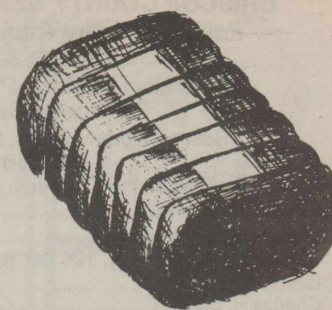


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## Blood Drive Is July 27

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be in Silverton on Monday, July 27, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

During summer months, donations are especially needed due to increase in number of accidents and other uncontrollable events. It is hoped that a large number of Silverton residents will turn out to give blood donations, the gift of life.



# Briscoe County News

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## WEATHER

### JULY 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	98	68	
2	95	66	
3	95	69	
4	95	68	
5	94	67	
6	99	75	
7	101	74	
8	103	69	
9	100	66	
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11	99	70	
12	101	64	1.10
13	98	65	.10
14	97	66	
15	100	68	
16	97	66	
17	91	68	
18	91	65	.82
19	92	65	
20	97	71	
21	96	69	
Total July Precip.			2.02
Normal July Precip.			2.39
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			10.45
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			12.95

## City-Wide Garage Sale To Be Held

There will be a City-Wide Garage Sale in Silverton early in September.

Please make plans now to participate in this event.

## Ice Cream Social Planned July 24

An old-fashioned ice cream social will be sponsored by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, under the shelter on the courthouse lawn.

Bring your ice cream and lawn chairs. Bowls and spoons will be furnished.

This is planned as a time for fellowship and visiting among the people of this area.

## BCAA To Meet Tonight at 'Barn

Briscoe County Activities Association will meet at 8:00 p.m. today at the County Show Barn in Silverton.

Everyone interested in helping with the rodeo is asked to attend.

All those who would like to enter floats in the parade are asked to be finalizing their plans.

## Speaker Pete Laney Says Area To Receive Millions From Tobacco Company Settlement

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, announced recently that counties and hospital districts within House District 85 will receive millions of dollars from a tobacco agreement reached July 20.

Legislative leaders have been working with counties and hospital districts for several months to find a fair and equitable way to distribute part of Texas' multibillion-dollar settlement to those entities. Under the agreement, the entity receiving the payment may be the county, hospital district and/or other political subdivision depending on which entity has the legal responsibility for providing indigent health care.

Preliminary estimates indicate that in January 1999 an estimated \$124,758 will be distributed within Bailey County;

\$34,810 within Briscoe County; \$160,186 within Castro County; \$77,303 within Cochran County; \$128,996 within Crosby County; \$45,407 within Dickens County; \$150,066 within Floyd County; \$612,327 within Hale County; \$266,188 within Lamb County; \$27,057 within Motley County; \$174,191 within Parmer County; \$143,638 within Swisher County. This money will come from an initial lump sum payment of \$300 million that will be distributed on a per capita basis by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

In addition to the initial lump sum payment, a Permanent Trust Account will be established and funded over a four-year period in the amount of approximately \$1.8 billion. The income from this permanent fund will be distributed to the counties and hospital districts on a pro rata basis in pro-

portion to their amount of unreimbursed health care expenditures for indigent health care.

"This trust account will provide a substantial, perpetual source of revenue to help offset the cost of providing health care. This approach to managing the funds will insure that the payments we receive today will provide lasting benefits for future Texans," Speaker Laney said.

Legislative leaders met Saturday, July 18, with the counsel for the counties and hospital districts that intervened in the tobacco settlement and Judge Jim Meyers, a court-appointed mediator. As a result of that meeting, an agreement was reached. It includes the stipulation that the motion for sanctions against the governor and several legislators must be withdrawn before this agreement is finalized.

## People Plan Prayer Meeting

People of Silverton gathered to pray for rain a couple of week ago. God answered, and over an inch of rain fell on Silverton in the next few days. Rainfall has amounted to a little more than two inches since the prayer meeting.

The people are grateful for answered prayer and would like to gather once again at the courthouse to have a time of thanksgiving. This meeting was to be at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 22.

Everyone was invited to join them at this meeting.

## Methodist Group To Have Skating Party July 30

Come join the Silverton United Methodist Church on Thursday evening, July 30, for pizza and skating.

The group will be leaving the Silverton United Methodist Church promptly at 5:00 p.m.

The first stop will be Mr. Gatti's Pizza in Plainview.

From 7:00 until 9:00 p.m., the group will enjoy skating at the Plainview Roller Rink.

Everyone is invited to join the group for one or both activities. Everyone is welcome!

The cost for pizza is \$4.99 for adults, \$2.49 for 11- and 12-year-olds, 99c for children.

The cost for skating is \$3.00 per skater. 30-2tnc

## Physicals To Be Given July 24

Dr. Turner will give physicals to all bus drivers and athletes in grades 7-12 at 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, at the Silverton School field house.

Cost of the physicals will be \$15.00.

## Notice to Junior High, High School Cross Country Girls

It is time for those who are going to run cross country this school year to begin running and preparing for this event.

Can-Am Bowl Game by Scott Sorensen of Peetz, Colorado and Dale Means of Follett, Texas.

The U. S. team players were from Montana, Colorado, Nebraska and Texas. In addition to Wyatt, those coming from Texas were Olin Gibson and Courtney Frazier of Follett, Toby Burgin, Groom and Dustin Howard of Miami.

The game matched 17 players selected from the United States against 23 players from Canada. It was played July 4 before a crowd of 1,000 football fans, and the U. S. team won the game 75-12.

Wyatt said that they were shown Canadian hospitality throughout the week. He flew home July 5.



Trey Wyatt was one of the players from Texas who participated in the Can-Am Bowl Game in Canada. Other players pictured are Olin Gibson and Courtney Frazier of Follett; Toby Burgin, Groom; Dustin Howard, Miami. They were coached by Scott Sorensen, Peetz, Colorado and Dale Means of Follett.

## U. S. Team Blows By Canada 75-12 In Six-Man Football Can - Am Bowl

Trey Wyatt flew from Amarillo to Calgary on June 30, and then on to Saskatoon. He was picked up at the airport and traveled to Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The United States team was coached in the second annual

## Swim Lessons To Be Offered

A two-week class of swimming lessons will be offered at the pool in Silverton July 28-31, August 4-7.

Mary Woods of Quitaque will be the swimming instructor. For information or to enroll in the class, you may call (day) 455-1132 or (night) 455-1264.

Since the classes will be taught in the evenings, there will be no ladies swim nights on July 28 or August 4.

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## TxDOT Holds Preconstruction Meeting to Discuss SH 256

The Texas Department of Transportation held a preconstruction meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Room of the City Hall in Silverton, Texas. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the upcoming project for the hot mix level up and overlay on SH 256, in Briscoe County. This project will begin at the top of the caprock and continue east for a distance of 2.5 miles.

Construction efforts on the \$70,000.00 project are scheduled to begin July 27, 1998 with Gilvin Terrell, Inc. of Amarillo being awarded the contract. The completion date will be approximately September 19, 1998. According to Randy Hill, Gilvin Terrell, Inc. superintendent, the anticipated time line will be approximately 37 working days.

This project will be a

Superpave hot mix design. According to Roy Wright, TxDOT Wellington Area Engineer, "Superpave stands for Superior Performing Pavements." This will be the first time to use this type of hot mix in the Childress District TxDOT. This is a new way to design and analyze hot mix by using a performance grade asphalt which is designed for a specific environment. It is the same old hot mix, just a different way of designing it." Wright also added, "I like working with Gilvin Terrell, Inc.; they are always interested in a quality job. I have a lot of respect for Raymond Chau and I know we will get a good job."

Randy Hill, Gilvin Terrell, Inc. superintendent, said "There will be no detours during construction. Traffic will be carried through with the use of a radio. We will reduce traffic one way only during construction hours."

For more information, call Roy Wright, TxDOT Wellington Area Engineer, 806-447-2971, or Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer, 940-937-7145.



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## South Plains Weather Is Drier, Warmer Than Normal During June

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of June 1998 was significantly warmer and drier than normal.

Temperatures averaged four degrees above normal at Muleshoe to 6.0 degrees above normal at Snyder.

Maximum temperatures averaged 6.6 degrees above normal and ranged from 4.9 degrees above normal at Lamesa to 8.6 degrees above normal at Levelland. The highest temperature reported during the month was 113 degrees at Paducah on the 20th.

Minimum temperatures averaged 1.5 degrees above normal and ranged from 1.8 degrees below normal at Tulia to 4.5 degrees above normal at Big Spring. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 40 degrees at Dimmitt on the 6th.

Silverton's temperatures averaged 77.9 degrees, which was a little more than two degrees below the South Plains average. The daytime maximum temperatures averaged 94.7 degrees, which was two degrees below the South Plains average. The nighttime low temperatures averaged 61.0 degrees, which was 2.6 degrees below the South Plains average.

