank you one and all. Joe and Carolyn

CARD OF THANKS

Dear friends,
I thought that I would be home before now. I still hope to be there soon. I really cannot think of adequate words to tell you how I enjoyed the beautiful cards, the visits in the hospital, the telephone calls, the flowers and the prayers for my recovery. They all were so encouraging and helpful. They helped me through all of the hard nights and days.

With appreciation and love,
Josie Anderson
5505 16th Street
Lubbock, Texas 79416
797-4579

I would like to thank LaNell and Sylvia Hill for giving me the nice birthday party. It was very nice and I appreciate it very much.

Thanks to everyone for the pretty birthday cards, gifts and phone calls, and to the ones who came to the party.

Thank you,
Ruby Hester

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Thanks for the visits, food, flowers, cards, prayer, mowing and words of encouragement since I had my accident. It is wonderful to live in a town where people come to your aid when in need.

Love,
Eudean

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