

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

The menu for Tri-County Meals for next week includes:

Monday, October 10-Pork Roast, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Chocolate Pudding/Diabetic Pudding, Rolls, Milk

Wednesday, October 12- Chicken Ravioli, Tossed Salad, Sweet Peas, Cookies/Diabetic Cookies, Crackers, Milk

Friday, October 14-Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Steamed Cauliflower, Tangy Cherry Salad/Diabetic Salad, Crackers, Milk

Menu subject to change without notice.

The telephone number for Tri-County Meals at the Hope Center is 455-1053.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

Dwight Ramsey is back home after having spent a few days in the hospital. He returned to work last week.

Brian West will be missing a couple of weeks as a referee while he is spending ten days working in the Hurricane Rita-ravaged area of southeastern Texas.

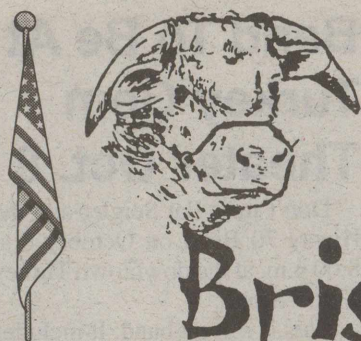
Sybil Thomas has spent several days as a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia. She hoped to be able to return home late last week.

Mark October 14 on your calendar. This will be the Silverton School's homecoming football game. The Owls will be hosting the Groom Tigers with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. that night.

Our neighbor, Ken Lee, left Thursday night enroute to a suburb of New Orleans, Louisiana. His truck was hauling a load of supplies from Reno, Nevada to those in the area ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. A newspaper reporter in Reno was following the truck's progress and was to meet Ken when he arrived at the destination.

SILVERTON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

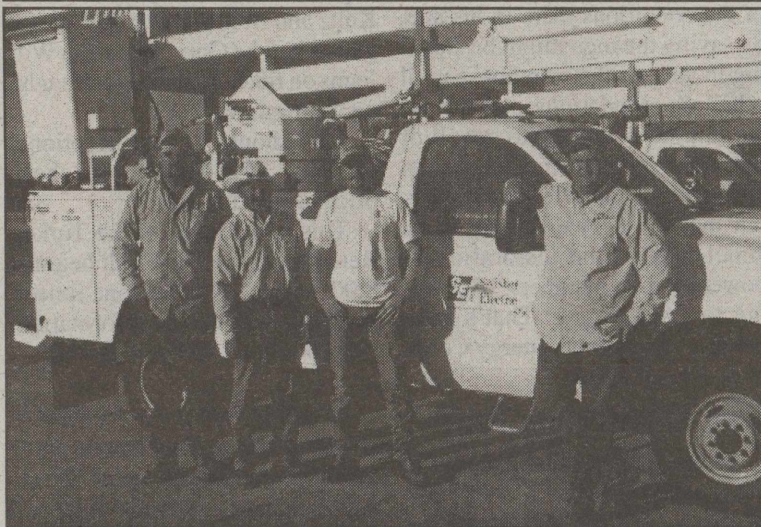
Monday, October 17
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
City Hall
409 Broadway
For an appointment, call
Lou Younger, 823-2254



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005

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Swisher Electric crew, J. D. Watson, Henry Cruz, Adam Nolen and Brian West, left Tuesday, September 27, for San Augustine in southeast Texas to help rebuild power lines downed by fallen trees, flooding and other devastation from hurricane Rita. They will be there for ten days.

Briscoe County News Photo

Swisher Electric Sends Crew For Hurricane Rita Restoration

A four-man crew from Swisher Electric left Tuesday, September 27, for San Augustine in southeast Texas to help rebuild power lines downed by fallen trees, flooding and other devastation from hurricane Rita. The Category 3 hurricane came ashore near Sabine Pass September 24. Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, managed by Larry Warren, requested the assistance. Crew chief Brian West, and linemen Henry Cruz, J. D. Watson and Adam Nolen were the first of two four-man crews to leave for Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, taking two service bucket trucks and an SUV. They will be down there for 10 days, and then will be relieved by crew chief Oscar Garza, Joe McDowel, Cade Lange and Lucas Cooper, who will also be down there for 10 days.

Swisher Electric had been con-

Applicator Test Slated October 6

The Pesticide Applicator Test for Private Applicator License only will be given beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2005, in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton, 500 Main Street in Silverton.

Cost of the test will be \$5.00.

tacted by Texas Electric Cooperatives, the statewide association in Austin, on whether they could offer any assistance to those sister electric cooperatives suffering damage to their systems. Manager Charles Castleberry of Swisher Electric replied in the affirmative, stating that they had two four-man crews who had volunteered to go, and they could afford to send them in two shifts of 10 days each. According to Castleberry, "I visited with Larry Warren, manager of Deep East Electric Cooperative and told him that although SEC was about a third the size of Deep East EC in manpower, we could offer to send them a four-man crew with two small bucket trucks if that would help. Mr. Warren appreciated the offer of help."

It's a 570-mile drive for the Tulia crew to San Augustine, where they were to meet up with other crews to receive instructions and begin their restoration and repair work. Although Hurricane Rita was not as destructive to Texas as it might have been, some rural residents are expecting to be without electricity for as long as a month. Some of the co-op work

See Swisher Electric-
Continued on Page Two

Commissioners Court Has Regular Business Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Briscoe County Commissioner's Court on September 12, 2005, Commissioner Gary Weaks moved that a proposed budget with a 3.5% increase of the effective tax rate be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry Grimland, and passed with a 4-0 vote.

Present at the meeting were Judge Wayne Nance, Commissioners Terry Grimland, Precinct 1; Larry Comer, Precinct 3; Gary Weaks, Precinct 4; and County Clerk Bena Hester. Absent was Commissioner Danny Maynard of Precinct 2.

Other items of business included:

•Approval of the minutes of the August 8, 2005 meeting.

•Transfer of Tobacco Funds in the amount of \$35,104.95 into the General Fund.