Highest temperature recorded in Silverton during the month was 107 on the 28th. There were 13 days during June when the temperature rose to 100 or higher. Lowest temperature recorded here during the month was 45 on the 6th.

Precipitation averaged 2.29 inches below normal and ranged from 3.54 inches below normal at Paducah to .43 inches below normal at Lamesa.

Silverton's rainfall during the month was 1.09 inches, which was .40 of an inch more than the South Plains average and much below the Silverton long-term average of 3.78 inches.

## Chamber To Give Away Handmade Brannon Spurs

Silverton Chamber of Commerce will be giving away a pair of Wade Brannon handmade spurs at the Saturday night performance of the rodeo in August.

Members are accepting donations in the amount of \$1.00, and one of those who donates will be the lucky winner of the spurs.

Contact a Chamber member at The Malt Shop, Nance's Food Store, Ginny's Garden, Rhoderick Irrigation or Briscoe Implement for details on how you can win.

**Blood Drive  
Mon., July 27**

## Termite Invasion

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

Termites are invading England and the British government is being criticized for mishandling the situation; therefore, England's leading broadcasting company has called on Texas for help.

BBC reporter Wesley Kerr from London interviewed Texas A&M entomologist Dr. Roger Gold. Gold told the BBC program's seven million viewers that to save England from termites there need to be very strong and quick actions taken.

The British government was alerted to the invasion four years ago. It was at a house in Devon in Southern England. The termites were believed to come there on plants brought from Southern Europe.

The British originally believed a simple chemical treatment combined with a cold winter would kill the termites. It is clear now that it did not and the government's handling of the situation is drawing stiff criticism.

Kerr says people are comparing it to the mad cow situation where the government was too slow in reacting to the problem. The old, wooden homes in Britain will be extremely attractive to termites and Kerr says the termite invasion will revolutionize the housing market.

Property values are already

plunging in the infested area. Gold says homeowners should be concerned and be on the lookout for termites so that they can be treated and managed as soon as possible. Gold says when the termites were first discovered in 1994, the only infested house should have been isolated and treated with a trench dug between it and other properties. But now, he says, it's too late to remove them completely. Termites are there to stay and it becomes a matter of control rather than eradication.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was so preoccupied with my everyday effort to merely sustain life that I almost forgot about renewing my subscription to the good old B. C. N.

The red circle around my name and address on the previous issue "jogged my memory." Thanks!

And, by the way, I get my paper every Thursday. It's seldom later than that.

God bless all!

Loney Stout  
1609 N. Fairfield  
Amarillo, Texas 79107

## LEGAL NOTICE

State of Texas  
County of Briscoe

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain writ of execution issued out of the honorable 303rd Judicial District Court of Dallas County, Texas, on the 9th day of March, 1998, by clerk of said 303rd Judicial District Court for the sum of one hundred twenty thousand and no/100 (\$120,000.00) dollars, plus interest at the rate of 10% per annum from November 22, 1996, plus costs of execution, under a judgment in favor of H. Edward Toles, III, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 93-13636-V, and styled H. Edward Toles, III, as petitioner, vs. Lougay Malone Toles, as respondent, placed in my hands for service, I, Max Whitworth, as Sheriff of Briscoe County, Texas, did on the 2nd day of July, 1998, levy on certain real estate, situated in Briscoe County, Texas, described as follows, to wit:

An undivided 1/6th interest in the minerals in and under the following described real property located in Briscoe County, Texas, to wit:

1. All that portion of the E/2 of Section 30, Block B-3, lying and being situated in Briscoe County, Texas, being 42 acres, more or less;
  2. All of Section No. 26, Block B-3, Briscoe County, Texas;
  3. All of Section No. 27, Block B-3, Briscoe County, Texas;
- together with an undivided 1/3rd remainder interest (subject to a life estate in Helen F. Malone, S/P/A Helen Cowan Malone) in both the surface and an undi-

vided 1/2 interest in the minerals in the following described real property located in Briscoe County, Texas, to wit:

1. All that portion of the E/2 of Section 30, Block B-3, lying and being situated in Briscoe County, Texas, being 42 acres, more or less;
  2. All of Section No. 26, Block B-3, Briscoe County, Texas;
  3. All of Section No. 27, Block B-3, Briscoe County, Texas;
- and levied upon as the property of Lougay Malone Toles and that on the first Tuesday in August, 1998, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Courthouse door of the County Courthouse of Briscoe County, Texas, in the City of Silverton, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said execution, I will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Lougay Malone Toles in and to said property.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding said day of sale, with the first of said publications appearing not less than twenty days immediately preceding the day of the sale, in the Briscoe County News, a newspaper published in Briscoe County, Texas.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of July, 1998.

/s/ Max Whitworth  
Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas  
By: /s/ Brett Wright  
Deputy

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Praise the Lord.  
Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.  
His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**July 28, 1988**-SHS Cheerleaders who did well at the camp they attended at Texas Tech University are Tara Nance, Tracy Tomlin, DeLyn Patton, Julie Towe, Jennifer Grimland and Julie Graham . . . Hail-damage aid may be available for 1987-crop year . . . Funeral services conducted for Gwan Henry Wilkinson, 64 . . . Miss Regina Lea Myers and Wendell Ray Reed were married Friday, July 22, at two o'clock in the afternoon in the home of George and Roy Reed . . . Elton and Lanita Cantwell and Jack, Brenda and Holly Beth Gaskins went to Canyon Sunday to help Devin Cantwell celebrate his fourth birthday . . . The Aspen Country Inn in Aspen, Colorado was the scene of the Saturday, July 23, wedding of Amanda Isbel Tharp and Richard (Rick) Loyd Stephens, jr. . .

**July 27, 1978**-Earl Jarrett, Briscoe County 4-Her, attended the 1978 Texas 4-H Congress last week in Fort Worth . . . Gary Grady was taken by ambulance to Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia about 2:00 a.m. Friday . . . Victor McGavock left July 19 to attend Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia . . . A report of the archaeological salvage work undertaken by West Texas State University archaeologists at Mackenzie Reservoir has been published by the Texas Historical Society. Three of the most important discoveries in the project represent three of the main eras of habitation of the region. Nine sites in the reservoir were excavated in all. A Paleo-Indian kill site, or the Rex Rogers site, unearthed "flintpoints of a kind not previously found in a kill site," said Pollyanna Hughes, an archaeology laboratory assistant. The site, approximately 10,000 years old, contained the bones of at least six now-extinct bison and five projectile points which displayed a variety of characteristics generally credited to two different eras. The Deadman's Shelter Site, dating from around the early christian era, had representatives of some of the earliest points and pottery found in the region, and showed evidence of trade with tribes in New Mexico and Arizona. The third site, the Sand Pit Site, was probably a Comanche camp site dating in the latter part of the 1700s, according to Hughes. "It was probably the first time someone had excavated an early Comanche site," Hughes noted . . . Riley Harris underwent the removal of a disc from his back in surgery Tuesday of last week at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock . . .

**August 1, 1968**-Roy Dale Garrison was the winner of the District II 4-H Dress Revue held in Lubbock Tuesday . . . Mrs. Donnie Perkins was surprised on her birthday with an ice cream

party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith, Saturday night . . . Miss Ruth Ann Minyard, bride-elect of William Harold Hatchett, was honored at a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Hugh Nance Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Shelton and family of Alamosa, Colorado spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Shelton . . . Miss Lana Beth Thornton and Max Smith Stevenson were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony at First Baptist Church in Happy Friday night . . . Susie and Jim Seaney of Hart spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney . . . Vickey Vaughan has spent the past two weeks visiting relatives in Clovis, New Mexico . . .

**July 31, 1958**-Funeral services are today for Mrs. C. M. Strickland . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry McWaters and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long returned home late Tuesday of last week from an almost two-week visit with relatives in California . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hilburn Casey are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bobby Lou, to Mr. Walter Bean, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bean . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson and Glenna have recently moved into their new brick home on North Braidfoot Street . . . Mary Louise Stodghill celebrated her fourth birthday with a party in the City Park Thursday. Attending were her mother, Mrs. Clifton Stodghill; her grandmother, Mrs. Bernie May; her sister, Donna Stodghill; Mrs. Darrell McWilliams and Rickey, Mrs. Robert Ledbetter and Barbara, Mrs. Raymond McJimsey and Todd, Mrs. C. L. McWilliams, Linda and Janet, Mrs. Fred Strange, Ronnie and Darla and Leila Jo McPherson . . . Dolen Rackley, counsellor, accompanied a group of Junior boys to the Plains Baptist Camp. Boys going were Jimmy Burson, Cliff Walker, Jimmy Don Polsley, Gary Crow, Walter Lynn Dunham, James Maples and Ralph Gamble . . . The annual reunion of the sons and daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Riley Seay, sr., early-day settlers in this community, was held in a Plainview park Sunday . . .

