

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Have you ever wondered what it must be like to fly in space, to experience the weightlessness that astronauts must feel as they fly thousands of miles above the earth's atmosphere? Not many people have an opportunity to experience that feeling, but next spring our grandson, Jordan Sarchet, and ten of his physics and calculus classmates and two teachers will get to experience flight crew and ground activities when they join other Texas students at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Johnson Space Center in Houston April 10-15 for the "Texas Fly High Class of 2000," a new hands-on program for teaching that science is both challenging and fun. The program is administered by Texas Space Grant Consortium. The group will include ten senior and one junior student from Tahoka High School.

Texas Fly High 2000 gives high school students an opportunity to fly with their micro-gravity experiments aboard the Johnson Space Center's KC-135A reduced-gravity aircraft--the same aircraft film producers used in filming the movie "Apollo 13" for the weightless scenes with actors Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Bill Paxton.

At least once before they take the trip in April, a NASA scientist or engineer will visit their classroom in Tahoka to help formulate plans for the experiment they will conduct. Student teams will either choose a micro-gravity test from among several selected by prospective Team Mentors, or design and build their own. The choices will include experiments that have previously been flown--or may be scheduled to fly in the near future--on the KC-135A and the Space Shuttle.

Each team will fly twice with its micro-gravity experiment aboard the KC-135A aircraft. Each flight will last 1.5 hours and will provide approximately 30 25-second zero-gravity intervals. In between the zero-gravity intervals, the team will experience about 40-60 seconds in 1.8-g conditions, creating an environment where the participants will "weigh" nearly twice what he/she normally does. Each student or teacher who is a member of the flight crew must pass a medical exam given by an FAA-certified medical examiner. Six members of the group want to be one of the four flight team members, but all have to pass the medical exam first.

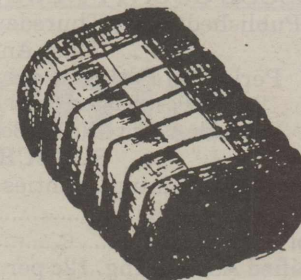
The other Tahoka students will be able to observe this activity through a cable television link to the school.

The Canyon Eagles advanced to the state quarterfinals to play state champion Stephenville Saturday in Texas Stadium, by vir-



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## Jamboree Goes On Stage Again Saturday Night

Caprock Jamboree will have its Saturday night show at the County Showbarn in Silverton Saturday, December 4.

Entertainers will include Bill Coleman, Rick Sudduth & Brenda, Raymond Mears, and The Country Sounds.

Activities begin at 6:00 p.m. with the serving of mesquite-grilled hamburgers which will be prepared this month by the Silverton Senior Citizens.

The Jamboree goes onstage at 7:00 p.m.

No admission is charged for this evening of family entertainment, and donated door prizes will be given to the lucky ones.

of their 17-13 victory over Wichita Falls last Saturday.

Anthony May, senior quarterback for the Eagles and son of Thurman and Glenda May, said "It's a great feeling. It's pretty nice to be your senior year and you do something that hadn't been done before in school history."

May scored all 17 of Canyon's points, two touchdowns, a field goal and two extra points. He did not remember many details about Saturday's win after getting his bell rung in the first quarter by a heavy hit.

Anthony is the grandson of Edwin and Claudine May of Silverton.

It was a bad start for the Paducah Dragons when return man Aaron Wederski fair caught a punt at his own four-yard line in their 24-14 victory over Bronte at Wylie Friday night. From there, the Dragons reeled off a 96-yard march that lasted eight minutes.

Wederski had a big game, scoring a touchdown on a five-yard run and catching a 20-yard pass.

The Dragons will play Apermont at Haskell Friday night.

The Dragons have only one senior who has a significant amount of playing time this year, and look to be tough again next year.

Elzora Gallington hosted fifty relatives and friends on Thanksgiving Day. This included six of her eight children and a number of grandchildren.

## Notes From The Postmaster:

Remember to mail your Christmas packages early! For added security at an inexpensive value, insure your packages.

### REMINDER TO THE KIDS

Make your wish list and check it twice. It's time to get your letters off to Santa Claus. His address is easy to remember:

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## Beefmaster Breeders Have Annual Meeting

Panhandle-New Mexico Beefmaster Breeders held their annual luncheon meeting in Plainview November 20, 1999.

The business meeting was called to order by President H. L. Cleff of Pena Blanka, New Mexico. Three members were added to the board of directors: Faye Rampley of Silverton, Wesley Barnes of Plainview and Gale Stafford of Matador.

Reports were given regarding steps being taken by cattle raisers to promote the sale of beef in America and abroad.

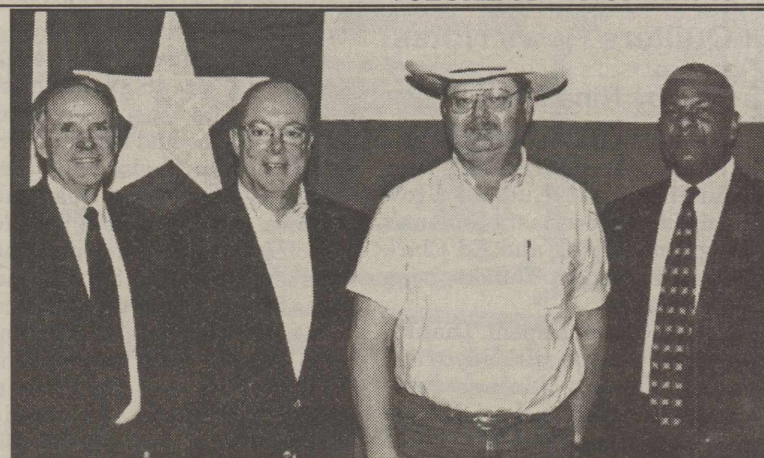
Plans for the April 2000 Cattle Sale in Amarillo were discussed. A limited number of cattle--and only the top grade from each herd--will be accepted as sale animals.

