

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



I saw the first hummingbird of the season at the feeder at my bedroom window last week. If you haven't yet put your feeder out for the hummers, it's time.

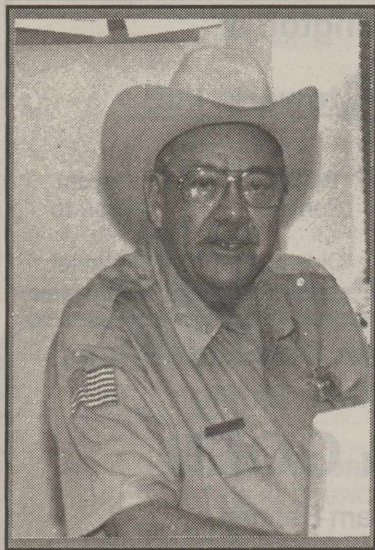
We enjoy feeding the birds and find you can attract almost any species by putting out his favorite food. For example, we feed the smaller birds niger (thistle) seed. The larger birds like the hen scratch we put out for them. (The big birds like the niger seed, also, but we put it in a feeder that has a very small opening, and the birds with larger beaks can't eat there.)

I notice that the Bluejays eat the hen scratch, not the pecans on the trees in our yard. If the jays are a problem at your house, you might try putting some hen scratch out for them.

I know some people feed fruit to the birds that are fruiteaters, but you have to be careful with this or you will attract a lot of wasps. Some of the birds really do like raisins and peanuts. These are supposed to be choice foods of the Cardinals, but we have attracted very few of them to our yard.

Birds we have been feeding at our house the last few days are House Finches, American Goldfinches, Pine Siskins, Red-wing Blackbirds, Boat-tailed Grackles, Common Grackles, House Sparrows, and a Roadrunner who feeds himself.

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Bill J. Boling

Briscoe County Has New Sheriff

Bill J. Boling was sworn in as Briscoe County Sheriff on Friday, April 23, by Judge Ted Kingery, at the courthouse in Silverton.

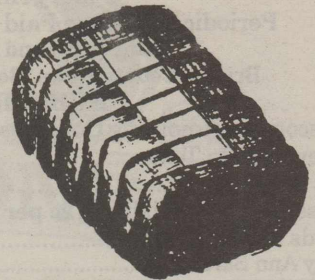
Sheriff Max Whitworth turned in his resignation two weeks prior which became effective on that date.

Boling was born at Quitaque to Amp and Marie (Gregg) Boling and was reared in Briscoe County. He attended school in See NEW SHERIFF--
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Dr. Donald Haragan, President of Texas Tech University, (left) witnessed the ceremony when Chancellor John T. Montford presented a certificate to Lisa Comer (second from left). The ceremony also was witnessed by Lisa's parents, Cindy and Larry Comer (right).

Caprock Jamboree To Have Tenth Anniversary Show Here on May 1

Caprock Jamboree will have its Tenth Anniversary Show Saturday, May 1, at the showbarn in Silverton. Lots of door prizes will be given away. A total of \$525.00 in cash prizes and 100 gallons of gasoline have been donated for door prizes by Jamboree sponsors.

The show goes on stage at 7:00 p.m.

Members of Briscoe County Activities Association will prepare mesquite-grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Some of the entertainers at the anniversary show will be those who entertained at the very first Jamboree: The Country Sounds, Grammy & Pop and the Purcell Sisters.

Joining them on the show will be Tanner and Kristen Evans, young fiddlers from Lubbock, and Will Weathersby.

There will be a Talent Showcase during which anyone wishing to entertain can do one song.

The civic clubs of Silverton and Quitaque have benefitted greatly from providing the concession stands at the first ten years of the Caprock Jamboree. It has been estimated that the clubs have helped their financial situations

by more than \$54,000 during this time. A large portion of this money comes from the out-of-town visitors who attend the Jamboree.

Bands in the beginning included Caprock Country (the Jamboree used the Caprock Country public address system for several months), The Country Sounds, The Hesters, Grammy & Pop, and the Rices from Tulia. Since that first show, a lot of entertainers have been on the shows.

The Jamboree has enjoyed an average attendance of 325.

Current directors of the Jamboree are John and Maebelle Francis, Jimmy Burson, Clifton Stodghill and Lane Garvin. The Jamboree is looking for some younger directors, from Silverton or Quitaque, whether you are a musician or not; being civic minded is the important thing.

The Jamboree is one of the tourist attractions for Briscoe County. It also helps the clubs who usually net \$500 to \$700 for serving the hamburgers. This saves the clubs of the county a lot of door-to-door begging and fundraisers to meet their needs.

Lisa Comer, a junior in Silverton High School and daughter of Larry and Cindy Comer, has been chosen as one of the Chancellor's Junior Ambassadors at Texas Tech University. She will be expected to attend activities planned by the Chancellor's Office of Cultural Diversity and any others specified by other departments on the Tech campus. She will be attending a minimum of seven different types of events before her term expires on August 10, 2000.

There will be a minimum of two Texas Tech sports events, one in the fall and one in the spring. She will be expected to attend approximately eight summer orientation sessions and to work in the Chancellor's Booth during the summer of 1999.

New student orientation in the summer and fall of 2000 will be events she will attend, in addition to the Chancellor's Roundtable Discussion in the fall of 1999.

She will be present for one planning session in the fall of 1999 or the spring of 2000 and will accompany a campus tour set up by the Office of Cultural Diversity in the fall of 1999.

She will take part in a multicultural student reception this fall, as well as the Chancellor's reception for high

Pet Rabies Clinic Will Be April 29

There will be a rabies clinic here from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. today (Thursday, April 29).

Dr. Chris Finch of Tulia will be at the City Hall to take care of your pet vaccinations.

May 1 is Election Day in Silverton

General elections will be held by the City of Silverton and Silverton Independent School District from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, at the City Hall.

The terms of Mayor John Bowman and Councilmen W. D. Rowell and Lane Garvin are expiring this year.

Mayor Bowman is unopposed on the ballot.

Both Councilmen Rowell and Garvin will be candidates for reelection, and will be challenged by Dick Roehr.

The terms of Dewey Estes and Penny Carpenter are expiring on the school board of trustees. Candidates who will appear on the ballot for the two places are Jim Estes, Norma J. Garcia and Penny Carpenter.

Early voting in these two local elections ended Tuesday.

school juniors on University Day in the spring of 2000.

She is to be present a minimum of two hours at the Dean's Future Scholars Conference on March 26, 1999.

One of the seven items may be a UIL event in which Lisa competes that is sponsored by the Silverton School and held at TTU/TTUHSC.

Another event will be at the Silverton School when she sets up a speaking opportunity for the Office of Cultural Diversity to address students about Texas Tech.

In exchange for fulfilling the contract and enrolling as a student at Texas Tech, Lisa will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 which is valid only at Texas Tech.

To be selected, Lisa had to submit an application and an essay followed by a personal interview with the selection committee. All of the junior ambassadors are in the top 25% of their high school classes.

