

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Superintendent Kirchoffner has been invited to be the speaker for the Cap and Gown graduation ceremony in honor of recent GED graduates by Regional XVI Education Service Center and the Adult Education Program. The 110 GED graduates will be honored at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 22, at the Central Church of Christ, 1404 S. Monroe, in Amarillo.

We enjoyed having our three grandchildren, Brandon, Jordan and Molly and Brandon's girlfriend, Melody Ragland (whom we've adopted as our own), at our house over the weekend. We didn't get much sleep, but the kids got to see quite a few of their friends. We spent most of the rest of the time eating, playing board games, shooting the basketball or playing with the computer.

Melody and Molly drove home to Waxahachie/Rowlett Sunday, Jordan prepared to go back to school at Tahoka and Brandon prepared to start a new job Monday morning.

## Lighthouse To Hold Revival

If you are tired of ho-hum services that some modern-day churches are having, come and hear what you have been missing at the Lighthouse Assembly of God.

Evangelist J. F. Beebe is returning for a revival. He will be preaching and singing every evening. He is an anointed man of God. He will be praying for the sick and for deliverance.

Pastor David Beebe is extending a special invitation to everyone, especially those who are bound by sin and depression or sickness.

Services will be Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Beebe will be preaching at the morning service. Evangelist Beebe will preach Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., then every evening at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend any or all of these services.

## Extension Agent Goes to Dimmitt

Briscoe County Agricultural Agent Pammy Millican accepted the position of Castro County Agricultural Agent as of August 1, and has moved back to Dimmitt.

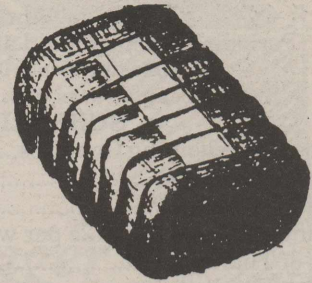
The Extension Office is open and there will be a new CEA-FCS (Family Consumer Sciences) Agent starting September 1.

Millican said he enjoyed his time in Briscoe County and meeting and working with the people here, but he and Jill are happy to be back in Dimmitt.

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# Briscoe County News

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The Silverton School recently has been informed that it is the recipient of a \$45,000 TIF grant for technology to expand any program which is presently in place from elementary through high school. Pictured with the notification are John Mes, computer technician who works in the Silverton School one day each week; Principal Sheryl Weaver and Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner, who completed the grant application.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Jeffrey Neal to Address Silverton Student Body Friday Morning

Jeffrey Neal, Associate Pastor and Minister to Married Adults at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, an outstanding motivational speaker, will address the Silverton High School students beginning at 9:00 a.m. Friday in the school auditorium. Parents and others in the community are invited to attend.

Neal was born in Fort Worth and attended school in Overland Park, Kansas, where he was in the National Honor Society and was an all-state player in basketball and football at Shawnee Mission South High School. He was the starting quarterback for the Baylor Bears, coached by Grant Teaff, was an all-Southwest Conference Quarterback and led Baylor University to the Southwest Conference Championship in 1974. He was Offensive Player of the Year, earned the Southwest Sportsmanship Award and other awards in addition to being a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He played football for the NFL San Diego Chargers.

In 1981 he earned the master of divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and in 1979 was named the recipient of the W. T. Conner Award for "Outstanding Theology Student."

## School Having Immunization Clinic Today

An immunization clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the Silverton School.

Immunizations will include DPT, Polio, MMR, Chickenpox, HIB and Hepatitis B.

## School Seeks Cooperation

Silverton ISD is asking for the cooperation of all parents when having to take your child out of school during the school day for appointments. All parents are requested to come to the high school principal's office to check students out. If the student returns to school on the same day, please check him/her back in with the office also. All students are required to bring a note after each absence in order for the absence to be excused.

Parents are reminded to have their students return their enrollment cards, forms from the student handbook, computer acceptable use policy, website per-

mission form, medical care form, free lunch form, and student insurance form as soon as possible. These forms are due in the principal's office by August 27.

## School Status Celebrated

Silverton Schools are celebrating their "recognized" status this week for the sixth consecutive year.

The school missed getting the coveted "exemplary" ranking by one-third of a point.

This is based on student test scores and ranks the schools on how well they are doing in regard to educating today's students.

## Owls to Have Scrimmage Here

Silverton's Owls will scrimmage the Hedley Junior Varsity Thursday beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Payne Field.

Following the scrimmage, the Silverton Booster Club will serve a hamburger supper at 7:30 p.m. at the football field concession stand.

Everyone is invited to both the scrimmage and hamburger supper.

The following day, Friday, there will be a scrimmage with Three Way, Lazbuddie and Groom beginning at 5:00 p.m. on

## Bank Has Parade Winning Float

First State Bank was winner of first prize in the floats division of the parade last Saturday afternoon.

"Silverton's Only Pumping Oil Well" entry won second place. This was entered by Flute Hutsell.

The third-place float was the Happy 107th Birthday entry prepared by Wayne and Betty Stephens.

Prizes were donated by First State Bank, Briscoe Implement and Silverton Oil Company.

## Winners Named

Leon Lavy was winner of the Merchants' Roping held in conjunction with the Rodeo last week. Kent Haley did the roping and Anthony Gamble did the running for Lavy's Pump Service.

Maria Cruz was winner of the pair of handmade boots given away by the Briscoe County Activities Association.

Leon Lavy won the quilt given away by Friendship Quilters.

Byron Brock won the gift certificate from the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

Will Hester won the gun given away by the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department.

Tina Nance won the little Cow Pattie Bingo, and Charles Sarchet won the big one. BCAA was the sponsor of the Cow Pattie.

## Interested in Crafts?

Lighthouse Assembly, 601 Broadway, is having craft meetings every Monday morning at 10:00, and they invite you to come and join them.

