

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Honor rolls at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford have been announced for the 2001 fall semester. There were 697 students on the Dean's Honor Roll after completing 15 semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point average of 3.0 (B) or higher with no grade lower than a "C."

Sara Kirchoffner was among those included on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Red Ivory was chosen as the punter on the Avalanche-Journal All-South Plains Six Man Football Team. He was the only area punter to be picked as a first team all-region selection, nabbing honors with the Region 1-A squad.

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at noon at the center. Members of the Methodist Church will host the luncheon.

The cheerleaders and pep squad members will be conducting a contest at halftime of the boys basketball game Friday night. If you are interested in competing, you should contact a cheerleader or pep squad member.

Each person who receives a chance will have his/her name go into a drawing from which three names will be drawn. Each drawn will have an opportunity to hit a basket from half court, three point area and the free-throw line.

If you make the half-court shot, you will win \$20.00. If you hit from three-point area, you will receive \$15.00. If you hit from the free-throw line, you will receive \$10.00.

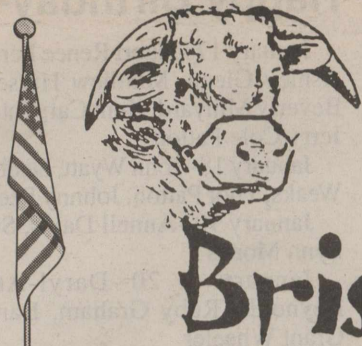
## EMT Class To Begin Soon

A new class for Emergency Medical Technicians will begin at 7:00 p.m. January 29 at the Quitaque Community Center

If you would be willing to take this class, pass state certification and donate a few hours a month to your local community, you are very much needed by the ambulance service.

The Silverton EMS is running so short on personnel that the ambulance service is in danger of ceasing to exist. If you are interested in seeing this valuable community organization continue to serve, then you must consider becoming a part of it.

If you are interested in becoming a community volunteer, please contact Anthony Kingery, 823-2434 or 823-2337, or Maria Cruz at the Quitaque City Hall, 455-1456.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2002

## Herdsman Award To Be Presented To Outstanding Exhibitor Saturday

The sixteenth annual Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award, sponsored by the Burson family, will be presented as a highlight of the Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show Saturday. The award will go to the 4-H or FFA member who has excelled in all the areas of feeding, fitting, showmanship and personal effort throughout the feeding program.

Show activities will begin today (Thursday, January 17) at the County Showbarn in Silverton. Sheep and goats will be weighed between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Steers will be weighed between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. The goat show will begin at 5:00 p.m., and will be followed by the sheep show, beef heifer show and steer show.

Friday, swine will be weighed between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

The gilt show begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, followed by the bar-

row show and pee wee showmanship. A brisket supper will be served beginning at 5:00 p.m. and the awards presentation and auction will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Bryan Burson is general superintendent of the show, and his assistant is Rance Young. Jon Davidson will be the show announcer, and show secretaries are Beverly Minyard and Joanie Pigg.

Judging the cattle and cattle showmanship will be J. D. Ragland.

Kyle Stephens will judge the swine classes. Jeff Howard will judge the sheep and goats and showmanship classes.

Youth supervisors are Mike Williams, Silverton Vo-Ag instructor; Daniel Jenkins, Valley Vo-Ag instructor; Kurt Henry, Valley Vo-Ag instructor; Brandon McGinty, Briscoe CEA-Ag.

## Farm Loan Applications Being Taken

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by extreme amount of rain, flash flooding, flooding, high winds, hail, lightning, and a tornado, that occurred on June 1, 3 and 5, 2001 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tulia, Ross W. James said today.

Swisher and Briscoe counties are among eight in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the extreme amount of rain, flash flooding, flooding, high winds, hail, lightning and a tornado.

James said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," James said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under

this emergency designation will be accepted until August 13, 2002 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," James said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U. S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U. S. citizens hold a majority interest.

*If you really do put a small price on yourself, rest assured that the world will not raise your price.*

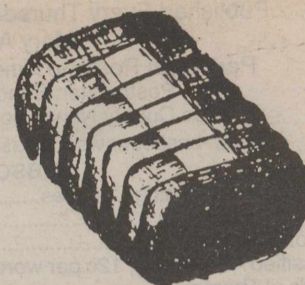
-Anonymous

*The chief virtue that language can have is clearness, and nothing detracts from it so much as the use of unfamiliar words.*