**July 29, 1948**-H. Roy Brown, whose section farm is just off the north of the town of Silverton, brought in a good water well last Saturday. The well was put on a six-inch pipe test and run several hours to clean out, and pumped a full pipe during the cleaning period without any sign of a let-up in volume of flow . . . Edd Brown family reunion is first in twelve years . . . A crowd of oldtimers and relatives surprised Mr. and Mrs. Merle J. Montague at a housewarming Tuesday

night at their home eleven miles south of Silverton . . . Mrs. J. H. Burson, Mrs. Arthur Arnold and daughter, Marion, and Mona Brock were visitors in Amarillo Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burson left Saturday for several days vacation trip to the mountains . . . Mrs. James Jeffress honored her daughter, Beverly, on her third birthday Tuesday afternoon . . . Mrs. Edwin Crass and Mrs. Scott Smithee entertained with a birthday party in honor of Joye Brown Friday night at the Crass home. Attending were Beffie Garvin, LaRue Gilkeyson, Jett Mason, Mona Brock, Larry Tunnell, Lanelle Copeland, Clifton Bearden, Mary Tom Bomar, Wayne McMurtry, Beth Baker, Loyd Stephens, Teresa Crass, Dora Baler, J. C. Fowler and the honoree, Joye Brown . . . T. C. Bomar, Carl Dean and Joe Montague left Friday for a vacation trip to the mountains in New Mexico and Colorado . . .

**July 14, 1938**-Miss Mayvis Strickland, the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Strickland, became the bride of Mr. Leo C. Trimm of Old Hickory, Tennessee in the home of the bride's parents last Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the presence of a few close friends and relatives . . . Barney Wilson, manager of the Swisher Creamery, has moved his business to the building vacated last week by

Manley Wood, south of the Bomar Drug . . . Coy Chappell received severe burns Monday which came as a result of a gasoline explosion. He had run out of gasoline and when ready to start again, had to prime the carbureator. The heat from the engine caused an explosion which burned his face and hands badly . . . A horse threw Barney Stephens Saturday, breaking his shoulder collarbone . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Henry Norrid was here yesterday and was talking about a new job he has. 'I'll be my own boss,' said Henry. -- Tut, tut, my fine young bridegroom. Someone is kidding you. Did you ever hear of a married man being his own boss?" . . . Among those visiting the J. A. chuckwagon Sunday were Clint Small, Jake Honea, W. Coffee, L. E. Graham, R. M. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Don Alexander and Mrs. Billy McDaniel of Silverton . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Gatewood Lusk and son visited here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander, several days . . . Mrs. John Vaughan and Hershel, Mrs. Bailey Henderson and D. H. Yancey went to Clovis, New Mexico Saturday to see Mrs. Hershel Vaughan who underwent a serious operation in the hospital there . . .

**April 10, 1925**-The Edd Thomas steers that were recently sold here, by C. J. Witherspoon, for \$100 a head, were shipped to Wichita, Kansas where they brought \$9.85. These steers averaged out 1210 pounds. They were bred, born, raised and fed in Briscoe County . . . There is soon to be a first-class moving picture theatre in Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Patton and little daughter, and Mrs. Otis Patton and Charlie Crow motored to Plainview Sunday . . .

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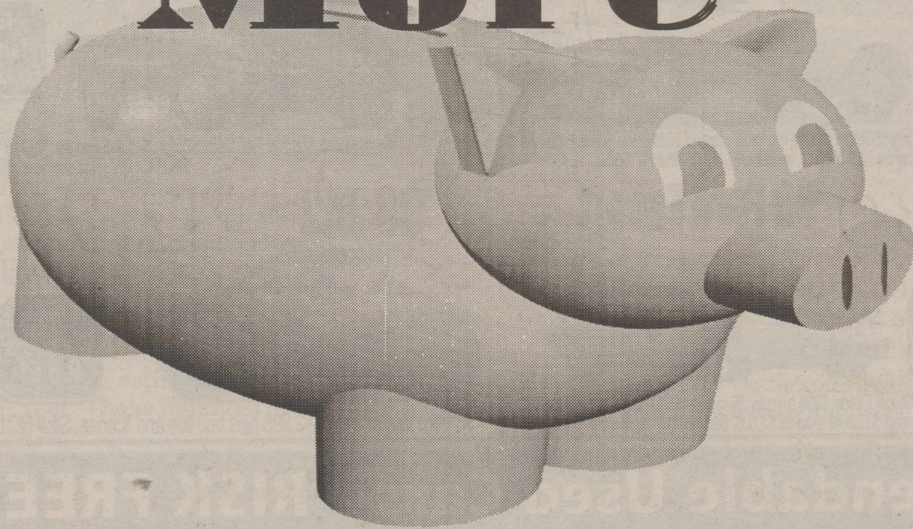
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## Montague-Hale Vows To Be Exchanged on October 24

LaNelle Montague of Tulia announces the engagement of her daughter, Carron, to Dr. Michael Hale, Kalama, Washington. Dr. Hale is the son of Wilma Hale of Tulia and Kalama, Washington and the late Mack Hale.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Roy Montague. She is a buyer for the Jones Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

The prospective bridegroom owns and practices medicine at his own clinic in Longview, Washington.

The couple plan an October 24 wedding.

### Happy Anniversary-

July 23--Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fogerson, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thomas

July 24--Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Smith

July 25--Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins

July 29--Mr. and Mrs. Lane Garvin

**Blood Drive  
Mon., July 27**

## Rock Creek Has Guest Speaker From Africa

Lendal and Peggy Wilks from Malawi, Africa preached and gave a report on the work they are doing in Africa at the Rock Creek Church of Christ Sunday, July 12.

Under the Lord's guidance, Wilks and four or five missionaries have had great success in Malawi. This mission started 38 years ago. Sixteen hundred churches have been established in Malawi and the surrounding area. The Rock Creek church has given its entire fourth Sunday contribution for 38 years to this mission work.

When the first missionary, B. Shelburne, returned to the States to stay, the Rock Creek church spearheaded the fund drive for the new home that was presented to him. The elders at Rock Creek flew to Houston to present the missionary the keys

to his new home.

The Wilks will be returning to the States in four years. All of their children have returned and live in Arkansas.

The Wilks ate Sunday dinner in the home of John and Maebelle Francis and spent the night before returning to Houston.

## How Social Security Is Preparing For The Year 2000

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

A number of people have expressed fear that their Social Security checks may be affected by a computer glitch that prevents data processing systems from recognizing the year 2000. They are reading horror stories which predict a computer meltdown or at least countless errors from computers that fail to recognize the year change. Fortunately, I can assure you that for Social Security, such fears are groundless. We are on top of the problem and expect the turn of the century to be business as usual--payments delivered on time and in the right amount.

With over 44 million people

depending on Social Security for a monthly benefit payment, we recognized early that we needed to take the lead in addressing the problem. We have been working on the problem before most other organizations even heard of it.

According to Kathy Adams, Social Security's Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Systems, over 90 percent of Social Security's 33 million lines of proprietary software is ready for the year 2000 now. For the rest of the year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will be testing how its various software systems work together.

SSA is working closely with other agencies involved in the check delivery process. These include:

- The Department of the Treasury that prepares SSA's payments either in the form of direct deposit transactions or checks
- The Federal Reserve System

that delivers Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) direct deposit transactions to beneficiaries' financial institutions through the national Automated Clearing House (ACH) system

•The U. S. Postal Service that delivers Social Security and SSI checks

SSA expects to test the ability of the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve System and the Postal System to prepare and deliver your 2000-complaint Social Security and SSI benefit payments before the end of 1998. "It's not enough for us to be ready. Everyone in the chain must be ready, too," Ms. Adams said.

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## CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**



### HOMESTEAD IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Thomas Jefferson told a friend shortly before his death in 1826 that: "I believe the States can best govern our home concerns..." I'm not sure he had bankruptcy laws in mind when he said that, but with Congress proposing to reform federal bankruptcy laws in a way that could endanger the Texas "homestead exemption," I'm beginning to wonder.

There's no doubt we need bankruptcy reform. Congress should close loopholes in the law that allow irresponsible individuals to slide out from under what they lawfully owe. Too many people are taking advantage of current laws. Many debtors have failed to make good on their promises to creditors to repay debt by filing for bankruptcy. This raises costs for everyone, as businesses raise their prices to account for bad debts.

As Congress considers what do to about this, though, I will be working with my Texas colleagues from both parties to ensure that the Texas homestead exemption is not ignored.

The homestead exemption protects a family's home even if everything else is lost to bankruptcy. Specifically, the law protects a Texan's primary residence located on 200 acres of rural land or one acre in the city. While several states have copied it, the idea was born in Texas. This basic protection grew out of the United States Panic of 1837 and subsequent depression in which many families lost their homes and farms through foreclosures. Business stagnated. Money was scarce. No one could obtain credit.

