

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The Silverton Swimming Pool plans to open Friday, June 2. Hours will be Tuesday - Saturday, 1:00 - 7:00, and Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00.

Dues will be \$150.00 for the summer. These may be paid in two installments of \$75.00 June 2 and July 1.

If you have any questions, please call Missy Forbes, 847-2257, or Kyle Fuston, 823-2289.

Pool parties will be \$40.00.

RNR/Rural Nurse Resource, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will sponsor a Certified Nurse Aide Class. These classes will train individuals to care for patients in the Nursing Home, hospice, Home Health and private care setting. The evening course will begin on Tuesday, June 6, 2000. To receive an application packet or for more information, call RNR's office at 806-983-8096.

The Plainview Community Concert Association invites the citizens of Silverton and Quitaque to join the Association and share five great performances with their Plainview neighbors at very affordable prices.

Lineup for 2000-2001 and PCCA's 56th concert season includes Joe Burgstaller, trumpet, Thursday, October 5; Alborado, the Batista Family Andean Show, Monday, November 6; Three hits and a Miss, Saturday, January 20, 2001; Roslyn Kind, pop-vocalist, Saturday, February 10; and I Love New York and the Lights of Broadway, Company of 7, Tuesday, March 20.

All concerts will be in the Herral Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance is by subscription only. Prices for the five-concert series are: Adult, \$30; Student, (including college students) \$10; Family, \$70; Single-parent family, \$40. Family includes parents and all children 18 and under.

If interested, you may call Johnnie Rogers, 455-1160, in Quitaque.

Cancer Society Sponsoring a Game Night

The local chapter of the American Cancer Society is sponsoring a game night at the First State Bank Thursday night, June 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Games to be played are "42," dominoes and chicken foot.

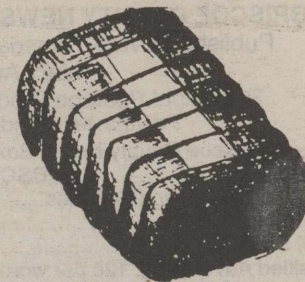
Donations to the American Cancer Society will be your entry fee.

Prizes will be awarded.

Co-ed Softball League Planned

Co-ed Softball League every Sunday night at 7:15. Everyone is welcome. Call Jay Stinson for details, 823-2149.

**Silverton School
Homecoming
Saturday, August 12**



Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2000

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Briscoe County 4-H Shooting Sports Club--(back row, left to right) Ory Johnson, E. J. Ivory, Tyler Reed, Drew Reed, Landon Fisher; (front row) Thor Patton, Calvin Daugherty, Cody Daugherty, Tori Patton, Teah Patton, Shawn Johnson. Not pictured are Zack Burson, Dusty Burson and True Burson.

Shooting Sports Club Competes For Awards on County Level

by Brandon McGinty
Briscoe County Extension Agent-Ag

The Briscoe County Shooting Sports club met May 6, 2000 to compete at the county level for Shooting Awards. Fourteen Briscoe County 4-H members participated in the six-week long activity, and met Monday afternoons at Bryan and Lana Burson's to practice shooting.

The 4-H members learned about gun safety, proper handling of guns, shooting positions, and how to score their targets. May 6, all 4-H members participated in three rounds of competition, high score on ten targets, most paintballs hit, and a bonus shot for all for a bonus prize.

Winners for the high score on ten targets were Tyler Reed, E. J. Ivory and Shawn Johnson. For most paintballs hit were Tyler Reed, E. J. Ivory and Shawn Johnson. The winner of the bonus prize was Calvin Daugherty.

All participants ate hot dogs and received their awards at the home of Ted and Jennifer Daugherty. Leaders Mark Patton and Ted Daugherty were given caps as well as all participants. Caps were donated by Rex and Dorothy Johnson and Johnson's Gin, Ted and Jennifer Daugherty and Mark and Derinda Patton.

I would like to congratulate all of the participants and give a big "thank you" to all the parents and leaders who help make programs like these possible through 4-H. Have a great summer!

Briscoe County 4-H Horse Club

"We will be starting the Horse Club on Monday, June 5, 2000 at Wood memorial Rodeo Arena in Silverton," said County Extension Agent-Ag Brandon McGinty.

"We will have Dr. Finch there starting at 4:00 p.m. to administer Coggins tests for all horses. I do not know the cost of the test, but it will be approximately the same as last year," McGinty said.