-Hippocrates

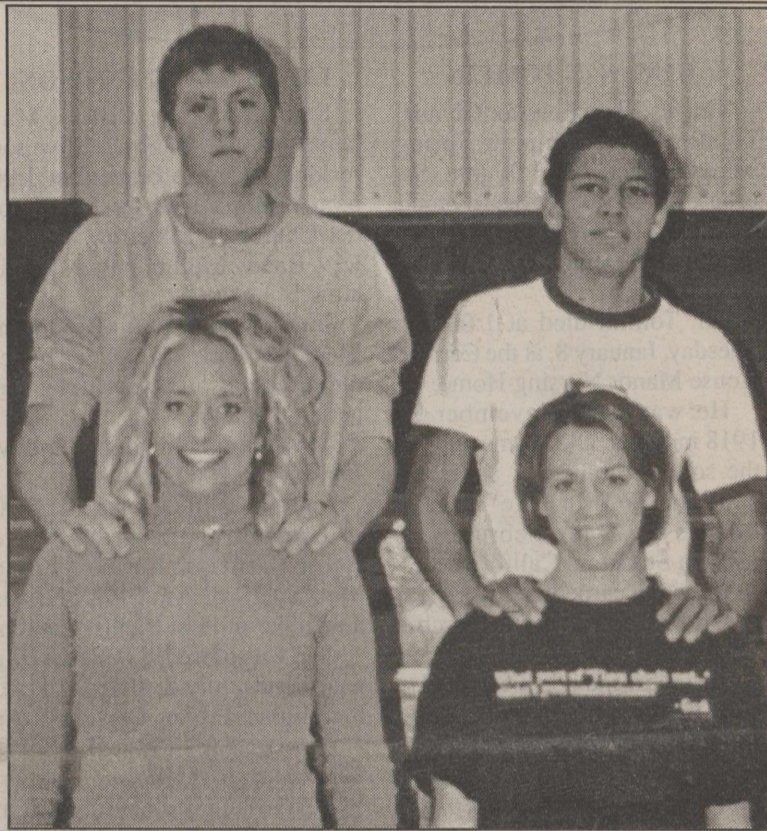
*A bad book is as much of a labor to write as a good one; it comes as sincerely from the author's soul.*

-Aldous Huxley



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Named to the All-Tournament teams at the conclusion of the Hoot-Out were (clockwise, from upper left) Darin Martin, Red Ivory, Chelsey Cherry and Amanda Estes, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Driver License Law Changed On January 1

The Graduated Driver License Program, created by Senate Bill 577 in 2001, went into effect January 1, 2002. The program created two phases of driving requirements for minors under age 18.

Any individual who receives either their instruction permit or provisional license before January 1, 2002 will not be affected by the new graduated system. They are grandfathered out of all phases of the new graduated system.

•Applicants under age 18 must hold an instruction permit or hardship license for a minimum of six months before a provisional license is issued. Once the applicant has completed this phase and meets all other current licensing requirements, they "graduate" to phase two—a provisional license with restrictions.

•The minimum age for the licensed operator required to accompany an instruction permit holder in the front passenger seat increases from 18 to 21.

Street enforcement of phase one began in a limited fashion January

## Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar Clinic is Jan. 23

Provided by Cory Payne  
Texas Cooperative Extension  
County Agent-FCS

Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County is collaborating with Kathy Fuston of Covenant Home Health Care to provide a free blood pressure/blood sugar clinic.

The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse Wednesday, January 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service.

1, but only for permits issued after January 1.

Initially, the permit will be stamped to better assist patrol officers in determining if the new 21-or-over provision for licensees accompanying permit holders applies. This will eventually be replaced by language on the permit itself. If the permit does not specify the 21-or-over provision, the old standard of 18-or-over will still apply and enforcement action may not be applicable.



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Thank-you notes at the Briscoe County News office. 37-tfnc

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## SERVICES

I will still be baking cakes but will have them at my house. If you need a cake or to place an order, please call and leave a message and your phone number and I will return your call. Juannah 43-1tnc

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Re-election  
**WAYNE NANCE**

For County & District Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas:

**BENA HESTER**  
Re-election

For County Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas:

**JEFF FUSTON**  
Re-election  
**TERRY MILLER**  
**LANCE STIDHAM**

For County Treasurer, Briscoe County, Texas:

**MARY JO BRANNON**  
Re-election

For Justice of the Peace, Briscoe County Precinct 1:

**EDWIN NORRIS**  
Re-election  
**CONNIE SMITH**

For Commissioner, Briscoe County Precinct 4:

**GARY WEAKS**  
Re-election  
**JOHN WYATT**  
**GEORGE REED**  
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## Electric Trimmers Are Better Than Scissors

(NAPS)-Electric trimmers are considered to be better than scissors for trimming beards. Scissors aren't nearly as precise as the electric trimmers in maintaining an even length for facial hair. If you're looking for a "neat" stocking stuffer to give that special man in your life a new look, you may want to try the Trim 'N' Vac from Wahl Clipper Corporation. In addition to giving him that neatly groomed

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According to experts at Insurance.com, an affiliate of Fidelity Investments, insurance can end up costing you more if you choose to make monthly payments rather than paying the entire premium up front. Premiums can vary based on the term length and the amount of coverage you need.

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-Helen Keller

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# BLESSINGS *for the* NEW YEAR

**LIGHTHOUSE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Jimmy Green Pastor  
SUNDAY  
Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Tom Craiker, Minister  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 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 a.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:**  
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

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

**SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Tony Boyd, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY:**  
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY:**  
Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION**  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Ed Graff, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Mass.....9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
SUNDAY:  
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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

**La Iglesia de Dios De Jesus**  
604 Grady  
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.

## Accepting the Unchangeable

It is important for us to accept and be aware of the many things in our lives that we cannot change. Accepting something does not necessarily mean we have to approve of it; however, acceptance may be good for our own peace of mind. If it is going to rain, there is nothing we can do about it; however, it is up to us to decide whether rain is a pleasant or an unpleasant thing.

Although we do not have control over whether we are born wealthy or beautiful, that does not preclude us from trying to gain wealth, or to improve our appearance.

The difficulty is in understanding exactly what we can control. The "Serenity Prayer" alludes to this difficulty: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." As we grow into adulthood, we learn that many things which may, at first, seem impossible to us, are possible with God.



