

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

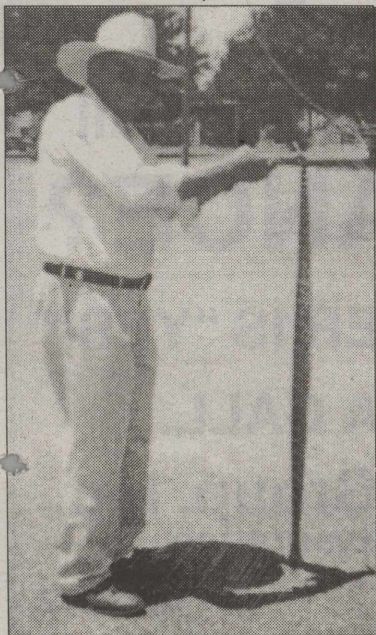


The BB Championship Junior Roping Roundup is where the cream of the crop of the youth calf roping world gather to match their skills in both breakaway and tiedown roping. The Hardy Murphy Coliseum in Ardmore, Oklahoma played host to the four-day weekend as the 18th annual event featured 684 entries from 26 states as they roped for their share of the \$69,000 payoff, plus championship saddles and rope cans.

The big boys were the main event on Monday as 172 ropers backed into the box for a chance at a good payday. When it was all said and done, Dustin Poole of Canyon, Texas was crowned the champion and claimed a major part of the payday, collecting \$3311. The ropers in this class are the next crop of PRCA ropers and they look ready for the task.

Dustin is the son of the former Susan Payne, and is the grandson of Norma Payne Vaughan and her husband, Wayne Vaughan.

Sara Allene Kirchoffner qualified for the Dean's Honor Roll at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford during the 2003 spring semester. She was one of 740 students on the Dean's Honor Roll after completing 15 semester hours of undergraduate work with a grade point of 3.0 or higher with no grade lower than a "C".



Rick Ramirez is pictured with the rattlesnake he killed east of Silverton. It had 14 rattles.



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The Great Chamber Giveaway Coming

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce is giving away a 43" Phillips Color TV.

The Chamber also is giving away a Char-Broil Barbecue grill with butane tank.

There will be only 500 chances to win, and each person who donates \$10.00 to the Chamber will have a chance to win.

Chamber members will be accepting donations. The first winner will get the TV and the grill will go to the one whose name is drawn second.

See or call Chamber members for a chance to win.

by Lataine Dillard

Fire Department Giving Away Two Saddles

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will be giving away two saddles: one 12" Campdraft Special handcrafted by The Australian Stockmans Saddlery and the other a 13" children's saddle.

Donations of \$5.00 will be accepted, and one of those who donates will win both saddles.

Only 500 will have a chance to win, and you do not have to be present to win.

Proceeds will be used to upgrade the storm warning system.

BCAA to Meet

A meeting of Briscoe County Activities Association has been called tonight (Thursday, July 10) at 7:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Everyone who would like to help with the rodeo is urged to attend.

Hardin-Simmons University announces that Amanda Estes made the H-SU Honor List for the spring 2003 semester. She made the Dean's List, which honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.75 - 3.99.

Lady Owl BB Camp Planned

The Lady Owl Basketball Camp, directed by Coach Amanda (Sandlien) Honey who is head coach at Vega, will be held July 30-31 and August 1. Hours will be 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Registration fee for the camp is \$40.00.

This basketball camp is being made available to all girls from eighth grade through high school. Please make plans to attend. "This is the third year Coach Honey has conducted the camp, and everyone knows she does an excellent job," said Silverton Athletic Director Ryan Dykes.

Chamber Seeking Pioneer Nominees

Silverton Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for the Pioneer Couple of the Day to be honored during the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration Saturday, August 9.

Chamber dues are now payable, and are only \$10 a year per family and \$25 a year for businesses.

Free Blood Sugar/Blood Pressure Clinic

Provided by Cory Edwards
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Texas Cooperative Extension

Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County is collaborating with Linda Moore, RN, of the South Plains Health Provider Briscoe County Community Clinic in Silverton to provide a free blood pressure/blood sugar clinic.

The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service.

Weather Woes Reveal Bright Side of Eradication

Late spring weather on the Texas High Plains usually brings towering storm clouds with the telltale greenish tinge of hail. And hail usually means bad news for cotton producers.