•Approval of the bond for Karla Hale, Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector.

•Terry Grimland, Wayne Nance and Kathy Kingery nominated for possible appointment to the Tax Appraisal Board.

•Resolution #05-05-Los Lingos Bridge Project amended by adding

"Attachment C."

•Cost for contracting elections set as follows:

5% rental fee on equipment

10% administrative fee

•Public Meeting announced for the purpose of reviewing the clerk's records archive plan. No members from the public were present.

•Clerk's records Archive Plan was approved as presented.

•The following monthly reports were allowed:

Mary Jo Brannon, Treasurer

Connie Smith, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1

Dale Ramsey, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2

Betty Stephens, Tax Assessor-Collector

Pat McWaters, Chief Appraiser Bena Hester, County & District Clerk

David Hawkins, CEA-Ag

Micah Karber, CEA-FCS

•Treasurer's Office Holder Report for the month of August 2005 approved.

•Payment of monthly bills as presented was ordered.

•Payment of salaries and line items approved.

Are You Eligible To Vote By Mail?

Did you know that registered voters in Texas are eligible to vote by mail if:

(a) the voter expects to be absent from the county of the voter's residence on election day and during the regular hours for conducting early voting at the early voting polling place (Ballot must be mailed to an address outside of the county);

(b) if the voter has a sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day;

(c) if the voter is over 65 years of age or older on election day;

(d) at the time the voter's early voting ballot application is submitted, the voter is confined in jail.

To be entitled to vote an early

voting ballot by mail, a person who is eligible for early voting must make an application for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail as provided by the law. An application may be obtained from the office of the early voting clerk or you may download an application from the Secretary of State website at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/early_voting.

Brisket Sandwiches

Zeb Holt will be cooking brisket at the football game Friday night, and brisket sandwiches will be available at the concession stand.

Make plans to eat brisket with the Booster Club Friday night.

SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
James Mayfield
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
Chad King, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th TUESDAY:
Womens Bible Study
WEDNESDAY:
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting
SECOND WEDNESDAY:
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
RAs, Rock Salt Youth....7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rance Young, 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

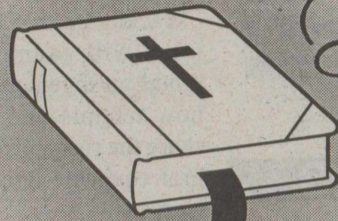
SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

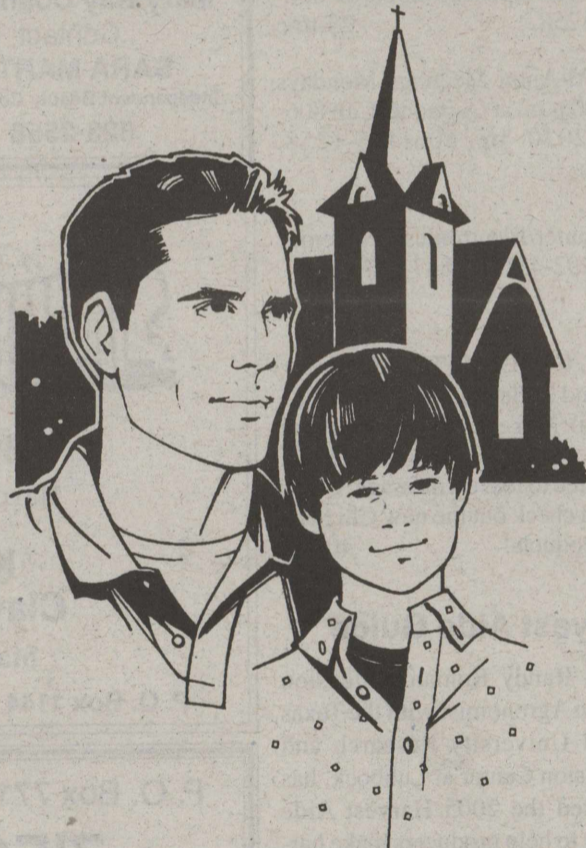
RIVER OF GOD FELLOWSHIP
Darleta "Dee" Lawhon, Minister

SUNDAY:
10:00 a.m. Worship
TUESDAY: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
For Further Information
Call 823-2113



The Answer To Your Prayers

Teach Children How They Should Live

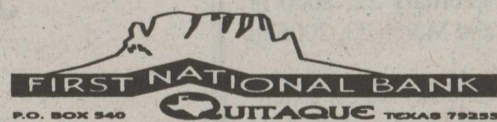


Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life.

Good News Bible Proverbs 22:6

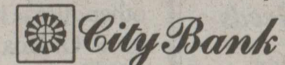
Children see and often emulate their parents, and one of the many obligations that parents have is to set good examples for their children. Families that are caring, and that show respect, honesty, and most of all, love, are helping to perpetuate God's virtues. The children of today, will be the leaders of the future, and the values they obtain during childhood will be with them throughout their lives. Providing food, shelter, and clothing to our children is not where a parent's obligation ends. Moral standards should be taught in the home, and not solely left up to our schools, synagogues, and churches. Good virtues are as important as the necessities of life. Being a parent is a blessing and a responsibility from God and is one of the most important tasks that anyone can receive in this world. The parent who teaches their child the ways of the Lord is forever blessed.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

September 12, 1996-Rance Young, candidate for Briscoe County Commissioner of Precinct 3, has withdrawn from the race. He decided that he should continue to serve on the board of Silverton ISD . . . City of Silverton has been notified of the awarding of \$250,000 grant money in the Texas Community Development Program. The money will be used to drill municipal water wells . . . Knox Talbert to hold a Fall Revival at First Baptist Church in Silverton . . . Owls open season with win over Lefors Pirates . . . Two Owls, defensive end Jack Cherry and linebacker Arnold Garza, received honorable mention as Player of the Week by the Amarillo Daily News . . . Silverton received 4.61 inches of precipitation during August which was slightly above the South Plains average and quite a bit above normal for this reporting station . . .