*I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.*

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## Obituaries

**GLYNN C. TOMLIN**  
 Graveside services for Glynn C. Tomlin, 83, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 12, at the Riverside Cemetery in Byers, with Emmett Tomlin and Dennis Tomlin officiating.

Mr. Tomlin died at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, at the Carriage House Manor Nursing Home.

He was born November 24, 1918 in Soper, Oklahoma and was the son of Emmett E. and Frede Chittim Tomlin. He married Bonnie B. Crane February 22, 1942 in Stockton, California.

He was a carpenter and a member of the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Emmett Tomlin of Silverton, Dennis Tomlin of Sulphur Springs, Howard Tomlin of Rosenberg and Stanley Tomlin of Harlingen; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Jack Tomlin, Shellie Tomlin and an infant twin brother, Lynn Harroll Tomlin, and two sisters, Wilapha Ivey and Arden Tomlin.

Arrangements were under the direction of Tapp Funeral Home.

**LILLIE MAE TENNISON**  
 Services for Lillie Mae Tennison, 101, a former Silverton resident, were to be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Silverton with the Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Tennison died Sunday, January 13, 2002 in Vidor.

She was born October 14, 1900 in Crowell and married Willie Hobson Tennison April 6, 1923 in Munday. He died in 1967. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, James, July 8, 1975, and two daughters, Frieda Denson Rose November 24, 1988 and Frances Klein May 30, 1998.

Survivors include a son, Bill of Orange; 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

**JEAN GRUNDY**  
 Services for Jean Grundy, 77, of Lamesa were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Second Baptist Church there with the Rev. Jerry Stewart officiating.

### Friendship Quilters News & Notes by Bobbye Bean

We finished Wanda's quilt last week with nine present. We put up Nadyne's Butterfly/Rose quilt and worked on it this week. It is a beautiful quilt bordered with dusty rose marked with overlapped hearts. We put up my Black and Gold Lone Star.

We had only five present: Wanda Strange, Nadyne Childress, Ann Norris, Sybil King and Bobbye Bean.

We quilted 20 quilts this past year and sold tickets on a quilt to make money for the Senior Citizens. We are putting together another one to sell tickets on this year.

Laverne and Loyd Stehens have gone to Colorado to see their son, Ricky, and family.

Juanita Howard had a doctor's appointment.

Lallie Patton is visiting her daughter, Pat.

Joy Stodghill is busy getting ready for the estate sale at her mom's.

### Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Jan. 17--Briscoe County Stock Show begins

Friday, Jan. 18--Valley, here, 4:00

Monday, Jan. 21--Junior High at Valley, 5:00

Tuesday, Jan. 22--Owls at Nazareth, 4:00

Thursday, Jan. 24--Lockney Junior High Tournament begins

Burial was scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque. Arrangements were under the direction of Brannon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

Mr. Grundy died Monday, January 14, 2002.

He was born June 22, 1924 in Quitaque, where he married Christine Bedwell November 19, 1942. She died August 29, 1992.

Mr. Grundy was graduated from Quitaque High School in 1942. He served in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II, serving with General Patton in England, Germany and France running fuel for Patton's troops. He worked for Reid Bethel Tire Company from 1959 to 1988 and then served as veterans officer for Dawson County. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Lamesa and the Evening Lions for 30 years.

He operated a grocery store in Silverton until moving to Lamesa.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy Baird of Port Lavaca and Carol Belew of Seattle, Washington; three brothers, Henry of California, Robert of Buda and Roy of Quitaque; a sister, Nona Hazel Van Winkle of Amarillo; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Happy Birthday- Silverton School Lunch Menu

January 17--Aubri Renee Perry, Ashley Glenn, Matthew Hutsell, Beverly Minyard, Kent Carpenter, Jerry Cole Patton

January 18--John Wyatt, Debbie Weaks, Thor Patton, Johnny Peery

January 19--Annell Davis, Sue Lynn Morris

January 20--Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Ruby Graham, Barry Grant Wheeler

January 21--Judy Barbo, Lois Ziegler, Fred Sweet

January 22--Dianna Hill, Rick Hutsell

January 23--Carrie Baird, Carl Hall, Ken Wood, Jack Davis

**Happy Anniversary-**  
 January 23--Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming

Monday, Jan. 21--Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Fruit

Tuesday, Jan. 22--Fish Platter, Macaroni & Cheese, Onion Rings, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Milk, Cookie

Wednesday, Jan. 23--Beef & Cheese Chalupa, Hot Sauce, Salad, Corn, Milk, Chocolate Pudding

Thursday, Jan. 24--Chicke Fajita, Hot Sauce, Salad, Ranch Beans, Chips, Milk, Fruit

Friday, Jan. 25--Chili Dog, Tater Tots, Milk, Fruit & Jello



### THE TOP TEN OVERLOOKED DEDUCTIONS by Jeff Schnepfer

(NAPS)-Each year, thousands pay too much in taxes. Read this before you file.

1. Pay off debt with a home equity loan rather than credit cards. Personal interest is not deductible. The interest on up to \$100,000 of debt is deductible as home equity interest.

2. Contribute old clothes, furniture and other items to charity. You can deduct the wholesale fair market value of non-cash contributions to any qualified charitable organization. You can also deduct your mileage-at a rate of 14 cents a mile-if you use your car for charitable purposes. Make sure you get a receipt.