Please put this date on your calendar. "We look forward to seeing you Monday, June 5," the County Extension Agent said.

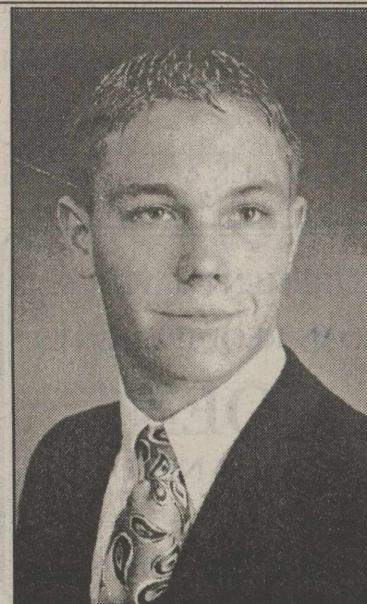
If you have any questions, please contact McGinty at 823-2131.

Athletic Physicals

Athletic physicals have been scheduled for 1:30 until 6:00 p.m. August 4 in the field house at Silverton ISD.

Summer School Starts Here June 5

Summer school in the Silverton Independent School District begins Monday, June 5.



Jordan Sarchet

Former Silverton Student is Tahoka Valedictorian

Jordan Blake Sarchet, son of Ken Sarchet of Three Rivers and Jonann Sandvig of Rowlett, is valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class of Tahoka High School. He has been a student there since transferring from Silverton High School three years ago. He posted a four-year scholastic average of 98.29.

Brady Raindl is salutatorian of the Class of 2000, having earned a 96.67 average. The Tahoka Class of 2000 had 49 members.

In a recent assembly program,

Jamboree Set To Go Saturday Night

Another really big Caprock Jamboree show is set to go on stage at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Entertainers who will be taking part on the show are Jenny McLaughlin, The Country Sounds, Calvary, Gene Barnett and Blue Denim II.

The Silverton summer baseball league will be serving mesquite-grilled hamburgers at 6:00 p.m. You can help these kids with their summer sports program by eating with them Saturday night.

No admission is charged, and you won't find another good evening of family entertainment for this price.

Bring a folding chair for your comfort, if you have one; if you don't have a chair to bring, one will be provided for you.

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the Center.

Those with June birthdays will be honored. Hosting the party will be those with May birthdays.

Sarchet was presented awards in Speech Communication, AP Calculus, World History and Spanish III. He received several scholarships including one from the Tahoka Methodist Church and a local scholarship given annually to the valedictorian which was in the amount of \$3,100 this year.

He played basketball for the Bulldogs and recently was named to the TABC academic all-state team. He won third in the district in doubles as a junior and third in the district in singles this year.

His UIL current events team won first in the district and competed on the Regional level earlier this year.

He was a flight crew member of the Texas Fly High Class of 2000, and plans to enter Texas Tech University this summer to major in psychology.

Among those attending the graduation exercises were Ken Sarchet and Cindy Talbot, Three Rivers; Randy, Jonann, Abby and Maddie Sandvig and Molly Sarchet of Rowlett; Beverly and Noel Howard of Amarillo; Brandon Sarchet and Melody Ragland, Lubbock; Rhonda Farnan and Johnnie Rogers, Quitaque; Charles and Mary Ann Sarchet of Silverton.

**Briscoe County
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Celebration
Coming
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Garage Sale Saturday Starts 8:30 at 201 Braidfoot. Love Seat, Hide-a-bed, TV, Young Girls and Little Boys Clothes. 22-1tp

Adults and Childrens Clothes, Shoes, Toys, Knicknacks, Video Tapes, Books, etc. 9-5 Three miles west of Silverton. Shana Strange. No early sales. 22-1tc

June 3, 7:00 - ? Sale inside big shop. Three mi. W. Quitaque, Hwy. 86. Individuals and dealers welcome. Garden tools, linens, clothing, dishes, toys, lamps, furniture incl. chairs, pie safe, Ethan Allen table, armoire, occ. tables, lots collectibles and misc. 455-1261. 22-1tp

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Silverton is seeking to select a qualified, Texas state-registered engineering firm with whom to enter into an engineering services contract upon notice of receipt of funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Contract services would include the preparation of any preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and conducting all necessary interim and final inspections for any Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs-funded projects over a period of the next three years.

