

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 1.

Everyone is to bring a gift valued at \$5.00 to exchange. This will be an April Fool event.

Briscoe County Activities Association will have its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27 (tonight) at the Showbarn.

The Junior Class will sponsor the first annual Faculty vs. Student basketball game Monday, March 31, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Silverton Gym. Admission will be \$1.00.

The concession stand will be serving burgers, chips, candy, drinks and will have a meal deal for \$5.00.

The Junior and Senior Students will play the Silverton ISD faculty.

You are invited to come support the Junior Class fundraiser.

I'm quoting from Mary's Musings in the *Kress News* of March 20, 2003. This column is written by Mary Monroe Strange, concerning her husband, Louie's, treatments at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

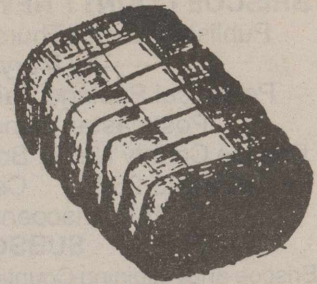
"Louie had a good week, but his throat is getting progressively sorer from the radiation treatments he takes each morning. He will take another chemo treatment Monday, and that will more than likely set him back for a few days.

"... Louie and I go for a walk in the late afternoon everyday. We stepped out the other day, took a deep breath and I said, 'Aah, the wonderful aroma of fresh exhaust



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# Briscoe County News

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## RockSalt Youth To Sell Doughnuts

RockSalt Youth will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts from now until April 3. The youth are selling these doughnuts to raise money for their summer mission trip.

The doughnuts are \$6.00 per dozen.

You may order your doughnuts by calling 847-2513 or 823-2509 or by seeing any of the RockSalt Youth.

The factory fresh doughnuts will be ready for pick up on Saturday, April 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the RockSalt Youth Group building.

Your prayers and support will be greatly appreciated.

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell his people."*

fumes.' We really do miss the fresh air of home.

"I also miss the quiet of our home where the only noise we hear at night is an occasional coyote. No matter what time of the night you wake up here, there is always traffic noise. Don't these Houstonians ever sleep?"

"I apologize for whining through this whole column this week. I promise to do better next week."



Clifton Baker

## Baker Wins State Powerlifting Award

Clifton Baker, a junior in Silverton High School, won his weight class in the State Powerlifting Meet at Fort Worth last Saturday. This was his third year to compete in powerlifting. He placed at the State Meet last year, and brought home the top award this year.

He lifted 615 pounds in squad, 370 pounds in bench, and 650 pounds in deadlift, for a total of 1635 pounds.

Marcos Patino also competed in the State Meet.

*Unlike most mammals, a beaver keeps growing throughout its life.*

## Hunter Safety Course Has Food, Fun and Education

Texas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement division is sponsoring its annual hunter safety class Friday and Saturday, March 28-29, at the Tulia VFW Hall. Hunters are invited from Swisher, Briscoe, Hale, Castro and Floyd counties.

"Those born on or after September 2, 1971, must take a hunter safety course before they can legally hunt in Texas," said Audie Hamm, game warden serving this area. "You may know how to hunt after having been out with your dad for years, but you learn other things in these courses. People learn the ethics of hunting, safe weapons handling techniques, first aid, survival skills, and the hunter's role in maintaining a viable wildlife population."

Students will be exposed to a range of topics that will include primitive firearms that use black powder. In the last 20 or so years black powder weapons have gained many enthusiasts.

"These are very inexpensive weapons, a lot of challenge, and a lot of fun," Hamm said. "Game Warden Mark Collins of Plainview and I have gone hunting for elk with black powder every year in Colorado that our names have been drawn. It's fun."

Jeff Wallick of Amarillo will lead this part of the course.

"He is knowledgeable in all types of modern firearms, a gun-See Hunter Safety Course--

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## Next Project Graduation

### Meet is March 31

The next Project Graduation meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 31, in the board room in Silverton High School.

All parents of high school students are urged to attend to help plan the chemical-free graduation event.

## Swisher Electric Members To Meet in Tulia March 27

Swisher Electric Cooperative's 63rd Annual Membership Meeting is set for Thursday, March 27, 2003 in the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration for the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a catered buffet supper for members and guests, followed by the business meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

This year's meeting centers around the theme, "A Cup of Gold." The theme conveys the message that in the light of what's occurred with deregulation in the electric industry in the past two years, the Cooperative is a "cup of gold" for its members. In the Cooperative's annual report to members, board president Eddie Bryan and general manager Charles Castleberry point out that electric cooperatives got it right in their approach to electric deregulation by putting members first and sticking to the basics of providing

reliable electricity at competitive prices. In contrast, many of the electric utilities who championed electric deregulation and neglected their customers are now abandoning the market, selling off assets to pay debts, and trying to rebuild the trust of the customers they neglected during their venture into electric deregulation.

Two director positions will be voted on by the members. Incumbent director and board secretary-treasurer Gene Latham is opposed by Robert Gardner for position one and incumbent director Guinn Fitzgerald is opposed by James Alan Patton for position two. All the candidates were selected by a seven member nominating committee in January.

The meeting will conclude with drawings for approximately 40 door prizes plus a grand prize to be announced.



Silverton students, teachers and townspeople gathered around the flagpole at school Monday at noon in support of President Bush and the troops in the Middle East. There were comments by County Judge Wayne Nance and Student Body President Jenny Young, the violin rendition of taps by Jimmy Burson and the national anthem led by Sarah Craiker.

