

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Do people believe that our community servants (policemen, ambulance attendants, and other rescue personnel) should put their lives on the line when an emergency arises that threatens the lives of others?

Do we actually have a right to expect that these people who do so much for us should be superhumans who rush into danger for us when we need them?

I've never believed this to be true, but in reading about the lawsuits that are being brought by those who had students and/or teachers involved in the Columbine shooting last year, I think there may be people who do believe this way.

When I took the emergency medical technician training, one of the first chapters dealt with making sure the scene was safe before going in. After all, if the EMTs give their lives in order to be the first on the scene, who will then perform the duties that they are trained to do.

If securing the scene was the job of the EMTs, I suppose it would follow that they should carry weapons.

I know that in the cities, the ambulance service personnel don't enter a scene where there has been violence until after it has been made safe for them by the police. Their protocol has them park a block or two from the scene and wait until it is safe for them to enter. Only then do they go to the aid of those who have been injured.

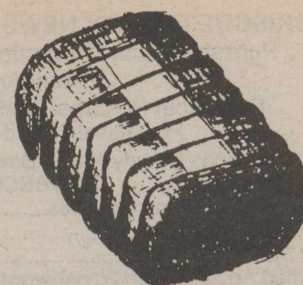
I hate it that at least one of those injured at Columbine bled to death over a period of several hours, but I know it was because the rescuers didn't know how many were involved in the shooting, how many weapons were involved, where the shooters and weapons were located, if bombs were involved and where they were located, etc. It was an unfortunate situation that helping those who fled the building was not enough to satisfy people. But it might have been more unfortunate if they had stormed the building, accidentally set off a bomb and killed themselves and the rest of the survivors. It wouldn't have been any better if they had burst into a hallway where shooters were positioned to kill each as he or she entered the building.

It would have helped if there had been a few more cell phones among the survivors inside the building or if there had been a way for them to let those outside know what the situation was inside the building. But the truth of the matter was, they didn't know either, and they were having to be careful to stay out of harm's way themselves.

It was such an unfortunate situation.

The Appraisal District office will be closed randomly in the next few weeks while appraisals are being completed. For your convenience, if you have business with the office, you might want to call ahead to see if the office will be open before going to the courthouse.

*In the Cherokee tradition, the color black is associated with the west and death. White is associated with south and happiness.*



# Briscoe County News

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Connie Smith (right), Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service Director, presents Bena Hester with the 1999 EMS Attendant of the Year award at the annual EMS banquet held on April 8.

## Extension Service Sponsoring a Drip Irrigation Conference Soon

by Brandon M. McGinty, Briscoe County Extension Agent-Ag

The Briscoe County Extension Service is sponsoring a Drip Irrigation Conference at the Quitaque Community Center on April 27, 2000. The conference will begin with registration at 9:00 a.m. and will cost \$5.00 per person. The conference will present Drip Irrigation & LEPA Systems, Weed Control, Tillage Methods, Insect Control, Senate Bill 1 & Water Rights, and Laws & Regulations. A steak lunch will be provided by Netafim Distributors, Inject-O-Meter, and Rhoderick Irrigation. The conference will provide three Continuing Education Units for Private Applicators with licenses. We would like to invite anyone with an interest in these subjects to attend the conference.

## Walk Across Texas Update

by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

This update is through the fifth week.

We have a new leader... the Court-house Criminals have pulled ahead with a total of 857 miles. In second place are the Winn Jammers with 837 miles. Moving up quickly and still in third place are the Leapin Lizards with 813 miles.

Kirchoffner's Krusaders are in fourth place with a total of 573 miles. Fifth place goes to the Peregrinators with 557 miles. Maintaining sixth place are the Hustlers with 436 miles. Continuing in seventh place are Lee's Lopers with 423 miles.

Mike & the Dixie Chicks are eighth with a total of 382 miles. Ninth place goes to the First Baptist Faithfuls with 316 miles, followed by Agape and Fairmont Flyers.

Most teams are still improving week by week, so keep up the great work. Two more weeks to go!!

Thank you for reporting promptly... especially Mike and the Dixie Chicks. Ha!Ha!

## Project Graduation Meeting Is Today

There will be a Project Graduation meeting at 6:00 p.m. today (Thursday, April 27) in the board room at Silverton High School.

*The word apostle comes from the Greek word apostolos, which means to send. Originally it referred to sending ships or a fleet.*

## New Arrival

Genie and James McMorries of Silverton are parents of a son, Christian Michel, who was born Friday, April 21, at 1:35 p.m. at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. He weighed six pounds and seven ounces, and measured 19 1/2 inches long on arrival.

Grandparents are Pat and Leon Lavy of Silverton, Vicki and Danny Ault of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Gene and Charlene Brownlow of Hereford.

## Planters Ready to Roll on Plains

Bigger than normal March rains have fueled a dramatic improvement in both producer attitudes and field preparations across much of the Texas High Plains.

Producers have taken full advantage of the much-needed rainfall to get ready to plant the 2000 crop. Normally the month of March is characterized by a lack of rainfall. This year, however, rainfall totals of three plus inches in many areas have sparked producer activity.

The combination of adequate soil moisture and warm temperatures could encourage some producers to hit the ground running a little earlier than they normally would.

That means many producers who want to squeeze every last day they can into the growing season could begin to move into selected fields as early as next week with adequate soil moisture.

Soil moisture conditions, however, will continue to dictate when many fields get planted. Most producers will delay planting until they get a "planting rain."

