

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Calvin Shelton is back home after having undergone hip surgery a couple of weeks ago. He seems to be doing very well.

We all need to be very grateful for the wonderful general rain that fell on this vicinity last week. It was the first really beneficial rain that had fallen in a long time, and while it probably came too late to benefit the dryland wheat, it surely is wonderful to see the furrows soaking wet while they are awaiting planting. More rain was forecast this week, and if that comes to pass we will have the best underground moisture that we have had in many months. The only problem with the rainfall is that it fell slow enough that the thirsty soil soaked it up and there was very little runoff, which means little or no water for the lakes.

We were by the new track the other afternoon while water was standing in most of the low places around the football field in spite of the filling-in that has recently been done. The athletes were out training on the track, and it brought to mind that they wouldn't have had a place to practice if not for the new surface on the track.

Quite a few citizens who walk for their health have been using the track, and athletes from a neighboring school district came to Silverton to train on it one day recently.

A City-wide cleanup campaign is needed to get Silverton in shape for the beautiful spring weather we have been experiencing. This will benefit businesses and homeowners alike to create an environment that all can enjoy and which will be something that visitors to the community can enjoy whether they are spending a few days here or just passing through.

If you live on the highway, you are in position to make a first good impression for the city on its visitors. You are encouraged to keep your home and yard neat and clean of weeds and trash. If your home needs roofing or painting, this would add a lot to its real estate value as well as showing your friends and neighbors the pride you have in your home. And at the same time, you might inspire your neighbor to do some work on his property, also.

If you live along the highway and have vehicles that you no longer drive, you can make your place look a lot better by parking these vehicles behind your house where they are out of sight. Our city actually has an ordinance against keeping "junk" cars, and these are vehicles that are no longer licensed and driveable. Instead of waiting for the city to ask you to get rid of "junk" cars, why don't you volunteer to do it yourself. If you need help, you could probably get assistance by contacting City Hall and outlining your plans for cleaning up your property.

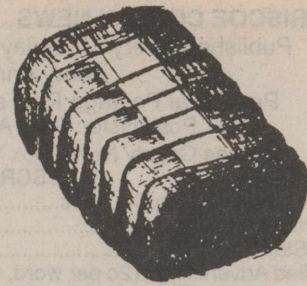
When you get this done, you will find that you have a much nicer, neater place to live and if you have children, they will have a safer yard in which to play.

If you just do your part, you will find our town will be a nicer, prettier place in which to live.



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# Briscoe County News

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## Rock Creek Church to Have Spring Meeting

Rock Creek Church of Christ will have its annual Spring Gospel Meeting beginning Sunday, April 2, and continuing through Wednesday night, April 5. Bro. Steve McLean from San Angelo will be doing the preaching. "To God Be the Glory" is the theme of the meeting. All are cordially invited to attend.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. on weeknights. Lunch will be served at the church on Sunday, and refreshments will be served after the Wednesday night service.

Bro. Steve is a very capable speaker and will bring the word of life with his love and wisdom.

## Former Pastor To Preach at Revival

Members of the Silverton United Methodist Church invite you to their spring revival to share the faith March 31, April 1 and 2.

You will be able to hear the inspirational words of former pastor, Jesse Dea. Curtis and Allison House of Happy will provide special music.

There will be lots of food, fun and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday, March 31, the event begins with a fish fry and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. followed by a worship service at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, April 1, sandwiches and fellowship will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the worship service follows at 7:00 p.m.

The event concludes on Sunday, April 2, with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.; the Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.; a covered dish lunch served at 12:00 p.m. Youth volleyball and games at the church begin at 4:30 p.m.; the worship service begins at 6:00 p.m. and finger-foods and fellowship will follow at 7:00 p.m.

## Six Seeking Places As School Trustees

Six men and women have signed up as candidates for two places on the Board of Trustees of Silverton Independent School District. They are Tom Burson, Doug Cherry, Perry Brunson, Norma Garcia, Darrell Reynolds and Linda Vernon. This is the order drawn for the ballot. Burson and Brunson are the incumbents.

Only the incumbents, Flute Hutsell, Dwain Henderson and Charles Sarchet, signed up as candidates for the Silverton City Council election.



Silverton's entry in the UIL One-Act Play competition advanced to the next level Monday. Those taking part in this competition are (standing, left to right) Colleen Reed, Tyler Young, Chase Comer, Isaiah Ivory, Nathan Francis, Jenny Young, Bryn Mayfield, Paula Garvin; (sitting) Lisa Comer, Amy Maciel, Taylor Griffin, Julie Weaver, Tarran Forbes, Sara Kirchoffner, Kurby Garvin and Amanda Estes.

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## Jamboree Set To Go Saturday Night, April 1

Saxophonist Dalton Wood will be leading off the program at the Caprock Jamboree Saturday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Raymond Mears of Amarillo and Deborah McKay from East Texas will be making their debut on the Jamboree stage, and repeat performers will include Bill Coleman of Plainview and the Country Sounds.

Mesquite-grilled hamburgers will be served by a civic club from Quitaque. Serving begins at 6:00 p.m., and you are invited to come early and enjoy supper and fellowship with your friends.

Admission is free, and door prizes donated by guests of the Jamboree will be given.

## Men's Group To Have Breakfast

"Men's Group" invites all men to a free breakfast Saturday, April 1, at the Methodist Church.

Come one, come all, for a free hot breakfast!

## Medical Love Fund

A special love fund has been started at the First State Bank in Silverton for L. B. Ivory to help cover medical expenses incurred during his confinement in the hospital. Anyone wishing to contribute to this special fund may do so at the First State Bank.

## Swisher Electric To Hold Annual Meeting Tonight

Swisher Electric Cooperative's 60th annual membership meeting is scheduled tonight (March 30) in the Ezra Jones Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration for the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a catered buffet supper, followed by the business meeting commencing at 7:15 p.m.

Theme for this year's meeting is "A Whole New World."

Two director positions will be voted on by members. Incumbent director Guinn Fitzgerald is opposed by R. D. Reynolds for position one, while incumbent Gene Latham is opposed by Jack Hill. Candidates for both positions were selected by a seven-member nominating committee in January.

Drawings for door prizes will conclude the meeting.

## Catholic Church To Have Dinner

Sunday, April 2, at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Silverton, a Mexican Food Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

## Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten To Register Soon

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten registration day will be held in the Silverton School on Friday, May 5.

This year's kindergarten students stay home on this day.

Kindergarten students are to be at school at 9:30 a.m. The Pre-K students are to come at 10:00 a.m. All of the students will be served lunch and will be finished about 11:30 or 12:00 noon.