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## CARDS OF THANKS

Words are not nearly enough to say thank you for the prayers, cards, food that all of you sent our way before and after my surgery.

I'm proud to be a part of this community and all the people who live here.

A special thanks to all those who were with my family during my surgery.

May God bless each of you.

Bill, Shana and family

## FSA: Base and Yield Option Deadline Near

USDA Farm Service Agency personnel are reminding growers that intend to participate that the deadline for completing sign-up is getting close.

The deadline for owners or their appointed representative to make initial base and yield option selections for the DCP program is April 1, 2003. The deadline for program participants to sign-up for the 2002 and 2003 DCP program is June 2, 2003.

Both the initial base and yield option selection and the decisions to participate in the 2002 and 2003 DCP program can be completed at the same time.

The 2002 and 2003 DCP payments for the balance of the 2002 direct payment, 2002 counter-cyclical advance payments and the advance for the 2003 direct payment will be processed as soon as sign-up is completed.

Producers are encouraged to contact their county FSA office to schedule an appointment.

**AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED THROUGH JANUARY**

Counter-cyclical payments for the 2002-crop cotton are calculated using the weighted average price received by farmers for the 2002-2003 Upland cotton marketing year.

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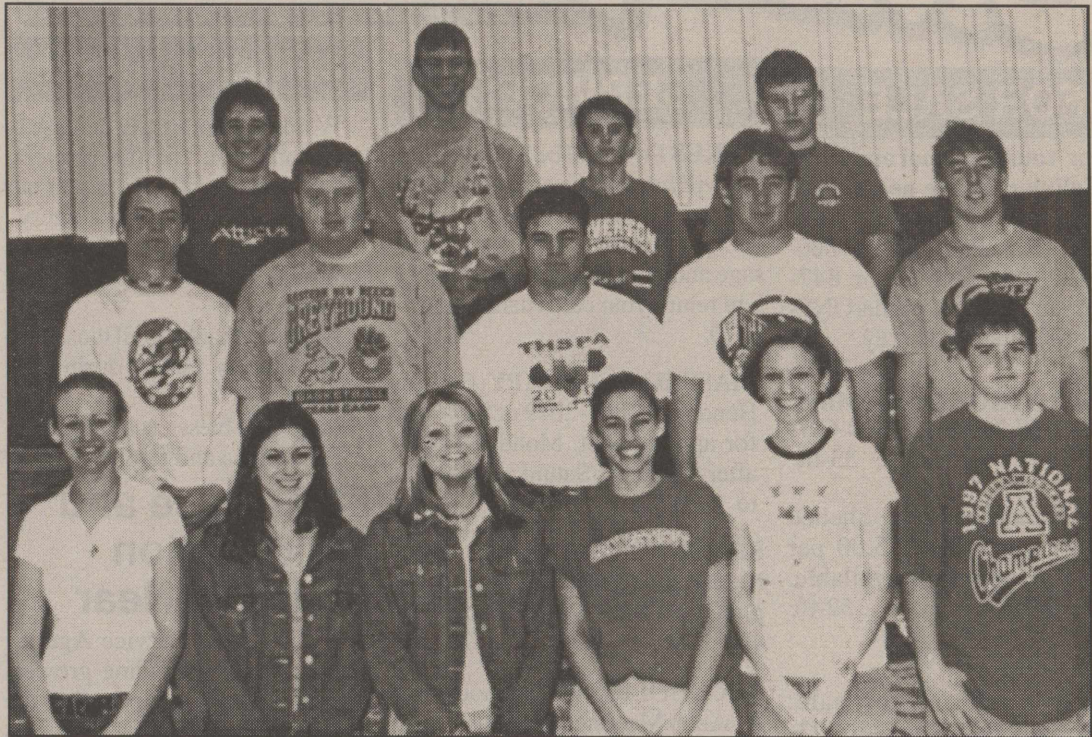
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## Congratulations to the One-Act Play Cast for Winning Zone and The Third Grade for Passing the TAKS test 100%!

The One-Act Play, directed by Paula Garvin, was presented in District competition at Wayland Baptist University Tuesday. At the Zone competition, the Silverton students won one-third of all the awards given. Chase Comer was chosen Best Actor; Colt Smith and Yance Forbes won Honorable Mention; Caleb Francis, Sarah Craiker and Galen Smith were named to the All-Star Cast. The play is "The Attempted Murder of Peggy Sweetwater," a murder mystery which keeps the audience guessing and laughing until the last scene. The cast and crew pictured are (back row, left to right) Yance Forbes, Ty Reed, Caleb Francis, James Tiffin; (middle row) Colt Smith, Eric Minyard, Galen Smith, Chase Comer, Max Comer; (front) Shevon Chalmers, Tarran Forbes, Kelcy Simpson, Sarah Craiker, Daryl-Ann Reynolds and Jacob Francis.

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Silverton's Third Grade Class recently took the Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills Test (TAKS) which is new this year, and 100% of the class passed the test. Their teacher is Mrs. Tina Nance.

The Third Graders are (back row, left to right) Whitney Perkins, Samantha Hall, Sierra Juarez, Haley Beesinger, Morgan Embry, Reba Garvin; (middle row) Kevin Watson, Bryce Patton, Timothy DeLeon, Rowdy Cogdell, Rodolfo Garcia, Tanner Schott, Curtis Reed; (front) Shane Watson, Matthew Maciel, Ryder Carpenter, Forrest Otis, J. T. West and Braden Estes.

