

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Covenant Health System will be discontinuing service to Silvertown by way of its mobile clinic which has been parked on the north side of the Briscoe County Courthouse on Wednesdays. Ruan Reast, R. N., F. N. P. and Anna Mirelez, L. V. N., say that in the past sixteen months they have made many wonderful friends here; however, they have not been seeing very many patients in the community and feel that it would be more beneficial for the clinic to travel to another community in Rural West Texas.

They will continue to come to Silvertown on Wednesdays through the remainder of April. Their last day of service will be Wednesday, April 28.

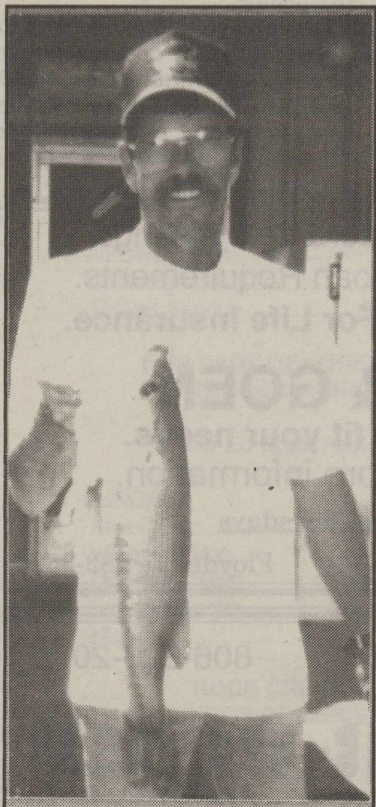
If you request, they will send copies of your medical records to the health care provider of your choice, and ask that you send a written request bearing the signature of the patient or the guardian to their office: St. Mary Mobile Clinic, 4000 24th Street, Lubbock, TX 79410.

Briscoe County Activities Association will be giving away a pair of James Owens handmade boots at the Saturday night performance of the rodeo in August.

Friendship Quilters will be giving away a handmade quilt in a drawing to be held at the same time.

For information as to how you can be eligible to win one of these prizes, you need to contact a member of BCAA or a member of Friendship Quilters.

Like Michael Davis, I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.

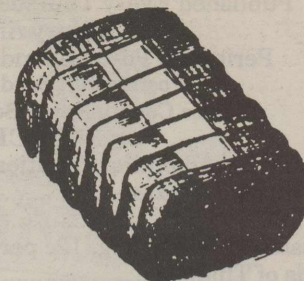


Bill Earl of Tulia caught this 5 3/4-lb. largemouth bass while fishing with a twin tail jig at Lake Mackenzie on Friday, April 2.



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Briscoe County Residents Will Conduct Texas Trash-Off Saturday

Saturday, April 10, more than 175,000 volunteers will give the Lone Star State a facelift for the spring wildflower season by participating in the 14th annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off. Organized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), the Trash-Off is a component of the state's Don't Mess With Texas litter prevention program.

In Briscoe County, Adopt-a-Highway groups including Briscoe County Activities Association, Caprock Bicycle Club and Quitaque Lions Club will participate in this year's trash-off to help rid state roads of litter. An estimated two million pounds of litter will be picked up by Trash-Off volunteers.

Stretches of highway where volunteer groups will be picking up trash in Briscoe County include State Highway 86 from the Silvertown city limits, west for a distance of two miles; Farm to Market Road 1065 from its intersection with SH 86, south for a distance of two miles; SH 86 from the west city limits of Quitaque, west for a distance of two miles.

"Nobody wants to see litter along our beautiful Texas roadways--especially when things are greening up and blossoming in springtime," said Gary Clinton, TxDOT's Briscoe County Maintenance Supervisor. "Every year, thousands of Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off volunteers do a lot of hard work to clean up after the people who keep trashing our landscapes and communities."

"We are proud to link the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off to the national litter cleanup program, which is a partnership of state and local affiliates, national sponsors and local supporters," said Barbara Seal, Childress District TxDOT Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator. "The Great American Cleanup was created to change attitudes and behavior through hands-on involvement in litter removal and litter prevention."

TxDOT's grassroots partner, Keep Texas Beautiful, is a non-profit, environmental umbrella group consisting of a network of private citizens, communities, industries, civic groups, schools and government agencies.

Anyone interested in participating in the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off can call TxDOT

at 940-937-7145. Information also is available at 1-888-TEX-8683 or on the web at www.dontmesswithtexas.org.

Methodist Revival Set to Begin April 17

The members of Silvertown United Methodist Church invite you to the spring revival to share the faith April 17-18-19, and ask that you begin praying now as you join the celebration.

Hear the inspirational words of Kerry Hurst and rejoice to the music of Jenny McKlindon.

Everyone is welcome.

There will be lots of food, fun and fellowship.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, there will be special activities for the youth followed by a covered dish meal at 6:00 p.m. and the worship service at 7:00.

On Sunday, the event begins at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School, and the worship service follows at 10:55 a.m. A covered dish meal will be served at noon, and the evening worship begins at 7:00.

Monday at 6:00 p.m. there will be a covered dish meal followed by a worship at 7:00.

Swisher Electric Observes 60 Years at the Annual Meeting

Swisher Electric Cooperative's March 25 annual membership meeting at Ezra Jones Cafeteria was highlighted by the observance of 1999 as its 60th year and by the introduction of Touchstone Energy to the members. As explained to the members at the meeting and inside their annual report, Touchstone Energy is a nation-wide partnership and alliance of electric cooperatives who have committed to provide the best possible electric service, with an emphasis on personal service, to their members. With approximately 570 partners, Touchstone Energy is the largest provider of electric service in the country.

