

**All Around
The Town**

By Mary Ann Sarchet



We really hated to hear that Ashel McDaniel had suffered a broken arm last week. You can call him, write or visit him at #9 Travis Road in Tulia.

I visited with Silverton's own Jane Brooks Jackson a few days ago and learned that she and her husband are operating the Friends Convenience Store in Tulia. She said that they are commuting from their home in Amarillo to work in Tulia.

Silverton firemen will have their regular meeting tonight (Thursday, February 3) at the City Hall. Supper will be served.

I visited with Dr. John Todd Cornett at his office in Amarillo Saturday while Brandon and I were there availing ourselves of his services. He is the grandson of Elsie Cornett, and had a lot of questions about our little town. He is the son of the late Mickey Cornett and operates an eye care and optical store. The place is really expanding, with the addition of two optometrists and two more in the optical department. They have a busy place near 45th and Coulter.

It hadn't been announced at this writing, but as of Tuesday Jennie Bradford was a "lady of leisure." She sold The Malt Shop to her sister-in-law, Cynthia Younger, effective February 1.

Jennie has worked really hard at The Malt Shop during these years since she bought the place from Jerry and Brenda Patton. She has done a good job, and deserves her rest!

**Panhandle-Plains
Federal Land Bank
Returns \$1 Million**

Approximately \$1 million was returned in January to Member-stockholders of the Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association. The cash patronage refund continues a tradition for the association following like distributions in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

Chairman of the Board of Directors Jerry Oswalt announced the payment to members. "This payment to our stockholders is the fourth consecutive cash distribution we have made. The Association is financially strong and we have enjoyed outstanding growth since 1997. Our cooperative structure allows us the opportunity to share profits through the patronage program; while at the same time building capital to maintain our financial strength."

"Our 1800 member-stockholders are realizing that there truly is value to membership in the association. Serving producers in the Panhandle and South Plains with the highest quality service at the lowest possible cost is, and will remain, the goal of this association" said Oswalt.

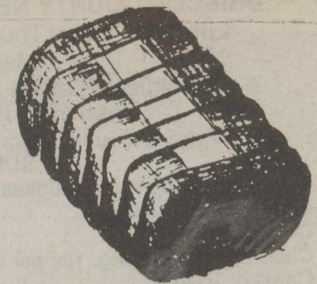
Panhandle-Plains FLBA has approximately \$150 million in loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in 17 Texas Panhandle counties. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview.

The association is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Jerry K.



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Kenda Wood was recipient of the Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award, presented at the Briscoe County Stock Show. The award is for the showman who does the best job during the entire feeding, preparation and showing period, and is in memory of the late Don Burson, who was a staunch supporter of youth activities and stock shows during his lifetime. Pictured (left to right) are Deb Burson, Tom Burson, Iris Burson, Mary Tom Burson, Kenda Wood and Bryan Burson.

**Jamboree Back
Onstage Saturday**

Silverton's Caprock Jamboree will have its monthly show at the County Showbarn Saturday, February 5.

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

Quitaque Lions Club will be serving mesquite grilled hamburgers at 6:00 p.m.

Performers expected to take part in this month's Jamboree are Country Sounds; Hoot Barker and his Bluegrass Band; Cathie Blair from East Texas; David Aycock and Bo Garza, both of Lubbock.

Door prizes are given and admission is free. This is an evening of family entertainment you won't want to miss.

**Next Blood Drive
Is February 15**

Silverton's next blood drive will be Tuesday, February 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center's mobile unit will be here to collect the blood donations.

Only you can give the gift of life. Every time you donate you save up to three lives.

Oswalt of Abernathy; Larry E. Fairchild, Adrian; Dennis Babcock, Groom; Ervin J. Davis, Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper, Petersburg; Dean H. Burger, Pampa; Daniel Krienke, Perryton; Wayne Garrett, Gruver, and Steve Brown, Floydada.

**Owls, Lady Owls Rolling Along
Toward the Basketball Playoffs**

While the Owls are undefeated in the district, the Lady Owls haven't been able to beat the ladies from Guthrie and will have to settle for second place in the district race.

Both teams earned victories over Motley County last week, and the teams split their games with Guthrie.

The Lady Owls took an early lead over the Motley County girls and never relinquished it. Taylor Griffin led the offense with 14 points, followed by Sara Kirchoffner with 10. Also scoring were Lisa Comer, nine; Chelsey Cherry, four; Bryn Mayfield and Dara Johnston, three points each; Tarran Forbes and Jenny Young, two points each.

Three pointers were hit by Dara and Taylor, one each.

The Owls had to come from behind to win their game with Motley County. Isaiah Ivory led the offense with 16 points, followed by Daniel Reagan, with 10. Also scoring were Matt Strange, nine; Adrian Ramirez, six; Red Ivory, five; Issac Garcia and Nathan Francis, three points each.

Three pointers were hit by Isaiah, Issac and Nathan, one each.

The Lady Owls were able to keep up with the Lady Jaguars for half of the game Friday night, but in the end

had to accept the defeat.

Chelsey Cherry had the hot hands and pumped 19 points into the baskets. Also scoring were Sara Kirchoffner, seven, including a three pointer; Taylor Griffin, four; Bryn Mayfield and Lisa Comer, two points each.

Lady Owls 7 19 28 34
Guthrie 7 22 35 50
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Derrick Smith (center) receives his bicycle helmet from Silverton Emergency Medical Service personnel JoDee Robison (left) and Connie Smith (right).

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CARDS OF THANKS

I sincerely appreciate the concern shown to me during my recent hospital stay. I appreciate each call, card and visit.

May God bless you.
Christene King

Words cannot begin to express our heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of love, shown to our family during Oford's illness and since our loss. Each card, call, visit, dish and hug meant so much. It means a great deal to know Oford was so loved and respected. We are fortunate to be part of such a caring community.

Christene King
Ray and Glenda King
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Cards of Thanks

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for the outpouring of love given to us at the time of O. R.'s death and throughout the entire week. The many people who came to offer prayer support and comfort ministered to us in an exceptional way.

The women who so efficiently took care of things in our home, and the many who brought an abundance of food and served our family at the church are appreciated so very, very much. The EMTs were here with their capable service instantly and we cannot begin to thank them enough, nor do we take them for granted.

We also thank you for the beautiful flowers in our home and at the fu-

neral service, the memorials given in O. R.'s name, and the numerous acts of kindness shown to us that touched us all deeply.

The people from Quitauque, Silverton, Turkey and this area have a special gift of giving to others, and most surely paid a fitting tribute to our husband and father, O. R. God used each of you to help us feel God's arms of love wrapped around us.