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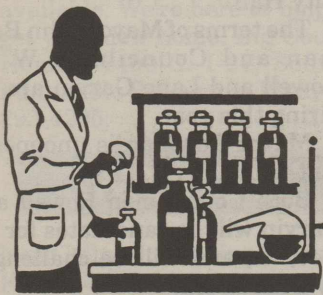
GEORGIA BELLE THORNTON

Funeral services for Georgia Belle Thornton, 83, formerly of Silverton, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 25, at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thornton died Thursday, April 22, 1999, in Luling.

She was born April 4, 1916 in Graham and married Olive McCamey Thornton on May 13, 1933 in Lexington, Texas. He died March 24, 1952.

She worked for the Silverton



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School District for 22 years and was known to a host of Silverton children as "Grandmother Georgie". She was a long-time member of First Baptist Church.

She was an active member of the Eastern Star Chapter in Silverton, of which she was a Past Matron.

Following her retirement, she moved to Tulia.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Wendell Patterson, and two brothers, John K. Jones and Oscar Dale Jones, and two sisters, Aileen and Barbara.

Surviving are three sons, Milton Thornton of Waelder, Royce Thornton of Laredo and Kenneth Thornton of Tulsa, Oklahoma; a daughter, Joyce Patterson of San Antonio; three sisters, Lottie Clemmer of Silverton, Katherine Moore of Hamlin and Bettie Galoway of Abilene; a brother, Donald Ray Jones of May; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Darrell Thornton, Milton Thornton, Kenneth Thornton, Scott Thornton, Royce Thornton and John Delio.

R. E. SELF

Funeral services for R. E. Self, 80, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 24, 1999, at

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Elida Methodist Church with Rev. Donna Kay Jackson officiating.

Burial was in the Elida Cemetery. Wheeler Mortuary of Portales handled the arrangements.

Mr. Self died early on the morning of April 22 at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell. He was born April 5, 1919 in Tupelo, Oklahoma to Sabra and James R. Self. He married Dorothy Powell in Clovis, New Mexico on April 8, 1947. He attended the Elida Methodist Church.

In 1924, when he was five years old, his family moved to Quitaque, Texas. In 1938, they moved to Elida, New Mexico. In 1941, he entered the U. S. Army and served in the 804th Tank Destroyer Battalion in Africa, Italy, England and Ireland. When the war was over, he returned to Portales, where his family had recently moved. He worked as a carpenter and later for the REA. For a short time after his marriage, he and his wife lived in California, but returned to Elida in 1948, where he made his home until his death.

The men of his battalion were a very close-knit group and met annually. Mr. Self never missed a single gathering. He was a faithful member of the Elida Methodist Church and served in various capacities in the congregation at different times. He served his community as mayor during the early 1980s.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Vaughter Self and Boyd Self, and two sisters, Ruth Payte and Hazel Self.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Lori Self of Tijeras; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Denny Fuhrman of Beaverton, Oregon and Nancy and Ron Wallace of Albuquerque; eight grandchildren; one sister, Adelaide Gregory of Portales; numerous nieces and nephews, including Joe Self of Lubbock and Jane Self of Silverton.

Those desiring to make memorial contributions may direct them to the Elida Volunteer Fire Department.

BRETT GILL

Memorial services for Brett Richard Gill, 41, of Silverton were to be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, at First United Methodist Church in Lockney with Rev. Russell Byard, pastor, officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home in Lockney.

Mr. Gill died Monday, April 26, at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He had been there for several weeks undergoing bone marrow transplants which it had been hoped would restore him to health after a six-year bout with leukemia.

Born March 12, 1958 in Lockney, he was the son of John Richard and Wilma Lee Francis Gill. He was graduated from Silverton High School with the Class of 1976 and from West Texas State University with a

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Other species we have identified in our yard include Brown Headed Cowbirds, White Crowned Sparrows, Slate-colored Juncos, Robins, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Brewer's Blackbirds, Cedar Waxwings, Mockingbirds, Bluejays, Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, Woodpeckers, Doves, Meadow Larks. Of course the Robins feed themselves worms. I don't think they are seed eaters.

bachelor's degree in accounting in 1980.

He married Judy Carole Birdwell on May 28, 1983 in Dimmitt. He was a farmer and a life-long resident of the Silverton-Lockney area. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lockney where he served on several committees. He formerly served as the Chairman of the Council on Ministries and was the former Secretary of the Plainview District Methodist Men's Association.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, of the home southwest of Silverton; his parents, John and Wilma Gill of Silverton; two daughters, Corye Beth and Kendall Suzanne Gill, both of Silverton; two brothers, Cris Gill of Fort Worth and Eber Gill of Dallas; and a sister, Tracy Baird of Southlake; his grandmother, Mrs. John Lee Francis of Plainview.

Memorials may be to Plainview Christian Academy, 310 S. Ennis, Plainview 79072 or Baylor University Medical Center Bone Marrow Transplant Service, 3535 Worth, Suite 185, Dallas, TX 75246.

The Doves feed mostly on the ground, but occasionally will eat in the feeder. The Grackles and other Blackbirds eat wherever the seed is.

You've been missing the quilting club news, haven't you? We have been missing it, too. The reason it hasn't been here is that Nina Martin, unfortunately, crashed and burned on the porch at her home and broke a bone in her "writing" hand. She was at the home of Stan's family for a few days, and Stan stayed with her a few more days when he brought her home.

She says this won't stop her quilting, because she quilts with her other hand; but it will keep her from doing any writing for a while. Unless someone volunteers to write down her ideas for a while, we'll just have to wait until she gets better.

Anthony May, a junior three-year letterman at Canyon High School, was named Soccer Player of the Year in District 3-AAAA. May, a team captain, led Canyon deep into the playoffs, with victories against El Paso Parkside and El Paso Bowie before falling in the Region I semi-finals to Wichita Falls Rider.

Anthony is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who, Who's Who in High School Athletics and plays quarterback, linebacker and handles the kicking for the varsity football team.

He is the son of Glenda and Thurman May of Canyon. His grandparents are Claudine and Edwin May of Silverton and Jo Ann and John Lee Carthel of Lockney.

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A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge,

but the simple keep going and suffer for it.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

April 27, 1989--Julie Graham, Tracy Tomlin, Bradley Brunson and Neal Edwards qualified for competition in the Six-Man School Track Meet. They will be involved in the high jump, two-mile run, shot put and broad jump respectively. Miss Graham and Edwards will be entering the high jump and broad jump . . . Ashleigh Wyatt and Kami Martin took top honors in their Junior Division 4-H clothing demonstration at the county-wide speaking contests . . . Best senior demonstration honors went to Julie Towe and Penni Fogerson for their 4-H clothing talk in the county-wide contest . . . Jackie and Freeman Tate to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary . . . Silverton Junior High Science Fair winners were Casey Frizzell, first; Christa Tucker, second, and Ashleigh Wyatt, third . . .