October 2, 1986-Suzann Settle is new Football Queen . . . Owls entertain large homecoming crowd by defeating the Smyer Bobcats 64-19 Friday night . . . Rains continue to delay corn and milo harvest . . . Ryan Smith is Pep Squad Beau . . . Two local seamstresses, Ashleigh Wyatt and Mrs. John Francis, will compete in the Make It Yourself With Wool contest in Amarillo Saturday . . . Junior High Owls roll over Patton Springs 40-14 . . . Neal Edwards named Player of the Week for rushing 164 yards on 17 carries, scoring touchdowns on 14- and 60-yard runs. He returned two kickoffs 80 yards each for touchdowns, giving him 324 yards of total offense . . .

September 30, 1976-Millicent Murff of Tulia is new Miss Mackenzie. Lee Ann McMurtry is second runner-up . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mike Buchanan are parents of twin sons, Cameron Ward and Michael Dee. The boys are grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones . . . E. C. Strange buried here Monday . . . Peggy L. Kitchens has enlisted in the United States Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program . . . Owls open district play with Valley Friday night . . . The Junior Varsity Owls dominated their game with the Valley Patriots last Thursday evening and brought home a 6-0 victory . . .

October 7, 1976-Mickey Cornett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oner Cornett, underwent major surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo last Friday . . . Mrs. Willie Smithee buried here Friday . . . Debbie Storie is Football

Queen . . . National Honor Society officers are Darrell Reynolds, president; Kim Hutsell, vice president; Brenda Cantwell, secretary; Arlene Lavy, treasurer; Lesa Francis, reporter, and Dayne Mayfield, parliamentarian . . . Johnnie Lanham was to enter Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia Wednesday . . . Mrs. Walter Fleming pinned on her husband's 50-year Masonic Service Award during ceremonies held at the Silverton Lodge recently . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer to be honored on golden wedding anniversary . . . Lynn Payne suffered a heart attack about 8:00 a.m. Tuesday after he had gone to work at the Post Office in Clarendon. He is a rural route carrier . . . Mrs. James Davis and Mrs. Datis Martin of Gamma Iota chapter attended the District IX Regional Meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma in Lubbock Saturday . . .

October 6, 1966-Owls defeat Lefors 14-12 to make four in a row . . . Mrs. W. E. Autry taken by death . . . Bond election is next step for water project . . . Mrs. George Seaney has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital . . . Miss Jane Self installed as Rainbow Worthy Advisor . . . Raye Garrison, a student at Texas Tech, and Jerry Garrison, a student at Hardin-Simmons, attended the Tech vs. A&M football game at College Station Saturday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Max Garrison at College Station . . . Kenneth Stephens underwent an emergency appendectomy at Swisher Memorial Hospital Saturday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Francis, Mrs. Ray C. Bomar and Mrs. J. L. Lovvorn returned last week after spending 28 days in Canada and Alaska . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Francis celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with an open house . . . Junior High Owls defeat Happy 42-14 . . .

October 11, 1956-Owls win season's opener from Lakeview Eagles Friday, 25-6 . . . Funeral services for D. N. (Uncle Doc) McGavock, 93, retired farmer and pioneer resident of Silverton and Briscoe County for 39 years, were conducted Sunday. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGavock. His father was a Confederate soldier who was killed before his birth . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brink and children were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. W. J. Hyatt, sr. and other relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Noble Lyde and daughters spent last Friday night here with her mother, Mrs. Wiley Bomar, sr. and other relatives . . . Rev. Cecil Vaughan called to Haskell as pastor of the Assembly of God . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson announce the marriage of their daughter, Judy, to Mr. Carroll D. Welch, son of Mrs. M. L. Welch . . . Mrs. Mary Tunnell and Mrs. Clyde Tunnell transacted business in Friona Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Davis were weekend guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford . . . John and Carol Ann Montague accompanied their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Brunnier, to Pampa for a weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burger and children . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rex Long and Mike of Alanreed spent Friday and Saturday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bomar, other relatives and friends . . .

October 1, 1936-Miss Sylvia Day and Mr. Ware Fogerson were united in marriage Saturday, September 26. Mrs. Fogerson is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Day of Matador, and is one of the better-known of the younger set there. She took up the study of beauty culture after her graduation and was operating the King Beauty Salon until a short time ago. Ware is the son of Mrs. Florence Fogerson and has made Silverton his home for most of his life. For about two years he was connected with a Hardware and Lumber Company at Happy. Since that time he has been with the Fogerson Grain Company here, engaged in the elevator business. Ware is one of the up and coming young business men of this vicinity . . . Dave Mayfield died Friday on the street in Tulia . . . Silverton holds Lubbock Cowhands to 0-0 tie . . . Last rites Tuesday for Mrs. Mary E. McClendon . . . There was a thin skim of ice in the bar ditches Tuesday morning . . . Cross McDaniel is on the sick list . . . Miss Erma Joy Weaver spent Saturday in Lubbock on business. . . Buel Hill had quite a time with his car when it slipped off of the hydraulic lift at his Phillips 66 station here. The front wheels of the car were completely off . . . Misses Mildred Chappell, Lola Mae Reid, Dee and Paul Reid and Wyndall Rich visited in the Olan Shelton home Saturday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis attended the Tri-State Fair Thursday . . .

Do not dare to live without some clear intention toward which your living shall be bent. Mean to be something with all your might.

Phillips Brooks

Happy Birthday-

October 6-Kaitlyn Marie Drew, Joe Kitchens, Alex Davis, Eloy Reyna, Reba Jo Garvin, Christy McCutchen

October 7-Roy Mack Walker, LaQuetta Schott, Barbara Farnan, Mike Cornett, Josh Conder, Chad Davis

October 8-Conner Stafford, Jerry Baird, Joe Ramirez, Robbie Cartrite, Judy Segura, Clay Mercer, Sandra Rampley

October 10-Danny Dunn, Pauline Jarnagin, Ashleigh Wyatt

October 11-Taylor Brook Hill, Jimmie Sue Estes, Norma Birdwell, Jess Brannon, Patrick Drew

October 12-Annette Grady, Haylee Simpson

Happy Anniversary-

October 6-Mr. and Mrs. Danny Francis

October 7-Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tomlin

A man will be imprisoned in a room with a door that's unlocked and opens inwards, as long as it does not occur to him to pull rather than push.