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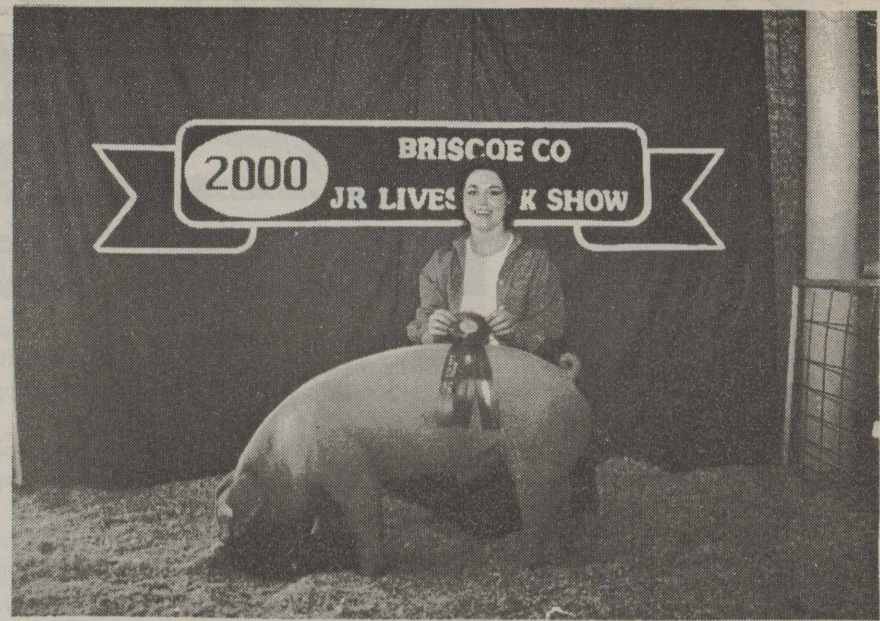
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Obituaries

HUNTER GARRISON

Memorial services for Hunter Kanyon Garrison, infant son of Clint and Khanita Garrison, were at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, at Park Hill Baptist Church in Austin with Richard Orton, chaplain of Hospice of Austin, officiating.

Arrangements were by All Faiths Funeral Service-South.

The child died Saturday, January 22, 2000.

He was born July 23, 1998- in Austin.

Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Hayden and Ashley; a brother, Brook; grandparents, Jimmy and Cheryl Rhoderick III of Amarillo, Kenny and Mildred Dawson of Pampa and Kirk and Sawong Reed of Atlanta;

and great-grandparents, Loretha Rhoderick of Silverton and Walter Reed of Santa Cruz, California.

The family suggested memorials to Hospice of Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Road, No. 100, Austin, TX 78759; or to Austin Travis County MH/MR Infant-Parent Program, Early Childhood Intervention, 1717 West 10th Street, Austin, TX 78703.

RUTH BUCHANAN

Services for Ruth Buchanan, 90, of Oklahoma City were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Lemons Memorial Chapel in Plainview, with her son, the Rev. A. B. Buchanan, pastor of Heber Valley Baptist Church in Heber City, Utah, officiating.

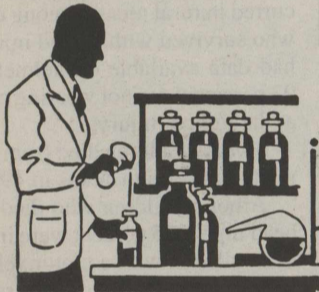
Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Buchanan died Tuesday, January 25, 2000 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Brown, she was born February 27, 1909 in Kennedale. She grew up in Kennedale and Roscoe. She attended Silverton Schools and was graduated from Silverton High School.

She married Aldred Best Buchanan on May 17, 1928 in Silverton. He died April 4, 1959. She moved to Brownfield in 1940, and then to Plainview and Hale Center in 1955.

She worked for College Hill Day Care Center for 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church of



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Rock Creek Church of Christ

JESSIE M. BOMAR

Funeral services for Jessie M. Bomar, 99, were to be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, Bell Avenue Chapel, 5400 Bell Avenue, Amarillo, with the Rev. Scott Greer of Paramount Terrace Christian Church officiating.

Silverton services were planned at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor, officiating. Burial was to be in the Silverton Cemetery.

Mrs. Bomar died Sunday, January 30, in Amarillo where she had resided in a retirement facility.

Born September 10, 1900 at Goree in Knox County, Miss Jessie M. Morton came here to teach in the Silverton Elementary School. She and Lee D. Bomar were married May 7, 1932 in Clovis, New Mexico. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bomar returned to college after her children were reared, received her degree from West Texas State University in 1957, and began teaching second grade in the Silverton Schools. She continued teaching until her retirement in the spring of 1972, a total of 24 years in Silverton ISD.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Rock Creek Quilting Club.

Survivors include a son, Joe Lee Bomar of Amarillo; a daughter, Pat Fitzgerald of Silverton; two sisters, Imogene LeFlar of Munday and Billy Doris Warran of Dallas; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Firemen's Ball To Be Held Soon

The annual Firemen's Valentine Ball will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton Saturday, February 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Ribeye steaks with all the trimmings will be served, as is the custom. Live music will be featured, for the entertainment of all present.

Tickets are \$15.00 each, and may be purchased from any member of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department or at the City Hall. Deadline for purchasing tickets is February 8.

Drawings will be held that night, and all chances have been purchased.

In architecture, an arcade is a series of arches supported by columns, or a passageway formed by these arches.

Guinea pigs are not pigs and they were first domesticated in Peru. A species of cavy, they were imported to England from Guyana.

Plainview and taught a women's Bible study class for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Martha Ruth Buchanan of Oklahoma City and Frances Sams of Plainview; a son, A. B. Buchanan; two sisters, Wilda Lightsey of Oklahoma City and Louise Vaughan of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Thor Patton, with Morris Wilcox and his grand champion lamb. First State Bank in Silverton was purchaser of the lamb, and Mr. Wilcox is the bank's president.

Nothing is easier than being busy, and nothing is more difficult than being effective.

—author Alec Mackenzie

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February 1, 1990--Another successful stock show concludes with sale . . . Members of the varsity Owls this year are Brian West, Bryan Breedlove, Bradley Brunson, Teddy Hubbard, Frank Lowrey, Brian Martin, Wayne Henderson, Denny Hill, Kirk Couch, Casey Frizzell, Frank Ramirez, Jr., Langdon Reagan, Joey Leal and Coach Dwight Rice . . . The varsity owlettes are Aimee Francis, Monica Arnold, Julie Graham, Penni Fogerson, Julie Towe, Amy Ramsey, Tracy Tomlin, Christy Nease and Coach Anette Shely . . . Funeral services conducted for Manley Wood, 89; Carl A. Graham, 57, and Donnie Stephens, 50 . . . Players for the junior varsity Owls are Wil T. Bomar, Lance Smith, Rob Weaks, Josh Brooks, Brian West and Stephen Cavitt . . . Junior High Owlettes are Leslee Weaks, Kayla Ramsey, Brandi Breedlove, Christi McWaters, Angie Castillo, Kami Martin, Ashleigh Wyatt, Holly Nance, Leticia Vargas, Brandi Brunson and Christa Tucker . . . Junior High Owls are Peter Trevino, Michael Hill, Zane Henderson, Lance Holt, Matt Francis, Johnny Patino, JoDee Robison, Trent Smith, Stoney Hubbard, Braden Towe, Dewayne Juarez . . .

January 31, 1980--Paul Brannon and Melissa Greenhaw have been chosen by the student body as Mr. and Miss SHS. Kelly Comer and Staci Mayfield were selected as Most Athletic; Scott Bowman and Rose Lee Perkins, wittiest; Mark Brown and Judy Northcutt, most handsome and most beautiful; Cam Forbes and Sally Northcutt, best dressed; Jim Estes and Patti Perkins, friendliest; Greg Hill and Dani Whitfill, most popular . . . R. C. (Jack) Hollingsworth services conducted at Roaring Springs Saturday . . . Jo Jarrett on dean's list at Texas Tech . . . Cary Fleming and Shea Green won individual trophies as members of the Lakeview All-Tournament Teams last week . . . Both the Owls and Owlettes were winners of third-place trophies in the tournament played at Lakeview last week . . .

