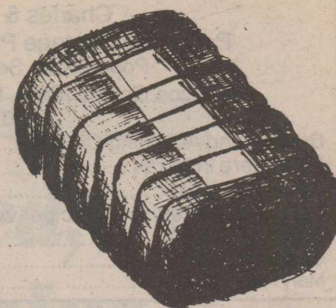


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Tourism Task Force to Meet Tuesday Night

The Briscoe County Tourism Task Force will have a meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the First National Bank in Quitaque.

"We will be reviewing the 1997 tourism program and making plans for the task force's direction in 1998," said Calley Payne, Briscoe County Extension Agent.

"Please bring with you any activity dates for 1998 so that we may begin work on the calendar," Pammy Millican, Briscoe County Extension Agent, added. "We look forward to seeing you on the 28th and working towards improving tourism in this county."

Talent Show To Be Presented

A talent show will be presented in the Silverton School auditorium at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, November 6.

Any student is welcome to participate in the program which is being held during Quiet Zone.

Parents and others are invited to attend.

Courthouse Will Be Closed on Nov. 4

The courthouse will be closed on Tuesday, November 4, when Briscoe County Precinct 4 voters go to the County Courtroom in the Courthouse to cast their ballots, but the doors will be open to admit these voters into the building.

A permanent change has been made by the County Commissioners, relocating the Precinct 4 voting place from D&K Manufacturing to the County Courtroom.

WEATHER

OCTOBER 24-HOUR

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Early Voting Began Monday

With early voting in the November 4 constitutional amendment election beginning Monday, County Clerk Bess McWilliams is advising voters of an important change in the law regarding elections.

"A new law requires that anyone who votes has to show ID in some form or fashion if they don't have their salmon-colored voter registration cards," said Mrs. McWilliams.

"No one will be able to vote without the proper ID in the event they don't have their card. Those who don't have a card should contact the voting registrar's office, which in Briscoe County is the office of Tax Collector Betty Stephens."

Fourteen proposed amendments to the state constitution are up for voter consideration in the election--including No. 8 which would allow the use of home equity as collateral for loans.

Ballot language calls for a simple "For" or "Against" vote.

Early voting got underway Monday and will continue through Halloween (Friday, October 31) in the office of the County & District Clerk in the Briscoe County Courthouse.

The constitutional questions are the only issues on the ballot. Polling places will be the same as usual, with the exception of

the place for Precinct #4 voting which has been changed from D&K Manufacturing to the County Courtroom in the Briscoe County Courthouse. This is a permanent change for this voting place.

Mail-in ballots are available to those who are 65 or older or who are temporarily out of the county by writing the County Clerk's Office, Box 375, Silverton, Texas 79257, and requesting a ballot.

The last day the Clerk is able to receive an application for a ballot by mail is October 28, and the by-mail ballots must be received back in her office by November 4.

In addition to now having to produce the voter's card or ID at polling places, Mrs. McWilliams said the qualifications for mail-in ballots have changed.

BCAA Meets Tonight at 'Barn

Briscoe County Activities Association will have its regular meeting tonight (Thursday, October 23) at 8:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

All members are urged to attend, and new members are always welcome.

Plan To Join The Fun at the Annual Fall Festival Carnival Saturday Night

The annual Fall Festival Carnival will begin at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 25, at the Showbarn in Silverton. Everyone is invited to come join the fun! The event will be sponsored by Little League Baseball.

An admission charge of 25c will be collected at the door from each person attending.

Members of Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church will have their Mexican food booth.

There will be game booths and

Bingo, Cake Walk, Pillow Fight, Duck Pond, among others.

Booth space is still available if you would like to have a booth at the carnival. If you or your club would like to have a fund-raiser, the booth space will be \$5.00. For booth reservation or information, you can call Melissa Estes or Colleen Reed.

The Showbarn will be open at 5:00 p.m. Friday and at 9:00 a.m. Saturday for setting up booths.

Fall Festival Royalty To Be Elected, Presented in Formal Ceremony

Fall Festival royalty will be elected and presented in a formal ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, October 25, in the Silverton School auditorium. The event is a fund-raiser for the Silverton chapter of Future Homemakers of America.

Crown and scepter bearers, selected from the pre-kindergarten class are April DeLeon, daughter of Rolando DeLeon and Judy Segura, and Isaac Reyna, son of Eloy and Erma Reyna.

Those chosen as crown and scepter bearers from the kinder-

garten are Elsie Dutton, daughter of Donnie and Leigh Ann Dutton, and Chase Stidham, son of Lance and Letisia Stidham.

Candidates for Princess and Prince include:

First Grade--Townlii Ziegler, daughter of Brad and JonEtta Ziegler, and Shawn Johnson, son of Dixie and Derrel Johnson

Second Grade--Tory Patton, daughter of Mark and Derinda Patton, and Shane Estes, son of

See FALL FESTIVAL--
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Flu Shots and Screenings Are Planned Today

Calley Payne
 County Extension Agent

A variety of health-related services will be available at the Silverton City Hall on Thursday, October 23, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flu shots will be provided by the Texas Department of Health. The cost is \$7.00 or less, based on ability to pay. If you are on Medicare, it will cover the cost. Be sure to bring your Medicare card.

In addition, Swisher Memorial Hospital Home Health will be providing blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, and the Briscoe County Extension Service will have information available on several "Health Subjects". Make plans to take advantage of these services while they are available locally.



High School Cheerleaders this year are (left to right) Lindsey Jennings, Michelle Warren, Kenda Wood, Molly Brooks, Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver and Shauna Kingery.

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Christmas Arts & Crafts Jubilee Set November 22

The Christmas Arts & Crafts Jubilee will be held Saturday, November 22, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Briscoe County Showbarn in Silverton. Booth spaces will be 8x10 feet for \$10.00 each. Tables are limited; they will be available on a first-call, first-served basis. All kinds of arts and crafts are welcome. For more information or to reserve a booth, you may call Brenda Patton at (daytime) 806-823-2426 or (after 5:30) 806-823-2446. 42-2tnc

Fall Carnival To Be Held Oct. 25

The annual Fall Carnival will be sponsored by Little League Baseball this year, and will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25 at the Showbarn in Silverton. Any organization or individual is welcome to have a booth at the carnival. For booth information, contact Melissa Estes, 823-2221, or Colleen Reed, 823-2516.

Win Owls!

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Silverton has recently received a contract award from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for water system improvements. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm (registered to practice in the State of Texas) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

A copy of the Request for Proposal for Services may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Jarrett Atkinson, (806) 372-3381. A statement of qualifications for these proposed services will be required. Please submit your proposal and statement of qualifications to Mr. Jerry Patton, City Administrator, City of Silverton, P. O. Box 250, Silverton, Texas 79257-0250.

Completed proposals must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 1997 to be considered. The City of Silverton reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102.

The City of Silverton is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. 44-1tc

Open House Is Sunday at Senior Apartment Complex

Open House will be held Sunday, October 26, from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. at Liberty Suites in Tulia, located adjacent to the Consetoga Restaurant on North Highway 87. Liberty Suites is a full-service retirement apartment complex for area senior citizens. Door prizes, refreshments and tours of model apartments will be on the open house agenda. Barbara Scroggins, former Silverton Justice of the Peace, purchased the Crow's Motel and is converting it into retirement apartments for area senior citizens. The property will offer a variety of services and is the first apartment complex of its kind in Swisher County.

Ms. Scroggins' company has owned and operated Unlimited Care in Tulia the past four years. Unlimited Care is a private residential long-term care home as an alternative to nursing home institutions for persons needing around-the-clock care and living assistance.

