

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Well, here it is. This is the new size of your newspaper. We aren't really happy about it, but are happy that we are able to continue to produce a newspaper.

The central printing plant at Floydada has made the choice to go to a smaller size of newsprint, so all the newspapers printed there will appear a little smaller.

Amarillo College has named 379 students to the fall 2002 honor roll. Students on the list must have been enrolled in 12 or more hours in academic courses and have earned a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Those students on the honor roll from Silverton are Claude R. McMurtrey and Ryan L. Smith.

Lois Cline has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tullia. Others from Silverton in the hospital there include Iwana Monroe, Aubrey Rowell and Shafe Weaver. Bailey Hill had been a patient there, but returned home last week.

Misty Wilkinson was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Angelo State University for the fall semester. She is the daughter of Ron and Sheila Brooks and is the granddaughter of Mary Alice Wilkinson.

Here is some very good news for you! Casey and Tyra Page of Odessa are parents of a daughter, Ashlynn Faith, born at 4:58 p.m. Thursday, January 16, in Odessa. She was 19 inches long and weighed six pounds and two ounces.

Grandparents are Cynthia Younger of Silverton, Phil and Kay Page of Odessa. Great-grandparents are Lou Younger of Silverton, Bill and Martha Rackley of Lubbock.

The new baby was born on her Great-grandfather Rackley's birthday, and seems to be doing well.

Billy Cogdell returned home two weeks ago after being in ICU in an Amarillo hospital for surgeries and treatment.

Brooke Garvin transferred from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, to Midwestern University in Wichita Falls at midterm.

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Briscoe County News

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BCAA To Have Domino Tourney

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Domino Tournament Saturday, February 8, 2003, with play beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the County Show Barn in Silverton.

Players will begin registration at 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$15.00 per player, and this includes lunch.

Bring your partner. Please RSVP by February 3, if possible.

Contact Leon Lavy, 806-823-7061 or Tobe Riddell, 806-847-2528 (home) or 983-0000 (cell).

Trophies will be given to the winners.

Firemen's Ball Will Be Feb. 15

The annual Firemen's Ball will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton on Saturday night, February 15. A ribeye dinner will be prepared and served by Silverton firemen.

A band will provide music. Tickets for the ball are \$15.00 each, and are available from all the firemen or at City Hall.

There will be a .223 calibre rifle with scope given away in a reverse drawing. Other donated gifts will be given away during the 300 drawings.

Contact a firemen for details.

BCAA To Meet Here Tonight

Members of Briscoe County Activities Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Silverton.

A short phrase of organ music played at a baseball game is called a "tucket".

The first states to give women the vote were Wyoming in 1869, Utah, in 1870, Colorado in 1893 and Idaho in 1896.

Half truth is better than no politics.
G. K. Chesterton

Owls, Lady Owls Split a Pair of Games at Hedley

Silverton's Owls continued as the undefeated team in the district at Hedley Friday night, while the Lady Owls dropped their match to the Number 1 rated team in the state, 70-35.

Bryn Mayfield led the offense for the Lady Owls with 16 points. Kassie Strange scored 11; Jenny Young, six; Tarran Forbes, two points.

Lady Owls	5	17	29	35
Hedley	26	46	56	70

The Owls followed with a 52-31 victory over the Green Owls from Hedley.

Red Ivory led the offense by scoring 23 points, and Darin Martin added 16. Also scoring were Gid Mayfield, six; Dustin Hale, five; Payton Estes, two points.

In these games at Hedley, shots from downtown were hit by Bryn Mayfield, two; Red Ivory, four; Dustin Hale and Gid Mayfield, one each.

Red Owls	18	40	51	52
Green Owls	14	17	24	31

On Tuesday, the Silverton teams took a pair of victories from Samnorwood.

The Lady Owls outscored Samnorwood 77-35 behind the double-figure scoring of Lori Griffin, 22; Bryn Mayfield, 19; Jenny Young and Kassie Strange, 12 points each. Rounding out the score were Tarran Forbes, seven; Angie Lewis, three; Melonie Johnson, two points.

The Lady Owls rained three-point shots on the basket, with Jenny Young making two; Bryn Mayfield getting three, and Angie Lewis and Tarran Forbes making one each.