The idea had three purposes: to protect families, the basic unit of society; to give debtors a second chance after bankruptcy rather than force their families into becoming a public burden; and to preserve the individual freedoms that are critical to democracy.

So important to those early Texans was the homestead exemption that, upon joining the Union in 1845, the new state preserved it in its Constitution.

Congress has the authority under the U.S. Constitution to establish "uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States." Federal lawmakers have used this authority more than once to streamline bankruptcy proceedings among the states. In the past, reforms were carefully crafted to avoid undoing state law.

But the bankruptcy reform bill now before Congress goes too far by trying to set one homestead exemption on all 50 states. Texas' elected representatives, who are closer to the situation than federal officials, are well aware of the problem of bankruptcy abuse. But at the same time they appreciate something legislators from other states cannot: the history and values of our state.

The proposal in the Senate puts a \$100,000 cap on the amount that can be claimed under the homestead exemption. The Texas Constitution bases its exemption on acreage and not value, to protect against inflated property values. Our state law ensures that families will still have a home even if their property has grown in value over time and would otherwise be lost. I will work to see that protection is included in the federal law.

The homestead exemption is critical to Texas' small farmers and ranchers. If Congress changes the law, I want to make sure the protections written into the Texas Constitution are preserved to the maximum extent possible.

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## Horticulture is Struggling Through Drought

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

Most homeowners will lose landscape plants and turfgrass to drought this year. Nursery operators and turf growers stand to benefit from that if they can keep their plants alive.

Meanwhile, vegetable farmers in Texas already are in trouble with their crops. The only saving grace is that the fields are irrigated, but Extension horticultural marketing economist Dr. Charles Hall says restrictions may be placed on available water. He says if there's not enough water to irrigate, there could be severe supply cutbacks this fall.

The people who grow turfgrass and landscape plants also are having to use a great deal of irrigation water. Hall says they may see increased production costs associated with the cost of water.

But the good news is that they should experience a sales boom several months down the road as homeowners and businesses replace the plants they lost to the drought.

Hall says most homeowners will lose some plants or turf, especially if they're in an area with mandatory water rationing. That will serve as a wake-up call to many to consider xeriscaping which utilizes drought-tolerant, water-conserving plants.

### WATERING YOUR LANDSCAPE DURING A DROUGHT

Your water and electric bills should be enough to encourage you to conserve during this hot dry summer.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service recommends zoning your landscape and irrigating it

accordingly.

Extension associate David Smith says it's best to group perennials separate from shrubs and shrubs separate from turf grass because each require different amounts of water. Smith says different types of turf grass have different water requirements.

Bermuda and zoysias are more drought tolerant and can turn brown before you water. St. Augustine's, however, will die if allowed to discolor. Irrigating based on the plants' needs instead of a set schedule is more efficient.

It's best to water before sunrise because you won't lose water to wind drift. It also insures that water doesn't stand in the landscape overnight and promote disease problems.

To learn more, the Extension Service has printed information you can get from your county agent or look up on the agency's web site. Your local nursery operator also should be able to tell you which plants use less water.

## Beef Cattle Short Course Planned For August

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

In their never-ending pursuit of satisfying beef consumers, ranchers once again will gather at Texas A&M University in August for the beef cattle short course.

This year's beef cattle short course focuses on raising better calves.

Extension beef cattle specialist Dr. Larry Boleman says the course will delve deeper into genetic selection.

Boleman says one of those is a national breeding program where genetics from selected bulls go into herds throughout the nation and the calves are studied in the feed lots to determine their true worth.

Boleman expects up to 2,000 participants at this year's session which will be held August 4-5 in College Station. Registration is \$65 before July 27, and \$80 after that.

The cattle producers who attend this year's beef cattle short course at Texas A&M will find that it is more than a series of lectures and handouts.

Organizer Dr. Larry Boleman says it will be interactive. Photographs of feedlot cattle are being distributed through Beef Magazine.

Producers are asked to rank the cattle in terms of profitability. They will consider such things as average daily weight gain, feed conversion and quality grade. Then the cattle producers can compare their answers with those of the experts at the short course.

Boleman is also bringing in auction operators from around the state to discuss quality of calves. Each will buy five head of cattle at their barns and classify them as good, bad or ugly. The auction owners will tell partici-

## Drought Has Lasting Effect on Rangeland

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

The rangelands of Texas may never be the same after this drought. Dr. Wayne Hamilton who heads Texas A&M's Center for Grazinglands and Ranch

pants why they like some cattle and don't like others. Then all those cattle will be placed on A&M land and fed out for the rest of the year. Short course participants will receive the carcass reports by mail.

Boleman calls it an innovative, practical approach unique to this type of teaching environment.

Management calls it a traumatic situation. He points to studies done throughout this century that indicate droughts have a long-lasting effect on the land.

The studies showed that after major droughts in the 1930s and 1950s, there were significant declines in rangeland production and the land never regained pre-drought levels.

Hamilton says the plants adapted to the drier environment by diminishing their nutritional value.

Texas is in its second drought in three years, but Hamilton says there's no way to know if we're in for the kind of prolonged drought that causes major declines in rangeland production.

So what can ranchers do? Hamilton recommends reserving forage supplies through grazing systems and deferment periods. Conservative stocking rates can also help so you have a group of cattle that are ready to sell in case of adverse weather.

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## 1998 Property Tax Rates in the City of Silverton

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for the City of Silverton. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's "Effective" tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's "Rollback" rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	52,033
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$	52,033
Last year's tax base	\$	12,911,414
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.4030/\$100

### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	51,984
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	12,799,235
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.4061/\$100

### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$	51,984
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	12,799,235
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.4061/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.4386/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0-
= This year's rollback rate	\$	0.4386/\$100

### SCHEDULE A

#### UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$ 13,694.00

### SCHEDULE B

1997 DEBT SERVICE: None

### SCHEDULE C

EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: None

### SCHEDULE D

STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE (FOR COUNTIES) N/A

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District, 415 Main (Courthouse), Silverton, Texas.

The person providing the above information is:

/s/ Carlye Fleming

Chief Appraiser

July 15, 1998

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## It Happened on My Way to Decorum

Experiences in the Life of John Henry Crow

### Continuation

In the late summer of 1943 I was told that I was being transferred along with a group of soldiers having high IQs for a special duty. We rode chair cars of a troop train from Sheppard Field to Salt Lake City, Utah Replacement Center. About 80 of us were transferred to a Radioman's Training School located on the State Fair grounds in Salt Lake City. We were assigned to do KP work in the Swine Building which served as a kitchen and dining room. We lived in six-man tents. Soon after I arrived, I was informed by the Western Training Command that I had been promoted from PFC to corporal and should take the enclosed orders to the Orderly Room for entry into my service record which I did. After about three or four weeks, I got a day off and started washing all my filthy clothes in a horse trough using a GI brush and GI soap. When my mail came, I had another letter from the Western Training Command that I was transferred prior to my promotion and enclosed orders to be posted in my service record that I was PFC and was never promoted to corporal. About the same time a corporal ordered us to assemble in the street and that we were to pick up paper under his direction. I was a bit angered that my promotion was denied and the corporal continuously yelled, "Pick up the paper." I informed him that we knew our assignment without further instructions. A sergeant heard me and I had to carry two five-gallon buckets of water for about two blocks each time and for several times and water his flowers as punishment for sassing the corporal. When I finished watering his flowers, I had to take the new orders to the Orderly Room for entry in my service record. A lieutenant asked me how I liked the KP assignment and I told him I liked it about as much as he would like it. I advised him that there were about 10,000 soldiers at Sheppard Field with very low IQ that could do KP so that we could be freed for the duty for which we had been trained. He said they tried that class of personnel and had no success. I told him that I thought he was a lieutenant and was trained to lead all types of soldiers. His face reddened and I made a hasty retreat.

A few weeks later I was sent by train to Denver, CO and then to Casper, WY for duty with the Second Air Force. That base trained B-24 crews and operated 24 hours each day. Most of the instructors had returned from combat tours. I remember that one instructor returned with the assistance of underground forces after being shot down in Europe. He made a promise not to publicly tell details of his escape until the war was over.

Another instructor was shot

down after a raid on Rabaul in the South Pacific. He spent the next 180 days lost in the jungles of New Guinea before he was found. He had parachuted into the same area with three others but they died of starvation. He managed to survive on a sparse diet of bugs, snakes and such as was available. He weighed about eighty pounds when found and had lain down to die. He had dropped about 100 pounds while lost. Some others in his crew had been found within a few days after landing.