Students must bring with them their immunization records, social security card and original birth certificate--not the birth certificate from the hospital. Original birth certificates are available only from the courthouse in the county where the child was born. If you need to get yours by mail, Lana Burson will help you if you will contact her.

## Time Change is 2:00 a.m. Sunday

Once again it's time to resume Daylight Saving Time, and you must Spring Forward Sunday morning at 2:00 a.m. if you want your clocks to be correct.

To be on the safe side, move the hands of your clock ahead one hour before retiring Saturday night, and you won't be late for church Sunday morning.

Benjamin Franklin kept a pet mouse named Amos.





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## CARDS OF THANKS

I want to tell the people of Precinct 3 how much I have appreciated your support these many years that I have been your commissioner. You have been a great bunch to work with and I have appreciated the cooperation of all the different commissioners since I have been in the court. I will now support Larry Comer as my commissioner.

Thanks to all of you,  
Sincerely,  
L. B. Garvin

On behalf of the City of Silverton, the City Council and I would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Frances Crass for her gift of 13 City Lots in Block 74. The central location of this property makes it an asset for possible future development for the City.

Mayor John Bowman

I want to thank each one for the birthday cards and gifts. May God bless each of you.

Betty Olive

## New Arrival

Kerry and Tanya Baird of Kirkcudbright, Scotland are parents of a son, Alexander John Ozro, born on March 14, 2000. He weighed eight pounds, ten and one-half ounces, and measured 21 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed by a brother, Marcus, who is two years old.

Grandparents are Jerry and Jealeta Baird of Silverton and John and Geraldine Austin of Kirkcudbright, Scotland. Great-grandparents include Ozro Bryant Eddleman of Silverton.

We would like to thank all those who sent cards, gifts and prayed for us during our father's five-year battle with cancer. He was Bobby E. Harris. He passed away peacefully at home on March 2, 2000 in Odessa. He was born April 2, 1932.

Also for Dorthy Hale after her heart attack March 10, 2000. Her son, Mark Klein, rushed her to the Tulia emergency room where they stabilized her and sent her to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where she had quadruple bypass surgery on March 14. Teresa Klein stayed with her in the hospital until she was released March 21. Teresa Klein and Jamie Klein plan to stay at her home till she is fully recovered.

God bless you all!  
Brenda & Mark Klein & family  
Teresa & Johnny & family  
Jamie, Lee & family  
Ramona & family  
Dorthy Hale  
Liz Harris (Bobby's wife)  
Gayla Harris & family

*People once believed ringing bells would quiet storms.*

*In Canada, Canadian bacon is known as ham.*

*You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough.* --William Blake

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, March 30--High School UIL Literary Meet at Southland

Friday, March 31--WTAM/FFA Judging Contests; Miami Track Meet Monday, April 3--No School; Girls District Golf Tournament at Roaring Springs

Tuesday, April 4--Boys District Golf at Roaring Springs; HS Cheerleading try-outs, 2:15

Wednesday, April 5--Six Weeks Tests (Odd Periods); District Tennis at Lubbock; Horseman Assembly, 9:45

Thursday, April 6--District Tennis at Lubbock; Six Weeks Tests (Even)

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**LIGHTHOUSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
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SUNDAY:  
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.  
Ladies Group..... 4:00 pm.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
MONDAY:  
RAs, GAs, Mission Friends.....3:30 p.m.  
TUESDAY  
Mens Group.....6:30 a.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.  
THURSDAY  
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m,  
Weigh Down Workshpp... 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**  
SUNDAY:  
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

## God Is With Us

Recently, while at the hospital for some medical tests, I saw a sign above a person's desk that read, "Good Morning, This is God, I will be handling all your problems today. I will not need your help; so, Have a Good Day." "Have a good day" is used so frequently by just about everyone we come in contact with that it has almost become a meaningless cliché. However, when I read this sign, I really took it to heart because I was reminded that God is

always with us, and I could truly have a good day. No matter what problems or blessings we may encounter each day, we can be sure that God is there to strengthen and help us, and give us peace. The Bible tells us that two thousand years ago a virgin gave birth to a Son, and He was called Immanuel, which means "God is with us," and He is still with us today. Everyone needs to have a good day and reflecting God's love to others will help us all to have a better day.

*The Lord gives strength to His people and blesses them with peace.*

Good News Bible Psalm 29:11



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**Obituaries**

**PAULINE BENEFIELD**  
 Graveside services for Pauline Benefield, 98, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 27, in Muleshoe Memorial Park with Ted Kingery officiating. Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mrs. Benefield died Saturday, March 25, 2000 at the Floydada Rehabilitation & Care Center.

She was born September 2, 1901 in Pine Forrest, Texas to the late Robert Jefferson Craft and Rhoda Horton Craft. She attended schools in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and was graduated from high school in Sulphur Springs in 1918 and graduated from Texas Tech. She married S. L. Benefield April 12, 1924. He preceded her in death February 14, 1968.

She retired from teaching school in 1966, and moved to Silverton from Muleshoe in 1969. She was a member of the Silverton United Methodist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Benefield in 1968; a daughter, Gayle Robertson, in 1990; six brothers, Jesse Craft, Clifton Craft, George Craft, Milton Craft, Russell Craft and Edward Craft and a sister, Gladys Craft.

Survivors include three grandchildren, Jack Robertson and Corey

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**Isaiah 34:1**

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 the world, and all that comes out of it!

**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

Robertson, both of Floydada, and Stacy Bain of Plainview; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Silverton United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 720, Silverton, TX 79257 or to a favorite charity.

**Keep or Abandon Dryland Wheat?**

Provided by Brandon McGinty CEA-Ag

With drought and greenbugs causing damage to dryland wheat, farmers are starting to look at other options.

Abandoning current dryland wheat may be the best alternative for producers who wish to have a strong summer crop. The longer the wheat remains in the field, the more moisture it uses to grow. This resource could be saved for a potential summer crop, and allow farmers to benefit more in the long run. The decision-making process begins by estimating wheat yield potential. This can be done by calculating the number of viable tillers and making some assumptions about seed number and size.

In small wheat, the grower should only count tillers with three or more leaves. If the wheat has reached the second joint stage, tillers with five or more leaves should be counted. Average the counts from several places in the field to improve accuracy of the estimate.

Once an average has been obtained, multiply number of tillers by point six-eight. These calculations provide a rough estimate of yield and actual results can vary considerably. However, actual yield results will depend on how much spring rain is actually received.

**TEXAS NEEDS MORE RAIN**

Recent rainfall brought some relief to drought-stressed crops and livestock, but more is needed to offset the current dry period. In some parts of the state, severe thunderstorms brought six inches of rain, hail and even a tornado. The storms didn't cause any damage to the crops, and overall, the rain improved pasture conditions.