April 26, 1979--The West Texas State Buffalo track team, coached by Silverton native Bobby Kitchens, piled up 104 points to far outdistance Wayland Baptist (59), Lubbock Christian (16) and Eastern New Mexico (10) in their invitational meet last week. A sophomore from Silverton, Dayne Mayfield, established a new WT school record. He hurled the hammer 131-4 1/2 to up his own record by 12 1/2 inches. He finished second in the hammer to an excellent 163-5 by Wayland's Mitchell Wiseman. But Mayfield earned first place in the discus, spinning the platter 157-8 to upset favored State Partridge of Wayland . . . Staci Mayfield won second in the mile at regional last week, and earned the right to enter state competition in Austin . . . A new product is being manufactured by Silverton Industries, and it is known as the Whirr Bee. It is a plastic disc toy that makes a whirring sound when it is sailed through the air . . . Silverton's Junior High Owlettes won second place in the Silverton Junior High Triangular Meet held March 17. Valley won the competition with 187 points . . .

May 8, 1969--Honor graduates from Silverton High School this year are Crockett Grabbe, valedictorian, who has an average of 98.657; Johnny Roy Weaver, salutatorian, 96.171; Paul Ray McWilliams, 94.342; Barbara Davis, 91.216, and Carron Montague, 91.000 . . . Eighth grade honor graduates are Amy Birdwell, 95.399; Laura Arnold, 94.346; Joan Cross, 94.166; Debra Cantwell, 93.416; Ramona Martin, 92.166, and Rhonda Sutton, 92.146 . . . A father and son fishing trip ended in a more than six-hour rescue ordeal Saturday for Valjean Cook and his son, Jeff, 13, who was admitted to the Plainview hospital about 4:00 p.m. after he was extricated from rocks in a canyon northwest

of Silverton with a compound fracture of the left leg and a broken wrist . . . Members of the Quitaque Cub Scout Den who toured the newspaper office Wednesday afternoon were Dave Patrick, Jessie Joe Castillo, Manuel Leal, David Neil Payne, Larry Franklin Curry, Von Hall and Domingo Castillo . . . Sergeant John M. Perkins has re-enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in Thailand after being selected for career status . . .

April 23, 1959--James Roy Brown and Bobby Stephens captured first place in the District 4-A Tennis Tournament which was held at Idalou Saturday. In the girls division, Glenna Thompson and Brenda Cornett took second place. Jimmie Smith took second in boys singles . . . Funeral services held for Henry T. Myers, 90 . . . Silverton FFA wins Briscoe County Land Judging Contest, with Briscoe County 4-H coming in second and the Quitaque FFA, third. High individual in the contest was Melvin Cobb of Quitaque FFA. The next highest scoring individuals were Lynn McDonald, Dale McWaters, Kenny Thornton, Ray Gene Hutcheson, Benny Bingham, Kenneth Peugh, Raymond Lewis and Robert Phelps. Land judging stops were made on the Lee Bomar and G. Mayfield Estate ranches west of Silverton . . . Nicky Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Long, underwent eye surgery at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock last week . . . Charlie Benton Parker, who works for Silverton Auto Parts, was burned on the left arm last Friday when working on a motor . . .

April 28, 1949--J. C. Hill irrigation well affords excellent flow . . . Joy Deavenport was elected as Freshman Favorite and runner-up for All-School Beauty at Abilene Christian College . . . Silverton continued its winning ways Thursday, running rough shod over the Lockney Longhorns 16-4 in four innings. Satterfield and Rhea were the moundsmen for the Owls, and what time Rhea wasn't pitching he was behind the plate catching. Wayne Hamilton also did a fine job of catching until he had to be removed from the game because of a pulled muscle. Heavy hitters for the Owls were D. Bean, D. Paige, D. Rhea and Robert McPherson . . . Mildred Bean is county's representative in the Amarillo Spelling Bee . . . Mrs. Warner Reid entertained the bridge club Friday. Members present were Lallie Patton, Nelle Miller, Lily Mercer, Mildred Burson, Iris Burson, Beth Reid, and guests Otto King, Nancy Bomar, Naomi Whiteside, Avis Cowart, Pat Whitfield and Betty Reid . . . A. T. Brooks, jr., who had been ill several days, was taken to the Plainview hospital Wednesday and underwent an appendectomy

at 2:00 o'clock . . . Bill Ed Stodgell is receiving treatment at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo . . .

April 20, 1939--The World War claimed another victim Saturday of last week when Jon Honea died at the old Honea home north of Quitaque. He was one of the earliest volunteers from Briscoe County in World War days and served about eighteen months in active overseas duty. His death came as a direct result of gas and shell shock sustained while in France, and years of suffering have followed him since his return from the colors following the war . . . Roy Morris and Vivian Ingram were united

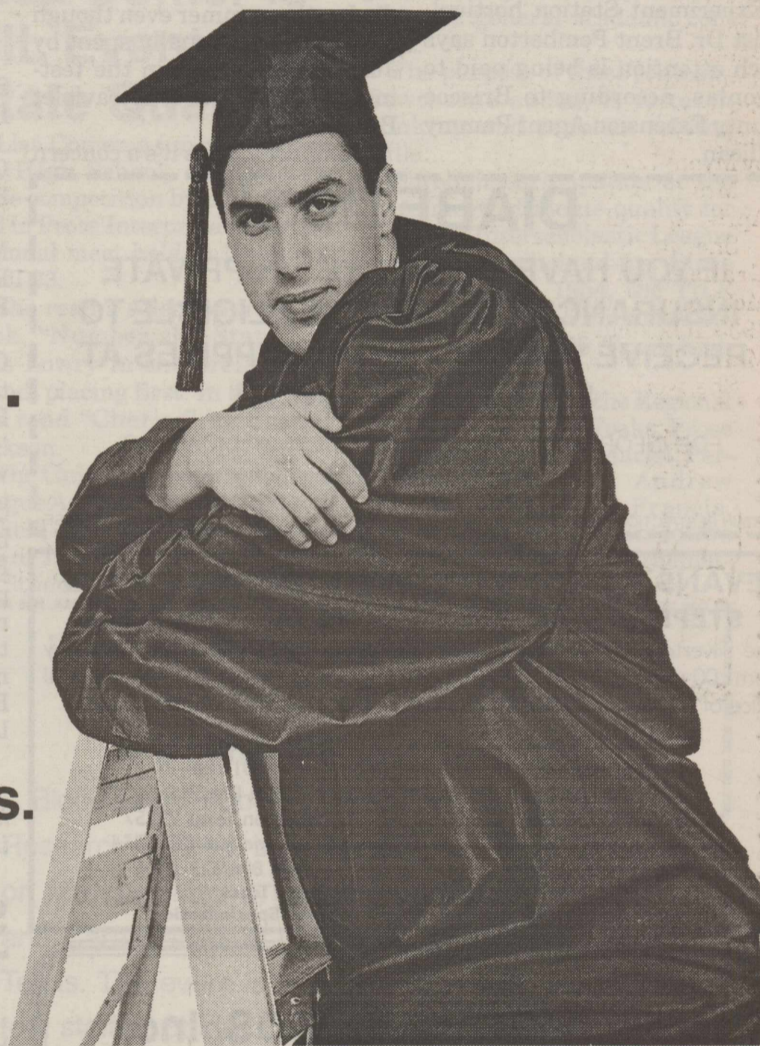
in marriage Friday night by Earl Cantwell . . . Twenty-five men out for spring football include Vance Burson, Jack Burleson, Bobbie Olive, H. C. Peugh, Fred Brannon, John Henry Crow, "Preacher" Jackson, Hank Brown, O. C. Rampley, Johnny Quillen, Huber Tillery, Bruce Burleson, W. L. Perry, Charles Francis, Grady Martin, John Ed Bain and Bob Brooks . . . Mrs. Watson Douglas, who has been handling flowers, wreaths and plants here for some time, is building a small greenhouse and office at her home in the north part of town . . . Donald Alexander "bought back his interest in the JA Ranch," and left

Tuesday night for Headquarters. Dee Reid has taken his place at the Texaco Station . . .