A copy of the Request for Proposal for Services may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Karen Metzger, (806) 372-3381. A statement of qualifications for these proposed services will be required. Please submit your proposal and statement of qualifications to Karen Metzger, Local Government Services Program Coordinator, at the above address.

Completed proposals must be received by the PRPC no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2000, to be considered. The City of Silverton reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102.

The City of Silverton is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. 22-1tc

CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank all the wonderful people of Silverton, Quitaque, Plainview and elsewhere, who showed so much love and concern for us in the loss of our beloved Mother and Grandmother. May God bless each and every one who sent cards, food, flowers, and other gifts of love. You will be in our hearts and our prayers always. A very special thank-you to Father Ed Graff for the beautiful funeral mass.

The families of Joe Valdez, Earnest Valdez, Charlie Valdez, Albert Valdez, Delia Cabello, Mary E. Adame, Adelmira (Willie) Ramirez and Clara Ramirez (deceased).

Happy Birthday--

June 1--Lee Clay, Claudine May
June 2--Alvie Francis, Lydia Deleon, Christine King, Kara Kingery
June 3--Brit Parker, Glenda Couch, Donna Copeland

June 4--Crystal Storie, Steven Jasper, Lee Ann Nuckols, Holly Nance, Jackie Davis, Pete Hoyt, Katy Perkins
June 5--Jo Bidwell, Greg Culwell, Dwain Henderson, Lena Hubbard, Lana Patino

June 6--Tanner Wayne Cartrite, Patricia McJimsey, Norberto Garcia
June 7--Cord Griffin, Mark

Happy Anniversary-

June 1--Mr. and Mrs. Brent Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Davis
June 2--Mr. and Mrs. Roger Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Hand Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chappell
June 3--Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stafford
June 4--Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill
June 5--Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kingery, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Davis
June 6--Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Don Ledbetter
June 7--Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rampley, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Culwell
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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 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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SUNDAY:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
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.

**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.

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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.

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OF THE FIRST BORN**
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Armando Davalia, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 p.m.

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

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

God Loves You



It is such a comfort to know that no one loves us more than our Heavenly Father. God loves us and He wants us to know that we are never alone in this world. We may feel that everyone is against us and that no one cares what happens to us. However, sometimes we encounter problems or setbacks in our lives, we must have the faith to trust that God is always with us and cares about us.

Regardless of the outcome of our various problems, we should know that with faith in Christ we will always be victorious. The Bible is the inspired word of God and it tells us that we should live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us (Ephessians 5:2). Also, God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). God truly loves us and He created us to love Him in return. He wants us to be happy with Him in this world, and to spend eternity with Him in the next.

*... the Father himself loves you. He loves you
because you love me and have believed
that I came from God.*

Good News Bible John 16:27

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Obituary

NINFA VALDEZ

Funeral mass for Ninfa Valdez, 86, of Plainview was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2000 at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church in Silverton. Father Ed Graff officiated.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque by Myers-Long Funeral Directors. Rosary services were conducted at 7:00 p.m. Friday at Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Ninfa Valdez was born August 16, 1913 in San Angelo. She passed away May 24, 2000- in Plainview.

She married Jesse Valdez April 1, 1934 in San Angelo. He preceded her in death in 1963. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Clara Ramirez.

She was a former member of Our

Lady of Loreto Catholic Church where she served as a member of the Altar Society. When she moved to Plainview she became a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she served as a Communion Minister. She was active in volunteer work and was a member of RSVP in Plainview.

Survivors include four sons, Joe Valdez of Quitaque, Ernest Valdez of Shallowater, Charlie Valdez of Minnesota and Albert Valdez of Houston; three daughters, Delia Cabello of Carrollton, Mary Lena Adame of Plainview and Adelmira (Willie) Ramirez of Silverton; a brother, John Rodriguez of San Angelo; a sister, Mary Navarro of San Angelo; 38 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Paul Cabello, jr., Jesse Chavira, David Valdez, Jesse Reyes, Joe Ramirez, Dimas Adame, Arnold Valdez and Rene Valdez. Honorary pallbearers were Michael Ramos, Sgt. Frank Ramirez, jr., Tony Valdez, Christopher Ramirez, Albert Chavira, jr., Richard Adame, Edward Valdez and David Ramos, jr.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, June 1--Game Night in Pioneer Room benefitting American Cancer Society

Monday, June 5--Summer School Begins

Friday, August 4--Athletic Physicals, 1:30 to 6:00 p.m., Field House

Friday, July 21--Immunization Clinic, School Nurse's Office



Winnie and Glenn Smith

Smiths Honored on 60th Wedding Anniversary May 25

Glenn and Winnie Smith were honored on their sixtieth wedding anniversary with a cook-out at their home on Thursday, May 25. They were married in Matador May 25, 1940. Their attendants were Donie and Ola Hester, aunt and uncle of the groom. Also attending their wedding was Buck Thomas, brother of the bride.