Overall the High Plains is set up to take advantage of favorable conditions when establishing the 2000 crop. Unfortunately, the continuing lack of significant deep moisture at the 2-4 foot

depth means this year's crops have to rely mainly on the arrival of timely rains in all areas.

So far estimates have put the 2000 Texas crop planted on about 6.3 million acres, two percent above the current estimate of 1999 plantings. With acreage increases already being seen in the Coastal Bend area and the likelihood that high Plains cotton acreage was somewhat higher than currently estimated in 1999, Texas cotton acreage could easily surpass the current prediction of 6.3 million acres.

In fact, just the difference between the current estimate of 1999 planted acres in TASS District 1-N and the cotton acreage reported to the Farm Service agency for those counties could account for the two percent increase in Texas plantings predicted for 2000.

Add in the acreage increases in the Coastal Bend and 6.5 million acres of Texas cotton could be planted this year

## Krazy Tournament Will Be Feature Of May 1-2

The annual Krazy Tournament will be a feature of Monday and Tuesday, May 1-2, in the school gym.

Games begin at 4:00 p.m. each day. There will be lots of good food available at the concession stand, and you are invited to come early and eat with the sponsoring class.

*Hair today, gone tomorrow; 50 percent of Caucasian men go bald; only 18 percent of African American men do.*

*The name Jacob comes from the Hebrew for one who grabs the heel or one who restrains.*

*In China, the crane is a symbol of longevity.*

## Sara Kirchoffner, Isaiah Ivory Are Regional Bound

Sara Kirchoffner qualified for Regional competition in three events at the Area meet held in Snyder last week. She will be taking part in the long jump, triple jump and 300 meter hurdles.

Isaiah Ivory qualified in the 400 meter dash.

Both will be in competition at Levelland this week.



Regional track qualifiers are Sara Kirchoffner and Isaiah Ivory.

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Teresa

Silverton Youth Basketball wishes to thank everyone who participated, worked and supported te program this year. Without each one of you our season would not have been successful.

Thank you so very much for your prayers and concern whle I was in th hospital for a pacemaker replacement and tests.

Also for the phone calls, cards, visits and food. I appreciate it so very much.

I pray God will bless each of you richly.

Love,  
Mary Grantham

Thanks to all for the prayers, cards, visits, food, phone calls and flowers during Dewayne's hospitalization and since he's been home. We feel so blessed for living in this loving, caring community.

Mike and Estella  
Dewayne and Sierra Juarez

Thank you for your calls, cards, visits, food and prayers. Also thank you for the letters from each church prayer group and congregation. Each has meant much to help see us through this difficult time of Leo's illness.

May the Lord bless each of you. We can't thank you enough.

Leo and Modell Comer

## Hints For Homeowners

Planning a beautiful garden that provides cut flowers and fresh vegetables for the grill involves more than just seeds, sun and water.

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Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

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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**  
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**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 p.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY:**  
RAs, GAs, Mission  
Friends..... 3:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY:**  
Mens Group..... 6:30 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.  
Team KID..... 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY:**  
Ladies Prayer Group..... 9:00 a.m.  
Weigh Down Workshop... 7:00 p.m.

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Jay Stinson, Pastor

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Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study..... 7:00 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.

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High..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

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

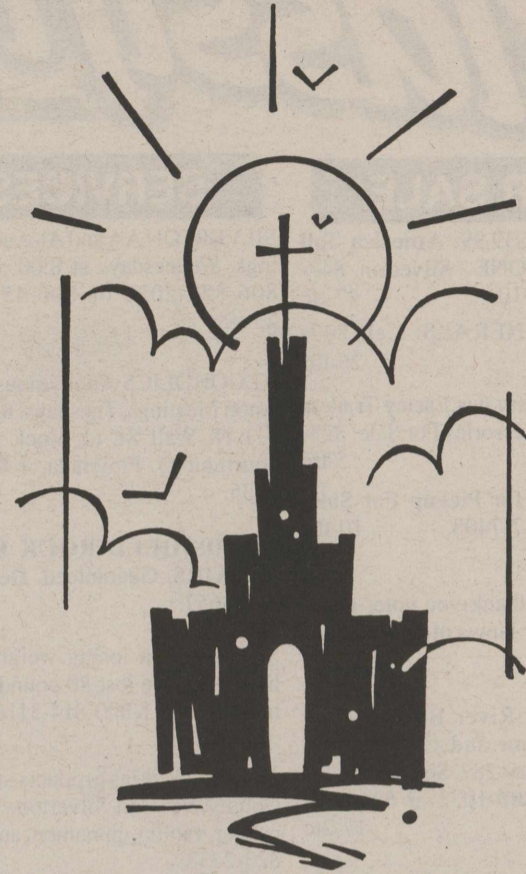
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**WEDNESDAY:**  
Prayer Meeting..... 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY-SATURDAY:**  
Prayer Meeting..... 9:00 a.m.

# There's Nothing That God Can't Do



It is such a consolation to know that there is nothing that our God cannot do. When unpleasant things happen to us, we should know that "in all things God works for the good with those who love Him, those whom he has called according to His purpose," (Romans 8:28). It is easy to

thank our Lord when good things are bestowed upon us, and when we recognize His gentleness and loving ways. It is yet another thing to praise and thank Him whenever we are beset by trials and tribulations; however, keeping in mind that nothing is impossible with God, we should realize that God loves us more than we love ourselves. Parents have a special love for their children and want only what is good and best for them; likewise, our Father in Heaven wants only what is good and best for all His children. The Lord is good and is a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.