**Texas Agricultural Extension Service**  
**WALK ACROSS TEXAS UPDATE**  
 by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

I would like to start off by congratulating everyone who is participating in this program and I hope each of you pick up a good habit for physical activity. Currently, the Winn Jammers are in first place with 189 miles for week 1.

Second place is the Courthouse Criminals with 113 miles and third place is the Kirchoffner's Krusaders with 110.25 miles. The Leapin Lizards accumulated 89 miles, Mike and the Dixie Chicks have 66.25 miles, Lee's Lopers, 42 miles, and the First Baptist Faithfuls, 41 miles.

Since we started, we have a few more teams and they are as follows:  
**THE FAIRMONT FLYERS--** Janinne Brooks, Paige Hughes, Scarlett Sperry, Freida Hughes, Jackie Sperry, Barbra Payne, Caroline Johnson, Katherine Pigg

**Horsemen for Christ Coming To Silverton**

Joe Howard Williamson, the current Non-Pro World's Champion in the National Cutting Horse Association, will be in Silverton on Wednesday, April 5. He and his wife, Tracy, will speak at a rally hosted by several churches in Turkey, Quitaque and Silverton. You will not want to miss their dynamic testimony as they share their life story at the Briscoe County Show Barn at 7:00 p.m. A huge "Pizza Blast" will be served following the rally for all junior and senior high school students.

Joe Howard is president of and principal speaker for Horsemen for Christ. He is able to communicate to people that there is hope for what seems to be a hopeless life, no matter what the circumstances are. Joe Howard and his family live in Archer City and have been involved in the horse industry for over 30 years.

A love offering is being taken in the local churches to help offset the cost of this event and support this organization in their cause. If you would like more information about the Horsemen for Christ Rally, please contact Randy Mullin at 823-2412.

Extension agronomist Travis Miller of College Station says the rainfall missed some of the state's driest areas. He also says the rain quickly saturated the soil, causing excess runoff in some places. It was a welcome relief, but producers are still greatly concerned about the drought. Miller says rain is always welcomed, but it is usually preferred when it is not concentrated and isolated.

**WATER SMART LAWNS MAKE EASIER SUMMER FOR HOME GARDENERS**

As home gardening enthusiasts get ready for spring landscaping, they should consider lawns that will keep looking fresh all summer. Many of these lawn care techniques cost less than the typical lawn, and are much less work to keep up. Because of an abundance of native plants in our area, it is possible to design some very attractive landscapes.

**LEE'S LOPERS--**Ruby Lee, Mike Juarez, Carolyn Luckenbach, Cindy Pendergrass, Diane Reynolds, Rhonda Smith, Shana Strange, Nancy Wood

**AGAPE--**Betty Stephens, Juanita Stephens, Christina Stephens, Charles Newbold, Tina Davis, Pat Davis, Mary Ivory

My apologies to Hoot Barker, who is a member of the Courthouse Criminals.

If your team's mileage is not posted, it is because the team captain has not reported the totals. Please try to report on Mondays. Keep up the great work and Happy Walking.

**Earth Day**

by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Caprock Canyons State Park and Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring an Earth Day to help beautify the park.

This event will take place Saturday, April 15, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

We will meet at the state park at 9:00 a.m. and help replace some decking on bridges along the Trailway.

Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch. If any youth is interested, please call Lena Duesterhaus at 823-2131. This is an excellent community service project.

Extension specialist for environmental quality John Jacob gives some general advice on home landscaping for spring. Lawns must be mowed and fertilized constantly to maintain a flawless appearance. Mow the lawn as high as you can, and leave the clippings on the ground for nutrients. Keep from applying weed and bug killers until you see a real problem. Water lawns only when the grass starts to wilt. This will help prevent your community from rationing water in a drought. Finally, ask the nursery for plants that are adapted to the area, that can take both a drought and a flood every other year and still look good.

**Medical Fund Is Established**

A special medical fund has been established for Dick Roehr at First State Bank in Silverton. If you have a love gift for the Roehrs, it may be given at the bank.

*The ballet, it's believed, was invented by Baltazarini, director of music to Catherine de Medici.*

*The first wealth is health.*  
 --Emerson

**Invitation For Bids**

**00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Sealed Proposals addressed to John Bowman, Mayor, City of Silverton, P. O. Box 250, Silverton, Texas 79257-0250 for the construction of a 75,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, yard piping, site work, controls, removal of an elevated storage tank, and associated appurtenances.

**ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK AND CONNECTING PIPELINE**

will be received by City of Silverton, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 505 Broadway, Silverton, Texas, until:

April 25, 2000  
 1:00 p.m.

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Silverton in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contact Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Silverton and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City of Silverton, City Hall, 505 Broadway, Silverton, Texas 79257-0250, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

John Bowman, Mayor  
 City of Silverton 12-2tc

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**March 29, 1990--**The Silverton High School UIL One-Act Play, "Breaking Up is Hard To Do," will be presented for the public Thursday evening. Included in the cast of the comedy are Penni Fogerson, Teddy Hubbard, Joey Leal, Kirk Couch, Julie Towe, Bryan Ramsey, Tracy Tomlin and Kendal Minyard. Rob Weeks, Jim Cogdell and Emmy Garcia are in the state crew, and Juannah Jennings is directing the play . . . Mona Stafford, daughter of Sharon and Gary McMullen, recently was named to the second All-State Tennis Team . . . David Johnston and A. R. Martin attended an advanced electrical and hydraulics diagnostics school on Row-Crop Tractors recently at Amarillo College . . .

**March 27, 1980--**Silverton's varsity Owls scored 193 points to win the track meet at Happy last Saturday. Claude placed second with 107 points; Happy, 91 points; Nazareth, 76 points. The Junior High Owls and varsity Owlettes each won third place. Bobby McPherson won first in the 330 hurdles with a time of 43.9 and first in the 220 dash with 23.5; Bill Denton won the 880 with a time of 2:09 and the mile run in 5:12.9. Russell Couch won the pole vault with a height of 9'6". Tommy Potter won the 100 in 12.3. Owlettes winning first in their events included Staci Mayfield, mile run, 2:52, and discus, 104'10". Vicki McJimsey won the shot put. . . Coffee welcomes Mrs. Sam (Corrine) Lewis into Briscoe County . . . Mr. and Mrs. Larry Comer are parents of a son, Miles Leo . . .