Volunteers were accepted to work the Beefmaster Breeders United booth at the upcoming Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show.



It's Santa Letter time again, and boys and girls of this area are being encouraged to get their letters off to the North Pole.

Address them to Santa, North Pole 00001, and mail them at the Post Office, or give them to the Briscoe County News. All of the letters received will be printed in the Christmas edition of the newspaper.



Gene Adams, Special Assistant to TxDOT's Executive Director; John Johnson, Texas Transportation Commission Member; Rick Minyard, Briscoe County Maintenance Section, and Ed Sims, Director of Occupational Safety Division, in Austin for the TxDOT's State Truck Rodeo Finals.

## Minyard Takes Part in TxDOT State Truck Rodeo in Austin

Rick Minyard of the Briscoe County Maintenance Section for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in Silverton, recently participated in TxDOT's State Truck Rodeo Finals in Austin.

Minyard earned the right to participate at the state level by competing with all commercial drivers from Childress District's 13 counties. He scored top honors from the Childress District to earn the right to participate in the state drive-off finals. At the state level he placed 23rd, competing with the top 50 drivers throughout the state.

## Events, Hunting Lease Guide For Briscoe County

Briscoe County Office of Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Tourism Task Force are putting together the Year 2000 Calendar of Events. The Briscoe County Hunting Lease Guide also is being updated, so if you have anything to be added to either of these, please call the office at 823-2131.

The calendar will be distributed to area businesses, newspapers, radio and TV stations in the area, and the Hunting Lease Guide is available to all who ask.

Call the Extension Office as soon as possible to have events in Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey and/or the surrounding area listed on the new 2000 Calendar of Events. Call 823-2131.

TxDOT sponsors the Truck Rodeo annually as part of their fleet safety training to recognize the skills of TxDOT truck drivers and to showcase the pride they have in the safe operation and maintenance of TxDOT equipment. Drivers are scored on their driving skills. First, they identify "planted" safety defects on a dump truck similar to equipment used in their daily work operations. They then drive through an obstacle course designed to simulate truck maneuvers encountered during a normal workday.

"We are proud of Rick," said Carolyn Carrick, TxDOT's District Safety Officer. "He is a good and safe driver and represented Childress District TxDOT extremely well in Austin."

## Christmas Greeting Page Deadline Coming Dec. 10

Century of Progress Study Club has announced that the deadline for getting your name on the Christmas Greeting Page is Saturday, December 10.

If you would like to donate to the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, Silverton Volunteer Fire Department and Silverton Public Library in lieu of sending Christmas cards locally, you may donate whatever amount you wish to this project.

For more information, contact Jackie Mercer, Annell Davis, Faye Rampley or any other member of the sponsoring organization.

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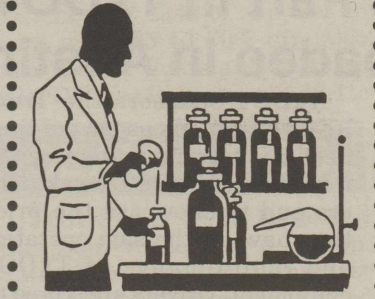
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**Friendship  
 Quilters News Notes  
 by Nina Martin**

Mary John Harris and Peggy Tunnell visited Eudean Crow Saturday before last. Eudean's daughter, Phyllis and Ed Clark of Amarillo, spent Thanksgiving Day with her.

Violet Thomas spent Thanksgiving in Canyon with Joyce and Jodie Wheat, James and Gretchen Mercer, Lori Mercer and family and Mark Wheat and family.

Mary Martin is home again. She spent Thanksgiving at Midland with daughter, Sharon and David Williams. All of Mary's family enjoyed the day together.



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**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

Elton Cantwell spent Thanksgiving at Palmer, Texas with daughter, Mary Chris and Jesse Garcia and family.

Violet Thomas and Laverne Mercer's great-grandsons, Brendon and Jason Mercer, played the tuba and French horn in the Canyon Eagles band last Saturday. The team beat the Wichita Falls Coyotes in the playoff game. They will play the state semifinal game Saturday in Texas Stadium in Irving.

Nina Martin had all her family on Thanksgiving Day. Present were Ninette and Joe Zoeger, James, April and Mackenzie Zorger, Dana, Dorothy, Kami, Brian and Mayson Martin, Celia, Marshall and Brenna Syme, Stan, Roma, Wayne, Bobby, Ky, Amy, Kyleigh and Keaton Martin, and Roger Shannon, Devin and London Cantwell. Other visitors were Gary, Ramona, Dusty and Matt Martin, Vanessa and Shawn Barbour, and Bobby's friend, Brent Bowman of Fort Worth.

Nina Martin has an unlisted phone number. It is 847-2538. If anyone will want her to include a news item, put the number in your telephone book. It will not be printed again.

Tidbit: If by the end of Christmas you can't make ends meet, just put another hole in your belt.

If you need work done on your vehicle, just call **995-3565** during the day or call **823-2498 (Dale)** after 7:00 p.m. They will pick up your vehicle in the morning, drive it to Tulia, make the repairs needed, and return it to you in the evening. Remember, we're just a phone call away!  
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Briscoe County 4-H'ers have a few of the beautiful Briscoe County Afghans for sale. These make nice Christmas, birthday or anniversary gifts, or just something special for yourself. They may be purchased at the Briscoe County Extension Office in the basement of the courthouse.

They are 100% cotton and wash beautifully. Colors are Cranberry Red, Hunter Green and Natural. Landmarks on the Afghan are the Briscoe County Courthouse, Jailhouse, Caprock Canyons State Park, Park Trailway, Caprock Grocery and more scenic pictures.

The Afghans sell for \$50.00 each and can be mailed for you for a \$5.00 postage fee. Checks are to be made payable to the Briscoe County 4-H. Send your orders to P. O. Box 730, Silverton, TX 79257, at the Briscoe County Extension Service.