The new apartment complex is designed to enhance and extend senior citizens' liberty of personal choice and independence in a rural town atmosphere. Ms. Scroggins stated, "Our goal is to meet needs of senior citizens who don't require around-the-clock care, but desire to live independently in a safe and secure environment with services such as daily meals, housekeeping and linen laundry. Emergency call systems are in each apartment with staff available on the premises at all times in case of emergencies."

According to Ms. Scroggins, "If senior citizens have a clean, safe place to live with daily nutritious meals and companionship of others living nearby, it can prevent moving to a nursing home environment."

For questions regarding apartment rates and services, Ms. Scroggins can be reached at 806-995-4300 or 1-800-753-2973.

PROCLAMATION

By Executive Order of the Honorable John Bowman, Mayor of the City of Silverton, it is hereby proclaimed:

WHEREAS, April 1997 marked the twenty-ninth anniversary of the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included Title VIII, the Fair Housing Law, for guaranteed equal housing opportunity for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Fair housing is consistent with the principle of equality and justice for all, providing the challenge to combat discrimination, and to broaden the protection of the beliefs upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, This month provides an opportunity for all Americans to rededicate themselves to the principles of free choice and to reacquire themselves with the rights and responsibilities that are theirs under the Fair Housing Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Bowman, Mayor of the City of Silverton, do hereby proclaim November 1997 as:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF SILVERTON and urge my fellow citizens to join me in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all people.

Let all within the reach of this proclamation heed its directive.

By his Honor the Mayor of the City of Silverton, Texas.

/s/ Dwain Henderson Mayor Pro-Tem 44-1tc



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October 22, 1987--4-H Gold Star Awards presented to Celeste Sperry and Penni Fogerson . . . Bill and Janinne Brooks were winners of the 4-H Silver Spur Awards which recognize outstanding service by adult leaders . . . Jack Loudermilk, 62, died at his home in Quitaque Sunday morning after a brief illness . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wallace celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a dinner party Sunday . . . DeLyn Patton was presented as Football Queen in pre-game ceremonies Friday night . . . Julie Towe and Neal Edwards were presented as Miss and Mr. Flame as they lighted a torch that burned in the south endzone all during the homecoming game with Texline which was won by the Owls 46-0 . . . Robbie McWaters was presented as Pep squad Beau at the Pep Rally Friday afternoon . . . Mrs. Pascal Garrison received word last week that Clovis Hill was in Mesa, Arizona helping his daughter move when he had a heart attack and had to undergo open heart surgery . . .

October 27, 1977--Cotton grades reported exceptionally good . . . Services held for Mrs. Mabel Wesley . . . W. H. Brooks was brought home from St. Anthony's Hospital last Tuesday, after he had undergone surgery . . . The Gold Star Awards, highest presented on the county level, were given to Susan Payne and James Alan Patton at the annual banquet Saturday night . . . The first annual Briscoe County Pig Sale was held Monday night. Twenty-two consigners from Texas and Oklahoma brought a total of 235 pigs and the average selling price was \$86.85 . . . The Silverton Tri State Rodeo Club was organized with the following as officers: Brent Brannon, president; Cam Forbes, vice president; Shelly Harris, secretary-treasurer; Walter Perkins, reporter; Darrell Dowd, sentinel; Paul Brannon, photographer . . . Silverton Young Homemakers hear program by Bess McWilliams on "What To Do Until the Ambulance Comes" . . . Funeral services held in Henrietta for Maxey Lavy, 64 . . .

October 19, 1967--Mackenzie Municipal Water Bond Proposal defeated in Floydada and Tulia, passed in Silverton and Lockney . . . Larry Comer represented Texas in the western U. S. 4-H Tractor Operator's Contest October 8-10 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He placed seventh among the 18 state winners who were competing for the regional honor . . . Jerry Garrison, senior art major at Hardin-Simmons University, has been named editor of the "Corral" campus literary magazine . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Turner have received word from their son, Sp4 Guinn Edwin Turner, that he landed

safely at Ben Cat in South Vietnam and is with the 54th Artillery group . . . Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Turner are parents of a son, Keenan Lee . . . Mrs. George Seaney and Mrs. Pascal Garrison visited Mrs. J. P. Cogdill at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo Saturday . . . Michael Hill was honored with a party on his fourth birthday Saturday. Attending the party were Will Ledbetter, Bryan Schott, Lesa Allison, Dwain Strange, Greg and Monroe Hill . . . Miss Sandi House became the bride of Airman 2/C Emmett Tomlin in a double-ring ceremony performed Saturday evening in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie House. Earl Cantwell, minister of the Rock Creek Church of Christ, officiated . . .

October 31, 1957--Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patsy Jean, to Mr. John Kennedy Vakey . . . Glynn H. Bunch charged with murder; released on bond late Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hutsell, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mercer and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley attended homecoming at WTSC Saturday . . . Mrs. P. D. Jasper, Dawn Jasper, Alva C. Jasper and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Rowell were in Lubbock Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis, Sharla and Gary visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Francis, Monday . . . The Hy-Lands Study Club met Tuesday in the clubroom with Mrs. G. Mayfield as hostess. Mrs. Arthur Arnold presided over the business meeting . . . Haylake Club has covered dish luncheon in the home of Ruby Brannon . . . Freshman Class officers are Joe Anderson, president; Bill Durham, vice president; John Burson, secretary-treasurer, and Benny Bingham, reporter . . . Mr. and Mrs. Greer Lackey spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon, Linda and Lou . . .

October 23, 1947--Dr. Richard Mayer to begin practicing in Silverton soon . . . War declared on courthouse pigeons Friday afternoon . . . Dickey Mayfield, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Mayfield, was admitted to the hospital in Plainview Friday for treatment . . . Mrs. Gordon Montague returned home Tuesday after having undergone surgery in a Lubbock hospital . . . The paint, body and radiator shop of J. V. Rodden has been moved to the Simpson Chevrolet Company where all future work by Mr. Rodden will be done . . . Mrs. Clifford Allard honored Mrs. Leavie Lindsey in her home Tuesday evening with a surprise birthday gathering . . . The LTD Club met at the home of Mrs. Durward Brown Tuesday. "Guess Whats" were given to Mrs. Gatewood Lusk and Mrs. J. W.

Lyon, jr. . . .
December 22, 1927--Train service possible here in about 110 days . . . Year of 1927 one of advancement for Silverton and Briscoe County . . . Largest wheat acreage in history of county . . . The Meeker Company, formerly Fort & Co. store, announces that the store will give cash coupons redeemable in china ware. There will be no drawings or specials to anyone . . . Lee Perkins is working for Silverton in the capacity as cleanup and garbage man . . . The management of the Castleberry and Whiteside store state that the merchandise to be given away by that store Saturday will be given away at four o'clock in the afternoon . . . The management of The Toggery reports an exceptionally good Holiday business and believe that it is just a good start for a good year to follow. A great deal of interest has been manifested in the cedar chest the store will give away on Saturday, Christmas Eve, at six o'clock . . . Tonight just as the News goes to press information is given by Guy Whitacre, which he just got over the radio, that William Edward Hickman, hunted slayer of Marion Parker, 12-year-old Los Angeles school girl, was captured today near Echo, Oregon . . . Glen Seay has built a nice size building at his place about ten miles southeast of Silverton on the Silverton-