January 22, 1970--Named by the faculty as Personality King and Queen were Rod Vaughan and Marsha Teeple; Roy Garrison and Max Hamilton, Most Likely to Succeed; Max Weaver and Gail Mayfield, Most Dependable; Gary Martin and Cathy Jones, seniors; Kerry Reeves and Barbara May, juniors; Brit Parker and Theresa Tate, sophomores; Derrel Martin and Joan Cross, freshmen, elected to Who's Who . . . Class favorites are Rhonda Sutton and Art Hamilton, freshmen; Sharon Jarrett and Lynn Smith, sophomores; Lanis Davis and Terry Bomar, juniors; Paula Birdwell and Max Hamilton, seniors . . . Paula Birdwell and Bob Hutsell were elected Miss and Mr. SHS; Marvin Self and Jerdline Weathered, most Athletic; Marsha Teeple and Steve Brown, Most Popular; Cynthia Sutton and Wade Brannon, Friendliest; Amy Birdwell, Most Beautiful; Monty Teeple, Most Handsome; Joan Cross and Max Weaver, Best Dressed; Terry Bomar and Pam Hutsell, Wittiest . . .

January 28, 1960--Boys and girls

have 3-1 district record . . . Sue Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Reid, has been invited to participate with the Ranch Girls at the Southwest Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth . . . Relatives of Fred Arnold gathered in the Roy Mack Walker home Saturday night and surprised Fred and Vivone with a farewell party . . . Garner Garrison showed the grand champion of the Steer Show at the Briscoe County Stock Show . . . Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow and Becky visited relatives in Plainview Saturday afternoon . . . Mrs. Bern May has been a patient in Swisher County Hospital since Saturday . . .

January 26, 1950--January 31 is deadline to pay poll tax . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMinn to be honored on fiftieth wedding anniversary . . . Owls advance to finals of Roaring Springs Tournament where they were defeated by Roaring Springs . . . The Owls played one quarter of basketball Tuesday night but managed to nudge the Quitaque Panthers in an important district game to the tune of 38-34. The amazing thing about it was that the Owls were behind 19-30 going into the last quarter . . . Good irrigation well drilled on Johnnie Lanham farm . . . E. V. Riddlehuber, local manager of Farmers Gin Company, said this week that they had ginned 2,800 bales of cotton this season . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson entertained Brotherhood and wives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill entertained the Fellowship Class of the Methodist church at their home Friday night with a party . . . Mr. and Mrs. Scott Smithee hosted six tables of "42" Thursday night. Prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cantwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele and Mrs. Jack Harris . . .

February 21, 1946--John Haynes, pioneer of Briscoe County, friend of Admiral Nimitz and Boy Scout leader, is up in arms about a Japanese monument not being removed from the Alamo courtyard. Recently while visiting his daughter in San Antonio, he took his case to the San Antonio News, which ran his picture and told of his efforts to get the marker removed . . . Miss Mildred Wesley and Mr. A. T. Brooks were united in marriage February 9 at the First Baptist parsonage here. The bride wore a light blue suit with black patent accessories and a pink carnation shoulder corsage . . . Near quarter inch moisture on Sunday . . . Elma Baird weds Big Spring girl . . . Johnny Quillen to operate Texaco Service Station . . . Honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Montague who are leaving soon to make their home in Plainview. Mr. and Mrs. George Weast entertained with a Valentine dinner and 42 party last Thursday night . . . Mrs. Fred Lemons left Sunday morning for Dallas for a health checkup . . . Mrs. Parker Rampley spent Tuesday with Mrs. Clifford Allard . . .

January 2, 1930--A very charming Christmas party was given the younger set Wednesday night when Misses Christine and Johnnie Bundy entertained. Attending were Misses Josephine Daniels, Geraldine Biffle, Carolyn Schott, Wanda King, Gwendolyn Cloyd, Orlene Gunter,

Geraldine Patton, Christine Bundy and Johnnie Bundy. The boys were Kemp Thompson, Gale Meeker, Powell Miller, Hoyt Hill, J. D. Strickland, Jack Wright, Pete Cowart, Fred Biffle, Graham Chandler and Clayton Bond . . . Santa Claus made some of his rounds in Silverton a bit early. In addition to bringing kitchen ranges for three churches earlier in the month, he came to the Baptist Church during prayer meeting a few days before Christmas and presented the pastor, Rev. R. P. Davis, with a fine new suit of clothes. And on the following Monday, he made it a point to show up at the Pres-

byterian Ladies' Auxiliary with a beautiful new dress and hat for Mrs. P. B. Henderlite, the pastor's wife . . . Mr. and Mrs. Luther Gilkeyson and Miss Zollie Bomar went Friday to Amarillo to visit their aunt, Mrs. Bell Driver . . .

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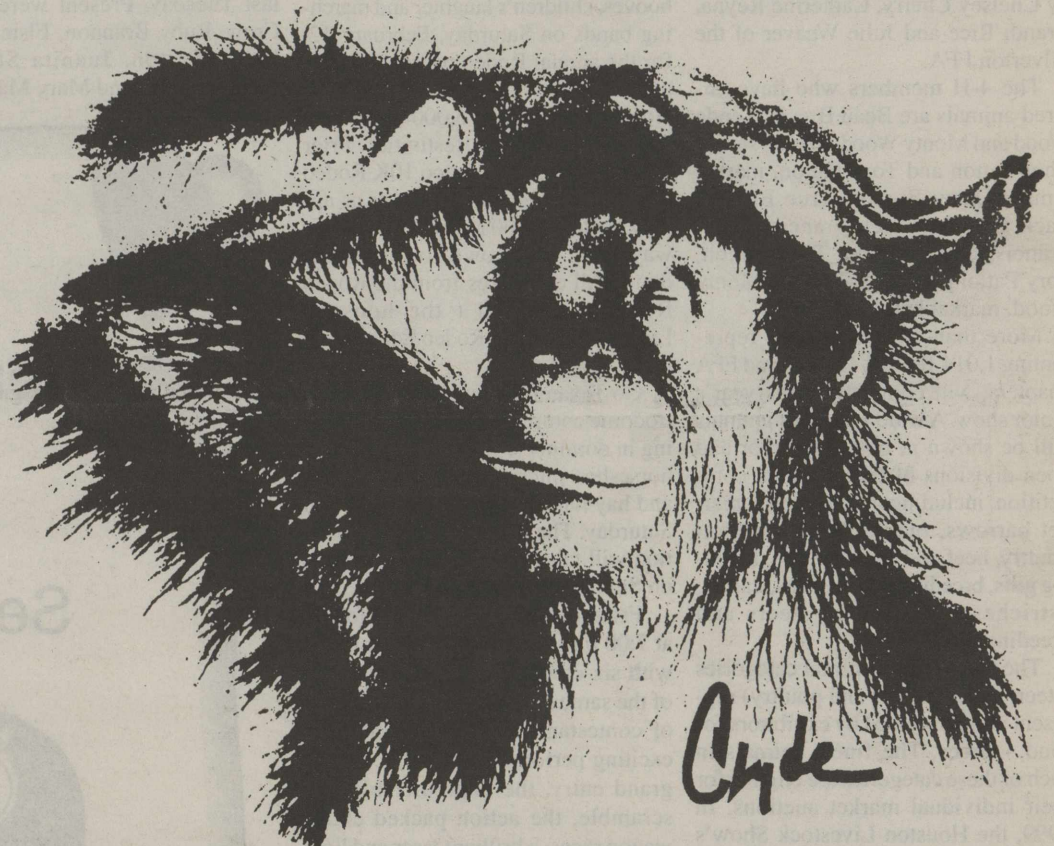
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February 6--Mr. and Mrs. Gary Weaks
February 7--Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burson