**Scholastic Book Fair Will Be Held Here Dec. 6-7-8**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Silverton School Library on December 6-7-8.

It will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., including the lunch hour, according to Shelley Brock, librarian.

**Communications Director Named**

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. has hired Michael O'Connor to succeed Teresa Eliason as communications director.

He comes to the Foundation from the Abilene Reporter-News, where he was news editor and wrote a regular column on religion and ethics. He was a reporter, copy editor and the online editor during his six years with the paper.

"We are very pleased with the addition of Mr. O'Connor to our communications team," said Lindy Patton, the Foundation's executive director. "His experience in the news business will be an asset to the eradication program."

"I'm excited about the work the Foundation is doing and look forward to helping in its efforts to stamp out a pest that costs farmers so much of their livelihood," O'Connor said.

O'Connor, of Abilene, earned a bachelor of arts degree from Texas Tech University; a master of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, and did postgraduate work in journalism at Abilene Christian University. He was a pastor of United Methodist Churches for 17 years, in Pampa, Fritch, Lockney, Abilene, Wolforth and Trent before joining the Reporter-News. He began his duties on November 8.

**Tax Collectors Participate In Continuing Ed**

Some 240 County Tax Assessor-Collectors and tax office personnel from across the state were in College Station to participate in the 17th annual County Tax Assessor-Collectors' Continuing Education Seminar, which was held at the College Station Hilton Conference Center November 14-17, 1999, near the Texas A&M University campus.

Taking part was Betty Ann Stephens of the Briscoe County Tax Assessor-Collector's office. Mrs. Stephens traveled with tax assessors from Swisher, Collingsworth and Wheeler counties.

The training was conducted as a program of the V. G. Young Institute of County Government of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System, in cooperation with the Tax Assessor-Collectors' Association of Texas and the Office of Continuing Education of Texas

A&M University. Mrs. Stephens said, "County tax assessor-collectors can prepare to meet the future challenges and do a better job after taking part in professional certification by successfully completing continuing education courses."

Discussions covered a wide range of timely topics, including the following: "Principles of Ethical Leadership," "The 76th Texas Legislature--An Overview," "Chapter 19 Funds," "Y2K: Is Your Tax Office Ready?" and "Sales Tax and Vehicle Inventory Tax Issues," along with updates from various state agencies.

The 1999-2000 officers of the Tax Assessor-Collectors' Association are Joyce Gray, Irion County, President; Kristeen Roe, Coke County, President-Elect; Patrick Kubala, Wharton County, Vice President-External; Marion "Bid" Smith, Polk County, Vice President-Internal; Bill Shanklin, Angelina County, Secretary-Treasurer; J. R. Moore, Jr., Montgomery County, Past President.

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**November 20, 1989**-Fred A. Strange is retiring as Postmaster of the Silverton Post Office on December 1. He will have served 12 years, four months and four days in this position . . . Josh Brooks and Julie Towe are among 4-H members honored at District Gold Star Banquet . . . A one-car accident killed a 14-year-old Floydada boy, Michael Greg Brown, when the vehicle he was riding in rolled over twice on a dirt road near Floydada. A freshman student at Floydada High School, he was the son of Steve and Maria Brown of Floydada, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown of Silverton, and the great-grandson of Elsie Brown of Silverton . . . Varsity teams in tournament at Springlake-Earth this week . . . Owls earn cage victory four days after football. Bradley Brunson and Kendal Minyard caged 13 points each, and Kirk Couch also scored in double figures with 12 points to his credit. The other members of the team are Brian Martin, Langdon Reagan, Bryan Ramsey, Frank Ramirez, jr., Brian West, Casey Frizzell and Joey Leal . . . Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Tomlin and Mr. and Mrs. Dale McWaters announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Donna Sue Tomlin and Robbie McWaters . . . Walt Arnold, who won the world championship in steer roping twenty years ago, now a couple of decades later has positioned himself to win another world title. Now he's 51, and a member in good standing of the Senior Championship Steer Roping Association . . .

**November 29, 1979**-The varsity Owls and Owlettes are playing in a tournament at Kress this weekend . . . A new business on the square in Silverton is Jeans & Things, owned by Shelda (Pete) Tiffin and her mother, Carol Edmonds . . . Silverton merchants, clubs having Christmas Jubilee Saturday . . . Outstanding 4-H members from 20 South Plains counties, including Zane Reagan and Cynthia Edwards of Briscoe County, were saluted and challenged to continue to achieve and accept leadership at the annual District 2 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock Monday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney were honored with a late Thanksgiving and early Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary dinner Sunday in the home of their granddaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Wynn at Booker . . .

**December 11, 1969**-Ted Lanham, director of the public school music program, has announced plans for several holiday activities by the various choir groups . . . Funeral services for John Josepus Vardell, 87, conducted Saturday . . . Terry Bomar, Bill Strange named to All-District

team . . . Bruce Burleson, 70, buried Wednesday . . . Jimmie House bagged a trophy 12-point buck east of Silverton in Briscoe County over the weekend. The deer weighed 186 pounds when field dressed . . . Sam Brown will be the tenor soloist with the First Baptist Church Choir in Amarillo in their Christmas presentation of "The Nativity According to Saint Luke" by Randall Thompson . . . Earl McDonough of Lon Cartwright Contractors in Plainview was presented a plaque for outstanding craftsmanship for his work as construction superintendent on the remodeling and enlarging of First State Bank in Silverton, at a banquet meeting of the American Institute of Architects held at the Gridiron Restaurant in Lubbock Thursday night . . .

**November 24, 1949**-Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Minter and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Summers were surprised Sunday night when a group of friends gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill to give them a birthday supper . . . Mrs. Clifford Davis of Amarillo spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Burson, and other relatives . . . Teddy Hancock honored on eighth birthday . . . Those attending the Plainview Methodist District Conference at Hale Center Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner, Mrs. Joe Smith, Mrs. R. M. Hill, and Rev. and Mrs. Grady Adcock and Judy . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, Don and Becky, went to Childress to meet Mrs. Thomas' mother, Mrs. Mayfield, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wilson, at Van Alstyne . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bomar, jr. are parents of a daughter, LaQuita Jo, born at the Briscoe County Clinic Saturday . . .