*"What is impossible with men is possible with God."*

R.S.V. Luke 18:27

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**MURRY E. MORRISON**  
 Services for Murry Ernest Morrison, 79, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at the Quitaque Church of Christ with Delos Johnson, J. D. Nance and Elgin Conner officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Morrison died Tuesday, April 18.

Born at Gasoline, he attended the Gasoline School and was graduated from Quitaque High School. He moved to Cactus in 1946 to work for Phillips Petroleum and returned to Quitaque in 1948 to farm.

He served on the school board nine years and the Quitaque City Council 20 years. He was a member of the Quitaque Lions Club, the Briscoe County Historical Commission and the Quitaque Church of Christ.

He married Johnnie Eddleman in 1940 at Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Murry Wayne Morrison of Lubbock, Bobo Morrison of Quitaque and Joe Morrison of Amarillo; a daughter, Neva Dale Spier of Clarendon; two sisters, Dale Setliff and Pat Lane, both of Plainview; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was the brother-in-law of Bryant Eddleman of Silverton.

Pallbearers were Hunter Spier, Chris Morrison, Darren Spier, Colvin Morrison, Chad Powell and Jarred McCullough.

The family suggested memorials be to the Resthaven Cemetery Association in care of the First National Bank of Quitaque; to the American Cancer Society, or to Hospice Hands of West Texas at 103 S. Main Street, Lockney, TX 79241.

**TRUMAN L. HAMILTON, JR.**  
 Truman Lincoln Hamilton, jr., twin brother of LaNelle Hill, died April 18, 2000.

He was born August 1, 1920 in Heidenheimer, and was the son of Truman Lincoln Hamilton, sr. and Erma Elmore Hamilton. He married Florene Davis on June 4, 1984 in Baird. He lived in Eula, Texas, near Abilene, and was a member of the Eula Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Florene; three daughters, Becky Staggs of Buffalo Gap, Betty Lawrence of Clyde and Beth Owens of Temple; one brother, Edward Hamilton of Abilene; two sisters, LaNelle Hill of Silverton and LaWanda Gilliam of Junction; 12 grandchildren and six great-

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 the world, and all that comes out of it!

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# WEATHER

24-HOUR APRIL READINGS,  
 6:00 a.m.

	High	Low	Precip.
1	43	37	1.27
2	42	34	.23
3	63	37	
4	52	29	
5	73	29	
6	87	44	
7	86	47	
8	68	32	
9	61	32	
10	76	45	
11	84	49	
12	52	44	.47
13	56	41	
14	80	44	
15	87	48	
16	80	34	
17	70	33	
18	84	46	
19	92	56	
20	83	47	
21	75	45	
22	76	47	
23	79	51	.05
24	73	46	
25	76	46	
Total April Precip.			2.02
Normal April Precip.			1.49
Total Precip Rec'd Year to Date			4.94
Normal Precip. Year to Date			3.67
Soil Temperature			60°

grandchildren.  
 Burial was in the Eula Cemetery.

## Bob Wills Day To Be held April 29

The 29th Bob Wills Day will be held in Turkey April 29. They are expecting at least 35 to 40 of the most famous and talented musicians in the country to be present this year. The program will consist of many former Texas Playboys / Playgirls, and will be one of the largest groups of Texas Playboys ever assembled at one time.

Dr. Charles R. Townsend, Grammy Award Winner and author of "San Antonio Rose: The Life and Music of Bob Wills," will be present and will be the master of ceremonies for the afternoon program. His book has been purchased by a movie studio, and Dr. Townsend is expected to be a consultant on the movie when it is made.

Activities get underway on Thursday, April 27, with an autograph party and jam session with former Texas Playboys from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. The admission will be \$5.00 per person in the old high school gym.

A dance will be held from 9:00 p.m. until midnight at the Bob Wills Center, featuring former Texas Playboys. Admission will be \$10.00 per person.

A pancake breakfast will be served beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Bob Wills Center cafeteria by the Turkey / Quitaque Lions Club.

A parade through downtown Turkey will begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, and a barbecue will be served beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Bob Wills Center.

A fiddler's contest will begin at noon Saturday in the auditorium center and gym. Admission will be \$5.00.

The afternoon program at the old football field east of the Bob Wills Center will be free Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday night's dance will feature

## TBWEF Discusses Quarantine Issues

Ginners, growers, federal and state officials, together with other interested parties, met with Board members and staff of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) in Abilene Tuesday to discuss boll weevil quarantine issues.

At present, the entire state of Texas is under quarantine regulations for boll weevil and pink bollworm. However, when an area within the state is declared eradicated, the quarantine rules could be lifted for that area. At such time movement of materials and equipment between quarantined non-eradicated areas and non-quarantined eradicated areas would be subject to regulation.

TBWEF has officially requested the Commissioner of Agriculture to declare the Southern Rolling Plains Zone functionally eradicated. Functional eradication is achieved when no boll weevil reproduction activity can be detected in a zone.

Ginners and growers at the meeting expressed commitment to developing regulations that would not hinder the ability of ginners to do business nor hinder the choice of producers on where to do business. All concerned recognized the goal of achieving and maintaining eradication status for the entire state and the need to protect the investment of growers and the state in eradication efforts.

## Extension Service News

Provided by Brandon McGinty  
 County Extension Agent-Ag  
 Equine affected by "sleeping sickness" or encephalitis develop central nervous system disorders, such as an irregular gait and circling, grinding of the teeth, drowsiness, and an inability to swallow.