May 23, 1929--Bomar Drug Company was a scene of beehive activity Monday while the pupils of the grade school scrambled for cream cones which the force was issuing out through the courtesy of the teachers . . . I. A. Stephens is the new manager of the Toggery, ladies ready-to-wear and gents' furnishing store, according to an announcement made this week by J. R. Burson and Guy Whitacre, former owners . . . Luther Gilkeyson is completing a modern bungalow on the lot adjoining Jim Bomar's residence on the north . . .

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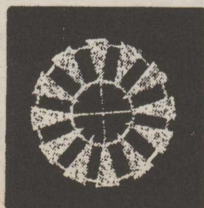


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Researchers tested more than 80 plants in beds and gardens last spring. They are currently studying 175 more plants this fall and winter.

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Experiment Station horticulturist Dr. Brent Pemberton says much attention is being paid to begonias, according to Briscoe County Extension Agent Pammy Millican.

Begonias are being made to bloom earlier and many have the less traditional dark foliage. He also says he was pleasantly surprised to see how well the Stara variety of begonia withstood the intense heat and drought last summer. Another surprise was a lesser-known plant called a salpiglossis. Its striking color combinations are eye-catching. But Pemberton says it doesn't hold up well during a long, hot summer, but it is good in containers for color in the spring and early summer.

Other plants, such as ageratum Blue Hawaii stood up well during the summer even though that species is usually spent by July. Also included in the testing was the effect of ultraviolet during the summer even though that species is usually spent by July. Also included in the testing was the effect of ultraviolet B light.

Pemberton says it's a concern

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May 1--Greg Hill, Jeffery Grimland, Jennifer Garrison, Kyle Bean
May 2--Marcalyn Lee Gregg, Kristi Smith, Cory Bryn Burk, Savannah Kast
May 3--Cole Garrison, Sharon Simpson, Ty Lee Gregg
May 4--Katy Henderson, Joy Stodghill, Ann West, Nathan Francis, Haley Michelle Beesinger, Arturo Fabela
May 5--Roger Harrison

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, May 3--Spaghetti, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Fruit
Tuesday, May 4--Enchilada Casserole, Hot Sauce, Salad, Refried Beans, Chips, Milk, Pears
Wednesday, May 5--Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Fried Okra, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Milk, Fruit
Thursday, May 6--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter
Friday, May 7--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, Oven Potatoes, Milk, Fruit

because of global climate changes. His research showed it stunts plants with the amount of growth reduction varying greatly with the variety. But he says there may be a positive side in that UV-B can be used as a growth regulator in greenhouses.

The practice of numbering houses began in Pont Notre Dame in Paris, France in 1643.

Senior Citizens To Have Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party Tuesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the Center.

Those who have birthdays in May will be honored. The party will be hosted by those whose birthdays were celebrated in April.

Tax Office To Be Closed Thursday

The office of Tax Collector Betty Stephens will be closed Thursday afternoon for a doctor's appointment.

Happy Anniversary-

May 1--Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens
May 5--Mr. and Mrs. Clay Schott

Baby dolphins are born tail first, and immediately swim to the surface, sometimes with their mother's help, for a first breath of air.

New Sheriff--

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Silverton through Junior High, then moved with his family to Kress where he was graduated from high school in 1950. From Kress he went to Telegraph School at Pueblo, Colorado, moved back to Texas and became employed by the Santa Fe Railway at Slaton for six years. In 1957, (the year of the 'big tornado') Boling and his wife, Della, moved to Silverton and he farmed land belonging to his grandparents, Fulton and Fannie Gregg, for about 20 years. It was on this farm that the Bolings reared their four daughters, Debbie Weeks of Lubbock, Beverly Minyard and Donna Estes, both of Silverton, and Brenda McDonough of Plainview. All four were graduated from Silverton High School.

After leaving the farm, the Bolings moved into Silverton and he worked for the City of Silverton as City Marshal for 17 years, a job from which he retired in 1997. Since then, he has been employed as a part-time deputy for the Briscoe County Sheriff.

The new Briscoe County Deputy Gene Solis and his wife, Chanda, and their little son, Austin, have been living in Silverton about a month now and he plans to continue his job working with the new Sheriff.

McCall Wins Fourth Place

Bobby McCall, who lives at Lake Mackenzie, was the fourth-

Fire Blight Is Severe This Year

Pammy Millican
County Extension Agent

Fire blight is attacking pear trees early and severely in East Texas this year. Polk County Extension Agent Bob Armentrout says this season's damage is the worst he has seen in fifteen years. Armentrout says entire capopies are disappearing from the trees.

Extension plant pathologist George Philley says pear tree owners can expect to see some fire blight every year, but during times when conditions are right the severity of infection can reach epidemic proportions. The trees were more susceptible to the disease this year due to the cool, wet spring weather which coincided with pear tree blooming. Twigs become dark green and oily when infected. Pear tree leaves and stems will eventually turn black, as if burned, hence the name "fire blight."

Though it makes the tree unsightly, the disease will rarely kill ornamental varieties. Ornamental pear tree owners can expect their trees to bounce back later

place winner in the Bob Wills Day old fiddler's contest in Turkey Saturday.

He and his dad, O. P. McCall, 88, have been playing together for 25 years.

"He started me on guitar when I was 17," Bob McCall said.

The father and son played a couple of songs together in the Bob Wills Day contest.

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Cemetery Annual Meeting Is May 7

The Silverton Cemetery Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7.

Preparation of the mailout will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting will follow.

The terms of Board Members Carrie Dickerson and Bryan Burson are expiring.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend, help with the mailout, and join the discussion of business.

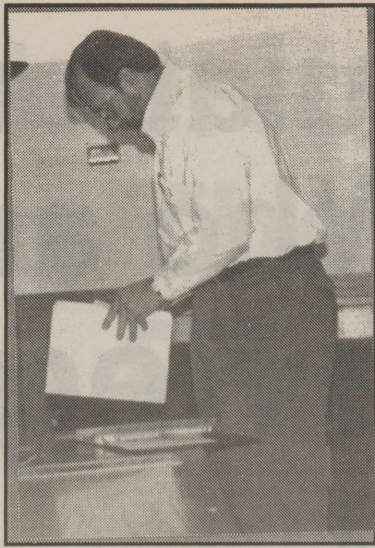
Antique Truck & Tractor Show Set

An Antique Truck & Tractor Show will be sponsored by the ATHS Hi-Plains & Tri-State Antique Tractor Association at Amarillo College Technical Center, 1-40 East off Exit 80, Spur 228, in Amarillo on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2.