**November 2, 1939**-Miss Dean Griffith became the bride of Mr. Johnnie Burson October 27 at Hollis, Oklahoma. Mrs. Burson is the daughter of Mrs. J. C. Jacobs of Flomot. She has lived in Silverton for the past several years, and has attended the Silverton Schools. She has been active in social affairs here and is one of the most popular of the younger set. Mr. Burson is also a Silverton product and is engaged in ranching and farming with his father, J. H. Burson, of northeast of Silverton. Johnnie graduated from high school at Canyon and later attended college in Canyon and Alpine . . . A wedding which came as a surprise to their many friends was that of Miss Margaret Bess Webb and Mr. Dee McWilliams. The wedding was solemnized in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Carmical of Claude. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ware Fogerson. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Webb of this city. She was entering her

Junior year in school. Mr. McWilliams is the son of Mrs. McWilliams of the Haylake community . . . Word was received this afternoon to the effect that the game two weeks ago with Estelline has been forfeited by Silverton after finding that Huber Tillery was ineligible . . .

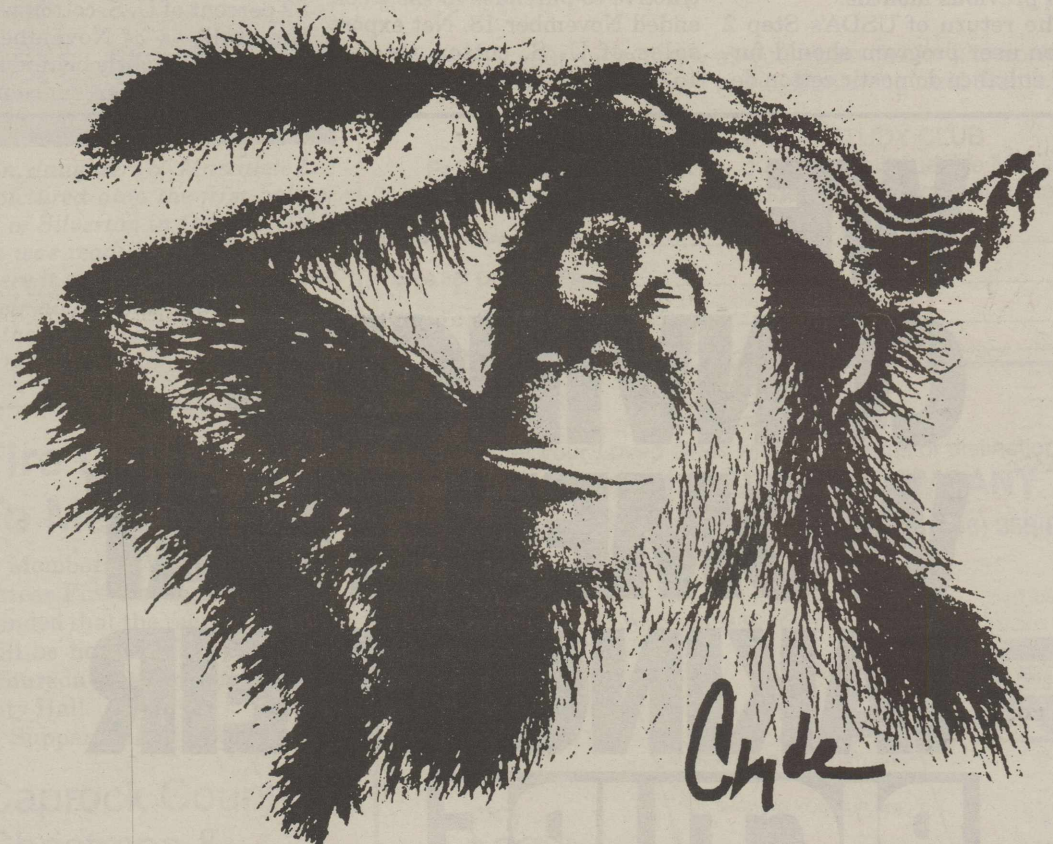
**November 14, 1929**-Louis Francis was in town Monday and reported a convention of wild ducks and geese out his way. He said these wild fowls had arrived in such numbers that they were destroying his grain in the field . . . A hunting party left Silverton Tuesday morning for the mountains of Old Mexico, to be gone about ten days. Messrs. Troy

Burson, Bud Alexander and Walter Lee Bain are the local nimrods who aspire to bag a deer . . . Bonnie Mae Walling, while playing basketball last week, met with a painful accident when the bone in her right arm was cracked . . . Miss Rheua Alexander, who is in school at Canyon, and Miss Helen Murphy, Amarillo student, came home Saturday night to be with home folks. Misses Elizabeth, Carolyn and Geraldine Schott, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schott, braved the mud and rain to come home this weekend. All three girls are attending school in Lubbock this winter . . . John Estell and Clifton McCain, Dee Reid,

Clifford Jones and Burl Penn spent Sunday with Ashel and Billie McDaniel . . . Mr. and Mrs. True Burson have a lovely little daughter in their home born November 13 . . .

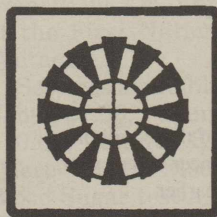
**December 31, 1959**-Winners were announced in the Briscoe County 4-H Grain Sorghum Contest Saturday. In the dryland division, first place went to Phil Barefield of Quitaque with 2200 pounds of RS 610 per acre. Second place winner was A. B. Lyles, with 2150 pounds of RS 608 and third place went to Joe Bob Watson for 1560 pounds per acre of AMAK R-10. In the irrigated division, first place went to Cliff Walker, with 7020 pounds per acre of AMAK R-10 . . .