Recent storms have wreaked destruction in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, and cotton producers may be looking for some good news about their crop.

Those whose fields survived likely will have few problems with boll weevils, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials note.

Data collected since the program began two years ago show that the zone's boll weevil population has decreased dramatically. In fact, the zone has progressed to a point most other eradication zones have taken four years to achieve.

The good news for cotton

See Weather Woes--
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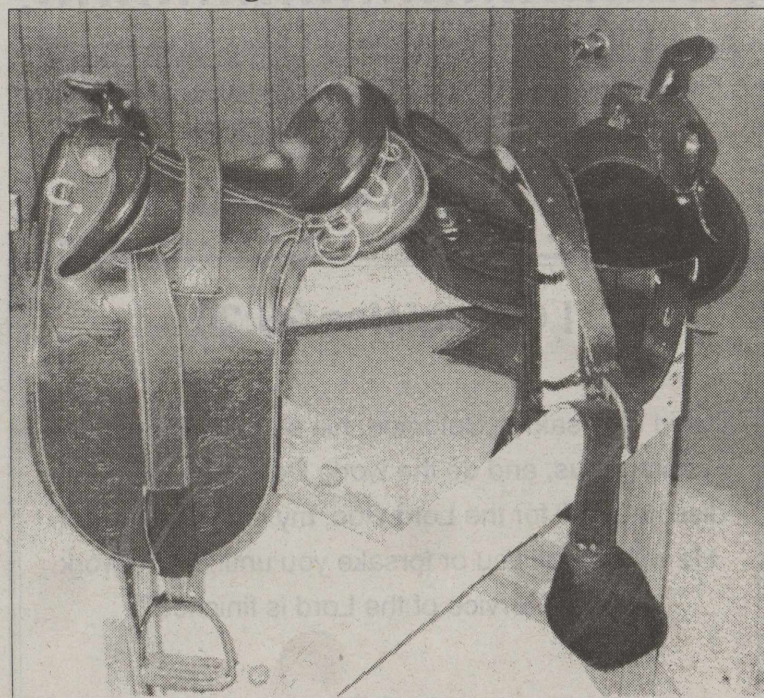
Basketball Camp Set July 14 - 17

The "Nothing But Net" Basketball Camp will take place in the Silverton School Gym July 14-17. Sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. daily. The camp will be directed by Silverton coaches and former players for incoming fourth through eighth grade students.

The camp will feature fundamental instruction, shooting, dribbling, ball handling, passing, defense, rebounding. A camp T-shirt will be given to each one attending, along with a camp water bottle and camp bag.

There will be shooting contests with awards, games, activities, team drills, etc.

BRISCOE COUNTY
BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION
August 8-9, 2003



Silverton Volunteer Firemen are giving away two saddles. Only 500 who donate to the fire department will have a chance to win the saddles. Donations to this project will be used to upgrade the storm warning system. Briscoe County News Photo

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 Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.
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 Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.
 Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
 Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.
 Mission Friends, GAs.....7:00 p.m.
 RAs, Rock Salt Youth...7:00 p.m.
 THURSDAY
 Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

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God, Family and Country

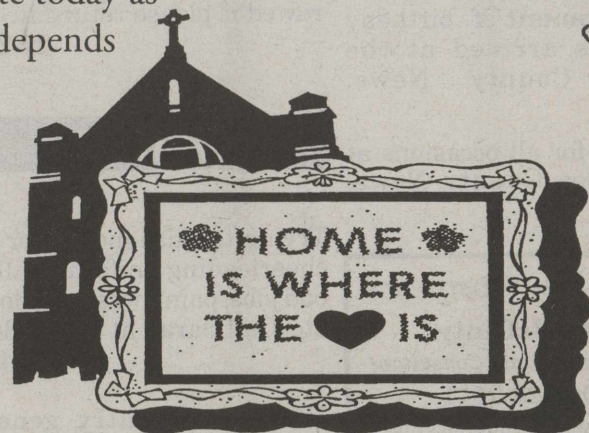
When we hear of all the troubles in the world, we should be thankful that we live in such a young and thriving country. Our country is just over two centuries old and thousands of people are still immigrating to our shores each year in search of freedom and a better life. Heaven knows, the United States is not without its problems, but most Americans will admit that we do have many benefits that other countries lack.

