

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, April 4-Turkey Roast, Gravy, Potatoes, Carrots, Dessert, Roll

Wednesday, April 6-Beef Tips, Noodles, Peas and Carrots, Corn, Dessert, Roll

Friday, April 8-Barbecue on a Bun, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Cobbler

Menu subject to change.

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

When the Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club has its Antique Tractor Show at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview April 9-10, there will be two very special exhibits.

One is the tractor that was restored by the Cotton Center FFA, which won first place in the Tractor Restoration Contest at the National FFA Convention, and the other is the tractor that was restored by the Abernathy FFA, which won third place in the Tractor Restoration Contest at the National FFA Convention.

It isn't common for the smaller schools to win national honors, and in this case two schools located near one another on the South Plains of Texas won for similar projects accomplished in the same year.

In addition, arts and crafts and toy vendors are welcome at the meeting.

Admission is free, though donations are accepted.

Food will be served by the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum.

There will be prizes, drawings and awards. The grand prize will be a John Deere 8520 pedal tractor or a John Deere bicycle.

The show will be open on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

A pedal pull tractor event will be held for the children.

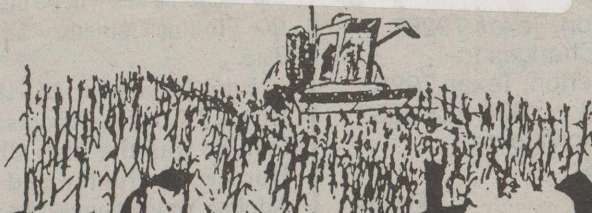
A Weapons of Mass Destruction Training session will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

LE and EMS personnel will get continuing education credit for taking part in this exercise.

A vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you've been taking.

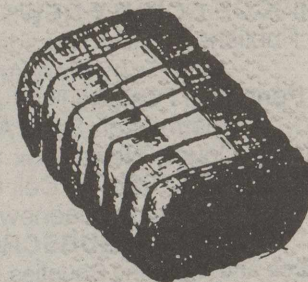
Earl Wilson



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Tory Patton of Happy exhibited the Grand Champion lamb in the junior division at the 2005 Houston Livestock Show earlier this month. She won Champion Medium Wool lamb and Grand Champion Lamb in the Junior Market Lamb Show with "Peanut". Tory has shown livestock for seven years and shows pigs and goats as well as lambs. Also in the picture holding the championship banner is her brother, Thor Patton, who showed the first place class 4 medium wool lamb. At San Antonio, Thor showed the first place Class 32 medium wool lamb, and Tory showed the fourth place Class 1 fine wool cross lamb. They are the son and daughter of Mark and Derinda Patton of Happy, formerly of Silverton.

Project Graduation Meeting is April 5 Veterinarian To Be Here to Vaccinate Pets on April 16

The next Project Graduation Committee meeting will be held in the Silverton School board room on Tuesday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. All parents of high school students are encouraged to attend the meeting and become involved. The senior parents will meet immediately before at 5:00 p.m. in the board room.

Caprock SWCD is Taking Orders For Windbreak Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas and Colorado Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees from New Mexico as well. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care for the trees.

A minimum order may be re-

quired on the seedling orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101.

Penni Bentley To Speak at Silverton Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Silverton native Penni Fogerson Bentley will be the speaker at this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet scheduled for Saturday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

Daughter of Stan and Lynda Fogerson of Anson, Mrs. Bentley is a 1990 graduate of Silverton High School and is a 1994 graduate of Texas A&M University's Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism Sciences.

Mrs. Bentley has been employed for the past ten years by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce's Convention & Visitor Council, eight years of which were in convention sales. Two years ago she moved to manage Amarillo's Visitor Information Center inside the civic center complex.

Mrs. Bentley's presentation, "Tourism, Marketing and Reflections from the Rearview Mirror," will serve to foster new ideas for Silverton to claim its share of the 500 million travel and tourism dollars being spent annually in rural Texas.

Nominations are still being accepted for the Citizen of the Year,

National Wild Turkey Federation To Have Banquet

The National Wild Turkey Federation is a national non-profit conservation organization whose mission is the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition.

Come and join in the fun of the Bob Wills chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation banquet Saturday, April 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey, Texas. You'll enjoy a great evening and a delicious meal, in addition to the chance to win many nice door prizes, one of at least nine guns. You may join in auctions, raffles and silent auctions. The products you might win or buy are top quality framed artwork, bronze



Penni Fogerson Bentley

sculptures, guns, lamps and more. The NWTF banquets are where you can buy exclusive merchandise and have a great time with friends. All the while, you will be raising vital funds for wild turkey conservation and important programs that introduce the outdoors to women, children and the disabled.

For ticket information, phone Cody Bell at 806-423-1276, or Gail at City Hall, 423-1033. A corporate table can be obtained for businesses, or you may buy single tickets.

Find out about the National Wild Turkey Federation at NWTF.org.

You can see pictures of many of the prizes that will be available on the website at www.turkeytexas.com, click on the NWTF link.

