

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The news release about Marchell Curry that was used in this space last week was sent to us by the Fort Worth Stock Show. Jan Curry has called to tell us that it was not correct, and just so no one will be pointing fingers at one another in regard to the error, we wanted to tell you that no local person contributed that information.

Sorry.

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Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center Tuesday, March 2, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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We have had a variety of weather during the month of February, including some very welcome moisture which has amounted to .88 of an inch so far (with it raining as this is being written). So far, we are above our annual rainfall, which is 1.25 for January and February. The amount received so far totals 3.56 inches.

We also have had pea-sized hail which blanketed the ground, high winds, dust and four inches of snow.

The moisture certainly brightens the agricultural outlook for wheat and the upcoming planting season.

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I visited with Bette Cogdell and her twin sister, Patte Damron, last week and I am sorry to report that Bette is not getting along well with the hip she had replaced in Oklahoma City, which is giving her a lot of pain. She also is having trouble with the shoulder she had surgically repaired in Amarillo.

Get-well wishes to Bette. I hope the next time I see her she is doing a lot better!

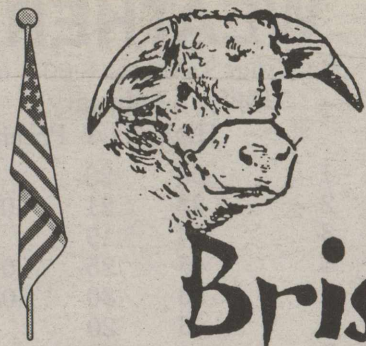
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Project Graduation Meeting is Monday

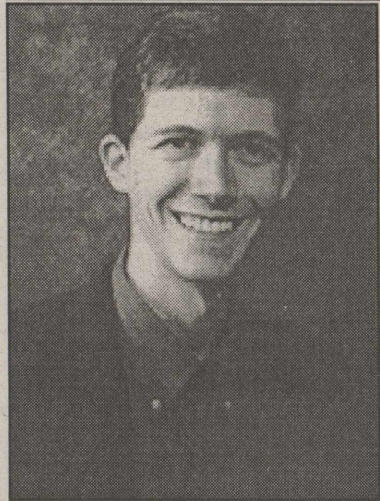
There will be a Project Graduation meeting on Monday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Board Room.

Every high school parent is urged to attend and participate in this annual project. Input and new ideas are welcome and appreciated.

Senior parents will have a short meeting following the Project Graduation meeting.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2004



James Mayfield

Mayfield is New Preacher at Silverton Church of Christ

Members of the Silverton Church of Christ wish to formally introduce their new local preacher, James Mayfield. Originally from Amarillo, he comes to Silverton after working with a number of Panhandle congregations.

A graduate of Amarillo College and Southern Christian University, James is currently working toward a masters degree from Harding University Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee. By conducting his studies via distant education, James is able to blend his academic pursuits with his daily ministry.

"We are excited about James' arrival and hope that he, as well as the church as a whole, will be an asset to the community," said a spokesman for the church.

Youth Basketball To Organize Here

The Silverton Youth Basketball Organization will have a meeting Wednesday, March 3, at 5:15 in the Pioneer Room at City Bank.

All parents who have a child interested in playing basketball should attend this meeting. (No children, please.)

FBC Sponsoring Movie Showing

First Baptist Church in Silverton invites its members and the community to attend the powerful retelling of the most important story in history. An auditorium seating 205 people at Cinema 6 Theatre in Plainview has been rented for the 7:30 p.m. showing on Sunday, March 7. The free ticket and concession vouchers may be picked up at the church office from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Included is a bag of popcorn, a soft drink and a piece of candy.

Directed and written by Mel Gibson, the movie dramatically and graphically captures the last 12 hours of Christ's life on Earth, based on the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The film is graphic and has an "R" rating for violence. The violence is to help the audience understand the harsh reality of what Jesus went through for them. Children under the age of 16 will only be allowed into the theatre with a parent or guardian.

"The Passion" by Mel Gibson is one of the most deeply disturbing and powerful movies I've ever seen, but one that everyone should watch. I recommend it highly," said James Dobson, chairman, Focus on the Family.

Invite your friends, come by and get your ticket vouchers, and be ready to be reminded of God's great love. Please notify the church if you wish to attend and would rather not drive after dark. If you pick up vouchers and decide not to attend, please return them as soon as possible so that someone else may use them.

Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Briscoe County Ag Conference Slated March 4

The annual Briscoe County Ag Conference will be held in Silverton Thursday, March 4, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to discuss insect management in wheat and sorghum.