**March 12, 1970--**Prospects for Mackenzie Reservoir money very bleak . . . Richard Souter, 34, is the new Silverton High School principal . . . Silverton FFA members who will exhibit 19 barrows and five lambs at the South Plains Stock Show in Lubbock are Lynn Smith, Alan Grimland, Dana Martin, Ron Vaughan, Mark Hutsell, John Burson, Stan Martin, Monty Teeple, Ricky Stephens, Trent Brown, Wade Brannon, swine; Derrel Martin, Kerry Reeves and David Holt, lambs . . . Paintings by Daisy Burson and Junis Hutsell are now on display in the art corner at the public library, which is located in the basement of the county courthouse . . . Sylvia Fogerson will be crowned as the 1969 Queen of Caprock TOPS Club Tuesday. Janie Jackson and DeAnn Strange are to be the Queen's flower and crown bearers. Officers elected are Kay Jackson, leader; Mary Ann Sarchet, co-leader; Sylvia Fogerson, secretary; Wilma Lewis, treasurer; Carolyn Montague, weight recorder . . . A surprise layette shower honoring Mrs. G. W. Chappell was held Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Tommy Perkins . . . Mrs. Opal Hill and T. V. McClure were married at 5:00 p.m. Friday in a double-ring ceremony at Plainview . . . Catfish farming is new cash crop for Briscoe County . . .

**March 24, 1960--**Floyd B. Williams has purchased a senior yearling bull from Jack Moore, Elida, New Mexico. The animal is a purebred Milking Shorthorn and the record of the transfer of ownership has been

made by the American Milking Shorthorn Society at Springfield, Missouri . . . The Silverton Lions Club elected Alvin Redin to head the club as Lion Boss for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were Gene Morris, first vice president; Robert Ledbetter, second vice president; Kenneth Tate, third vice president; Farris Martin, secretary; Shellie Tomlin, tail twister; Hugh Nance, Lion tamer; Fred Mercer and George Miller, directors; Jackie Mercer, Lions Club sweetheart . . . A Dual School Election has been called in the Quitaque Independent School district for April 2. Voters will go to the polls to vote whether to or not to integrate the Quitaque Elementary and High School with the Frederick Douglas (colored) School . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Shelton are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alma Inette, to Autry Lee Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Johnston of Tulia . . . Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hutsell are parents of a daughter, Jackie Coleen . . .

**March 23, 1950--**Last rites held for W. J. Davis, 93 . . . The Silverton Owl baseball team opened its season Tuesday at Floydada. A bright spot of the afternoon was the manner in which Donald Bean held down the third base position, a spot vacated by big brother, Walter. Little dynamite John Francis did a commendable job at short stop as did Wayne McMurtry at second base. Robert McPherson will be out for a few weeks because of a sprained ankle. However, Dean McWilliams looked as if he wants that position for himself. The team lost some good boys last year: Johnnie Bingham, Walter Bean, Jimmie Nance, Carl Graham and others but this year's team looms as a potent possibility . . . A family reunion was held Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self. Enjoying the evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Masey and George of Pensacola, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self and Joni Faye of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McGowen of Plainview; Cpl. Billy Self, who has just returned from Guam and is now stationed in California; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cowan of Silverton and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self and Zobie . . .

**April 25, 1946--**Six families in Silverton will be furnished a place to live as soon as Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fowler can complete their new apartment building which is just north of the Silverton Hotel. It is being constructed of brick and tile. The east and south sides will be faced with native rock . . . Last rites Friday for Charlsie Glen Allard . . . Purchase of Raymond's Conoco Station is announced this week by Joe Brooks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Martell Grover of Rexburg, Idaho are parents of a seven-pound boy who arrived April 14 and has been named Freddie Martell . . . Included in the cast of the senior play are Bruce Price, Clenda Arnold, Lester Paige, Erma May, Dorothy Bailey, Betty Burson, Deal Self, Jeanne Dudley, Thelma Gean Mercer, Bobby Bradford, Mildred Carruth, Lugene McClendon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon and Otbel Welch spent Sun-

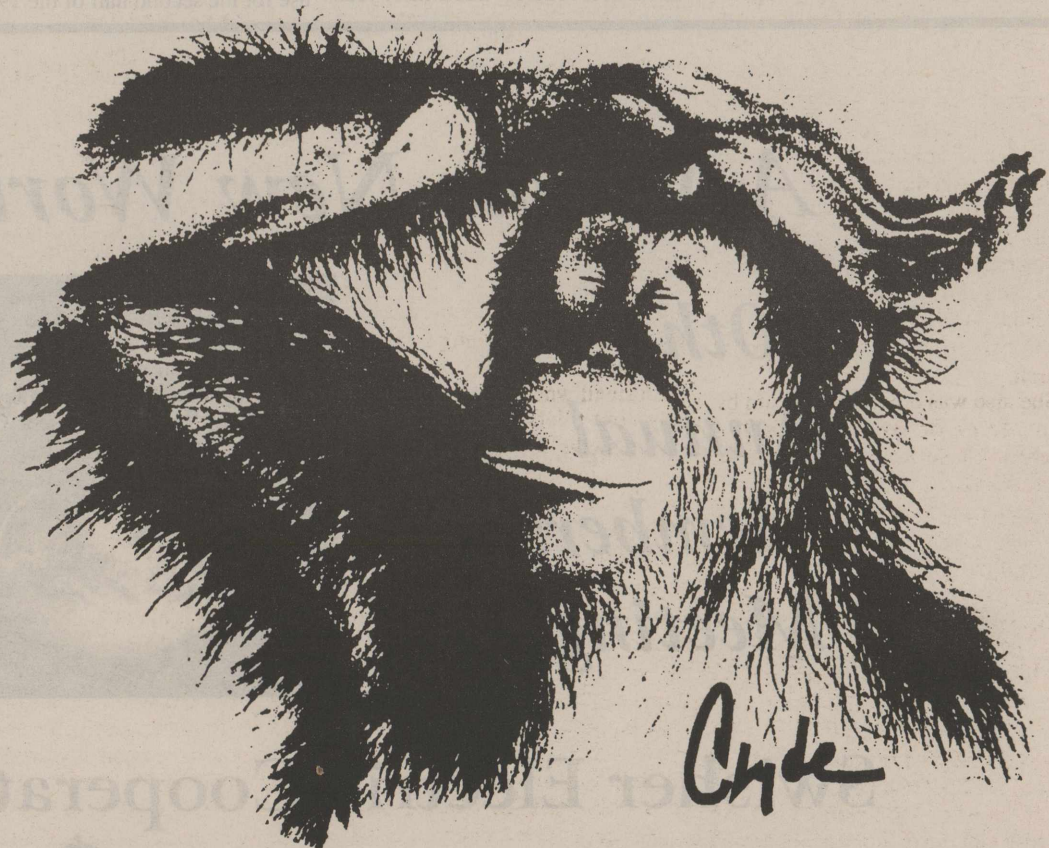
day in the Shorty Hartman home . . . Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Mast and daughter, Sue, of Lubbock spent the weekend with Mrs. Mast's parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Bundy . . . Gene Arnold of Canyon spent the Eastern holidays with relatives in Silverton . . . Garland Francis, FI/c of Long Beach, California called his parents last week. He had spent the past two months in Japan . . . A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Wylie Bomar, jr. was given Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Woodrow Bice. Mrs. Bomar is the former Betty Hyatt . . . Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes and Shirley were shopping in Plainview

last Thursday. They also visited Mrs. Haynes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burson . . . Mrs. D. E. Brown spent the weekend in Dallas with relatives . . .