The backbone of any country is the family unit, and although the traditional family as we once knew it is on the decline, strong family values are just as important today as they ever were. Two-parent families, as well as one-parent families, have an obligation to make their home a strong and stable environment for their children and each other. The old saying, "home is where the heart is," indicates that a loving home with good moral and ethical values is important for a strong family and also for us to remain a strong country.

Several thousand years ago, God set down various rules for us to live by, and these rules are just as appropriate today as ever before. The family that prays and depends on God will help to keep this a strong country for many years to come.

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He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the Lord is finished."

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Weather Woes--

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 growers whose crops have failed is that a credit toward their boll weevil assessment is available if they follow a few guidelines.

First, growers with failed cotton crops will need to certify the crops as failed with their local Farm Service Agency by July 15.

Second, they will need to destroy all the cotton plants in their fields by the July 15 date. Then they need to keep those fields free of cotton for the remainder of the growing season. The same conditions apply if they plant the fields to an alternate crop.

If these conditions are met, Foundation officials say, growers will receive full credit on their assessment for the failed acres. Foundation personnel will monitor the fields and let growers know if their fields are not in compliance.

Besides receiving the credit, following the guidelines will benefit growers through lower program costs in the future.

Foundation Program Director Charles Allen also noted a change in the way the Foundation will handle the trapping of failed fields.

In the past, all but one boll weevil pheromone trap would be pulled from fields that were failed, but that would sometimes allow weevil populations to go undetected, especially in fields planted to alternate crops that had volunteer cotton growing in them.

For the 2003 growing season, traps will be placed around failed fields in sufficient number to detect low levels of weevil populations until the threat to eradication has passed.

Growers may obtain information about the new protocol by calling their local boll weevil district office. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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Proud grandparents are Terry and Sally Grimland, Brent and Jana Guest, and Lynn Payne.

Proud great-grandparents are Doris Yates, Tweedie Hutsell, G. P. and Betty Driskill and Ernestine Payne.

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Health and Safety

(NAPSA)-Have you ever wondered if whole-body CT scans are safe? Would you like to participate in a forum of consumers, health professionals and academia interested in FDA policy? If so, FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) has a Web site for you.

There, the Diabetes Information site (<http://www.fda.gov/diabetes>) addresses many aspects of the disease including glucose testing and disease management. The CT Scan-ning page (www.fda.gov/cdrh/ct) has links and printable pamphlets about full-body CAT scans.



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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

May 27, 1993--Melissa Woods, daughter of Becky Woods of Silverton and Carl Wayne Woods of Quitaque, is the valedictorian of the Class of 1993 with a scholastic average of 95.730. The salutatorian is Eddy Ward, son of Larry and Diane Ward, who has posted a grade average of 94.730. The other honor graduates are Aimee Francis, 94.313; Casey Frizzell, 93.070; Dusty Martin, 92.320, and Christy West, 90.388 . . . Lavelle Henderson, 73, taken by death . . . Valedictorian of this year's Eighth Grade is Brandon Sarchet, who has posted a scholastic average of 94.244. Kimmie Blazier is the salutatorian with an average of 90.109 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Burson announce the engagement of their daughter, Keeley, to Mr. Kraig Cox, son of Ms. Tena Tiffin and Mr. Lynn Cox . . . Among those who received degrees at South Plains College were Stacie Kay Chappell, associate of applied science degree in law enforcement technology, and David Dwain Tipton, associate of science degree . . . The blue ribbon 4-H District Share-the-Fun group is composed of Brooke Garvin, Kurby Garvin, Lindsey Jennings, Chelsey Cherry, Kenzie Burson, Molly Brooks, Lacy Brunson, Jackie Cherry and Trey Ziegler . . .