In his manager's report, Charles Castleberry began by pointing out a post card in each member's registration packet was designed to facilitate the ease of members contacting their state legislators to to express their concerns about any deregulation of the electric utility industry. Castleberry read a quote printed at the top of the card from Don Ingle, president of the Energy Services Business Unit of Cinergy: "After deregulation is a reality, and we no longer have an obligation to serve, we can't af-

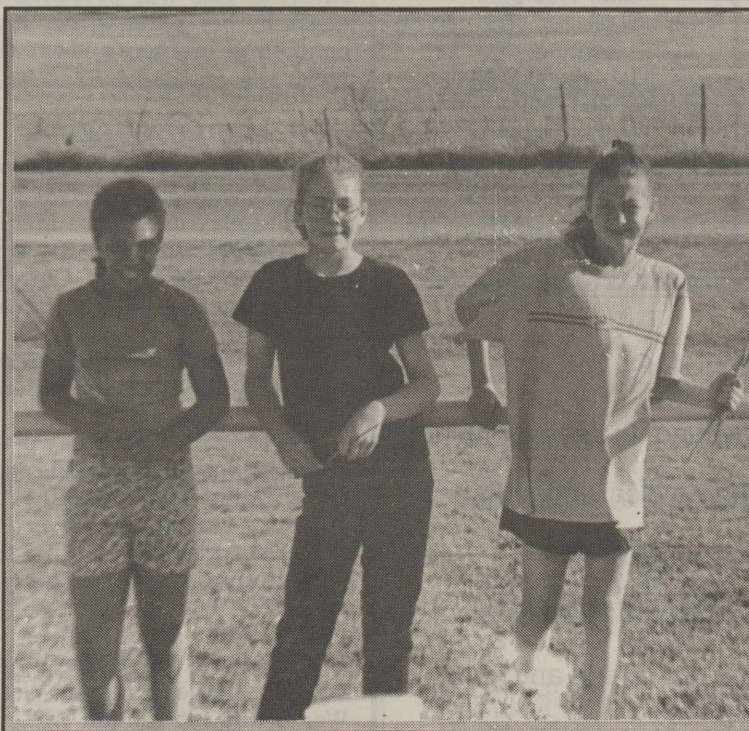
ford to hang on to 'loss' customers, or even marginally profitable ones." "Bear that in mind," Castleberry said, "when you communicate your wants to the legislature."

In recognition of the co-op's 60th year of providing service, Castleberry expressed thanks to several groups of people who had contributed through the years to the cooperative's growth and success. These groups included the board of directors, staff and employees--both past and present--and their spouses. He also thanked the co-op's suppliers of energy (Southwestern Public Service) as well as suppliers of products and professional services, and the members in general for their patronage.

Receiving special recognition was a group who worked in 1948 for a contractor, Sands Construction, building 325 miles of line (sections K and L) plus two substations. The group included Kenneth George of Lubbock; Miles Anderson, Bill George and Dick Shackelford of Tulia; and Gene George of Hereford. Kenneth George had supplies several photos of that construction from 1948 used in the annual report. Shackelford at the time was the resident engineer for the project. Castleberry thanked them all for coming.

Castleberry also recognized the scholarship winners of Swisher Electric's first very own scholarship program. They are Jamie Vick, a senior at Happy High School, and Sabrina Acker, 1994 graduate and valedictorian at Nazareth, who is now a student at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine at College Station. Miss Vick is the daughter of J. E. and Marsha Vick and plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall, majoring in biology, with aspirations of becoming a forensic pathologist. Miss Acker is the daughter of Luke and Mona Acker and is involved in the student chapters of numerous veterinary associations.

"Ten years ago, at your 50th anniversary," Castleberry said, "Mr. C. D. Taylor, the first president of Swisher Electric, gave the members a message: 'If you want to get something, get it done thru See SWISHER ELECTRIC--Continued on Page Two



Dianne Johnston presented a program on planting trees for Silvertown Girl Scouts, Melonie Johnson, Holly Vernon and Camisha Wilson, after which the girls went to the cemetery to add some trees to the landscaping.

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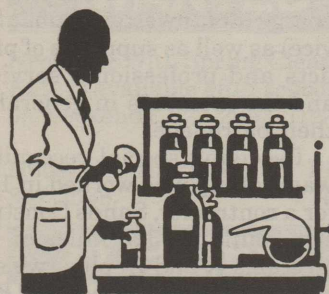
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Obituary

EDUARDO ALVARADO

Eduardo Alvarado, 12, a fifth grade student in the Silverton Elementary School, was pronounced dead at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 4, by Justice of the Peace Edwin Norris, who ordered an autopsy to determine if the boy died from a fall off a cliff at Lake Mackenzie or whether his death was the result of drowning. The lad received head injuries in the fall, which ended with his body going into the water where it was recovered about four hours later.

The boy had been hiking while on a family outing at the lake, and



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no one was sure exactly what happened. It was thought that he might have gone too close to the edge of a cliff, and fallen when the soil beneath his feet gave way.

Funeral mass for the boy will be at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church in Silverton. Father Ed Graff, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Born October 4, 1986 at Rio Verde, S. L. P., Mexico, he moved to Silverton in 1994.

Survivors include his parents, Isobel Castro Alvarez and Lucia Alvarez of Silverton; three brothers, Juan Carlos Alvarez and Jose Luis Alvarez both of Rio Verde, Mexico, and Ismael Alvarez of Silverton; four sisters, Raquel Alvarez and Maria de Jesus Alvarez, both of Rio Verde, Mexico, Isabel Alvarez of Dallas, Dora Alvarez of Silverton.