It costs \$10 for materials. Make one for yourself and one for the church. For more information, call 823-2045.

## Senior Citizens

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at noon at the Center.

Members of the Rock Creek Church will host the luncheon.

## Fire Department Meets Tonight

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department has its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Payne Field.



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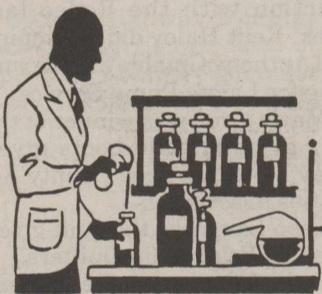
**Obituaries**

**ROY S. BROWN**

Services for Roy Samuel Brown, 88, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 15, at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Tulia, officiated and was assisted by the Rev. Randy Mullin, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brown died August 12 at the Lockney Care Center, where he had resided for the past several years.



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Roy Samuel Brown was born July 28, 1911 at Kennedale, Texas, the son of Samuel Poole and Myrtle Moore Brown. He moved with his family to Silverton in 1925.

He married Zollie Mae Bomar November 30, 1933 in Silverton. She preceded him in death on July 7, 1989.

He owned and operated a truck hauling business, farmed, served as County Commissioner for Precinct 4, served on the Silverton School board and owned and operated Silverton Farm Store for a number of years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Samuel Bomar Brown of Anniston, Alabama; a brother, Richard Lloyd (Hank) Brown of Roscoe; two sisters, Doris June Brown Lambert of Fort Worth and Alene Brown Freeman of Dallas.

Pallbearers were Mitchell Simpson, Russell Simpson, Doug Coleman, Zackary Coleman, Lane Garvin, Larry Freeman and Michael Freeman.

Music was provided by a quartet composed of Kevin Nelson, Don Jackson, Scarbrough Foreman and Roy McCasland, accompanied by LaRue Garvin at the organ.

Interment was in the Silver-

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**Mullin Honored At Novacek Football Camp**

Aaron Mullin completed a five-day football camp recently. The intensive camp consisted of four two-hour sessions each day, where all the players worked on technique, speed, agility and weight training. The camp was directed by former Dallas Cow-

**O. L. (MAC) McGOWEN**

Graveside services for Orval L. (Mac) McGowen, 74, of Alamo, Texas were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 17, in the Plainview Cemetery. Burial arrangements were by Skinner-Silva Funeral Home in Pharr, Texas.

Mr. McGowen died Wednesday, August 11, in San Juan Nursing Home.

He was born September 23, 1924 in Flomot, where he grew up and was graduated from high school. He served with the U. S. Army during World War II in the Philippines and New Guinea for 2 1/2 years. He attended Lippert's Business College in Plainview where he met his future wife. On March 19, 1949, he married Cordelia (Deal) Self in Plainview.

He was a retired route distributor for Cloverlake Dairy in Plainview.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Steve McGowen of Greeley, Colorado; two brothers, J. L. McGowen and Sam McGowen, both of Plainview. He was the brother-in-law of J. L. Self, Bill Self, Zobie Self and Lou Younger, all of Silverton.

The family suggested memorials be to the San Juan Nursing Home, P. O. Box 1238, San Juan, Texas 78589.



Jay Novacek was pictured presenting the Top 30 shirt to Aaron Mullin, grandson of Fred and Vivone Arnold of Silverton and Ottis and Rita Mullin of Graham.

boy Jay Novacek.

At the close of camp, Novacek announced the Top 30 Players. Those named to the Top 30 were chosen because of their skill, hard work and dedication.

Aaron, son of Brent and Laura

Mullin, was chosen for one of the coveted Top 30 positions.

Mullin is a senior in Graham High School this fall and will be playing defensive tackle and offensive guard for the Graham Steers.

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6:00 A.M. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	101	68	
2	91	69	.17
3	82	67	.34
4	88	67	.35
5	85	65	
6	83	66	
7	92	68	
8	97	68	
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11	96	68	
12	96	67	
13	98	65	
14	88	64	
15	94	66	
16	97	72	
17	99	68	
Total August Precip.			1.56
Normal August Precip.			2.64
Total Precipitation Rec'd			
Year to Date			15.92
Normal Precipitation			
Year to Date			15.59



## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**August 17, 1989-**Riding as Grand Marshals of the Briscoe County Celebration Parade were Oner and Elsie Cornett, longtime Briscoe County residents. They were chosen as Pioneers of the Day by the Briscoe County Historical Committee . . . Cheerleaders want to get kids excited about the upcoming football season with a day camp for students who will be in kindergarten through sixth grade to teach them cheers, chants, jumps and motions . . . Services conducted for Zelda Pearl Dudley . . . Clayton and Joy Wood of Dell City visited with J. D. and Lois Nance and J. L. and Faye Self last week . . . First place in the County Roping went to Jimmy and Cam Forbes. Cam teamed with Dale Smith to win second place. Roy Dale Wood was Cam's healer for third place. In the A-B event, Ted Daugherty and Jimmy Forbes won first, Hand and Russell Baird won second, and Daugherty and Cam Forbes won third . . . Lynda Fogerson received Public Affairs Education Award at San Antonio meeting . . .

**August 16, 1979-**Thirty-eight boys have reported and are working for places on the Owl football team . . . Mini Marathon to be held Labor Day at Lake Mackenzie . . . Silvertown Fire Department to have slow pitch tournament . . . Pioneers honored at Briscoe County Birthday Celebration . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elmer White named missionaries to Colombia by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board . . . Janie Denton, a two-year letter winner for national powerhouse Texas, will be joining Coach Cathy Wilson's list of basketball hopefuls for the Wayland Flying Queens this fall . . .