"What is New in Cotton Insect Management?" cotton variety technology updates, forage sorghum production, beef quality assurance introduction, chemical residues in livestock, and laws and regulations are topics for discussion.

Program presenters will include Carl Patrick, Jim Leser, Randy Boman, Kim McCuistion and Levon Harmon.

Registration fee is \$5.00 per person and this includes a meal and there are five CEU credits available.

Please RSVP to the Extension office in Silverton, 806-823-2522, by Thursday, February 26.

Early Voting is Now Underway

Early voting for the March 9, 2004 Democratic and Republican Primaries began Feb. 23, and will run through March 5, 2004.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the County Clerk's office which is located on the second floor of the Briscoe County Courthouse.

Eligible voters may request an absentee ballot by mail. Applications may be obtained at the County Clerk's office and must be submitted by March 1, 2004.

Election Day voting places in the Democratic Primary will be the Pioneer Room at City Bank for Precincts 1, 3, 4 and 5, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. In the Republican

Cotton Farmers Are Invited to Meetings

Cotton farmers are invited to attend Grower Information Meetings to be held at the Silverton Showbarn from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, and from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the Bob Wills Center in Turkey.

The program and meal are sponsored by Monsanto and Delta & Pine Land/Paymaster.

BCAA to Meet

Briscoe County Activities Association will meet at the Showbarn in Silverton tonight (Thursday, Feb. 26) at 7:00 p.m.

One-Act Play To Be Presented

The One-Act Play students in Silverton are preparing a fun, physical comedy called *Scapino*. It is set in a dockside cafe in Naples, Italy where young people in love appeal to a clever friend to get them out of trouble.

On March 5, the students will be presenting a dinner theatre along the Italian Cafe theme. The menu will be very simple: lasagna, garlic bread and salad with tea, water, coffee and dessert. It will be served during the intermission in the show.

The cost will be \$6.00 and the play will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

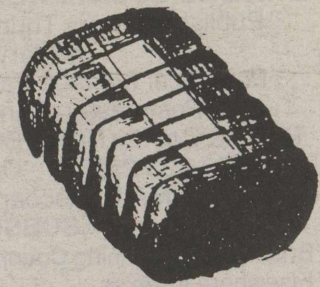
Intermission and dinner will fall about 6:30. The meal will be served buffet style. The play should be over by 8:00 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at the door. 9-2tnc

Primary, voting places will be at Silverton City Hall (Precinct 1), the Silverton Senior Citizens Center (Precinct 3, 4, 5) and Quitaque City Hall for Precincts 2, 6.

Please bring ID if you do not bring your voter registra-

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Obituary

CHARLIE FERN BAILEY

Charlie Fern Bailey, 90, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004 in Amarillo. Services were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Quitaque, with Rev. Anthony Sisemore and Rev. Jeff Addison officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery.

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dent, she married James (Bud) Bailey Feb. 1, 1943 in Riverside, California. She was a homemaker and a devoted wife and mother who loved and served her Lord Jesus Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Wassom and Janet Bailey, both of Amarillo, and Charlene Rothwell and husband, Gordon, of Plainview; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Irene Purcell of Granbury and Ann Kessinger of Grenola, Kansas.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bud, on Feb. 9, 1989; her parents, T. J. and Mae Reeves, and two brothers, Alex and Morgan Reeves.

Take rest. A field that has rested gives a bountiful crop.
 Ovid

From the Patio

by Nina Martin

Our group gets on lots of subjects while our fingers are flying. February 19 we talked about middle names, so here goes. Present were Linda Kay Bearden, Neva Joy Stodghill, Bobbye Lee Bean, Frankie Sybil King, Evelyn Fay Smith, Wanda June Strange, Rose Mary Perkins, Lallie Jennette Patton, Nina Zell Martin and Nadyne Childress. Nadyne is deprived because she has one name.

Hunter Education Courses Planned

Two Hunter Education Courses are planned, for March 12-13 in Silverton and for March 26-27 in Tulia.

Every hunter born after September 2, 1971 must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course.

Minimum age for certification is 12 years of age. Cost of the course is \$10.00.

The first course is to be held Friday, Mar. 12, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Silverton City Hall. The course will continue on Saturday, Mar. 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Tulia course will run from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 26, at the Texas Cooperative Extension Meeting Hall at 310 West Broadway in Tulia. It continues Saturday, Mar. 27, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

All planning to attend one of the courses must call Texas Game Warden Clint Hunt at 806-847-2571 before 5:00 p.m. Friday, Mar. 5, 2004, to pre-register.

Students must attend both days of class and pass written exam to receive certification.

Domino Tourney To Be Held Here

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Domino Tournament Saturday, February 28, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Showbarn in Silverton. Entry fee will be \$15 per player, and the noon meal will be provided.