BILLIE SCHNAIBLE

Services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. March 29 at Ballard Chapel in Roswell, New Mexico, for Billie Schnaible, 80, who passed away Friday, March 26 at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center. Rev. Bobby Renfro, pas-

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prayer, desire and cooperation," Taylor had said. Castleberry said, "Certainly, guidance by prayer has been a tool we've used in our business attitude in helping the co-op grow in a positive and dynamic fashion." Through hardship and high points, Castleberry said, prayer continues to be a source of strength for both staff and board members.

"Desire was the next thing Dee (Mr. Taylor) shared for getting things accomplished," Castleberry said. "Without the 'want to' you the members provided," he added, providing the best possible service for rural members would have been impossible. Castleberry said that through new technology and programs the cooperative participates in, like the Touchstone Energy partnership, "we can make service an even higher priority." He noted the Touchstone Energy partnership of nearly 570 electric cooperatives guarantees members the best available services

tor of the First Baptist Church, officiated, assisted by Jim Lindberger. Burial followed at South Park Cemetery at Roswell.

Mrs. Schnaible was born June 18, 1918 in Floyd County to Benton and Minnie Lanham. She was graduated from Silverton High School with the Class of 1936.

In Roswell in August 1946, she married Joe Schnaible. For a time during the 40 years she lived in Roswell Mrs. Schnaible was an instructor at Lea College of Cosmetology. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and various civic organizations.

She is survived by a son, James J. Schnaible of Albuquerque; a daughter, Cheryl K. Killness of Roswell; a sister, Jo Hamilton of Lubbock; two grandchildren, Holly and Heather Killness. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers and one sister.

MARLOW DEES

Funeral services for Marlow Dees, 83, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in Lemons Memorial Chapel with the Rv. Don Robertson, pastor of College Heights Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in the Plainview Cemetery by Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Dees died Saturday of an apparent heart attack while driving with his wife, Christine, on Highway 256 east of Silverton. Mrs. Dees was able to bring the vehicle to a stop after he collapsed.

He was a graduate of Plainview High School and served with the military in World War II and the Korean War. He retired from the U. S. Postal Service after 27 years. He was a member of College Heights Baptist Church, was a Mason and enjoyed hunting.

and the most economical way of doing business--in the cooperative way.

"Lastly, Mr. Taylor mentioned cooperation as that tangible ingredient in getting things done," Castleberry said. "Your co-op is in existence today because of cooperation. Your co-op began with an idea that was planted by people, people like you tonight. Individually, we're very vulnerable to big businesses and what restructuring might do to the co-ops. But collectively, through cooperation, we have an opportunity to accomplish a great deal."

Castleberry next talked about the extent of damage incurred from the January 29 ice storm and why it took so long getting some members back on. A large map of the co-op's service area was covered with red dots (over 125) indicating every place that had required construction work, whether a single downed pole, or possibly dozens of poles and crossarms down. That was one of the reasons why it was such a monumental task restoring service. Castleberry said some members were without service as long as nine days.

"I didn't realize how many engineers or experts we had out in our service area," Castleberry said. "I talked to quite a few of you (laughs from the crowd) who said, 'If you just connect up this line here . . .'" Castleberry then explained that many of those red dots on the map were at critical points in the co-op's loop feed transmission and distribution facilities. The loop feeds normally minimize outages, enabling power to be fed from up to three different directions from three different substations. If your house was at one of these critical points where hardware was down, Castleberry explained, it was possible for your neighbors to have power being fed from one or two of those directions while you were in the dark.

Additionally, Castleberry noted, Southwestern Public Service was having its own problems. At the co-op's two interchanges with SPS, Castleberry

said, "our power supplier can only try that switch so many times before something happens." When that 'something' happens, he added, it's generally not good. He said he hoped this explanation helped foster some understanding about how widespread and extensive the storm damage was, noting the co-op still had one contractor crew working to help get everything caught up.

In other business reports, Bob Bryant, President and General Manager of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, updated the members on the progress of the Mustang Station power plant at Denver City. Bryant said the two combustion turbines should be on line early this summer, with run testing of the turbines expected to commence sometime in April. The third turbine, a steam turbine, was originally scheduled to be in service by January 2000. Construction on it is ahead of schedule, however, and according to the contractor, Bryant said, should be on line around October of this year.

Auditor Barbee Word of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss accounting firm, reviewed the financial data in the annual report every member had received. He noted his firm had given an unqualified opinion of the cooperative's financial condition, the highest opinion an audit form can give.

Board secretary Dee Inglis announced 184 members were registered in person, with an additional eight members represented by proxy. This, Inglis noted, made a quorum for the conduction of business.

Attorney Malcolm Tisdell conducted the election of directors, with incumbents Eddie Bryan, Dee Inglis and Richard Tye all being re-elected.

Danny's Catering of Lubbock provided the buffet meal, serving 431 people.

The meeting concluded with the drawing for door prizes, including two grand prizes, a \$200 beef gift certificate at Swisher Meat Company, and a \$100 beef gift certificate, also redeemable at Swisher Meat.

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April 6, 1989--A tentative date of Saturday, May 6, has been set for the first Caprock Jamboree. This is another way to promote tourism in Briscoe County . . . Randy and Linda Stark recently were named Man and Woman of the Year at Quitaque . . . J. P. Taylor, 76, of Quitaque died at 12:15 p.m. Monday about two hours after being run over by his own pickup while he attempted to repair it . . . A surprise birthday party for Loretha Rhoderick also honored other members of the family in the Eddie Rhoderick home Sunday. Others having birthdays this month include Kody Rhoderick, Wresha Rhoderick and Kimmie Blazier .