Those attending their anniversary party were the honorees and Donnie and Sandy Perkins, Becky, Danny and Ami Dunn, Bronc, Amy, Butler and Forrest Otis, Terry and Ann West; Brad, Jeannine and J. T. West, Lynn and Connie Smith, Jeff, Sonya, Derrick and Gavin Smith, Chris, Kristi and Harley Wadlow, and Ruby Hester, all of Silverton; Brian, Christy, Brianna, Emily and Addison West and Inez Richardson, all of Tulia.

Anniversary cake and punch, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and dips were enjoyed by all of those attending.

Arnold Brown has twenty-five youth cultivating one-acre raised-bed gardens.

Youth Learning Business Skills in City Farming

Brandon McGinty
County Extension Agent-Ag

A list of top career opportunities in Houston may not include vegetable farming; however, agribusiness is providing a valuable learning experience for participants of the Youth Entrepreneurship Program. The Houston program encourages youth to start a business by teaching them how to select a product and write a business plan. This

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Rock Creek Church of Christ

WEATHER

24-HOUR MAY READINGS,

6:00 a.m.

	High	Low	Precip.
1	69	48	.11
2	66	44	
3	66	46	.04
4	74	44	
5	74	48	
6	84	59	
7	99	60	
8	97	66	
9	86	53	
10	74	52	
11	98	57	
12	99	63	
13	73	47	
14	70	48	
15	81	52	
16	98	57	
17	99	69	
18	88	56	
19	76	48	
20	67	46	
21	81	52	.19
22	89	53	.40
23	98	64	
24	104	65	
25	107	63	
26	77	58	.06
27	94	56	
28	84	56	
29	91	57	
30	96	64	

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

May 31, 1990--Matthew Kast of Hartley has been named the new District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Silverton. Originally from Fredericksburg where he grew up on a registered Hereford Ranch, he attended Texas A&M University and was graduated in 1984 with a degree in range science... Love gift started for Dwight and Debbie Rice at First State Bank to help defray the family's expenses of having their son in critical condition for so many days. Christopher is continuing to improve following surgery for a ruptured appendix... Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tidwell to be honored on fortieth wedding anniversary... In honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Murry and Johnnie Morrison, their children will host a reception at the Church of Christ in Quitaque Sunday...

May 29, 1980--Unveiling of Texas Historical marker set for Reeves Post Office Sunday... Verlin Towe made a hole in one while playing golf at the Monte Cristo Country Club in Edinburg, Texas... Among those receiving degrees in the spring commencement exercises held for West Texas State University are Michelle McDonough Francis, who received the master of science degree from the Graduate School; Suzette Fitzgerald Cantrell and Mikel D. Griffin, bachelor of science degrees from the School of Agriculture; Susie Parker, bachelor of general studies degree from the College of Arts and Sciences; Nanette Fitzgerald, Joni Douglas Mayfield, Ruth Ann Cline Scrivner, bachelor of science degrees from the College of Education; Sue Lynn Whitfill, bachelor of science degree from the School of Nursing... Bill Denton and Mark Brown are recipients of the Owl Pride Award, which takes into consideration the boys' participation in all school activities, dedication and scholarship...

May 14, 1970--Gary Martin is valedictorian with scholastic average of 94.85, and Max Hamilton is salutatorian with a four-year average of 91.82... Judo Tournament to be held Saturday at local gym... Barry Francis, with a two-year average of 95.744, is valedictorian of the eighth grade class, and Wendell Hardin, with a grade of 95.625, is salutatorian... The FFA Grass Judging Team, which won first place in district competition on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, is made up of Cris Gill, Art Hamilton and Walter Welch, with Terry Culwell as the team alternate... The FFA Livestock Judging Team, made up of Monty Teeple, Ricky Stephens and Ronny Vaughan, placed fifth in district competition... Marvin Self, a sophomore in Silverton High School, was a participant in the shot put event at the State Class A Track and Field Meet held in Austin last weekend. Self put the shot 48' to win the District Meet, placed second at Regional, and got off one of his best throws--51 9 1/2"--to place seventh in the State Meet...