**August 28, 1969-**Bollworms damaging cotton on South Plains . . . William E. Jowell received his masters degree in agricultural education, and his wife, Bonita, received her BA degree in the commencement exercises held at Texas Tech Saturday night. Mrs. Jowell graduated with honors . . . Gary Martin and Terry Bomar attended the Junior Hereford Day in Hereford recently . . . Crockett Grabbe has been announced as a state winner in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search . . . Junior Study Club urges support of Mackenzie water project . . . Mr. and Mrs. Billy Settle are parents of a daughter, Michael Suzann . . .

**August 20, 1959-**Fire destroyed the Baptist parsonage last Saturday . . . Acting Cpl. James E. May was the first Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station Marine to be selected for pilot training . . . Donna Lynn, three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rowell, has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital since Thursday . . . Mrs. Letha Elms will receive her masters of

education degree from West Texas State College Friday. Miss Shirley Elms received her BS degree this past May from WTSC . . . Walter Perkins, son of Marion Perkins, has returned from 23 months of military service in Germany. Walter grew up here and says it is wonderful to be back home . . . Mrs. Chick Hughes of Ringgold spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fleming . . . Mrs. A. D. Riddle, Roy and Joy Morrison and Mrs. Bill Self visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrison in Big Spring Wednesday . . . Darla and Kathy Peugh have been weekend guests of Sharla Francis in Plainview . . . Sheila Jarnagin has been a patient for skin grafting on her foot at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo since Wednesday of last week . . . Donald Ledbetter is a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree to be awarded at Howard Payne College's summer commencement exercises . . .

**August 18, 1949-**Transportation is needed for farm tour; irrigation and soil improvement to be observed . . . Owl gridders get hard practice start . . . The First State Bank had concrete paving and sidewalk work turned on their property at the corner of Main and Commerce streets last Friday and Saturday . . . John T. Haynes has just received word from the War Department that the body of Captain Joe E. Haynes, his son, who gave his life in a plane crash while flying the Hump in India August 11, 1944, was being returned to the States for burial . . . Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cox left Thursday for Gainesville where they will visit her sister and other relatives . . . Mrs. Robert Isbell, nee Lona Ann Stephens, was complimented with a bridal shower Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. James Henderson. Hostesses were Mmes. James Henderson, Ray Teeple and Misses Dorothy Garvin and Norma Jo Teeple . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swindle of Hart, a son, named James Lance . . . T. R. Whiteside received bruises on his shoulder and arm when his saddle horse slipped and fell with him . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Self were in Plainview Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Orval McGowen and Miss Eva Lou Self . . . Plumnelly Farmerettes defeat Flomot Girls 19-9 . . .

**July 27, 1939-**The George Kirk car, driven by Georgia, turned turtle east of Kress Saturday night while enroute to Plainview. Lucille Kirk was rather badly bruised and the rest shaken up . . . Gordon Alexander and Mrs. C. L. Cowart engaged in a friendly little highway dispute early this week, with the result that they both arrived at the same spot at the same time on Highway 86 near Redin's Station . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "There's a certain young lady in

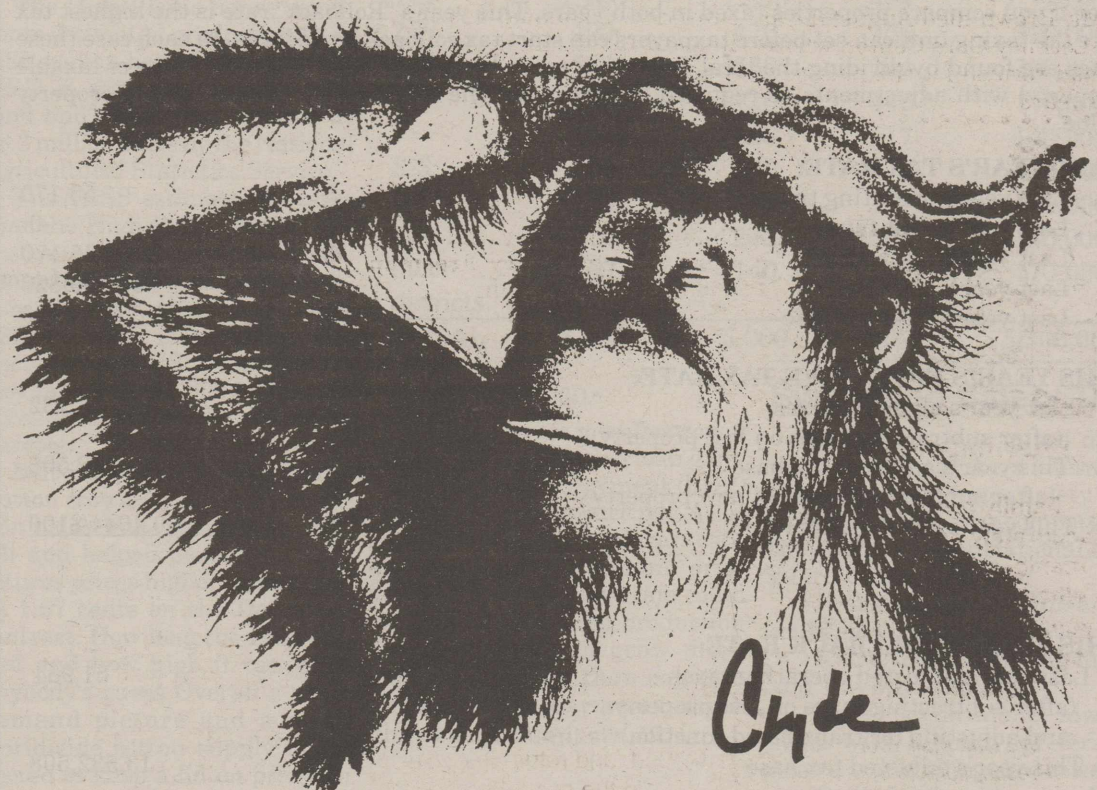
this town for whom I did a favor this week. Not that she appreciates it, BUT, I will say that if she doesn't take a few pounds off that foot feed, and use a little more discretion in her town driving . . . I'll have no mercy on her when and if she is in another wreck . . . which will undoubtedly be soon. You just can't flirt with death forever and get away with it" . . . Funeral services for Ellis Edward Brown, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brown of Brice, were conducted from the First Baptist Church in Wellington Wednesday of last week. The boy, with his family, was attending the golden wedding anniversary of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