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Obituaries

LUCY McDANIEL

Services for Lucy McDaniel, 85, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday at the Rock Creek Church of Christ with J. D. Nance officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Mrs. McDaniel died Friday, March 25, 2005, in Lockney.

Born August 15, 1919, in Tulia, to A. M. Hancock and Jennie Maud Clayton Hancock, Mrs. McDaniel and her husband, Billie, lived and worked on the Mashed O Ranch near Amherst for many years. They retired in 1985 and moved back to their homeplace west of Silverton. They were members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years.

Survivors include a son, Lewis McDaniel of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and three grandchildren, Mace McDaniel of Dallas, Cass McDaniel of Baytown and Amanda McDaniel of St. Louis.

The family suggested memorials be to the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Silverton Cemetery Association, or to a favorite charity.

WAYNE H. HUNTER

Wayne Horace Hunter died March 23, 2005, in Lubbock at the age of 82. A memorial service, officiated by Rev. Nathan Mulder, is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Carillon chapel in Lubbock, 1717 Norfolk. Friends also are invited to join the family for refreshments and visitation at a reception in the Oakwood Room following the service. Cremation

was under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada. Ashes will be interred in the Flomot Cemetery at a later date.

Born November 25, 1922, in Howard County, Arkansas, Mr. Hunter was the only child of Horace G. Hunter and Sarah Adeline Young Hunter. Soon after his birth, they moved to Turkey, Texas. He was graduated as valedictorian of the Turkey High School class of 1941. He served with the 389th Battalion (Battery D) of the U. S. Army in the Philippines during World War II. He married Jimmie Lee Speer of Flomot on July 9, 1946. After getting a biology degree from North Texas State, he taught school in Quitaque and Justin, worked for General Dynamics in Fort Worth, then moved to Plainview where he kept books at a cotton gin. He and his father later purchased and operated H & H Gin at Flomot. After retiring, he raised cattle and sold advertising specialties. He and Jimmie later moved to the Carillon Retirement Center in Lubbock and then to Sisters Loving Arms in Lubbock. During the last few years, he suffered the effects of advanced Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimers. Although he often became disoriented to time and place, he usually remembered and recognized family and friends.

Mr. Hunter was music director at the First Baptist Church in Flomot, a volunteer job he held for about 30 years. He also served as chairman of the deacons. He was a 50-year member of the Quitaque Masonic Lodge. While living at Flomot, he served on the boards of Motley County ISD, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, and Flomot Water Supply, and was president of the Lions Club. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Randy, who died in a tragic accident in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Jimmie Lee Hunter of Lubbock; his daughter Anita and husband Brad Carter of Lubbock; his son David and wife Rhonda of Midland; and his daughter Susan and husband Steve Smith of Austin; two grandsons, Ross Hunter and wife Jennifer of Houston and Greg Hunter of Albuquerque, New Mexico; two granddaughters, Allison and Emily Smith of Austin; three step-granddaughters, Amanda Carter, Virginia Flores and Rebekah Carter, and three step-great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Kristian and Nehemiah, all of Lubbock.

Friends are invited to visit or write to Jimmie Hunter at Sisters Loving Arms, 4713 22nd Street, Lubbock, TX 79407. Memorial gifts may be made to Flomot Baptist Church or a favorite charity.

High School District UIL Meet

Silverton High School students competed in various academic contests March 22 at the district UIL meet held at Happy High School.

Ory Johnson placed fourth in Persuasive Speaking. Laura Scarborough placed third in Informative Speaking.

Gid Mayfield placed second in Mathematics and Tanner Young placed third in Mathematics. The Mathematics team placed first. The rest of the members of that team are Jacob Francis and Jesse Reynolds.

Ethan Long received sixth place in Science, and Jesse Reynolds placed sixth in Spelling. The Spelling team was the second-place team and the rest of the members of that team are Zak Perkins and Ami Dunn.

Sixth place in the Social Studies contest went to Zak Perkins and the Social Studies team placed second. The other members of the Social Studies team are Clay Strange and Will Boedeker.

Advancing to the regional UIL meet at Levelland April 22 will be Laura Scarborough, Gid Mayfield, Tanner Young, Jacob Francis and Jesse Reynolds.

Youth Basketball Tournament Slated Saturday, April 2

The 2005 Youth Basketball Program will have an all-day tournament beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 2. Parents are being asked to bring snacks to sell in the concession stand and that these items be

Happy Birthday-

March 31-Terry Davis, Martin Younger, Fluffy Walls, Angela Henderson

April 1-Kylee Taitano, Nanette Kennedy

April 2-Becky Drew, Donny Perkins, Kathy Speck, Paul Brannon

April 3-Will Rowell, Steve Green

April 4-Christine LaRee Bean, Tara Smith

April 5-John Segura, Loretha Rhoderick, Albert Hartman

April 6-Billy Roy Fuston, Ross Estes, Lance Bradford, Amanda Estes, Judy Towe, Zachary Couch

brought to the gym no later than 9:45 a.m. Suggestions for concession stand snacks to be brought are Rice Krispie treats, brownies, breakfast burritos, homemade ice cream, etc. Please call Jan Curry at 847-2593 to confirm your snack choice and for any questions regarding the concession stand food (leave a message, if necessary).