**February 13, 1930--**Misses Lillian and Helen Brooks and Gertrude King visited Mrs. J. H. McClendon Monday afternoon . . . Glenn McWilliams was a weekend visitor in the W. E. Lemons home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Homer Welch visited Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Crow Friday evening . . . Raymond Grewe visited in the Jno. Vaughan home Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Strange visited in the E. L. Stephens home in

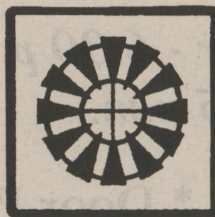
the Lakeview community Sunday . . . Milt Jasper had some threshing done last week . . . Earline and Hazle D. Roberson spent Sunday with Francis and Evelyn Tucker . . . Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Jeff Burson opened the doors of her lovely home to the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Breaker, as a tribute of respect and sympathy for them in the loss of their home and contents and most of all the loss of themselves from our town. Dr. and Mrs. Breaker have been in this vicinity long enough to be classed as "pioneers", and the community hates to see them leave . . .

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## Silverton Youth Basketball Workers

| THURSDAY, MARCH 30          | GATE | CLOCK & BOOKS      | CONCESSION SUPERVISOR        | CONCESSION                      | CONCESSION                | CONCESSION                         |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Derinda/Randy<br>Diana/Mary | 5:00 | Tammy<br>Garvin    | Bronc/Amy Otis               | Erma Reyna                      | Bill/Shana Strange        | Lance/Letisia Stidham              |
| Tammy/Letisia<br>Amy        | 5:45 | Carol<br>Braddock  | Bryan/Lisa Schott            |                                 | Brad/JonEtta Ziegler      | Erma Reyna<br>Estella Ramirez      |
| Ross<br>Sylvia              | 6:30 | Judy<br>Segura     | Zane/Kim Mayfield            |                                 | Joe/Faye Lynn Maciel      | Olga Garcia                        |
| Scott<br>Barry              | 7:15 | Sylvia<br>Walls    | Michael/Jan Curry            |                                 | Derrell/Dixie Johnson     | Ana Baeza                          |
| Rance<br>Cam                | 8:00 | Angela<br>Garcia   | Barry/Michelle Francis       |                                 | Mark/Derinda Patton       | Rhonda Williams                    |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 6           | GATE | CLOCK & BOOKS      | CONCESSION SUPERVISOR        | CONCESSION                      | CONCESSION                | CONCESSION                         |
| Derinda/Randy<br>Kyle       | 5:00 | Ana<br>Baeza       | Arturo/Tonya Fabela          | Melissa Estes                   | Ross/Melissa Estes        | Liz Griffin<br>Obelia Bullock      |
| Tammy/Letisia<br>Ross       | 5:45 | Palmira<br>Ramirez | Eddie/Charlotte<br>Rhoderick |                                 | Cam/Missy Forbes          | Randy/Valerie Mullin               |
| David<br>Connie             | 6:30 | Olga<br>Garcia     | Barry/Michelle<br>Francis    |                                 | Wayne/Colleen Reed        | Bryan/Lana Burson<br>Hope Patino   |
| Barry<br>Cam                | 7:15 | Mary<br>Patino     | Rhett/Sylvia<br>Perkins      |                                 | Jerry/Sandra Frizzell     | Angela White<br>Linda Baird        |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 7             | GATE | CLOCK & BOOKS      | CONCESSION SUPERVISOR        | CONCESSION                      | CONCESSION                | CONCESSION                         |
| Diana/Mary<br>Kyle          | 5:00 | Sylvia<br>Walls    | Ross/Melissa<br>Estes        | Tammy Garvin<br>Letisia Stidham | Ted/Jennifer<br>Daugherty | Olga Garcia<br>Jan Curry           |
| Ross<br>Sylvia              | 5:45 | Judy<br>Segura     | Jerry/Sandra<br>Frizzell     |                                 | Clarence/Diana Ivory      | Kyle/Amy Fuston                    |
| David<br>Connie             | 6:30 | Shana<br>Strange   | Scott/Tonnette<br>Perkins    |                                 | Derrel/Dixie Johnson      | Michelle Cartwright<br>Hope Patino |
| Cam<br>Scott                | 7:15 | Paula<br>Montague  | Wayne/Colleen<br>Reed        |                                 | Bryan/Lana Burson         | Fred/Mary Ramirez                  |
| Rance<br>Barry              | 8:00 | Obelia<br>Bullock  | Cam/Missy<br>Forbes          |                                 | Zane/Kim Mayfield         | Joe/Faye Lynn Maciel               |

### Osteoporosis

by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Osteoporosis is a disease that causes bones to lose mass and break easily.

There are several benefits of exercise on this disease. Exercises that place weight on or increase the force of gravity against your bones can help you keep bone mass. Changes in pressure and force that occur during daily activities and exercise cause bones to develop mass and strength. Activities that use gravity and your muscles to strengthen your bones include aerobics, dancing, jogging, cross-country skiing, stair climbing, tennis and walking. Exercise helps you move more easily and keep your balance, which helps you avoid falls.

Calcium is also very important. How much calcium you need depends on your sex, age and risk for osteoporosis. Most adults need 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams of calcium a day from food and/or calcium supplements.

Getting enough Vitamin D also is important because it increases the amount of calcium that your body absorbs from your intestines. Vitamin D is produced by your body in response to exposure to sunlight. Good dietary sources of Vitamin D are liver,

fish oil, and Vitamin D fortified milk. Milk, cheese and yogurt have the highest amounts of calcium.

The risk factors for developing osteoporosis include:

- Post-menopausal
- Caucasian or Asian
- Family history
- Insufficient exercise
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- Estrogen deficiency
- Early menopausal (before age 45)
- Female gender
- Diets low in calcium
- Tobacco use
- Small frame, thin body type
- Some medications such as steroids and prednisone

Though osteoporosis is already a serious public health problem and threatens to escalate in the coming years, there is a great deal you can do to challenge its advance. By informing women about the nature and scope of the disease, effective prevention strategies, and detection and treatment options, you can help women remain active and independent across their life span as well as reduce the tremendous social and economic costs of osteoporosis.

### Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Groups Can't Keep Pace With Texas Trash

March 9 was International Adopt-a-Highway Day around the world, but there wasn't a lot to cheer about in Texas. Times are tough for the cleanup groups who are having trouble keeping pace with the volume of trash tossed on our Texas roadsides.