Lady Owls	25	53	66	77
Samnorwood	6	18	32	35

The Owls won their game 102-17, with Red Ivory bombing the baskets with six shots from downtown. Gid Mayfield hit three from outside the arc.

Ivory had the hot hands and rang



Nathan Roehr, son of Merle and Annette Roehr of Gallup, New Mexico, received a \$2,500.00 scholarship for his first painting. He entered the regional art contest sponsored by the Southwest Indian Foundation, open to students from the Albuquerque to Farmington to Sanders, Arizona area. There were five divisions, first to sixth grades; seventh and eighth grades; ninth and tenth grades; eleventh and twelfth grades, and special education. Roehr placed first in the seventh and eighth grade division. He is the grandson of Dick and Joan Roehr and Ted and LaVern Kingery, all of Silverton.

up 39 big points for the Owls.

Darin Martin also had a very good night, getting 26 points. Dustin Hale also scored in double figures, being credited with 15 points. Other scoring was by Gid Mayfield, nine; Eric Minyard, seven; Payton Estes and Ty Reed, three points each.

Owls	26	52	78	102
Samnorwood	4	7	11	17

Tuesday night, the junior varsity Owls dropped a close 60-56 game to Valley.

Humberto Vasquez scored 21 big points to lead the Owls offensively, while Jacob Francis added 15 and Caleb Francis got 11. Rounding out the score were James Tiffin, four; Josh Maciel, three, and Albert DeLeon, two points.

JV Owls	8	27	41	56
Valley	12	25	42	60

Monday night of last week the Eighth Grade Owls took a 57-13 decision from Valley.

Drew Reed led the offense with 15 points, including a three-point shot. Also scoring were E. J. Ivory and Clay Strange, eight points each; Dusty Burson, six; Jose Hernandez, five; Diego Ramirez and Ory Johnson, four points each; Eric Ballesteros, Zak Perkins and Jesse Whisenhunt, two points each, and Landon Fisher, one point. Also hitting three-pointers were Drew Reed and Jose Hernandez, one each.

8th Owls	15	31	43	57
Valley	2	4	7	13

The Seventh Grade Owls took a 33-17 victory over Olton, led in scoring by Shane Estes, 13 points. Also scoring were Cooper Cogdell, eight; Davin Fabela, four; Marcas Gossett, three; Gabriel Vargas, Howard Elliott and Chad Williams, two points each.

7th Owls	11	19	26	33
Olton	5	6	8	16

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We would like to thank the churches who said prayers for us while Johnny was sick for so long, and for the food, cards and other acts of kindness done for us.

Johnny and Claudine Peery and JonEtta Ziegler

We would like to thank everyone who remembered Jay in special ways while he was in the hospital and since we have been home. So many kind and thoughtful people have helped us in many ways. Our sincere thanks to you.

Jay, Patsy, Julie, Braden

A simple thank-you doesn't even come close to telling all my wonderful fiends how much I appreciate your visits, cards, calls, prayers and meals since my unfortunate fall. My sincerest thanks goes also to Lana Burson, the ambulance crew, Valerie Mullin, and all of you who have brought meals and made my recuperation easier. Also, thank you Jealeta for taking care of things in the office. This is truly the most caring community and I am blessed by each act of your kindness. I ask God's bless-

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that a public sale at auction of the Property (as that term is defined and described below) will be held at the date, time and place specified herein:

DATE OF SALE: On Tuesday, February 4, 2002

TIME OF SALE: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: On the west steps of the courthouse, 415 Main, in the City of Silverton, the county seat of Briscoe County, Texas

INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS SALE:

Being all of Lot Numbers 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block No. 36 in the town of Silverton, in Briscoe County, Texas as shown by the recorded plat of said town of the record in the Deed Records of Briscoe County, Texas in Volume 96 page 118.

And

Being all of Lot Numbers 10, 11 and 12, block 96 in the town of Silverton, County of Briscoe, Texas

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ings on each of you!

Ramona Martin

With Billy's long stay in the hospital, we just want to say "thank you" to each and every one who sat with us during surgery, visited us, sent flowers, books, gifts of food, cards, letters, phone calls and most of all your prayers, love and support. We thank God most of all for answered prayer. We are so blessed to live in such a wonderful

community.