Also, since basketball fees for students were waived this year, Rebecca Patton will be accepting donations on tournament day from anyone interested in contributing to the basketball program.

Following is a schedule for concession stand, gate and clock duties. If your set time is not convenient, please make arrangements to switch with someone else before tournament day arrives. On tournament day, coaches, parents and children need to be at the gym by 9:45 a.m., so that games can begin promptly at 10:00.

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Abraham Lincoln 1809-1865

John 5:39 . . . these are the scriptures that testify about me . . .

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 7, 1996-Lindsey Jennings was among several hundred music students to compete in the Regional UIL Solo & Ensemble Music Competition held Saturday, February 24, at the Texas Tech School of Music in Lubbock. She entered Class I, the most difficult division, and earned a I superior rating, which won her a trip to the State Meet and a gold medal . . . There was a good turnout for the Republican Bean and Cornbread Supper Monday night. Candidates Terry Grimland and Rance Young were asked to speak . . . Shirley Durham dies of cancer at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness . . . Jim and Pam Cogdell are parents of a daughter, Harlee Elizabeth, born Tuesday, February 20 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Fudge of Tulia announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Suzanne, to Eric Lee Patton. The couple plan to marry April 20 at the First Baptist Church in Tulia . . .

March 6, 1986-Warren Wayne Merrell and Jamie Frizzell were successful in catching a calf during the calf scrambles held during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davidson have moved to Pampa . . . Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jarrett are in the process of moving to Ruidoso, New Mexico . . . Services conducted for Frances Lucille Davis, 53 . . . Word received here that R. H. Stodghill, jr., 65, had died in Birmingham, Alabama . . .

March 4, 1976-UIL music competitors have been Lee Ann McMurtry, Lesa Francis, Danna Garvin, Becky Francis, Kim Hutsell, Tracy Gill, Mignone Rauch and Rebecca Reid . . . Mrs. Mildred Brooks has announced the sale of Mildred's Cafe to Wayne and Anne McMurtry . . . Terry Culwell recovering at home following a vehicle accident in Kansas . . . Eric Patton showed the Grand Champion Other Pure Breeds Barrow in the San Antonio Stock Show. Bryan Burson was exhibitor of the Reserve Grand Champion Poland China Barrow . . . Mr. and Mrs. Gary Whitfill are parents of a daughter, Leah Robin . . . Senior Master Sergeant Darrell E. Sorter recently participated in Bold Eagle '76, a joint Army, Navy and Air Force training exercise held in Nevada and the Southern California desert . . . Attending the meeting of Mackenzie Municipal

Water Authority at Crosbyton Tuesday were Silverton Directors Norman Strange and Charles Whitfill and Jerry Patton, Bill Yoakum, Charles Sarchet and Flute Hutsell . . .

March 10, 1966-Fred Minyard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Minyard, recently returned home after spending 14 months in Vietnam . . . Mrs. M. L. Welch and Ronald have been recent Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Claudia B. Welch and family at the Fain Ranch north of Amarillo . . . Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Arthur Arnold were her mother, Mrs. J.H. Burson; her sister, Miss Luree Burson of Borger; Mrs. Lulu Peak and children, John Arthur Arnold, Pat and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arnold and children . . . Mrs. J. E. Vaughan has spent most of her time recently in Plainview with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smalts, David and Carol. David had the mumps, then Carol had it, and Mrs. Vaughan stayed with the children while their parents were working and attending college . . . Mrs. Charles Grantham and Linda and Mrs. J. D. McGavock spent a recent long weekend in Amarillo. Linda went for an eye checkup and all visited relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kellum were in Lubbock one day last week and visited Mr. and Mrs. Gene Goodwin and daughters and Fred Kellum . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Weast to observe golden wedding anniversary Sunday . . . Mrs. W. W. Douglas and Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield visited Mrs. Jennie Penn at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock recently . . . Mrs. E. C. Newman, Mrs. T. G. Olive and Betty were in Plainview Thursday to visit Mrs. Elma Baker at the Plainview Rest Home . . .

March 8, 1956-FHA members attending the Area I Meeting in Amarillo were Mike Reid, Ina Lou Grabbe, Roxanna McJimsey, Patsy Brannon, Helen McJimsey, Paula Reid, Eulane Rackley, Kay Williams, Sue Reid, Norma Sue Gamble, Beverly Seaton, Darlene Miller, Joy Strange, Susie Anderson, LaWanda Reid, Marjorie Autry, Melba Loyd, Elaine Stephens, Mary Jane West, Diane Fogerson, Joy Ann Gatewood and Peggy Grundy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle and children of Hart visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer Sunday afternoon . . . Little Freddie Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill, was operated on Tuesday

morning at Plainview Hospital . . . Funeral services conducted for George Edward Heckman . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hardin are parents of a baby boy named Wendell Roy . . . Iris Mae Graham of Amarillo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allard and family . . . WSCS meeting held in the home of Mrs. Hugh Nance. Attending were Mmes. S. R. Turner, Jeff Simpson, J. S. Fisher, R. M. Hill, Orville Turner, L. J. Fowler, Robert Ledbetter, Bill Edwards, Arnold Turner, James Patterson, M. G. Moreland, Ralph Glover, George Seaney and Nance . . . Mrs. R. C. Harris, who broke her hip last July, was taken by ambulance to the Plainview Clinic for examination last week. She was told that the bone had healed and was given her dismissal . . .