"We need to be thankful for the Adopt-a-Highway volunteers who are picking up our littered highways," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Division Director at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). "a growing Texas population means more cars and consequently more litter on our roads."

Not only do Adopt-a-Highway volunteers pick up trash at least four times a year, but they provide manpower for the upcoming statewide cleanup on April 1--the "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off."

#### ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY GROUPS HIT PLATEAU

According to Howdeshell, the number of groups adopting highways in Texas has hit a plateau and the state's 4,040 volunteer groups are struggling to clean a mere 10 percent of Texas highways.

"State tax dollars that would otherwise repair or beautify our roads are paying for the cost of litter pickup," said Howdeshell. "Contrary to common perception, the majority of highway trash--about 90 percent--is removed by paid contractors, not probationers or TxDOT crews. Adopt-a-Highway volunteers pick up the second largest percentage of trash in this state, but that 10 percent will probably slip unless we recruit more groups and prevent more people from littering."

According to Howdeshell, cleanup

volunteers are faced with many factors that are making it difficult to keep Texas beautiful. First, an additional 3.5 million people are living in Texas since the campaign began in 1986. Second, TxDOT has added more miles to their system over the years, bringing the total to 79,000 miles of road to keep clean. Not only are there more roads, but Texans are logging an estimated 410 million miles every day on state-maintained highways. That's about a 50 percent increase over the daily miles logged back in the mid-'80s.

#### FINDING HIGHWAYS TO ADOPT ONLINE

To connect more volunteers to the Adopt-a-Highway program in Texas and around the globe, TxDOT has taken Adopt-a-Highway to the information highway by linking volunteers with similar programs around the world at [www.adoptahighwaynetwork.com](http://www.adoptahighwaynetwork.com).

"We're proud that the first highway ever adopted by volunteers was in Texas, and now we're extending that pioneering spirit to the internet where we hope to connect volunteers from all over the world to Adopt-a-Highway program."

"In addition to instilling pride in the community, the Adopt-a-Highway program reduces litter cleanup costs and thereby saves taxpayers money," said Howdeshell, adding that Adopt-a-Highway, Don't Mess With Texas, and Keep Texas Beautiful programs are credited with saving the state between \$2 million and \$4 million annually in litter removal expenditures.

People interested in adopting a highway can all their local TxDOT office. For more information about the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off on

April 1, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit [www.dontmesswithtexas.org](http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org).

### Beneficial Rains Improve Outlook

Widespread rainfall on the Texas High Plains has been more of a missing link than a regular occurrence since about this same time in 1999.

Beneficial rains over the last few days have been a rare and wonderful experience for all of High Plains agriculture. At the very least the rains make forecasts for the 2000 cotton crop look more achievable.

Prior to the 1" - 3" plus rainfall amounts tallied across most of the area this week, growers were stuck in a state of limbo between needing to complete important pre-plant cultural practices and wondering whether or not is was going to be worth the effort in the fact of excessively dry conditions.

Even now prospects can be termed little better than marginal over much of the area, but at least there is something to work with and a feeling that maybe this crop has a chance to get off to a fairly decent start with the arrival of a couple more inches over the next 6-8 weeks.

Dry conditions are no stranger to the Texas High Plains, but growers will no doubt be ready to stick seed in the ground when the time comes.

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# WEATHER

## Owls, Lady Owls Chasing Better Times on the Track

24-HOUR MAR. WEATHER  
READING, 6:00 a.m.

|    | HIGH | LOW | PRECIP. |
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| 1  | 69   | 35  |         |
| 2  | 69   | 35  | .17     |
| 3  | 64   | 33  | .07     |
| 4  | 69   | 30  |         |
| 5  | 69   | 29  |         |
| 6  | 72   | 36  |         |
| 7  | 76   | 43  |         |
| 8  | 75   | 42  | .08     |
| 9  | 71   | 36  |         |
| 10 | 68   | 33  |         |
| 11 | 56   | 28  |         |
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| 13 | 73   | 30  |         |
| 14 | 61   | 31  |         |
| 15 | 75   | 33  |         |
| 16 | 80   | 30  |         |
| 17 | 30   | 27  | .05     |
| 18 | 59   | 26  |         |
| 19 | 64   | 29  |         |
| 20 | 67   | 33  |         |
| 21 | 81   | 36  |         |
| 22 | 49   | 40  |         |
| 23 | 55   | 44  |         |
| 24 | 57   | 42  |         |
| 25 | 72   | 41  |         |
| 26 | 78   | 46  |         |
| 27 | 83   | 44  |         |
| 28 | 75   | 43  |         |

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|----------------------------------|------|
| Total March Precip.              | 2.52 |
| Total Snow in 2000               | 3"   |
| Normal March Precip.             | .93  |
| Total Precip. Rec'd Year to Date | 2.92 |
| Normal Precip. Year to Date      | 2.18 |
| Soil Temperature                 | 52°  |

### Senate Passes Crop Insurance Reform

Senate passage of crop insurance reform sets the stage for a conference committee report that should provide for sweeping changes to the Federal Crop Insurance program.

Over the past decade there have been several attempts to pick around the edges of the program without any real benefits making their way to growers.

The contents of the House approved "Agricultural Risk Management Act of 1999" and the Senate's "Risk Management for the 21st Century Act" should see agreement on several important changes that will directly benefit growers.

Among the changes that will likely be part of any conference report are increased subsidy levels for all levels of coverage.

The Lady Owls are chasing better times in their relays this year and entered mets at Jayton Friday and Lefors Saturday in this quest.

There were 27 teams entered at Jayton, and Amanda Estes ran fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of :13.45.

The 800 meter relay ran sixth in :2:00, with legs run by Tarran Forbes, Amanda Estes, Bryn Mayfield and Taylor Griffin.

Sara Kirchoffner placed second in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of :49.4.

The 1600 meter relay ran fourth in a time of 4:41. Legs in the relay were run by Sara Kirchoffner, Kassie Strange, Tarran Forbes and Bryn Mayfield.

The Lady Owls took their relays only to the meet at Lefors, and all three placed second.

The 400 meter relay finished in :54, run by Sara Kirchoffner, Amanda Estes, Taylor Griffin and Tarran Forbes.

The 800 meter relay finished in 2:00, run by Tarran Forbes, Bryn Mayfield, Taylor Griffin and Amanda Estes.

The 1600 meter relay was run by Sara Kirchoffner, Kassie Strange, Tarran Forbes and Bryn Mayfield. Their time was 4:37.

The Owls also ran in the meet at Lefors, earning several ribbons.

Dustin Hale won second in the 3200 meter run and fourth in the 1600 meter run.