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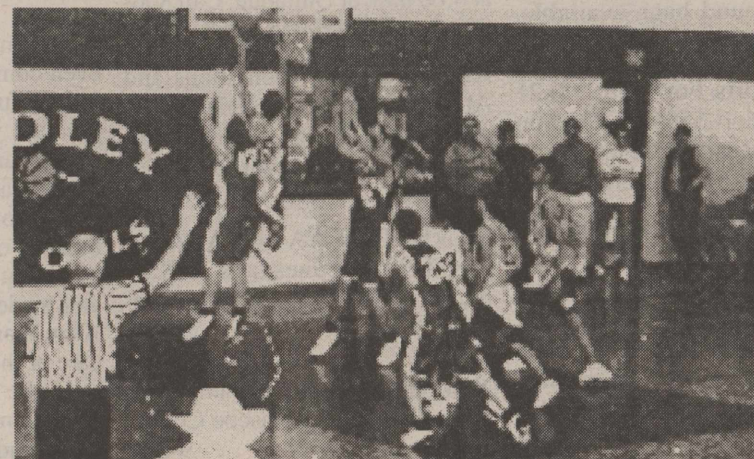
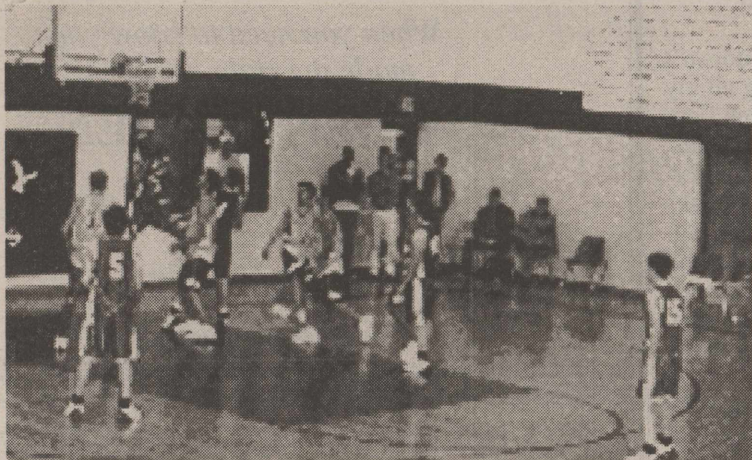
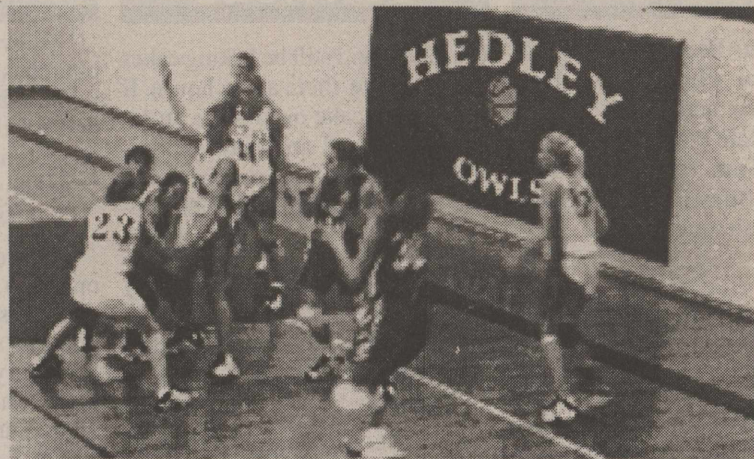
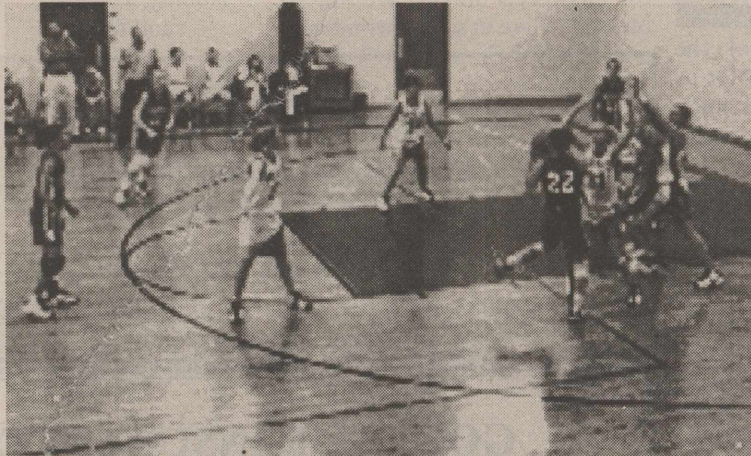
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Silvertown Varsity vs. McLean, There January 28

8th Grade vs. Valley, There January 27

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Obituaries

JERRY G. PRUITT

Jerry G. Pruitt, 53, of Canyon died Sunday, January 12, 2003.