May 26, 1983--Twenty-one seniors to graduate Friday . . . A Texas Historical Marker will be dedicated Sunday near the site of the old Celtic Post Office in the Rock Creek community . . . Heavy rain and hail fell south of Silverton last Friday afternoon, while .35 of an inch of rain and light hail fell on the city itself . . . Miss Annette Kingery, bride-elect of Merle Roehr, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower and tea in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank . . . Sherri McJimsey, a 1976 graduate of Silverton High School and daughter of Mrs. Anne McJimsey and the late Arthur S. McJimsey, is a May 1983 graduate of Midwestern State University with a degree in nursing . . . Jena McFall, a typewriting II student in Silverton High School, recently achieved the highest score that is on record in the local school. Other recorded

scores that exceeded 100 NWAM belonged to Ronda Grabbe, 102 NWAM in 1978; Jana Cross, 101 NWAM in 1973 and Evelyn Crowell, 102 NWAM in 1955 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gamble are parents of a son, Jason Dwayne, born May 7 . . . FHA officers for the new school term are Donna Boling, president; Tammi Edwards, vice president; Angie Lowrey, secretary; Jena McFall, historian; Lisa Lavy, treasurer; Alesha Patton and Judy Segura, parliamentarians . . . Awards presented to high school students during an assembly program last week included Estella Trevino, typing and home economics awards; Jeni Denton, accounting, math and music awards; Rank Cogdell, vocational agriculture award; Clifford Clardy, science award; Judy Northcutt, English award . . .

May 24, 1973--High winds were accompanied by a heavy rain and hailstorm as they moved across the Silverton area Tuesday. A total of 1.07 inches of rain was measured by Fred Strange. Another .12 of an inch had fallen since last week. Some damage to wheat

and newly planted cotton was reported . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bridges of Levelland are parents of a daughter, Sharrel Ellen . . . Mrs. Connie Comer received her degree at Texas Tech University and was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester . . . Mrs. Garner Garrison, a senior at Angelo State University in San Angelo, was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester . . . Rhonda Dickerson made the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas Tech University for the spring semester . . . The old Fort Worth & Denver Railroad Station in Silverton is being torn down. Built in 1928, when the rail spur was a vital transportation link for this area, the razing of the building erases a familiar landmark from the scene . . . H. M. Vaughn was injured in an accident while at work Thursday. He was taken by ambulance to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview and it was necessary for him to undergo eye surgery . . .

May 9, 1963--Cottonwood Creek group receive Conservation Award . . . Sixteen boys and girls from Silverton were accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Baker, a teacher in the local elementary school, on a trip to Colorado Springs last weekend. Those making the trip were Juannah Nance, Janet Montague, Carron Montague,

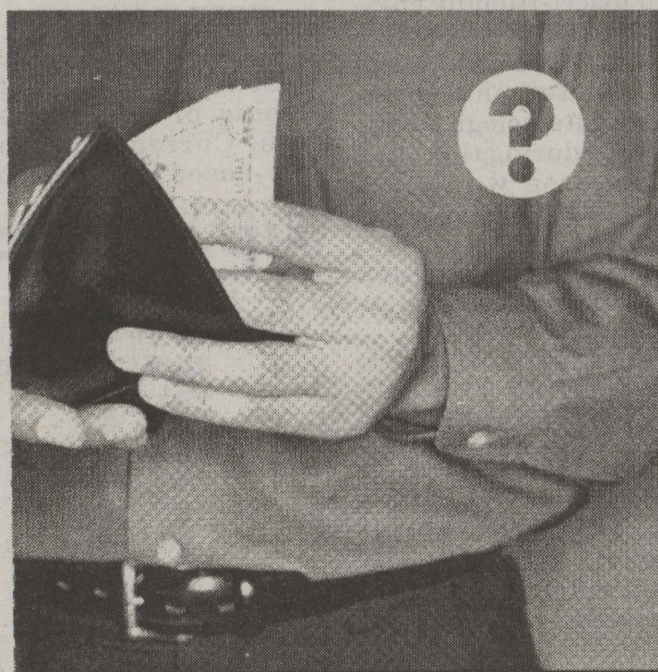
Marsha Teeple, Carol Ann Montague, Ginger Martin, Thurman May, Yater Muckleroy, Kim Steele, Rick Martin, Lynette Martin, Steve Brown, Kathy Self, David McDaniel, Pam Fleming and Roy Dale Garrison. The group made the trip by train from Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Yancey, Linda, Dorothy, Marsha and Brenda spent Sunday in Lubbock as guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Yancey . . . Clifton Stodghill and daughters, Mary and Donna, transacted business in Shamrock Saturday . . . Gordon Durham and Dale Smith are to report this week for induction into the armed forces . . .