S. E. Brown, of near Wellington, Sunday when he became critically ill. He died Tuesday evening . . .

**August 8, 1929-**A drove of livestock came near disappointing half of Briscoe County last Thursday afternoon when the Phillips Petroleum Company aircade arrived at the marked-out landing field north of the city. Art Goebel in his famous monoplane came in sight a few minutes behind schedule and circled overhead until the two other planes arrived. A note was dropped that a few dozen horses had grazed out into the field making it dangerous to land; but before the livestock had been

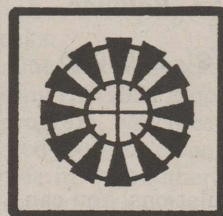
herded to one side, the air visitors found a safe ground about a mile to the north . . . Bountiful shower given Mrs. Bert Northcutt at Presbyterian Church . . . Mrs. R. L. Stephens entertained the GA girls Friday. Games were played and lemonade and cake were served. Attending were Misses Lallie Haynes, Geraldine Patton, Bonnie Walling, Alverine Mosely, Inell Smithe, Fay Allard, Arlene Miller, Elsie Graham, Willie Mae Dillard, Grace Hughes and Marie Pharr. Boys present were Pat Miller, Kenneth Davis, Herbert Stephens, J. W. Mosely, Jim Haynes, Durward Brown, Earl Allard and Berton Hughes . . .

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## Bride Honored at Shower Saturday

A bridal shower honoring Joni Bomar, bride of Wil T. Bomar, was held Saturday, August 14, in the home of JonEtta Ziegler. Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Ziegler and presented to the honoree and her family, Katrina Hancock of Lakeview, Paula Wood of Amarillo and Katy Bomar of Silverton.

Refreshments of fresh apple cake, apricot squares, fruit, thumbprint cookies, sausage balls and almond cookies were served with cranberry punch. Coffee was poured by Kassie Strange and Tarran Forbes using antique China cups and saucers.

The table was covered with a navy and ecru checked cloth with an ecru overlay. A wooden basket of gerbera daisies and grapevine

was intertwined with burgundy organza ribbon.

Lovely gifts were displayed throughout the Ziegler home. The hostesses presented the couple with a television.

Special out-of-town guests were Katrina and Danna Hancock, Colleen and Rachel of Lakeview; Kay Donna Wolfcale, Ryder and Stater, Memphis; Juannah Brice, Melissa Wood, Darrin and Misty Davis, Paula Wood, all of Amarillo; Imogene Drerup, Nazareth; Julie and Janet Ross, Quitaque; Tracy and Treva Ramsey, Canyon; Betty and Tracy Devin, Tulia.

Hostesses were JonEtta Ziegler, Patsy Towe, Tina Nance, Frances Gamble, Brandy Gamble, Jane Self, Shana Strange, Dorothy Johnson, Donna Francis, Ramona Martin, Kathy Woodard, Linda Oetgen, Claudine Peery, Missy Forbes,

## Couple to Marry September 4

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Ramirez announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, JoAnn, to Felix Castaneda, son of Mary Castaneda of Olton.

Vows will be exchanged in Amarillo Saturday, September 4.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Silverton High School

Alice Grabbe, Pat McJimsey, Carolyn Shelton, Sheryl Weaver, Jennie Bradford and Christy West.

*The first synthetic diamonds were produced in 1955. Those of gem size tend to cost more to produce than it costs to mine natural diamonds.*



Jo Ann Ramirez, Felix Castaneda

and attended Amarillo College. Her fiance attended Olton High School and is employed by Health Sciences Center in Amarillo. She is employed by Texas Tech Golden-Spread Redi-Mix in Amarillo.

## 1999 Property Tax Rates in the City of Silverton

This notice concerns 1999 property tax rates for the City of Silverton. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's "Effective" tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's "Rollback" rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	55,170
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$	55,170
Last year's tax base	\$	13,689,826
Last year's total tax rate	\$	0.403/\$100

### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	54,732
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	13,532,508
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	0.4044/\$100

### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$	51,984
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	13,532,508
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.4076/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.4402/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0-/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$	0.4402/\$100

### SCHEDULE A

#### UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$ 15,900.00

### SCHEDULE B

1997 DEBT SERVICE: None

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District, 415 Main (Courthouse), Silverton, Texas.

The person providing the above information is:

/s/ Carlye Fleming

Chief Appraiser

July 28, 1999

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GAS RATE CHANGE

On August 4, 1999, Energas Company filed Statements of Intent to change its gas rates with each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing. Each city may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days.

The Company proposes to increase rates to General Service (residential and commercial), Small Industrial Service, Large Gas Air Conditioning and/or Electric Generating Gas Service, and the Air Conditioning Rate Rider. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not exceed that specified herein.