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A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended November 25, 1999

Technical factors drove the market downward this week despite positive October mill use figures and an encouraging export sales report.

U. S. textile mills used cotton on a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 10.34 million bales in October, an improvement from the revised September figure of 9.94 million, according to the National Cotton Council (NCC).

The annualized figure was slightly higher than most expectations, indicating demand for cotton textile goods made in the United States has improved recently despite continued competition from imported textiles. In fact, demand in some textile sectors has improved significantly from previous months.

The return of USDA's Step 2 cotton user program should further enhance domestic cotton de-

mand. Step 2, which was reinstated in October, awards payments to U. S. mills and exporters for using higher priced U. S. cotton. Although Step 2 is retroactive to October 1, its benefits of increased cotton use among domestic mills may not be seen immediately. Therefore, only a small amount of the increased consumption for the month of October can be attributed to the program's return. Analysts expect the November figure to better reflect the positive effects of Step 2.

Meanwhile the combination of lower cotton prices and the discount U. S. exporters offer foreign buyers through USDA's Step 2 program made U. S. cotton attractive to purchase in the week ended November 18. Net export sales of U. S. cotton totaled 153,700 bales for the week. The

figure was lower than the previous week's 212,700 bales but still was considered strong by the market.

Major buyers of U. S. cotton once again included U. S. trade partner Mexico with purchases totaling 54,800 bales. Turkey and Taiwan also were among the top buyers with acquisitions of 20,100 and 14,000 bales, respectively.

Despite the abbreviated trading week due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the spot cotton market recorded a healthy amount of sales. In the four trading days ended November 24, sales on TELCOT totaled 52,456 bales, nearly double from the previous week's 26,260 bales. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 36.87 to 38.99 cents per pound compared to a range of 36.36 to 40.29 the prior week.

More cotton is entering the marketplace as the U. S. cotton harvest is proceeding unhindered by adverse weather. USDA's latest crop progress report showed 82 percent of U. S. cotton was off the stalk as of November 21. Progress is slightly behind as the harvest was 87 percent complete

at the same time in 1998, and the 5-year average is 83 percent.

The Texas harvest also is behind last year's pace with only 67 percent out of the field, versus the previous year's 82 percent and the 72 percent 5-year average. Stripping will increase tremendously in the next week as growers on the Texas Plains finally have received a killing freeze. Many growers grew tired of waiting for cotton killing temperatures, which were long overdue, and applied harvest aids to defoliate their crop and accelerate picking. However, in view of the poor price outlook, others opted to wait for a freeze to lower production costs and now have finally been rewarded with several days of temperatures below 32 degrees.

## Reduce Stress During Holidays

Lena Dueterhaus  
County Extension Agent-FCS

The holiday season can be a stressful period. People feel that they are operating in low gear, tired, draggy and worn out from trying to get everything done. Add to this fact that the kids are just about as wound up, or more so, than you, and you're close to a holiday stress alert.

Family development specialist Rosemarie Hoffman has some tips for reducing the stress on people's time, energy, budget and emotional reserve.

First, don't put your health last on your "to do" list. Make sure that you get your normal amount of sleep. Exercise. Don't neglect any ongoing medical problems. Keep your eating habits as normal as possible.

Make things easy by keeping plans realistic. For example, choose a non-Saturday night for entertaining such as a weeknight dessert party, a week-end brunch, or a tea.

Hoffman suggests entertaining cooperatively with one or more of your friends. Each invites an equal number of guests and shares all the work and expense. She says to do as much as you can in advance.

When guests ask to bring something, let them. Assign specific items to eliminate duplication. Most important, learn to say 'no' when both yourself and the demands of others get out of control. It's also important not to compare your holiday festivities and activities with those of your friends and relatives. There will always be someone that can give more and do more than you can realistically fit into your schedule. Remember, your family wants you, not a house that can pass the white glove test or the most elaborately decorated house in the neighborhood. You can let some things slide, even the diet, the laundry and the vacuuming, but don't let the opportunity for close family relationships slide by.

## Breast Cancer-Am I At Risk?

Lena Dueterhaus  
County Extension Agent-FCS

A woman's risk of getting breast cancer increases with certain factors. Every woman has some degree of risk for developing breast cancer; however, there are some variables that seem to increase a woman's chances. These factors include:

**Age-A** woman's risk increases as she gets older. Women most at risk for breast cancer are aged 40 or older, but breast cancer can occur at an earlier age.

**Family History-A** woman's risk for breast cancer increases if close female relatives have had breast cancer. Some most at risk for breast cancer have a mother, sister, daughter, or two or more close relatives (like cousins) who have been diagnosed with the disease.

**Personal History-A** woman's risk for breast cancer increases if she has ever had cancer of the breast, ovary, colon, or endometrium (part of the womb). It is also higher if she has ever had a non-cancerous growth on her breast, or if she had her first period before age 12 or had her last period after age 50. A woman is also more at risk if she has never been pregnant or had her first pregnancy after age 30.

**Other Factors-A** woman's risk for breast cancer also increases if she is obese; if she eats too many high-fat foods; if she regularly drinks alcoholic beverages; or if she has been on hormone replacement therapy for five years or longer.

All women should practice breast self-exams once a month and get clinical breast exams once a year. Women over 40 should have mammograms once a year. Breast cancer occurs frequently in women who have no risk factors. For more information on breast cancer, mammography, or risk factors, please contact your County Extension Agent.

### WOMEN HUNTERS

If it means spending time with the family and putting meat in the freezer, Texas women might don camouflage, pick up a gun and head for the woods. But whether a woman hunts in Texas is more often determined by whether a man invites her and provides a location.

It is important to target hunting recruitment toward family recreational needs. More men should ask women to go hunting with them. An estimated 177,000 male hunters have wives who may like to hunt but have not had the opportunity. The typical Texas woman who hunts is white and about 45 years old. Texas women who hunt usually have access through their own land or that of a relative. New programs have been developed to teach women how to hunt and fish. Women generally want to participate with their families and not with other women.