March 5, 1936-Another of the Briscoe County pioneers is gone. Cooper Wimberly, 75 years old and a resident of this county since 1890, passed away Thursday at his home. Mr. Wimberly came to Briscoe County from Stevens County, and homesteaded in the southwest corner of the county, and where he has made his home ever since—a fine type of pioneer, and one who did more than his share in the building of Briscoe County. He was an excellent businessman, always at work, and a member of the Silverton Farm Loan Association for twelve years. Cooper Wimberly, a member of the Baptist Church, was a man who lived his religion in his everyday life. During the past few hard years, donation after donation of flour, meat and clothing were made by Mr. Wimberly to those less fortunate than himself, and always in a quiet unobtrusive way . . . Mrs. Stuart Johnston, supervisor of the W. P. Archaeology project at Clarendon, has moved her men to ten miles south of Silverton where they have found an unusually rich fossil bed. A giant ground sloth, an unusually large wolf, a camel, the remains of horses as large as the modern horse are among the uncovered fossils. Mrs. Johnston says that these fossils are of the Pleistocene age and are at least a million years old . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "P. D. Jasper was visiting in a community where a relative of his had lived. A native told him, 'Why, he was the meanest man I ever knew.' Mr. Jasper, very much surprised asked for details. 'Well, he broke up our school.' 'And how?' 'He moved his family away'" . . . Mrs. Clay Fowler and Mrs. Will Dunn entertained the Garden Club Friday. A delicious plate of ice cream and cake was enjoyed by Mmes. Raymond Patton, Will Newman, Milton Dudley, Clifford Allard, Joe

USDA Rural Development to Hold Forum on Available Programs

The public is invited to attend USDA Rural Development's forum Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clarendon Junior College Bairfield Activity Center, 220 Regent Avenue, Clarendon, Texas. This forum is free to the public and USDA Rural Development staff will provide information about the various Housing, Community, and Business and Cooperative Programs available through USDA Rural Development.

"This forum will provide rural citizens information about USDA Rural Development and our commitment to increase economic opportunities to enhance their quality of life," said Bryan Daniel, Blocker, J. C. Patton, Hubert Simmons and the hostesses . . . The Haylake School was closed last week because of several cases of diphtheria . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Foust and family were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Long . . . Roy Bomar is nursing a rather badly injured V-8 coupe, after being forced into another car Sunday . . .

Texas State Director. "Individuals, businesses and others that are interested in USDA Rural Development's Business, Community and Housing loans and grants, are encouraged to attend."

Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development is committed to enhance the quality of life in rural communities by improving the flow of capital to businesses and addressing the essential needs of housing, water, education, and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Amarillo, Texas, at 806-468-8600, Ext. 4.

A man need not extol his virtues, nor comment on his failings; his friends know the former, and his enemies will search out the latter.

Charles B. Rogers

Virtue is like health; the harmony of the whole man.

Thomas Carlyle

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Community Classes Hosted by the
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Friday, April 8
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Why did Jesus Die?

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How did Jesus Die?

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March Precipitation	1.25	
Normal Mar. Precip.	.93	
Total Precip. in 2005	3.13	
Normal Precip. to Date	2.23	
Soil Temperature	52°	

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, March 31-Junior High zone track meet in Silverton

The strength of a man's virtue must not be measured by his occasional efforts, but by his ordinary life.

Blaise Pascal

When we know how to read our own hearts, we acquire wisdom of the hearts of others.

Denis Diderot

Project Graduation Donations Sought

Donations are being sought to help with Project Graduation 2005. Door prizes, gifts, food and admission charges for the activities are paid for with donations made by parents, friends and supporters of this project.

It was determined that traffic crashes, half of which involve alcohol and other drugs, are a leading cause of death and serious injury for young people (ages 15-19). Therefore the State of Texas and interested citizens are supporting "Project Graduation," a program promoting drug/alcohol-free parties for high school students. The Texas Department of Transportation pledges \$250.00 each year to provide mini-grants as "seed money" to high schools who support Project Graduation activities, and concerned citizens are asked to join in.

Project Graduation committee's purpose is to offer students the opportunity to have drug/alcohol-free celebrations in lieu of traditional drinking parties. It is hoped this effort will curb deaths and disabilities associated with drinking, taking drugs and driving.

This year's Project Graduation will be held following the graduation ceremony Friday, May 27. All high school students who have signed up to attend will board school buses for a trip to Plainview. Pizza will be first on the agenda, followed by bowling and skating. Food will be provided throughout the evening. The group will return to Silverton around 6:00 a.m. for breakfast at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall before going home.