Trophies will be given for first, second and consolation.

For more information or entry, contact Alton Riddell, 806-847-2528; Leon Lavy, 806-823-2188 (home) or 806-823-2061 (office). 7-2tn

WEATHER

Readings Taken at 6:00 a.m.
 Daily in February

	High	Low	Precip.
1	68	28	
2	33	21	.02
3	54	19	
4	45	25	.07
5	36	30	.03
6	46	20	
7	46	19	
8	47	22	
9	59	29	
10	46	25	
11	46	19	
12	46	18	.03
13	21	16	
14	25	18	.12
15	49	18	
16	49	21	
17	56	19	
18	63	23	
19	78	32	
20	73	31	
21	57	36	
22	61	36	
23	64	39	.61
24	54	37	

February Precip. .88
 Normal Feb. Precip. .60
 Total Precip. in 2004 3.56
 Normal Precip. to Date 1.25

I have wandered all my life, and I have traveled; the difference between the two is this: we wander for distraction, but we travel for fulfillment.

Hilaire Belloc

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

Derek Bok

Silverton School Activities

Feb. 27--Jr. & Sr. Science Class Field Trip to Tech Medical Center
 Feb. 28--Prom
 Mar. 1--Junior & Senior Tech Medical fieldtrip
 Mar. 2--Spring Pictures--all grades
 Mar. 3--Third Grade TAKS reading test; OAP Tech, Rehearsal @ Clarendon
 Mar. 4--Junior High Track @ Motley County
 Mar. 5--High School Track at Motley County; OAP Dinner Theatre @ Showbarn
 Mar. 10--Junior High and High School Cheerleading Tryouts, 1:30
 Mar. 11--Board Meeting; Junior High Track @ Lefors

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Mar. 1--Meat & Cheese Taco, Hot Sauce, Salad, Pudding, Milk
 Tuesday, Mar. 2--Corn Dog, Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Jello, Milk
 Wednesday, Mar. 3--Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk
 Thursday, Mar. 4--Steak, Gravy, Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Butter, Honey, Milk
 Friday, Mar. 5--Sloppy Joe, Cheese Fries, Fruit, Milk



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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

January 6, 1994--Clifton Stodghill seeking election as Precinct 4 Commissioner . . . Commissioner Fred Strange asking election as County Judge . . . Gary Weaks asking election as Precinct 4 Commissioner . . . Beryl Long is a candidate for Precinct 4 Commissioner . . . Hoot-Out set to begin today . . . Two people have been charged with capital murder in connection with last week's shooting death of a former Quitaque man, Charles R. (Bubba) Clardy, jr., 21, and his girlfriend, Laticia Brown of Dallas . . . Jerry Craig Patton, son of Jerry and Brenda Patton, received the bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Texas Tech University Dec. 18 . . .

January 5, 1984--F. E. Hutsell seeking election as County Commissioner . . . Shafe Weaver is candidate for re-election as Commissioner . . . Ambulance Service has training program . . . Beryl Long seeking re-election as County Commissioner . . . Bess McWilliams seeking re-election as County & District Clerk . . . Funeral services conducted at Plainview for Clara B. Bryan, 90 . . . Miss Retha Minyard married Garry Lynn Chandler . . . Tom Bowman, Miss Sonja Burnett marry . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold hosted a supper for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Arnold, Monica and Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Millhollon and Pace on Thursday night. The menu consisted of quail, pheasant and rabbit, plus lots of gravy, hot bread, salad and honey . . . At the Fred Arnold home on Christmas Eve morning, breakfast consisted of rattlesnake, calf fries, steak, gravy, hot biscuits, honey and jelly .

January 3, 1974--New year begins new era for farmers . . . Vade McGavock, 51, buried at Tulia . . . The descendants of Dan Montague had their annual Christmas party Saturday night at the home of the James Hendersons . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olive and Larry and Tom Olive visited Mrs. Belle Olive and Betty Christmas Day . . . Funeral services conducted for Darrell Smith, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wayne Smith . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self and Mr. and

Mrs. J. D. Nance hosted a dinner Christmas Eve at the Holiday Inn in Plainview for their families . . .

January 2, 1964--Weather causes telephone troubles . . . Four-inch snow blankets area . . . Ray Teeple enters Commissioner's race . . . Raymond Grewe announces candidacy for Sheriff . . . Scott infant dies Christmas Day while her parents were here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Wadlow . . . Bill Bingham, who formerly operated Bill's 66 Station, has announced his opening in a new location . . . J. F. Tiffin, who suffered a heart attack December 20 at the home of his son, was brought to the home of K. N. Tiffin Friday from a Seminole hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lem Weaver, Tina and Max, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Luhman went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coleman and children on Christmas Eve . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whitfill and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Whitfill left Sunday for a few days of skiing in Colorado . . .