3. Bunch your deductions. Many deductions, such as medical expenses, require you to overcome a minimum. That means if you know you're going to spend a large amount on medical bills this year, see if there are others you can take now rather than next year. If your daughter needs orthodontia work, do it in the year where you know you can get the deduction.

4. Let the IRS subsidize your job search. Job hunting expenses are deductible as miscellaneous itemized deductions. Such expenses would include resumes, phone calls, postage, travel costs and any other expenses related to

your attempt to get a new job.

5. Investment expenses are allowed as miscellaneous deductions. Such expenses include investment publications, payment for investment advice, calls to your broker and any other expenses related to the production of investment income.

6. Keep receipts on any business supplies or business-related gifts you make. The key is that you use the items in the business, not that you necessarily need them.

7. Tax planning advice is deductible.

8. Not only medical expenses, but any special equipment or treatments you receive, are deductible. Capital expenditures are deductible to the extent their cost exceeds the added value to your property. If you have a medical condition that can be helped by a sauna or a whirlpool, those items are deductible. If you use your car for trips to the doctor, keep a record and deduct 10 cents a mile for tax purposes.

9. Deductible medical services don't have to be performed by your doctor if you have a condition like a bad back and your doctor says you need a daily massage or other type of treatment. Get a written note from your doctor saying you need those services.

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Briscoe County News

**December 5, 1991**--Scott Strawn and Ronda Booe Alexander are new County Extension Agents here. They are replacing Curtis Preston and Lynda Fogerson, who transferred to other Extension Service positions . . . Varsity teams in Smyer tournament . . . Junior High teams in tournament at Bushland . . . Glenn and Winnie Smith had the pleasure of having their children and most of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren for Thanksgiving dinner . . .

**December 3, 1981**--Friends harvest cotton for Doyle Stephens . . . Warner Bill Settle is back in school at West Texas State University after receiving a broken leg when a horse fell on him . . . "Uncle Zeb" Wood, 75, buried at Claude . . . Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hill have moved to Sonora where he is employed as a diesel mechanic . . . Seniors on the honor roll are Casey Bean, Cynthia Edwards, Katy Francis, Eber Gill, Don Perkins and Melinda Sutton . . . Junior High teams defeat Lakeview . . . Dennis Glenn Williams, who is married to the former Brenda Payne, will be among graduates during winter commencement December 19 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth . . . Services today for Mrs. Jennie Fisher, 92 . . .

**December 2, 1971**--Kelly McMurtry brought down a large eight-point buck mule deer while hunting with his father, Wayne McMurtry, on the McMurtry Ranch Monday afternoon. Kelly is in the second grade in the Silverton School . . . Marvin, Self and Dana Martin named to All-District 2-A team . . . Silverton's B-team Owls broke a three-year history of losses Tuesday night by beating the Kress Kangaroo B-team 47-45 in overtime. Led by the scoring of Barry Francis, who ripped the cords for 23 points, and Ken Wood, who caged 15, the Owls ended regulation play in a 41-41 deadlock. Cris Gill also scored five points and Clarence Ivory accounted for four more . . . Miss Lenda Fay Crabb to marry Oliver Clark, jr. . .

**December 7, 1961**--A Bovina woman was taken to the hospital Saturday after being injured in a telephone booth while making a call. A few minutes later an automobile failed to negotiate a turn and plowed through the booth . . . Raye Nell Garrison will represent Briscoe County in the District "Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool" contest . . . Mmes. Billy Gene Toler, Charles Cowart, Roy Lee McKenney, Charlie Parker and Jack Davis recently hosted a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Annie Williams . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strange and children spent the weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and

Mrs. Bill Hart and family . . . Funeral services for Gary Dewayne Sorter, 13-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Sorter, will be conducted this afternoon . . . Robert McPherson underwent surgery at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday . . .

**November 29, 1951**--Mr. and Mrs. Printz Brown had as their guests Thanksgiving Day Mrs. Brown's parents, brother and sisters for a family reunion . . . Members of March of Time Study Club entertained their husbands with a Thanksgiving dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Alexander . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brooks had as their guests Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bomar, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Tate and Jackie Carol, Joe Wayne Brooks and Donna Mayfield . . . Miss Luree Burson, who is attending North Texas State College at Denton, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at home . . . Mable Welch had as her Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. Oner Cornett and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Bingham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long and children . . . Mrs. Shelby Haynes visited in Plainview with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burson, the first of the week . . . Jack Strange of White Deer spent the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Strange . . . Flunoy Hutsell of Corpus Christi spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hutsell . . .

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

**November 27, 1941**--Silverton

is well represented in colleges and large high schools by boys who once played here and who have gone on to bigger and better teams. O. C. Rampley graduated here in 1940 and is playing as a regular guard at WTSTC and is rated by the Canyon coaches as one of their best. Hank Brown graduated here in 1940 and is playing most of every game with the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys . . . Grady Martin in his first year at SMU is going like a house afire. He is co-captain of the Colts and is having little difficulty keeping up with college competition. Datis Martin graduated here in 1937 and is now a regular at the Hillsboro Junior College. J. B. Smith graduated here in 1938 and is now at Hillsboro Junior College where he is a valuable man on their team. Vance Burson is playing with Borger and has the distinction of being high scorer in the district. Hubert Bechtol is playing for the Lubbock Westerners . . . Miss Durene Strickland and Corporal