When I first arrived, I got no mail for several weeks and then got a large envelope of mail forwarded from Leavenworth, KN Federal Prison. It seems that another Crow had stolen money from the non-com club and was court marshaled and sent to prison. My mail had been well censored but most of it was sent by my Mother and had no hidden meanings. I was assigned to the 461st Bomb Squadron (H) Barracks T-12 and was a member of the Ordinance group. We sand filled practice bombs with sand to 100 pounds each and added a spotting charge containing black powder and a shot gun shell primer. And we dipped the projectile end of 50 caliber ammunition in chalk paint of different colors. We placed under each plane about daybreak the number of bombs and boxes of 50 caliber ammunition tipped the proper color as ordered by operations. The propellers were normally turning and the air blast was very cold even with sheepskin clothing. During the day we sand filled the practice bombs in an ammunition area located somewhat distant from the normal living and work areas. Bell Air Cobras towed canvas sock targets using several hundred feet of small cable and a heavy weighted bar near the target to stabilize the target. B-24 crews shot at the towed target and colored chalk tipped bullets identified hits and by which crew. The planes also dropped the practice bombs at designated targets and the black powder identified the results as recorded by camera film.

One day when I was in the ammunition area filling practice bombs, an Air Cobra cut loose the cable and sock over me and the cable fell all around me without actually hitting me and the heavy weighted bar came within a few feet of a bomb truck that was leaving the area. I was the only member of my group that passed the driving test and I had about 10 vehicles checked out to me each day. I wondered how the Motor Pool thought I could drive that many vehicles but the lieutenant said he would take care of the situation if there were problems.

The mess halls were the best I had access to in my entire army

career. If you were on the graveyard shift, you could eat four meals each day. The cooks never messed up good food and the bakers were great. I was on the graveyard shift more than my share but I didn't mind. My stay in Casper ended in late November when I was sent by train to Kerns, Utah for outfitting for overseas duty. When we passed through the Royal Gorge, the train stopped and we were allowed to get off and look around. It was very much like I remembered it except that a wooden water duct leaked and huge icicles were hanging from the duct and growing with each new drop of water.

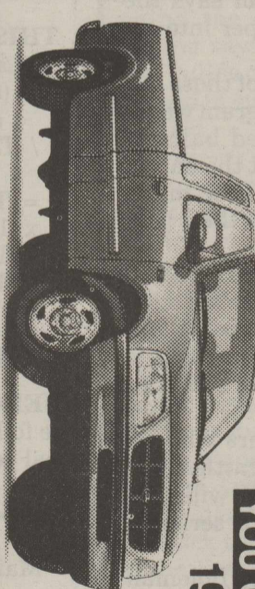
Kerns, Utah was about like the Plains of Texas in winter. We were required to qualify with a carbine rifle in blowing sand and snow. Firing from the prone position tends to hasten one's rate of fire and caused you to see "Maggie's drawers" more often than you and your leader liked, but I qualified in spite of the weather. We had to have a new series of vaccinations including smallpox, typhus, typhoid, tetanus, yellow fever and cholera. We got a lot of replacement clothing and got some shoes to replace the misfits given to me when I got into the Army. Our barracks bags and musette bags were loaded with gear including a mosquito net. Rumors were running amok about our destination and I was asked how much basic training that I had and I asked how much we were supposed to have. They said I was supposed to have had 28 days and I said that I was lucky that I had 29. Of course I didn't actually have any basic

training but it was too cold for a seasoned soldier to be truthful. In a few days we were put on a train headed East. Our next stop turned out to be Camp Lee, VA. We stayed there long enough for me to serve on KP one day. My job took me through a refrigerated room where a large quantity of pineapple was ready for serving. Each time I passed the pineapple I ate another slice. My mouth was very raw the next day.

Sometime on December 22, 1943 we boarded the Liberty ship, Grenville M. Dodge, and became one of about 80 ships in a large convoy and supposedly traveled at about eight knots per hour. A lot of the ships had helium-filled balloons anchored overhead for protection against aircraft. We eventually learned that we were being protected from U-boats by Navy and Coast Guard Destroyer Escorts. About 450 soldiers were quartered below deck in five-high bunks. The only water we had to bathe in was salt water and our soap wouldn't lather but it left a scum that made our skin itch so we took no more showers. We had no facilities to wash our clothes so we tried dragging them in the sea when tied to rope. We always ended up going below deck and when we got back our clothes were gone, no doubt the new property of a merchant seaman. The motion of the ship plowing through the sea made my stomach uneasy. One day I was on KP washing pots and pans in the galley over a hot sink of dishwater and I had to dash for the rail to feed the fish. That is the only time I was seasick but I always felt like I was about to get sick so

I spent a lot of time in that smelly hold in my bunk and lived on candy bars. We had meals twice a day and rumors were that the powdered eggs and flour were full of weevils. Each Liberty Ship was outfitted with a five-inch gun located on the after part of the ship. Occasionally the crew had gunnery practice. One day I was standing facing another soldier when his cheek began to bleed. He had been hit with a piece of falling shrapnel, and that ended our being on deck during gunnery practice.

We were told that we were sailing Southeast across the Atlantic to the coast of Africa and then North along the African coast. One morning we woke up to a lot of whistling and loud speaker commands and were told that British Corvettes were taking over the convoy for passage through the Straits of Gibraltar and then we sailed along the northern coast of Africa to Oran, Algiers where we turned North toward Sicily. That night the ship in front of us looked like it was on fire and a lot of honking went on and we thought we were in a pack of submarines. But when the "all clear" came, we were told the ship was only burning a large collection of trash. Late one evening we pulled into the port of Augusta, Sicily. The next morning we were out in very rough sea again on our way to Taranto, Italy located in the arch of the boot-shaped peninsula. In port we threw our bags into a barge and disembarked down a rope ladder into the same barge with our musette bags strapped to our backs. Those who left their pup tent pegs and posts in their bar-



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# Obituary

## GARY DON LEDBETTER

Funeral services for Gary Don Ledbetter were conducted Monday, June 29, at 11:00 a.m. at College Heights Baptist Church in Chickasha. He was 36.

Interment followed in the Fairlawn Cemetery in Chickasha under the direction of

racks bags instead of putting them in their musette bags as instructed had split open barracks bags with equipment and clothes scattered over the barge. I believe we landed January 20, 1944, 29 days after we loaded. We were moved by train to Bari, Italy on the lower Adriatic coast of Italy. The Germans had sunk 17 ships in the Bari harbor at Christmas time 1943. The port authorities were very cautious and we could have no fires after dark. It was very cold outside and we slept in six-man tents with no light or fire. Although we had two wool blankets and a cot, we shivered all night and slept very little. In a few days some of us were shipped by truck across Italy to a replacement center in Naples, Italy. We learned that the British soldiers stopped for tea and blocked the road until they were ready to move on and to hell with everyone else using the same road. I was sent from Naples a short distance North to Santa Maria, Italy and was assigned to the 1051st Ordinance (Armament and Ammunition Company.)

To Be Continued

Sevier Funeral Home of Chickasha.

Mr. Ledbetter died Friday, June 26, as a result of injuries sustained in a job-related high impact accident.

He was born July 6, 1961 in Tulia to Ron and Frankie (Hunt) Ledbetter. He was graduated from Hollis High School in Hollis, Oklahoma in 1979 and attended college for one year. Most of his adult life was spent in Hinton and Chickasha. He married Mary-Lynn Darnell on June 6, 1992 in Chickasha.

He was employed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and had served in the U. S. Navy. He was stationed on the USS John Marshall and was honorably discharged August 27, 1987. He was a member of College Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary-Lynn Ledbetter; one daughter, Cari Ledbetter; one son, Michael Ledbetter, all of the home; his parents, Rev. Ron and Frankie Ledbetter, of Ponca City, Oklahoma; his grandfather, Paul Ledbetter, Silvertown, Texas; his grandmother, Wilma Hunt, Clarendon, Texas; one brother, Chris Ledbetter, Ponca City; one sister, Teri Johnson, Hollis, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Frank Hunt and grandmother, Earlene Ledbetter.

The casket was closed during the services.

A trust fund for his children has been established at the Mid-First Bank in Chickasha.

**Blood Drive  
Mon., July 27**

## Drought Hurts Game Bird Populations

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

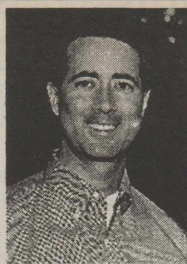
This is the time of year when quail hatch. But without rain, they may not have the ground cover and the insects they need to survive.

Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Matt Wagner thinks it is premature to predict a dramatic decrease in the quail population this year, but he says it could be a bad situation if Texas doesn't get some relief from the drought soon.

He says unlike the drought of 1996, there are still grasses that grew this spring.

Extension wildlife specialist Dr. Neal Wilkins says it is essential for landowners to maintain habitat to keep quail, dove and turkey populations strong during dry years. He says drought is not an excuse to avoid habitat management. He stresses that if you maintain good habitat even in drought years you will keep a minimum threshold of game birds which will then flourish in good weather years.

Maintaining habitat involves growing plants such as blue stem which serve as nesting sites, dove weed which acts as overhead cover, and sunflower which produce seeds. As for how many birds there will be for hunting season, Wilkins and Wagner are taking a wait-and-see attitude.