He was born in Plainview and reared in Silverton and Tulia. He worked as a truck driver for several years, and married Raylene Biggs in 1973 at Panhandle.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Winchester in 1993, and a brother, Gary Pruitt in 1995.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jairl Pruitt and Chuck Pruitt, both of Amarillo; a daughter, Tammy Stowers of Sayre, Oklahoma; two sisters, Cheryl Durling of Mustang, Oklahoma and Linda Minyard of Bell; a brother, Ronnie Pruitt of Garden City, Kansas, and three grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to the American Lung Association.

Man's security comes from within himself.

Manly Hall

KATHERINE WADE

Katherine Wade, 85, passed away Wednesday, December 25, 2002 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Barbara Jane in 1948, and two brothers, William Norrid and Henry Norrid.

She was born May 16, 1917 in Silverton to C. W. and Jane Norrid. She was an active member of Ladies Golf. She also was an accomplished pianist who loved gardening and enjoyed flowers.

She is dearly missed by her husband, Faires Wade of Corpus Christi; three daughters, Jennifer Wade of Austin, Ellen Wade of Boston, Massachusetts and Julie Wade of Seattle, Washington; one sister, Joyce Cook of Austin, and three grandchildren, Henry Greely, Ted Greely and Kate Brodoff.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 28, at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Interment followed at Seaside Memorial Park.

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Rock Creek Church of Christ

Friendship Quilters News & Notes by Bobby Bean

Nearly all quilters quilted this week. Ann Norris, Diane Norris, Nadyne Childess, Laverne Stephens, Bobby Bean, Christine King, Sybil King, Rose Mary Perkins, Joy Stodghill, Mary Tom Burson and Wanda Strange quilted. We finished Ann's quilt. We also worked on Wanda's Butterfly quilt.

The Senior Citizens had 33 at the regular luncheon. Joy and Cliff entertained with four songs. The Methodist Church was the host. Rock Creek Church of Christ will host the February meeting.

Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-Teenagers in America want to work for honest companies. Nearly nine out of 10 teenagers said they would refuse to work for a company accused of wrongdoing, while three out of four teens say they would not buy a product from a company accused of wrongdoing. These are some of the key findings of a recent poll of American teens called the JA Interprise Poll. The poll is part of an ongoing series of surveys that cover the attitudes and opinions of America's teenagers about the business world. The poll is sponsored by Junior Achievement, the world's largest and fastest-growing organization dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and free enterprise. For

WEATHER

January Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	56	23	
2	50	28	
3	54	26	
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15	49	28	
16	59	29	
17	42	17	
18	42	20	
19	55	22	
20	66	22	
21	74	25	
January Precip.			.01
Normal January Precip.			.65
Total Precip. in 2003			.01
Normal Annual Precip.			.65

Happy Anniversary-

January 23--Mr. and Mrs. Leo Fleming

January 24--Mr. and Mrs. Ted Daugherty

January 29--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid, III

more information about JA, the JA Interprise Poll or the Business Ethics Center, visit www.ja.org or write JA National Headquarters, One Education Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. You can also contact the nearest Junior Achievement office.

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Silverton School Lunch Menu

January 27--Chalupa, Salad, Chips, Milk, Hot Sauce, Fruit

January 28--Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

January 29--Corn Dog, Okra, Beans, Milk, Banana Pudding

January 30--Turkey Slice, Green Beans, Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