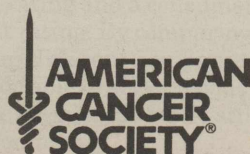
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# WEATHER

24-HOUR NOVEMBER READINGS  
6:00 a.m. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	67	40	
2	73	34	
3	55	31	
4	74	34	
5	79	33	
6	83	42	
7	77	42	
8	74	42	
9	74	41	
10	82	46	
11	78	41	
12	78	43	
13	76	41	
14	78	42	
15	76	44	
16	74	36	
17	76	37	
18	78	39	
19	78	47	
20	62	31	
21	72	35	
22	68	38	
23	70	32	
24	51	28	
25	47	18	
26	57	21	
27	79	32	
28	76	31	
29	76	31	
30	57	30	

Total November Precip. .00  
Normal Nov. Precip. .71  
Total Precipitation Rec'd  
Year to Date 18.47  
Normal Precipitation  
Year to Date 20.54

## Money 2000

Want to be \$2000 better off by the end of the year 2000?

Here are some suggestions for reducing your costs.

Be aware of where you live and what you drive. Urban counties have more accidents and thefts, so insurance premiums tend to be higher. Collision rates are highest for luxury, high performance vehicles and sports cars. Cars that cost more to repair or those that damage easily may also carry higher insurance



Teri Lee Caballero and Jan Lee Minton, daughters of Marcalete Lee Dana and the late G. W. Lee, were pictured atop the first bale of cotton produced on the Lee farm east of Silverton in October 1961. Mrs. Dana says that when the cotton was ready to harvest, a portable gin was brought to the field where it stripped and ginned the cotton and set the bale down near their house. She added that she got out the camera to take a picture of the girls atop their first bale of cotton, but that now the portable gin seems to be the most noteworthy part of the snapshot.

costs.

Living in a non-urban county and driving less and driving less costly vehicles will save you money on your insurance premiums. To enroll in the Money 2000 Plus program, contact your County Extension Agent.

Roy Mack Walker recently has undergone knee replacement surgery, and is continuing his recuperation at home where he says he is doing well.

## Fire Department To Meet Today

Members of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department are reminded that the regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday, December 2) at the City Hall.

Supper will be served.

## Caprock Country Christmas & Health Fair Ahead

Winter is arriving and along with it will be the Caprock Country Christmas & Health Fair in Quitaque. This year's Health Fair promises to be a big success with a large number of exhibitors planning to come. It will be held Saturday, December 4, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the First National Bank in Quitaque.

Services available will be Flu Shots, \$7.00; Pneumonia Shots, \$10.00; Tetanus Shots, \$7.00. There will be Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar testing and Hemoglobin Screening.

Agencies participating will include TAEX, Swisher Memorial Hospital Home Health, Lions Eye Bank, American Cancer Society, Central Plains MH/MR Center, Texas Department of Health.

## Expand a Child's Mind Through Reading

by Lena Duesterhaus, CEA-FCS

Between the covers of a book, a child can discover endless possibilities. Extension Associate Jasmine Ng suggests it's never too soon to begin reading to a child.

Ng works with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Partner for Parenting Program. Parents and caregivers provide loving interaction and expand the child's world through reading. Experts suggest that parents begin reading to children when they are as young as a few months of

age. There are several benefits of reading to children. Ng says reading provides opportunities for parents to bond with their children through conversation and physical proximity. Most young children like to sit on laps when reading. It also helps children to develop listening skills and build their vocabulary bank. Ng says young children can recognize the syllables and learn the meanings of the words. Reading also introduces new concepts.

## Christmas Greeting Page

Century of Progress Study Club will sponsor the Christmas Greeting Page in the Briscoe County News, and invites your family to take part in this by donating the money you would have spent mailing Christmas cards locally. This sheet and your donation may be mailed to P. O. Box 4, Silverton, Texas 79257.

Organizations chosen to share the proceeds from the project will include Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, Silverton Public Library and Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

The Christmas Greeting Page will be a feature of the newspaper issue of December 23. Deadline for getting your name on the page is December 10.

Please print your name below as you would like for it to appear on the greeting page, and send it to the sponsoring club. Thank you.

CENTURY OF PROGRESS STUDY CLUB

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Faye Rampley Loretha Rhoderick Norma Vaughan

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## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this Notice: November 25, 1999

1. Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, 201 W. 3rd St., P. O. Box 637, White Deer, Texas, contact person, C. E. Williams, General Manager (806/883-2501) has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change or attempt to change the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below:

2. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District submitted an application for a Texas Weather modification license on November 4, 1999.

3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall, to affect water resources and agriculture. The period of the permit is: April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2003.

4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, P. O. Box 637, White Deer, Texas 79097.

5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Swisher, Briscoe, Hansford, Hartley, Deaf Smith, and Moore.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is the counties of Hutchinson, Roberts, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Potter, Randall, Collingsworth, Hall, Hemphill, Oldham, and Childress.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumuloform clouds for cloud-seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, observations, and plume dispersion models to initiate the release of the seeding particles, such as silver iodide crystals, from one or two aircraft at cloud top or cloud base at a time calculated to affect the formation of cumuloform clouds.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact C. E. Williams, General Manager, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (806/883-2501) or the Water Planning and Assessment Division (512/239-0770) of the Commission.