January 7, 1954--A. C. (Switch) Morris announces for Sheriff . . . Pioneer Natural Gas Company now serving Silverton patrons . . . H. A. (Dick) Bomar seeks re-election as Commissioner . . . O. M. (Milton) Dudley asks for re-election as Commissioner . . . Kenneth Sharp heads local March of Dimes campaign . . . 4-H Judging Team, composed of John Schott, Robert Hill, Bill Baird and Carroll Welch, to compete at Canadian . . . Lige H. (Dud) Watters announces for Commissioner . . . Those attending the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas included Alvin Redin, Lenton Lanham, Datis Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Whittemore, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Burson and Mr. and Mrs. True Burson . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGavock and sons have returned home after spending the Christmas holidays in Indiana . . . Silverton girls win local tournament by defeating Tulia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wilson have moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMinn. It is the second house east of the Baptist Church . . . Mr. and Mrs.

Arnold Brown and children have moved into their new home just north of Roy McMurtry's home . . .

January 5, 1944--Jake Honea announces for Sheriff . . . For a real old-fashioned "reach it yourself" dinner come to the Silverton Hotel. All you want to eat and drink for 50c. Can you beat that? You can save another 50c by buying a \$5.00 meal ticket . . . Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Stark and O. R., jr., and Mrs. Irene Ayres were Christmas Day guests in the W. W. Douglas home. Jim Whiteley entertained the family in his bachelor quarters at Whiteley Switch Sunday . . . Lt. and Mrs. Harold Seefeldt and Lt. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley were honored with a reception Tuesday evening in the home of Miss Evelyn Coffee. Presiding at the beautifully decorated table were Misses Claynell Fowler and Mary Cowart. Miss Patricia Bomar presided at the guest book . . . Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickerson plan to leave the latter part of the week for Kerrville to spend several months . . .

January 14, 1994--Plans being made for Briscoe County Junior Livestock Show . . . New officers of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department are Johnny Tiffin, president; Dwight Ramsey, fire chief; Tom Justice, first assistant fire chief; Alan Grimland, second assistant fire chief; Brad Enloe, secretary; Tom Burson, treasurer . . . Tammi Edwards Stafford received the bachelor of science degree in multidisciplinary studies from Texas Tech University Dec. 18 . . . The Brown sisters recently met at Brownwood State Park for a reunion . . . Kelli DeAnn LaBaume and Charles Bellingier Childre exchanged wedding vows in Floydada . . .

January 12, 1984--Dick Roehr seeking re-election as Sheriff . . . T. V. McClure asking election as County Commissioner . . . Cowboy Evangelist Coy Huffman to preach at the Methodist Church Sunday . . . Playing for the varsity Owlettes this season are Necole Whitfill, Melissa Stone, Tammi Edwards, Kori Baird, Shavonne Lowrey, Lisa Lavy, Angie Lowrey, Kristy Fogerson, Alesha Patton, Kathy Brown, Lee Ann Durham . . . Varsity Owl players are Ross Estes, Joe Ramirez, Matt Clardy, Scotty Harris, Russell Bingham and

David Lemons . . . Mrs. Ted Kingery has been a patient for several days at Highland Hospital in Lubbock . . . Matt Strange spent five days last week in an Amarillo hospital with pneumonia and ear infection . . . Caprock Squares to begin dance lessons . . . A shower will be given Sunday at the Quitaque Community Center for the Roye Pigg family whose home was completely destroyed by fire a few days before Christmas . . . Junior Varsity Owlettes are Katrice Minyard, Melannie Daniels, DeLynn Fitzgerald, Jeannita Stephens, Tonnette Miller, Suzann Settle and Shellie Cornett . . .

January 10, 1974--Owlette JV has best record among the teams . . . David Tipton has been a patient at Central Plains Hospital since Monday . . . Mrs. Lee Clay spent two days in Central Plains Hospital last week . . . Miss Bonnie Chappell visited in the area last week with relatives and friends . . . Sp4

Gene Davis is presently serving with the U. S. Armed Forces in Korea . . . Dave Ziegler honored on 76th birthday . . . Janice Hill and Mildred Brooks have received their GED high school diplomas after completing all requirements in the Plainview Adult Education program. The local ladies recorded the highest grades in the class . . . Anessa McDonald is here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Estes . . .