January 31--Sub Sandwich, Potato Chips, Salad, Milk, Cookies

Silverton School Activities

Friday, Jan. 24--High School vs. Valley, here, 4:00

Monday, Jan. 27--8th vs. Valley, there, 5:30

Tuesday, Jan. 28--High School at McLean, 6:30; Field Test-TAKS 10, Eng. LA

Wednesday, Jan. 29--Field Test TAKS 11, Eng. LA

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Briscoe County News

November 19, 1992--New Chamber of Commerce is off to a good start with Gerald Smith, president; John White, vice-president, and Beverly Bowman, secretary-treasurer . . . Senior Owls enjoyed being presented with their bi-district trophy at the conclusion of their game at Smyer Friday night. They are Casey Frizzell, Lance Bradford, Lance Smith, Frank Ramirez, jr., Stan Gamble, Wil T Bomar and Michael Hall . . . Each team has won one game, and there will be a play-off between the Quitaque and Silverton fire departments Monday night . . . Graveside services conducted for Marcus Bryan Schott, infant son of Bryan and Lisa Schott . . . Ott Perkins, 80, was laid to rest here . . . Harley J. Redin and his wife, Wilda, have received honors for the leadership and dedication needed for the success of the Pioneers and Flying Queens at Wayland Baptist University . . . Owls set sights on No. 5 Chillicothe Friday . . . Cheering the Owls to victory are Molly Bomar, Kami Martin, Holly Nance, Shannon Weaver, Christa Tucker and Brandi Brunson . . .

December 7, 1972--Owls, Owlettes in Salt Fork Classic this week . . . Firemen were called to the rural home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Aldridge Tuesday night . . . Mrs. Bryan Strange was taken to Plainview by ambulance for medical attention Monday morning . . . Wood Hardcastle has been a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for the past two weeks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson were in Lubbock Monday for Gayle to see the doctor . . . Flute Hutsell was to enter-High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Wednesday for tests . . .

November 22, 1962--Owls scare Petersburg in 32-14 defeat . . . Mrs. W. J. Hyatt made a business trip to Lubbock last Thursday . . . Mrs. Milton Frizzell has been a patient in the Lockney hospital for several days . . . Announcement is being made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Nancy Lou Hinds to Mr. M. H. Richie . . . Rupert Hughes was in Las Vegas, New Mexico over the weekend to deliver material from the lumberyard to the site of a cabin for the Nichols family of Tulia . . . Owl seniors honored at their last football game were Bill Schott, Louie Strange, Van

Breedlove, Jim Reid, Jay Towe and Bill Schott . . . Jerry Williamson is on the Wayland newspaper staff . . . Haylake Club has all-day quilting in the PCA community room . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bern May and Ray Teeple were business visitors in Amarillo one day last week . . .

December 4, 1952--Mrs. T. J. Hodges honored on 74th birthday . . . Serving aboard the attack cargo ship USS Uvalde is Arna N. Bingham, machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Bingham, and husband of Mrs. Marjorie A. Bingham . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Brooks and son of Midland spent Thanksgiving with relatives here . . . Tom Brooks of Borger spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks . . . Farris Martin has been made manager of Harvest-Queen Grain Company, succeeding Wayne Crawford, who has been their local manager for some time. John D. Baird and Jim Baird will assist Mr. Martin in operating the elevator. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crawford and Mary moved to Rock Creek Monday, where he will operate the Rock Creek grocery and filling station . . . Sheriff and Mrs. Raymond Grewe were given a surprise housewarming Friday night by a number of their friends. The party was arranged by Mrs. B. J. Womack, Mrs. Pauline Chitty and Virginia May . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer and family spent Thanksgiving with his parents in Lockney . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hutsell and children spent Thanksgiving in Levelland with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Guest . . . R. E. Hutsell took Joe Dell Hutsell and Joe Ray Stodghill to Lubbock Monday, and they left for San Marcos to attend school . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney and Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison spent Sunday with relatives in Erick, Oklahoma . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson and children spent Sunday in Clovis, New Mexico with relatives . . .

November 26, 1942--Junior-Senior Banquet held in the auditorium with the Thanksgiving theme carried out in decorations. Place cards were made of a potato forming a turkey. The head and tail were made of cardboard with the name across the tail. The legs were made of matches . . . John Earl Simpson left Saturday for work in Panama . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Potter celebrated their sixtieth wedding an-

niversary at their home in Silverton Monday . . . Student Council organized with Joe Earl Deavenport as president; Clyde Mercer, vice-president; Margaret Thomas, secretary . . . Funeral services conducted for infant son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Toler . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell entertained Sunday with a dinner in honor of their grandson, Riddell Hutsell . . . The War Bond Club met last week with Mrs. Roy McMurtry. Mrs. Tom Bomar drew the bond . . . The Victory Bond Club met Friday with Mrs. J. S. Fisher. Mrs. Elma Seaney drew the

Happy Birthday-

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

January 24--DeLaa Jarnagin, Jimmy Castillo, Christine Casillas
bond the week before when the club met with Mrs. Alton Steele . . . O. C. Rampley, J. W. Brannon, Faye Gene Davis, Evelyn Coffee, Jean Northcutt, Dorothy Roy McMurtry and Fred Brannon attended the game at Lubbock Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Louie Kitchens visited in the F. A. Fisch home Wednesday afternoon . . . Joy Brown spent Sunday night with Teresa Crass . . .