Affected animals may have paralysis of the limbs and be unable to rise. The TAHC and public health officials advise owners to have symptomatic animals tested, because the signs for rabies and "sleeping sickness" often mimic each other, and appropriate preventive measures must be taken, if an owner is exposed to rabies. In addition to horses, donkeys and mules, ostriches and rheas also are susceptible to the "sleeping sickness" virus.

Dr. Beals said private veterinary practitioners can administer a vaccine to equine that will provide protection against the Eastern and Western strains of equine encephalitis. A "three-way" vaccine also will protect against the Venezuelan strain (VEE), which is considered to be a foreign animal disease and is recommended for equine residing or traveling in South Texas.

In 1966, several cases of VEE were diagnosed in southwestern Mexico, and a widespread vaccination campaign curbed the outbreak. The VEE vaccine will cause a "false-positive" test result, so it should not be used on animals that must be tested prior to

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 per person. A midnight breakfast begins at 11:00 p.m. in the Bob Wills Cafeteria.

A community worship service begins at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the old football field.

## Weatherization Program Taking Applications

Panhandle Community Services Executive Director Johnny Raymond today announced that the agency was accepting applications from low income families for a program to weatherize their homes. At no cost to qualifying families, this program is designed to make the homes more energy efficient and lower utility bills.

"We will weatherize about 250 homes," said Weatherization Director Margaret Wolf, "giving preference to the elderly and the handicapped. During our assessment of the home to see if it qualifies, we will check for air infiltration, the presence of carbon monoxide, adequate insulation, the condition of windows and doors, and other repairs which might be needed according to the availability of funds and the rules and regulations of the program." For those who pay their electric bills directly to Southwestern Public Service Company, there is even a possibility of the replacement of old inefficient refrigerators.

"This has been a vital program aiding the citizens of the Panhandle for many years," said Raymond. "Families who feel they might qualify should contact their local service center for details." A PCG Representative will be in Silverton on the first Wednesday of every month in the Driver's License Office. For more information you may contact Robbie Hill or Lori Mays at 416 South Kearney, P. O. Box 763, Clarendon, Texas 79226, or call 806-874-2573.

## Happy Birthday-

April 27--Donnie Martin, Jim Cogdell, Russell McLeland, Tangie Perkins

April 28--Shellie Cornett, Nikki Martin, Bailey Hill, Emily Long, Molly Stinson

April 29--CoDee Grabbe

April 30--Rikki Bitner, Minerva Patino, Linda Sain, Alice Maciel, Patrick Whitfill, Zackery Burson

May 1--Greg Hill, Jeffrey Grimland, Jennifer Garrison, Kyle Bean

May 2--Marcalyn Lee Gregg, Kristi Smith, Cory Bryn Burk, Savannah Kast

May 3--Cole Garrison, Sharon Simpson, Ty Lee Gregg

*In ancient Egypt, only pharaohs were allowed to eat mushrooms.*

*Humphrey Bogart's first line as an actor: "Tennis, anyone?"*

*Abraham's original name was Abram which means exalted father.*

international travel.

To protect animals and humans from mosquitoes, Dr. Garrett suggested keeping window screens in good condition and urged outdoor enthusiasts to wear mosquito repellent. Outdoor containers, such as flower pots and rain gutters, should be drained to prevent a "breeding ground" for mosquitoes he said, and water in bird baths should be changed frequently.

*Time ripens all things. No man's born wise.* --Cervantes



Tom Spears, President of Valmont Irrigation, and Kenneth Helms

## Helms Irrigation is Named Circle of Success Winner

Valmont Irrigation announces Helms Irrigation, Inc. in Quitaque has earned a Valley President's Circle of Success award for outstanding sales performance and for delivering the highest standards of service and product support to its mechanized irrigation customers.

"Membership in the President's Circle is a significant achievement," says Dennis Schweiger, vice president of global sales and distribution for Valmont Irrigation. "Helms Irrigation, Inc. earned the award by achieving outstanding ratings from customers and Valmont sales manager in the key areas of sales, service and parts."

The award was presented at Valmont's dealer sales meeting, held January 16-22 in Las Vegas, where Valley dealers learned about the newest technology and state-of-the-art thinking in mechanized irrigation equipment.

"Valmont Irrigation places a great deal of value in our dealer network. We're very pleased to congratulate Helms Irrigation, Inc. for superior customer service and leadership," says Schweiger.

Valmont Irrigation is the world's leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation equipment and technology. Valmont introduced the center pivot machine, the first mechanized corner arm and computer technology to the mechanized irrigation industry. Today Valley products enhance food production while conserving and protecting natural resources in more than 100

countries.

Growers can obtain additional information about Valley products from Helms Irrigation, Inc., or by contacting Valmont Irrigation at 1-800-825-6668, or visiting Valmont on the World Wide Web at [www.valmont.com](http://www.valmont.com)

### Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, May 1--Chicken Stix, Gravy, Dirty Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Fruit

Tuesday, May 2--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Fruit Roll-up

Wednesday, May 3--Enchilada Casserole, Salad, Hot Sauce, Chips, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Thursday, May 4--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, May 5--Chili Dog, French Fries, Milk, Fruit & Jello

### Silverton School Activities

Thursday, April 27--State Dairy Foods Contest

Saturday, April 29--Regional Track Meet; State Judging Contests

Tuesday, May 2--Church of Christ Senior Luncheon; U. S. History End of Course Test

Thursday, May 4--Green Belt Speaking Events, 4:30; Rock Creek Church Senior Luncheon

## Extension Service News

Provided by Lena Duesterhaus  
County Extension Agent-FCS

The Agricultural Research Service has posted the April issue of the Food and Nutrition Research Briefs to its Website. The ARS is the chief scientific agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Research Briefs is a quarterly newsletter containing the latest findings in human nutrition, food freshness, and safety.