April 23, 1953--Johnnie Burson attended the horse show at Paducah last Friday where he won first place with a two-year-old stallion, Wankesha . . . Mrs. Dick Guest was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. W. A. Holt . . . Mrs. H. P. Ledbetter, sr. was honored at a dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Ledbetter in Amarillo, on the occasion of her seventieth birthday . . . Services for Elmer Vaughan to be held today . . . Mrs. Fred Strange was honored with an informal miscellaneous household shower in the pretty country home of Mrs. Irving Francis Friday . . . Jaye Turner was selected Star

District Farmer of the Plainview District . . . Mmes. Minnie Stevenson, Dean Allard and Jim Stevenson went to Skellytown Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wood Hardcastle . . . Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cox and Latresa have moved from their farm south of town to the Graham house in the northeast part of town . . . Mmes. Ben Bingham, Roy Morris and Claude Loudermilk were in Plainview Wednesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dickerson and children spent Sunday in Memphis, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Amel Smithee and children . . .

April 22, 1943--The entire community was saddened and shocked when word came that Fred Lemons, 52, had passed away in a Dallas hospital April 16. Mr. Lemons had undergone an operation there several weeks ago, and death followed pneumonia and other complications . . . Barney Shirley, who lives in the Rock Creek community, lost his home and all personal belongings and was severely burned in a fire of unknown origin Sunday noon . . . Cotton farmers will be glad to know that the Silverton Gin has received a large shipment of Lockett 140 cottonseed for distribution in this county . . . Gene Vaughan, who is stationed at Pampa, was here on furlough the first of the week . . .

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Oh what a difference 30 days in June can make. Following a pleasant Memorial Day weekend, highlighted by beneficial rainfall across much of the region, June promised to be just what the doctor ordered for the High Plains cotton crop.

Unfortunately, the history books will recount June 2003 as a month that put an entirely different spin on the fate of the region's 3.6 million acre cotton crop.

During the month, High Plains cotton fields were blown, drowned, and pummeled by wave after wave of June thunderstorms, an adversary that has not been a regular visitor to the region for several years. So far, some 1.2 million acres of predominantly irrigated cotton in the region's northern tier counties are estimated to have been lost.

Based on recent history, that lost acreage can be credited for nearly 50 percent of all High Plains production over the past couple of years.

By using the most recent 5-year averages for acreage and yield a conservative estimate of what the loss of these acres actually means in economic terms can be derived. Using the 1998-2002 numbers, the region's 2003 farm level economic loss is estimated to top \$320 million as a direct result of June crop losses.

Fortunately, every cloud does have a silver lining. Extended areas of the dryland production region south of Lubbock carry a slightly de-

layed, but makeable, crop into the month of July for the first time in several years.

Dryland acres have been a piece of the High Plains production puzzle all but missing for several years due to drought. Should they continue to progress, they will help make up at least part of the area's lost production potential.

Remaining irrigated and dryland acres, for the most part, are anywhere from significantly to only slightly behind based on the calendar. Either way, producers have a complicated set of management decisions to work through in order to maximize the production potential on every acre that is left.

Producers wanting tips on managing late cotton can request the latest version of the Texas Cooperative Extension's "Managing Late Cotton" publication. This valuable guide should help growers avoid management pitfalls associated with a late cotton crop. It is currently being updated and should be available in early July.

Growers may request copies through their County Extension Agents and from the Lubbock Research and Extension Center. A link to the downloadable version will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

The chart accompanying this shows the five-year average planted acreage, yield per harvested acre and estimated farm level economic loss (cal-