All are welcome to attend.

There will be tractor pulls, kids games, vendors, antiques, and too much to mention.

The show is in conjunction with Amarillo College's 75th anniversary celebration.



Gary Rhea

Rhea Presents Marketing Tips

Gary Rhea, agribusiness protection specialist for IGF Insurance Company, spoke about "Marketing Your Own Cotton" at a meeting in the Pioneer Room of First State Bank on Thursday, April 22.

A catered steak dinner was served to those attending.

The program was sponsored by Hutsell Insurance Company and First State Bank.

Water Saving Tips

by Tom Davey
General Manager
Mackenzie Municipal
Water Authority

You can save water by applying the following water-saving tips.

1. Raise your lawn mowers so you will only clip the ends of the grass plants. Grass roots grow in direct proportion with the leaf lengths. If you cut your grass short the grass roots also will be short and grass will show signs of drought with shallow roots.

2. Water your lawn either early in the morning or late at night. Watering during the heat of the day will create a great loss of water from evaporation.

3. Control automatic sprinkler systems so they do not come on when the wind is strong. Water blowing down the street will not help your lawns.

4. Wash your car with a hose that has a controllable cut off on the end of the hose, if you can. Wash your car on your lawn.

5. Washing machines use about 30 gallons of water for each complete cycle of use. Use only when you have full loads of clothes to wash.

6. Don't use the toilet for a trash can. Throw Kleenexes in the trash cans.

7. Take shorter showers. A per-

son can shower on 2-3 gallons of water. Time yourself in the shower; don't waste water.

8. Don't leave the water running when you are brushing your

teeth or when you are shaving. Only turn it on to rinse off your toothbrush.

We must all take part in ways to save water so the generations

Celebrate National Tourism Week in **PLAINVIEW**

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May 7-8

Plainview's **Antique District** is celebrating with two days of special sales, refreshments & exciting give-aways. On Saturday, the downtown sidewalks will be alive with food & entertainment, along with some adorable adoptables from the Plainview Humane Society.

Other events scheduled during the week...

9th ANNUAL MEALS ON WHEELS CAR SHOW
May 1-2

Open Sat. 9am-10pm & Sun. 9am-4pm @ Ollie Liner Center
CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

May 2

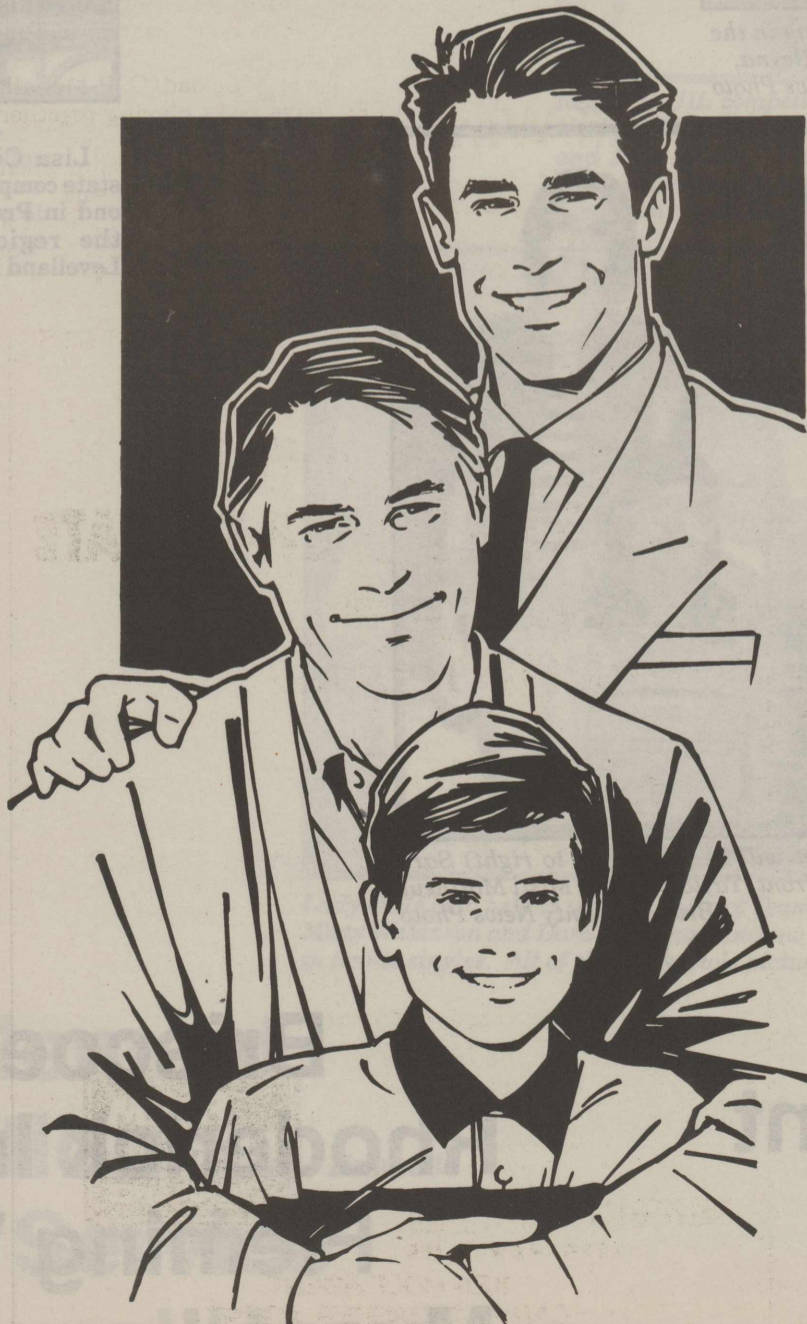
Live music, games & food 2-9pm @ Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

CARSON & BARNES 5-RING CIRCUS
May 7

Two performances at 4:30 & 7:30 pm @ old K-Mart store

While you're in town, also visit the **Museum of the Llano Estacado** and the **Abraham Art Gallery**

***For more information, contact the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, (806) 296-7431.



Donuts For Dad

Starting at 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 5

Silverton School Cafeteria

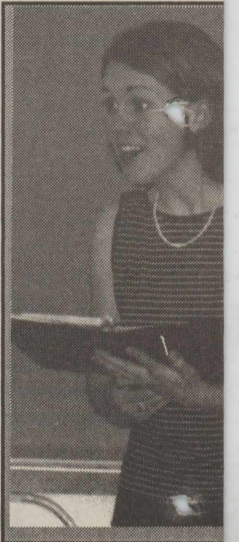
Elementary School Students
Bring their Fathers or
Grandfathers for this event.