Happy Birthday-

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February 4--Jerry Bean, Andrew Ramirez, Della Boling
February 5--Dixie Johnson, Cody Culwell
February 6--Hope Patino, Duston Baker, Duane Reynolds, Dianne Reynolds, Courtney Perkins
February 8--Brad West, Susie Yates, David Warren
February 9--Jim Reid III, Cory Chandler

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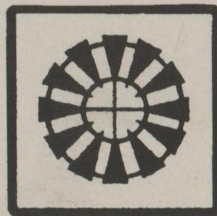
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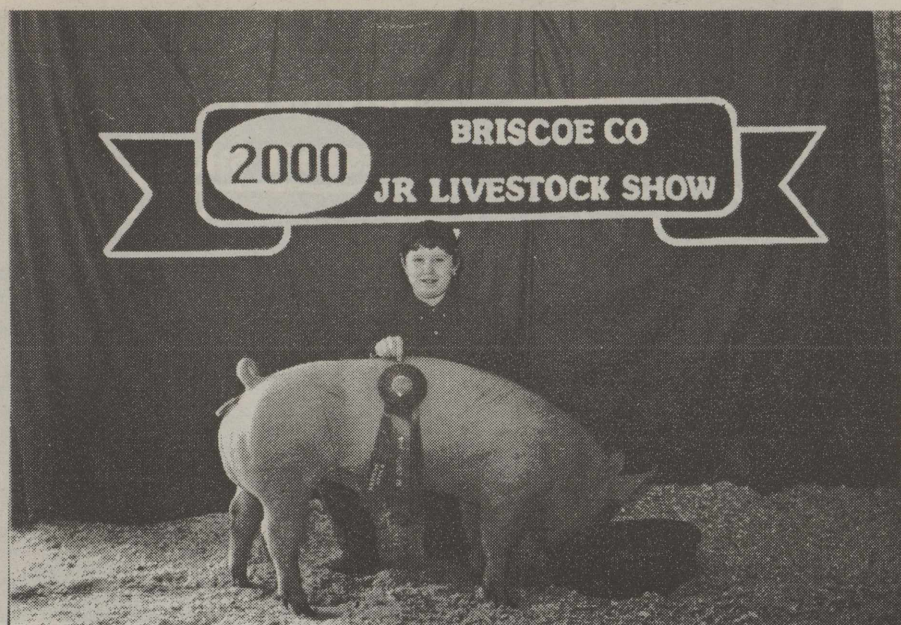
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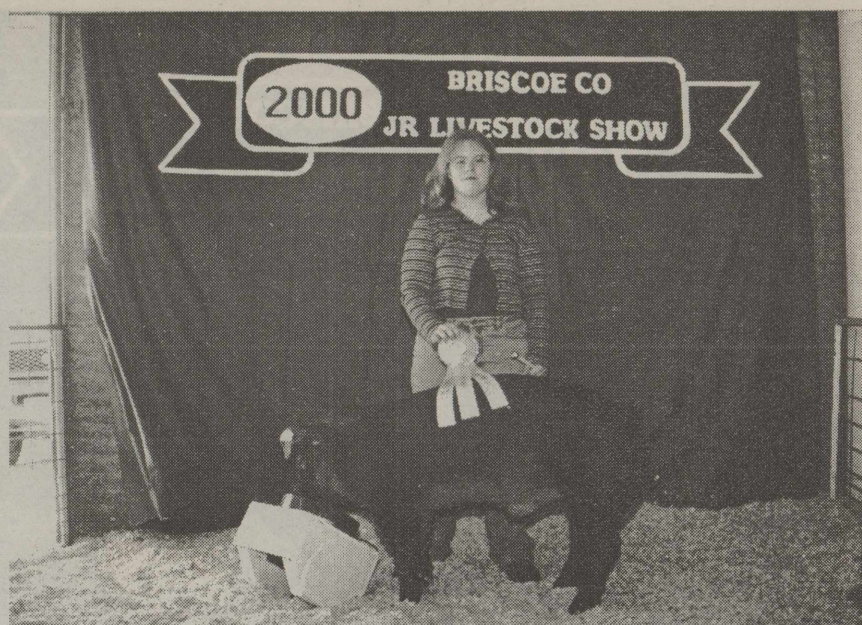
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Nichole Schott and her Champion Yorkshire Prospect Hog.