April 5, 1979--Mrs. Jennie Fisher honored as a 50-year member of the Eastern Star . . . Walter Fleming was admitted to Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia Monday . . . Dickie Vaughn underwent open heart surgery Monday of last week . . . Area Tennis Club to be organized . . . Jim Reid, owner of Coulter Gardens in Amarillo, assisted members of Century of Progress Study Club in planting 15 new trees in the City Park last week . . . Mrs. Don Curry, the former Miss Arlene Lavy, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous bridal shower Friday . . . Bess McWilliams chosen as president of the Silverton EMS Club, and elected to serve with her were Helen Strange, vice president; Darla Greenhaw, secretary . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Davis are parents of a son, Terry Jeff, born Saturday, March 31, at Lockney . . . Jeremy Hester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hester, is a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He suffered a broken arm Monday . . .

April 3, 1969--Drive-In movie opens Saturday . . . Crockett Grabbe has been chosen for recognition in Merit Who's Who Among American High School Students . . . Mackenzie Water vote expected soon . . . Harrell Minyard is home after serving two years in the armed forces. He and his wife, Sheila, are making their home here and he is employed by Maples "66" Station . . . Silverton athletes placed well in the junior high track meet held in Clarendon recently. Some of the boys set new track and field records. Marvin Self still held the record discus throw of 110'6" that he set in 1967, but broke his own record this year with a distance of 160'8 1/2". Walter Carl Welch toppled the meet record in the 1320 run. In the Seventh Grade division, Silverton placed second, with a first place in the 440-yard relay in a time of 54.0 and first in the 1320 relay with a 3:10.9. Relay team members were Craig Culwell, Rex Clayton, Barry Francis and Ty McMurtry. Craig Culwell won first in the 50 and

330 yard dashes with a 6.45 in the 50 and a 46.2 in the 330. Barry Bullock placed first in 4:23.0 followed by Wendell Hardin in second place in the 1320 run . . .

April 2, 1959--In a sales agreement reached last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sarchet of Tulia became the owners and operators of the Briscoe County News. The new owners took charge of the business on April 1 . . . Mrs. Luke Thompson underwent the 27th operation since she was injured in the May 1957 tornado . . . This is the time of year to be careful about snakes . . . Miss Millie Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ott Perkins, and Joe Dell Roberts, son of Mrs. Eula Roberts of San Diego, California, were united in marriage Friday at the home of the bride's parents . . .

April 7, 1949--Mrs. Faye Dunn exchanges marriage vows with Perry Whittemore . . . The undefeated Silverton Owl "9" will go east to play the Flomot Longhorns Thursday afternoon. The Owls took the count of Lockney and Floydada, two class A team neighbors, in their last outings . . . Mr. and Mrs. Verne Beardon this week have taken over the cafe located on the Floydada-Tulia highway known as "Plumnelly" this week, and will operate it giving the same service they have always given in the past . . . Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Alexander are parents of a daughter, Marcia Joan . . . Mrs. W. E. Redin was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rowell Sunday . . . Mrs. Richard Hill, Mrs. Seymour Brannon and Mrs. J. W. Brannon, sr. were business visitors in Amarillo Monday . . . Mona Brock and Mary Tom Bomar spent Friday night with Teresa Crass . . . June Brown is a member of the North Texas State College A Capella Choir . . . Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitney of Oakland, California were honored with a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wood Tuesday evening . . .

March 30, 1939--W. A. Dickerson, 68, passes away . . . A new beauty shop is being opened in the building south of the Palace Theatre by Edythe Wimberly, assisted by Miss Georgia Kirk . . . Miss Mary Ruth Francis and Mr. J. L. West were united in marriage by Earl Cantwell in an impressive ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Francis, Friday night . . . Crop prospects aided by .37 of an inch of rain . . . J. J. Vardell, an old-timer in Silverton, has purchased the Helpy Self Laundry from Red Diviney and took charge of the place Monday . . . Mmes. Jim Bomar, Roy Brown, Luther Gilkeyson and Mr. Rastus Bomar went to Amarillo Tuesday to take Zollie Bell Driver, where she will take the train for Los

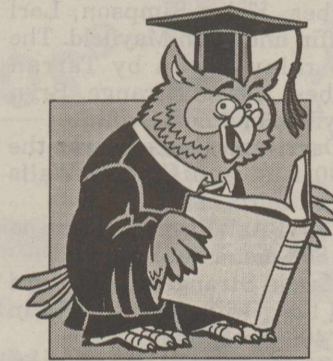
Angeles, California to see her mother . . . Joe Burson, arts and sciences sophomore at Texas Technological College, has been elected president of the Sock and Buskin dramatic society . . .

May 16, 1929--One and one-quarter inch rain arrived in time Sunday to save wheat . . . The Seniors and Juniors of the high school held their annual banquet at the Burson Hotel on Monday night with 37 students and the high school faculty present . . . Mmes. P. D. and C. M. Jasper motored to Tulia Tuesday to be at the bedside of their sister's husband, who is not expected to live . . . The following were callers in the Johnnie Young home

Tuesday: Mmes. W. E. Redin, Ione Brown, C. F. Joiner, J. D. Brown and W. N. Dunn . . . Douglas Gardner spent Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night with John Estel McCain . . . London Bridge Club meets with Mrs. Marion Williams. Attending were Mmes. D. Allard, E. Allard, True Burson, Tom Bomar, Max Crawford, James Meeker, Hubert Simmons, Raymond Patton, Frank Crawley, Bruce Burleson, E. G. Snapka, Roy Allard, Wood Hardcastle, W. L. Bain and W. Coffee, jr. . . R. G. Alexander and T. F. Whiteside accompanied by O. R. Tipps motored into Amarillo Sunday where the former two are attending federal court as petit

jurymen . . . Honor Roll for April: Rose Morgan, Daphne Ferne Blackwell, Wilma Joyce Smithee, Norma Alexander, Beryl Long, Roy Thomas, Minyard Long, Oscar Raglin, jr., Mary Lee Hendrix and Wilburn Wilson, first grade; James Long, Delia Braly, Lillian McCain, Georgia Kirk, Ray Summers, Howard Castleberry, Ona Blocker, Helen Cain, Anna May Busby and Maybell Davis, second grade; Hazel Mae Wilson, Alma Ruth Thompson, Joe Burson, Bertie Castleberry, Elmo Walling, Hattie Standifer, Nora Mae Thompson, Ruth McGavock, Marion McCain, Lavelle Montague, Lois Mae Cox, Jim Tom Nichols, third grade . . .