Congratulations to All Students Who are Representing Briscoe County in the Regional Contest



Silvertown FFA Dairy Judging Team will be advancing to the State Contest after placing in the top four of the Area contest last week. Team members are (left to right) Clint Ivory, Kathryn Reyna, Adrian Ramirez and Julie Weaver.
Briscoe County News Photo



Lisa Comer qualified for the state competition by placing second in Prose Interpretation at the regional meet held at Levelland April 23.



Representing Silvertown High School at the Regional Track Meet will be (back, left to right) Sara Kirchoffner, Andrew Francis, Sharyl McMurtrey, Amanda Estes; (front) Taylor Griffin, Misti Mattheus and Rachel Vangraefschepe, manager.
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All the Silverton High Presenting Their School & State Events!



Regional UIL competitors from Silverton High School are (back row, left to right) Andrew Francis, Nathan Francis, Josh Breedlove; (front) Julie Weaver, Lindsey Weaks, Misty Wilkinson, Lisa Comer and Amy Maciel. Nathan Francis, Misty Wilkinson and Josh Breedlove will be in the Math team competition; Andrew Francis will take part in Number Sense; Amy Maciel will be in Persuasive Speaking; Lisa Comer and Lindsey Weaks, Prose Interpretation; Julie Weaver, Editorial Writing.

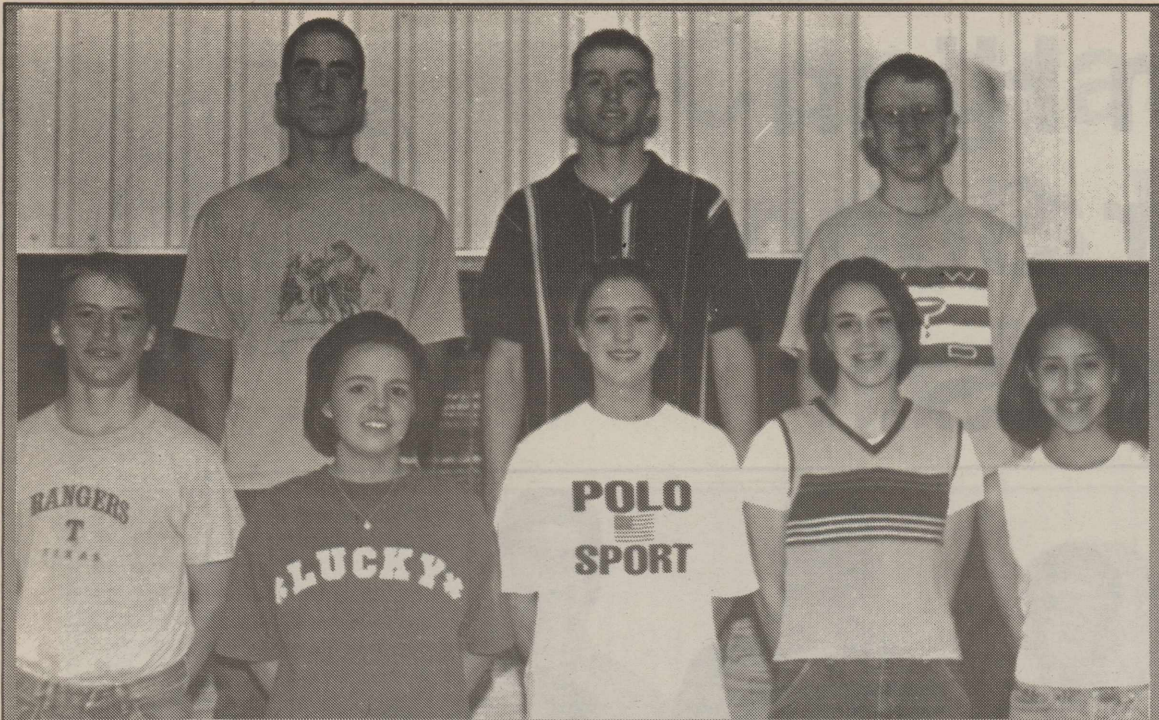
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Lady Owls who helped win the District Team Trophy were (left to right) Dara Ramsey, Lindsey Weaks, Misty Wilkinson and Dara Johnston. Andrew Francis (far left) won third place and is a district alternate in tennis singles. All of the Lady Owls pictured are Regional Qualifiers. Briscoe County News Photo

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Silverton High School students who were honored April 13 for outstanding academic achievements during the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Edcellence awards program were (back row, left to right) Matt Strange, Nathan Francis, Tyler Young; (front, left to right) Andrew Francis, Lindsey Jennings, Taylor Griffin, Amanda Estes and Amy Maciel. Also honored, but not pictured, were Idalia Hernandez and Misty Wilkinson. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Educational Excellence Celebrated At Texas Colleges and Universities

About 5,300 high school students were honored April 13 for outstanding academic achievements during the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence awards program.

Among those being honored were students from the Silverton Independent School District, Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel, Amanda Estes, Tyler Young, Taylor Griffin, Idalia Hernandez, Misty Wilkinson, Lindsey Jennings, Nathan Francis and Matt Strange. These students joined with 250 other students from the area at a ceremony at West Texas A&M on April 13.

Academic Decathlon participants, those who have made perfect scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam, scholarship recipients, plus many other ninth through twelfth grade students who have achieved academic recognition.

This marks the fifth year that the Board and higher education institutions have joined together to host the celebrations of excellence. In 1998, some 7,500 students were honored for their academic accomplishments.

During the ceremonies, the students received Celebrations of Educational Excellence medallions along with congratulatory letters signed by Governor George W. Bush.

In all, Celebrations were held at 20 college and university campuses around the state. Scheduled to be honored were the National Merit Scholars, prospec-

Board members, who serve as masters of ceremonies, and university officials, addressed the students.

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TRUSTEE ELECTION

Silverton Independent School District

MAY 1, 1999

VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE BY PLACING AN 'X' IN THE SQUARE BESIDE THEIR NAMES.

FOR TRUSTEE: Vote For Two

- Jim Estes
- Norma J. Garcia
- Penny Carpenter

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GENERAL ELECTION

CITY OF SILVERTON, TEXAS

MAY 1, 1999

VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR CHOICE BY PLACING AN 'X' IN THE SQUARE BESIDE THEIR NAMES.

FOR MAYOR:

- John Bowman

FOR COUNCILMAN:

VOTE FOR TWO

- W. D. Rowell
- Lane Garvin
- Richard Roehr

Persons Family Scholarship Has Been Established

The Persons Family has established a scholarship fund to be administered by the First Baptist Church in Quitaque. The scholarship will be known as the

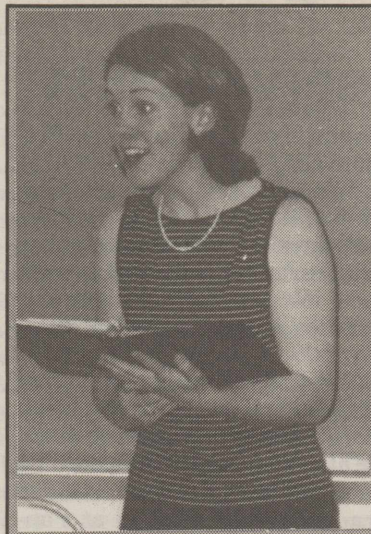
Persons Family Scholarship.