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## High School Hoot-n-Scoot To Go Friday

The High School Hoot-n-Scoot will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday on the Silverton Track.

Everyone is invited to watch the high school track athletes in their home meet.

## April Events Set At the State Park

Several events are planned at Caprock Canyons State Park.

April 5 there will be a Nature Hike at 9:00 a.m. and an Evening

Program that begins at 7:00 p.m.

Join the park interpreter for an informative hike along Eagle Point Trail. Learn about mammals, animal signs, birds, plants and the geology of the park. The hike will last about one hour. Regular park fees apply.

A beautiful canyon sunset at the amphitheater will be followed by a slide show.

April 12 is volunteer day, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There's a lot to be done at State Parks and now is your chance to help. Those attending will work until noon, then meet for a potluck lunch. Different projects are available for all activity levels. Call ahead, 455-1492, for more information.

## Hunter Safety Course-Continued From Page One

smith, and a very good teacher," Hamm said. "He taught the course last year and did such a good job we are using him again. The kids liked him real well."

On Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the class will discuss safe handling techniques for each class of modern firearms. They will cover revolvers, semi-automatic pistols, shotguns, rifles, Sharp's buffalo guns, and crossbow. Safe storage of ammunition and secure storage of weapons also will be discussed.

On Saturday the group will meet at 8:00 a.m. and finish about 4:00 p.m. Instructor will be Bill McCumbin of Amarillo, who is in charge of the Texas hunter education program for the northern Panhandle.

Archery instructors will be Jimmy Joe Johnson and Mike Culwell, both of Tulia.

"They are very experienced hunters and have a lot of experience hunting big game with a bow," Hamm said. "I believe we will have targets available for student archers. In the Panhandle, archery is growing in popularity and we want to see people get a safe start in the sport."

Hamm and Collins will lead the portion of the course on black powder firearms. They will stress safe handling, loading, unloading and cleaning. "There is a lot to learning how to use a black powder firearm," Hamm said. "Improper handling and loading can lead to serious injury or death. Black powder is traditional in hunting as well as being an inexpensive hobby. Also, it opens a new avenue of hunting because in most of the state there is a separate season for black powder."

Part of the program will be a simulated hunting session for each student. They will use the new laser-shoot system from Texas Parks and Wildlife. There are seven in the state and this unit was obtained from Ballenger. It costs about \$13,500, and is not a computer generated video game. The machine uses video tape shot by New Mexico and Colorado fish and game departments.

The objective is to help students learn safe hunting skills in the area of target recognition.

"Most hunting injuries occur as a result of improper target recognition and hunter error," Hamm said. "They will have to identify the wildlife in the background. In some scenarios there are campgrounds, people, roads, vehicles and wildlife that is not in season. They will be able to hunt antelope, black bear, rocky mountain elk,

whitetail deer and wild turkey."

The shoot-no shoot decision is extremely important to anyone who handles weapons. Police, military and hunters all face the same choices. A clear line of fire and identification of the target are essential, as is recognizing the hunter's own emotional state.

"Inexperienced hunters get trigger happy," Hamm said. "We hope that the class will make people aware of how easily mistakes can be made. Veteran hunters don't make those errors. We want to give hunters training that simulates experience in a safe environment."

Hamm said that when students start with the laser they don't want to stop.

"I know I didn't," he said. "Finally, though, I just had to go to bed."

The class will break for lunch, and, as in the past, Hamm, Collins and possibly a cooking team from Plainview, will prepare lunch. This year it will be whitetail deer German sausage, caribou kabobs with pinto beans, chips and drinks.

In Texas youngsters can get a hunting license at any age, but

hunting without taking a hunter safety course is a misdemeanor. The law has been in force about 15 years.

"We have seen a statewide reduction in hunting accidents and I think it is a good law," Hamm said. "If a game warden catches you hunting without the hunter safety certificate you will be issued a citation. By state law you have only 90 days to find and take the course, which is very difficult because courses are offered infrequently. Those who fail to find a course will have to pay a fine up to \$500 and will have a Class C misdemeanor on their Parks and Wildlife record. Some judges are imposing the maximum fine.

"Students who fail to take the class are depriving themselves of a great time, great food, a load of fun, and the opportunity to become a safe hunter. Join the class, have fun and get to know us," Hamm said.

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**February 11, 1993**--Not only did the Caprock Jamboree have one of its best performances Saturday night, it also had record attendance: 535 people! . . . Patrick O'Neal and Zeb Holt won the high school division of the Science Fair Saturday with a presentation of the Earth Energy System . . . Mr. and Mrs. Eldon O'Neal announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Linda Lee, to John Lewis Moore . . . Wynter Smith won first place in the Junior High division of the Science Fair last Saturday with her demonstration of the effects of alcohol on a mouse . . . Silverton Chamber of Commerce held an Omelet Rodeo last week at the showbarn, and a number of new members were added at the event . . .