The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 8.8 percent or \$9.8 million. The proposed changes to the rates are unrelated to gas cost which the company will continue to charge only cost paid to its supplier. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following communities:

Abernathy	Lamesa*	Quitaque
Amherst	Levelland*	Rails
Anton	Littlefield*	Ransom Canyon
Big Spring*	Lockney	Ropesville
Bovina	Lorenzo	Seagraves
Brownfield*	Los Ybanez	Seminole
Buffalo Springs Lake	Lubbock*	Shallowater
Canyon*	Meadow	Silverton
Coahoma	Midland*	Slaton*
Crosbyton	Muleshoe	Smyer
Dimmitt	Nazareth	Springlake
Earth	New Deal	Stanton
Edmonson	New Home	Sudan
Floydada	Odessa*	Tahoka
Forsan	O'Donnell	Timbercreek Canyon
Frona	Olton	Tulia
Hale Center	Opdyke West	Turkey
Happy	Palisades	Vega
Hart	Pampa*	Wellman
Hereford*	Panhandle	Wilson
Idalou	Petersburg	Wolfthor
Kress	Plainview*	
Lake Tanglewood	Post	

\*The level of revenue increases in these communities constitutes a "major change" as defined by state law.

Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110-80<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424.



## Happy Birthday-

August 19--Maria Castillo, Casey Frizzell

August 20--Bill Durham, Opal McClure, Lindsey Weeks, Scotty Harris

August 21--Girtha Mae Vaughan, Palmira Ramirez, Ty Copeland

August 22--LaRue Garvin, Max Davis, Mandy Rampley, Cody Bridges, Susan Pool, Tommy Bitner, Bradley Harrison

August 23--Shannon Bingham, Pat Fitzgerald, Tammi Stafford, Kirk Couch, Levi Hutsell, Amanda Kennedy, Brooke Lynn Daily

August 24--Dorothy Johnson, Tonya Perkins, Louis Grabbe, Gary Whitfill

August 25--Staci Denton, Ruben Ramirez, Lesia Baker

## Happy Anniversary-

August 20--Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Grimland, Mr. and Mrs. Max Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Younger

August 21--Mr. and Mrs. Billie Perry

August 22--Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith

August 23--Mr. and Mrs. Gary Chandler

August 24--Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nistler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill

August 25--Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stone

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, August 23--Burrito, Ranch Style Beans, Veggie Stix, Dressing, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, August 24--Steak Fingers, Gravy, Dirty Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Brownie, Milk

Wednesday, August 25--Pizza, Salad, Garlic Bread, Apple Crisp, Milk

Thursday, August 26--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Honey & Butter, Milk

Friday, August 27--Chili Dog, French Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, August 19--Owls scrimmage Hedley JV, 6:00; Booster Club Hamburger Supper, 7:30 p.m. (football field concession stand)

Friday, August 20--Scrimmage: Three Way, Lazbuddie, Groom, 5:00 p.m., here; Bottom-Line Farming, 6:00 - 10:00

Tuesday, August 24--Bottom Line Farming, 6:00-10:00; Pigskin Preview

Friday, August 27--Scrimmage: Follett, Lefors, 5:00 p.m., there

## New Arrival

Kent and Marty Haley are parents of a daughter, Madison Shyanne, born July 28 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed six pounds, seven and one-fourth ounces and

## Friendship Quilters News & Notes

by Nina Martin

This Thursday, I'm bringing a Cathedral quilt made by Fay Ziegler Pointer. It is her first quilt made many years ago. Since then she has made 20 Cathedrals, besides several star and chicken scratch quilts. Her sister, Violet Thomas, told me that Fay does all kinds of handwork. She also keeps two grandchildren and when their mother picks them up Fay goes fishing. She also walks six miles a day.

The quilters finished Bobbye Bean's All Star quilt. Lallie Patton's top was put in the frames. Present were Sybil King, Ruby McWaters, Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange, Laverne Stephens, Nadyne Childress, Mary Burson, Bobbye Bean, Ann Norris and myself. We had a guest that may join us every week. She is June Kerr from Lake Mackenzie. June wants to learn to quilt and we're the guys that can teach her. Josephine Anderson came by.

I want to compliment Marie Rogers on the sign she painted for the Senior Citizens building.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the give-away quilt. I'm sure the winner, Leon Lavy, is thrilled to have the Black, White and Red All Over.

Squash Recipe #2. Thelma Sheeley (Tina Davis' mother) puts flour and meal in a paper sack. Put sliced squash in and shake around. Put in deep-freeze. Take out and shake around again. Put back in deep-freeze. Do this twice.

Garden update: A week ago Monday I was met by a sight of the pea vines looking like a meadow full of dancing ladies shaded by umbrellas of black-eyed peas. People who preserve food know what I was in for. I had to haul the pressure cooker and jars from the cellar. By Wednesday night, I had picked, shelled and canned five bushels of peas. Seems like a dream now, but I have 72 pints of peas to prove it.

Tidbit: A visitor stopped by a quilting demonstration. He commented that it was nice to see all the handicapped women had a job. He thought each woman had only one hand! (As we all know, the other hand was under the quilt.)

measured 19 1/4 inches in length on arrival.

Grandparents are Betty Haley, Canyon, Bill Haley, Van Alstyne, Bobby and Eva Spencer and Lenis Gregg, all of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Frances and Ernie Miller and Melvin Gregg, all of Plainview.

## South Plains Weather Was Near Normal During Month of July

Weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of July 1999 was near normal.

Temperatures averaged 0.3 degrees above normal and ranged from 1.2 degrees below normal at Paducah to 1.8 degrees above normal at Floydada.

Maximum temperatures averaged 0.4 degrees below normal and ranged from 2.0 degrees below normal at Paducah to 1.0 degrees above normal at Silverton. The highest temperature reported during the month was 106 degrees at Jayton on the 31st.

Minimum temperatures averaged 1.0 degrees above normal and ranged from 1.1 degrees below normal at Lamesa to 2.9 degrees above normal at Floydada. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 51 degrees at Tulia on the 12th.

Precipitation averaged .98 inches below normal and ranged from 2.32 inches below normal at Plainview to 1.64 inches above normal at Snyder.

Silverton's average maximum temperatures averaged 92.2, which was .3 below the South

Plains average.

Silverton's minimum temperatures for the month averaged 66.4 degrees, which was .5 of a degree below the South Plains average.