Hugh Nance of Camp Bowie were united in marriage Monday. The ceremony was performed at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Revis at Plainview. The bride wore a lovely dress of soldier blue with brown accessories . . . Mrs. J. L. Francis, 70, passed away at the Plainview Sanitarium Tuesday. She was one of Briscoe County's real pioneers, the mother of a widely known family . . . After a very slow start because of the late cotton and bad weather, the Silverton Gin is running far into the night and on Tuesday night had ginned 261 bales . . . Following the Junior and Senior Carnival, Fay Gene Davis was crowned Queen of Silverton High School by her escort Billy Rampley. She wore a white evening dress and a maroon train lined with white satin and bearing the letters SHS on a white satin background. The dutchesses and their escorts were Dorothy McMurtry, Travis McMinn; Freda Wimberly, George Long; Jean Northcutt, J. W. Brannon, jr.; Betty




Jo Howlett, Roy Montague. The princesses were Patricia Bomar with her escort Louie Bonds, and Margaret Thomas, with her escort Troy Brooks. Flower girls were Patricia Patton and Kay Steele . . .

**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 . . .

## Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show

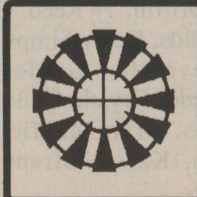
Thursday-Saturday, January 17-19

County Showbarn in Silverton

 <p><b>Thursday, Jan. 17</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b> Weigh Sheep and Goats <b>3:00 - 4:00 p.m.</b> Weigh Steers Check-in Heifers <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Goat Show Begins Followed immediately by Lambs, Heifers and Steers</p>	 <p><b>Friday, Jan. 18</b></p> <p><b>1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</b> Weigh Barrows and Gilts</p> 	<p><b>Saturday, Jan. 19</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.</b> Gilt Show Followed immediately by Barrows Pee Wee Showmanship <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Barbecue Supper <b>6:30 p.m.</b> Awards Premium Auction</p>
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## Owls, Lady Owls Slam Dunk Samnorwood Varsities

Silverton's varsity teams traveled to Samnorwood Friday for a pair of games, and brought home two big victories.

The Lady Owls opened the action with a 58-23 win over the Eagle Ladies. Kurby Garvin led the scoring with 13 points, closely followed by Lori Griffin, 12, and Amanda Estes, 11. Adding to the score were Chelsey Cherry, seven; Jenny Young, Tarran Forbes and Kassie Strange, five points each.

Shots from downtown rained on the baskets from the hands of Kurby Garvin, three; Lori Griffin, two; Jenny Young and Amanda Estes, one each.

Lady Owls	13	25	42	58
Samnorwood	0	10	17	23

The Owls took a big 65-22 victory over the Eagles.

Red Ivory led the offense by scoring 14 points. Andrew Francis caged 13 and Darin Martin added 11. Rounding out the scoring were Dustin Hale, nine; Galen Smith, eight; Payton Estes and Matt Strange, four each; Caleb Francis, two points.

Three-point shots were hit by Andrew Francis and Red Ivory.

Owls	20	18	11	16
Samnorwood	0	9	11	22

The teams played at Ropes on Tuesday, winning two of three games.

The Lady Owls won their game 56-43 behind the outstanding 23-point scoring effort of Chelsey Cherry. Tarran Forbes got 11. Adding to the score were Bryn Mayfield, eight; Amanda Estes, six; Kassie Strange, four; Jenny Young, three; Lori Griffin, one point.

Shots from downtown were hit by Tarran Forbes, three; Jenny Young and Bryn Mayfield, one each.

Lady Owls	14	30	45	56
Ropes	7	16	27	43

The Owls had four players to score in double figures at Ropes: Red Ivory, 17; Andrew Francis, 15; Darin Martin, 13; Dustin Hale, 10. Rounding out the score were Matt Strange, nine; Chase Comer, four; Eric Minyard, three points.

Red Ivory hit two three-point shots in the game.

Owls	21	33	54	71
Ropes	12	15	23	32

The Junior Varsity Owls dropped their game 41-34 in a very close match.

Eric Minyard led the scoring with 13 points. Others scoring were Beau Brock, nine; Payton Estes, seven; Galen Smith, three; Caleb Francis, two points.

Three-point shots were scored by Estes, two; Smith, Brock and Minyard, one each.

JV Owls	8	18	27	34
Ropes	9	12	28	41

The Junior High Owls won a game from Happy 54-28 last week.

Tanner Young led the scoring with 12 points. All of the Owls shared the scoring: Yance Forbes, nine; Jacob Francis, eight; Chief Garcia, seven; Jorge Alanis, six; Josh Maciel, four; Gid Mayfield, three; Albert DeLeon, two; Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds and Joseph Baeza, one point each.

JH Owls	13	25	40	54
Happy	4	16	21	28

Garcia hit one shot from beyond the arc.

## Owls, Lady Owls Place Third in Plainview Meet

Silverton's Lady Owls placed third in the Powerlifting Meet in Plainview Saturday, behind Kermit and Plainview, and Danielle Ramirez received the designation as Outstanding Girl Lifter.

Danielle placed first in her weight class, with 185 squat, 75 bench, 205 deadlift, for a total of 465 pounds.

Daryl-Ann Reynolds placed fourth with 160-85-180-425.

Brittany Perkins was fifth with 150-60-170-380.

Krystal Clinton placed first in her weight class with 245-115-240-600.