Quitaque highway. Mr. Seay has a grocery store and filling station at this location . . . W. M. Amason has been doing some special work the past few days on the part of the highway passing through Silverton . . . Raymond Patton and P. O. Woods left this afternoon for Amarillo on business . . . A new furnace is being installed at the Silverton school building during the holiday period . . . Quitaque Post comes out with sixteen pages . . . The marriage of Miss Ina Leo Brown and Chester W. Skeen was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage in Sarasota early last month. Rev. Percell, pastor, officiated in the presence of a few friends. The bride was the capable stenographer of the First State Bank, moving to Punta Gorda about two years ago, from Macon, Georgia. Mr. Skeen is the son of the late Ples Skeen and Catherine Skeen of Silverton . . . Miss Elsie Vaughan and Miss Mildred Chappell were shopping in Silverton Monday . . . Mrs. Kate Quillen is now sole owner of Noah's Ark Cafe. She made the deal a few weeks ago. This cafe is noted in Silverton and by the traveling men over this section as a very popular eating place. Traveling men have often been heard to remark that they would drive away from towns most any direction from Silverton at the noon hour and come to this popular

eating place even at a later hour for a good meal at a reasonable price . . . T. M. Nichols, local manager of Willson & Son Lumber Yard at Silverton, now has for his assistant J. V. Porterfield as Mr. Woodman who has been working at the yard for some time has quit to move to his farm southwest of Silverton . . . Last Friday the Hatchery at Silverton was warmed up and Saturday one thousand eggs were set in one of the Buckeye incubators. J. M. Heald, manager, states that Raymond Bomar, who will see after the office work and assist Mr. Heald with the taking care of the incubators and chicks, has started his work in a good way . . . Next Monday night is Chamber of Commerce meeting time here . . . South Plains evidently will soon get a Post Office . . . Tuesday night a nice little snow fell to add more courage to the prospects of the wheat farmer for a wheat crop . . .

Happy Anniversary-

Oct. 23--Mr. and Mrs. Perry Brunson
Oct. 25--Mr. and Mrs. Richard Howell
Oct. 26--Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Birdwell
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Oct. 28--Mr. and Mrs. Stan Couch

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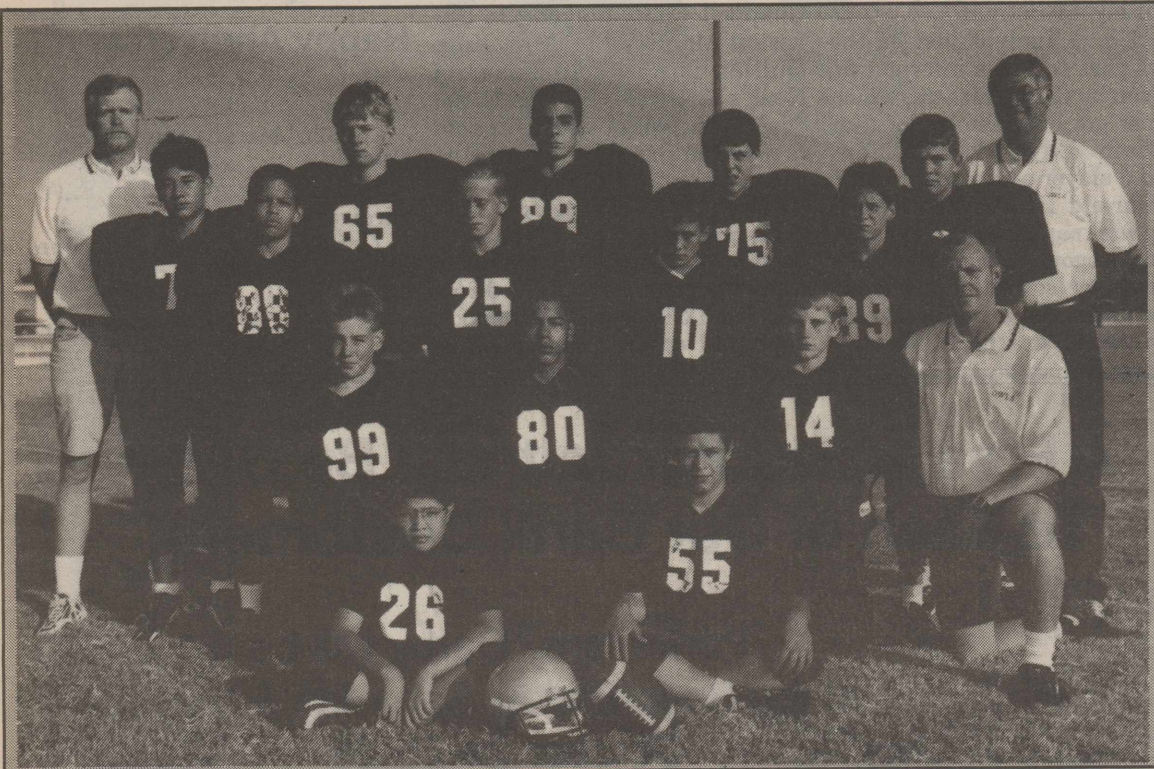
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Leading the cheers this year for the Junior High Owls are (left to right) Jenny Young, Chelsey Cherry, Bryn Mayfield and Tarran Forbes. R Photography Photo



The Junior High Owls--(back row, left to right) Coach Donnie Dutton, Nicholas Vargas, Duncan Vernon, Matt Strange, Danny Dunn, John Arnold, Coach Larry Mantle; (third row) Red Ivory, Clay McMurtrey, Monty Wood, Dustin Hale; (second row) Chase Comer, Jimmy Castillo, Andrew Francis, Coach Joe Crabb; (first row) Adrian Cruz, Jr. Gonzales.

Photo by R Photography

GED, CLEP, TASP Tests Offered Nov. 11 at Clarendon College

Clarendon College will offer the GED and CLEP exams on Tuesday, November 11, in the Bairfield Activity Center in Clarendon.

GED testing (High School Equivalency Exam) will begin Tuesday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center. Cost of the exam is \$40. Results will be available in 2 1/2 weeks. Individuals must call the CC Counseling Center in advance to schedule for the GED test.

Clarendon College also offers CLEP (College Level Examination Program) tests. The CLEP exam will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11. Cost of each CLEP test is \$50.

Examinations are limited to the following subjects: Accounting, American Government, U. S. History, College Algebra, En-

glish, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish and Trigonometry. Test results will be available in 2 1/2 weeks.

The TASP exam will be administered on Saturday, November 8. Students interested in TASP must pre-register by completing an official registration form. Registration information is available at the CC Counseling Center or from area high school counselors.

Effective Fall 1998, all high school students will be required to take the TASP test prior to enrolling in a Texas college or university. Students who wish to enroll in dual credit or concurrent enrollment courses must all take the TASP prior to enrolling. Students who have not taken the TASP and are currently enrolled in higher education will need to complete the TASP before enrolling for the Spring semester at

Clarendon College.

For more information about either the TASP, GED or CLEP tests, please call the CC Counseling Center from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 806-874-3571.

Cut Flower Gardening

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Nothing perks up the indoors more than fresh-cut flowers.

That's why more gardeners are growing their own cut flowers.

Extension horticulturist Dr. Bill Welch says cut flowers can be grown in flowerbeds or gardens, but it's easier to maintain and grow them if they're planted in rows.

You can plant annuals such as marigolds, sunflowers and baby's breath. Or you may prefer perennials such as irises, ferns and

Extension - Sponsored Events Are Successful at Fall Foliage Festival

Calley Payne
Briscoe County Extension Agent

The Briscoe County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service sponsored two events during the Fall Foliage Festival in Quitaque. Over 100 people attended the Health Fair at First National Bank.

Of those attending, 61 received flu shots, 65 had blood sugar and/or blood pressure screening, 15 had glaucoma screening and seven had mammograms.