Several scholarships will be made available to graduates of Valley High School and Silverton High School in an amount of no less than \$500 each.

Applications for the scholarship can be obtained at the Valley High School Principal's office and the Silverton High School

Principal's office. Applications must be completed and returned to the Principal's office by May 14, 1999.

Students who are currently attending colleges or trade schools can obtain applications at the designated locations.



Lisa Comer

Lisa Comer Is UIL Event State Qualifier

Lisa Comer, a junior in Silverton High School, qualified for state competition by placing second in Prose Interpretation at the regional meet held in Levelland April 23.

She read a selection from the book, "Number the Stars," by Lois Lowry in the preliminary round, placing first. In the finals she read "Charles" by Shirley Jackson.

The University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet will be held May 7-8 at The University of Texas in Austin.

"Students who participate in

UIL academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician," said Bobby Hawthorne, UIL academic director. "They devote untold hours to practice and invitational meet competition, and for many, these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school careers. Over the years, we've heard from hundreds of students who claim that these contests were the most fulfilling and rewarding activities of their entire high school careers."

UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 420,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic contests.

The purpose of these contests, Hawthorne added, is to teach thinking and problem-solving skills.

Through participation at the State meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$12.5 million to approximately 11,000 Texas high school students.

Also competing at the Regional meet were Lindsey Weaks, Prose Interpretation; Amy Maciel, Persuasive Speaking; Andrew Francis and Nathan Francis, Number Sense; Josh Breedlove and Misty Wilkinson, Mathematics.

Floydada Rehab and Care Center To Sponsor Testing For Alzheimer's and Other Related Diseases

Blood samples for the Texas Tech Alzheimer's DNA Research Bank will be collected for the Floydada area on Monday, May 3, at the Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center at 925 West Crockett, Floydada, Texas. The event is in cooperation with the laboratory staff of Shirley E. Poduslo, Ph.D., of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. No fee is charged for participation.

Persons interested in participating should call Paul Walker, Director of Social Services, or Kiki Wilcox, Administrator, at 800-983-3704 for an appointment. Family History forms may be obtained before the sampling date in order to give family members more time for consideration of facts which will be helpful. For the genetics study two tubes of blood are drawn from patients and members of their families. Research is being conducted to determine which gene or genes may cause Alzheimer's disease.

This is NOT a test for Alzheimer's disease. Participating families will receive quarterly newsletters on the overall research being conducted. There will not be an individual report on the possibility of having Alzheimer's disease.

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Kast Takes Over For Davey As County Conservationist

Matt Kast is the new National Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) conservationist who is taking over most of Tom Davey's duties in the Tulia NRCS office. After 37 years with NRCS, including the last 23 in Tulia, Davey has taken the position of manager at Lake Mackenzie.

NRCS has decided that for the next six months, at least, to combine the Swisher and Briscoe County offices into one operation under Kast's direction.

Kast said he will apply for the job as resources team leader once the job becomes permanent.

"For the time being I have been appointed as acting district conservationist for the Tulia field office," Kast said. "I'm trying to work here in the mornings and in Briscoe County in the afternoons."

Kast, his wife, Misty, and their two children, three-year-old daughter Savannah and ten-month-old son Dalton, live five miles south of Silverton on State Highway 207.

Kast said he will perform most of the same duties Davey had but won't be doing the resource, conservation and development (RCD) work Davey was in charge of for the western side of the Panhandle. Thomas Reed from Friona will handle those duties.

"I will be in charge of all the conservation work in Swisher County," Kast said.

"Right now, my primary duties will be the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and the Environ-

mental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)," he said.

"We will provide general conservation assistance to farmers and ranchers, whatever help they need as far as conservation work goes. We can help them repair terraces, irrigation work or valuations."

Kast is originally from Fredericksburg, having been reared on a ranch north of there. He attended Texas A&M, earning a degree in range science. After graduation, he worked at Panhandle for a year, Hartley for five years, and Silverton for the past nine years, all with NRCS.

Kast said he feels he has a good working knowledge of Swisher County's conservation issues. He has known most of Tulia's NRCS and Farm Service Agency officials for some time.

"I look forward to working with K. C. Willis, Kelly House and Eddie Womack," he said. "I've known Kelly and K. C. for a long time anyway. I think we have a pretty good group of people to work with in Tulia."

Step 3 Quota Watch From USDA

Federal law provides, under Step 3 of the Cotton Competitiveness provisions, for the opening of raw cotton import quotas following 10 consecutive weeks where the price of U. S. cotton exceeds the world price by more than three cents per pound.



Russell Kennedy

Russ Kennedy Earns Eagle Scout Award

Russell Kennedy, son of Rodger and Nan Kennedy and a sophomore at Cooper High School in Abilene, has earned his Eagle Scout Award, which will be presented in an Eagle Court of Honor at 3:00 p.m. May 1, 1999 at Allie Ward Elementary School at 3750 Paintbrush Drive.

Other Scout awards Kennedy has earned and activities in which he has taken part include OA - Order of the Arrow, Senior Patrol Leader, Tonkawa Staff 1998, Member of the OA (Brotherhood), Vice Chief of Finance in the Kotso Lodge 330, Philmont Trek July 1999, OA Ceremonies Team. He is a member of Troop 217 sponsored by Pioneer Drive Baptist Church.

Kennedy did his Eagle Project for a disabled elderly lady in the community. He and Troop 217 painted and refurbished the woman's home, did yard work, planted flowers, and replaced a planter box. The project took place on May 9, 1998.

Kennedy is a member of Wylie Baptist Church, the Cooper Cougar Band, International Club, Explorer Post 234 of Hendrich Medical Center, Cooper UIL Math/Science Team.

Following his high school graduation, Kennedy plans to attend college and major in pre-medicine or physics.

He is the grandson of Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald of Silverton and Ruby Kennedy of Denver City, and is the great-grandson of Jessie Bomar of Amarillo.

PCG Working To Reform Crop Insurance Plan

With a lot of road yet to be traveled, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) continues to advance its thoughts and concerns about crop insurance to fellow industry members and to the legislators that will eventually put forth a reform plan.

PCG has worked on crop insurance issues for many years. What appears to be different this time is the emphasis placed on improving the overall performance

Crazy Tournament To Be Held Here Monday & Tuesday, May 3-4

Here comes another Crazy Tournament! Held as a fundraiser for the sophomore class, the event has proved to be a lot of fun for young and old alike in years past.

Each of the teams will feature players from grades three to six. Each team will be coached by Silverton High School players, and none of the teams will have got-

ten together to practice before the tournament begins.