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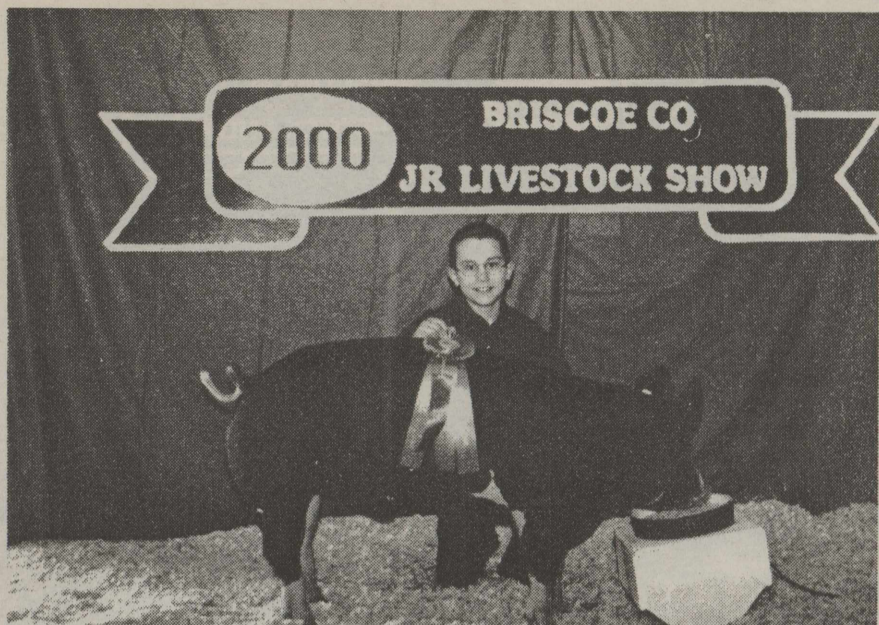
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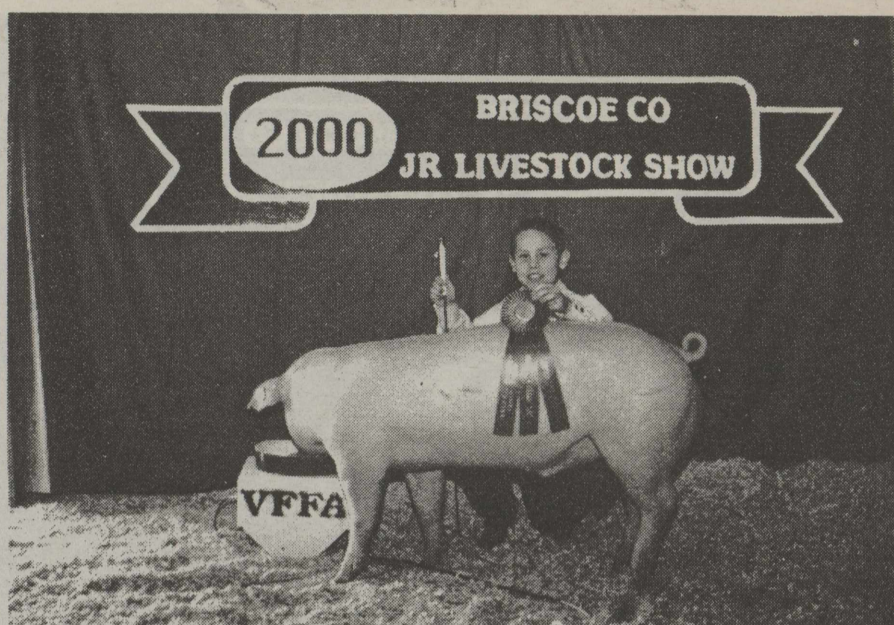
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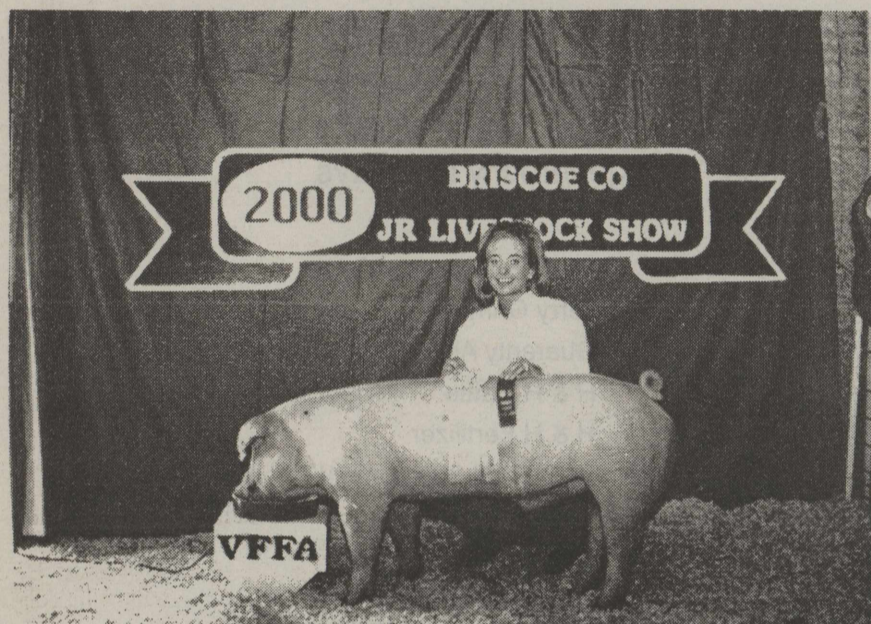
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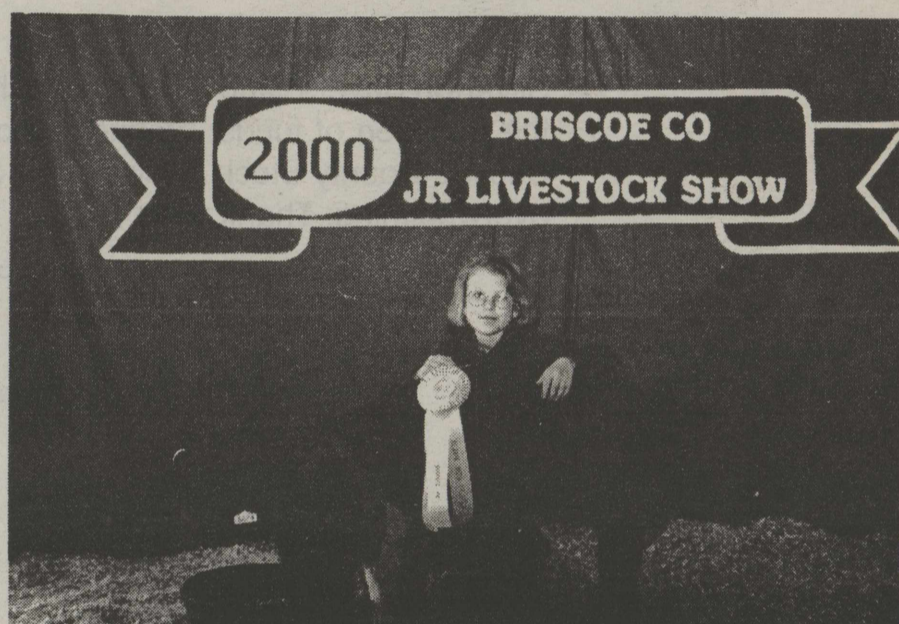
Dusty Burson, and his Champion Berkshire Market Hog.



True Burson, and his Champion Chester White Market Hog.



Chelsey Cherry, Silverton FFA, with her Reserve Champion Chester White Market Barrow.



Tory Patton, and her Reserve Champion Prospect Hampshire.

Junior High Teams Split Games With Hedley and Lazbuddie

Silverton's Junior High Owls and Lady Owls traveled to Lazbuddie for a pair of games on January 24, and dropped both games to the Longhorns.

Lori Griffin led the offense for the Lady Owls, while Crystal Walls, Kelcy Simpson and Krista Hale added to the score.

Lady Owls	6	9	17	21
Lazbuddie	5	19	24	29

Bert Vasquez and Eric Minyard led the scoring for the Owls with eight and seven points respectively. Also scoring were Beau Brock, five points; Payton Estes and Ty Reed, two points each; Caleb Francis, one point.

Owls	7	15	21	25
Lazbuddie	13	15	27	38

Scoring for the Lady Owls in their game against Hedley were Krista Hale, three; Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Daniel Ramirez and Kelcy Simpson, two points each; Brittany Perkins, one point.

Lady Owls	0	4	7	10
Hedley	16	32	43	47

The Owls had a close game all the way, taking the lead, then relinquishing it before re-taking it.

Caleb Francis had the hot hands and burned the baskets with 17 points, while Bert Vasquez also scored in double figures with 10. Adding to the score were Eric Minyard, nine; Max

Comer, Trace Mattheus and Beau Brock Brock, two points each.

Shots from downtown were hit by Bert (2) and Caleb.

Owls	13	24	29	42
Hedley	9	21	32	39

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Feb. 3--Hedley Junior High Tournament

Friday, Feb. 4--McLean, here, 6:30

Saturday, Feb. 5--FBLA District Contests; Hedley Junior High Tournament

Tuesday, Feb. 8--Owls, Lady Owls warm-up games

Thursday, Feb. 10--Board meeting

Saturday, Feb. 12--Petersburg Powerlifting Meet; Sweetheart Prom; San Antonio Stock Show

Monday, Feb. 14--Valentne's Day; no school

Tuesday, Feb. 15--Girls Bi-District games

Thursday, Feb. 17--Six Weeks Tests (even)

Friday, Feb. 18--Six Weeks Tests (odd); End of Fourth Six Weeks; Girls Area games

Saturday, Feb. 19--Youth Rally

Sunday, Feb. 20--Youth Rally

Schools Receive Realignments

There are huge changes on the horizon for the Silverton Schools, as reflected in the UIL District realignments that were released Tuesday.

In six-man football, the Owls will be in District 2 with Groom, Happy, Hedley, Samnorwood and Valley.

Silverton's old football district stays much the same, and will include Amherst, Cotton Center, Lazbuddie, Three Way, Spade and Whitharral.

The Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in basketball District 5, along with Happy, Nazareth and Valley.

Silverton's old basketball district will be much the same, with Patton Springs, Guthrie, Jayton, Motley County and Spur.

Saturn National Donor Day Feb. 12

Saturn National Donor Day is Saturday, February 12, at Saturn of Amarillo, 2525 S. Georgia.

You are invited to drop by and donate blood; fill out an organ donor card; join the National Marrow Donor Registry, and learn more about donation and how it saves lives. All blood donors will receive a Blood Drop Beanie and are eligible for drawings for dinners, gift certificates, oil changes and more. For information, call 358-4563.

New Drought Warming System To Aid Ranchers

Ranchers soon will be able to make cost-saving decisions months in advance of a drought, according to information provided by County Agent-Ag Brandon McGinty. A new early livestock warning system will distribute weather predictions through the Internet.