January 25--Cameron Burk, Mary Lou Campell, Earl Payne, Tracy Stark, Davin Fabela

January 26--Dusty Martin, Lyndon Couch, Catherine Reyna, Rudy Ramirez

January 27--Edwina Davis, Andrew Boyd, Dorothy Martin, Derinda Patton

January 28--Claudine Peery
January 29--Wanda Wallace, Jo Ann Ramirez, Lola Stephens

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Cotton Market weekly



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Cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange (NYCE) were marginally higher Thursday, January 16, with some light buying interest from the trade while the re-

action to a key export sales report from USDA was muted.

In the week ended January 9, U. S. export registrations rose to the third highest level of the market-

ing year when a net 271,700 bales of cotton were sold. The figure was two and one-third times the previous week and 58 percent more than the four-week average.

Turkey was by far the primary buy of competitively priced U. S. cotton with procurements of 93,400 bales. In fact, the country had led the list of U. S. cotton purchasers for export four out of the past five weeks. Other major buyers for the week included Indonesia and Mexico with purchases totaling 34,300 and 26,000 bales, respectively. Traders noted that China was not a buyer in the week ended January 9.

Export shipments remained healthy at 240,800 bales and the destinations were fairly widespread. Approximately 64 percent of the cotton exported for the week went to Asian destinations, with China the principle recipient at almost 71,000 bales. A total of 39,400 bales were shipped to Mexico and 18,100 bales went to Turkey.

Currently, export commitments stand at 7.385 million bales or 71 percent of the USDA estimate. A year ago, commitments were at 9.256 million or 88 percent of the final export figure. USDA's export target for the 2002-03 season still stands at 10.8 million bales. Many in the industry expect China to re-surface as a key buyer in the next few months, and if their expectations come to fruition, it certainly could help the market meet the department's estimate.

In addition to meeting the department's estimate, a boost in export sales could translate into higher U. S. cotton prices. One analyst says she senses overseas mills are becoming increasingly nervous about coverage in the third and fourth quarters of this crop year. She suggests that at some point they will step up their buying and could be a precipitating factor in prices moving higher or even to new highs.

This week, another market analyst said it appears the market has reverted to the mid-summer doldrums and that, although overbought, the technicals still point higher. The analyst added that the market is ignoring the longer-term supply and demand fundamentals. He believes the market continues to hold its current trading range because many are nervous about taking a position with a number of factors ahead in the market that could alter its direction in the near term, pressuring March futures prices down.

Changes to futures contracts on the NYCE become effective with



Lydia and Alex Segura of Silverton announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rosie, to Damian Mirales, son of Maria and Luther Morales of Plainview. The couple plan to be wed March 1, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church. The bride-elect is a graduate of Silverton High School and is the store manager for Avenue in Amarillo. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Plainview High School, and is the receiving manager for Bed, Bath & Beyond in Amarillo.

the upcoming May contract, resulting in higher strength specifications for cotton to be certified and year of growth penalties to be added to current age discounts. There currently are 70,000 bales that will not meet the new minimum requirement for strength.

Along with the issue of deliverable cotton is the large speculative long position, now near record levels, that continues to be a strong focus of the market. One analyst estimated that 58 percent of the total open futures contract is in March and that this will be rolled or liquidated and probably will lead to a pullback in March prices, but the question remains when.

Meanwhile, spot cotton sales of cotton online by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the five trading days ending January 16 totaled 51,158 bales, a decrease from the previous week's sales of 72,730 bales. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 42.24 to 43.53 cents per pound compared to the previous week's range of 42.46 to 43.11 cents per pound.

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

This week's effort to include crop loss disaster assistance for U. S. farmers as part of a Senate FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Bill should be viewed as good news by producers adversely impacted by drought and other adverse weather conditions.