9. A public hearing on this application may be called by mail-

## Happy Birthday-

December 2--Brenda Gaskins, Jena McFall, Stella Hall, Cameron Stephens

December 3--Fernando Patino, Beryl Long, Penny Carpenter

December 4--Desiree Star Casillas, Lori Griffin, Elsie Cornett, Jimmy D. Stone

December 5--Anita Ramsey, Don Francis

December 6--Ethan Long, Robert Cole Burson, Donaleta Garrison, Perry Brunson, Rosemary Perkins, Roy Wood, Leland Wood, Carol Braddock

December 7--Jamie Frizzell, Dee McWilliams, Michael Rampley, Joshua Wade Bounds

December 8--Brandy Nicole Gamble, Norby Garcia

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 2-4--New Home Varsity Tournament; Clarendon JV Tournament

Monday, Dec. 6--Claude JH, here, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7--Valley, here, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Dec. 9-10-11--New Deal Varsity Tournament; Tulia JV Tournament; Board Meeting

## Happy Anniversary-

December 3--Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kingery

December 7--Mr. and Mrs. Jeff George, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Reynolds

December 8--Mr. and Mrs. Guinn Fitzgerald

ing a petition that requests a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each persons interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of the Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-308, (512)239-6363. 47-3tc

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Dec. 6--Pizza, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Brownie

Tuesday, Dec. 7--Steak Fingers, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Wednesday, Dec. 8--Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Thursday, Dec. 9--Assorted Sandwiches, Salad, Onion Rings, Milk, Fruit Roll-up

Friday, Dec. 10--Turkey & Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Milk, Pumpkin Dessert

## USDA To Study Link Between Breakfast, Learning

Provided by Lena Duesterhaus County Extension Agent-FCS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is following through on a Presidential initiative to determine whether free breakfasts at school affect academic performance, behavior, and attendance. President Clinton says the initiative will provide an opportunity to document the critical link between nutrition and learning. He says providing free breakfasts may be a simple way to boost children's performance in school.

The pilot projects will operate for three years in selected school districts across the country. Certain schools in those districts will offer free breakfasts to all children. The evaluation will study the effect of free breakfasts on several factors. They include academic achievement, attendance and classroom behavior.

Congress provided \$7 million for breakfast pilot projects. The USDA will invite school districts to compete for the pilot projects by submitting applications later this year. The agency will select the sites in the spring of 2000.

## Money 2000

Want to be \$2000 better off by the end of the year 2000? Many people want to know how to reduce their auto insurance costs. One way is comparison shop for coverage.

Texas encourages competition to keep car insurance rates in line. That means you will find variation in costs. You can compare the costs of car insurance in your county by consulting the Texas Department of Insurance Web site at [www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us). Each insurance company doing business in your area will be listed along with insurance premium cost information, a company rating and a consumer complaint rating. By comparing costs among different companies, you may be able to select a policy that meets your needs while still saving you money.

## Varsity Teams Playing in FM 211 Classic at Wilson, New Home

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in the FM 211 Classic at Wilson and New Home this weekend.

This is a huge tournament, with 16 teams in each division. The Silverton teams are in the bottom portion of the bracket along with Tahoka JV, Ropes, Jayton, Grady, Dawson, Spade and New Home (boys) and Whiteface, Ropes, Jayton, Grady, Dawson, Spade and New Home (girls division).

The Lady Owls open with Dawson today (Thursday, De-

ember 2) at 3:00 p.m. at Wilson, and will be followed by the Owls vs. Dawson at 4:30 p.m., also in the Wilson gym.

Winners of these first two games will play at New Home Friday at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Losers of these first two games will play at New Home Friday at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Teams in the top portion of both brackets are Whitharral, Southland, Ira, Lazbuddie, Meadow, Cotton Center, Loop and Wilson.

## Junior Varsity Teams Playing At Clarendon This Weekend

The Junior Varsity Owls and Lady Owls are playing in a tournament at Clarendon this weekend, and both teams will be leading off with Wellington, at 12:00 and 1:15 p.m. today (Thursday, December 2).

Winners of these first two games play at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. Friday, and losers play at 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. Friday.

The other teams in the boys

division are Panhandle, Highland Park, Hedley, Floydada, Clarendon and Claude. In the girls division, the other teams are Panhandle, Highland Park White Deer, Clarendon 9th, Clarendon and Claude.

Statement in November. Receiving your Statement three months before your birthday can be especially helpful if you're thinking about retiring in the near future. You will have your most up-to-date benefit estimates. It also will give you time to correct any errors in your earnings record.

We encourage you to use your annual Social Security Statement to plan your financial future. And you may want to keep it in a safe location along with your other personal papers.

For more information about Social Security benefits, call, write or visit your local Social Security office or call this toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (if you're deaf or hard of hearing, call 1-800-325-0778). You can also visit this website: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

## Lender of Last Resort Ready To Help You

Brandon McGinty  
County Extension Agent-Ag

If you run a family farm and you've been turned down for a loan, there's a man in Edinburg you should know. His name is Vidal Saenz. He's a county agent and farm advisor with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. For the past five years, he's been helping area farmers get loans from the USDA's Farm Service Agency, also known as the "lender of last resort."

Saenz says last year 54 farmers requested \$9.4 million in loans and \$5 million was loaned out. He says this year's 48 applicants may exceed that amount. Saenz says this is a good time to apply for loans in order to have cash on hand for planting next year's crop. It takes a while to get the loan application together and for FSA to review each application, so timing is critical.

## Your Future's In the Mailbox

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

Imagine this: you open your mailbox and find something that could have a major impact on your financial future. No, it's not a sweepstake entry that promises millions. And it's not a letter telling you a long-forgotten relative has left you a fortune. You have just received your Social Security Statement, a new service we provide whose benefits are a lot more certain than a lottery ticket or a bequest from a distant relative.

Read your Statement carefully. It provides estimates of the Social Security retirement, disability and survivors benefits you and your family may be eligible for now and in the future. You can use your Social Security Statement to help you make important decisions as you plan your financial future such as, how much life insurance you need and how much you will need to supplement your Social Security retirement benefits. The Social Security Statement displays your year-by-year earning (i.e. wages and/or self-employment income) so you can determine whether they are accurately posted on your Social Security record. That's important because the amount of your future benefits will be based on your lifetime earnings.