January 9, 1964--A. D. Arnold seeks third term as County Commissioner . . . George Miller seeks re-election as County Attorney . . . Lonnie Branham will be moving to Silverton Jan. 20 to become minister of the Church of Christ . . . Coach and Mrs. Robert Whelchel are parents of a quarterback who came to live with them on Dec. 31. He was named Gregory Paul . . . Cotton harvest drawing to a close . . . Luke Thompson is candidate for County Commissioner . . .

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Bits & Pieces of News by Lataine Dillard

Hope you had a great week! I did.

Senior Citizens were discussing the Ice Man of Silverton. That was Clifton Stodghill. He told us he would deliver six blocks of ice, in 300 pound blocks every morning before he went to school every day. Now that's dedication, ambition and determination.

Clifton told us, and several of those there remembered, that there was a big card with 25, 50, 75 and 100 written on each side of it where only one number was right side up. When you wanted ice, you just put the number of pounds you wanted, right side up.

Teresa Sutton lived in the country when she was growing up. She told us she went to visit her grandmother who lived in town and was playing with the ice sign. Her grandmother, Pearl Strange, told her she could not play with it. (She might have ordered 100 pounds of ice!)

People remembered the lockers most everyone in town had. It was sure nice to go in during the summer. I loved to go in where it was cool and thought I could stay in a long time, but very soon it was too cold!

If you lived in the country, you would drive to town and pick up your block of ice and wrap it in a quilt. Each child tried to sit close to it. Mr. Paige owned the ice house.

Teresa remembered that during the winter was the time when people killed the cows and pigs. They would hang the meat from the windmill where animals could not get it. Her dad would climb up and cut off what they needed. Unbleached muslin was wrapped around it and it was covered with a tarp.

It was good to have LaNelle and Sylvia back with us at least for a little while. They said Bailey is doing really well. Joyce Cooper, who purchased the Assembly of God Church, has really been doing a lot of work restoring it. They have gotten many donations from out of town and have made great improvements.

Roy Mack and Lois Walker had overnight guests from Clifton, Texas. Nancy and Von Kleibrink lived here over forty years ago. They came as newlyweds and attended First

Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

The President's Day holiday for the New York Cotton Exchange (NYSE) gave cotton traders a welcome break from the action, but trading began in earnest once again on Feb. 17 as industry observers awaited the release of two key reports by USDA.

Delayed until Friday by the market holiday, USDA's weekly export sales report was considered friendly by most analysts. Net export sales of 2003-crop U. S. cotton totaled 566,700 bales in the week ended Feb. 12. The sales figure was 19 percent lower than the week earlier, but 87 percent more than the four-week average. Once again, the main buyer was China with purchases totaling 309,200 bales. Completing the list of the top three buyers of U. S. cotton for the week, smaller quantities of U. S. cotton were sold to Turkey (84,000 bales) and Indonesia (60,500 bales).

Export shipments of 287,100 bales for the same period were 18 percent lower than the previous week and a six percent decrease from the four-week average. China was again the primary destination as 144,900 bales were shipped to the country. Turkey and Brazil accepted shipments of 26,100 and 23,800 bales, respectively.

"The department's numbers were good and were in the middle of trade expectations," one analyst noted. "No real surprises were contained in the report, but both the sales and shipment numbers were

Baptist Church. "They became like our kids," said Lois. Von worked with the Soil Conservation Service. It's always good to be with old friends. Von, like Roy Mack, likes stained glass and came to get some from him.

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, at City Bank. Everyone is welcome.

Twenty gave blood on Wednesday. Good for you. Give more so more can live.

good and steady," he added.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers in the five trading days ended Feb. 19 totaled 6,434 bales, up from the previous week's sales of 4,258 bales. Prices received by producers selling their cotton online ranged from 57.68 to 60.74 cents per pound versus the prior week's 57.48 to 59.40 cents per pound range.

In other news, USDA predicted Friday during its annual outlook forum that both domestic mill use and exports of U. S. cotton will decline in the 2004-05 marketing year. According to the agency, domestic mill use could fall below 6.0 million bales for the first time in 20 years, despite an expected weaker dollar and less foreign quota barriers. Additionally, USDA anticipates exports to drop by as much as 1.7 million bales in 2004-05.

"The current projection places U. S. mill use between 5.5 million and 6.0 million bales for 2004-05, roughly half the level of the mid-1990s," a USDA representative said.

For the 2003-04 marketing year, the department's February supply/demand report estimated U. S. exports at 13.2 million bales. However, the USDA outlook report projects exports will drop to between 11.5 million and 12.5 million bales in 2004-05. Despite the lower forecast, the department stressed U. S. cotton exports still will be "substantial" next season.