The tournament opens at 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 3, in the school gym. There will be four games that night, and the event continues at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 4 for four more games. Winners will play winners and losers will play losers on Tuesday in the bracketed tournament.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, April 29--TAAS 8th Social Studies; FFA Record Book Check, 4:30

Friday, April 30--TAAS 8th Science; Early Out

Saturday, May 1--Regional Track Meet

Monday, May 3--Second Grade Play/OZ

Tuesday, May 4--Rock Creek Senior Luncheon; U. S. History End-of-Course Test

Monday and Tuesday, May 3-4--Crazy Tournament

Wednesday, May 5--Cap & Gown Pictures, 3:30; Donuts for Dads, 7:30 a.m.; ASVAB Results, 9:00

Thursday, May 6--Buddy Day; English II End-of-Course; Mary Ann & Robin Recital, 7:00

Friday, May 7--Area FFA Convention; P-K & K Registration; Register for ACT on June 12, 1999; Early Out, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 8--Junior & Senior Outing

of the agricultural safety net following 1998's adverse weather and price situation.

Both House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest and Ranking Committee Member Charles Stenholm have commented on the lack of protection afforded by current insurance products and have called for an overhaul of the system.

PCG officials have been working to develop a crop insurance priority list that includes changes producers feel are necessary to make insurance a viable risk management tool.

PCG representatives traveled to the American Cotton Producers (ACP) meeting in Dallas to discuss crop insurance and other important cotton related issues. ACP is the producer arm of the National Cotton Council.

The week of April 26 finds PCG representatives and members of the Texas Cotton Producers organization in Washington, DC visiting about crop insurance issues with members of the House Agriculture Committee staff, USDA and the National Cotton Council.

Key concepts being communicated by PCG at this time include:

1. The importance of providing yield coverage levels and track producer expenses during the growing season so they have opportunity to recoup production costs through the time a loss occurs.

Texas FU Requests Freeze on FSA Office Closings

Texas Farmers Union President (TFU) Wes Sims called on U. S. Department of Agriculture Secretary (USDA) Dan Glickman to freeze personnel reductions and field office closings of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for the duration of the farm crisis.

It is predicted that dozens of FSA county offices will be closed in Texas.

Sims said the freeze is needed to insure FSA services are not delayed at a time when agricultural producers are desperate for timely delivery of farm program payments, economic and disaster relief, and other assistance.

"FSA employees provide valuable services under demanding conditions and extremely heavy workloads, and American's farmers and ranchers depend on their assistance greatly," said Sims. "The delivery of emergency relief, combined with other USDA programs, has placed an unusually heavy workload on USDA personnel in the field. I strongly believe that any further reductions in staffing would prove to be disastrous."

Sims stated that Secretary Glickman has been asked to take these extraordinary circumstances into consideration and exercise his authority to place on hold all actions concerning reductions and office closings for the duration of the economic crisis in rural American.

On top of the normal processing of farm program payments and other assistance, FSA offices have been overwhelmed by a heavy workload in recent months due to a large number of applications for farm relief approved by Congress last fall. The backlog has led to delays in the delivery of aid to producers.

2. Provision for a harvest incentive that encourages producers to produce.

3. And, the need for programs that protect against price fluctuations beyond the control of individual producers.

PCG will continue to "put meat on the bones" of crop insurance reform as the process moves forward and communicate the latest developments to producers.

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WEDNESDAY:
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Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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SECOND & FOURTH
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WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
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Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

Take Care Of Your Soul



In today's world, it seems that almost everyone is concerned with, and involved in, taking care of their physical health. Today, more people are jogging and exercising than ever before, and almost every day it seems that we hear about some new way to improve our health. Just as we have to maintain and nourish our bodies, we should also maintain and nourish our souls. As we grow older, regardless of how well we maintain our bodies, we will eventually become weak and frail; whereas, our souls will live on forever. Living as our Lord would want us to, and taking care of our spiritual needs, is also important for our happiness and well-being. Daily prayer, reading the Bible, doing acts of charity, and regularly attending church, will improve our relationship with our Divine Father, and will help us to care for our souls. Taking care of both our bodies and our souls is important because the body is the temple for the soul; however, Jesus stressed the importance of caring for the soul when He said to His disciples, "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul."

*But as for me, God will redeem my soul from the power of death,
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The Living Bible Psalms 49:15

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FOR SALE: Highway frontage 219-acre semi-irrigated farm at \$375 per acre. Located eight miles west of Silverton, 7.5 south of Lockney Highway 387, one mile west on Kress Highway, or 15.5 mile north of Lockney on Silverton Highway 387 and one mile west on Kress Highway at the junction of Co. Rd. 3. Call 806-347-2248.

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TWO HOUSES For Sale in Silverton. 296-7217.

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Large Brick Home on Corner Lot in Silverton: Carport, Covered Patio, Storm Cellar, Three Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, Two Large Living Areas, Central Heat. Asking \$65,000. 806-353-6564 or 806-293-4762.

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to express our gratitude for your calls, cards, flowers and other expressions of concern and sympathy at the loss of our uncle, R. E. Self. Your kindness and friendship are greatly appreciated.

Joe and Jane Self

Thank you for the flowers, food, cards, phone calls and every expression of concern while I was in the hospital and since coming home. Your thoughtfulness means so much.

Betty McPherson

We appreciate so much the kind words and hugs, the prayers, cards, flowers, food that have have all helped lighten our sorrow.

The Family of
Colton Frizzell
Cammie,

Camisha, Destiney,
Jerry and Sandra

Pine Seedlings Go Further With Proper Planting Techniques

Pammy Millican

County Extension Agent
Landowners should take a hard look at planting techniques every year, but it's more critical this year as stocks are in short supply. Extension forestry specialist Eric Taylor says pine tree seedlings may be in short supply, but landowners can make their reforestation dollars stretch if they ask their contractor the right questions.

Taylor recommends landowners ask these "hows":

*How was the seedling grown?
*How well-adapted is the variety to the objective?

*How will the seedlings be treated as they travel from nursery to planting site?

*How will the seedlings be planted?

*How many seedlings per acre?

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Pool Clean-Up Day Planned

Clean-up Day at the Silverton Swimming Pool will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 30.

All members of the swimming club are asked to come help with the clean-up. There will be jobs for everyone.

Agreement To Aid Future U. S./China Trade Relations

Signing of an agreement between China and the United States on agricultural trade issues could mean positive changes are on the horizon for cotton exports.

The agreement, signed April 10, is part of the effort by China to gain membership in the World Trade Organization and should significantly open Chinese markets to U. S. agricultural goods.

For cotton it means the establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas (TRQ) which will allow cotton imports up to the quota level to be charged a minimal tariff (1% for cotton). For cotton this means that up to 3.4 million bales of cotton a year, growing to 4.1 million bales in 2004, would qualify for the minimal TRQ rate.

Under the agreement 67% of the imports would be available to the private sector in China and 33% would be available to the state-run textile business, Chinatex.

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	
7	72	35	
8	75	44	.18
9	67	38	
10	78	34	
11	67	35	
12	62	37	
13	61	40	.05
14	69	39	.11
15	47	32	
16	48	32	
17	49	28	
18	54	29	
19	75	35	
20	78	36	
21	86	47	
22	80	43	
23	81	44	
24	42		.03
25	42	40	.63
26	69	41	
27	69	38	
Total Apr. Precip.			1.07
Normal Apr. Precip.			1.49
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			5.00
Normal Precip.			
Year to Date			3.67
Soil Temperature			54°

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