It also will be available through local media and County Extension Offices.

The program's goal is to help ranchers prepare for drought. Range conditions are correlated with weather conditions to predict dry weather sixty days in advance. Producers often receive drought assistance after the fact. The early warning system will allow more time to distribute financial help. Testing is beginning in twenty counties, and the actual program will be put into place sometime next year.

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Local Youth Enter Stock at Houston Livestock Show

Twelve Briscoe County 4-H members and four FFA members from Silverton will be joining youth from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2000 Houston livestock Show and Rodeo February 18 - March 5, at the Astrodome in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, is held during the second week of livestock competition, beginning February 24. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first week of the show, which kicks off February 18.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

Market barrows have been entered by Chelsey Cherry, Catherine Reyna, Brandi Rice and Julie Weaver of the Silverton FFA.

The 4-H members who have entered animals are Beau Brock, Kenda Wood and Monty Wood, market steers; Thor Patton and Tory Patton, market lambs; Dusty Burson, True Burson, Zack Burson, Caleb Francis, Jacob Francis, Ory Johnson, Thor Patton, Tory Patton, Kenda Wood and Monty Wood, market barrows.

More than 14,000 entries, representing 1,014 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in both the junior and open divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, goats, llamas, ostriches, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steer, lamb, barrow and poultry) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 1999, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled \$5,399,375, including a record \$550,000 for the Grand Champion Market Steer.

"We're always looking to improve our Show," said John Sykes, assistant general manager, Agricultural Exhibits and Competition Department. "We're proud of being the world's largest livestock show, but we also want to be the best. Due to the overwhelming interest, we have expanded the steer show to three days, March 1-3, and have increased the market barrow premiums, which will award an additional \$127,000 to exhibitors."

In addition to world-class livestock competition, the Show plays host to one of the premier horse shows in the country. The Houston Cutting Horse Contest kicks off 20 consecutive days of horse show competition beginning Tuesday, February 15. The National Cutting Horse Association championship finals follow February 17-20, as well as competition in seven different breeds of horses: Appaloosa, Arabian, Half Arabian, Miniature, Paint, Palomino and Quarter Horse, plus donkeys and mules.

The 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo kicks off on February 10, with the World's Championship Barbecue Contest, slated for February 10-12, in the Astrodome parking lot. Go Texan weekend is February 11-12, including contests, the downtown rodeo parade and the rodeo run.

The streets of downtown Houston will fill with the sounds of horses' hooves, children's laughter and marching bands on Saturday, February 12, for the annual Rodeo parade at 10:00 a.m. After traveling by horseback to Houston, more than 6,000 trail riders will join the parade festivities. Prior to the parade, the Conoco 10K Rodeo Run will kick off its 13th year as approximately 5,000 runners make their way from downtown to the Astrodome. All entry fees from the Rodeo Run are donated to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Fund.

Go Texan fun continues at the Astrodome complex with teams competing in dominoes, washer pitching and horseshoe pitching in the Astroarena and hay hauling in the Astrodome on Saturday. The team penning competition will take place in the Astroarena on Sunday, February 13.

Feature rodeo performances follow at 7:00 p.m. after a brief intermission with six cowboys competing in each of the same events as well as a full set of contestants in barrel racing. The exciting performance also includes a grand entry, the unpredictable calf scramble, the action-packed chuck wagon races, a brilliant laser and light show extravaganza and entertainment by some of the music industry's hottest artists.

For an educational experience, rodeo visitors of all ages can enjoy the AGventure Plaza, located between the south and west gates of the Astrodome, daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. In the AGventure Arena, children can learn about the sport of rodeo during rodeo education presentations and meet the cowboy competitors during weekday sessions. Youngsters also can participate in their own rodeo during the daily Stick Horse Rodeo.

Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Nina Martin

Word has just come of the death of one of our quilters, Jessie Bomar. She was not only a quilting friend, she was a teaching friend when I taught at Silverton. She taught my children in second grade. I will miss her.

Ruby and Joe McWaters are doing okay. Dale, Glenn and Annis McWaters visited them Saturday. Glenn spent one night in the hospital last week. Ruby's brother, Ashel McDaniel, broke his arm last week.

Louise Vaughan has moved to Lubbock. Lucy McDaniel called her, and Louise is doing great.

The "42" club played at my house last Tuesday. Present were Eudean Crow, Ruby Brannon, Elsie Cornett, Lallie Patton, Juanita Stephens, Pauline Chitty and Mary Martin.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 7--Ham Slice, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Tuesday, Feb. 8--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat, Apple Sauce

Wednesday, Feb. 9--Frito Pie with Cheese, Ranch Style Beans, Milk, Fruit

The Rock Creek Church will host the Senior Citizens Luncheon on February 18th.

My brother, Elton Cantwell, is recovering very nicely after a double knee replacement. We enjoyed having our relatives, Verdie McLean, Roland and Ann McLean this weekend. Roland preached at Rock Creek on Sunday.

The quilters last Thursday were Ann Norris, Bobbye Bean, Sybil King, Mary Burson, Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange and myself.

Tidbit: Patience can be the ability to keep your light shining after your fuse has blown.



Barry, a Saint Bernard from Switzerland, is credited with saving 40 lives between 1800 and 1810.



If you have a pet rabbit, look for it to be most active at dawn and dusk.

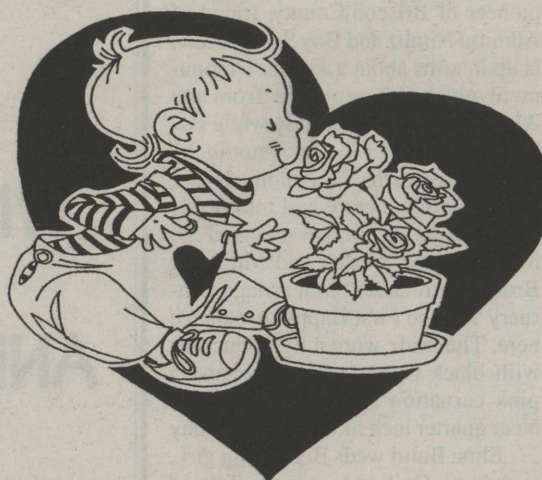
Thursday, Feb. 10--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, Feb. 11--Chili Dog, French Fries, Milk, Fruit and Jello

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David Beebe, Pastor

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

**SILVERTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Hal Rogers, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.
SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Jay Stinson, Pastor

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

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST MISSION**

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

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Father Ed Graff, Pastor

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

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

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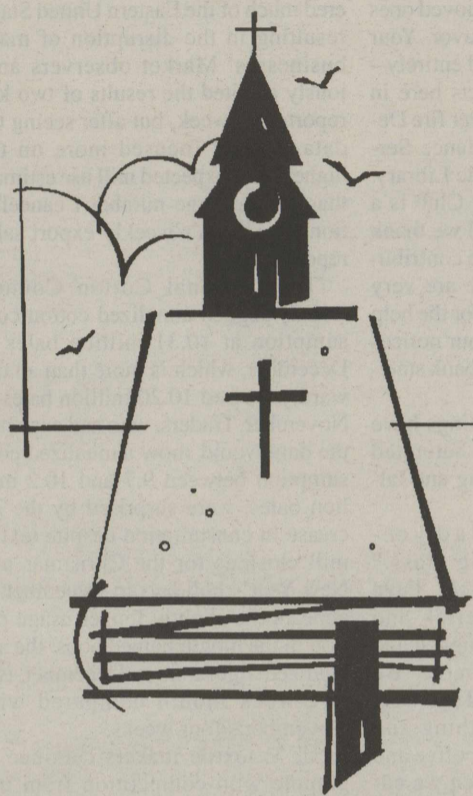
**My Brother's
Keeper**

In the book of Genesis, after Cain killed his brother Abel, the Lord asked Cain the question, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain's reply was, "I don't know. Am I supposed to take care of my brother?" Not only did Cain murder his brother, he then lied to God about this terrible act. For this, God placed Cain under a curse, driving him from the land, and he could no longer farm

the soil. It appears that Cain showed no remorse or repentance for his actions and he felt that he was not his brother's keeper. However, the Bible indicates to us that we should love and treat others as we would want to be treated. When Jesus was asked, which is the greatest commandment in the Law, He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself."