Agencies attending this year's fair were the American Cancer Society, Harrington Cancer Center, Integrated Health Services, Lions Eye Bank, OutReach Health Services/WIC Program, Rural Nurse Resource, Inc., Swisher Memorial Hospital Home Health, Texas Department of Health, and Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Dona Smith was winner of the

T-shirt given away by Swisher Memorial Hospital Home Health. Other winners in the home health agency's drawings were Robert True, Alvie Francis, H. G. Boyles and Phyllis Bowman.

The Roll-Over Convincer/Seat Belt Awareness demonstrations were held on the bank's parking lot. Sheriff Max Whitworth and Deputy Raul Garza explained the importance of wearing your seat belt and gave statistics emphasizing how seat belts save lives. Seeing the life-size dummies thrown from the rolling pickup cab convincer, when they weren't wearing their seat belts, gave the audience an actual picture of what can happen in a roll-over crash.

Everyone who came to the demonstrations received a "Buckle Your Bod" key chain and a "Buckle Up Texas" pencil.

Public Meetings To Be Held on Regional Water Planning Areas

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will hold a series of public meetings in October to receive public comments on the initial draft state and regional water planning guidance documents and the initial draft delineation of 14 regional water planning areas, which were released on October 1.

Senate Bill (SB1), the comprehensive water bill that was passed during the legislative session ending in June, requires the TWDB to designate regional water planning areas and approve regional water plans, which will be incorporated into the next state water plan. SBI requires cities, counties, water districts and other local entities to map out how they will conserve water supplies and respond to future droughts in their planning areas and requires regional water planning groups, comprised of repre-

sentatives of the various interests in an area, to plan how the area will meet future water supply needs. Planning areas are required to submit regional water plans to the TWDB for approval every five years beginning September 2000. The TWDB will incorporate approved regional water plans into the next comprehensive state water plan, which is due September 1, 2001.

Public meetings to discuss the initial draft planning guidance documents and regional water planning areas will be held from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. in various Texas cities. The meeting closest to Silverton will be held at the Plainview Country Club in Plainview on Thursday, October 30.

As intended by SBI, the TWDB's development of rules and water planning areas will be the result of local effort, "driven from the bottom up." The TWDB will provide financial and technical assistance to the regional water planning group representatives in the development of their regional water plans and will resolve disputes between regions.

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He recommends cutting the flowers during the coolest part of the day when they are perkier. Remove the lower foliage that would be submerged in the vase. Cut the stems, preferably under water to prevent air bubbles from clogging the stems. Put the flowers in clean containers of lukewarm water with a floral preservative.

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Project Links Jobseekers With Prospective Employers

by Mary Jane Shanes
Social Security Manager
Plainview, Texas

The most common reason employers give for not hiring people with disabilities--"I don't have time to look for anyone with a disability who is qualified"--is rebutted by a federal government project aimed at providing employers with qualified job candidates with disabilities. The project has been tested with federal agencies in the Washington area and is being expanded to other federal agencies and made accessible to employers in the private sector.

Project ABLE--"Able Beneficiaries Link to Employers"--is a joint initiative of the Office of Personnel Management, Social Security Administration, Rehabilitation Services Administration, and State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies. The project assists persons who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits to find jobs in the federal government.

The program maintains a resume bank of persons with disabilities who want to work and are qualified for federal jobs. VR counselors input the vocational information of job-ready individuals to this file. Federal employers obtain resumes from this file to use in hiring when they have job openings.

The first phase of ABLE was tested in Washington, D. C., Maryland and Virginia. Now that testing is completed in these pilot sites, Project ABLE has been expanded to persons living in California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Texas. Participation is entirely voluntary.

Social Security beneficiaries who wish to enroll should contact their local VR agency. VR counselors will assess them to determine if they are currently ready for employment. If a person is not ready for enrollment, the VR agency may be able to offer training or other services that will help him or her qualify for a job.

Federal agencies can access OPM's Automated Applicant Referral System (AARS) at 912-757-3150-Worksheet #6. A valid agency identification code is needed to access the system. If a federal official wishes to gain access to the resume bank, and does not have a preassigned AARS user code, one can be obtained by calling 912-757-3030 at the OMP Macon Service Center.

Project ABLE soon will be expanding to additional states and may become accessible to private sector employers. For current information, you may contact SSA's Project Leader, Regina Sajauskas at 410-965-5381, tdd 410-966-6210, email: regina.1.sajauskas@ssa.gov or visit the website--http://www.ssa.gov/programs/disability/able.html.

Seniors Invited to College Sneak Peek

Area high school seniors are invited to attend Clarendon College's third annual high school visit day on Friday, October 24. Sneak Peek '97 participants will be able to tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, audition for choir and drama scholarships and more.

Sneak Peek '97 will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center with a welcome from CC President Dr. Scott Elliott. From 9:00 until 11:00 a.m., students will have the opportunity to speak with instructors in their area of interest. The CC Student Ambassadors will provide a walking tour of the campus and all visitors will be treated to lunch in the college's dining hall.

Both parents and students are invited to attend Sneak Peek '97. Overnight on-campus accommodations are available for students. Individuals interested in staying on-campus need to reserve a room by calling 1-800-687-9737 by Friday, October 17.

"Sneak Peek '97 is a wonderful way for both parents and college-bound students to get a first-hand look at Clarendon College," Judith Orman, Admissions Coordinator said. "Visitors to Clarendon College are always impressed by our beautiful campus and our friendly faculty, students and staff. There is definitely a sense of warmth and friendliness about our campus."

High school seniors interested in drama and choir are encouraged to audition for college fine arts scholarships. Administered by Fine Arts Chair Jim Stewart, choir auditions will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium. Students will need to provide their own accompaniment music and prepare to sing one song of their choice. Drama scholarship auditions will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Auditorium and will be administered by Dr. Carale Man-

ning-Hill. Drama students will need to complete an application and provide a recent, close-up photograph. For the audition, students will need to perform 45-90 seconds of prepared monologue material. Students must call CC at 1-800-687-9737 by Friday, October 17, to reserve a try-out position for choir and drama scholarship auditions.

Sneak Peek '97 attendees also are invited to attend the annual Clarendon College Intramural Rodeo at 1:00 p.m. at the city rodeo arena. At 9:00 p.m. there will be a dance in the Community Center, located next to the rodeo grounds.

For more information about Clarendon College's Sneak Peek '97, please call Clarendon College at 1-800-687-9737.

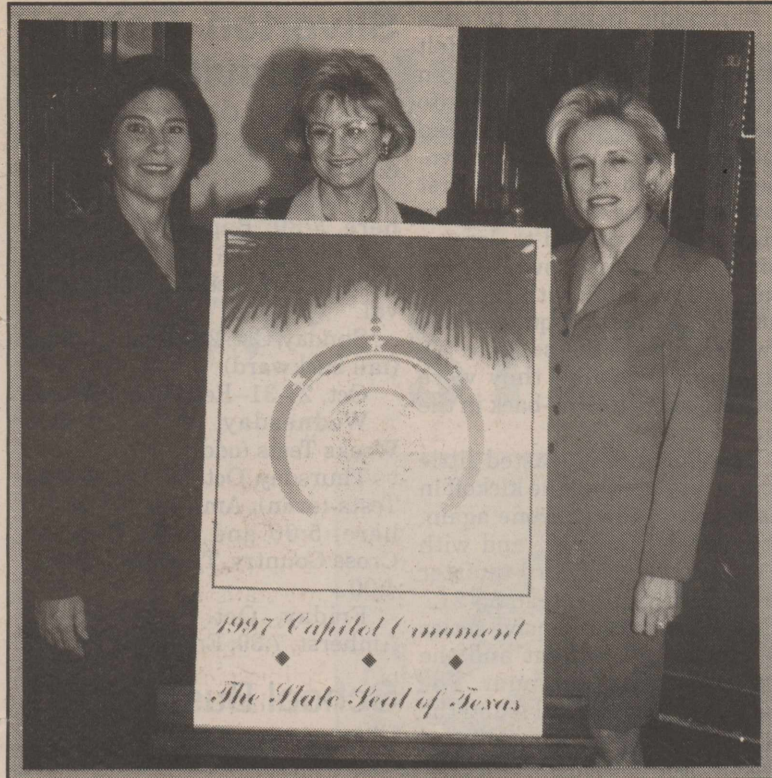
Master Gardening Classes

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

One of the newest classes of the Master Gardeners program is getting started in the Rio Grande Valley. If they keep up with their studies for four months, each student will become a certified Master Gardener. That's a prestigious title in the nursery and landscape business. And it doesn't come easy.