The following are among the topics discussed this month. Why overweight people who have high cholesterol levels will be better off losing the excess weight rather than turning to a heart-healthy diet. Whey proteins--a class of proteins found in milk--looks promising for reducing the risk of breast cancer. And only one-third of teens surveyed met the dietary guidelines for fat and fiber intake. Their diets were, however, the highest in seven vitamins and five minerals.

Finding new ways to reduce aflatoxin in crops is the focus of a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station study. Researchers hope this study will lead to reducing the economic hardship the fungus places on the state's corn farmers.

Aflatoxin is a toxic metabolite produced by a fungus that thrives on oil-seed crops. In crops like corn, the fungus infects kernels through airborne spores after pollination. Kernel infection may occur through the silk or by direct contact, and damage by insects can also lead to infection.

Consumption of high levels of aflatoxin by animals and humans can result in sickness and even death. Researchers have cloned the genes in the fungus that makes aflatoxin. By performing experiments to see what makes the genes turn on and off, the factors that turn on the genes can be eliminated. By eliminating aflatoxin, farmers won't have to worry about the added expense to test crops and enjoy larger profit margins. Not as many plants will be destroyed, and funds can go towards solving other problems.

*According to folklore, if a candle burns with a blue flame, there's a ghost in the house.*

*According to Greek mythology, Thailia is the goddess of abundance.*

#### EZEKIEL 33:7-8

*The full Gospel is the entire Bible: For it is written, So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.*

Sometimes it's hard to hear the truth, to turn around 360°, and our excuse is not good to say, Well, I believe this way. But Jesus said the truth shall set you free! And indeed you'll be, if we hear and do. Make an effort, for God loves us very very much. Let's show him we truly belong to him.

Pastor Armondo Davalia



Jordan Sarchet, NASA Safety Officer Bud Meins, and Brady Raindl

## Tahoka "Fly High" Team Conducts Zero-Gravity Experiments at NASA

The Tahoka "Fly High 2000" team conducted experiments with a hand-held propulsion device, which students themselves built with the assistance of Wildcat Manufacturing owner Leighton Knox, jr. of Tahoka, during zero-gravity conditions at NASA April 9-15. Each student took turns as subjects using the propulsion device in various positions to generate specific movements in microgravity. NASA officials were very complimentary of the work the students had done with parts furnished by Mr. Knox.

The Tahoka group was at NASA at the same time Roosevelt students were there. Other area schools that went students to Houston for this experience included Bovina and Miami.

Tahoka team members who were in the flight crew on Wednesday, April 12, were Brady Raindl, James Eudy and team mentor Vic Untalan.

Those who were in the flight crew on Thursday, April 13, were Kassidi Andrews, Jordan Sarchet, their teacher, Betty Stennett, and KAMC Channel 28's Karla Leslie as the team journalist. Ms. Leslie filmed the Tahoka experience at NASA, and it will be aired on KAMC Monday through Thursday, May 1-4. Unfortunately, Silverton

doesn't have this channel on the cable.

The students were required to learn the basic principles of physics involving momentum, torque and kinematics; help design the experiment; retrieve and record data; and document the results and lessons learned.

The KC-135 reduced-gravity aircraft goes through a series of rapid maneuvers in which it quickly ascends, levels off and then nose-dives, to provide approximately 30 25-second zero-gravity intervals. In between the zero-gravity intervals, the team experienced about 40 60-second periods in 1.8-g conditions, creating an environment where the students "weighed" nearly twice what he/she normally does.

Each student in the flight crew had to pass a physical examination by a NASA-approved flight surgeon before being accepted. The eleven students and their adult sponsors, members of the physics and calculus class at Tahoka High, earned the money for their trip on a charter bus, their lodging and their meals with various projects which included silent cake and pie auctions, the sale of T-shirts with the basketball players' names and pictures on them.

You are invited to free concert  
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**Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**

Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative, irreversible neurological disease that attacks the brain and results in impaired memory, thinking and behavior. In its early stages, AD can be difficult to distinguish from ordinary forgetfulness. It affects an estimated four million American adults or one in three families. More than 100,000 people die of complications from Alzheimer's annually, making it the fourth leading cause of death among adults.

Do not assume someone has Alzheimer's. The only way to find out is through evaluation by your physician. The only sure way to confirm a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease remains to examine brain tissue under a microscope, after death.

Alzheimer's disease has a gradual onset. In the early stages, people often express frustration at their difficulty in grasping and expressing their thoughts.

Other early symptoms include recent memory loss which may affect job skills, difficulty in performing familiar tasks, such as handling the checkbook or preparing meals, difficulty learning new tasks, loss of a sense of time, and problems with language. There is no cure for Alzheimer's at the present time.

Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible neurological disease of gradual onset. To the extent their condition allows, physical exercise and social activity are important, as are proper nutrition and health maintenance. A calm, well-structured environment and routine life-style may help the diagnosed person to maintain as much independence and dignity as possible. Walking is an inexpensive exercise that improves the quality of life by enhancing well being and improving physical functioning in persons compromised by poor health.