The monthly average temperature in Silverton was 79.3, just .4 of a degree below the South Plains average.

During July, Silverton received .87 of an inch of precipitation, which was .43 of an inch below the South Plains average and well below the 2.39 normal for Silverton.

The earliest stop watches were known as pulse watches. Made in the 1680s, they were used by doctors.

## 1999 Property Tax Rates in Briscoe County

This notice concerns 1999 property tax rates for Briscoe County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's "Effective" Tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's "Rollback" rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

### General Fund

#### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	447,505
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$	447,505
Last year's tax base	\$	75,515,524
Last year's total tax rate	\$	<u>0.5926/\$100</u>

#### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	447,396
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	74,169,740
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	<u>0.6032/\$100</u>
Total effective tax rate	\$	0.6032/\$100

#### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property including taxes for State Criminal Justice Mandate)	\$	453,281
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	74,169,740
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	0.6111/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$	0.6600/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0-/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$	0.6600/\$100
This year's total rollback tax rate	\$	<u>0.6600/\$100</u>

#### SCHEDULE A

##### UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Administration and Road & Bridge	\$ 560,167.00

#### SCHEDULE B

1999 DEBT SERVICE: None

#### SCHEDULE D

##### STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE (FOR COUNTIES)

The Briscoe County Auditor certifies that Briscoe County has spent \$5,886.60 in the previous 12 months beginning May 1, 1998, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The Briscoe County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Briscoe County Tax Appraisal District, 415 Main (Courthouse), Silverton, Texas.

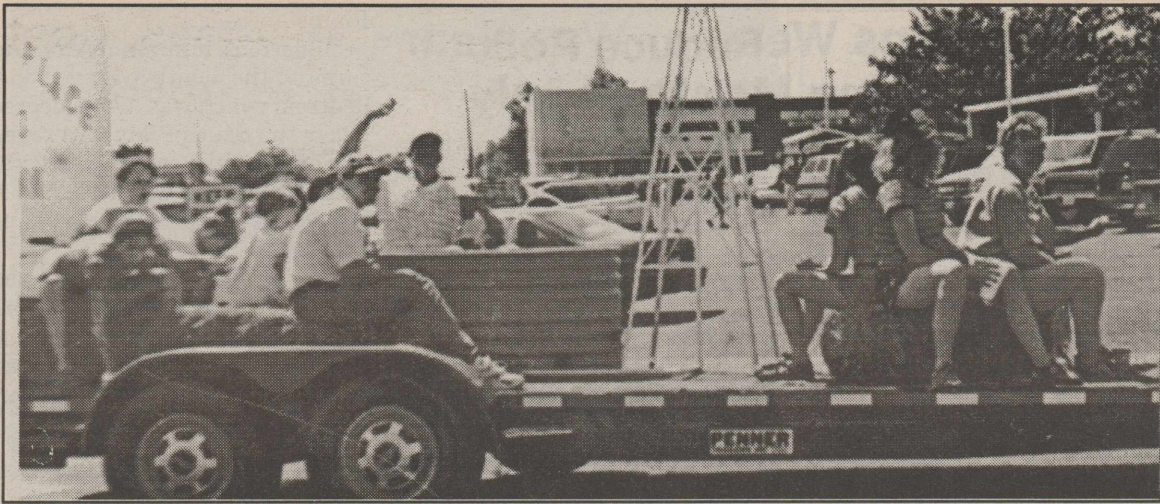
The person providing the above information is:

/s/ Carlye Fleming

Chief Appraiser

July 28, 1999





The entry of First State Bank was chosen as best float in the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration parade held Saturday afternoon through downtown Silvertown. The prize money was donated by First State Bank. *Briscoe County News Photo*



Junior High Cheerleaders added their spirit to the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration parade Saturday afternoon. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## CAFE Standards An Issue Again

Environmental groups are pushing once again to unlock the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards frozen by Congress in an effort to force higher mile-per-gallon minimums for new vehicles and supposedly reduce overall vehicle emissions.

Large vehicles have been shown to be safer in numerous effort, now being carried out in the Senate, would most likely mean limited future availability of full-size vehicles such as pickup trucks, sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and even the highly popular minivan.

The eventual success of this

Large vehicles have been shown to be safer in numerous

studies conducted by safety experts through the years. In addition, the National Academy of Sciences has said that emissions will not be reduced by higher fuel economy standards (measured in grams per mile) since all passenger cars and light trucks already have identical standards in place.

An organization called the Coalition for Vehicle Choice (CVC) is urging everyone to contact their U. S. Senators and voice their objection to "The Clean Car Resolution" which would unfreeze the CAFE standards.

The CVC notes that unless the public voices its concern, a small, vocal group could effectively limit the availability of many popular and useful vehicles.

## Lockney Health & Rehab News

Rebecca Rodriguez, A. D.

Hello to everyone from Lockney Health & Rehabilitation Center.

We would like to recognize all of our residents who will be celebrating their birthdays this month: Jessie McGhee, August 10; Girtha Vaughan, August 21, and Mamie Ford, August 23. We hope each of you have a very happy birthday.

We have one employee birthday on August 28. This is for Odilla Rodriguez. She is also celebrating her anniversary with our facility this month. She has been with us for seven years.

We would like to ask the public to keep the family of Roy

Brown in your prayers. Our friend passed away on Thursday, August 12. He will be very sadly missed.

We would also like to invite the public to an open house that we will be having on Sunday, August 22. We have set a time from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We hope you can come and join us if at all possible.

This is all for now... until next time...

## Money 2000

Want to be \$2,000 better off by the end of the year 2000? Before your car needs repair work, spend time finding a good mechanic. The mechanic should be certified as well as established. He should communicate well about repair options and costs. Ask your friends for recommendations of mechanics who have done good work for them. Remember money you save will continue to earn in a saving account.