Unfortunately, the proposal, initially put forth by Senate Republican leaders, is getting less than stellar reviews from Senators on both sides of the aisle. If accepted "as is" the proposal would be added as an amendment to J. J. Resolution 2, the FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Resolution.

On the plus side of the Republi-

can proposal is the fact that it sets aside \$3.1 billion to pay for disaster assistance. The disaster money would be part of a budget offset that creates savings through a 1.6 percent cut in spending levels for FY03 discretionary spending programs.

Primary criticisms, however, center on the fact that the assistance would be issued to all producers of program crops--regardless of their individual loss.

The mechanism to deliver the assistance is a supplemental payment based on a percentage of the 2002 Direct payment rate for that crop.

Plains Cotton Growers Board members were briefed on the proposed plan Wednesday, January 15 and reaffirmed their position that an approach based on "traditional" disaster programs is still the best way to direct crop loss assistance to the growers that experienced those losses.

At this time the proposal, originally developed by Senate Ag Committee Chairman Thad Cochran of Mississippi, is in the process of being revised in an effort to make it more palatable to other regions.

The Republican proposal is not the only one out there. Democrat leaders also are expected to reintroduce their own disaster assistance plan for consideration.

The bottom line on disaster assistance at this time is that there are several ideas being floated, with none being universally popular.

Considerations such as the USDA Farm Service Agency's ability to administer a complicated disaster program simultaneously to the signup for the Direct-Counter-cyclical Program (DCP), how quickly the process can be completed, how the benefits are targeted, and Administration acceptance will significantly impact entire debate.

theA PCG contingent made up of PCG President Mark Williams, Vice President Rickey Bearden, Board member Kent Nix and Executive Vice President Steve Verett are travelling to Washington, D. C. this week to work on the issue and push for the best possible assistance package.

HIGH PLAINS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

High Plains cotton producers can update their crop production, marketing and management skills, and learn more about irrigation, fertility, pest management and farm legislation at several regional Texas Cooperative Extension agriculture conferences slated in January and February.

Producers also can earn continuing education units (CEUs) for private and commercial applicator licenses at these regional conferences.

This year's conference dates and locations include:

Jan. 21--The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Bailey County Coliseum, Muleshoe, 8:30 a.m.

Jan. 22--The Caprock Cotton Conference, Plains Baptist Assembly south of Floydada, 8:00 a.m.

January 23--Hale and Swisher County Cotton Conference, Ollie Liner Center, Plainview, 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 7--Southwest Panhandle Cotton Conference, Hereford

Making the Most of Time Spent Together

(NAPSA)-Family gatherings provide an opportunity to reunite with loved ones and create lasting memories. Weddings, reunions and the holidays all mark special occasions that can bring families together and help them "click" instantly--often after long periods apart.

For adults, family gatherings are a time to catch up and enjoy conversation. For children, family gatherings provide an opportunity to learn about family history, which can create an important sense of belonging and pride.

According to a recent national poll, conducted by Harris Interactive/Modern Woodmen of America, 90 percent of Americans feel spending time with extended family is important. The research also found nearly four out of five Americans agree they would like to get together more often with family--but 75 percent say staying in touch with family members can be difficult. Hectic work and school schedules, personal obligations and distances apart all play a major role.

Community Center, Hereford

"It can be challenging for families to find the time to get together, so it's important to make the most of the time we do have with one another," said Jennifer Crichton, renowned family expert and author of Family Reunion: Everything You Need to Know to Plan Unforgettable Get-Togethers. "Planning activities that the entire family can enjoy helps bring us closer together, provides instant fun and leaves us with lasting memories."

To celebrate the launch of its "Click Instantly" game, Polaroid created a list of activities that can help families make the most of their time together:

- Create a photo family tree using markers, a piece of poster board and an instant camera like the Polaroid i-Zone, which uses instant sticker film. Children can learn about their family's history and how they fit in by sticking a photo next to the name of each family member.

- Create a family scrapbook that can be enjoyed throughout the years. Photos of Mom and Grandma preparing the holiday feast and Grandpa and Grandson tossing the football are moments that can easily be captured for instant enjoyment and timeless recollection with instant photos.

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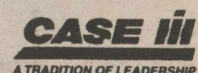


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