All high school students will be required to submit a permission form signed by themselves and their parents by the sign-up deadline. No one will be allowed to leave the group before breakfast on Saturday morning.

Donations may be mailed to Michelle Francis, RR 1 Box 54A, Silverton, Texas 79257 or given to Ramona Martin at the school.

Notice of Sheriff Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRISCOE

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Briscoe County in the following cases on the 28th day of February 2005, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of April, 2005, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the Courthouse of said Briscoe County, in the City of Silverton, Texas, the following described property located in Briscoe County, to-wit:

Cause No. 3045 Silverton Independent School District vs. Garvin Billy Wayne DBA Garvin Oil Co

TRACT 1: All of the South one-half (S/2) of the West two feet (W/2) of Lot No. Seventeen (17) and the South one-half (S/2) of Lots Nos. Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), all in Block No. Twenty-three (23), in the Original Town of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas

Levied on the 28th day of February, 2005 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of City of Silverton, Silverton Independent School District, Briscoe County and Mackenzie Water Authority.

All bidders must register with the tax office prior to Sheriff's Sale.

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/s/Jeff Fuston

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Youth Basketball-

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All parents and others are appreciated for their help and involvement with the kids for a successful 2005 Youth Basketball Program.

2005 Youth Basketball Program Tournament Work Schedule

Saturday, April 2

10:00-11:00 a.m.-Todd & Lisa Reagan, Trevor & Christina Barker, Patricia Vasquez, concession stand; Rick Beesinger, clock; Jana Beesinger, gate.

11:00-12:00 p.m.-James Alan & Kari Patton, Amy Otis, Ron & Stephanie Watson, concession stand; Wendell Reed, clock; Missy Reed, gate.

12:00-1:00 p.m.-Audra Hunt, Yopie & Tammy Smith, Rank Cogdell, Eric Patton, Will & Mary Ann Rowell, concession stand; Kyle Fuston, clock; Mike Bigham, gate.

(Parents working at noon will be rotating their duties during the Ball Handling Expedition/Awards segment.)

1:00-2:00 p.m.-Bryan & Lisa Schott, Palmi Womack, Ana Yanez, concession stand; Kent Carpenter, clock; Scott Perkins, gate.

2:00-3:00 p.m.-Rhonda Smith, Angelita Gamez, Carrie Baird, concession stand; Gene Smith, clock; Rusty Branham, gate.

3:00-4:00 p.m.-Donna Estes, Jannine West, John & Linda Moore, concession stand; Brad West, clock; Erma Reyna, gate.

4:00-5:00 p.m.-Chad & Amanda King, Diana Araujo, concession stand; Dick Cogdell, clock; Hope Patino, gate.

5:00-6:00 p.m.-Jim & Pam Cogdell, Terry & Barbara Deckard, Claudia Garcia, Van Breedlove, concession stand; Rodney Bullock, clock; Sloan Grabbe, gate.

6:00-7:00 p.m.-Jerry & Stephanie Birdsong, Norma Juarez, Judy

Segura, concession stand; Stoney Hubbard, clock; Lena Hubbard, gate.

Youth Basketball Tournament Schedule

10:00-11:00 a.m.-4th, 5th & 6th grade boys (Teams 2B & 3C)

11:00-12:00 p.m.-5th & 6th grade girls

12:00-12:30 p.m.-Grades 1, 2 & 3 ball handling, expedition/ awards

12:30-1:00 p.m.-Grades 4, 5 & 6

ball handling, expedition/ awards

1:00-2:00 p.m.-1st & 2nd grade boys

2:00-3:00 p.m.-4th, 5th & 6th grade boys (teams 1A & 2B)

3:00-4:00 p.m.-1st & 2nd grade girls

4:00-5:00 p.m.-3rd & 4th grade girls

5:00-6:00 p.m.-5th & 6th grade girls

6:00-7:00 p.m.-4th, 5th & 6th grade

One - Act Play Competes at Zone

The One-Act Play zone competition was held March 23 at Canyon High School.

Honorable Mention honors went to Max Comer.

Jacob Francis and Shandy Forbes were named to the All-Star

boys (teams 3C & 1A)

Happy Anniversary-

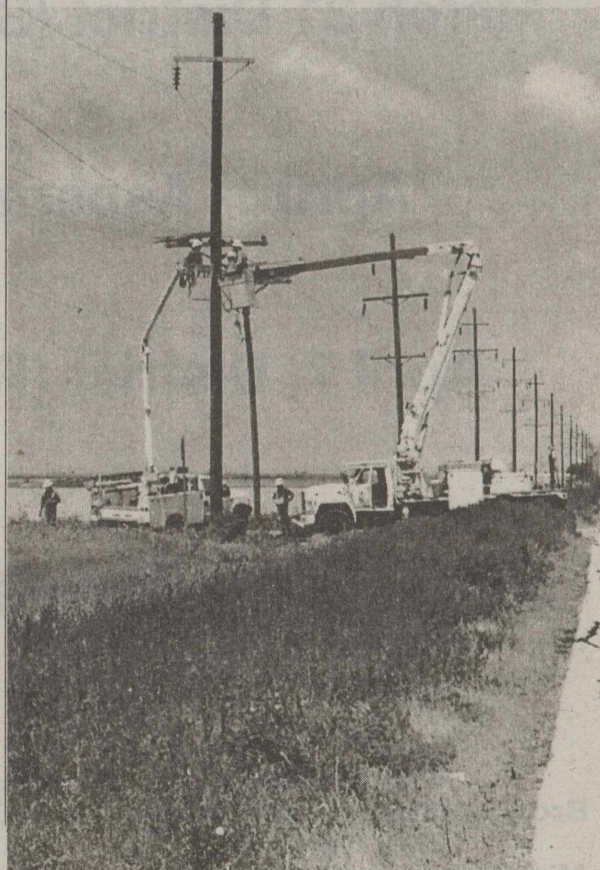
April 3-Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peery