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Pokey the Clown entertained young and old during the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration Saturday. His appearance here was sponsored by Grabbe-Simpson Motors. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Report Makes Hunter Safety Recommendations

A study of hunting safety incidents suggests changes in hunter education is needed. Texas A&M professor Ron Kaiser says some types of incidents have increased despite mandatory hunter education programs. Incidents involving careless firearm handling have increased. Other study findings showed that more incidents

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#### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

Last year's operating taxes	\$	478,682
Last year's debt taxes	\$	-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$	478,682
Last year's tax base	\$	48,378,963
Last year's total tax rate	\$	<u>0.988/\$100</u>

#### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	460,260
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$	45,877,483
= This year's effective tax rate	\$	<u>1.0044/\$100</u>

#### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$	453,281
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	45,877,483
= This year's effective operating rate	\$	1.0110/\$100
+ 0.03 = This year's maximum operating rate	\$	1.0410/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	-0-\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$	1.0410/\$100

#### SCHEDULE A

##### UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$600,000.00

#### SCHEDULE B

1999 DEBT SERVICE: None

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July 28, 1999

## Reduce Pollution, Allergens, Cost By Mixing Your Own Cleaners

People can help to reduce the amount of pollutants that contaminate our water.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has developed the Mix It Yourself brochure. Julie Massey says people can use materials like baking soda, mineral oil and vinegar to make household cleaners. This can help reduce the amount of pollutants going back into their water supplies via sinks, commodes, tubs and lawns.

Reducing the number of chemicals used in the home has other benefits. Using these alternative cleaners cuts down on the number of cleaners you buy, so it's cheaper. She says the main ingredients for mix-it-yourself include baking soda, liquid detergent, mineral oil, white vinegar, salt and lemon juice.

Massey says the cleansers are easy to make. To make an all-purpose household cleanser, dissolve four tablespoons of baking soda into one quart of warm water and pour into a spray bottle. Solution strength can be increased by adding more baking soda. She says there are other uses for baking soda in the home. Make a paste by mixing equal parts of baking soda and warm water to polish silverware and to clean lawn furniture; fiberglass tubs, bumpers and hub caps. If something needs to be sanitized, Massey recommends that one part bleach be mixed with 100 parts water. Contact Massey at 281-534-3413 for more information.

## FCE Agents Trained in Prevention

Everyone knows the dangers of smoking and using other tobacco products, eating a diet high in fat, and over exposure to the sun. These issues were stressed recently at a cancer prevention seminar in Overton.

According to the Texas Cancer Data Center, cancer killed more than 32,000 people in Texas in 1997. He says study focuses on why these incidents occur. The researchers used a database to profile incidents by 11 different factors: injury type, injury locations, incident type, incident by county, month, day of week, time of day, land ownership, environmental factors, firearm type, and distance of muzzle to victim. They profiled shooters by gender, age, hunting experience, hunter education status, influence of alcohol or drugs, and species hunted. The report also recommended more hands-on instruction and skill evaluations.

Kaiser analyzed 2500 hunting incident reports filed between 1966 and 1997. He says study focuses on why these incidents occur. The researchers used a database to profile incidents by 11 different factors: injury type, injury locations, incident type, incident by county, month, day of week, time of day, land ownership, environmental factors, firearm type, and distance of muzzle to victim. They profiled shooters by gender, age, hunting experience, hunter education status, influence of alcohol or drugs, and species hunted. The report also recommended more hands-on instruction and skill evaluations.

1997. Lung, breast, colon and prostate cancers caused more than 50 percent of those deaths. Many of these cancers could have been prevented by changes in lifestyle.

Extension agents were provided with exhibits and various educational aids to help make people more aware of risk factors. Family Consumer Science agents teach the benefits of a healthful diet and lifestyle. More information on statewide Family Consumer Science programming may be found on the department's internet site <fcs.tamu.edu>.

## Symposium Offers Quail Information

The bobwhite quail is here today but may be gone tomorrow. Extension wildlife specialist Dale Rollins says one quail biologist predicts that bobwhites will be extinct in the southeastern United States by the year 2005.

To understand what can be done to prevent this, the Extension Service and the Texas A&M department of wildlife and fisheries sciences have organized a statewide symposium, "Preserving Texas' Quail Heritage into the 21st Century." It will be held October 13-15 in the Abilene Civic Center.

Rollins says seating at the conference is limited to the first 300 people who register. Participants are encouraged to pre-register. Pre-registration fees are \$75 per person and must be received by October 1.

Registration after October 1 and at the door will be \$100 per person. Registration fees include a copy of the symposium proceedings, three meals and refreshments.

For further information, contact Rollins at 915-653-4576.

## Conference Slated Sept. 9-10

The challenges of water and air quality daily face owners and operators of confined animal feeding operations. To help them deal with these issues with the latest scientific and technical information, a conference on animal manure management is set for September 9-10 at the Red Lion Hotel in Austin.

Roberta Parry, senior agricultural policy analyst with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, will keynote the conference at 9:00 a.m. September 9. She will give an overview of the latest regulatory developments concerning animal manure, including the agency's guidance of nutrient management plans and the final EPA-U.S. Department of Agriculture joint strategy for animal feeding operations.





In honour of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Stark, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Saturday, August 21, 1999, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Quitaque Community Center. No gifts please.

## Clarendon College To Have New Student Orientation Aug. 30 - 31

Clarendon College will begin the fall semester with new student orientation August 30-31.

Residence halls move-in will begin on Saturday, August 28, at 1:00 p.m. and will continue on Sunday, August 29, at 9:00 a.m.

The two-day orientation session begins with check-in at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 30, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium.

Students will participate in mini-sessions on subjects important to their academic life and future careers. Topics to be covered include time management, study skills, career investigation and other issues designed to help new students adjust to college

life. Also during orientation, new students will register for classes, receive student ID cards, purchase books and have a chance to visit with financial aid and other departments on campus.