Andrew Francis placed third in the 800 meter run.

Isaiah Ivory won fifth in the 400 meter run.

Duncan Vernon ran fifth in the 200 meter run.

The 400 meter relay won sixth and the 1600 meter relay won fourth. Both these relays had legs run by Isaiah Ivory, Nathan Francis, Nick Vargas and Duncan Vernon.

Nathan Francis placed fifth in the discus and fifth in the high jump.

Also participating in the meet were Tyler Young, Chase Comer, John Arnold and Daniel Rogers.

In the Junior High Division, the Owls team won fifth and the Lady Owl team won sixth.

The Owl mile relay won first, with legs run by Brandon Stephens, Beau Brock, Bert Vasquez and Logan Fisher.

The sprint relay placed third, with

legs run by Caleb Francis, Brandon Stephens, Bert Vasquez and Logan Fisher.

Caleb Francis won second in the 800 meter run and fourth in the 1200 meter run.

Bert Vasquez placed sixth in the triple jump.

Brandon Stephens earned fifth place in the discus.

Others who participated in this meet were Ty Reed, Zack Burson, Max Comer, Eric Minyard, Payton Estes and Chance Rhoderick.

For the Lady Owls, Daryl-Ann Reynolds won first in the 2400 meter run and first in the 800 meter run.

Brittany Perkins ran second in the 2400 meter run and second in the 1200 meter run.

The Lady Owl 1600 meter relay won third, with legs run by Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Krista Hale, Danielle Ramirez and Crystal Walls.

The 800 meter relay won fifth, run by Keley Simpson, Lori Griffin, Krista Hale and Danielle Ramirez.

Kelsie Estes won sixth in the 400 meter run.

Roxanne Starks also participated.

### Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 3--No School

Tuesday, April 4--Pizza, Corn, Salad, Garlic Bread, Milk, Fruit Roll-up

Wednesday, April 5--Chicken Fajita, Hot Sauce, Salad, Ranch Style Beans, Chips, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Thursday, April 6--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, April 7--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, Potatoes, Milk, Cookie

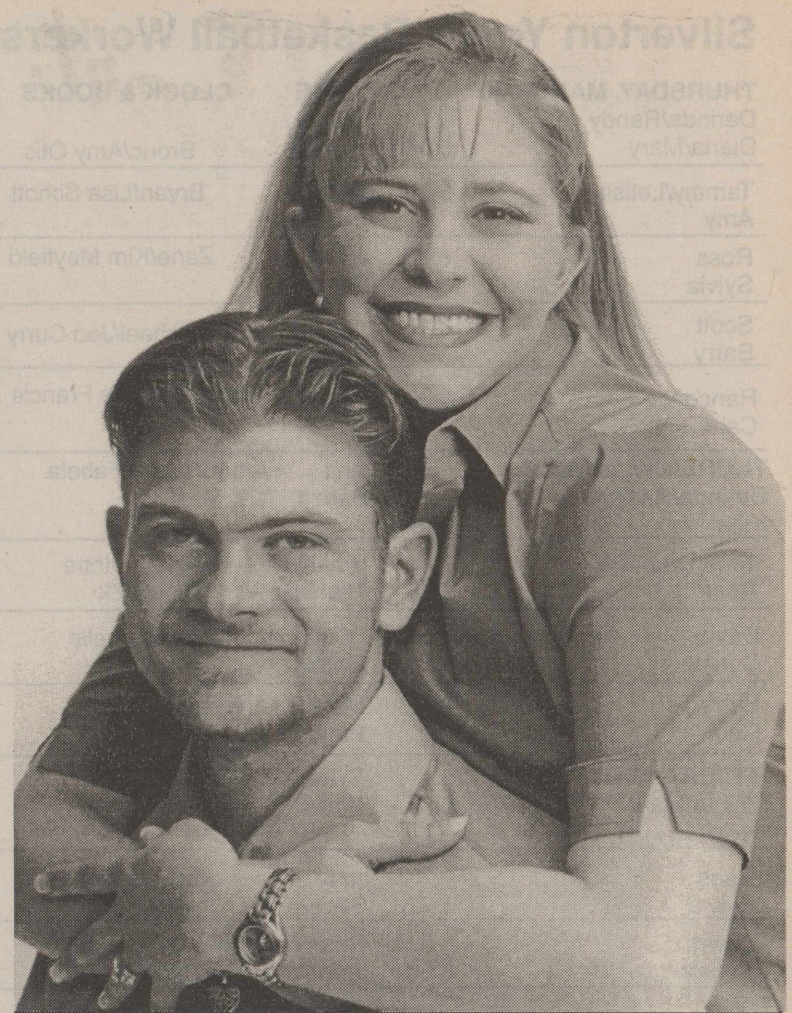
### Lake Mackenzie News

by Tom Davey,  
General Manager

Two lake records have been broken. The lake walleye record was bested this weekend by Albert Hartman. On Sunday, he caught a 27 1/2" walleye that weighed almost 10 pounds. The state record is 11 lbs. 4 ozs. Larry Strickland caught a 5 1/4 lb. smallmouth bass. Crappie fishing is outstanding. All the fishermen checked this weekend caught crappie.

The lake level is presently at 80 feet. This is down about five feet from last year's level. We did receive 1.5 inches of rain this week, which was a blessing to everyone. If we don't receive some big rains this spring, we will continue the conservative allotments to all four towns served.

Most everyone has started watering their yards, and I encourage everyone to conserve their water use. The best tip I can give you to save water is--don't cut your grass close to the ground. Leave it longer so the roots will be longer. Grass roots grow in direct proportion of their leaves, in order words, if the leaves are short, the roots will be short. Short leaves will cause a lawn to show signs of stress quicker because the roots will be short and close to the soil's surface.



Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wade Brannon

### Couple Married In Amarillo March 18

Heather Autumn Krehl and Jess Wade Brannon exchanged wedding vows Saturday afternoon, March 18, 2000, in Amarillo with Judge Dysart officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Beverly Jane Krehl of Amarillo and the late George H. Krehl, Jr.

The groom is the son of Wade and Mary Jo Brannon of Silverton. He is the grandson of Seymour and Ruby Brannon and Dena Thomas, all of Silverton, Geraldine Stephens of Amarillo and the late Windle Thomas.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother. The father of the groom served as best man.

The couple and their families enjoyed dinner at Marty's after the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Amarillo High School. She attends West Texas A&M University where she is majoring in pre-pharmacy and psychology. She plans to apply for admission to pharmacy school next year. She is currently employed in the pharmacy at BSA Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Silverton High School and is currently employed by House Cabinets in Amarillo.

The couple will make their home in Amarillo.