For 16 weeks, students learn about horticulture from landscape design and construction to nutrition. Hidalgo County horticulture agent Brad Abrameit explains that after 50 hours of service to the community through horticultural activities such as landscape work at a city park.

To find out if the Master Gardener program is available in your area, contact your County Extension Agent, Pammy Millican, 806-823-2131.



Laura Bush, Nelda Laney and Jan Bullock announced the formal opening of sales of the 1997 Capitol holiday ornament. This is the second in a series, and both the 1996 and 1997 ornaments are still available.

First Ladies of Texas Kick-Off Ornament Sales

Nelda Laney, wife of Texas House Speaker Pete Laney and chairman of the Capitol Ornament Committee, has been joined by First Lady Laura Bush, wife of Governor George Bush, and Jan Bullock, wife of Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, in announcing the formal opening of sales of the 1997 Capitol Ornament.

"This year's ornament features the State Seal of Texas," said Mrs. Laney, who originated the Capitol Ornament program. "This is the second in a series of collectible ornaments featuring our great symbols of Texas." The ornaments help fund educational programming and continued preservation of the Capitol.

"For all of us who love Texas, this series of ornaments, which benefits the Capitol preservation project, is a wonderful collection to pass down through our families," said Mrs. Bush.

Mrs. Bullock added: "This gives everyone an opportunity to take a timeless keepsake home for the holidays. At the same time they can take pride in knowing they've made an investment in Texas education and efforts to preserve the Capitol."

The ornament is a 3 1/4-inch circular ornament with a 24k gold finish on a three-dimensional design of the seal enhanced by a navy border. The seal details are highlighted with green, red and white enamel with "The State of Texas" lettering in white enamel edged with gold.

The ornament is presented in a blue velour-lined gift box and includes a leaflet relating the history of the state seal.

"Last year, we had hoped to sell 500 or so ornaments and were surprised when demand exceeded 14,000," Mrs. Laney said.

"We've ordered 30,000 this year." A limited number of the first edition ornaments, featuring the south facade of the Capitol, also are being made available.

Cost for either the 1997 State of Texas seal or the 1996 Texas State Capitol ornament is \$18.40 per ornament (includes tax, shipping and handling). A 20 percent discount is offered for quantities of 25 or more.

Mail orders to The Capitol Gift Shop, P. O. Box 13286, Austin, TX 78711, telephone 512-305-8408, fax 512-475-3184.

Texas A&M Researcher Wins World Food Prize

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

A Texas A&M researcher is this year's co-winner of the World Food Prize. That's the agricultural equivalent of a Nobel Prize.

Dr. Perry Adkisson is credited with the concept of integrated pest management, or I-P-M. Through the use of beneficial insects, pest-resistant plants and changes in crop management, I-P-M has reduced pesticides usage by 50 percent.

The retired Texas A&M chancellor and entomologist says farmers accept I-P-M because it makes sense. They can spend less on pesticides and get more productive crops.

But in the beginning it was a hard row to hoe. Adkisson and his colleagues endured severe criticism from people who believed chemicals were the only effective way to control damaging insects. Adkisson says winning the World Food Prize is vindication.



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Owls In Must-Win Situation Since Losing to Lazbuddie Longhorns

Silverton's Owls found the Lazbuddie Longhorns to be a very tough opponent, as always, when they invaded the home of the 'Horns last Friday night. This creates a must-win situation for the Owls with Whitharral this week if they are to go into the playoffs.

Whitharral has been highly rated this year by virtue of their one-point loss to state champion Gordon last season. The margin of their state championship game loss was a controversial point, and it is doubtful that the memory of that loss has been erased from the minds of the Panthers and their fans.

Hardly anyone debates the toughness of the district in which the Owls play, and this is attested by the fact that the runnerup to the state champion came out of this district last year and the two years previous to that the state championship resided at Amherst.

Coach Larry Mantle is not one to make excuses. "We got beat," he said after his 10th-ranked Owls dropped a 50-21 decision to No. 6 Lazbuddie in a showdown Friday for District 3-1A Six-Man supremacy.

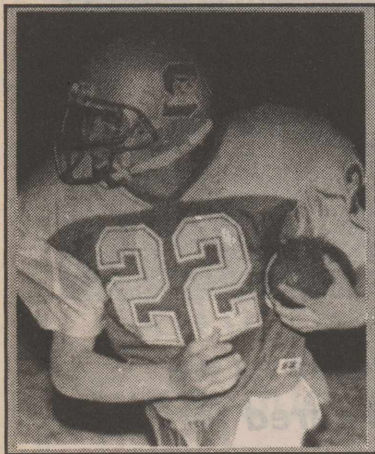
Mantle said, "Lazbuddie played better than I thought they were, but now that I've seen them I'm not sure they played as good as they can.

"On film they didn't look as quick, plus they're big and have tremendous depth. They're an upperclass-type team," he added. "They do everything good.

"Our kids played a good game. We just played a real good team and got beat," Mantle said. What we need to do now is get ready to play Whitharral Friday night.

Silverton hosts Whitharral Friday for what likely will be the district runner-up and second playoff spot.

"They're going to be good," Mantle said of Whitharral, a former top 10 team whose losses have come to No. 5 Follett and No. 4 Borden County. "We have to go out and play the best we can and hope it's good enough."



Charlie Bomar, starting center for the Owls, has caught several passes and has gained yardage for the team this year. He is shown in action in the Lazbuddie game. *Briscoe County News Photo*



Jack Cherry was on the receiving end of a couple of passes in the game with Lazbuddie last Friday night. He is shown being tackled by one of the Longhorns. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Jared Holt kicked off to open last week's game, and the defense held them to three and out. Trey Wyatt returned their punt to the Silverton 24.

The Owl offense wasn't able to get moving in the first series of plays, and Leland Wood and Andy Bullock stopped the runback on Jared's punt.

Lazbuddie scored two plays later, passed complete for the PAT, and held a 7-0 lead with 6:00 minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Lazbuddie kicked off and Jeremy Holt managed to get it only to the nine-yard line. Once again the Owl offense was held in check, and Jared Holt punted out of bounds on the Lazbuddie 22.

The Longhorns came out passing, making two first downs before passing for a touchdown with 3:00 remaining in the first quarter. They kicked the PAT and moved ahead 15-0.

The Owls took the kickoff on their 23, and Jeremy Holt ran for an eight-yard gain before Jack Cherry hit Jared Holt with a pass. Trey Ziegler carried the first down on the Lazbuddie 27, after which Cherry completed another pass to Jared Holt. A second Cherry to Holt pass picked up yardage as time expired in the first quarter.

Jeremy Holt ran for another first down on the Lazbuddie 12 and scored with 9:37 still on the second-quarter clock. A pass from Jeremy Holt to Jack Cherry was good for the PAT, and the Owls narrowed the score to 15-7.