2003 Farm Level Economic Loss Estimate through June 30, 2003

County	5-Year Ave. Planted Acres	Yield per HA	2003 Est. Loss (%)	Potential Economic Impact at Farm Level
Bailey	94,280	467	85.0%	\$19,462,749.83
Borden	18,880	336	0.0%	\$0.00
Briscoe	43,140	400	61.8%	\$5,554,247.00
Castro	82,960	860	52.0%	\$19,285,724.52
Cochran	136,400	454	90.0%	\$28,955,491.81
Crosby	226,060	407	43.2%	\$20,654,869.89
Dawson	293,160	413	1.0%	\$644,633.28
Deaf Smith	37,820	619	75.0%	\$9,131,631.28
Dickens	24,380	269	0.9%	\$30,775.36
Floyd	193,920	527	85.0%	\$45,200,298.32
Gaines	286,360	522	10.0%	\$7,769,701.78
Garza	44,480	333	7.2%	\$554,036.85
Hale	268,580	689	55.0%	\$52,957,715.69
Hockley	260,060	425	36.3%	\$20,847,104.41
Howard	125,060	262	0.3%	\$52,347.98
Lamb	208,620	646	85.0%	\$59,544,210.47
Lubbock	279,460	417	20.0%	\$12,114,805.89
Lynn	297,680	314	4.1%	\$1,999,798.81
Martin	150,240	349	4.2%	\$1,131,657.95
Midland	32,820	334	6.3%	\$356,369.57
Motley	32,800	201	2.8%	\$97,043.57
Parmer	89,580	868	70.0%	\$28,313,505.50
Swisher	86,740	650	64.4%	\$18,881,479.59
Terry	261,120	410	7.1%	\$3,940,835.67
Yoakum	140,020	490	14.9%	\$5,296,454.51
25-County Total	3,714,620	494	33.7%	\$321,973,349.53

culated at 52c lb. crop value) for each of the counties in the High Plains.

Amounts were calculated using 1998-2002 county average planted acreage and yields per harvested acre, and crop

loss estimate prepared by PCG and Texas Cooperative Extension.

Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear.

William Shakespeare
All's Well That Ends Well

Without constancy there is neither love, friendship nor virtue in the world.

Joseph Addison

The bird of paradise alights only upon the hand that does not grasp.

John Berry

Beware of the half-truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half.

Seymour Essrog

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July Events at Caprock Canyons

A Nature Hike - North Prong will be held from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 12. Join the park interpreter for a nature hike along the North Prong Trail. Learn about mammals, animal signs, birds, plants and the geology of the park. The hike will last about two hours. Bring plenty of water. Regular park fees apply.

Birding 101 will be the event from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 19. If you are interested in bird watching, the fastest growing sport in North America, join park officials for a short lesson in bird identification and then try your newly-acquired skills. Binoculars and bird guides are helpful, but not required. Bring plenty of water. Regular park fees apply.

Prairie Grasses will be the topic on Saturday morning, July 26, and this will be followed in the evening by a History of Caprock Canyons State Park.



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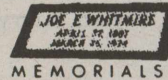
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Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Wayne Martin

Ober-Martin Vows Exchanged In Tulia Church on April 26

Miss Sara Maria Ober became the bride of Dusty Wayne Martin in a traditional ceremony April 26 at Central Church of Christ in Tulia. Trey Morgan performed the 2:00 p.m. ceremony flanked by spiral candelabra decorated with sunflowers and greenery, and an arched candelabra accented with sunflowers and greenery. Tulle bows, greenery and yellow roses decorated the pews.

The bride is the daughter of James and Juanita Ober of Tulia, and her husband is the son of Gary and Ramona Martin of Silverton.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown designed with beaded spaghetti straps with embroidered satin bodice with tulle skirt accentuated by scattered pearls and sequins and a matching shawl. She carried a cascade of sunflow-

ers accented with blue, periwinkle and melon into which her grandmother's handkerchief was tucked.

Maid of honor was Robin Holland of Plainview, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Vanessa Barbour of Silverton, sister of the groom.

They wore draped-front gowns of periwinkle iridescent chiffon design with A-line skirts and straps. They carried single sunflowers with the same colors to match the bride's bouquet tied with ribbon.

Flowergirls were Kaitlyn Holland of Plainview, niece of the bride; Taeleigh Barbour of Silverton, niece of the groom, and Erica Carmichael of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, niece of the bride.

Ringbearer was Jamie Carmichael of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, nephew of the bride.

Nazareth German Festival Will Be Saturday, July 12

The 31st annual Nazareth German Festival and Suds 'n Sounds held in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Saturday, July 12, 2003, in Nazareth, Texas.

Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. with an Arts & Crafts Show in the Nazareth Band Hall, sponsored by the Nazareth Art Club. There will be lots and lots of great items and gift ideas. Also plan to visit the Nazareth Museum.

A German Sausage Meal, including German sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, beans, salad and fruit, bread, apple crisp and German chocolate cake will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the

Serving his brother as best man was Matt Martin of Canyon.

Groomsman was Shawn Barbour of Silverton, brother-in-law of the groom.

Trey Ziegler and Tech Ince seated the guests.