April 4-Mr. and Mrs. Ty Copeland

April 6-Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fudge, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Long, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Copeland

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65th Annual Membership Meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative Thursday, March 31 Ezra Jones School Cafeteria 501 N.E. 4th St. Tulia



Highlights:

- Election of 3 Directors
- Door Prizes! Grand Prize, Dell Inspiron lap top computer
- Attendance gifts

Registration: 6:30 p.m.
 Buffet supper: 6:30 p.m.
 Business Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 4-Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, April 5-Meat & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Pepper Slices, Jello, Milk

Wednesday, April 6-Pig-in-a-Blanket, Macaroni & Cheese, Beans, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, April 7-Crispy Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk

Friday, April 8-Steak Sandwich, Salad, Fries, Cookie, Milk

Swisher Electric Membership Meeting Set For March 31

The 65th annual membership meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative is set for March 31, 2005, at Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration for the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a catered buffet super by Jeff's Restaurant of Kress. The business meeting will follow, commencing at 7:15 p.m.

In the cooperative's annual report to members, board president Eddie Bryan and general manager Charles Castleberry discuss the effects of the abnormally wet year 2004 had on the cooperative's operations. Sales to irrigation members were down 39% from the year prior, with a corresponding effect on total sales. Despite this, the

cooperative managed to have a small operating margin supplemented by non-operating margins. Members' ownership share in the cooperative rose to nearly 60%.

Three director positions are up for election. Seeking re-election are board president Eddie Bryan, vice-president Richard Tye, and Mace Middleton. They are opposed respectively by Tom Ferris, Ted White and Dwain Strange. A nominating committee of members met in January to select the candidates.

The meeting will conclude with the drawing for approximately 50 door prizes, including the grand prize of a Dell Inspiron 1150 laptop computer.

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NOTICE

NEW LEGISLATION CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE SALES

House Bill 335, passed in the 78th session of the Texas Legislature, became effective September 1, 2003. This law applies to a Sheriff's Sale conducted after October 1, 2003. This new legislation requires the following:

1. You must complete and have notarized a request for taxes due from the Briscoe County Appraisal District. This form can be obtained from the Briscoe County Appraisal District.

Based on your request, you will be issued a statement of tax due or a statement of no tax due signed by the Tax Collector. To be eligible to bid in the Sheriff's Sale, a statement of No Tax Due must be submitted to the officer conducting the sale prior to the sale.

2. An individual may not bid on or purchase property in the name of another individual without written authorization from that individual presented to the officer conducting the sale. The officer conducting the sale may not execute a deed in the name of or deliver a deed to any person other than the person who was the successful bidder.

A person who knowingly violates this section of the law commits a Class B misdemeanor.

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Texas Businesses Have April 15 Deadline to File Tax Renditions

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has reminded Texas businesses to render their property with county appraisal districts by April 15. To render is to list the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery and equipment and other property that a business owned or managed as of January 1, 2005. Appraisal districts may use the information to set property values.

Texas business owners are subject to monetary penalties if they file their annual property tax rendition late, fail to render or file an incomplete or false rendition.

"If some businesses are not paying their fair share of property tax, that places a greater tax burden on honest, hardworking business owners and homeowners," Ms. Strayhorn said.

Rendering allows property owners to record their opinion of their

property's value and ensures that the appraisal district sends them a notice before changing a value on their property. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or a farmer's equipment used for farming.

If more than one appraisal district appraises a property, the property owner should render in each appraisal district office.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the May 15 deadline if necessary.

The Comptroller's office also announced that owners whose property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that

could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report that could lower their final tax bills. Property owners have until April 15 to file the decreased value report, which indicates their property's condition on January 1, 2005.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from the appraisal district or the Comptroller's office. The rendition forms ask for the property owner's name and address, general description of property by type or category and the property's location. For property with an aggregate total of more than \$20,000 the property owner also must provide a general estimate of quantity of inventory and the owner's good faith estimate of the property's market value. The owner may provide the historical cost when new and the year the property was acquired rather than the good faith estimate.

For information, taxpayers may contact their county appraisal district office.



Silverton Owls And Lady Owls Track Meets



March 31 District (Silverton) J.H.

April 1, Aspermont H. S.