### TDHS Moves Services For Briscoe Co.

The Texas Department of Human Services is announcing that services for Briscoe County will be moved from the Clarendon office to the Tulia office at 219 Southeast Second Street. The main reason for this change is for the convenience of the clients.

Previously, clients or applicants for Food Stamps or Medicaid or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) were required to travel to Clarendon--over 50 miles--to obtain services from that office. "We recognize that we are here to serve the people that need help," stated Anna Trevino, Program Manager for Texas Works. She added, "When we looked at the barrier we had placed on them to travel that far, we took steps to change it."

The caseload for Briscoe County includes 132 Food Stamp recipients and 34 TANF recipients. As a result of this change, those clients will not only have to drive 27 miles from Silverton or 43

miles from Quitaque--shorter distances for both cities than traveling to Clarendon--if an office visit is necessary.

TDHS also has programs that provide assistance to elderly and disabled households under our Long Term Care Services. Currently, those staff have larger areas to cover. The services for Community Care for the Aged and Disabled is provided from the Tulia office. The services for Medicaid Eligibility (mostly nursing facility care) are provided from the Plainview office at 2907 West Seventh Street.

Applications for assistance through TDHS can be obtained by requesting an application be mailed directly to their home. Simply contact any TDHS office. Applications are available, of course, by coming in to the Tulia or Clarendon TDHS office. If an application is needed sooner, the Briscoe County Judge's office has a small supply available.

Additional assistance or information can be obtained by calling the local office or Lynne Williams, Texas Works Supervisor, at 806-874-3595, Ext. 25.

### Correctional Officer Career Opportunity Meeting

6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 29  
City Park  
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# TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report

**A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS**

For the Week Ended March 23

Timely rains in the major cotton growing areas of Texas and Oklahoma pressured the market lower and dominated analysts' conversations this week.

Although the drought certainly is not over for Texas and Oklahoma producers, recent rainfall has improved planting prospects. The much-needed precipitation will make the hard ground more manageable, and producers will be able to begin field preparation soon. The week's storms were the first to bring significant amounts of rainfall to the areas in several months. More precipitation, however, will be required before growers begin planting activities in May in order to ensure proper seed germination.

Meanwhile, USDA's weekly export

sales figures were in the lower half of expectations. Sales were disappointing, but shipments remained strong. According to USDA, net U. S. cotton sales totaled 56,800 bales in the week ended March 16, 33 percent below the four-week average. However, export shipments climbed to 193,900 bales which were 21 percent more than the previous week an eight percent higher than the four-week average.

Many merchants have been exporting large amounts of cotton in anticipation of a decline in the Step 2 export subsidy payment rate. Total shipments are on target to meet, and possibly exceed, USDA's marketing-year goal. The department also noted that export registrations have continued to weaken as is usual for this time of year.

Meanwhile, interest in the 2000-01 crop has increased, and sales have jumped 31,000 bales from the week before.

Sales in the spot cotton market also were lower this week as only 35 bales were traded on the TELCOT electronic marketing system in the five days ended March 23. The figure is much lower than the previous week's 2,192 bale total and reflects the dwindling supply of cotton available for sale. Producers selling their cotton on TELCOT received average daily prices ranging from 40.18 to 51.18 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 45.11 to 48.50 cents per pound.

Traders now are turning their attention to upcoming governmental reports. U. S. mill use date is set for release on March 28, and could be pivotal for prevailing projections, according to market observers. One trader estimates the daily, unadjusted rate will be 38,500 bales. To reach this year's objective, cotton consumption must reach more than 5.1 million bales for the second half of the crop year.

"To put that into perspective, mill use for the second half of the 1998-99

marketing year was about 5.2 million bales, and the average for the second half during the previous three seasons was 5.5 million," one analyst said.

Market observers expect a choppy market during the trading sessions ahead of the March 31 release of USDA's prospective cotton plantings report. Some recent private estimates are as high as 15.6 to 15.7 million U. S. acres will be planted to cotton in the 2000-01 season, while some in the market place the number even higher at 16.0 million acres. Several sources agreed that, given recent moisture in South Texas and the Delta, cotton growers may gear up to plant more cotton acreage before the spring planting season ends. However, that may depend on whether soybeans continue to drive higher after staging an impressive rally in the last few weeks.

## Happy Anniversary-

March 31--Mr. and Mrs. Bob Myers

April 3--Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peery

April 4--Mr. and Mrs. Ty Copeland

## Happy Birthday-

March 30--Jacob Francis, Molly Bomar, Wilma Gill, Cynthia Glenn, Lisa Farley, Roberta Griffin

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

## Visitors in Walker Home Recently

Recent visitors in the Roy Mack Waker home were Cliff Walker of Dallas and Bill Walker of A & M. Two of Mrs. Walker's nieces, Susan Braaksma of Grand Prairie and Missie Tipton of Frisco, Texas. They all attended the wedding of the Walker's granddaughter, Jaime Walker and Cody Kidd, both of Canyon, Friday night, March 17, in Canyon.

## Nutrition Quiz Bowl

by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

District 1 held its inaugural Nutrition Quiz Bowl competition March 25, 2000 at West Texas A&M University.

Briscoe County was proudly represented by Camisha Wilson, Hanna James, Tori Perkins and Destiney Wilson.

They did a terrific job!

## Census Considered Important For Communities

Did you know answering the Census 2000 form could save your life? Or help your community leaders? Or create jobs?

The census--required by the United States Constitution every 10 years--helps local planners pick the best locations for schools, roads, hospitals, clinics, libraries, day care and senior citizen centers. Planning for playgrounds, bus routes and job training programs also are aided by census numbers, according to the U. S. Census Bureau.

Every year, more than \$100 billion in federal funding is awarded to locations based on census data.

The census numbers can save your life: when Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida in 1991, Census Bureau officials were able to aid the rescue effort by providing estimates of people in each block.

Businesses also use census numbers to locate supermarkets and shopping centers, new housing, new factories and offices and facilities like movie theaters and restaurants.

According to the Census Bureau, the U. S. population stands at 275 million residents. Most households should have received census questionnaires. The short form covers seven areas: sex, age, relationship, Hispanic origin, race and whether your home is rented or owned. The longer form asks about the same seven subjects, plus education, ancestry, employment, disability and house heating fuel.


This information provided by Lena Duesterhaus, Briscoe CEA-FCS.

# A Whole New World

60th  
Annual  
Membership  
Meeting



## Swisher Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy™ Cooperative 

Thursday, March 30, 2000

Ezra Jones School Cafeteria  
501 N.E. 4th Street, Tulia

Registration & Buffet Supper - 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting - 7:15 p.m.

Highlights: Director Elections \* Door Prizes  
\*Reports on new utility world: Restructuring  
legislation, new power plant, and more.