You can expect to receive your Social Security Statement each year about three months before your birthday. Therefore, if you were born in February you should receive your Social Secu-

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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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Hal Rogers, Minister

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:  
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
MONDAY:  
RAs, GAs, Mission  
Friends.....3:30 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH  
TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

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

**NEW FELLOWSHIP  
BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Father Ed Graff, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior  
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

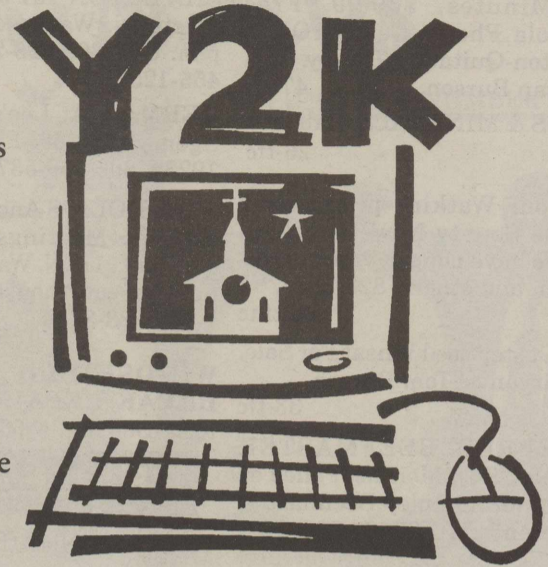
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SUNDAY:  
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

# The Y2K Dilemma

Over the past year, it seems that we have been constantly hearing or reading about the Year 2000 problems that some believe we will be facing when the new year arrives. These problems are due to the fact that most computers were programmed to use only the last two digits to indicate the year, and that they will read the year 2000 as 1900. This could cause worldwide computer system failures or errors.

Although I am by no means a computer expert, and like everyone else, I don't know what to expect when the new year arrives, I do know that God is in control and He will still be in control on January first. Of course, everyone has to do what they feel is best to prepare for the new year, but God has taken us through greater problems than a digit change.



Our God is not a God of fear, and we should not become a fear-driven society. Psalm 46 tells us that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear." We should not be fearful for we know that God's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in Him.

*I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.*

R.S.V.

Psalm 34:4

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New shipment thank-you notes at the Briscoe County News office. 37-tfnc

Am selling out my Craft business and will be at Debbie's Beauty Shop in Quitauque on Saturday, December 4. Lots of supplies to work with. **25 to 50% off.** Also have Denim Coats and Vests on sale. Delores Pigg. 48-1tc

## SEALED BIDS

FOR SALE: 1992 Extended Cab Four-Wheel Drive Pickup. Sale will be based on the highest bid, \$4,000 minimum bid. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, November 26, 1999 at 12:00 o'clock noon. For further information, call Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority at 633-4318. 47-2tc

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 3-2-2. Den could be used as fourth bedroom. 106 Pulitzer. Call Joe Crabb, 940-769-2016. 35-tfc

## LOST & FOUND

Left at the Show Barn: Unlined Levi Denim Jacket. Call Aaron Younger, 847-2678, or leave at City Hall. 48-1tp

## CARDS OF THANKS

Dear Friends,  
I just want to thank you for your calls and visits before, during and after my day surgery. Most of all, I appreciate your prayers. I could definitely feel them on Wednesday. Silverton is a wonderful community to live in, and we thank you for making us feel at home.

Love,  
Jared and Trisha Davis

I wanted to express my deep appreciation to each of you who have remembered me during my surgery and since I've been home. A special thanks to Duane Reynolds for being at the hospital during the surgery. Thank you is so inadequate to express what all of the cards, calls, visits, food, flowers and most of all the prayers lifted up in my behalf, have meant to me and my family. May God bless each of you.

Juanita Stephens

We want to thank you for the visits, calls, food and most of all the prayers during the loss of our mother and grandmother, Grace Vaughan.

Every expression of your friendship was appreciated.  
Peaches, Latresa and Stacy

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Thanks for the cards, visits, phone calls, prayers and food while I was in the hospital. Thanks to Carolyn and Gordon Lowrey for the Thanksgiving dinner they brought us. Am getting along fine.

Roy Mack and Lois Walker

## WANTED

Wanted: Maize Stalks/Wheat Grazing. 823-2139. 48-2tc

Swisher Memorial Hospital is accepting applications for the following positions:

RN - Full-time Night Shift for Acute Care; RN & LVN - PRN status in Home Health and Acute Care; Nurse Aide - PRN status for Home Health and Acute Care. Please send resume to: Swisher Memorial Hospital, Attn: Human Resources, P. O. Box 808, Tulia, TX 79088. 806-995-8268. 48-2tc

## What You Need To File a Social Security Claim

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

If you are considering filing a claim for Social Security benefits, knowing beforehand what type of documentation is needed will speed the process. But before you head out the door, you should call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, to request an appointment. You will then be taken care of at your own convenience. Even better, you may file by phone.

For a retirement claim, whether you file by phone or in

person, you will need to have:

- proof of age and citizenship--usually your birth certificate can serve both purposes if you were born in the United States. If you were born abroad, you will need your birth certificate and proof of United States citizenship or legal residence;

- last year's W-2--this will provide a good estimate of your future earnings, if you intend to continue working;

- proof of prior military service, if applicable; and

- birth certificates and Social Security numbers for any children under age 18, or 19 and still in secondary school.

For a disability claim you will need:

- the name, address, telephone number and medical record number for any doctor or medical facility that has treated you for your impairment;

- copies of any medical evidence you may have--this will help speed up the process;

- information on any type of federal or state workers compensation you may be receiving;

- last year's W-2 if you stopped working recently; and

- your birth certificate.

For a survivors claim you will need:

- the death certificate;

- birth certificates and Social Security numbers of all persons who are filing, and in the case of a surviving spouse, the marriage certificate and the divorce decree if it is a surviving divorced spouse; and

- last year's W-2 and, if possible, a statement from the decrease's employer indicating how much was earned in the year of death.

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