May 26, 1960--Yvonne Wise and Melvin Carter are honor graduates at Quitaque High School. Miss Wise finished with a four-year average of

93.08, and Mr. Carter posted a 92.30... Miss Anna Lee Anderson honored by friends and students with a "This Is Your Life" program... Silverton goes down to Umbarger, 4-7. Bill Satterfield did a beautiful job on the mound, giving up only four hits to the eighth. Gail Bullock relieved Bill and held them scoreless until the eleventh, when Umbarger scored three runs... J. R. (Bud) Minyard, who has been ill for a long time, underwent surgery at Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman recently... Glen Tomlin of Stockton, California has been here for several days working with Shellie Tomlin on the gins here and at Byers...

May 25, 1950--Perry Whittemore, vice-president and cashier of the First State Bank in Silverton, announced Wednesday that the bank had let a contract for the erection of a modern bank building to be 25x100 feet in size and located at the corner of Main and Commerce streets facing east on Main Street... William E. Autry, jr. is promoted to corporal while serving in Germany... The senior class of Silverton High School left Friday night immediately after graduation on their trip to New Orleans and other places of interest... Mrs. T. R. Whiteside said this week that she had traded her home in Silverton to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wimberly for their residence... Rock Creek Club met with Mrs. W. W. Reid. Members present were Mmes. Ruby McWaters, Margie Turner, W. A. Reid, Verna Allison, Eula Shelton, H. L. McWaters and Juanita Stephens. Visitors were Mmes. Hazel Johnson, Lola Shipman and Lillian Kesler...

July 11, 1946--Good rain and some hail fell in Silverton Wednesday... Charles Coleman Garrison receives Navy discharge... Joe Brooks purchases Texaco Service Station from Johnnie Quillen... Briscoe County lost 14 boys during second World War: Charles L. Babcock, Siprano Chavez, Jewell G. Chessir, Willie H. Everhart, Joseph E. Haynes, George P. James, Watkins Mayo, Jay D. McCutchen, Charlie McWilliams, Jack Powell, Edrow R. Singletary, Alton B. Walker, Charlie H. Williamson and Cecil Young... Wayne McMurtry spent the Fourth with his uncle, Charlie McMurtry, at Clarendon... Jackie Williams and Dee Ann Upton, who have been visiting in the home of Mary Tom Bomar, left Tuesday for their home in Fort Worth... Mrs. Mary Daniels spent several days visiting in the Clarence Anderson home... Miss Eudean Watters and Virgil Vaughn Crow were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at 3:30 at the First Baptist parsonage. The couple will make their home in the Haylake community... H. Roy Brown, James Roy Brown and Mmes. Brown, Sams and Simpson were in Tulia shopping Friday...

March 20, 1930--Will Donnell, former Commissioner, has a splendid example of diversified farming with many cash crops and expects to produce 1,000 pullets during the year... An air circus will be scheduled for Silverton as soon as Bland Burson, L. L. McAnaw and John Bain, airplane committee, are able to work out the

details... Mr. and Mrs. Veral Vaughan were weekend visitors in the Milton Perry home... Reginald Riddell, W. H. Brooks and Wade Welch were Sunday visitors in the Raymond Lowery home... A. T. Brooks, jr. visited Dee McWilliams Sunday... Mmes. W. E. Redin and Ione Brown were callers in the U. D. Brown home Sunday afternoon... Chester Strickland, principal of the grade school, was a visitor in Quitaque Saturday... C. B. Shrewsbury, T. L. Anderson, A. J. Askey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McClendon and Mrs. Clay Fowler attended the funeral of Mrs. Harrison Askey in Kress Wednesday... Syres Puckett

from the McMurtry ranch turned his car over returning from Colorado Tuesday of last week. Heavy snow was the cause of the accident. His mother was badly crippled. They had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. John McClendon... Relatives of Hoyse McMurtry are grieved to learn that he is sick in Lubbock with scarlet fever...

When a piece of music is meant to be played estinto, it should be played so softly that it can hardly be heard.

The triangular area between the sides of two adjacent arches is called a spandrel.

One man that has a mind and knows it can always beat ten men who haven't and don't.