Meanwhile, producers in the Texas High and Rolling Plains experienced an assortment of weather conditions this week. A wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain occurred from West Texas to the Southeast over the week-end. Coverage was fairly widespread on the Texas High and Rolling Plains with snow accumulations ranging from 0.3" to 4.0". Although the precipitation will help improve topsoil moisture levels, subsoil moisture remains low. Later in

Happy Birthday--

February 26 -- Jennifer Miller

February 27 -- D'anna Russell, Joshua James Bomar, Kelsie Estes

February 28 -- Lydia Couch, Lisa Schott, Jimmy Stone, Roy Reed

March 1--Lois Walker, Anthony Minyard, Mary Garcia, Stacy Minyard

March 2--Mark Patton, Ryan Minyard, Mollie Cleveland

March 3--Ty Lee Gregg, Thomas Rex Wadley, Mary Grantham, Connie Simpson, Rena Taitano, Danny Edwards, D'Nae Kellum

the week, record-setting daytime high temperatures were established in many areas of West Texas. In addition, the Texas High and Rolling Plains were blasted by gusty winds of up to 45 miles per hour, resulting in high wind warnings for the areas. More seasonable conditions were in the near-term forecast for the region which will help reduce soil moisture evaporation rates.

4-H to Have Trap Shoot

A 4-H Trap Shoot will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, starting at 1:00 p.m.

The shoot will be held at Gary and Dusty Martin's caliche pit located from Silverton 10 miles west on Highway 86, turn north at the Mackenzie water tank, and go 1 1/2 miles and turn in at the second cattle guard on the right. There will be signs at both turns.

If you need more information about the shoot contact Dusty Martin, 806-671-4858 or Shawn Barbour, 806-847-7292.

Happy Anniversary-

February 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Stinson

February 28--Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Reyna

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(9 de marzo de 2004)

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INSTRUCTION NOTE:
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. "I am a Democrat and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year."
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta marcando con una "X" en el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. "Yo soy Democrático y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.")

Preference for Presidential Nominee
(Preferencia para un Candidato Nominado para Presidente)

Dennis J. Kucinich

Al Sharpton

Wesley K. Clark

Dick Gephardt

John F. Kerry

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Howard Dean

Randy Crow

Joe Lieberman

John Edwards

Railroad Commissioner
(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

Bob Scarborough

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9)

David Van Os

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6)

J.R. Molina

District Attorney, 110th Judicial District

(Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 110)

Becky Bybee McPherson

County Tax Assessor-Collector
(Asesor-Collector de Impuestos del Condado)

Betty Ann Stephens

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 3)

Larry Douglas Comer

Party Referendum
(Referendum del Partido)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote.
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Ponga una "X" en el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en la cual usted quiere votar.)

Referendum No. 1
(Referendum Núm. 1)

For
(A Favor De)

Against
(En Contra De)

For or against any efforts to end or privatize Social Security and Medicare programs.
(A favor o en contra de cualquier esfuerzo para terminar o privatizar los programas de el Seguro Social (Social Security) y de Seguro de enfermedad (Medicare).)

Referendum No. 2
(Referendum Núm. 2)

For
(A Favor De)

Against
(En Contra De)

For or against a constitutional amendment protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases.
(A favor o en contra de una enmienda constitucional protegiendo a los contribuyentes al prohibir los mandatos del estado que requieren aumentos de impuestos locales de la contribución territorial.)

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

(Eleccion Primaria del Partido Republicano)

(Condado de) Briscoe County, Texas

March 9, 2004 (9 de marzo, 2004)

SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION)

Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square next to the candidate's name.
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada candidatura marcando con una "X" el cuadro a la izquierda del nombre del candidato.)

"I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year." ("Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral.")

President

(Presidente)
 George W. Bush
 Uncommitted

United States Representative, District 13
(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 13)

Mac Thornberry

Railroad Commissioner

K. Dale Henry
 Victor G. Carrillo
 Robert Butler
 Douglas G. Deffenbaugh

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3

(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)
 Harriet O'Neill

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5

(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 5)
 Steven Wayne Smith
 Paul Green

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9

(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 9)
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(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)
 Lawrence "Larry" Meyers
 Guy James Gray

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5

(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5)
 Patricia Noble
 Cheryl Johnson

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(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 6)
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State Senator, District 28

(Senador Estatal, Distrito Núm. 28)
 Robert Duncan

State Representative, District 88

(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 88)
 Warren Chisum

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 Bill Smith

Sheriff

(Sherife)
 Jeff Fuston

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(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1)
 Terry Grimland

County Chairman

(Presidente del Condado)

Precinct Chairman

(Presidente del Precinto)