**February 10, 1983**--Sweethearts dance to be held at Hester's Gulf Station . . . Snow blankets Silverton again, with a four-inch official measurement recorded by Fred Strange . . . Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes spent last weekend at Roscoe in the home of their children and grandchildren, Rev. and Mrs. Randy Hughes, Amy Lynne and Matthew, to help celebrate a late birthday for Amy and an early one for Matt and Judy . . . Former Silverton resident, Mrs. Jackie McAlpin, is new WTSU associate registrar . . . Teams making up games, looking to play-offs . . . Annual joint meeting of FBLA chapters being held . . . Aoudad sheep hunt held at Caprock Canyons State Park . . . Mrs. Joni Mayfield underwent major surgery Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan . . . Marie Boling, Donna Boling, Jim Estes and Beverly and Ryan Minyard were in Lubbock Saturday to attend the LCC Master Follies in which Brenda Boling took part as a member of Lambda Omega Alpha social club . . .

**February 8, 1973**--Laura Arnold, a senior in Silverton High School, was recently notified that she is to be featured in the Seventh Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students . . . Peggy Kitchens will be installed as Worthy Advisor of the Silverton Rainbow Assembly Saturday afternoon . . . Silverton School music students who competed in Region XVI Vocal and Piano Solo Competition February 3 at Monterey High School in Lubbock were Kim Hutsell, Lee Ann McMurtry, Becky Francis, Lori Francis, Marshall Rauch, Debbie Cantwell, Danna Garvin and Tim

Wilson . . . The ladies of the Rock Creek Church enjoyed a fellowship party in the home of Mrs. J. D. Nance Wednesday. Mrs. John David Turner was given a surprise shower at the meeting . . .

**February 7, 1963**--Services conducted for Gerald Arnold, 42 . . . Postmaster Grady Martin and Mrs. Ray C. Bomar had received their bright new postal uniforms, with the embroidered pony express rider emblems on each . . . The Helping Hand Club met Friday in the home of Nelda Jasper. Refreshments were served to Mmes. Modean Callaway, Lorene Crass, Ethel Fitzgerald, Mary John Harris, Pearl Lanham, Laverne Mercer, May Pearl Rowell and the hostess, Mrs. Jasper . . . Playing in the piano recital presented by Mrs. J. E. Jowell will be Rhonda Sutton, Micki Jasper, Sharon Jarrett, Ruth Ann Cline, Marvin Self, Diane Long, Vici Jasper, Debbie Cantwell, Nancy Fowler, Phillip Stephens, Cynthia Sutton, Kathy Self, Ninette Martin and Joni Self . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Self spent Sunday in Portales, New Mexico with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Self, and other relatives . . . Mrs. J. E. Vaughan and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vaughan, Ronny and Danny attended a dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Meeks in Quanah on Sunday.

The occasion was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Johnston of Hollis, Oklahoma, whose birthdays were Monday and Tuesday . . . Mrs. Bryan Strange and Norman Strange attended a farm sale at Dimmitt Friday . . . The home of Mrs. Dock Wallace was the scene of a pretty miscellaneous bridal shower Saturday honoring Mrs. Louis Grabbe, nee Alice Holt . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney were in Lockney Sunday afternoon where they visited Mr. H. L. McWatters, Silverton, and Mrs. A. F. Van Meter, sr., Quitaque, patients in Lockney General Hospital . . . Miss Anna Lee Anderson and Mmes. Alvin Redin and Fred Mercer attended the regular monthly meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma in Plainview Saturday . . .

**February 19, 1953**--Funeral services for J. N. Cantwell, 82, conducted Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. U. D. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Crass were honored Sunday with an anniversary dinner in the Crass home. The Browns celebrated their 38th anniversary, while the Crasses were celebrating their 20th anniversary . . . Funeral services held Wednesday for John Stuart Fisher, 74 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Bingham and family went to El Paso Friday to visit their son, Pvt. Johnnie Bingham, at Fort Bliss . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bomar have started construction of a new home in the northwest part of town, between the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dickerson and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Minyard . . . Staff Sgt. Horace Morrison of Amarillo Air Force

Base visited his mother, Mrs. Mollie Morrison, and sister, Mrs. C. L. McWilliams, on Sunday . . . Mrs. P. D. Jasper and Dawn were dinner guests Sunday with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Aubrey Rowell and Mr. Rowell in the Rock Creek community . . . Bill Satterfield has written friends here that he is in Seoul, Korea. He also stated that Carlyle, or "Boots" as he is more familiarly known here, had been wounded and was in a hospital in Pusan, Japan . . . Mmes. J. W. McCracken and Wayne McCutchen and children went to the dentist in Quitaque Saturday afternoon . . . Mrs. Donald Paige was honored with a pink and blue shower in the home of Mrs. A. L. McMurtry . . . Mrs. Lee Perkins, who has been a patient in the Plainview Clinic the past several days, is doing very well . . . Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford and daughters, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Jarnagin and Sheila . . .

**February 11, 1943**--Charles Wayne Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mayfield, narrowly escaped losing an eye Tuesday night of last week. Charles was playing on a haystack and jumped off. He fell on a blue hog wire running the wire in his cheek and up to the eyeball. He was taken to Dr. Streit Wednesday . . . Mrs. Arnold Brown was hostess to the LTD Club for their annual Valentine party. Attending were Mmes. Ware Fogerson, J. T. Luke, Dutch

Tidwell, Roy Hahn, Theron Crass, Durward Brown, J. W. Lyon, jr., Lem Weaver and Jeff Peeler . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tipton are parents of a son born February 1 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lanham are the proud parents of a daughter, Dora Celene, born February 4 . . . Mrs. Jake Carthel and children moved back to Silverton this week from Amarillo. Mr. Carthel is still working in Amarillo . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen and children of Clarendon spent the weekend on the J. H. Burson ranch . . . Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Burson, John Arnold and Freddie Arnold visited Mrs. Clifford Davis in Amarillo Saturday . . . Mrs. W. W. Reid, Percy Reid and Mrs. Dee Reid were in Tulia Tuesday . . .