--George Bernard Shaw

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--Walter Pater

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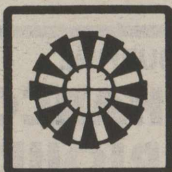
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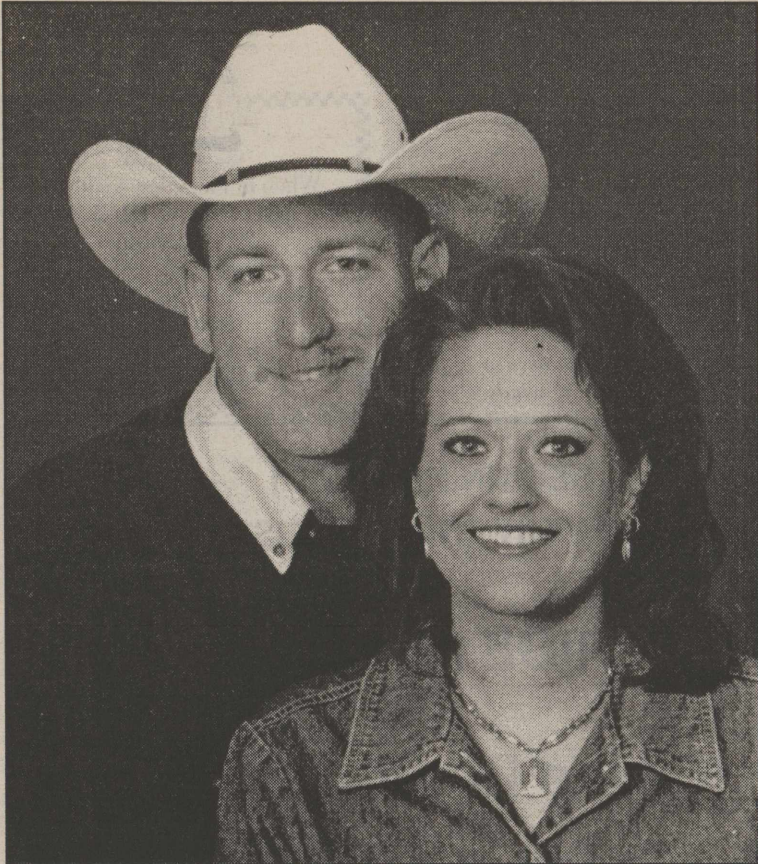
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Couple to Marry Here July 15, 2000

Dwight and Anita Ramsey of Silverton are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kayla DeAnn, to William Timothy Miller, son of Keith Miller of Erick, Oklahoma and Mary Miller of Lubbock, Texas.

The couple will be married at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Miss Ramsey is a graduate of Silverton high school. Her fiancé is a graduate of Hydro High School in Hydro, Oklahoma.

Both are currently employed by The Department of Criminal Justice.

Tough Road is Facing Growers

Rain and hail visited the Texas High Plains May 25 and the end results can best be described as mixed.

The vast majority of the area that saw stormy weather received less than three-fourths inch of total moisture with most of that acreage getting between one-quarter to one-half an inch altogether.

The isolated areas that did receive more than one inch of rain were also the areas that generally received the lion's-share of hail as well.

Several tornadoes and golf-ball-sized hail did little benefit either structures or tender young cotton plants.

The bottom line is that the storms coverage was not nearly as widespread as many would have liked and that more will be needed to get the majority of the non-irrigated acres off to any kind of start at all.

Irrigated cotton also needs some help as high temperatures and dry winds have stripped much of the moisture from the 8-12 inches of topsoil.

Homing pigeons, a special breed of pigeon developed for racing and carrying messages, are sometimes called homers.

The bandanna is so-called from a hindi word, bandhnu, describing a method of dyeing the cloth.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Don't forget two 2,4-DB Application and Use Management workshops have been scheduled for June 5 and 6. The targeted participants include cotton and peanut producers, commercial and private applicators, consultants, agri-chemical dealers and distributors.

The main focus of the meeting will be learning how to apply 2,4-DB properly and how to manage and minimize off target drift that can create problems.

The first will be held at the Gaines County Civic Building, 402 NW 5th Street in Seminole on June 5. The second will be held June 6 at the American Legion Hall at the corner of 7th Street and Highways 62 & 385, in Brownfield.

Both meetings start at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude with a catered lunch. There is no registration fee for the program or lunch. Two (2) Continuing Education units will be available for those attending.

The 2000 cotton season is already underway on the High Plains.

As the season progresses, producers, crop consultants, Extension agents and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation share concerns over potential secondary pest problems.