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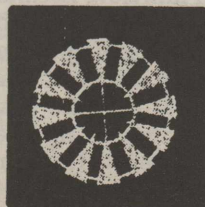
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Lady Owls Win Second At Groom Tiger Relays

Silverton's high school and junior high Lady Owls ripped through the competition to claim second place in each division of the Groom Tiger Relays last week.

Groom won the high school event with a total of 164 points. The Lady Owls captured 105 points, which was good for second. Other team totals were 3. Channing, 91; 4. Miami, 48; 5. Fort Elliott, 26; 6. Lefors, 20; 7. McLean, 19; 8. Samnorwood, 17; 9. Fort Elliott JV, 16; 10. Allison, 14; 11. Hartley, 7.

Groom also won the junior high girls division by scoring 132 points. The Lady Owls earned 88, and the other teams finished 3. Higgins, 77; 4. Hedley, 70; 5. Miami, 68; 6. Lefors, 41; 7. Ft. Elliott, 35; 8. McLean, 34; 9. Allison, 32; 10. Samnorwood, 0; 10. Pringle Morse, 0.

In the boys division, the Owls earned 39 points which was good for seventh place. The junior high Owls finished in sixth place with 37 points.

In the high school competition, first place went to Miami, 156; 2. Groom, 106; 3. Hartley, 62; 4. Hedley, 57; 5. Channing, 49; 6. Lefors, 41; 7. Silverton, 39; 8. Follett, 19; 9. Fort Elliott, 8; 10. Higgins, 4; 11. Samnorwood, 2; 12. Allison, 1; 13. McLean, 0.

Junior high team totals were 1. Follett, 132; 2. Groom, 96; 3. Fort Elliott, 95; 4. Samnorwood, 68; 5. Miami, 41; 6. Silverton, 37; 7. Lefors, 21; 8. Allison, 9; 9. Hedley, 6; 10. Higgins, 4.

The Lady Owls scooped up a lot of points by winning the 800 meter relay in a time of 1:57.75; second in the 400 relay in 54.69, and third in the 1600 relay in 5:26.38.

Members of the 800 relay are Taylor Griffin, Misti Mattheus, Sara Kirchoffner and Amanda Estes. Running legs on the 1600 relay are Chelsey Cherry, Amy Maciel, Lindsey Weaks and Brooke Garvin. Team members on the 400 relay are Taylor Griffin, Amanda Estes, Misti Mattheus and Sara Kirchoffner.

Amy Maciel won third in the 3200-meter run.

Kurby Garvin and her sister, Brooke Garvin, entered the 800-meter run.

Sara Kirchoffner won second in the 100-meter hurdles.

Amanda Estes won first and Brooke Garvin competed in the 100-meter dash.

Chelsey Cherry and Amy Maciel entered the 400-meter dash.

Taylor Griffin won second and Misti Mattheus third in the 200-meter dash.

Lindsey Weaks participated and Sara Kirchoffner won fifth in the triple jump.

Amy Maciel finished in fifth place in the high jump, which was also entered by Taylor Griffin.

Misti Mattheus and Chelsey Cherry participated in the shot put.

Sara Kirchoffner won the long jump and Taylor Griffin also took part in the event.

Chelsey Cherry and Amanda Estes entered the discus throw.

The junior high Lady Owls won the 1600 relay and finished second in the 400 relay and 800 relay. Members of the 1600 relay are Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kassie Strange, Tarran Forbes and Bryn Mayfield. Legs on the 400 relay are run by Tarran Forbes, Kelcy Simpson, Lori Griffin and Bryn Mayfield. The 800 relay is run by Tarran Forbes, Kassie Strange, Bryn Mayfield and Lori Griffin.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds won the 2400 run, and Crystal Walls placed third.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds also won the 800-meter run.

Kassie Strange placed third and Lori Griffin earned fifth in the 400-meter dash.

Kassie Strange won fifth in the high jump.

None of the results are available for the Owls except those that were in the daily newspaper.

Jeremy Holt won the pole vault, and Jared Holt won third in the shot put.

Nathan Francis finished second in the 880.

Andrew Francis earned second in the 1600.

Quantas, the name of the Australian airline, is an acronym for Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services, Lt.

Boosters Asked To Help Plan Athletic Banquet

Members of the Silverton Booster Club are asked to meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday in the school board room to make plans for the annual Athletic Banquet.

High School Students Qualify For Regional

Several Silverton High School students qualified for regional competition at the District UIL Meet held at New Home.

Nathan Francis won first in the Mathematics competition for individuals, and Misty Wilkinson, Josh Breedlove and Andrew Francis placed fourth, fifth and sixth respectively in the same event.

Nathan Francis, Misty Wilkinson and Josh Breedlove won the Mathematics team competition, and will advance to regional.

Andrew Francis tied for first place in Number Sense for individuals.

Kurby Garvin is the second alternate in Informative Speaking. Amy Maciel won third in Persuasive Speaking.