*The world's smallest mammal is the bumblebee ba tof Thailand, weighing less than a penny.*

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 31--Turkey Tetrazini, Broccoli, Bread, Milk, Cookie

Tuesday, April 1--Chicken Fajita, Fiesta Corn, Mixed Fruit, Chips, Milk, Hot Sauce

Wednesday, April 2--Beef & Vegetable Soup, Pineapple, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Milk

Thursday, April 3--Steak, Baked Beans, AuGratin Potatoes, Hot Roll, Milk, Gravy, Honey & Butter

Friday, April 4--Sloppy Joe, Cheese Cup, Freedom Fries, Blueberry Muffins, Milk

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# Cotton Market weekly



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Traders ignored an unexpectedly high export sales report from USDA on Thursday, and cotton futures ended the day with a mixed

but mostly weaker close after hitting one-week lows amid continued liquidation. Surprisingly, the commencement of hostilities in Iraq on Wednesday evening appeared to have little impact on the market.

In the near term, the war is not likely to have an impact on cotton prices, observers say; however, analysts agree that if the war with Iraq continues for more than a few days it could disrupt business and

have a greater effect on prices. One cotton market observer said he did not think the market had discounted the fact that shipments could be delayed if the war continues for any length of time.

"I'm sure we'll go back to trading fundamentals, and if things get messy in Iraq, cotton prices will fall," the analyst said.

External events such as war can "overwhelm" cotton fundamentals, according to traders. Foreign buy-

ers are likely to be distracted by war and are discouraged from aggressive buying due to the rally in the U. S. dollar, they reason. Looking ahead, traders say that cotton prices have moved sharply higher following wars that have involved the United States, but much of this effect likely was due to currency changes.

"The U. S. dollar strengthens during wars as the world's investors seek safety, but after war it tends to weaken partially because wars usually increase U. S. debt and partially because foreigners repatriate currency to invest in their local markets," an industry observer said.

In other news, net export sales of U. S. cotton for the week ended March 13 totaled 358,300 bales, a 6 percent slip from the prior week's marketing year high but still 25 percent above the four-week average. Once again, China was the primary buyer for the week with purchases totaling 119,100 bales. Pakistan and Hong Kong rounded out the week's list of top three buyers of U. S. cotton with acquisitions of 41,600 and 39,600 bales, respectively.

"Although we've had a larger amount of export sales recorded in a two-week period a number of times, this is the first time we've had over 300,000 bales twice in a row since the first two weeks in November 1990," a cotton market observer explained.

Export shipments for the week established a marketing year high at 265,700 bales. The figure was 5 percent above the previous week and 27 percent higher than the four-week average. Major destinations included Turkey, China and Mexico.

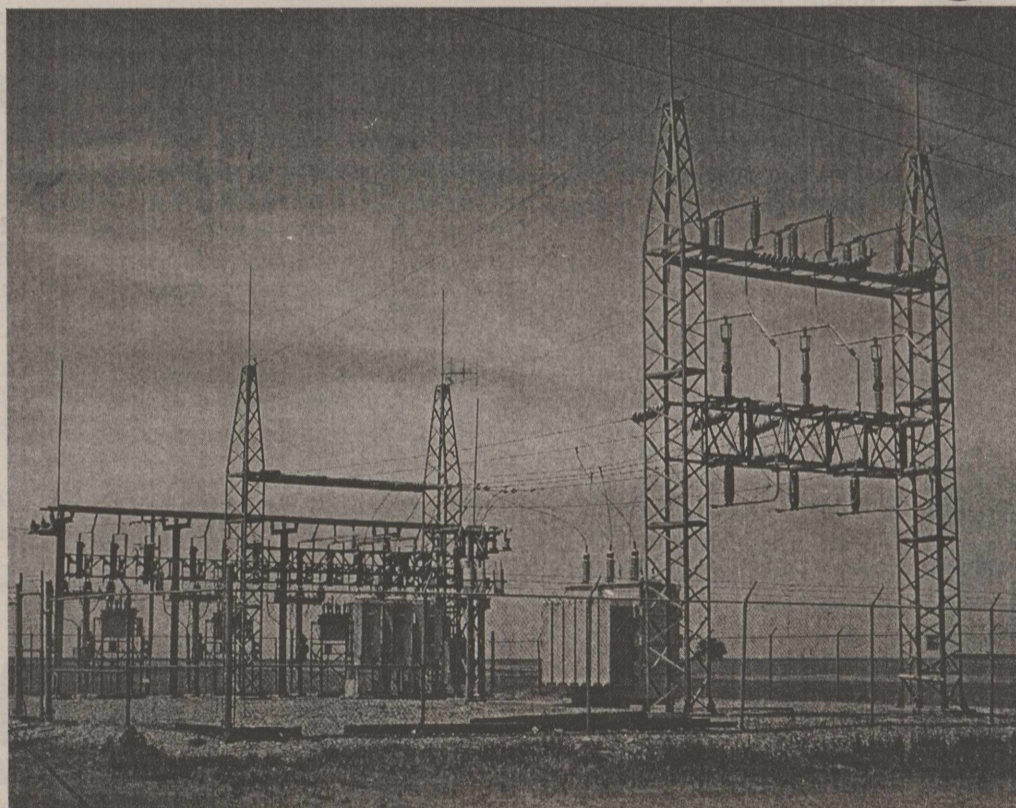
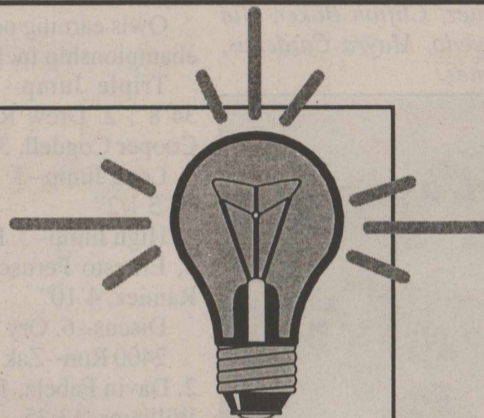
On the spot cotton scene, trading activity slowed. Online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton producers for the week ended March 20 totaled 11,223 bales, a decrease from the previous week when 14,842 bales changed hands. The average price received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 47.71 to 51.24 cents per pound compared to the previous week's range of 48.14 to 49.21 cents per pound.