Silverton's Owls finished third in their division behind Plainview and Lubbock Monterey.

In the Boys 114 Class, Trace Mattheus placed first with 260-155-260-675.

Ignacio Gamez placed sixth with 180-125-225-555.

In the 132 class, Marcus Patino placed first with 300-185-385-870.

In the 148 class, Galen Smith placed fifth with 315-210-350-875.

Monty Wood placed ninth in the same class with 280-155-350-780.

Duncan Vernon competed in the 165 class with 430-230-475-1135.

In the 181 class, Martin Hernandez placed second with 360-215-410-980.

The next powerlifting meet will be Saturday, January 26, at Childress.



*There is approximately one chicken for every human being in the world.*

*Make sure that you have finished speaking before your audience has finished listening.*

-Dorothy Sarnoff



The cotton industry's annual gathering to exchange information, catch up on the latest technology and predict the future is underway in Atlanta, Georgia this week.

The 2002 Beltwide Cotton Conferences have once again proven to be a focal point for the industry and the setting for memorable comments.

This year's "call to arms" was issued by Anderson D. Warlick, CEO of Parkdale Mills, Gastonia, North Carolina. Scheduled to discuss the 2002 U. S. Textile Outlook, Warlick announced at the start that he wasn't really going to talk about that particular topic.

Instead he announced the revised title of his talk as "Free Trade: What type of yarn are we spinning?"

As the title implied, Warlick emphasized the terrible price the U. S. textile industry has been paying over the past year. That price, in his view, has primarily been the result of the hand-tying trade concessions and U. S. policy positions that have hampered the industry's ability to compete on the so-called level playing field that has been promised.

He noted that something needs to change and that a bleak future could be in the offing should the course not be altered.

Warlick noted that three years ago the domestic consumption was an impressive 11 million bales. He then contrasted that with the situation today where consumption has dropped to 7.5 million bales and voiced the possibility that the

number could drop even further unless something changes.

Another high point was the annual speech by William B. Dunavant, jr., Dunavant Enterprises, Memphis, Tennessee. His comments provided the very news the crowd had hoped he wouldn't provide--U. S. cotton prices are expected to stay near the current trading range and have little or no opportunity to eclipse the 40 cent level in 2002.

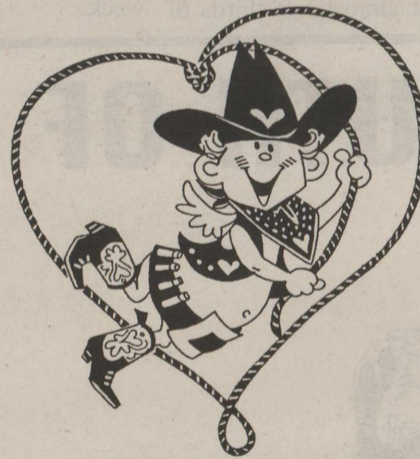
He noted that cotton producers and textiles have been the hardest hit as they have been on the front lines of the current economic malaise. He encouraged all of the allied industry representatives to support the producer during the ongoing Farm Bill debate and noted that the U. S. government must continue to provide that type of support.

He noted that both the House and Senate proposals were doing exactly the opposite of what they needed to do despite the real needs that exist for that support.

# Grandparents!

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## Briscoe County News

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# Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

New York cotton futures fluctuated this week in anticipation of USDA's January supply/demand report released Friday morning. The department's report continued to underscore an already bearish scenario as further production hikes and consumption reductions were forecast.

January's supply/demand report is USDA's last U. S. production report until the department formulates its final estimate in May. The report held few surprises, and just as many had anticipated, the government raised both U. S. and world cotton production and ending stocks.

U. S. cotton ending stocks now are projected at 8.6 million bales in 2001/02 compared with USDA's previous forecast of 8.4 million bales. The department also slightly raised U. S. cotton production to 20.08 million bales from the previous month's estimate of 20.06 million.

World cotton production was boosted to 96.7 million bales from the previous forecast of 96.0 million. The rise was attributed mainly to an increase in the Chinese crop to 24.4 million bales, up 900,000 from the previous estimate. However, an increase in that country's consumption figure helped to curb the climb in Chi-

nese ending stocks to only 100,000 bales.

In other news, the U. S. textile industry is experiencing its worst financial situation in 50 years, according to industry leaders speaking at the Beltwide Cotton Conference in Atlanta, GA. The textile industry already was experiencing a downturn before the September 11 terrorist attacks, but since that date approximately 22,000 people have lost jobs in the U. S. textile and apparel industry.

In a speech at the Beltwide Cotton Conference, a leading U. S. textile executive blamed the U. S. government for not keeping U. S. cotton competitive in the world market. "Our sales have plummeted just as bad as the airline industry, but the government isn't bailing out the cotton industry," he said.

Additionally, challenging trade barriers erected by foreign countries was promised by the Bush administration during election campaigning. However, according to the executive, the government has yet to make its promises a reality.

"Pakistan, China, Egypt, Bangladesh, Brazil and Thailand all have closed markets through tariff or non-tariff barriers. This means that almost two-thirds of

the world's population is closed to U. S. cotton profits," he said.

Likewise, he challenged the U. S. government to enforce current international trade laws, and he projected that 1.0 million more bales would be consumed in the United States if illegal foreign cotton products would be intercepted at the borders. "The illegal products are entering this country by being labeled as in-transit to Mexico," he said.