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTING PLACES

Precinct 2 & 6 Quitaque Community Center

Precinct 1, 3, 4, & 5 Pioneer Room City Bank

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City Bank
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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTING PLACES

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Precinct 1 Silverton City Hall

Precinct 3, 4 & 5 Silverton Senior Citizens

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Main Street Dollar

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRISCOE

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Briscoe County in the following cases on the 2nd day of February, 2004, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of March, 2004, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the Courthouse of said Briscoe County, in the City of Silverton, Texas, the following described property located in Briscoe County, to-wit:

Cause No. 3018 Silverton Independent School District vs. Edwards James

TRACT 1: The South half (S/2) of Lot 13 and the East 25' (E 25 ft.) of South half (S/2) of Lot 12, Block 95, Original Town of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas

TRACT 2: All of Lot No. Eight (8) in Block No. Twenty-five (25) in the Original Town of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas

Cause No. 3046 Silverton Independent School District vs Garvin Scott

All of Lots Nos. One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6) and Seven (7) in Block Number Thirty-five (35) in the town of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas

Cause No. 3047 Briscoe County vs Juarez Henry and Mike Juarez and

2161 City of Silverton, et al vs Juarez Henry
All of Lot No. Six (6) in Block No. Sixty-five (65) in the town of Silverton, in Briscoe County, Texas

Levied on the 2nd day of February, 2004, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of City of Silverton, Silverton Independent School District, Briscoe County and Mackenzie Water Authority.

All bidders must register with the tax office prior to Sheriff's Sale.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of February, 2004.

/s/ Jeff Fuston
Sheriff, Briscoe County,
Texas 7-3tc

Entries Received Lady Owls Place Third in District Livestock Show

Excitement continues to build as thousands of Texas 4-H and FFA members make their final preparations before heading to Reliant Center to exhibit their livestock at the 2004 Houston Livestock Show March 4-21.

Silverton FFA entries in the show include: Beau Brock and Brooks Brock, one junior market steer each; Jathan Williams, one junior market lamb; Kaitlan Reagan, one market lamb and one junior market goat; Tanner Young, one junior market barrow.

Briscoe County 4-H entries include: Drew Reed, Dusty Burson, Nichole Schott, Marchell Curry, Mitchell Curry, Ory Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Tanner Schott, True Burson, Ty Reed, Zack Burson, one junior market barrow each; Thor Patton and Tory Patton, one junior market lamb and one junior market barrow each; Tory Patton, one junior market goat; Jacob Pigg, one junior market steer.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of FFA and 4-H exhibitors, as well as agricultural mechanics projects, begins with livestock competition on Friday, March 12. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first part of the show, beginning Thursday, March 4.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse division, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

More than 15,000 entries, representing about 1,100 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in the junior divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market goats, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, llamas, alpacas, commercial steers, cavies and rabbits.

Never sell the sheep's hide when you can sell the wool.
German adage

The Silverton Varsity Lady Owls Basketball Team completed their district season by placing third with a 6-4 record. Coach Dallas would like to thank the players for their hard work and effort, and the parents for their support and encouragement. Several of the players received district awards.

Lori Griffin made the All-District Team and was elected as the Second Alternate for the All-Star Game this summer. She averaged 10.5 points and eight rebounds each game in district play.

Sasha Wood, Kelsie Estes and Haylee Simpson received All-District honorable mentions. Sasha scored 11 points and six rebounds each game, Haylee scored 11.2 points and eight rebounds each game, and Kelsie had 6.5 points and two rebounds per game.

The following varsity players also received Academic All-District honors. They are Lori Griffin, Kelsie Estes, Haylee Simpson and Brittany Tiffin.

Congratulations to the Lady Owls for a successful season and great team-individual play.

Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure Clinic Is Feb. 25

Provided by Cory Edwards
Briscoe County CEA-FCS
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 to be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service.

In the crazy English language, greyhounds aren't always grey, ladybugs and fireflies are beetles, a panda bear is a raccoon, a koala bear is a marsupial and a guinea pig is neither a pig nor from Guinea.

Richard Lederer

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Northwest Ag Conference Planned Mar. 2

Tuesday, March 2, 2004, in Memphis, there will be a Northwest Texas Ag Conference from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to discuss several commodity issues and give marketing and technical updates for agriculture producers in this area.

Guest speakers include Todd Baughman on cotton and peanut pest management; Dan Hunter on peanut marketing updates; Carl Anderson with cotton comments, laws and regulations; animal control groups to discuss animal control in cropland, and agriculture technology updates.

There is a \$7.00 registration fee for the meeting and also seven CEU credits to be given. If you are needing CEU credits this is a great opportunity to get a large portion of CEU's.

Please contact Josh Brooks, CEA-Ag, Hall County, for more information at 806-259-3015.