Physical exercise and social activity are important for the Alzheimer's patient. Walking is a wonderful physical activity and is an inexpensive exercise that improves the quality of life. So walk for the Health of it!

**Life's Hard Knocks Put No Dents In New Technology**

(NAPS)—Lighten up! That was the demand of consumers who felt that their laptop computers and cellular phones were just too heavy.



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**CAPITOL COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

**TEXANS SPLIT ON INTERNET TAX**

Last fall I asked Texans their opinion on whether sales made over the Internet should be taxed the same way goods are taxed in a retail establishment.

The question was: "Items sold over the Internet are not subject to sales tax. That gives the Internet an advantage over regular 'brick-and-mortar' stores. Some think the playing field should be made more even because states depend on tax revenue from store-bought items. If the Internet takes business away from stores, it will shrink state tax revenue. That is a problem for states like Texas that have no state income tax.

"Others believe that subjecting Internet sales to a retail tax should not be allowed. What do you think should be done?"

When we tallied your responses, 56 percent of you were in favor of taxing sales over the Internet, while 43 percent said leave Internet sales untaxed. Here are some of your comments:

From Houston: "It is imperative to our state and local governments that they receive sales tax revenues from all sources of goods sold, including those purchased on the Internet. In fact, taxing all goods equally will keep our sales tax rate low and allow Texans to avoid a state income tax. Texas is in the best position to determine what exemptions should be awarded, and for what time period."

Amarillo: "The Internet and its supporting high technology industries should be allowed to grow unabated by the inhibiting restrictions of taxes, particularly a tax in Internet sales."

Lubbock: "Tax Internet sales, but start slowly and impose this tax incrementally."

Austin: "It is unfair to exempt Internet sales from the sales tax. I think this is a scam to avoid paying local taxes."

Temple: "The Internet industry is developing technology which has the potential to bring great benefits to our nation. A democratic, free-market society needs to be free from as many government restrictions as possible, otherwise we run the risk of suppressing the growth of many of our most vital businesses."

Abilene: "Not taxing Internet sales is unfair to the hundreds of thousands of retail operations that pay property taxes, employment taxes and yes, sales taxes. The e-commerce retailer immediately has a 6 percent to 9 percent (or more) advantage over the local retailer because of not having to pay sales tax. In the competitive retail world, that advantage can be the deciding factor for who makes the sale."

Georgetown: "This industry is growing internationally at such a rapid pace that restrictions such as taxes would severely handicap our country and allow other technologically advanced nations to surpass the United States in these highly competitive markets."

McKinney: "Internet commerce is going to play a significant role in the way business is conducted, but it doesn't need any special consideration such as freedom from taxes."

Amarillo: "If we don't need the funds provided by the sales tax, then why not do away with the sales tax entirely, regardless of where or how the sale is made?"

Midland: "Please vote against this. We have enough taxation already."

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES**

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section  
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
P.O. Box 12967  
Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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| <b>Anton</b>                       | <b>Littlefield</b> | <b>Ransom Canyon</b>      |
| <b>Big Spring</b>                  | <b>Lockney</b>     | <b>Ropesville</b>         |
| <b>Bovina</b>                      | <b>Lorenzo</b>     | <b>Seagraves</b>          |
| <b>Brownfield</b>                  | <b>Los Ybabez</b>  | <b>Seminole</b>           |
| <b>Buffalo Springs Lake Canyon</b> | <b>Lubbock*</b>    | <b>Shallowater</b>        |
| <b>Coahoma</b>                     | <b>Meadow</b>      | <b>Silverton</b>          |
| <b>Crosbyton</b>                   | <b>Midland</b>     | <b>Slaton</b>             |
| <b>Dimmitt</b>                     | <b>Muleshoe</b>    | <b>Smyer</b>              |
| <b>Earth</b>                       | <b>Nazareth</b>    | <b>Springlake</b>         |
| <b>Edmonson</b>                    | <b>New Deal</b>    | <b>Stanton</b>            |
| <b>Floydada</b>                    | <b>New Home</b>    | <b>Sudan</b>              |
| <b>Forsan</b>                      | <b>Odessa*</b>     | <b>Tahoka</b>             |
| <b>Friona</b>                      | <b>O'Donnell</b>   | <b>Timbercreek Canyon</b> |
| <b>Hale Center</b>                 | <b>Olton</b>       | <b>Tulia</b>              |
| <b>Happy</b>                       | <b>Opdyke West</b> | <b>Turkey</b>             |
| <b>Hart</b>                        | <b>Palisades</b>   | <b>Vega</b>               |
| <b>Hereford</b>                    | <b>Pampa</b>       | <b>Wellman</b>            |
| <b>Idalou</b>                      | <b>Panhandle</b>   | <b>Wilson</b>             |
| <b>Kress</b>                       | <b>Petersburg</b>  | <b>Wolfforth</b>          |
| <b>Lake Tanglewood</b>             | <b>Plainview</b>   |                           |
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**Briscoe County News**

## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**April 26, 1990--**Tornadoes sighted northeast of Silverton Monday . . . Little Wrangler Rodeo set for Saturday, May 19 . . . Larry Ward appointed Postmaster here . . . Funeral services conducted for Homer Ray Stephens, 77; Alvin Lee Redin, 93, and Rev. James Futch, 63 . . . March of Time Study Club to sponsor library silver tea . . . Riley Harris was treated for pneumonia in a hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona last week . . . Ashel and Mildred McDaniel enjoyed having their children and grandchildren home on Easter Sunday . . . Jana Michelle Kitchens, daughter of Joe and Carolyn Kitchens, will be graduating with the Class of 1990 from Pampa High School . . . A new home-based business, Unique Temptations, is open in Quitaque under the direction of Linda Stark and Susan Young . . . Church of Christ entertains seniors at Mexican Stack lunch . . .