After taking the kickoff back to their 20, the 'Horns passed complete for a 12-yard gain, stopped by Trey Wyatt, then passed for a first down, stopped by Bullock. They made a first down on the two, after which they passed complete for another score. Another pass was complete for the PAT, and with 6:51 remaining before



Andy Bullock was pictured returning one of Lazbuddie's kicks. *Briscoe County News Photo*

halftime, the 'Horns held a 22-7 lead.

Lazbuddie kicked off, and Wyatt returned the ball to the Silverton 38. The Owls got a first down on a penalty against Lazbuddie for roughing the passer, and Cherry passed to Jeremy Holt for another touchdown with 5:10 still on the clock. Jeremy drop-kicked the PAT, and the Owls narrowed the score to 22-15.

The Longhorns came charging back with their passing attack and moved down the field to score with 2:23 remaining in the second quarter. Their PAT kick was blocked by the Owls, and Lazbuddie held a 28-15 lead.

The Owls received the kickoff, but lost the ball on a fumble with 1:25 remaining to be played before halftime. Wyatt ended the hope of the 'Horns by intercepting a pass in the endzone for a touchback for the Owls. Cherry completed a pass to Ziegler before the first half ended.

Lazbuddie kicked off to open the second half, and Jeremy Holt returned the ball to the Silverton 21. Cherry completed a pass to Ziegler and Jeremy added enough yardage for a first down. Ziegler picked up another first down on the Lazbuddie 18, after which Cherry passed to Jeremy for another touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 6:45 remaining in the third quarter, the Owls narrowed the score to 28-21 and looked like they were about to make a come-back in the game.

The Longhorns wasted little time after receiving the kickoff in making it to the endzone again. They kicked the PAT, and with 5:11 still on the third-quarter clock, they moved ahead 35-21.

Silverton's next offensive series was a disappointment and the Owls were forced to punt. The end of the third period found the Longhorns charging goalward after a first down on the Silverton 15. They passed complete to the five as the third quarter came to a close. They passed for a touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter. There was no PAT, and with 9:55 remaining in the game, the Longhorns led 42-21.

The next Owl offensive series was abbreviated by a fumble which the Longhorns recovered on the Silverton 20. They scored two plays later, kicked the PAT and with 7:39 left to play, led 50-21. That was where the game ended, in spite of a fumble recovery by Will Hester and other notable plays. Silverton received a couple of penalties that hurt their chances, and the 'Horns were making it impossible for Cherry to hit his passes.

Jeremy Holt carried the ball 14 times for a gain of 72 yards and Ziegler ran eight times for a gain of 50.

Cherry hit 12 of 22 passes with no interceptions for a gain of 139 yards.

Jeremy Holt caught five passes for 77 yards; Cherry, two for 29; Jared Holt, four for 21; Charlie Bomar, one for -11, and Ziegler one for -1.

Lazbuddie made 15 first downs as compared with 10 for the Owls. The Owls had 61 yards stepped off against them on seven penalties, and the Longhorns lost 40 yards on four penalties.

Lazbuddie had a total offense of 439 yards, as compared with 241 for the Owls.

Friday night's game is one of the most important of the season for the Owls. It will be played at home, and it is hoped that a large crowd of fans will don their red and white and be at the game to cheer them on to victory. It is going to be hard for the Owls to regroup and play two of the toughest teams in this area back-to-back. Be there!

We Are Backing The Owls!

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Oct. 23--JH & JV Owls at Whitharral, 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24--Whitharral, here, 7:30; Baptist Church to sponsor After-Game Party

Saturday, Oct. 25--Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 26--Time Change (fall backward)

Oct. 27-31--Red Ribbon Week Wednesday, Oct. 29--Six Weeks Tests (odd)

Thursday, Oct. 30--Six Weeks Tests (even); Amherst JH & JV here, 5:00 and 6:30; District Cross Country, Thompson Park, 4:00

Friday, Oct. 31--Owls at Amherst, 7:30; End of Six Weeks

School Bus Safety Week is Oct. 19-25

School districts will emphasize school bus safety awareness Oct. 19 through 25 as Texas recognizes National School Bus Saafety Week.

Last year, Texas schools transported more than 1.2 million students each day on school buses. Although school buses are the safest way for students to travel--fewer than one percent of traffic accidents in the state involve them--children do sometimes get hurt.

No Texas students were killed in bus-related accidents in 1996; however, 1,525 people were injured in accidents directly or indirectly involving school buses, and 24 student pedestrians were hurt before boarding or after exiting buses.

In a proclamation declaring School Bus Safety Week in Texas, Gov. George W. Bush said, "I urge all Texas parents and teachers to educate our children about school bus safety and to drive cautiously in school zones and whenever school buses are present."

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 27--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Vegetable Stix, Hot Rolls, Cherry Dessert, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 28--Mexican Casserole, Salad, Hot Sauce, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 29--Beef Nachos, Salad, Corn, Chips, Fruit Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 30--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, Oct. 31--Chili Dog, French Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

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THE OWLS--(back row, left to right) Vince Cruz, Charlie Bomar, Jay Hicks, Trey Ziegler, Jeremy Holt, Jack Cherry; (fourth row) Chris Justice, Jay Arnold, Trey Wyatt, Jared Holt, Nathan Francis, Max Whitworth, Coach Larry Mantle; (third row) Paul Segura, Ryan Minyard, Andy Bullock, David Gamble, Donny Burson; (kneeling) Leland Wood, Will Hester, Jared Francis, Tyler Young, Coach Joe Crabb, Coach Donnie Dutton; (sitting) Adrian Ramirez, Clint Ivory, Amos Lopez. Photo by R Photography

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Clint Ivory (1) was shown rushing for yardage for the Owls in their game with the Lazbuddie Junior Varsity here Thursday afternoon. Blocking for him is Paul Segura (4).

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Junior High, Junior Varsity Teams Defeat Lazbuddie a Second Time

For the second time this season, Silverton's Junior High and Junior Varsity football teams defeated the Lazbuddie Longhorns here last Thursday, only this time they spanked them much worse than before. The teams allowed only one touchdown to be scored in the two games.

The Junior High team opened the action without one of their most dependable rushers and

scorers, Andrew Francis, who is nursing an arm injury; however, his teammates took up the slack in his absence and did a very fine job.

Jimmy Castillo kicked off for the Owls and the defense, led by Junior Gonzales, Nicholas Vargas and Matt Strange, held the Junior Horns to three and

After taking the Lazbuddie

punt, Vargas rushed for four yards and Castillo added a first down on the 'Horn 30. Castillo picked up another first down before the end of the first quarter. Red Ivory passed complete to Strange for the first touchdown with 5:54 remaining in the second quarter. The PAT run failed, and the Owls held an early 6-0 lead.

Castillo kicked off again, and Strange stopped the runback on the 'Horn 23. Lazbuddie made a first down near midfield in spite of defense by Castillo and Vargas, but the Owls tightened their defense and got the ball back on their 30 after punishing defense by Ivory, Strange, Vargas and Clay McMurtrey.

Castillo carried a first down on the Lazbuddie 18 after which Ivory passed complete to Vargas for a touchdown with 1:20 remaining before halftime. There was no PAT, and the Owls led 12-0.

Castillo kicked off and Lazbuddie was held at their 18 by Vargas and Castillo. The 'Horns made a first down, but saw their pass intercepted by the Owls to end action in the first half.

Lazbuddie kicked off to open the second half, and Castillo took it all the way for a touchdown for the Owls. Monty Wood passed complete to Strange for the PAT, and the Owls moved into a 19-0 advantage.

When Castillo kicked off, the Owls held the runback at the Lazbuddie 15. Danny Dunn, Vargas, Castillo and McMurtrey led the defense as it stopped the 'Horns and got the ball back on the Lazbuddie 20.