Ludwig Wittgenstein

The mind is everything. What you think you become. Buddha

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Oct. 10-Beef & Cheese Nachos, Beans, Jalapenos, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 11-Burrito, Salad, Chips, Hot Sauce, Cheese, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 12-Ham Slice, Macaroni & Cheese, Sweet Potatoes, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Oct. 13-Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Roll, Butter, Honey, Milk

Friday, Oct. 14-Pigs in a Blanket, Fries, Pickles, Fruit, Milk

Silverton School Activities

October 6-Owl JV at Happy, 6:30; Owl Junior High at Happy, 5:00

October 7-Varsity Owls vs. Happy, home, district game, 7:30
October 8-Cross Country Girls & Boys at Ceta Canyon

October 12-PSAT Test-Juniors
October 13-Junior High vs. Groom, there, 5:00; Bonfire

October 14-Homecoming: Owls vs. Groom, here, 7:30

October 18-District Cross Country, Thompson Park, 3:30

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Let's Support The Silverton Owls



Silverton vs. Happy, October 7, 7:30, Here
Silverton JV vs. Happy, October 6, 6:30, There
Silverton Jr. High vs. Happy, October 6, 5:00, There

We Wish You The Best!



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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

TO: Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi
The Unknown Heirs of
Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi,
if deceased;

All of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixty-One (61), in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/753, issued to Beaty Seale and Forwood, Abstract 85, patented to John Jay French, Assignee, on August 4, 1880, Patent No. 462, Volume 32, Briscoe County, Texas; and if Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi is dead, the heirs and legal representatives of said named Defendant, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of said named Defendant, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendant; and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, if living, and if dead, then the heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant,

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judicial District Court of Briscoe County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof in Silverton, Texas by filing a written answer, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 14th day of September, 2005, to Plaintiffs' First Amended Original in Trespass to Try Title Suit, filed in this Court on the 28th day of September, 2005, in this cause numbered 3121 on the docket of said Court and styled Robert A. Gentry and B. Davis Gentry, Administrator of the Estate of Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. v. Glenda Kay Gentry, Loyce Wanda Gentry, Dianne Lynn Gentry Prather and Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

A trespass to try title suit in which Plaintiffs for cause of action would respectfully show the Court the following, to-wit:

BRUCE E. GENTRY, JR. and ROBERT A. GENTRY own an undivided three-quarter interest and Defendants own as cotenants an undivided one-quarter interest in the following land in Briscoe County, Texas:

All of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixty-One (61), in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/753, issued to Beaty, Seale and Forwood, Abstract 85, patented to John Jay French, Assignee, on August 4, 1880, Patent No. 462, Volume 32, Briscoe County,

Texas.

On March 27, 1973, BRUCE E. GENTRY, JR. and ROBERT S. GENTRY obtained exclusive possession of the land by repudiating the title of Defendants and holding adversely by the conveyance of the entire tract of land through warranty deed from Ella Gentry to Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. and Robert S. Gentry. Notice of Plaintiffs' repudiation of cotenancy by Plaintiffs' possession coupled with the warranty deed from Ella Gentry which amounted to a conveyance of a portion of that claimed by Defendants, if of such unequivocal notoriety as to convey to Defendants or their predecessors notice of the adverse claim. Since March 27, 1973, Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. and Robert A. Gentry have occupied the entire tract personally and have claimed full ownership and the right to exclusive possession of the premises. Plaintiffs pray for judgment and possession of said land, and for other and further relief to which they are entitled as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs' petition on file in said suit. That Plaintiffs further own the above described tract of land under the 10 and 25 year statutes of limitations, and that title to the above tract of land is presumed to be in Plaintiffs, respectively, as alleged, as a result of peaceable and adverse possession under duly recorded deeds and claims of right and payment of taxes on said property, respectively.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of the law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. The name of Plaintiffs' attorney and his address are Andy Aycock, FIELD, MANNING, STONE, HAWTHORNE & AYCOCK, P. C., 2112 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas, this the 28th day of September, 2005.

BENA HESTER, Clerk of the District Court
Briscoe County, Texas
P. O. Box 555
Silverton, Texas 79257
By: /s/ Bena Hester
(SEAL)

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Childress District Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival Slated October 14-15-16
TxDOT Helping With Cleanup

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District moved out Friday, September 23, at approximately 3:00 p.m. to travel to areas affected by Hurricane Rita. Thirty TxDOT personnel in 14 pickups transported 13 fuel trailers loaded with 3000 gallons of fuel and a truck with 600 gallons of water to Fort Worth to a staging area.

As soon as the storm passed on Saturday, they relocated to Bryan, Texas to another staging area. "Due to the heavy traffic, it took four hours to travel from Waco to Bryan," said Brent Foad, Hall County Maintenance Supervisor in charge of the operation.

On Sunday, the two men crews from each of the thirteen counties of the TxDOT Childress District began moving east into the Woodville and Jasper areas to begin fueling TxDOT equipment. "Due to the affects of the storm, there was no fuel available in that area. Our crews brought in fuel to the TxDOT equipment removing debris from our state maintained roadways," continued Foad.

Monday, they relocated to the Beaumont District Office to drop off unleaded fuel there and will be taking 1200 gallons of diesel to Orange.

Due to the uncertain conditions they may face during the trip, the two-men crews from Briscoe, Donley, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Hall, Childress, Hardeman, Motley, Cottle, Foad, Dickens, King and Knox Counties, who volunteered for this assignment, took sleeping bags, air mattresses, and personal provisions with them. "We are eating Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) and had to sleep outside and in our pickups due to power shortages, but the morale is still high and TxDOT is ready to help in any way we can to aid cleanup efforts from the hurricane," said Foad.