Three eradication zones on the high plains are poised to start season-long action against cotton's primary pest, the boll weevil. Whether treatments to rid fields of boll weevil are made by individual growers or an area-wide eradication program the potential for secondary pest problems exists.

A secondary pest problem occurs when management of a major or primary pest leads to other normally minor pest insects becoming major pests themselves.

At a meeting in Abilene recently, the TBWEF Board moved toward an early warning strategy as they authorized an information exchange contract with IPM agents.

Working through Texas Pest Man-

agement Association data will be supplied to TBWEF 1-2 times per week during the 2000 growing season. The data will include scouting information from fields in up to seven IPM units on cotton boll worm, tobacco budworm, beet armyworm, aphid and other cotton pests.

Dr. Tom Fuchs, State IPM Coordinator, commented in the meeting, "This information should be very helpful to the Foundation on a matter that is of critical concern this year."

The TBWEF action was submitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture for approval.

Texas Weather Report

Rain swept across Texas this weekend, but producers have varying opinions of its benefits. District Extension director Scott Durham says rain is always welcome, but it might be too late for West Central Texas. He says the wheat crop is non-existent, and the cotton hasn't emerged yet. Even when the weather got severe, there was little threat of damage. Durham says hail didn't even have an impact, because there were virtually no crops to destroy. Southeast Texas had very beneficial rains over the weekend. The rain should be enough to carry crops through harvest in Southeast Texas.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

If you have any questions about your notice, come to the district office located in the County Courthouse (415 Main Street), Silverton, or call 806-823-2161. A protest form should be completed only if you remain dissatisfied after talking to an appraiser.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The

CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the Appraisal District Office at

415 Main, Silverton, Texas (County Courthouse)

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

Briscoe County Appraisal District, P. O. Box 728, Silverton, TX 79257
806-823-2161

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the Appraisal District or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P. O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the Appraisal Review Board approves records for the year. Contact your Appraisal District for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the Appraisal District informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you. *The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

Briscoe County Appraisal District
P. O. Box 728 415 Main Street
Silverton, Texas 79257-0728
Phone: 806-823-2161

If you believe the Appraisal District or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1.) The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

One step remains in the process to bring a comprehensive set of reforms to the Federal Crop Insurance program.

Following House passage of the Bill early May 25, the Senate approved the legislation by a vote of 91-4 to send the "Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 1999" to President Clinton for his signature.

For producers the Bill means higher premium subsidies and meaningful adjustments in the methods used to calculate Actual Production

History (aph) insurance yields and the review and adjustment of cropinsurance premium rates for all insurable crops.

RATE RELIEF

For Texas producers the re-rating process also was bolstered by the inclusion of specific language in the Conference Manager's Report urging the risk Management Agency (rma) to adopt new Multi-Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) premium rates, effective for the 2001 crop year, for cotton in Texas based on the outcome of a recent study performed by researchers at Montana State University at the request of RMA.

A similar study conducted by MSU brought about significant changes to the rates charged to cotton producers in the Mid-South and Far West regions in 2000. Preliminary results of the MSU study, reviewed at a meeting with Plains Cotton Growers earlier this year, shows some significant changes to rates in some areas of Texas and more moderate changes in other areas.

Overall, however, the MSU rates calculated for Texas would be an improvement over the current rate structure.

The Manager's Report is an accompanying document that spells out what was considered by the Conference Committee, what was finally agreed on and in certain instances defines how the final legislation should be interpreted during the implementation process.

APH ADJUSTMENT

Other provisions of the Bill include an APH adjustment procedure that should provide significant relief to producers who had multiple year crop losses.

Producers who have suffered reductions in the APH yields due to total losses and the inclusion of "zeroes" in their APH calculation will get the most significant benefit. APH yield is used to calculate total amount of insurance coverage the producer can purchase.

Under the Bill PH's will be adjusted by substituting 60 percent of the appropriate county "T" yield for any yield used in the calculation to establish APH that falls below the 60 percent of "T" threshold.

This provision provides immediate support to producers whose production history includes yields below this level. By increasing the calculated APH producers who had taken a hit on their APH's over the last few years will be able to purchase more coverage than they might otherwise have been able to qualify for.

Higher Premium Subsidies

Newly approved premium subsidy rates also will be in effect beginning with the 2001 crop year.

The first version of the Equal Rights Amendment was submitted to Congress in 1923.

You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough.