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WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Jerry Becknal, Interim Pastor

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Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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Ladies Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs
SECOND WEDNESDAY:
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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Rance Young, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

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Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
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Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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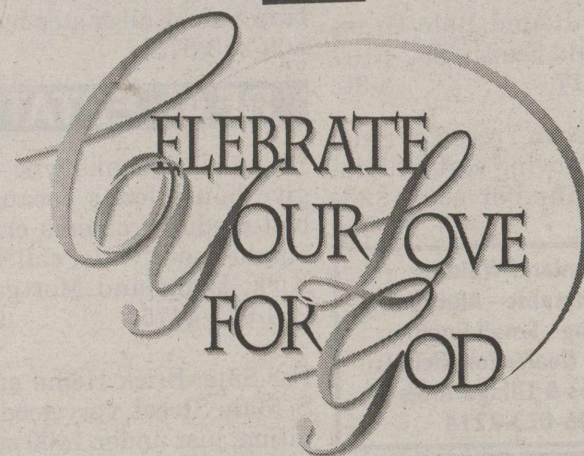
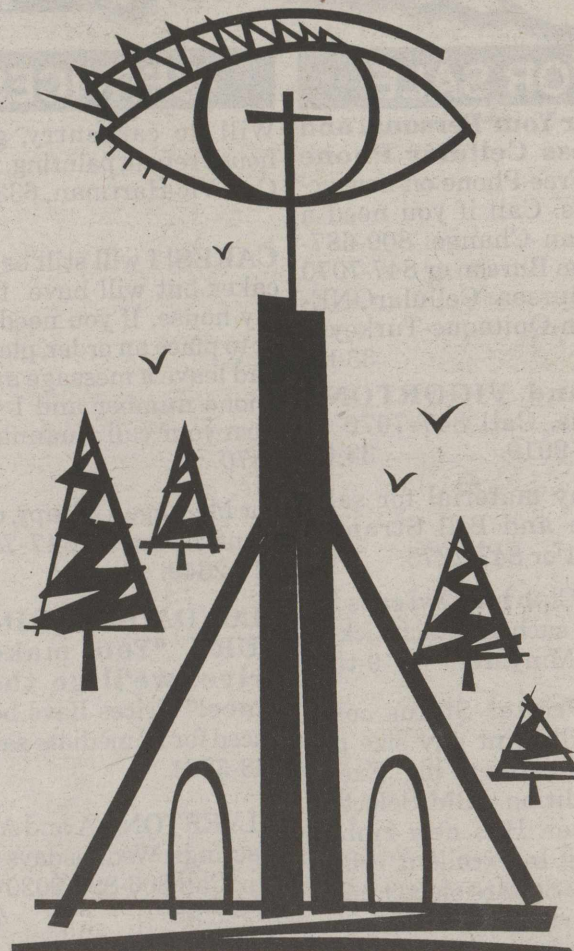


Your eyes of faith

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could see God and all the angels? Life would be simpler and less stressful if we could always see God nearby and know that whenever we wanted, we could ask for and receive His help. We could see our guardian angel always at our side, fulfilling God's will and keeping us from harm. Even though we cannot see God with our eyes, we should know that he exists because of our faith. The Bible tells us, "to have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see" (Hebrews 11:1). There are many things we cannot see, that we know are around us. We cannot see air or the wind, but we know they exist. We cannot see radio waves and television pictures going through the air, but we know these things are ever-present in our lives. Proof of the nearness of God and His angels is all around us. We just have to have our "eyes of faith" open to see our Lord's Wonderful Workmanship.

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R.S.V. John 20:29



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We would like to extend a special thanks to everyone who attended our Firemen's Ball. We hope everyone enjoyed good food, good fellowship and good music.

Thanks again to our loving, caring and giving community. Silverton VFD

We are so blessed to live in a community that shows their love and concern in more ways than you can ever know. Bill had the misfortune of falling at our daughter's home in Plainview and breaking the femur in his left leg (which was his bad-knee leg) just one week before we were to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We have been so disappointed that our plans were suddenly changed--but so

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thankful that his surgery went well and Bill is now on the road to recovery. Thank you so much for all of your visits, phone calls, get-well cards, 50th anniversary cards, and, most of all, for your prayers which have brought our family through a very trying time in our lives.

May God bless each of you. Love,
Bill and Della Boling and family

I would like to say "thank you" for the concern shown to me during my illness. Thank you for the prayers from the Baptist and Methodist Churches. And a special thanks to Cliff and Joy Stodghill (ambassadors of good will) for their visits, calls, and special prayers.

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Thanks again so much.
Bob McDaniel

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