TxDOT volunteers included Jeff Smith and Wendell Reed from Briscoe County.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project can call Clyde Harper at 940-934-7185 or Barbara Seal at 940-937-7145.

City-Wide Garage Sale Planned Soon

Join in the City-Wide Garage Sale! The Silverton Chamber of Commerce will be making a map to hand out to folks.

Call Trena Burson at 823-2020.

The 31st Annual Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Festival will be held October 14-15-16 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. This year's show is shaping up to be one of the very best with over one hundred vendors from four states showing their handiwork.

There will be a wide variety of crafts--some are previous exhibitors, but 75% of the booths have never shown at Running Water Draw before.

An example of some of the crafts on display is decorative gourds, painted metal, jewelry, decorative clothing, candles, floral designs, hand and body care, western metal designs, homemade candies, carmael corn and soups, and many, many more items to shop for yourself or give as gifts.

A new concession stand by the Plainview Church of God will feature items such as stuffed burritos, foot-long corndogs and funnel cakes.

Running Water Draw's surprise addition this year will be a silent auction. This is where exhibitors have donated items to be bid on during the show. At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, the highest bidder will be allowed to purchase that item. This gives the public a chance to get bargains at the same time as having fun outbidding the previous bidder. Proceeds from this auction go to the Llano Estacado Museum and Wayland University Fine Arts

Department.

Rotary Club has always been the sponsor of Running Water Draw these thirty-one years. They also sponsor the Taste of Home Cooking School on Thursday night before the Running Water Draw show starts on Friday.

This year the show opens on Friday, October 14, at 10:00 a.m. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

In the past, Running Water Draw Arts & Crafts Show has been a favorite show for Plainview and area residents and this year promises to be a show filled with fun, excitement and treasures to purchase for every occasion.

EMT Basic Class

Connie Smith will begin another EMT class this fall. Classes are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m.

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**COMBINED NOTICE
Notice to Public of No
Significant Impact on
The Environment and
Notice of Intent to
Request
Release of Funds**

Date: October 6, 2005

Name of

Contractor: Maria Merrell
City of Quitaque
P. O. Box 427
Quitaque, TX 79255

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Quitaque, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-383) for Project No. 725711.

Project Title: Water System improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Quitaque's Water System by rehabilitating the City's water well.

Location: City of Quitaque, TX

Estimated Cost of Project: \$263,570 (\$250,000 ORCA) (\$13,570 City of Quitaque)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Quitaque's Water System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's Water System. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment. An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Chris Sharp, (806) 372-3381, or from the City of Quitaque.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this deci-

sion are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered, and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Quitaque will undertake the project described above with Community Development Program funds from the Office of Rural Community Affairs under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Maria Merrell, City Manager as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs in her official capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Quitaque may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and the Office of Rural Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Office of rural Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, Finance Division, P. O. Box 12877, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade settled at a two-month high Thursday as the market appeared to be bucking bearish fundamentals while waiting on news of hurricane damage in the U. S. Delta.

As damage to the Delta crops from Hurricane Katrina still was being assessed, Hurricane Rita came ashore just east of the Texas-Louisiana border in the early morning hours of Saturday, Sept. 24. Upon impact, Rita was pegged as a category 3 hurricane on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale but was downgraded to a tropical storm by the end of the day.

Although it still is too early to assess the extent of damage to cotton in the affected areas, early reports suggested that strong winds forced cotton off the stalk in isolated fields. Although heavy rains saturated the soil over the weekend, mostly clear skies and seasonal temperatures this week allowed soil to dry and fieldwork to resume. Therefore, damage reports should be trickling in slowly from the affected farmers.

In other news, the U. S. Census Bureau reported total monthly U. S. cotton consumption was 456,383 bales in August, down slightly from last year's August figure of 484,307 bales.

The National Cotton Council (NCC) reported Thursday morning the Census Bureau's consumption data suggested that U. S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 6.08 million bales in August, down from the previous year's figure of 6.44 million bales. Additionally, NCC revised its July 2005 figure up slightly to 6.46 million bales from the previous 6.4 million bale figure.

USDA's weekly export sales report provided little inspiration to the cotton market on Thursday. The department reported net export sales of 219,900 bales in the week ended Sept. 22, 40% more than the previous week's sales but

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Maria Merrell, City Manager
Environmental Certifying Officer
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2% less than the four-week average. Major buyers included China, Turkey, Mexico and Colombia. Export shipments of 208,400

bales were 8% more than the prior week but 4% less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Mexico, Turkey and Hong Kong.


In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Sept. 29 totaled 6,501 bales compared to the previous week when 2,976 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 41.27 to 44.78 cents per pound compared to 37.34 to 44.39 cents per pound the previous week.

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Cord Stidham picks up yardage for the Junior Varsity Owls with Blake Strange protecting him from the Spur defenders here last Thursday.
Briscoe County News Photo

Junior Varsity Owls Earn Big 56-0 Victory Over Spur Here Last Week

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls rolled to a big 56-0 victory over Spur here last Thursday evening, ending the game early under the 45-point rule.

Spur kicked off to open the game, and on the second play Gabriel Vargas ran for a touchdown. Kanon McGee held and Cade Holt kicked the PAT to give the Owls an 8-0 lead with 7:33 remaining to be played in the first quarter.

Vargas and Calvin Daugherty led the defense for the Owls and forced a Spur punt. On the next play Cooper Cogdell passed to Vargas for another touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 6:17 still to be played in the first quarter, the Owls moved ahead 14-0.

Thomas Watson kicked off for the Owls, and Daugherty recovered Spur's fumble. Just two plays later, Cord Stidham ran into the endzone to give the Owls a 20-0 lead with 5:27 still on the clock.

Silimon Martinez kicked off and once again the Owls recovered the Spur fumble. Runs by Holt, Vargas, Strange and Stidham moved the ball into scoring posi-

tion, and Carlos Garcia caught Cogdell's pass for another touchdown. Martinez kicked the PAT, to give the Owls a 28-0 lead with 3:15 remaining in the first quarter.