Meanwhile, the cotton market's focus now is shifting to plantings for the new season. There is anticipation of an abundance of new plantings because of the current higher prices, but the market is waiting for USDA's planting intentions report set for release on March 31. Traders have noted, though, that there is a long way to go between the crop being planted and harvested.

Some adverse weather already has been experienced as significant rain fell in South and Central Texas this week.

## 63rd Annual Membership Meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative

Thursday, March 27, 2003



### Where:

Ezra Jones School  
Cafeteria  
501 N.E. 4th Street  
Tulia

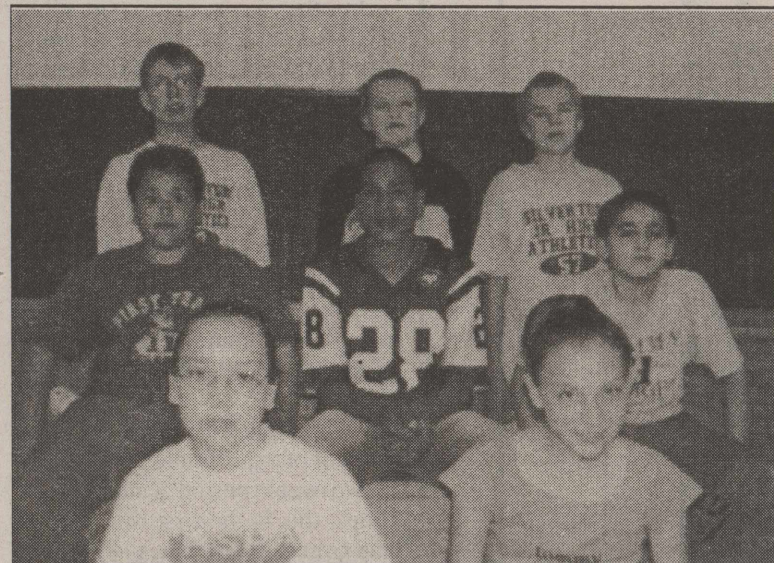
### Highlights:

Election of two directors  
Attendance gifts  
Door prizes

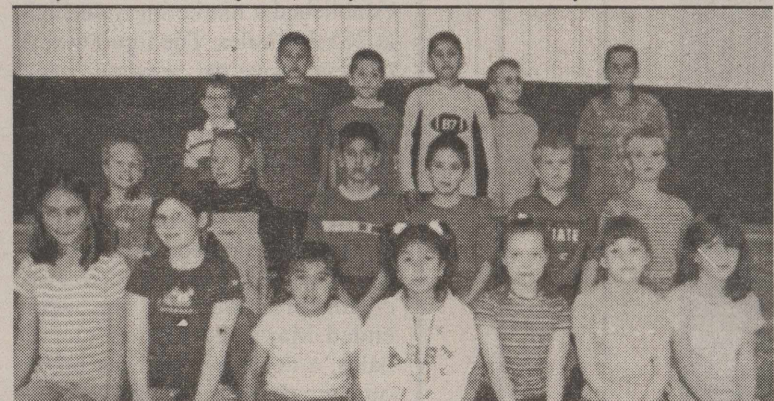
Registration: 6:30 p.m.  
Buffet supper: 6:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting: 7:15 p.m.



High School students who had perfect attendance for the fourth six weeks (January 2 to February 21, 2003) were (back row, left to right) Albert DeLeon, Yance Forbes, Ethan Long, Gid Mayfield, Joseph Baeza; (middle row) Angel Garcia, Humberto Vasquez, Clifton Baker, Gid Mayfield, Payton Estes; (front) Lourdes Acevedo, Mayra Cardenas, Melonie Johnson. Not pictured is Ignacio Gamez.



Junior High students who had perfect attendance the fourth six weeks (January 2 to February 21, 2003) were (back row, left to right) Chad Williams, Shane Estes, Zak Perkins; (middle) Thomas Watson, E. J. Ivory, Zak Perkins; (front) Delysa Maciel, Courtney Perkins.