April 7, District (Randall) H.S.

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The state's wheat crop is short half a million acres this year due to excess rain. Fields were too wet to plant with wheat so producers used cotton or sorghum instead. The excess moisture also caused more disease problems than normal. Extension specialists are concerned about Leaf Rust and Stripe Rust. Some locations were forced to apply fungicides to combat the diseases. Wheat harvest is expected to begin in early to mid-May in South Texas and will continue through June in North Texas.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

With more and more reports of identity theft each day, Extension recommends taking several security precautions. Check your credit report at least once a year. Take your name off mailing lists, and rarely give out personal information. Never leave outgoing mail containing checks in an unsecured mailbox. Beware email scams called "phishing" where personal information is requested. Use a paper shredder to destroy discarded personal documents. Also, teach children early to guard their personal information. For more information, go to www.idtheftcenter.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMBINING VOTING PRECINCTS FOUR AND FIVE

A public hearing on combining voting precinct four and five will be held at 10:00 a.m., April 11, at the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court. All interested persons are invited to address the court on this matter.

/s/Wayne Nance
Briscoe County Judge

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Missionary To Be Honored at the Rock Creek Church

Rock Creek Church of Christ will give special recognition at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17, to Lendal and Peggy Wilks, who are returning home after 36 years.

The community is invited to be with the congregation during this special time at Rock Creek. A reception will follow the dedication.

Rock Creek started helping the Namikango financially when the mission was started in 1963. The mission has had a hand in starting more than 1000 local congregations since the beginning. Rock Creek has been a major contributor to the work.

When the first missionary came home some years ago, Rock Creek was asked to head up the fund drive to build a home for the missionary in Houston.

Rock Creek wasn't asked this time to head up a fund drive to do something for the missionary, but about two years ago the congregation stepped up to the job on its own to have a nice retirement for the Wilks, and as of now they have far exceeded their goal.

Silverton 4-H, FFA Members Show Stock in Houston

Nichole Schott, Tanner Schott, Mitchell Curry and Marchell Curry, were 4-H members who exhibited their hogs at Brenham, where the animals are sifted before going on to the Houston Fat Stock Show. FFA members, Shawn Johnson, Drew Reed and Jacob Francis, also took hogs to Brenham.

Brooks Brock took his steer to Houston, but did not place.

Dusty Burson placed fourth in Houston with his Spot. Tanner Young earned fifth place with a Crossbred. Zack Burson won seventh place with a Hampshire, and Ory Johnson captured ninth place with a Crossbred. Beau Brock won twelfth place with a mid-Charolais steer, and True Burson placed eighteenth with a Crossbred barrow.

A total of 3,200 hogs were taken to Brenham, and only 660 of them made it to the show in Houston.

Always vote for a principle, through you vote alone, and you may cherish the sweet reflection that your vote is never lost.

John Quincy Adams

Where wisdom is called for, force is of little use.

Herodotus

Plans Being Made For Chamber Banquet

Silverton Chamber of Commerce has made plans to bring Penni Fogerson Bentley back home to Silverton to speak at the annual banquet which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in the Silverton School Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 each, and Chamber members are selling them. You may also purchase tickets at City Bank-Silverton.

Special souvenir cups will be given to each guest to take home from the banquet. Only 150 tickets are being sold this year. Cam and Missy Forbes will cater the banquet.

If you know of someone who would be a good candidate for Citizen of the Year, you are asked to nominate him or her as soon as possible.

President John Burson said at the meeting on April 2 that he will ask Emmett Tomlin if the Power Parachutes will be back again this year. James Mayfield is in the process of setting up a website for the Chamber, and it is expected to be going before the end of the month.

Those present at this meeting were President Burson, Mayor Lane Garvin, Pastor Mayfield, Kathy Kingery, Vinita Howell, Pastor Chad King, Ken Richardson, David Hawkins and Lataine Dillard.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 2005.

submitted by Lataine Dillard



Texas Cooperative EXTENSION

David Hawkins, CEA-Ag
Briscoe County, Texas

Small grains forage trials will highlight a Regional Turnrow Meeting Friday, April 15, 2005, at the Texas A&M Halfway Research farm 12 miles west of Plainview along U. S. 70.

Producers can observe irrigated forage clipping trials for beardless and bearded wheats, triticale, rye, and other small grain varieties.

The trial has 35 different varieties including new releases. Of particular interest to producers may be some of the new triticales that are essentially beardless.

Forage varieties and production will meet at the Halfway headquarters at 10:00 a.m. and conclude about 11:30 a.m.

For further information contact Michael Dolle, Hale County Extension, 806-291-5267, or Calvin Trostle at 806-746-6101. 1.5 CEUs will be offered.

BLOAT TEAM WORKS TO PREVENT CATTLE DEATHS

Bloating kills 1-to-3 percent of

Texas cattle every year. Those deaths cost cattle producers millions of dollars. Experiment station researchers are working to cut that loss by as much as 50 percent by 2009. To do this, researchers are studying nitrogen fertilization, cattle nutrition, and grazing behavior. They created a Bloat Monitoring and Prediction Network for North Texas using Extension specialists. Bloat usually occurs during February and March when grazing cattle eat new wheat growth. Bloat doesn't always occur on wheat and it doesn't occur every year.