Martinez kicked off again, and defense led by Holt, Strange, Daugherty and Vargas brought about another Spur punt.

Cogdell passed to Vargas for a touchdown with 1:21 still to be played in the first quarter. There was no PAT, and the Owls extended their lead to 34-0.

Stidham kicked off and Reese Scarborough and Holt controlled the return. Spur ran four plays and as the second quarter began saw the ball go over on downs to the Owls.

Shane Estes carried a touchdown on the next play, Martinez kicked the PAT, and with 7:42 remaining before halftime the Owls held a 42-0 lead.

Stidham kicked off and Spur took a knee on their own two yard line. They ran three plays and punted. Holt carried for a first down on the Spur five-yard line, after which he took the ball into the endzone with 5:23 remaining before the half to give the Owls a

48-0 lead.

This time the ball went over to the Owls on the Spur eight, and on the next play Scarborough carried a touchdown and Martinez kicked the PAT to give the Owls a 56-0 lead with 3:36 still remaining on the clock.

Strange abbreviated Spur's next

offensive series by recovering a fumble. There was no further scoring and the game ended at halftime under the 45-point rule.

The Junior Varsity Owls will travel to Happy today for kickoff at 6:30 p.m. They are extending their winning streak every week,

and provide a lot of excitement in every game they play.

Courage is the greatest of all the virtues. Because if you haven't courage, you may not have an opportunity to use any of the others.

Samuel Johnson

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. WQ0010803001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Silverton, P. O. Box 250, Silverton, Texas 79257, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Permit No. 10803-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 90,000 gallons per day via evaporation on approximately 36 acres of playa lake and via surface irrigation of 70 acres of non-public access native grassland. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on May 31, 2005.

The facility and disposal site are located 0.75 mile west of State Highway 207 and 1 mile south of State Highway 86 in Briscoe County, Texas. The facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Red River Above Pease River in Segment No. 0206 of the Red River Basin.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Silverton City Hall, 409 Broadway Street, Silverton, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Silverton at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jerry Patton at 806-823-2125.

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Jacob Francis picks up yardage for the Owls in their game at Cotton Center last Friday night. The Owls ended the game with 8:08 remaining to be played in the third quarter when Francis carried the PAT to make the score 67-22. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Owls Win District Game at Cotton Center Friday Night

Albert DeLeon kicked off to open the game at Cotton Center Friday night, and his teammate Drew Reed brought down the Elk return play. This was the beginning of the game which saw the Owls outscore the Elks 67-22 and end the game with 8:08 remaining to be played in the third quarter. The Elks passed complete for a first down before fumbling and seeing Gid Mayfield grab the ball for the Owls.

Jacob Francis carried for a first down on the Silverton 31, after which Yance Forbes made a couple of nice runs and Francis got another first down. Forbes carried the touchdown with 5:41 remaining on the first-quarter clock, DeLeon kicked the PAT, and moved the Owls into an 8-0 lead.

When the Owls kicked off again, Cotton Center carried the deep kick back to the Silverton 35, after which they passed complete for a first down on the Silverton 14. After a couple of incomplete passes, the ball went over on downs to the Owls.

Francis carried for another first down before Forbes ran into the endzone for another touchdown with 2:26 still to be played in the first quarter. DeLeon kicked the PAT, to give the Owls a 16-0 lead.

At the top of the second quarter, Cotton Center scored, there was no PAT, and with 9:46 remaining to be played in the first half, narrowed the Owl lead to 16-6.

When the Elks kicked off, Forbes controlled the short kick, and scored with 9:30 remaining in the quarter. There was no PAT, and this moved the Owls into a 22-6 lead.

When the Owls kicked off, Mayfield and Diego Ramirez stopped the return on the 33. The

Elks scored on their next play, kicked the PAT, and with 9:14 remaining in the second quarter, narrowed the Owl lead to 22-12.

When the Elks kicked off, Forbes took the long kick on the Silverton 15. Francis picked up a few yards after which Forbes carried another touchdown. DeLeon kicked the PAT, and with 8:17 remaining to be played before halftime, gave the Owls a 30-14 lead.

Cotton Center moved the ball to the Silverton 12 before seeing it go back to the Owls on downs. A pass from Mayfield to Reed gave the Owls another first down, and Forbes scored on the next play. DeLeon kicked the PAT to give the Owls a 38-14 lead with 6:25 still on the second-quarter clock.

The Elks passed complete for another touchdown with 3:54 remaining to be played. The PAT was good, and Cotton Center had narrowed the score to 38-22.

Cotton Center kicked off and Forbes controlled the short kick. He ran for a first down after which a pass from Mayfield to Jesse Reynolds picked up a first down. Francis made 10 yards before scoring with 2:31 remaining before halftime. DeLeon kicked the PAT, and the Owls moved into a 46-22 lead.

When the Owls got the ball back again, Forbes ran for another score with 53 seconds remaining on the clock. DeLeon kicked the PAT to give the Owls a 54-22 lead.

Cotton Center kicked off following halftime, and Forbes returned the ball to the 37 yardline. He made a first down on the next play, and scored again with 9:39 remaining in the third quarter. There was no PAT, and the score stood at 60-22.

The Owls kicked off and Mayfield brought down the re-

COMBINED NOTICE Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on The Environment and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

Date: October 6, 2005

Name of
Contractor: City of Silverton
P. O. Box 250
Silverton, TX
79257-0250

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Silverton, Silverton, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-383) for Project No. 725711.

Project Title: Water System improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Silverton's Water System by making renovations to existing facilities.

Location: City of Silverton, TX Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9502

Estimated Cost of Project: \$263,455 (\$250,000 ORCA) (\$13,455 City of Silverton)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Silverton's Water System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's

turner. The Owl defense held and forced an Elk punt.

Forbes ran for eight yards, after which Francis made a first down. Forbes scored on the next play with 8:08 remaining in the third quarter. Francis carried the PAT into the endzone, to end the game early 67-22.