The Owls were unable to score on this possession, and the fourth quarter began with the Longhorns making two first downs before being shut down by the Owl defense, which was being led on this series by Ivory.

The Junior High boys have found success in alternating Wood and Ivory at quarterback every play.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Vince Cruz kicked off to open action in the Junior Varsity game, and the defense put a good rush on the Lazbuddie quarterback to force a punt on fourth

down. The ball carried to near midfield, and the Owls opened their action at this point.

Clint Ivory ran for a first down inside the Lazbuddie 15, after which Paul Segura scored with 4:19 still remaining on the first-quarter clock. Nathan Francis passed complete to Cruz for the PAT, and the Owls held a quick 7-0 advantage.

David Gamble stopped the runback on the kickoff at the Lazbuddie 30, and the Owls put enough pressure on the passer and receiver to bring about a fourth-down punt which carried out of bounds on the 'Horn 30.

Francis completed a pass to Issac Garcia for a ten-yard gain, after which a quarterback sack set the Owl offense back. On fourth down, Ivory ran for a first on the Lazbuddie 15. Gamble scored with 13 seconds remaining in the first period, and gave the Owls a 13-0 lead.

On Lazbuddie's first play from scrimmage, the 'Horns fumbled, and Ivory recovered it in the endzone for another touchdown for the Owls. Francis passed complete to Ivory for the PAT, to give the Owls a 20-0 lead.

As the second quarter opened, Ivory recovered a Longhorn fumble on the 'Horn 10-yard-line. Gamble scored two plays later with 7:01 still to be played in the first half. There was no PAT, and the Owls moved ahead 26-0.

Lazbuddie put on its only successful drive of the game on its next possession, making two first downs enroute to paydirt. They scored with 4:14 remaining in the second quarter, but saw their PAT kick blocked by the Owls, and closed the gap to 26-6.

Segura returned the Lazbuddie kickoff to the Silverton 25. Francis passed complete to Segura before Ivory carried another touchdown. The PAT pass was incomplete, and with 3:02 remaining before the midway break, the Owls extended their lead to 32-6.

Cruz kicked off once again, and Lazbuddie returned it to their 25. The Lazbuddie quarterback lost yardage under a heavy rush by the Owls, and on fourth down the ball went over to the Owls on the 35.

Francis passed to Garcia for another touchdown as time expired in the first half. The PAT pass was incomplete, and the halftime score stood at 38-6.

The Owls received the kickoff that opened the third period of play, and picked up a first down on a pass from Francis to Garcia and another on a pass to Ivory and a face-mask penalty against the 'Horns. Ivory carried the ball into the endzone once again. There was no PAT, and with 3:59 remaining in the third quarter, the Owls led 44-6.

Cruz kicked off and Lazbuddie returned it to their 35. Lazbuddie fumbled on the next play and the ball was recovered for the Owls by Jay Hicks on the Lazbuddie 35.

Donny Burson carried to the Lazbuddie 15, but the Owls were penalized back to the original line



Vince Cruz, moving the ball for the Owls against Lazbuddie.

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of scrimmage. Francis came back with a pass complete to Hicks for another touchdown. Tyler Young carried the PAT into the endzone to end the game under the 45-point rule with 2:33 remaining in the third quarter. The final score was 51-6.

This afternoon the Junior High and Junior Varsity boys will travel to Whitharral for a pair of games at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. These boys are doing very well and deserve your support at their games. Be there!

4-H Food & Nutrition Tour Planned Oct. 28

Calley Payne
County Extension Agent

Briscoe County 4-Hers involved in the food and nutrition project will be touring the Tule Creek Apiary on Tuesday, October 28.

4-Hers will get to see how honey is made and even do some tasting.

Everyone planning to go on the tour should meet at the Briscoe County Courthouse at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Happy Birthday-

Oct. 23--Margaret Frizzell, Teddy Hubbard, Renee Fuston, Brandi Breedlove, Kristen Roys

Oct. 24--Matt Martin, Sage Brannon, Nina Martin, Renee Ramirez, Roque Ramirez, Wayne Henderson, Kristopher Copeland, Amanda Simpson

Oct. 25--Sylvia Fogerson, Lynn Frizzell, Kim George

Oct. 26--Ruby McWaters, Letha Lanham, Melba Caffety, Joe Self, Kay Garrison, Matt Lawrence, Mitch Martin

Oct. 27--Yance Forbes, Lane Garvin, Tobe Riddell, Ashley Kay McCoy, Cheyenne Williams

Oct. 28--Tim Gamble, Gerald Smith, Stephen Stephens, Ester Trevino, Janna Nichole Schott, Coty Braddock, Mike Smith

Oct. 29--Jonnie Weaver, Bill McGavock



Jimmy Castillo, picking up yardage for the Junior High Owls against Lazbuddie.

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Cotton



The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has disapproved the Section 24 (c) special local need registration that allowed Texas cotton producers to use flowable carbofuran (Furadan 4F insecticide) on cotton to control aphids. Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry issued a Section 24 (c) on August 15 when cotton farmers were facing potential losses of \$40 million because of the devastating aphid problems across much of Texas' cotton growing region.

EPA notified EPA October 16 in its five-page disapproval letter stating the action of TDA in issuing an SLN registration was invalid and "procedurally defective in its issuance." The letter contained a strong warning to the Department that EPA may find it necessary to suspend Texas' authority to issue 24 (c) registrations in its entirety if the state should pursue a similar course in the future.

Producers can no longer legally use Furadan 4F insecticide on cotton to control aphids; however, the pesticide still may be used, according to the EPA-approved label.

Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. makes a move into cyberspace as it unveils its Internet World Wide Web site.

The newly-revised site features "Cotton Country Navigator" as well as areas dealing with the organization itself, cotton improvement and the boll weevil. Through "Cotton Country Navigator," a producer can surf the web but with focus on sites most likely to be of interest.

Sites have been grouped into broad categories including precision agriculture, weather, news, markets, worker protection standards and pesticides. To access the services, a user will need a computer, a modem, appropriate software programs and access to the Internet.

The Plains Cotton Growers' site is hosted by The Door, a Lubbock-based Internet service provider. Unlimited Internet access through The Door is only \$15 per month with a local call to Lubbock.

The World Wide Web address for Plains Cotton Growers and its "Cotton Country Navigator" is <http://www.plainscotton.org>. For information or advice on the site or how to obtain Internet access, call PCG at 806-792-4904.

Early samples moving through the USDA Lubbock Classing Office are reflecting high quality and good color grades, according to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

However, Wendell Wilbanks, Lubbock Area Director, USDA Cotton Division, has concern over the lower-than-normal leaf grades he is seeing. "In the first 100,000 or so bales classed this

season, we are getting a lot of 5 and 6 leaf grades that otherwise is high quality and good color," says Wilbanks.

A leaf grade of 6 can decrease the value or sale price of that cotton by as much as 900 points, or 9 cents a pound, in the pricing system.

Wilbanks commented he expects the leaf grades to improve overall after area cotton is exposed to a freeze. He considers some of the problem to be associated with plant regrowth that will discontinue after a frost or freeze finally terminates the crop.

Wilbanks expresses greater concern that 30 percent of the crop classes so far can be described as Light Spot. "This is considerably higher than in past years," commented Wilbanks. "Much of it is green from the regrowth now, but I am afraid we may see an increasing color and staining problem as more cotton

gets classed that has been exposed to boll weevil damage."

Wilbanks has been Area Director at the Lubbock Classing Office since 1986 and has been classing cotton since 1962.