Meanwhile, USDA reported export commitments of 2001-02-crop U. S. cotton in the week ended January 3 were more than four times the previous week. Canada was responsible for nearly half of the sales following a large cancellation during the December 27 reporting period. Although Turkish cancellations of approximately 14,000 running bales were recorded for the week, registrations remained strong. Export shipments also improved, rising to more than 200,000 bales for the fifth time this marketing year. Major destinations for the week were India, Taiwan and Thailand.

Confirming tax issues are important in determining when producers should sell their cotton, online sales of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton for the week ended January 10 totaled 60,058 bales compared with 17,992 bales the previous week and 53,638 bales for the entire month of December. Prices received by growers selling their cotton online ranged from 27.35 to 28.57 cents per pound compared to a range of 25.48 to 26.98 cents per pound the prior week.

## Chamber of Commerce Seeking New Members

Silverton Chamber of Commerce met Monday, January 14, 2002 in its regular monthly meeting. As the Chamber enters the new year we want to encourage anyone who wants to see Silverton grow to become a member. The membership dues are \$25.00 for businesses and \$10.00 for individual families. Please see Wayne Nance, Hoot Barker, Kyle Fuston or Rick Beesinger for additional information or to pay your dues. Silverton needs everyone's help to spur economic development and community pride.

The Chamber wants to remind anyone involved with a club or community organization, that may have an upcoming event to advertise, that the billboard sign at the corner of Lone Star and Main Street is available. This is a good way to get the word out to anyone who drives by that your event is coming up. See Kyle Fuston or Hoot Barker to get your event on THE BOARD.

The Chamber wants to sponsor a trip to Tulia to tour the Kenneth Wyatt Studio in February. If you would like to participate in this tour please contact Tina Nance for details.

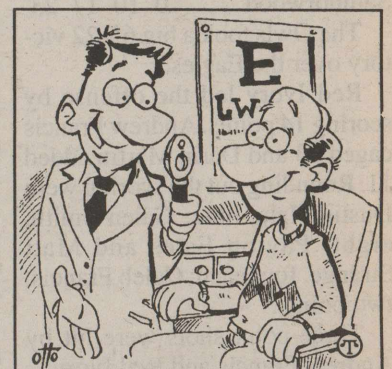
The Chamber has received several requests for information from people wanting to retire in this area. Packets need to be put together that can be sent out when these requests are made. If you would like to help put packets together or have

items to be included in the packets please contact Hoot Barker. PROMOT SILVERTON!

## Eye on Health Diabetic Retinopathy

(NAPSA)—More than 16 million people in the United States have diabetes. According to medical experts, each of them should receive a dilated eye exam every year.

This is because diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness in people ages 20 to 74, blinding more than 15,000 people each year. Diabetic retinopathy is the most common form of diabetic



**People with diabetes should have a dilated eye exam once a year to check for retinopathy.**

eye disease. It often has no warning signs, yet frequently can be prevented by early detection through a dilated eye exam, followed by timely laser surgery, if necessary.

Symptoms of the disease include spots, "floaters," or blurred vision. People with diabetes should see their eyecare professional immediately if their vision becomes blurry, they see double, one or both eyes hurt, there is pressure in an eye, they see spots or floaters, or if peripheral vision is not as good as it was previously.

All people with diabetes are at risk. Diabetic retinopathy can also be a problem for women who develop diabetes during pregnancy (gestational diabetes). Pregnant women with diabetes should definitely have dilated eye examinations each trimester to protect their vision.

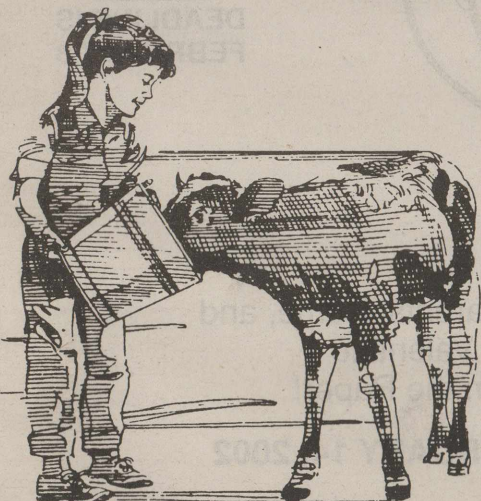
Because a person with diabetes can have retinopathy and not know it, everyone with diabetes should have a dilated eye examination at least once a year. If detected, early treatment of eye problems can help save your sight.

To learn more, visit the Vision Council of America's Web site at [www.visionline.org](http://www.visionline.org).



*In Roman mythology the goddess Vesta watched over the home and the hearth. Every meal was supposed to begin and end with an offering to her.*

# OUR YOUTH OF TODAY



# OUR LEADERS OF TOMORROW

## ATTEND THE STOCK SHOW

MID-PLAINS RURAL TELEPHONE COOP, INC.