The Owls will host the Cowboys from Happy Friday night, with kickoff at 7:30 p.m. The Cowboys have a good team, as usual, and the Owls will have to play hard to beat them and continue in second place in the district. It is hoped that a large crowd will be on hand to cheer for the Owls.

Water System. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Chris Sharp, (806) 372-3381, or from the City of Silverton.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered, and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Silverton will undertake the project described above with Community Development Program funds from the Office of Rural Community Affairs under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Lane Garvin, Mayor, as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been sat-

isfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Silverton may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and the Office of Rural Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Office of rural Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, Finance Division, P. O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

CERTIFYING OFFICER OF CONTRACTOR:

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Environmental
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Silverton, TX
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYER

Pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Chapter 258, the Commissioners Court of Briscoe County, Texas, intends to consider the adoption of an official county road map.

The purpose of this action is to clarify the public versus private status of the existing rural road network. After the adoption, the official county road map will serve as conclusive evidence of the public right of access over roads shown on the map and of the county's authority to spend public money to maintain the roads included on the map.

The Commissioners Court of Briscoe County will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, at which a citizen has the right to protest the county's claim of a public interest in a road included on the map. A person may also file a written protest to the County Judge at any time prior to the public meeting.

The proposed official county road map will be available for viewing beginning October 14, 2005, during regular business hours at the Briscoe County Courthouse.

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Letter to the Editor

I wanted my Physics I Class at Silverton High School to have a realistic idea of the National Debt. We worked comparisons with the amount of debt. Some historical National Debt amounts are:

1950.....\$257,357,352,351.00
 1960.....\$290,216,815,241.00
 1970.....\$389,158,403,690.00
 1980.....\$930,210,000,000.00
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\$7,933,526,904,183.00

We rounded the 2005 figure to an even 8.0 trillion dollars to work our equations. We deduced that there was little risk of a sustained decrease in the debt and 8 trillion dollars would soon be reached. Eight trillion is a large number unless everyday comparisons are made. We came up with the following interesting facts:

•Briscoe County (30x30 miles) could be covered completely with stacks of dollar bills 34 bills high with 74 cents resting upon each

stack.

•The entire Oklahoma and Texas Panhandle could be covered with a layer of one dollar bills.

•The weight of 8 trillion dollars is 8,758,640 tons.

•If the debt was paid back at the rate of 1,000,000.00 per day, it would take 21,917.33 years to do so.

•If you placed 8 trillion dollars end to end, it would stretch to the moon 3,222.33 times; it would circle the earth 31,056.08 times.

•If there was no air space between one dollar bills in a stack, one square mile would have a solid stack of dollars 8.35 feet high.

My students certainly obtained a grasp as to the magnitude of the National Debt. They all wish we, the adults, had the same understanding as to their future challenges.

/s/ Michael Long

It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot, irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it.

J. Bronowski

Junior High Owls End Game With Cotton Center at Halftime, 51-0

The Cotton Center Elks came to call on the Junior High Owls last Thursday afternoon, but saw the game end at halftime under the 45-point rule, 51-0.

When Cotton Center kicked off, Nick Garcia took the ball all the way for a touchdown. There was no PAT, and with 5:51 still remaining to be played in the first quarter, the Owls held a 6-0 lead.

Brooks Brock led the defense on Cotton Center's first offensive series, which was abbreviated on fourth down when Weston Howell intercepted an Elk pass and carried it to the endzone. Howell kicked the PAT, and with 4:20 still on the first-quarter clock the Owls held a 14-0 lead.

Chase Stidham kicked off for the Owls and Garcia and Skyler Beesinger tackled the Elk ballcarrier. On first down, Blaze Cogdell recovered a Cotton Center fumble. On the next play, Brooks Brock ran into the endzone for another touchdown for the Owls. There was no PAT, and with 4:03 remaining in the first period, the Owls led 20-0.

Stidham kicked off once again, and Tanner Schott and teammates tackled the kick returner. Two plays later Garcia recovered an Elk fumble.

With 3:41 still on the clock, John Perkins carried another touchdown. There was no PAT, and the Owls had lengthened the lead to 26-0.

Stidham kicked off again and Isaac Reyna stopped the return. Two plays later Garcia intercepted an Elk pass and ran to the endzone. There was no PAT, and with 3:24 remaining in the first quarter, the Owls moved to a 32-0 lead.

Stidham kicked off and team tackling prevented a runback. The Elks made a first down, stopped by Howell, but lost the ball on a fumble to J. T. West with 1:58 remaining to be played. Brock ran for another score for the Owls with 1:46 still on the clock, there was no PAT, and the Owls moved into a 38-0 first-quarter lead.

Tanner Schott kicked off and Cotton Center's runner was brought down by Matthew Maciel and other Owls. Brock and Garcia provided defense, as did Reyna. Garcia scored with three seconds remaining on the clock. There was no PAT, and as the first quarter came to a close, the Owls held a 44-0 lead.

Cogdell kicked off for the Owls, and Reyna recovered a Cotton Center fumble on their second play. Reyna picked up five yards, after

which Maciel ran for a few yards. Howell passed complete to Shane Watson for a first down on the Cotton Center five. Schott carried the touchdown with 2:50 remaining before halftime. Timothy Ramirez carried the PAT, to give the Owls a 51-0 lead.

Stidham kicked off for the Owls and delivered a punishing tackle to the ball carrier. Defense was pro-

vided by Shane Watson, Braden Estes, Scott and Perkins. The Elks made another first down on a pass completion, giving them two for the game.

Kevin Watson and Maciel provided defense, but the Elks made another first down on the Silverton eight. Time ran out in the game before there could be further action.

The Junior High Owls will travel to Happy this afternoon (Thursday, Oct. 6) for kickoff at 5:00 p.m.



Nick Garcia rushes for yardage for the Junior High Owls with Braden Estes (44) and J. T. West (55) also in the action.