Legislative and regulative issues continue to remain the focus of Plains Cotton Growers officials as harvesting activity picks up across the area.

Progress is being made toward final implementation of proposed changes to the Step 2 and 3 provisions of the current cotton program. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill containing the changes was sent to President Clinton for review and approval.

Details of the proposed changes include cutting off issuance of Step 2 certificates when a Step 3 import quota is in effect. The window on open import quotas is closing rapidly and no new imports have been reported under these quotas during the month of September.

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending October 16, 1997

Fundamental issues drove the undulating cotton market this week as observers focused firmly on U. S. export figures and weather in the Cotton Belt.

USDA's U. S. export number did not disappoint analysts this week as it matched their high expectations of sales in excess of 200,000 bales. For the week ended October 9, the department's export sales report showed a net increase of 223,100 bales, down slightly from the previous 280,100 bale figure but still considered an excellent number. Hong Kong was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton with purchases totaling 42,000 bales. China surprised the market as the second largest customer with 33,600 bales, and Mexico followed closely behind with a 32,900 bale

purchase.

Analysts noted that China continues to buy U. S. growths despite its new policy restricting imported cotton and encouraging use of domestic stocks. Many now wonder if the policy actually will be successfully implemented. Many observers feel confident that export sales will continue to remain healthy as U. S. cotton is very competitive at current prices and should continue to gather interest from foreign buyers. The general consensus is that continued Chinese buying of U. S. cotton and consistently sizable U. S. export sales should maintain current prices if not boost them.

Meanwhile, market observers are closely watching the weather and gauging how it will affect the harvest in the Cotton Belt. Picking operations from the Memphis territory into the Far West continue to make excellent progress though work in Central and South Texas is still limited by wet fields from recent flooding. According to a Central Texas cotton analyst, only a small amount of cotton remains on the stalk in Central and South Texas and should be picked in the next week if weather permits. Harvesting is progressing at a rapid pace on the Texas High Plains as well as the Rolling Plains. A light freeze was reported in some High Plains areas this week, but few fear the consequences as most farmers report the crop has matured sufficiently and defoliation efforts already have begun.

For the week ended October 12, USDA reported the condition of the U. S. crop improved slightly for the second straight reporting period. Cotton rated good to excellent accounted for 59 percent of the overall U. S. crop versus 57 percent the week before. Only Texas and New Mexico registered a small decline from the previous week due to heavy rains in some areas.

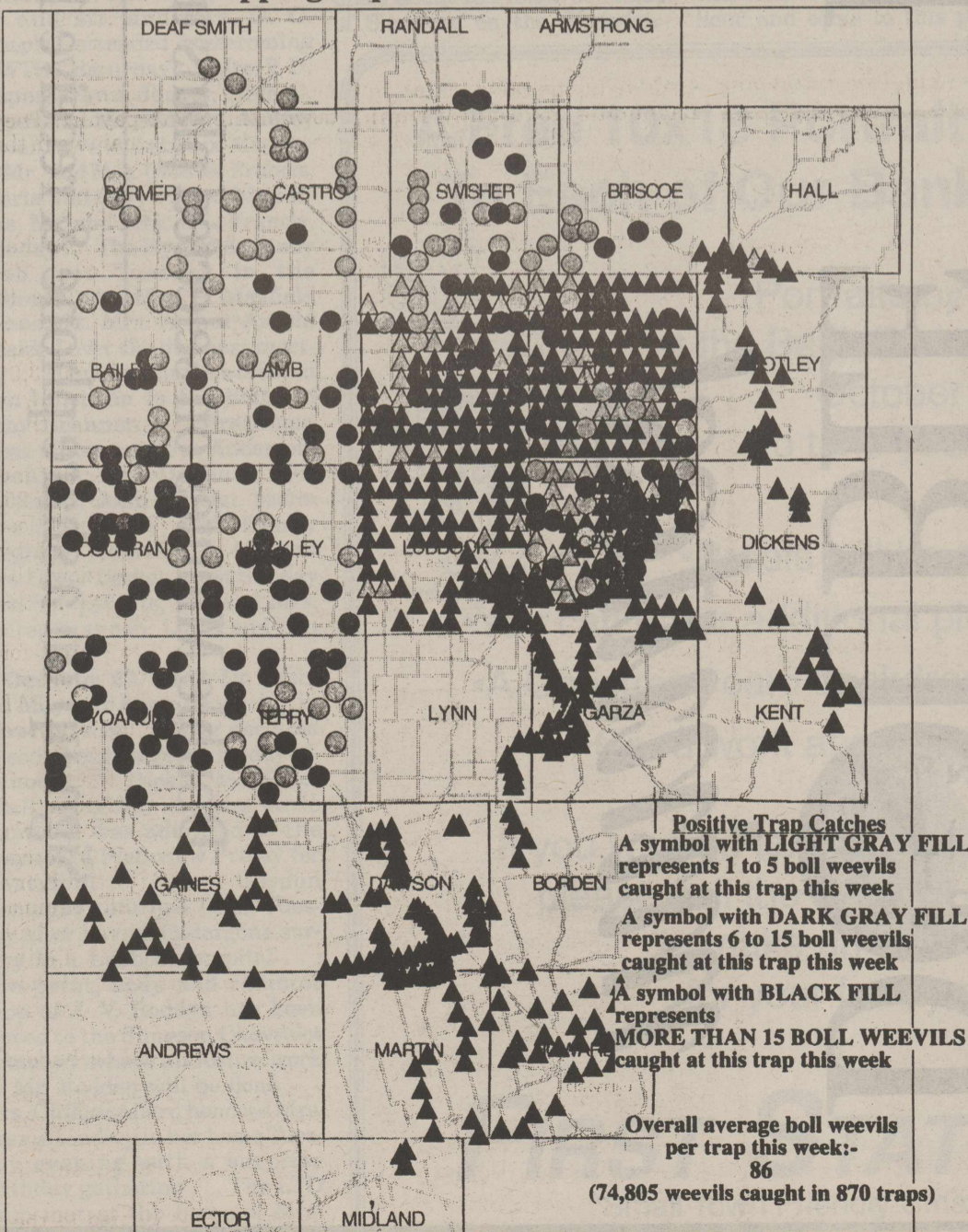
With reports of good yields in some Cotton Belt areas, some analysts have concluded that the U. S. crop may be getting larger. USDA currently projects the U. S. crop at 18.4 million bales, but some in the industry believe the number will be revised higher in the department's November report.

Meanwhile, the strength in New York futures this week generated some additional interest in spot cotton markets, particularly Texas/Oklahoma growths. In the five trading days ended October 16, sales on TELCOT totaled 3,551 bales, down slightly from the previous week's figure of 3,882 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 61.74 to 64.17 cents per pound.

Win Owls!

Boll Weevil Trapping Report 1997

Week 43 (10/13/97 thru 10/17/97)



- 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

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Ted Kingery, Minister

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 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.

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Jess Craig Little, Pastor

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 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.

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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.

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BAPTIST MISSION**

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 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.

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 WEDNESDAY:
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The late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once stated, "Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." Each year, it seems that everything we purchase increases in price, and rising prices have become a way of life. Perhaps each year we should review our donations to our place of worship and determine if we should increase our support. It is easy to get into the habit of tithing the same amount year after year, not realizing that our church also has expenses that are constantly increasing. Of course, a person's standard of living could go down due to any number of

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We want to extend our deepest love and thanks for all the cards, visits, phone calls and love that was extended to Sammie and us during his long months of illness and after his passing.

Special thanks to Jewel Lowrey, Bessie Garrison, Theta Rowell, Obra Watson, J. C. Fowler, Terry Bomar, Pat Northcutt, and especially Ashel McDaniel.

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