# ISSUE UPDATE

with  
**Mac Thornberry**

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## Washington Needs To Put Politics Aside and Help Areas Hit Hard By the Drought

Ask a lot of folks in our part of the country what they need most right now and they're likely to tell you a good rain and higher commodity prices.

The drought is putting a real squeeze on farmers and ranchers trying to make a living. Economically, it's figuring to be even worse than the drought we had back in 1996.

I think we've finally convinced some people in Washington how serious the situation is. I've worked with other members of Congress from agricultural districts to write a bill that would make over \$5 billion dollars available to farmers later this fall. The plan works like this:

Each year, farmers receive two transition payments from the federal government as part of the 1996 farm bill. The plan would move next year's payment up, giving farmers the option of receiving their contract payment for 1999 in one lump sum as early as October

1, 1998. The plan would serve as kind of an interest free loan, and would put money in farmers' pockets sooner than other proposals being discussed.

The House of Representatives should pass the bill in the next two weeks. Clearly, this isn't everything we need. But it is a start. Perhaps more important, it's a sign that we're finally getting through in convincing people that something needs to be done to help farmers in our area deal with the drought.

Up until now, some people have been trying to play politics with this crisis. That is wrong. Congress and the Clinton Administration need to work together to do what's right for farmers. The government can't make it rain. But it can help farmers cope with a major national disaster.

This plan is the first step in doing that, and will likely be the first of other agriculture-related proposals coming out of Congress in the coming weeks.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 412 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515.

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# Growth Promoting Implants: Don't Overlook an Opportunity

Pammy Millican  
Briscoe County Extension Agent

Heavier is generally better, at least when it comes to calves. And the easiest way to put on 20 pounds is to use an implant, advises Dr. Todd Thrift, a livestock specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Implants are one of the most underutilized technologies, Thrift says. And he's out to change that.

One reason producers may not use implants is because they don't know what they are.

Steroids are implanted into the steer or heifer to help it gain more weight than a non-implanted beef would. According to Dr. Ron Hale, implanted cattle show a 15% to 20% gain over non-implanted cattle. Hale is an animal health specialist with Fort Dodge Animal Health, an implant manufacturer.

There are three types of implants on the market--low and high dose estrogen, high potency trembolone and estrogen combinations. Some are sex specific or age specific.

Implants work in conjunction with the animal's feed program, working best when they receive proper nutrition.

For maximum implant benefit, calves should gain at least a pound per day while suckling on their mother. Generally, the faster the calves gain, the greater the implant response, Thrift

says. There are only four approved implants for nursing steers and heifers--Implus-C, Component-C, Synovex-C and Ralgro, all registered trademarks. Additionally, two implants are available for suckling steers--Compudose and Encore, also registered trademarks.

Thrift adds that producers need to read implant labels. Many implants should not be used on calves less than 30-45 days old. Implanting prior to that time, such as at birth, has been shown to cause fertility problems in heifers intended for replacements, he notes.

At a recent cattleman's clinic, Thrift demonstrated the best techniques for implanting cattle. The proper place for implantation is the middle third of the backside of the ear.

First and foremost, producers need to keep instruments clean. He recommends using an old paint tray and a kitchen sponge.

Add a small amount of disinfectant and run the needle across the sponge between animals, Thrift advises. A major cause of implant failure is because of improper needle disinfecting. The sponge may also be used to wipe the surface of the ear clean.

The second most common reason for implant failure is when

the implant gets inadvertently crushed due to forceful administration.

It is best to withdraw the needle slightly as the implant is deposited to avoid crushing it. Some companies also manufacture a special implant gun with a retractable needle.

A third reason implants often fail, Thrift says, is because someone gets in a hurry. Instead of putting it under the skin, they put the needle all the way through the ear and it just shoots out, Thrift explains.

After the work is done, Thrift said, cattle producers should clean instruments and protect any leftover implants.

Implants are degradable. Keep them stored in an airtight, waterproof bag or container in the house--don't throw them under the truck seat, he says.

Additional information on implanting can be obtained at the local county Extension office. Ask for publication L-2291.

## Ice Cream Social Planned July 24

An old-fashioned ice cream social will be sponsored by the Silverton Chamber of Commerce beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, under the shelter on the courthouse lawn.

Bring your ice cream and lawn chairs. Bowls and spoons will be furnished.

This is planned as a time for fellowship and visiting among the people of this area.

## New Arrival

Kelly and Mary McMurtry of Amarillo are parents of a daughter, Lily Ireland, born at 12:47 p.m. July 13 at Northwest Texas Hospital. She weighed eight pounds and eleven ounces, and measured 21 1/2 inches in length on arrival.

Welcoming her into the family is a sister, Lexi, who is 4 1/2 years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peery of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McMurtry of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davidson of Pampa.

## Livestock Specialist Explains Best Vaccination Technique

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

For cattlemen who thought it might be hard to juggle a cooler, needles and cattle all at once, Dr. Todd Thrift, livestock specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says it can be done with ease. On vaccination days, anyway.

Vaccines are chemically fragile, so the way they're stored and handled can alter their effectiveness. Vaccines and syringes must be kept cool to work properly.

Take a plastic foam cooler with you. Put vaccines inside the cooler with ice packs. Cut 1 1/2 inch holes in the side of the cooler, and hang the vaccination guns in the holes, Thrift explains.

Put the shot in front of the shoulder (or alternatively right behind the elbow), under the skin, he says: Grab hold of the skin, pull it out to form a tent so as to aid in subcutaneous administration.

Whatever you do, don't inject into the hind quarter. It has the potential to cause an injection-site lesion, and studies have shown that it can cause the meat to be tough as far as three inches away from the site of administration, Thrift notes.

When it's time to refill multi-dose syringes, always use a clean needle to avoid contaminating the remainder of the vaccine.

When transferring vaccine from a plastic bottle to a glass one, stick the needle in the plastic one first, then invert it into the glass tube.

These precautions are particularly important when using modified live vaccines, because they are the most susceptible to damage by heat and sunlight. Don't lay all your stuff out there on the table before you have your first calf in the chute. They have a short shelf life, Thrift warns.

Remember to keep instruments clean. To clean syringes, rinse in almost-boiling hot water. Don't use bleach or another disinfectant because residue can potentially destroy the vaccine. For killed vaccines, store leftovers in the refrigerator. Throw leftover modified live vaccines away.

## Ranch Horse Workshop Set

Pammie Millican  
County Extension Agent

Ranchers are always looking for another way to make money. Training ranch horses could be it.

During the annual beef cattle short course at Texas A&M University, ranchers will have the opportunity to learn how to make the best uses of their horses.

Extension equine specialist Dr. Doug Householders says if you buy a young horse and train him well, by the time he's about seven years old, he could be worth up to \$15,000.

The ranch horse workshop will cover how to select, feed, condition, manage and train ranch horses.

Householder says it is important to train horses safely and well to get the best out of them on the ranch and in competitions so they will bring the highest dollar when they are sold.

The workshop is a three-part program covering beginning, intermediate and advanced training. It is on August 3, just before the start of the beef cattle short course so ranchers can take advantage of both. And Householders says if you want to come a day earlier, on August 2, you can see a ranch horse competition and take part in a number of other activities.

## City-Wide Garage Sale Being Planned

There will be a City-Wide Garage Sale in Silverton early in September.

Please make plans now to participate in this event.

## Join The BCAA

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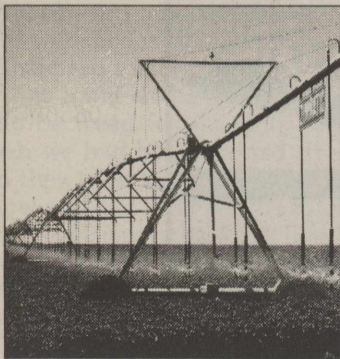
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## CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

### DROUGHT LEAVES TEXAS HIGH AND DRY

**D**rought is nothing new to Texans. As Junction native Rana Williamson points out in her wry little book, *When the Catfish Had Ticks*, this summer's dry conditions are part of a "cyclical, meteorological struggle dating back to the 15th century, when an early occurrence destroyed the Antelope Creek (community), a native culture on the Canadian River."

Her book is a charming compilation of homespun humor related to the weather. It is a recommended read for anyone who finds consolation in Texas wit, such as: "It was so dry in Jones County, the trees started chasing the dogs."

But familiarity with drought doesn't make it any less painful for the farmers and ranchers who have been left high and dry.

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service estimates Texas' loss in hay production will cost \$175 million statewide this summer. The loss of direct income to agriculture producers totals \$517 million so far, with cotton producers having experienced an estimated loss of \$157 million. People all across the state are hurting.

This situation requires that we immediately bring into play all existing federal government resources that can be of help. On June 23 I alerted Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to the extremely hazardous conditions that Texas is experiencing this summer, and asked that he release Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to provide Texas farmers and ranchers with emergency drought assistance.