A wise man will make tools of what comes to hand.

Thomas Fuller

Mid-Plains Telephone Cooperative To Have Annual Meeting in Tulia

The 52nd annual meeting of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative will be held Friday, April 1, in the Tulia High School Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will get underway at 7:30 p.m.

There will be door prizes, favors and a grand prize drawing for \$55 for each exchange. Refreshments will be served.

Business will include the reports of officers, directors and committees and voting on a by-law amendment.

Three directors will be elected. From the Gurley area, Ronnie Johnson, incumbent, will be opposed by Ted White. In the Silverton area, Incumbent Elton Cantwell will be opposed by Duane Reynolds. For Vigo Park, Incumbent Kenneth Littlefield will be opposed by Wayne Beasley.

Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. serves the telephone needs of residents of Silverton, as well as those of area rural residents. The cooperative is owned by those it serves.

MID-PLAINS RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

411 North Hale ★ P. O. Box 300
TULIA, TEXAS 79088



52nd Annual Meeting

TULIA HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Tulia, Texas

7:30 p.m. - Friday, April 1, 2005

Registration Begins at 7:00 p.m.

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1950 - 2005

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Drawing for each exchange

Refreshments will be served



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Thank-You Notes at the Briscoe County News office.

Gift Bags for all occasions at the Briscoe County News.

For Sale: Smoker on two-wheel trailer. \$1200.00. Good for tailgating. 806-744-4457.

LONG'S PECAN SALE: 2004 crop now on sale at \$12.00 for a 3-pound bag. Still fresh because of cold storage. Limited quantity. The 2005 crop will cost \$16.50 per 3-pound bag due to increased shelling expense. 847-2617.

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Boxed get-well, sympathy, birthday, all occasion, thinking of you cards at the Briscoe County News. New shipment.

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For Sale: 1430 gal. Butane Tanks; will take bids. Silverton Fire Department. 10-tfnc

FOR SALE: 2 horse, C&M bumper pull trailer with front dressing room and side canopy. In great condition for \$2,500. Call Larry Jones during the day at 940-937-8621 or Liz Jones at night, 940-937-2235 for more information.

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Scotswife taking orders for candies, jelly and jams. 823-2508.

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Need a gift for someone special in your life? How about "Footprints of Time in Briscoe County, Vol. II, 1992?" Only \$35.00. Available from any Briscoe County Historical Society member or at the Courthouse.

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REAL ESTATE

Home for rent: 3 BR., 2 Ba, 2 car garage. Cent. H/A. \$500 rent, \$500 dep. Bills paid up to \$200/mo. 14 Mi. E. of Kress on FM 145, turn S. on Road 28, 1 1/2 Mi. on dirt road. Call Curtis King at HCSB 806-291-5660.

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Will do carpentry, general house repair, painting, fencing. Call Vic Hartman, 633-4374.

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Starting April 4th, I will begin working at Cuts & Curls every Monday and Tuesday. To make an appointment for a haircut, color, highlight, perm or a new style, call me at 823-2297 or 823-2123. I look forward to serving you! Amy Robison.

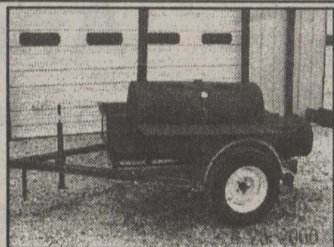
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SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon Meetings. Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258.

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UNDERSTANDING INSURANCE BEFORE PURCHASING

Health insurance offers are everywhere. Insurance offers sent through the mail may sound like a good idea, but be careful.

Before agreeing to any plan, read it carefully. Know what you're paying for. Some insurance only covers accidents.

Other plans may bill your credit card directly.

Be aware of scams. Check if your insurance company is authorized to do business in Texas by visiting www.tdl.state.tx.us.

Look beneath the surface; let not the several quality of a thing nor its worth escape thee.

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

More people should learn to tell their dollars where to go instead of asking them where they went.

Roger W. Babson

Notice of Impoundment of Estray

On the 14th day of March, 2005, I impounded the following estray:

Kind of Animal: Steer

Breed: Charolais

Color: Light Tan

Sex: Male

Age: Yearling

Size Brand, marks, Identifying

Characteristics: None

and, on the 28th day of March, 2005, I filed a NOTICE OF ESTRAY in the Estray Book of Briscoe County, Texas.

I have made a diligent search of the register of the recorded brands in Briscoe County, Texas, for the owner of the estray, and contacted local owner of exotic fowl but the search did not reveal the owner.

Notice is hereby given that, if the owner of said estray is not determined by the 11th day of April, 2005, said estray will be sold at public auction/Sheriff's sale at Tulia Livestock Auction, Dimmitt Hwy., Tulia, Texas 79088.

Witness my hand this 28th day of March, 2005.

/s/Jeff Fuston

Sheriff of Briscoe County,
Texas

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