*The command that Christ has given us is this:
Whoever loves God must love his brother also.*

Good News Bible 1 John 4:21



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Catherine Reyna, Silverton FFA, and her Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Barrow.

Extension Service Starting Computer Courses This Month

The popular "have computer, will travel" software training workshops sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be returning to the Panhandle in February. Area farmers and ranchers can start registering now for upcoming courses.

The Extension Service uses its "traveling laptop computer laboratory" to reach farm and ranch operators records management and the use of futures and options in marketing agriculture commodities. Each shortcourse will be taught by Dr. Steve Amosson, farm and ranch management economist.

This year's series will feature Quicken 2000 for Windows, a convenient, easy-to-learn financial management tool, widely used by producers, offered in two-day workshops. Also offered are one-day workshops with BUDPRO for Windows. The BUDPRO program aids producers in making key management decisions for profit in their operations.

"There's always a high level of interest in these particular programs," Amosson said.

Each session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 3:30 p.m. The software applications are powered by the WINDOWS 95 operating system.

The two-day Quicken 2000 course fee is \$75. The one-day BUDPRO course is \$50 which includes the software, a \$100 value. All fees cover teaching materials for the courses and computer lease payments. Payment must accompany the registration form to be accepted. Forms are available through Amosson or any County Extension Office in the Panhandle.

"We also encourage couples to come as a team. They can pay one registration fee when sharing a computer," Amosson explained. Registration will be limited to 14, in order to provide hands-on experience for all participants.

The Quicken 200 workshops began in Dumas February 2 and 3, then move to Perryton on February 14-15, and to Dalhart February 17-18. Amarillo will be the site of the final two-day session on February 21-22.

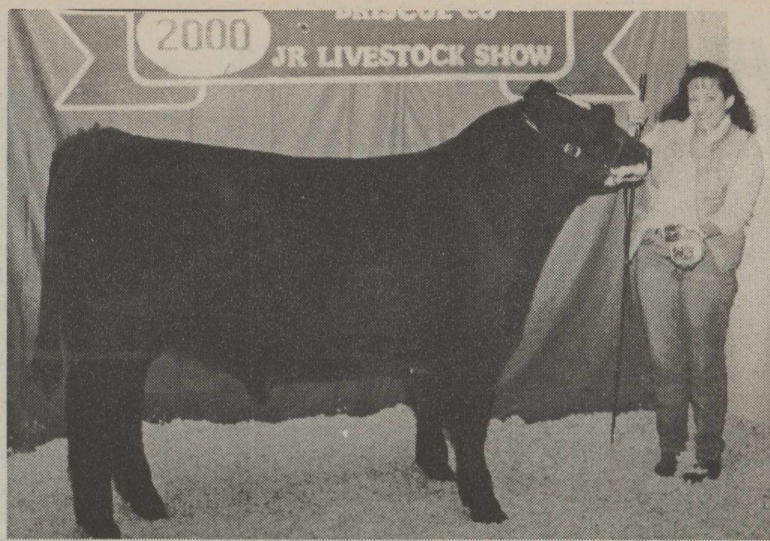
"Quicken is an inexpensive, easy-to-use record keeping program that is now widely used by agricultural pro-

ducers," Amosson said. participants will use a case study to learn in a hands-on setting. Tasks include entering transactions in the register, write check screens, categorized by type of income and expense, split and savings transactions to help develop meaningful financial reports. No prior computer experience is necessary.

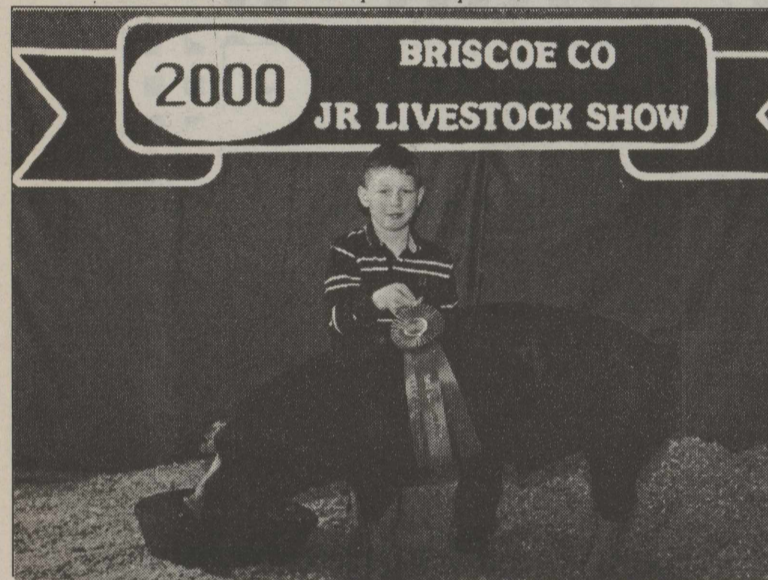
down cottonseed assistance package as early as next week. The bad news is that instead of having some \$100 million to divvy up the pot will likely contain only about \$75 million. The revision translates into \$7-10 per ton in assistance, less than what the industry had hoped for, but still needed and appreciated.

Also hard hit was funding for the national boll weevil eradication program. This program, severely neglected by USDA over the past few years, had only been budgeted some \$17.757 million for FY2000 and some \$2.66 million was cut from that allocation. The cut could equate to a loss in funding for Texas of as much as \$700,000 this year.

Additional information concerning the cottonseed assistance program and rules covering issuance and availability of generic certificates will be published as soon as they are made public.



Kenda Wood, and her Grand Champion Steer



Shawn Johnson, and his Champion Spotted Poland China Prospect Hog.

Cottonseed Assistance Funds Are Cut By USDA

What Congress provides USDA can take away. That is apparently the case for the U. S. cotton industry that has been anxiously awaiting the arrival of much-needed cottonseed assistance program funds approved by Congress last year.

Plains Cotton Growers officials have learned that USda has cut the amount of money being made available to the cottonseed assistance pro-

gram by as much as 25 percent in order to comply with a congressionally mandated cut in spending for all agencies of 0.38 percent.

Unfortunately for cotton it appears that much of the USDA budget axe fell on the cottonseed assistance program and boll weevil eradication.

As it stands now USDA may well be close to announcing the regulations governing distribution of the slimmed

Opening to Sun Might Boost Texas Rice Yield

Sunshine may be the key to increasing rice crop yields, says County Extension Agent Brandon McGinty. A three-year study indicates that cutting the first harvest closer to the ground will allow the sun to better reach developing tillers.

Experiment Station researcher Mike Jund says this method may stimulate growth and increase the second crop. Jund says this percentage could go to more than 60 percent with improved yield consistency. He says the best results came from cutting 20-inch stubble to eight inches. The eight inch plant draws on stored carbohydrates and receives more sunlight. This helps to fill out the grain and develop the crop. However, Jund says rice crops are still widely variable. He hopes to validate this trend with continuing research.