Lisa Comer won first and Lindsey Weaks won second in Prose Interpretation.

Julie Weaver finished in sixth place in Prose Interpretation, and won third in Editorial Writing.

Lisa Comer is the second alternate in Headline Writing.

Weevil Seminar Scheduled April 9

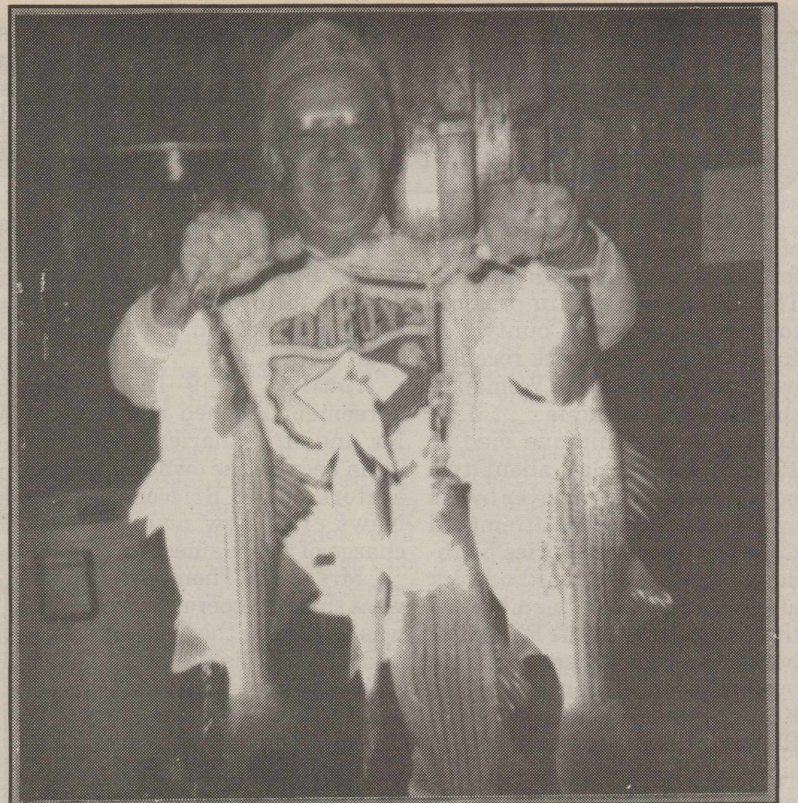
Texas Agricultural Extension Service has scheduled a producer workshop for the afternoon of April 9 titled "Managing the Boll Weevil On Your Own in 1999."

The workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m. with registration in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater. Continuing education credit will be awarded for attendance at the workshop.

The afternoon discussion will include presentations on early, mid- and late-season management techniques as well as what effect initiation of Fall diapause treatments by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation will have on management decisions at the end of the 1999 growing season and early in the 2000 crop year.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

PRN Registered Nurses or LVNs to provide home care for patients in Plainview, Lockney and Silverton area. Must be energetic and outgoing. Home care experience is a must. Can develop into a full-time position. Send resume to Swisher Memorial Hospital, Attn. Jackie Kleman, P. O. Box 808, Tulia, Texas 79088. 14-2tc



Bobby McCall, who lives at Lake Mackenzie, caught some nice stripers at the lake Friday, April 2. *Briscoe County News Photo*

TxDOT Has Annual Safety Awards Banquet in Childress

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) held its annual Safety Awards Banquet February 26 in the Childress Fair Park Auditorium in Childress. The banquet is held to recognize employees' outstanding efforts in the operation of TxDOT vehicles and equipment and for having no work-related injuries.

The Briscoe County Maintenance employees were recognized for combined totals of 95 years

as safe operators and 43 years of no injury.

Members of the Briscoe County Maintenance Section receiving awards were Johnny Tiffin, Ricky Minyard, Gary Clinton, Lynn Smith, Wade Proctor, Darrell Reynolds, Jeff Smith, Joe Ramirez and Donald Fleming.

Also attending the banquet was David Cowdrey.

Cub Scout Pushmobile, Tractor Pull is Saturday

An afternoon of fun is planned for area boys on Saturday, April 10. The Kidsville parking lot near West Fourth and Ennis will be the site of a Cub Scout pushmobile race and tractor pull.

Pushmobiles are four-wheeled cars about the size of a go-cart that are steered by one boy and powered by three others pushing the cars from behind. Tractor pull vehicles are pedal-powered and drag a skid that adds weight the farther the boys travel. All pushmobiles and tractors needed will be provided. Cub Scout Packs may bring their own pushmobiles to race in the open division.

Activities will get underway at 11:30 a.m., with sign-in beginning at 1:00 p.m. Pushmobiles and tractor pulls will start at 1:30 p.m. Soft drinks will be available for sale throughout the afternoon by Plainview Cub Scouts.

The event is free to all registered Cub Scouts and boys wanting to join Scouts may do so at the registration table, but they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Boys do not need to bring anything to participate, but the wearing of long pants is advised. Scouts are encouraged to

bring a friend to join Cub Scouts.

Pushmobile races are a great time to join Scouting and begin taking part in summer activities planned for Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops. For more information on the event, call Rick Graves, 293-5068, or Leon Heimen, 293-3720.

Boy Scout Troops from throughout Haynes District are asked to come in uniform to help volunteer leaders with the races, registration, refreshments and cleanup. Haynes District of the South Plains Council includes Castro, Swisher and Briscoe counties, as well as Olton, Plainview, Hale Center, Cotton Center, Edmonson and Lockney.

Cub Scout Pack 262 meets in Silverton Elementary School and is chartered by Briscoe County Activities Association. For information, call 847-2580.