**April 24, 1980--**Staci Mayfield placed second in the mile run at the regional meet Saturday with a time of 5:40.1. "This was the best time Staci has ever gotten in the mile," said Coach Sally Wulbrecht. This qualifies Staci for state competition . . . Mark Brown qualified for the regional tennis tournament by winning first place in the district meet held in Canyon. Scott Bowman won first place in the junior varsity division. Mike Cornett and Nicky McJimsey won their first-round match, but lost in the second round of varsity doubles. There will be a playoff for first and second place between the doubles teams of Casey Bean and Kyle Couch and Bill Settle and Brandon Jarrett . . . D. E. (Buddy) Travis, who recently resigned as basketball coach at Grayson County College to return to Silverton High School as head boys basketball coach, joined some elite company Saturday at the annual Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame luncheon. Travis, 48, was presented the Jerry Smith Award, honoring a "junior college person who has made outstanding contributions to athletics" . . . Shelly Harris was runner-up in the Bob Wills Day Queen contest Saturday. Also taking part from Silverton was Stacey Robertson . . . Berton Hughes will retire Saturday after having worked for Phillips "66" in Silverton for 40 years . . .

**April 9, 1970--**Three incumbents, Charles Sarchet, who polled 77 votes; H. A. Cagle, 76, and Troy Jones, 70, were re-elected to the Silverton City Council Saturday. Write-in votes were cast for Dee McWilliams, Alvin Redin and Robert Hill. The two incumbents for the Silverton ISD board of trustees were re-elected. They are Pat Northcutt, who received 132 votes, and L. B. Garvin, jr., 128. Write-in votes were cast for Billy Cogdell, Wanda Strange, Robert McPherson, Betty Bomar and Beryl Long . . . Debra Cantwell, Sharon Jarrett, Becky Francis, Lesa Francis and Mary Chris Cantwell participate in District 24-H Food Show . . . Four Student Council officers, Steve Brown, Alvin May, Cathy Jones and Lanis Davis, are leaving today to attend the Student Council Convention in Austin . . .

**April 21, 1960--**James Clemmer is the winner of the District Fort Worth Press Soil Conservation Essay award. The essay went on to win first place in Area I which covers fifty counties. It is estimated that some 5,000 essays were submitted for judging in the Area . . . Death claims long-time Briscoe County resident, C. R. Badgett . . . Jene Montague of Plainview spent Monday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin May, Larry, Sheryl and Thurman spent a long weekend in Lubbock . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wilson spent Sunday here with home folks . . . Diane Fogerson, Jack Mayfield wed in double-ring ceremony April 14 . . . Mrs. Grace Cox and Latresa and Berton Hughes were in Amarillo Friday. Berton went for a checkup on injuries he received some time ago in an accident . . .

**April 20, 1950--**In their first conference game, the Silverton owls defeated the Flomot Longhorns 14-2. Donald Rhea started on the mound for the owls and allowed no hits in five innings. At this point, Milton Thornton took a turn on the mound and allowed only one hit. Billie Ray Satterfield then took the mound and pitched good ball. Leading stickmen for Silverton were Donald Rhea with a double and two singles; Robert McPherson, with a single and a triple; and Darrell McWilliams with three singles. Milton Thornton knocked a booming home run . . . Matched roping announced for April 23 here . . . Miss Bettye Cantrell wed to Rudell James Wednesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Francis, Dale and Garland spent the weekend in Amarillo and attended the ice follies Friday night . . .

**May 23, 1946--**Dee McWilliams seeks County Clerk's office . . . Senior Class officers are Bobby McWilliams, president; Erma Lee May, vice president; Betty Nan Burson, secretary . . . Due to the many storms down state and the incidence of infantile paralysis in San Antonio, members of the senior class have changed the itinerary of their trip. The annual trip will be made to points in New Mexico and Colorado . . . Residents of the Wallace community defeated a proposal to consolidate with the Silverton Independent School District in the election held last Saturday . . . Ann Brown and Dale Francis have been quite ill with measles this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Holt at Kress Sunday . . . George Long, radioman third class, is expected to arrive in Silverton on Monday, according to word received by his parents . . . The R. C. Hutsell family moved to its home in the Haylake community last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Helvey McMurtry have moved into their new home in north Silverton . . . Mrs. Lee D. Bomar in charge of program for Business Women's Circle of First Baptist church . . . Clynell Manemma Hutsell marries James M. Tidwell . . . Ted Childress is home from the Army Air Corps after serving 25 months and 14 days . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arnold attended the Old Settlers' Reunion in Plainview Saturday afternoon . . .

**February 27, 1930--**Connected sidewalk system begins . . . Chinese Elm trees bought for school . . . Palace Theatre will be merged into the Southwestern Amusement Company and talking-picture equipment will be installed in the Silverton house within the near future . . . Rev. R. P. Davis, who was recently severely injured in an auto accident while on his way to Oklahoma, has been taken to a Floydada hospital for special care . . . A. C. Wimberly has just shipped in two cars of three-year-old registered Hereford heifers, which he will keep on his home place in the southwest part of the county . . . A dinner and bridge

party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Graham at their home Friday night to a large number of friends . . . The high school senior class was entertained in the home of Mrs. C. C. Blackwell February 17 with a Valentine party, with Graham Chandler as host to his classmates. Cake and chocolate were served to Lallie Haynes, Geraldine Biffle, Christine Bundy, Bonnie Mae Walling, Mildred Jackson, Fadean Lee, Sudie Lee Foust, Jonnie Bundy, Ray Murphy, Albert Dickenson, Herbert Davis, Kemp Thompson, Fred Biffle, Haynes McClendon, Phillip Murphy and Hoyt Hill . . .