Following the ceremony, a reception was hosted by the parents of the couple.

The bride's table was decorated with the bouquets of the wedding party. An oil lamp decorated by the bride's aunt and uncle from Stanton, Nebraska and horseshoe candleholders made by the groom with sunflowers around them accented the table. The three-tier wedding cake with basket-weave design was accented with sunflowers and was served with spring punch. Nuts and mints also were served.

The groom's table held a silver serving set with coffee and horseshoe candleholders made by the groom. The horseshoe-shaped German chocolate cakes were accented by sunflowers.

The couple postponed their honeymoon until fall so they could take a skiing trip.

They are making their home in Silverton.

The bride is a graduate of Tulia High School and Amarillo College of Hairdressing. She is self-employed at The Studio as a nail technician.

Her husband is a graduate of Silverton High School and West Texas A&M University. He is employed by Brown Power & Equipment Company in Tulia and is a self-employed mechanic and welder.

Community Hall. Tickets for the meal are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Frozen sausage will be available at the rate of two pounds for \$5.50 at the meal.

Activities on the grounds of the Community Hall begin at 11:00 a.m. They include barrel rides and two inflatable water slides. Arm bands can be purchased at the Community Hall. Kids, bring your swimming duds and join in the fun!

At 5:00 p.m. the gates will open at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark, east of town, for Suds 'n Sounds, an outdoor concert that will kick off with local bands performing. Admission is \$20.00 per person. Bring your lawn chairs and shades. Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. This year the headline band is Sixwire. Performing bands are Copperhead, Young Guns, Clear Creek Band, Three Kings, Kracker Jack, and Cowboy Cold.

Dance under the stars on a 2,400 sq. ft. dance floor. Concession stands will feature German sausage sandwiches, hamburgers, curly fries, and

Flea Beetle Getting At Root of Invasive Weed Problem

Provided by Brandon McGinty
Briscoe County CEA-Ag
Texas Cooperative Extension

USDA scientists are studying a flea beetle that feeds on the roots of yellow starthistle, an invasive weed that causes the nation's agriculture industry millions of dollars of damage each year. All previously known pests of this weed fed on the flower heads and did not actually kill or control the plant. The flea beetle kills the starthistle by feeding on its roots; however, only a specific population of beetles were found to be effective. The beetle's correct identity must be determined to ensure the proper insect is used to control the weed.

Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

Henry Ford

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Where: Gem Theatre in Turkey, Texas

When: Saturday, July 19, 2003

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10.00-Adults \$5.00-12 & Under

For Ticket Information Call 806-423-1273

CARDS OF THANKS

The Chamber of Commerce and John T. Burson would like to thank each and every one who helped with the clean-up, worked the concert and attended the July 4th concert and festivities.

Thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department for the good food and hard work. Special thanks to Rex Johnson for the Round-up used at the arena, Doug Cherry for the electrical work and Seab Washington for the use of the stage, Jimmy Burson, Sarah Craiker and her family, Shandy Forbes and all those who entertained and Caitlan Reagan for posting of the color.

Thanks to the whole community for your support. Silverton Chamber of Commerce

I would like to thank my fellow Chamber members for all their hard work at the 4th of July Concert. It was a great success; it couldn't have been done without all of you.

John T. Burson

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas Edison

When Nature has work to be done, she creates a genius to do it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Don't Let Pests Swarm in on Your Summer Fun

(NAPSA)-As the temperature heats up, many of us head outdoors-only to begin an annual battle with annoying and sometimes perilous insects that invade our yards. Activities we associate with the season-swimming, barbecues, even enjoying sunsets from our front porches-are not immune to intrusive pests.

Insects that bite or sting cause great concern. In fact, the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology notes that stinging insects send 500,000 people to hospitals each year. According to Orkin Pest Control, wasps, hornets, yellow jackets and fire ants are a particular problem; hot weather encourages the growth of their colonies. Just one acre can support up to 40 mature fire ant colonies, each capable of containing 500,000 or more ants. While insect bites or stings are usually not life threatening, they can be painful, easily infected and can aggravate skin disorders or allergies. Parents should monitor for stinging insect nests or mounds and have outbreaks treated by a licensed pest control professional.