Troop 262 meets at the Scout Hut in Silverton, and also is chartered by BCAA. For information, call 823-2190.

The peanut is not actually a nut, botanically speaking, but the fruit of a vegetable plant related to the green pea.

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(A los votantes registrados
del Silverton, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the
polling place will be open from
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 1,
1999, for voting in a General elec-
tion to elect a Mayor and two City
Council Members. (Notifíquese,
por las presente, que las casillas
electorales sitados abajo se
abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta
las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de mayo de 1999
para votar en la Eleccion para
elect a Mayor and two City Coun-
cil Members.)

Location of Polling Place
(Direccion de las Casillas
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CITY HALL
409 Broadway Street
Silverton, Texas

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and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April
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5:00 de la tarde empezando el
abril 14) and ending on April 27.
(y terminando el abril 27.)

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shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes
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(Las solicitudes para boletas que
se votaran en ausencia por correo
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Issued this the 8th day of Feb-
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/s/ John Bowman
Signature of Presiding Officer
(Firma del Oficial que Preside)
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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended April 1

USDA's anxiously awaited
planting intentions report and a
satisfactory export sales report
boosted the cotton market higher
this week. Spot cotton sales did
not follow the trend, however, as
prices were unsatisfactory to
most producers and fewer sales
were made.

USDA's annual survey of
growers' planting intentions for
1999-2000 confirmed a rise in the
area set aside for cotton this year,
but the increase was less than
most private estimates issued in
advance of the report. U. S. pro-
ducers intend to plant 13.9 mil-
lion acres to cotton this season,
3.9 percent above the 13.4 mil-
lion cotton acres planted in 1998
assuming average yields. Prior to
the release of the report, most
analysts had suggested an in-
crease of approximately six per-
cent and were surprised by the

department's figure.

Some analysts cautioned that
although the estimate is lower
than many in the market had
expected, the end result still will
be a crop much larger than that
seen in 1998. USDA's planting
figure could lead to a U. S. crop
close to 17.0 million bales, well
above current production of 13.8
million. The large crop coupled
with other considerations, such
as low export demand and con-
sumption, is expected to have a
dampening effect on prices later
in the season.

Analysts were somewhat sur-
prised by USDA's planting esti-
mates in several states. One of
the most notable acreage num-
bers came from Texas, where up-
land plantings rose just slightly.
However, that figure combined
with lower pima cotton plantings
led to lower acreage overall.
USDA pegged Texas cotton acre-
age at 5.73 million, down slightly
from the previous year's 5.76 mil-
lion planted acres, more than 40
percent of which were abandoned
prior to harvest. Many in the in-
dustry had anticipated the state's
acreage at 6.0 million or higher.

The department's planting in-
tentions report showed that low
prices for cotton have not deter-
red many farmers who see no
better alternatives. Prices for
corn and soybeans are considered
unattractive, and producers ex-
pect low revenues from these
crops compared to cotton. In ad-
dition, farmers have not forgot-
ten bad experiences with grains
last year, from disease in corn to
low yields and production to
drought.

In other news, USDA export
sales data provided a boost to the
market this week. The depart-
ment reported net export sales of
1998-99 crop cotton reached
27,300 bales for the week ended
March 25, and shipments totaled
52,500 bales. Major buyers in-
cluded South Korea, Taiwan and
Hong Kong.

Analysts focused much of their
attention on shipments, which
have been proceeding at an ac-
ceptable rate. Shipments for the
past week were nine percent
above the previous week and ex-
ceeded the four-week average by
one-fifth. The U. S. now has sold
almost 100 percent of its total
1998-99 export target of 4.2 mil-
lion bales and has shipped ap-
proximately 75 percent of that
goal.

Lower cotton prices in the spot
cotton market caused lackluster
sales this week. Sales on the
TELCOT electronic marketing
system in the five trading days
ended April 1 totaled only 3,728
bales versus 11,278 the previous
week. Average daily prices re-
ceived by producers utilizing

**1999 Loan Schedule
Reflects Tough 1998**

First look at 1999 Loan differ-
entials adds fuel to the fire un-
derneath Plains Cotton Growers'
(PCG) long-standing opposition
to the use of Spot Market Quota-
tions to set new crop loan pre-
mium and discounts.

PCG has been working to
bring about a change in the meth-
odology used by the USDA to de-
termine loan differentials for sev-
eral years. PCG has advocated
the use of real-world marketing
data, instead of spot quotations,
to determine loan differentials.
This effort already has led to sig-
nificantly lower discounts for bark
the past several seasons as a re-
sult of the analysis of real-world
sales figures instead of spot
quotes.

PCG officials note that the big-
gest change in the 1999 loan
chart is the fact that there is no
longer any provision for "Below
Grade" cotton. Instead they will
be assigned an initial value 4000
points less than the applicable
base loan rate for the growing
region.

This means that all cotton pro-
duced, regardless of grade, will
be eligible for the loan and sub-
sequently Loan Deficiency Pay-
ments. This would provide some
relief to producers unfortunate
enough to have this type of low
grade cotton.

Other than the elimination of
the "Below Grade" moniker, there
is really nothing about the new
loan schedule that will provide
additional income protection to
producers.

Discounts increased across the
board, albeit more so for staple
lengths of one inch or less. Pre-
miums actually increased
slightly for the few grade/staple
combinations that qualify for
them.

The 1999 loan schedule will
reflect the tough marketing year
experienced in 1998 and produc-
ers will experience generally
lower loan values for their crops.

TELCOT ranged from 40.76 to
43.93 cents per pound, compared
to a range of 44.39 to 47.31 cents
per pound the prior week.