This drought is more than an agricultural disaster. Insufficient rainfall across Texas has resulted in extreme fire conditions in 207 of Texas' 254 counties. And the National Weather Service is predicting above-average temperatures and no precipitation for much of the state through the summer.

We've all seen what this summer's horrendous wildfires have been doing to Florida. We don't want a repeat of that scenario in Texas.

Federal assistance is now making available several programs to help Texas firefighters, farmers and ranchers prevent conditions from deteriorating further. Emergency loans, CRP haying and grazing, and crop insurance are some of the important tools that could do more to assist our producers.

Earlier this summer, at my request, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency agreed to delay making some proposed changes in the way crop insurance policy claims are appraised on seed that fails to grow due to a lack of rain. The original appraisal period, seven days, remains in effect. The agency's draft regulation would have deferred these appraisals to 25 days after the final plant date, a proposal that worried many growers.

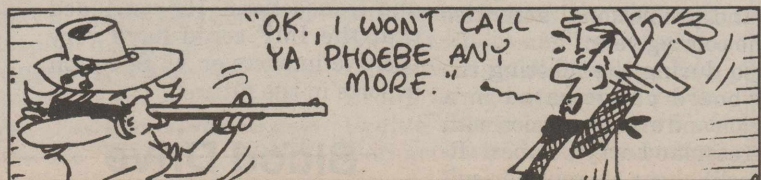
In a Senate Resolution offered in June, Secretary Glickman was instructed to:

- \* Ensure that local Farm Service Agency offices are equipped with adequate personnel in drought-stricken areas to assist producers with disaster loan applications;
- \* Direct the U.S. Forest Service to assist the State of Texas and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in pre-positioning fire-fighting equipment and other appropriate resources in affected Texas counties;
- \* Authorize haying and grazing on CRP acreage (so far 35 countries have been released for grazing only);
- \* Implement an emergency plan to help prevent wildfires.

As is the case during any drought, all Texans have a stake in its outcome. While farmers and ranchers are feeling the pinch now, over the long term everyone will suffer the consequences in the grocery store check-out line and elsewhere in our economy. While the possibility of wildfire presents an immediate threat, over the long haul drought can depress property values, reducing the tax revenues on which school districts and local governments depend. And inevitably, drought increases the competition for scarce water resources among municipalities, agriculture and wildlife preservation efforts.

There's an old joke that says the success of a "Rainmaker" depends on his timing. We can't change the weather. But what we can do is work together, as Texans always have, to limit the damage wherever we can.

(For more information on the programs mentioned in this column, contact the Texas Department of Agriculture at (877) 429-1998, toll-free.)



Famed American sharpshooter Annie Oakley was born Phoebe Ann Moses in 1860.

### Happy Birthday-

July 23--Arlene Curry, Tina Nance, Fannie Francis

July 24--Jordan Ryan Morris, Syzette Nistler, Marsha Brunson, Melody Farley, Brewster Cip Garcia

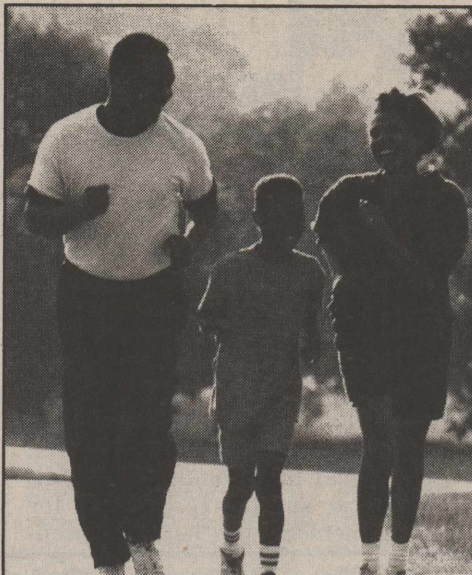
July 26--Andy Bullock, Jo Ann McFall, Jay Towe, Merle Roehr

July 27--Sandy Perkins, Anita Seaney, Lois Cline, Jake Copeland

July 28--Jordan Sarchet, Roy Brown, Lura Brown, Gail Wyatt, Sheila Brooks

July 29--Constance Gillenwater

The Chamber Needs You!



## Start to Finish Heart Disease

### 1998 Property Tax Rates in the Silverton Independent School District

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#### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	465,962
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$	465,962
Last year's tax base	\$	47,305,787
Last year's total tax rate	\$	<u>0.9850/\$100</u>

#### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	461,131
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	47,047,564
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	<u>0.9801/\$100</u>

#### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$	464,202
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	47,047,564
= This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR adopted 1996 maintenance and operation rate	\$	0.9801/\$100
= This year's maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	\$	0.9850/\$100
+ \$0.08	\$	1.0650/\$100
+ Rate increase adopted for 1997-98 school year	\$	-0-
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0-
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$	-0-
= This year's rollback rate	\$	1.0650/\$100

#### SCHEDULE A

##### UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

<b>Type of Property Tax Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Maintenance & Operations	\$485,000.00

#### SCHEDULE B

1997 DEBT SERVICE: None.

#### SCHEDULE C

EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: None

#### SCHEDULE D

STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE (FOR COUNTIES) N/A

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District, 415 Main (Courthouse), Silverton, Texas.

The person providing the above information is:

/s/ Carlye Fleming

Chief Appraiser

July 15, 1998

# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Facing the music is something cotton producers on the Texas High Plains get used to early in their careers. Finding ways to live with the tune being played by Mother Nature in 1998, however, hasn't been easy.

Recognizing the need to move toward the initiation of federal relief efforts to help farmers and ranchers standing on the front lines of this building economic crisis, Texas Cotton Producers,

Inc. (TCP) is taking the story of Texas cotton to Washington, D. C., in order to bolster the efforts of other organizations and States. The timing is right, especially since national media attention has recently been focused on the plight of agriculture in Texas and on cotton in particular.

In order to garner additional support for a comprehensive disaster assistance package for farmers and ranchers, represen-

tatives of TCP will be traveling to Washington, D. C., the week of July 20 to visit with congressional representatives and put a face on the problems that currently exist.

The Texas High Plains will be represented by PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett and Mike Mauldin, President of Security State Bank of Idalou. Other TCP representatives include TCP President Jim Ed Miller of Fort Hancock, Craig Shook of Corpus Christi, Bill Lovelady of Tornillo and Craig Brown of the National Cotton Council in Memphis, Tennessee.

TCP is an organization which masses the combined membership of the nine regional cotton

grower organizations in Texas.

With the price of cotton settling back to the lower seventy-cent range, cotton producers are being encouraged not to wait before fixing prices on the remainder of their crop.

Although most had hoped the recent rally would continue, the USDA July crop report failed to provide the spark necessary to take the December futures contract over the 80-cent level.

High Plains crop losses are rapidly approaching 1.5 million acres of dryland cotton along with a few scattered irrigated acres lost to high winds, hail or a combination of the two. The bottom line is that even though a few scattered showers have fallen in the past few days, it has come too late to help the dryland crop.

The showers may help some of the irrigated cotton, but even this part of the crop is nowhere close to being out of the woods.

As a result of the extreme temperatures early in the season, many growers already have spent all of the money they had budgeted for irrigation expense. Next they have to face the unpleasant prospect of wells pumping well below normal capacity just as the crop reaches the blooming stage, the most water sensitive stage of its development.

Combined with the potentially explosive threat of insects such as bollworm, beet armyworm and boll weevil, the irrigated crop on the Texas High Plains still has a lot to contend with before harvest.

Average farm prices received by growers for upland cotton through the month of May are shown on the table below.

Figures quoted in this table are compiled by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Average Price Received By Farmers Through May 1998 (Weighted by Marketings)		
	Monthly	Cumulative
January	1,841	1,841
February	1,581	3,422
March	1,301	4,723
April	545	5,268
May	408	5,676
June	NA	NA
	Monthly	Cumulative
January	60.80	60.80
February	62.00	61.35
March	63.40	61.92
April	62.20	61.95
May	63.50	62.06
June	66.50	NA

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. board of directors approved their FY 1998-99 operating budget at the organization's July 8 meeting.

The 1998-99 PCG budget will total \$501,179.50 and cover expenses supporting the organization's research, legislative and promotional activities for the coming year.

Also during the meeting the PCG board participated in a question and answer session with Congressman Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) about current agriculture issues. Combest noted that

several efforts are being stepped up as work will resume to initiate fast track trade negotiating authority, IMF funding and China's MFN trade status.

Combest also noted that a letter was being drafted at this time to be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning cotton Step 2 funds and options when that funding is depleted faster than projected in the 1996 Farm Bill.

The PCG board also took positions on several other important issues and approved moving on to the next step in reorganizing the PCG board structure. Under the structure being formulated the PCG board would be changed to include one representative from each member gin as well as retaining representation from the business and allied industry segments.