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USDA Farm Bill Forum October 5

High Plains growers are being given a front row seat and the opportunity to make their views of the 2002 Farm Bill known directly to USDA Secretary Mike Johanns.

Johanns will be in Lubbock on October 5 to conduct the one and only USDA Farm Bill Forum planned for the Lone Star State. The Forum is being held at the Texas Tech University Museum Auditorium, located at Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, Oc-

tober 5.

Designed to gather producer input on different aspects of the 2002 Farm Bill, the USDA sessions are structured to provide as many opportunities for comment as possible.

Anyone attending the Forum is invited to make comments. Due to time constraints oral comments are limited to two minutes. Producers are also welcome to email comments via the USDA Farm Bill Forums website: <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

It is always easier to fight for one's principles than to live up to them.

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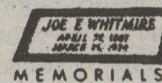
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	High	Low	Precip.			
1	90	61		17	80	56
2	88	60		18	96	64
3	88	59		19	95	65
4				20	96	65
5	87	59		21	94	61
6	87	59		22	92	58
7	88	65	T	23	92	57
8	88	59		24	90	58
9	86	56		25	89	58
10	86	55		26	99	60
11	90	64		27	82	52
12	88	64	.11	28	91	49
13	91	67		29	88	48
14	93	65		30	69	46
15	82	63		Total September Precip.		.18
16	81	57		Normal September Precip.		2.49
				Normal Precip. to date		18.19
				Precip. Rec'd to date		20.93

Let everyone sweep in front of his own door and the whole world will be clean.

Goethe

Swisher Electric-
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 cannot be completed until the transmission company Entergy makes major repairs to its line.
 Castleberry said, "Many Texas cooperatives responded to calls for assistance in Louisiana just a few weeks ago, and in turn, as a Touchstone Energy cooperative, Swisher Electric is glad to be able to help our fellow Texas cooperatives now. Mr. Warren gave me an indication of the conditions there in his area by saying the men might be sleeping in tents or the warehouse until other accommodations opened up. He said he would try to get all of the co-op people in motels as soon as possible. I indicated to Mr. Warren that I hope we help in some small way in the restoration of power for their members." According to Castleberry, "That's what being a Touchstone Energy Cooperative is all about."

Top Offensive Team
 In the "Quick Hits" column in the Sunday, October 2, 2005 issue of the Amarillo Globe-News the sportswriters wrote: Silverton racked up 518 yards of offense--460 of the yards on the ground--in a 67-22 Six-Man District 2 win over Cotton Center.
 Yance Forbes carried 14 times for 335 yards and scored eight touchdowns on runs of 68, 49, 47, 33, 27, 20, 15 and 6 yards.

A good teacher is one who can understand those who are not very good at explaining, and explain to those who are not very good at understanding.
 Dwight D. Eisenhower

It's when you're safe at home that you wish you were having an adventure. When you're having an adventure you wish you were safe at home.
 Thornton Wilder

Band To Be At Turkey Gem Theater Oct. 8

Don't miss Pat Seigler and the Hiway 70 Band on October 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the downtown Turkey Gem Theater.
 This is a great band. It includes Pat Seigler, Lee Smith, Gerald Pipkin, Billy Donaldson, Kelly Keltz and Brandt Bearden. Special guests will be Gary and Justin Williams on fiddles and Baxter Vaughn on steel guitar.
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 This is the night of the Turkey Reunion, so the show will begin at 8:00 p.m. to give everyone time to visit beforehand. For information, call 806-423-1420 or 423-1113.

He who confers a favor should at once forget it, if he is not to show a sordid ungenerous spirit. To remind a man of a kindness conferred and to talk of it, is little different from reproach.
 Demosthenes

From the Patio
 by Nina Martin

September 29--
SKILLET COOKIES
 1 cup chopped dates
 1 cup sugar
 2 tbs. margarine
 1 egg (well beaten)
 Combine all above in skillet; cook slowly for 10 minutes. Stir constantly. Remove from heat. Add 1 tsp. vanilla. Fold in 2 1/2 cups Rice Krispies and 3/4 cup chopped pecans. While warm, form into balls, roll in flaked coconut.
 The Quilters this week were Oleta Warren, Wanda Strange, Joy Stodghill, Ann Norris, Laverne Stephens, Nadyne Childress, Rose Mary Perkins, Christene King, Lallie Patton, Sybil King and Nina Martin.
 Christene's son, Ray and wife, Glenda, from Oklahoma, and her daughter, Brenda, and husband, Earl Rowan from Floydada visited last week.
 Hint from BH&G--If you want to know if you have bad breath--lick the back of your hand--wait 30 seconds, then smell. If you have halitosis you will smell rotten.

Prayer - Worry

If a matter isn't serious enough to pray about, then it's not serious enough to worry about; and if it is serious enough to pray about, and we've prayed about it, then there's no need to worry about it.


James E. Gibbons

Phil. 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, present your requests to God.

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Dr. Randy Boman, Extension Cotton Agronomist with the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, has released the 2005 Harvest Aide Guide to help producers make harvest aide decisions going into the 2005 harvest season. A downloadable version of the 2005 Guide is available on the Lubbock Center's website: <http://lubbock.tamu.edu>, under the "What's New" section.

Cotton Profitability Workshop Slated

Three subsequent workshops are slated for December 20 in Plainview, February 22, 2006 in Muleshoe, and March 23, 2006 in Plains.

Jeff Pate and Jay Yates, Extension risk management specialists based at Lubbock, will provide an outlook for fuel, fertilizer, other

farm inputs, and crop prices for 2006. They will also discuss farm program payments and possible production budgets for irrigated cotton.

Jackie Smith, Extension economist, will examine crop share rental arrangements, focusing on how tenants and landlords can share the risk and total investment in an equitable agreement, and cash leases.

There is no charge to attend. For more information contact Smith at 806-746-6101, or Extension offices in Lubbock County at 806-775-1680; Hale County at 806-291-5267; Bailey County at 806-272-4584; or Yoakum County at 806-456-2263.

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Kahlil Gibran

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