--William Blake

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Property Owners Receive 2000 Value Notices

State law requires County Appraisal Districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. On May 26, Briscoe County Appraisal District mailed property owners notices showing their 2000 proposed value.

Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser of the district, reminds property owners that the notice of appraised value is not a tax bill. "Please do not pay--this notice is not a tax bill," Mrs. Fleming said.

Mrs. Fleming emphasized the importance of the notice and the key information that it contains. "A property owner has the right to appeal to the Briscoe County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership, and other areas," she said.

The Appraisal Review Board, more commonly called the "ARB" is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling protests from property owners who disagree with some action by the Appraisal District. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest and a protest form.

What should a property owner look for on the notice? "Look at the proposed value for 2000," Mrs. Fleming said. "The notice shows the land's value and any improvement(s) value for the property for the current year." An improvement is a building, structure, fence, or any other type of fixture to the land.

The appraisal notice also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last year's value, too.

Homeowners that qualify for property tax homestead exemptions have a limitation on their home's appraised value. The Appraisal District may not increase their home value by more than 10 percent for each year since the last reappraisal year. A homeowner's reappraisal notice shows both the market value for the home and the limited home value.

Notices to property owners whose values increased more than \$500 also will include "estimated" taxes. These "estimated" taxes are based on the new taxable value using last year's tax rates. Generally, taxing units set final 2000 tax rates in August and September. Final tax amounts may vary from these "estimated" amounts.

Mrs. Fleming asks property owners to look carefully at the legal description and mailing address to be sure that there are no mistakes. "If the notice contains an old address, please let the Appraisal District know. The Post Office forwards mail to a new address for a short time only, and tax bills do not go out until October," Mrs. Fleming added.

A property owner is responsible for informing the Appraisal District of the correct mailing address. A property owner is liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill that is not paid on time.

Mrs. Fleming added, "If you did not get a notice and want 2000 information about your property, please call the Appraisal District at 806-823-2161. The general deadline for protesting the ARB is July 1.

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News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Immunization Clinic Planned Here July 21

There will be an Immunization Clinic on July 21 in the school nurse's office at school.

This will provide four-year-olds with the immunizations they will be needing for school.

The shots will include Hepatitis B and Varicella (Chickenpox), which will be mandatory next school year.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY CROP COVERAGE

Included were new provisions pertaining to the availability of insurance coverage on secondary crops. The changes will, no doubt, prove unpopular with some as they do limit the amount of indemnity that can be collected on the primary crop if a secondary crop is planted and insurance coverage purchased.

The rules basically say that if the primary crop is planted and subsequently damaged or lost the producer

has two options--plant a secondary crop with insurance coverage or without insurance coverage.

Assuming the producer goes ahead with the secondary crop the following scenarios exist according to the legislation:

(1) **Uninsured Secondary Crop.** The producer who decides to forego insurance coverage on the secondary crop will be paid 100 percent of the indemnity due for the loss of the primary crop and pay 100 percent of any premium associated with coverage of the primary crop.

(2) **Insured Secondary Crop.** Producers deciding to purchase insurance coverage on the secondary crop will only be paid 35 percent of the calculated indemnity payment for the primary crop that was lost. The remaining 65 percent will be held back pending the final outcome of the second crop.

(A) If the second crop is taken to harvest the producer would receive the remaining 65 percent of the indemnity payable from the loss of the primary crop. The producer will also be billed for 100 percent of the premium for coverage of the primary crop and 100

Other Provisions

Catastroph Risk Protection policy costs were raised from the current \$60 per crop per county level to \$100 per crop per county. Producers also will have the opportunity to select an alternative CAT coverage policy based on area yield and loss experience that might provide a higher combination of yield and price protection than the standard CAT coverage.

(B) If the secondary crop is lost or

a claim for partial damage is paid then the producer would receive 100 percent of the indemnity payable for the secondary crop and keep only the 35 percent paid for the loss of the primary crop. The producer would also pay the full cost of the insurance coverage for the secondary crop and be billed for only 35 percent of the premium calculated for the primary crop.

Each of these options carries its own set of pros and cons, with the ultimate goal being to reduce the chance of abuse of the program.

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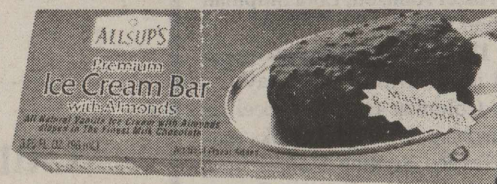
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