Houseflies are also bothersome. Not only a nuisance,

Happy Birthday--

July 10--Christopher Allen Sternberg, Eloise Strange, Samantha Francis, W. J. Copeland, Brandon McGinty

July 11--Sandy Stephens, Magan Whittington, Carman Juarez

July 12--Bobbie Bean, Christy West, Sandy Tambunga, Pamela Castillo, Jerry Baker, Clay Lowrance

July 13--Patsy Towe

July 14--Roland Asebedo, Charlotte Rhoderick, Dorothy Baker, Rosemary Maciel, Jackie Davis

July 15--Casen Hawkins, Lydia Segura, Jaci Lee Marley

July 16--Shelly Harris, Jo Ann Baker

Happy Anniversary--

July 11--Mr. and Mrs. James Davis

July 13--Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Matchett

July 15--Mr. and Mrs. Alex Segura

sance, houseflies are known to carry a variety of disease organisms-including bacteria-that have been linked to food poisoning, urinary tract infections, bloodstream infections and meningitis. Houseflies can fly as far as 28 miles when carried by wind-and also buzz into the home. Ninety-eight percent of flies caught in the home are houseflies. When eating, people should be vigilant about keeping food away from these filthy pests.

"The warmer months create an insect-friendly environment that can interfere with our time outdoors," says Orkin Technical Director and entomologist Paul Bello. "It's during this peak insect season we should take steps necessary to ensure safety."

Follow these steps to stop insects from ruining outdoor fun.

Keep food containers tightly wrapped or secured.

Don't leave food or discarded wrappers in the open.

Cover soda cans. Many people are stung on the face and mouth by yellow jackets that entered their soda can unseen.

Additional information on a variety of pests can be found online at www.orkin.com.



Texas Cooperative Extension GRILLING IRRADIATED BURGERS

Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

Although irradiated beef offers added protection against bacteria, USDA experts say you must still cook those burgers safely. Irradiation kills some bacteria, but there are still risks from undercooked meat. While cooking, you should check the meat's temperature with a food thermometer to make sure it is cooked to 160 degrees. Meat should always be handled with clean hands and on clean surfaces. Never use the same plate for cooked burgers that you used for the raw meat unless it has been thoroughly cleaned. After the cookout, it is important that you chill the leftovers immediately to avoid contamination of the meat.

BIO-BASED PRODUCTS

The USDA is increasing efforts to promote environmentally friendly fuels made from agricultural commodities. Recent studies found machines that used bio-diesel or bio-oil ran just as well or better than machines which ran on petroleum-based products. Although bio-based products may cost a bit more, they will cause less engine wear and longer life cycles for your machine. Also, accidental bio-diesel spills are much easier to clean up. The spills are more of a housekeeping issue than an environmental one.

PRUNE PUREE

Prune puree may be a natural alternative for keeping processed meat fresh. Currently, chemically-based antioxidants

such as BHT or BHA keep meat from turning rancid. Researchers combined dried prune puree with pork sausage to evaluate the amount of lipid oxidation, which causes rancid flavors. Prunes have many naturally occurring antioxidants that help keep food fresh. The pork sausage was then pre-cooked, refrigerated and then reheated and served to a taste panel every few days. The study found that the prune puree at three percent levels was just as effective as BHA or BHT. Adding the puree did not significantly change the taste of the meat at this low percentage; however, it did decrease the salty bitter taste that some associate with cooked pork.

Musical Program Slated at Turkey Gem Theatre

Saturday, July 19, 2003, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Faith's Journey along with the Top of Texas Quartet will be in concert at the Turkey Gem Theatre. These are very talented musicians from the Amarillo area. They will be singing country and gospel selections.

The group consists of Ron James (lead guitar), Everett Poore (bass, banjo, guitar), Tony Fiore (bass, guitar), Charlie Clinton (keyboard), Bob Hopkins (keyboard), George Pedigo (drums), Dennis Mobley (saxophone), Elvis Sain (guitar), Bill Ockander (sound technician), Richard Bean (bass), Wyley Chanel (lead), Terry Davis (baritone), and Kaleb Wallace (tenor).

Admission will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for those 12 and under. For ticket information, call 806-423-1273.

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3	93	64	
4	93	63	
5	91	63	
6	89	63	
7	84	63	
8	83	69	

July Precip.	.00
Normal July Precip.	2.39
Total Precip. in 2003	8.63
Normal Annual Precip.	12.95