The PCG board also voted to support the recommendation of the National Cotton Council Producer Steering Committee for modification of the current HVI color calibration chart and to use the revised chart during the 1998 crop to provide the industry an opportunity to evaluate the accuracy of the HVI color measurement with the modification. The PCG board also agreed to support full implementation of HVI color and the official measurement by the 1999 crop year.

Citing the importance of issues such as fast track negotiating authority, the funding of the International Monetary Fund and fixing problems in the area of ag credit, Congressman Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) made the most of his stop at the July 8 PCG board of directors meeting in Lubbock. The PCG board, which invited the Congressman to report on current activities in Washington, were pleased to hear additional details about these and other important issues.

Combest noted that cotton is on the front lines when it comes to feeling the effects of the current drought as well as pressures from the world marketplace. He added that the landscape surrounding several important trade issues supported by the cotton industry had changed for the better over the past few weeks.

Combest explained that a renewed effort should be coming to approve Fast Track Trade negotiating authority for President Clinton, reaffirming China's Most Favored Nation (MFN) designation and getting additional funding for the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Combest noted after studying the IMF that he had been converted from opponent to advocate for the IMF program. He likened the IMF to a bank which has deposits from member nations and then uses that money to guarantee various economic programs and transactions. He concluded that the IMF could have very positive impacts on U. S. cotton exports in the future.

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### General Fund

#### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	424,577
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$	424,577
Last year's tax base	\$	73,304,040
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.5792/\$100

#### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	424,415
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	75,205,182
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.5644/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$	0.5644/\$100

#### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$	424,415
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	75,205,182
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.5644/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.6096/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0-
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$	0.6096/\$100
Total rollback tax rate	\$	0.6096/\$100

#### SCHEDULE A

##### UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$ 473,000.00

#### SCHEDULE B

1997 DEBT SERVICE: None

#### SCHEDULE C

EXPECTED REVENUE FROM ADDITIONAL SALES TAX: None

#### SCHEDULE D

##### STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE (FOR COUNTIES)

The Briscoe County Treasurer certifies that Briscoe County has spent \$360.00 in the previous 12 months beginning October 1, 1997, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The Briscoe County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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The person providing the above information is:

/s/ Carlye Fleming

Chief Appraiser

July 15, 1998

**Blood Drive  
Mon., July 27**

**LIGHTHOUSE  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Roger Mobley, Pastor

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

**NEW FELLOWSHIP  
BAPTIST MISSION**

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

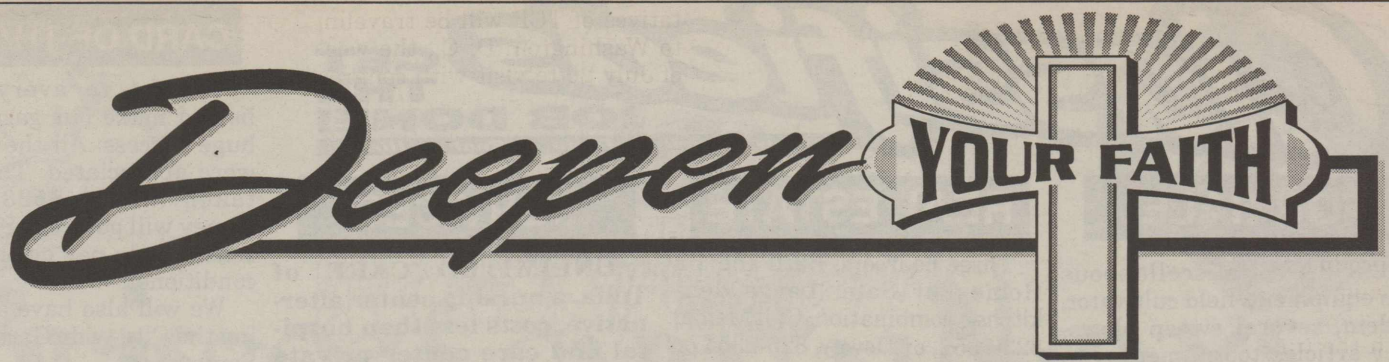
**OUR LADY OF LORETO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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.



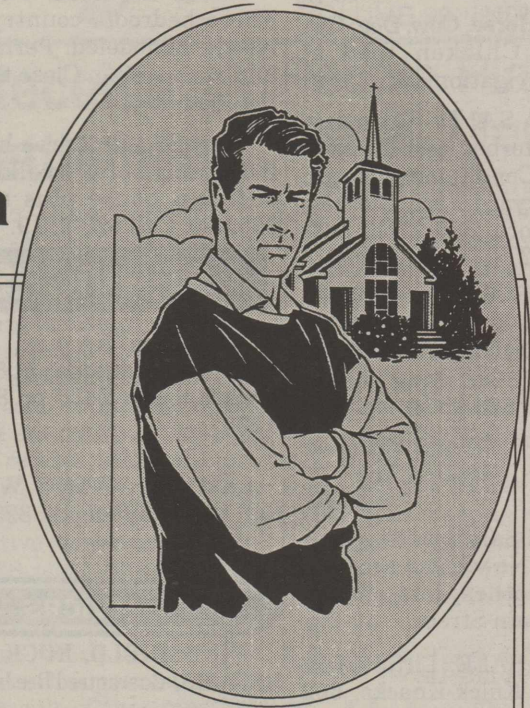
## Don't Be A Grouch

Some people may not even realize that they constantly complain or that they are usually in a grouchy mood. No one enjoys being around such a person, who, for no apparent reason, is irritable most of the time. Usually, these people are their own worst enemy, and it must be terrible to have a gloom and doom outlook on almost everything in one's life. The Bible tells us that we are what we confess with our lips, and that if we continually profess and believe negatively that "everything always happens to me," usually we will be right.

Living a positive life and trusting in God not only will improve our disposition, it will also improve our mental and physical well-being. When a person is joined to Christ, he or she become a new being. The more we understand the ways of our Lord, the more positive we will become, because we are assured that God loves us and he wants us to be happy.

**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

K.J.V. 2 Corinthians 5:17



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**FOR SALE:** 3 JD 8500 21-ft. One Ways; 3 Krause 828 21-ft. One Ways; 1 Krause 824 15-ft. One Way; 1 21-ft. King Offset. Ted Hancock, 823-2574. 27-tfc

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

**FOR SALE:** 3 JD 8500 21-ft. One Ways; 3 Krause 828 21-ft. One Ways; 1 Krause 824 15-ft. One Way; 1 21-ft. King Offset. Ted Hancock, 296-5309. 29-2tc

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**FOR SALE:** Three-bedroom Brick Home plus smaller three-bedroom house plus six lots. \$55,000. Call 823-2219. 30-1tc

## SERVICES

Silverton AA and AlAnon Meetings Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 23-tfnc

**LAWN MOWING Wanted:** Call Michael Reagan, 823-2537. 25-tfnc

## Services

**WINDSHIELD, ROCK BREAK REPAIRS,** Guaranteed Dee Inglis, 668-4657. 20-tfc

Katy is again washing cars at Rick's Muffler. Call 823-2015 for appointment. 24-tfnc

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

**Blood Drive Mon., July 27**

**Don's Muffler Shop**  
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## WANTED

**BETTY JO HALLET,** "Class of 43," where are you? Please write or call Eula Merrell DeWitz, 1-509-586-3342, 21 East 2nd Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99336. 30-3tp

## CARD OF THANKS

**A Path Not Chosen**  
by Frankie Ledbetter

Had there been a sign indicating the exit to this destination, we would have proceeded in the direction we were going. We would not have desired to be there. However, there are times in life that the direction taken is not of our choosing. It is handed to us, like it or not.

It was a cold, hard, dark place. We were uncomfortable being there. We were unfamiliar with the territory. We were there anyway.

In the midst of the dark, sad time, there was a warm, kind, bright place. Friends and loved ones helped us carry the heaviness, cards, letters, flowers, plants, prayers, food, phone calls and gifts to the Ledbetter children's fund let us know that others were helping us through the difficulty.

The family of Gary Don Ledbetter wishes to thank you for every kindness since his death.

Mary-Lynn, Cari and Michael Ledbetter  
Rev. and Mrs. Ron Ledbetter  
Paul Ledbetter  
Chris and Sabrina Ledbetter  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson,  
Shacy and Chisum  
Wilma Hunt  
Rev. and Mrs. Don Ledbetter  
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I wish to say a thank you, for the flowers, cards, calls, food and most of all your prayers, while I was in the hospital and since I have been home.  
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We will also have a sale during the City-wide Garage Sale in September.

We will be selling ice cream and cake during the celebrations/ The Friendship Quilters

## POLITICAL CALENDAR

Contested Races That Will Appear on the General Election Ballot

### FOR STATE SENATOR:

Bowie-Greg Underwood

### FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

Lynn Frizzell

Edwin Norris

(This listing includes the candidates who have made their announcements in the Briscoe County News.)

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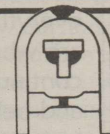
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