Elementary students who had perfect attendance for the fourth six weeks (January 2 through February 21, 2003) are (back row, left to right) Joshua Patton, Edgar Martinez, Omar Martinez, Marvin Yanez, Rowdy Cogdell, J. T. West; (middle) Kevin Watson, Shane Watson, Rene Martinez, Isaac Reyna, Braden Estes, Johnathan Perkins; (front) Wendy Garcia, Emily Long, Ciara Patino, Valeria Garcia, Haley Beesinger, Brittney Grabbe, Whitney Perkins. Not pictured is Ryan Baird.

### Riding Club is Being Planned Here

Do you like horses and fun, family entertainment? Then this is for you. The Riding Club is a completely independent organization devoted to these kinds of things. It has no relation to 4-H or any other school activity. It is for the entire family. Even if you are not a rider, we still need you for timekeepers, announcer, judges and etc.

The Riding Club will have monthly play-days and possibly participate as a drill team to set pivots at surrounding rodeos, ride in parades and above all, have a whole lot of fun. Our first club meeting will be held April 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rodeo Arena in Silverton to elect officers, set club by-laws and discuss club play-days.

What is a play-day? A play-day is all horse speed events such as

### Junior High Owls Win First; Lady Owls Win Second

The wind proclaims the arrival of track season, and the Junior High Owls and Lady Owls went to their first meet at Jayton last week. The Owls brought home first place, and the Lady Owls captured second place in the meet.

Both the Owls and Lady Owls will be taking part in the Hoot-n-Scoot Junior High Track Meet which will begin at 3:30 p.m. today at the Silverton Track.

Owls earning points toward the championship included:

Triple Jump--1. E. J. Ivory, 34'8"; 2. Drew Reed, 32'10"; 3. Cooper Cogdell, 30'

Long Jump--3. Diego Ramirez, 16'5 1/2"

High Jump--3. E. J. Ivory, 5'4"; 4. Ernesto Ferusca, 5'; 6. Diego Ramirez, 4'10"

Discus--6. Ory Johnson, 72'4"  
2400 Run--Zak Perkins, 9:58.8; 2. Davin Fabela, 10:46.8; 4. Chad Williams, 13:35

400 Relay--second place, 53.8  
800 Run--3. Eric Ballesteros, 2:49.1

100 Hurdles--2. Drew Reed, 22.43; 3. Cooper Cogdell, 24.0; 5. Jesse Whisenhunt, 24.77

100 Dash--3. Diego Ramirez, 13.19

800 Relay--second place, 1:56.91

400 Dash--2. Ory Johnson, 1:06.33

300 Hurdles--1. E. J. Ivory, 48.75; Ernesto Ferusca, 51.22

1600 Run--2. Jose Hernandez, 5:52.89; 3. Zak Perkins, 6:12.70; 6. Marcaus Gossett, 6:43.7

1600 relay--first place, 4:17.21

Placings in the Lady Owl division included:

Shot Put--6. Laura Scarborough, 23'3 1/2"

Discus--2. Vanessa Johnson, 64'2"; 5. Laura Scarborough, 52'8"

2400 Run--1. Trichelle Ramirez, 10:58

400 Relay--4. 60:00  
800 Run--5. Shandy Forbes,

pylons, flag racing (barrels and poles also) baseball run, etc. Each play-day will run five events--broken down into seven different age divisions from children (boys and girls) to adults (men and women). Awards will be given at each play-day to members only. End-of-the-year awards also will be given. All play-day rules will be administered by the American Association of Sheriffs Posses and Riding Clubs. If this is of any interest to you or if you have any further questions, please call Katy or Hoot Barker at 847-2641.



Senior Citizens Exercise Class--Pictured are (back, left to right) John Francis, Clifton Stodghill, Jerry Baker, Bill Boling, Roy Mack Walker; (third row) Fred Strange, Loretta Hardin, Wanda Strange, Lois Walker, Lallie Patton, Tina Davis; (second row) Doris Yates, LaNelle Hill, Valeria Weaver, Christine King, Nadyne Childress; (front) Maebelle Francis, Sylvia Hill, Joy Stodghill, Theta Holt and Lataine Dillard.

Lataine Dillard Photo

### Exercise Class is Two Years Old


The Silverton Senior Citizens' Monday, Wednesday and Friday Exercise Class is now two. It seems like only yesterday that Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS Cory Edwards began the Senior Citizens doing stretching exercises. Fred Strange took up the job as leader of the group and is doing a great job. It makes a body feel good and helps keep everyone limber.

Mrs. Edwards brought grape juice and a sugar-free cake to help celebrate the anniversary. She put two candles on top of the cake.

The exercisers number approximately 24. The newest member is Roy Mack Walker. He said he wasn't really old enough--he turned 80 last year. Valeria Weaver is the eldest member at 85.

Contributed by Lataine Dillard

3:15.16	1:08.32
100 Hurdles--1. Jasmin Ivory, 20.70; 6. Ami Dunn, 23.24	200 Dash--5. Carina Vasquez, 32:09; 6. Jordan Sherman, 32:18
100 Dash--3. Jordan Sherman, 14.66; Courtney Perkins, 15.12	1600 Run--3. Tory Patton, 7:08.91
400 Dash--6. Cara Chalmers, 1:18.70	1600 Relay--4. 5:48.87
300 Hurdles--2. Ami Dunn,	800 Relay--3. 2:15.78



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Silverton--Caprock SWCD	(806) 823-2431	12:00- 1:00 p.m.
Floydada--Producers Co-op Elevator	(806) 983-2821	2:00- 3:00 p.m.
Ralls--Crosby County Fuel Assoc.	(806) 253-2518	4:00-5:00 p.m.