Meanwhile, weather condi-
tions have improved in the cot-
ton growing areas of Texas, as
widespread rain fell in the
parched Texas Rio Grande Valley
this week. The precipitation has
provided farmers with improved
soil conditions which will enable
them to finish planting. Regional
authorities have indicated stands
now have been established in
most fields. Some areas of the
Coastal Bend also received ben-
eficial rainfall, but field work al-
ready has resumed. Prior to the
rains, cotton planting in the re-
gion had been completed on ap-
proximately 25 percent of the in-
tended acres and producers are
now making rapid progress. De-
spite the limited rainfall, West
Texas and Rolling Plains produc-
ers still welcomed the precipita-
tion they received this week, as
it will replenish the subsoil for
seeding.

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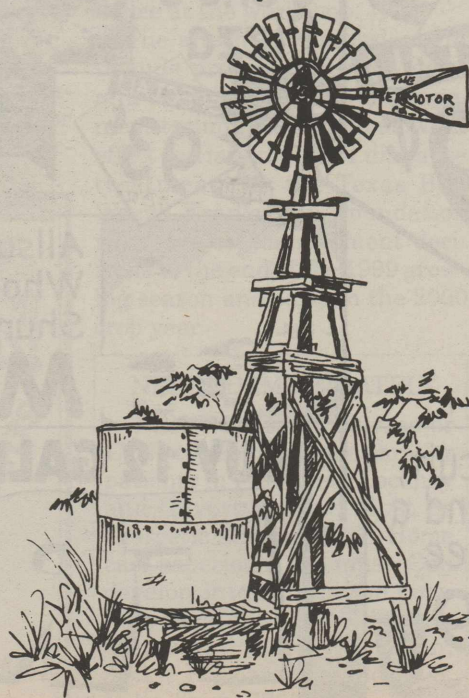
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Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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Hal Rogers, 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

Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 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.....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.

Complimenting and Praising Others



William James, the American philosopher and psychologist once said that, "...all that people really want is to be praised." And, I would like to add, that it doesn't cost a thing to praise other people or to say something to them about their good qualities. I guess it is human nature that most people enjoy being complimented and praised. Whenever we give honest praise to someone, especially someone who generally does not receive many compliments, it helps to build self-esteem, and may actually make him or her strive to be a better person.

Complimenting others, without being maudlin, can develop into a pleasant habit, just as criticizing everything can become habit forming. Compliment your spouse or children when they have done something nice; mention to your pastor when you enjoyed his homily; and tell your co-workers you appreciate how well you work together. Everyone enjoys being around people who build them up and try to avoid those who bring them down. We should all ask ourselves, do we compliment more than we criticize? Just as we receive a blessing when we praise our Heavenly Father, we also are blessed when we honestly compliment others.

...if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

R.S.V. Philippians 4:8

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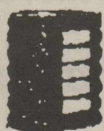
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Cards of Thanks

We would like to thank our friends and neighbors for the flowers, food, cards, letters, telephone calls and every expression of sympathy at the loss of Euphemia's mother.
The Barraza Family

Thank you for all the visits, phone calls, cards and, especially, for all the prayers. You are a special group of people.
Thanks again,
Joe

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SILVERTON TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Silverton is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Community Development Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Development Program. The grant application request is \$250,000 for water system improvements citywide. The application is available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

LOVE FUND

A love fund for Chavelo and Lucia Alvarez has been established at First State Bank in Silverton as a memorial for their son, Eduardo, and to help with burial expenses and the family's recent medical expenses.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank the Silverton Fire Dept. for responding so quickly to the fire we had late Monday afternoon. When I called 911, I had no idea that we would go ahead and let the building burn down, but we appreciate you so much for coming and keeping it under control. I'm sorry that I didn't get around to thank each of you personally for coming, in fact that night I was trying to remember exactly who all was there, so to each of you individually, thank you. I will say a special thanks to David Gamble. I was very impressed to see my library helper controlling the fire. Also, to my good neighbors, Doug and Elaine Forbes, you are always there to see about us and we appreciate you so much for that.

Sincerely,
The Byron Brock Family

NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOANS

The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher, or Briscoe Counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed, or color. Loan Applications may be requested by writing to, or coming by the Trust Department of Norwest Bank of Plainview, 105 West Fifth Street, P. O. Box 7, Plainview, Texas 79073-0007. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 1998. 11-5tc

Emergency Help Provided For Elderly Citizens

CEAP (Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program) is a Panhandle Community Service program which provides emergency utility assistance for low income, elderly and handicapped/disabled persons. This year Panhandle Community Services will continue holding Energy Conservation Workshops throughout the year in compliance with program rules.

These classes are geared to educate clients in budgeting and energy saving methods to decrease utility costs, thereby eliminating their need for assistance. Many clients have received these services repeatedly over the years; therefore, this year's plan from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs focuses on outreach and serving those in the most need.

Assistance will be allowed only to those families who have been determined by a priority matrix as most in need. CEAP assistance is not automatic. Attending workshops is not a guarantee of assistance.

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Those who wish to apply should call the Panhandle Community Services representative for their area and make an appointment.

When going to an appointment, people need to bring proof of income and the 12-month history for their gas and electric bills. Those applying for the co-payment assistance also need to bring a current bill.

Applicants with young children need to make arrangements for someone to care for the children during the appointment time. Call 806-874-2573 in Clarendon to schedule an appointment.

WEATHER

24-Hour April Weather Reading 6:00 a.m.

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	78	48	
2	75	41	
3	76	35	
4	58	29	
5	65	33	.07
6	65	36	
Total Apr. Precip.			.07
Normal Apr. Precip.			1.49
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			4.00
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Year to Date			3.67
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