## Basketball Schedules



### HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

Game Times:

Girls-6:30, Boys-8:00

Jan. 18	--	*Valley, Home
Jan. 22	--	*Nazareth, There
Jan. 25	--	*Happy, There
Jan. 29	--	*Valley, There
Feb. 1	--	*Nazareth, Home
Feb. 5	--	*Happy, Home

### HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY

Game Times:

Girls-4:00, Boys-5:00

Jan. 18--	*Valley, Home
Jan. 22--	*Nazareth, There
Jan. 25--	*Happy, There
Jan. 29--	*Valley, There
Feb. 1--	*Nazareth, Home
Feb. 5--	*Happy, Home

\*District

### JUNIOR HIGH

Jan. 21	--	Valley, There
Jan. 28	--	Nazareth, home
Feb. 4	--	Happy, home

## WEATHER

24 Hour January Readings taken at 6:00 a.m. daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	26	20	
2	32	24	
3	30	10	.07
4	44	13	
5	44	30	
6	49	22	
7	51	22	
8	60	24	
9	74	32	
10	74	34	
11	52	31	
12	57	26	
13	55	32	
14	60	25	
15	54	20	
Total Jan. 2002 Precip.			.07
Normal Jan. Precip.			.65
Precip. Rec'd. in 2002			.07

You can't hope to be lucky. You have to prepare to be lucky.

--Timothy Dowd

## Silverton School I Honor Roll

Third Six Weeks

Second Grade--Haley Beesinger, Ryder Carpenter, Bryce Patton

Third Grade--Adrienne Hubbard, Kaitlan Kinsey

Fourth Grade--Skyler Beesinger, Marchell Curry, Logan Fabela, Emily Garcia, Wendy Garcia, Emily Long, Tamra Metcalf, Jathan Williams

Fifth Grade--Eloy Beltran, True Burson, Torrey Fuston, Carlos Garcia, Jesse Henderson, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Butler Otis, Charla Rhoderick, Reese Scarborough, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange

Sixth Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Shandy Forbes, Lindsey Mullin, Laura Scarborough

Seventh Grade--Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Eighth Grade--Jacob Francis, Ethan Long, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Tenth Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Ty Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kelcy Simpson

Eleventh Grade--Patricia Acevedo, Krystle Clinton, Tarran Forbes, Bryn Mayfield, Galen Smith, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young

Twelfth Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Kurby Garvin, Amy Johnson, Brandi Rice, Matt Strange

### First Semester

Second Grade--Haley Beesinger, Ryder Carpenter, Bryce Patton, Tanner Schott

Third Grade--Adrienne Hubbard, Kaitlan Kinsey, Isaac Reyna

Fourth Grade--Skyler Beesinger, Marchell Curry, Logan Fabela, Emily Garcia, Wendy Garcia, Emily Long, Tamra Metcalf, Adam Mullin, Jathan Williams

Fifth Grade--Eloy Beltran, True Burson, Torrey Fuston, Tyler Garvin, Tommy Green, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Butler Otis, Charla Rhoderick, Reese Scarborough, Nichole Schott

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# Cotton



# News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

With 2002 financing arrangements hanging in the balance High Plains cotton producers are making it clear that the top priority for Senate leaders returning to work January 23 needs to be the completion of a farm bill that will be implemented to protect 2002 crops.

Producers know the final year of the 1996 Freedom to Farm program is woefully inadequate and will not come close to bridging the gap between moldering commodity prices and cost of production.

Ag lenders know that even if supplemental assistance was already approved at the highest possible level under current budget constraints that most producers would be hard-pressed to show a positive cash-flow given carry-over debt that has been piling up, vanishing equity and projections for more low prices.

Producers also know, mainly because they have been glued to every information source available and studying every projection and estimate that has been released about proposed farm programs, that both the House approved Farm Security Acts of 2002 and the bill being considered in the Senate provide significantly more support than another year of AMTA plus supplemental assistance.

The fact that the next best alternative can't get the job done is the best reason why the next few weeks are critical.

Pressure to act must remain high so that producers, bankers, and the allied industry partners and rural communities that rely on a stable Ag economy don't get left out in the cold because it is easier to say there isn't really that big a problem or there is plenty of time to get things done before current law runs out.

Reality is that current law has proven inadequate for the job since shortly after it was enacted.

Waiting until later means that more and more U. S. farmers will be going to town in 2002. The only problem is that they won't be going to buy something for the farm or for their families. This trip to town could be their last as a farmer because they will be going to apply for a job instead of just picking up a few things.

Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

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So for now the task at hand remains to impress upon Senate and Administration officials that further delays cannot and must not be allowed to hold up the process any longer.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest has met with President George W. Bush and received assurances that he not only understands the scope of the problem, but that he too wants and

supports the development of a new farm program that utilizes the funds available under the current budget agreement.

One thing is for certain: whether you prefer the House's version or the proposal sitting and waiting for Senators to return, everyone should be signing off the same page of the book that says move ahead, get the two Bills to a Conference Committee to work out their differences and get it done as soon as possible.

The best possible assurance that any Ag lender could get would be knowing that something better is in the pipeline and that customers will be covered in 2002.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Childress  
Contract: 6081-16-001 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING in Hall County, etc. will be opened on February 6, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$772,818.81.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 5588

#### STATE OFFICE

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Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### DISTRICT OFFICE(S)

Childress District  
District Engineer  
1700 Ave F NW  
Childress, Texas 79201  
Phone: 940-937-7100

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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

#### CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Childress  
Contract 0303-03-037 for SAFETY TREAT DRAINAGE STRUCTURES & WIDEN in Briscoe County, etc. will be opened on February 6, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 5638

#### STATE OFFICE

Construction Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

#### DISTRICT OFFICE(S)

Childress District  
District Engineer  
1700 Ave F NW  
Childress, Texas 79201  
Phone: 940-937-7100

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