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**Friendship Quilters  
News & Notes**  
by Bobby Bean

We finished the Sampler Quilt that we will be giving away. It is done in fall colors. Sybil King, Christine King, Joy Stodghill, Ann Norris, Wanda Strange, Nadyne Childress, Evelyn Smith and Bobby Bean quilted. We want to welcome Evelyn as a member of our club. Diane Norris came by with her granddaughter for a visit.

The quilters were hostesses for the Senior Citizens meeting this month. We want to thank the jurors for their donations. Also, thanks to Briscoe County News for the book to keep our minutes in. Kyler and Baylor Bean were

**Silverton School  
Activities**

Thursday, March 27--Junior High Hoot-n-Scoot Relays; FFA Contests at Canyon

Friday, March 28--High School Hoot-n-Scoot Relays

Saturday, March 29--FFA Contests at Clarendon

Monday, March 31--Physics Field Trip to Texas Tech

Tuesday, April 1--Tobacco Presentation' 6-12 Spring Pictures, 8:00

visitors in the Walter Bean home this week.

Julie Towe is here visiting her parents and had lunch with the Senior Citizens.



Officers of Sigma Sigma Chi social sorority during the 2003 spring semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford are (front, from left) Kelly Greer, Edmond (North), social chair; Jennifer Page, Purcell, recording secretary; Paige Clark, Weatherford, president; Tasha Ruble, Tulsa, corresponding secretary; Kelsi Knauf, Canute, sergeant-at-arms; Cindy Ellis, Arlington, TX, scholarship chair; (back, from left) Sara Kirchoffner, Silverton, TX, sisterhood chair; Kaisha Peck, Purcell, V. P. of pledge education; Nicole Logsdon, Blair, V. P. of philanthropy; Kristen Bailey, Fritch, TX, T-shirt chair; Kim Ham, Oklahoma City (Putnam City North), publicity chair; Charity Thomas, Denton, TX, sisterhood chair; Adrienne Marshall, Weatherford, rush chair; and Amberly Daniel, Sapulpa, treasurer. Not pictured are Mikel Anne Jones, Norman, standards chair; Courtney Hale, Rush Springs, chaplain.

**Lake Mackenzie Marina**  
**Sunday Lunch Buffet.....11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
**March 30th**  
 Roast Beef, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Corn  
 Includes Tea and Dessert.....Adults \$6.99  
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**Seasoned Adults  
Have Potluck  
Luncheon Here**

"Seasoned Adults" of First Baptist Church had their monthly luncheon Sunday, March 16. It was decided that it would be a potluck meal, and there was turkey and dressing, ham, roast beef, broccolirice casserole, green salad, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, blackeyed peas, coconut

**WEATHER**

March Readings at  
6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	58	29	
2	49	31	
3	42	23	
4	67	31	
5	70	17	
6	53	17	
7	67	21	
8	72	33	
9	74	27	
10	59	22	
11	67	22	
12	82	40	
13	84	40	
14	74	40	
15	80	39	
16	73	44	
17	80	45	
18	74	41	
19	62	36	.03
20	50	40	.41
21	58	36	
22	52	38	.13
23	61	37	.05
24	79	38	
25	83	40	
March Precip.			.63
Normal March Precip.			.93
Total Precip. in 2003			.66
Normal Annual Precip.			2.18
Soil Temperature			49°

**Juniors To  
Serve Mexican  
Food Luncheon**

SHS's Junior Class will serve a Mexican Food Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, in the school cafeteria.

The menu will include enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and dessert.

The price will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

Everyone is invited.

pie, pecan pie, cakes and cookies, and to top it off, hot rolls.

The youngest attendee was Miss Maci Lee Mullin, the pastor's daughter who was a little over a week old.

Thirty-one attended to enjoy the meal and fellowship.

**NOTICE OF AVAILABLE  
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The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher or Briscoe counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed, or color. Loan Applications may be requested by writing to, or coming by Wells Fargo Bank Texas, N. A. 205 W. 5th St., Plainview, TX 79072 or writing to: Wells Fargo Bank Texas N. A. 205 W. 5th St., Plainview, TX 79072 or writing to: Wells Fargo Bank Texas, N. A. Investment Management & Trust, P. O. Box 10517, Lubbock, TX 79408. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 2003. 11-5tc

**Happy Birthday--**

March 27--Zachary Ian Gill, Fred Minyard, Clay Schott, Marcus Hutsell, Karlie Green, Kylie Green

March 28--Lori House, Ginger Wadley

March 29--Lou Jessica Braddock

March 30--Jacob Francis, Molly Bomar, Wilma Gill, Cynthia Glenn, Lisa Farley, Roberta Griffin

April 1--Kylee Taitano, Nanette Kennedy

April 2--Becky Drew, Donny Perkins, Kathy Speck, Paul Brannon

**Notice To All Persons  
Persons Having Claims  
Against The Estate of  
Lucile A. Smith**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lucile A. Smith, Deceased, were issued on March 12, 2003 in Cause No. 1461 pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to:

ROBIN BOEDEKER

The address of such person is:

Route 1, Box 4

Quitaque, Texas 79255

Persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 18th day of March, 2003.

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By Norton Baker

State Bar No. 01602000

Attorneys for the Estate 13-1tc