Valley Crops, Harvests Remain Healthy

The Valley citrus harvest is running far ahead of schedule. Texas Citrus Mutual's Ray Prewett says fruit movement this year is outstanding. He says it's probably the best early season ever. Only sixty percent of the crop was still out.

Prewett says another positive in this year's citrus crop is rising grapefruit juice prices. They have tripled in the last two months. He says the increase is due to Hurricane Irene's damage and the short supply in Florida. However, cooler temperatures would be helpful to kill off insects. Rain would help, too. Prewett says even though rain would slow the harvest, growers would gladly take it to reduce irrigation demands.

Texas Pearls: A Most Cultured Valentine Gift

Deciding on Valentine gifts may not be so hard for guys anymore. What woman wouldn't want a string of genuine Texas pearls? Experiment Station fisheries researchers say the gem could now come from Texas waters. They're heading research efforts to develop a cultured pearl industry in the U. S. The research is beginning in Lake Anahuac near Houston. Mussel species are known to exist in many Texas waters.

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28	28	21
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Total January Precip.	.16	
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Owls, Lady Owls--

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Nathan Francis led the offense against Guthrie, scoring 24 points. Also scoring were Daniel Reagan, 10; Adrian Ramirez, eight; Red ivory, Isaiah ivory and Issac Garcia, five points each; Ryan Minyard, two points.

Three pointers were hit by Adrian (2), Issac, Isaiah and Red.

Owls	17	31	42	59
Guthrie	14	18	21	41

Vaughan met and laughed and visited and laughed some more. They had lunch, laughed, went shopping and bought nothing, and laughed and had afternoon coffee and laughed some more before adjourning and going home.



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TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended January 28, 2000

Trade volume was somewhat light this week in the cotton market, due in part to a severe snowstorm that covered much of the Eastern United States resulting in the disruption of many businesses. Market observers anxiously awaited the results of two key reports this week, but after seeing the data, traders focused more on the higher-than-expected mill use estimate than on the large number of cancellations in USDA's weekly export sales report.

The National Cotton Council (NCC) pegged annualized cotton consumption at 10.31 million bales in December, which is more than an upwardly revised 10.20 million bales in November. Traders, who had expected the data would show annualized consumption between 9.7 and 10.2 million bales, were surprised by the increase in consumption despite textile mill closings for the Christmas and New Year's holidays in December. It appears the slightly longer usage period in the month helped boost the annualized figure since December is a five-week month compared with November's four weeks.

U. S. textile makers continue to grapple with competition from imported textile and apparel products

streaming into the U. S., especially from Asia. But, imports have slowed slightly which may have given mills some breathing room. According to NCC, textile imports are "increasing but at a decreasing rate". Imported cotton products grew by 12.9 percent in 1999, a lower rate than the previous year's 19 percent.

"Some mills are saying that business is good, not great, but it could be that everything is getting back on track with the reinstatement of Step 2 funding and the recovery of the Asian economies," an NCC analyst said.

Meanwhile, USDA's weekly export sales report indicated net U. S. export sales of 72,500 bales for the week ended January 20 slipped 51 percent from the previous week's figure and were 36 percent below the four-week average. Once again, Mexico purchased the largest amount of U. S. cotton with receipts totaling 24,000 bales. Japan and Indonesia followed with acquisitions of 14,200 and 13,600 bales, respectively.

U. S. export shipments for the same week fell 12 percent from the prior week's marketing year high but were 11 percent more than the four-week average. The report indicated a relatively high export cancellation figure of 41,500 bales.

Sales also slowed on TELCOT as the majority of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton already has found its way from producers to merchants. Just 8,389 bales were sold on the electronic marketing system in the week ended January 27, a considerable decrease from the previous week's sales of 31,720 bales. Producers selling their cotton on TELCOT received average daily prices ranging from 40.91 to 43.58 cents per pound, an increase from the previous week's range of 40.37 to 43.16 cents per pound.

In other news, the drought-ridden Texas High and Rolling Plains once again have eluded a winter storm, and only trace amounts of precipitation have been received. Unfortunately, moisture is needed before some producers can resume fieldwork and although a slight chance of snow remains in the forecast, accumulations are expected to be minimal. Drought relief also has not come to farmers in the Texas Rio Grande Valley as producers battling a two-year-dry spell have begun irrigating parched soils. Reservoir levels remain low, however, and rainfall is urgently needed to increase the available water supply for the region.

February Events

- High Plains Cotton Conferences:
Feb. 11--Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference, Hereford
- Feb. 22--Sandy Land Cotton Conference, Seminole
- Feb. 23--Second Annual Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, Lubbock
- Feb. 24--Soil Fertility Day, Ollie Liner Center, Plainview

Cotton Crop Insurance Price Election Raised

The USDA Risk Management Agency has recently announced an increase in the maximum upland cotton price elections for '00 crop year. The change resulted in a five cent per pound increase across the board from the preliminary announcement made December 1 and will allow producers to choose a maximum price level of 50 cents per pound.

The initial RMA price elections were changed after comment and input from Plains Cotton Growers and other cotton organizations to house Ag committee staff members and RMA. PCG's input stressed the fact that the initial price election determination was not accurately reflecting the long-term value of the crop.

The new maximum price elections announced by growing region, are: Southeast and Mid-South, 62 cents/lb.; Southwest and Desert Southwest, 50 cents/lb.; and San Joaquin Valley, 64 cents/lb.. South Texas counties are included in Mid-South/Southeast regions. Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and El Paso Valley counties are included in Desert Southwest region.

Growers who purchased crop insurance at the preliminary maximum price election will have their '00 coverage based on revised price election.

TDA Releases New Organic Cotton Rules

The Texas Department of Agriculture has issued proposed rules clarifying the handling of organic cotton acreage inside active boll weevil eradication zones.

The proposed rule will be open for public comment until March 12. Anyone interested in making a comment can obtain a copy of the rules from TDA and submit their written comments to:

Texas Department of Agriculture
Attn: Matt Brockman
P. O. Box 12847
Austin, Texas 78711

In addition to the opportunity to submit written comment a series of public hearings on the proposed rules will be held, most likely during the week of February 14. A complete schedule of those hearings, times and locations will be included in "Cotton News" as soon as it becomes available.

Nearly 75 percent of the world's approximately 540 historically active volcanoes lie within the Ring of Fire, a zone running along the west coast of the Americas and the east coast of Asia.

The Latin name for Friday--Dies Veneris--honors the Roman goddess of love, Venus.

A mitted cat is one with white paws.

The Netherland Dwarf is the smallest of all rabbits, weighing only two and a half pounds--or less--when mature.

Happiness depends upon ourselves. --Aristotle



Alzheimer Speaker Is Expected Here

John Smith, director of the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center in Amarillo, will be speaking at the Silverton Senior Citizens Center February 18, at 12:30 p.m., according to an announcement by Briscoe County Agent-FCA Lena Duesterhaus.

He will be at the Quitaque Senior Citizen Center at 5:00 p.m. that same day.

Mr. Smith is well known in the Texas Panhandle and can relate to the concerns of friends, families and spouses. Topics to be discussed include updated research information, disease progression and management behavior.

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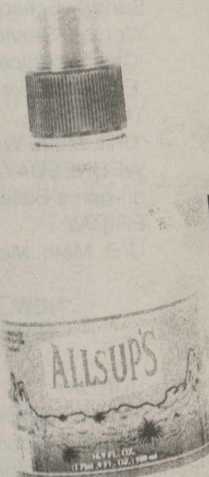


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