## Silverton Students To Have Early Outs in May

Silverton students will have several early outs during May. These will be on May 5, 12 and 19, and on these Fridays school will be dismissed at 1:15 p.m.

## Happy Anniversary-

April 27--Mr. and Mrs. Casey Bean  
April 28--Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McGavock  
May 1--Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Stephens

# Silverton Boy Scouts

will be serving

## Mesquite-Grilled Hamburgers

with all the trimmings

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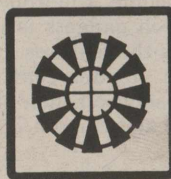
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## Clip and Save These Tips — They Can Save Your Life

### Tornado Safety Rules

Decide in advance on a primary and secondary shelter. A storm cellar is best; there is no universal protection against tornadoes except underground facilities. There are no public tornado shelters in Castro County.

If you can't get to your primary shelter in time, then go to your secondary shelter.

In cities and towns, a tornado alert is signaled by a long, sustained blast of the fire siren. Safety officials will try to sound the alert in time for you to reach shelter.

#### IN HOMES:

—Go to the storm cellar or basement and get under something sturdy.

—If an underground shelter is not available, go to an interior, well-braced room that does not have windows. Closets, bathrooms and hallways are usually best.

—Wrap yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress for protection against flying glass and debris.

#### IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND MULTI-STORY OFFICE BUILDINGS:

—Seek shelter in the basement or on the lowest floor, in an interior room—the smaller the better. Stay away from windows.

#### IN MOBILE HOMES:

—Abandon the mobile home and go to the nearest shelter or permanent building.

—If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head.

#### IN SCHOOLS:

—If school building is of strongly reinforced construction, stay

inside, away from windows. Remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. **AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS**—they usually have poorly supported roofs!

#### IN FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS:

On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection and least hazard.

#### IN VEHICLES:

—Get out of the vehicle and go to the nearest shelter area.

—Lie flat in a ditch or low place if shelter is unavailable.

—Do not attempt to outrun the tornado.

#### IN OPEN COUNTRY:

—Lie flat in the lowest area possible—such as a ditch or ravine—and cover your head.

#### IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:

—Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

—Remember, even though a warning has been issued, the chances of a tornado striking your particular home or location are still slight. A tornado's path is relatively narrow, and sturdy structures are seldom totally demolished. But give yourself every advantage you can.

—Stay tuned to your radio or TV station for latest tornado advisory information. If you have a scanner radio, keep it with you. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, because your individual request may tie up phone lines that are urgently needed to relay advisories to radio and TV stations in the critical area.

### Lightning Storm Safety Rules

—Move indoors immediately.

—Do not use hand-held electrical appliances, including the telephone, except for emergencies.

—Stay away from windows, doors, chimneys and other connections to the outside.

—Do not bathe or take a shower until the storm passes.

—Do not allow children to play outdoors during a thunderstorm.

#### IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

—Stay away from isolated tall objects and structures, including trees.

—Avoid open areas that will cause you to project above the surrounding land surface.

—Do not stand near wire fences, clotheslines, pipes or other metal surfaces which could conduct the lightning current from a distance.

—If you are in your car, stay there—it offers excellent protection.

—Stay away from tractors and farm equipment.

—In a forest or wooded area, get under a group of SMALL trees.

#### ON THE GOLF COURSE:

—Put down clubs, remove spiked shoes and head for a shelter.

—Avoid open areas and trees.

—Move away from golf carts.

#### NEAR WATER:

—If swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a shelter.

—Boaters should head for shore immediately.

—Fishermen should put down rods and move away from the water.

#### IN ANY LOCATION:

—Regardless of your location, a tingling sensation on your skin or hair standing on end may indicate that lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees immediately but do not lie flat on the ground.

—A person struck by lightning may sometimes be revived with prompt first aid treatment. Administer CPR on victims until qualified medical help arrives.

### Tornado Facts

April, May and June are the peak months of tornado activity.

Most tornadoes touch down in the late afternoon or early evening, between 3 p.m. and midnight.

The average tornado is on the ground for less than 15 minutes, travels about 6 miles, and moves at a rate close to 30 mph.

Tornadoes usually form in the southwestern quadrant of a severe thunderstorm.

Weak tornadoes may be only a few yards wide and contain winds less than 75 mph, but the most intense tornadoes may be more than a mile wide with winds approaching 300 mph.

Depending on the available light, a tornado funnel may appear almost black in color or sometimes nearly pure white.

Large hail sometimes (but not always) precedes a tornado.

Most tornadoes rotate in a counterclockwise direction.

A funnel-shaped cloud does not need to extend all the way down to ground level to cause a tornado. If debris is sighted whirling at ground level beneath a funnel, a dangerous tornado is in progress.

Authorities now say that you should NOT open windows when a tornado approaches.

The worst tornado in Briscoe County history was the Silverton tornado on May 15, 1957, which killed 21. Since that time, there have been several tornadoes in Silverton and the rural area, with the worst killing four members of a ranch family.

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