Classes begin September 1. For more information call Clarendon College at 806-874-3571 or 1-800-687-9737.

### MIP Classes Offered At Clarendon College

Clarendon College will be offering classes for youth that have been charged with minor in possession August 23-24 in Pampa.

You are required to attend two three-hour sessions before re-



"Silverton's Only Pumping Oil Well", entered in the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration parade by Flute Hutsell, was chosen as second best float Saturday afternoon. Prize money was donated by Briscoe Implement. *Briscoe County News Photo*

## Clarendon College Offers Web-Based Computer Course

Clarendon College is joining the virtual world of education with its first Internet-based computer course this fall semester.

High school students throughout Clarendon College's eight-county service area will have the opportunity to enroll in the web-based computer concepts course.

"Right now we are only offering the course through high school concurrent enrollment," said Pam Denney, Clarendon College computer course instructor. "In the future we plan to offer this and other courses to the general public."

Denney recently completed an on-line course through the virtual College of Texas to prepare for the new method of teaching computer concepts.

According to Denney, the course is administered through the Web CT course delivery program based out of Vancouver. Students taking the course will receive all communication through the web-site.

"We will be using a bulletin board on the web-site where topics can be posted and responded to as a learning tool," Denney said. "We will also use chat sessions to communicate in real-time. These sessions will be used primarily to review for tests."

Course lectures will be available on the web-site with text and audio capabilities. Students also will use e-mail as another method of communication.

ceiving credit. Each session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m.

To participate in MIP classes individuals must arrive by 7:00 p.m. at the administration building on the Clarendon College Pampa Center located at 900 N. Frost in Pampa.

For more information please contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.

## Second Generation Corn Borers Are Laying Eggs

Farmers growing corn on the South Plains should scout their crop soon for evidence of Southwestern corn borer eggs.

Extension IPM agent Johnna Patterson says producers will see increasing egg numbers in the next two weeks and should plan to scout their fields soon.

Patterson says second generation Southwestern corn borers usually begin laying eggs after the plants have tasseled. Hatchling larvae from these eggs will feed behind the plant's leaf collars and ears, and beneath the shucks of the primary ear.

If twenty to twenty-five percent of plants in a field are infested with eggs or newly-hatched larvae the producer should treat with insecticide. Patterson adds that scouting is the only reliable way to check the crop for eggs and larvae and to determine whether an infestation warrants an insecticide treatment.

## Defensive Driving Being Offered at Clarendon College


Clarendon College will be offering a defensive driving course August 30-31 in Pampa from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m.

Participants should arrive by 7:00 p.m. at the Clarendon College Pampa Center located at 900 N. Frost in Pampa.

The course is contracted by USA Training School, USA C-1374. For more information, please contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.

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*The population in Denver, Colorado, is among the youngest in the nation.*



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### SILVERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Room 1, Silverton High School  
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# TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report

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For the Week Ended August 12

Bullish sentiments following a surprisingly low U. S. crop estimate released in USDA's supply/demand report pushed the cotton market higher on August 12 after a week of aimless trading.

USDA's cotton supply/demand report showed a surprisingly low U. S. 1999-2000 production estimate which helped propel New York cotton futures to sharp gains on Thursday. USDA estimated the domestic crop at 18.3 million bales, down from 18.7 million in July and well below analysts' average estimate of 19.0 million bales. The smaller crop estimate resulted in lower projected U. S. ending stocks which dropped from the previous 6.0 million bales to 5.7 million, according to USDA, and below the average estimate of 6.1 million.

Analysts were expecting a much higher production figure. Therefore, many market watchers wonder how USDA arrived at an extremely low crop estimate considering the fact that crop conditions were generally favorable at the end of July when USDA field surveys of 12 cotton producing states were conducted.

Although dryness in the Delta and Southeast was not considered serious at that time, the department factored in the inevitable yield loss due to a detrimental lack of rain. USDA estimated yield at 649 pounds-per-acre, down from the previous 665 pounds.

Analysts noted that with the persistent dryness in drought stricken areas, yields could be further affected. Crop sources in various areas in the Delta and Southeast have mentioned problems with plant stress and bollshed, leading industry observers to believe another adjustment of yields could be contained in future reports.

The government agency also pegged prospective U. S. harvest area at 13.5 million acres, representing an abandonment rate of

7.3 percent, well below the five-year average of 8.9 percent.

Texas' overall planted acreage figure remained unchanged, but revisions were made to various districts including a reduction on the northern High Plains. Regional plantings, therefore, fell to 3.6 million acres, of which an average 20 percent are expected to be abandoned because of hail and rain in June. Production on the Texas High Plains has been placed at 3.0 million bales or 57 percent of the state's 5.3 million-bale output.

Meanwhile, USDA's weekly U. S. export sales report was overshadowed by the department's U. S. supply/demand report and had little effect on the market. Export sales data showed net 1999-2000 sales of 42,000 bales for the week ended August 5, a significant decrease from the previous week's 78,300 bales. Mexico, a notable U. S. trade partner, was the largest buyer of U. S. cotton with sales totaling 14,800 bales. Thailand and Indonesia completed the list of featured buyers with acquisitions of 7,300 and 5,700 bales, respectively. In the same reporting week, net 2000-01 export sales were 27,000 bales. Featured buyers included Indonesia, El Salvador and Mexico.

Trading on the TELCOT electronic marketing system was sluggish in the five trading days ended August 12, as sales totaled 9,678 bales. The week's sales were slightly lower than the 12,850 bales sold the prior week. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 35.79 to 41.48 cents per pound versus a range of 35.64 to 42.58 the previous week.

*The \$100,000 bill, with Woodrow Wilson's portrait on the front, was printed only for use in transactions between the Federal Reserve System and the Treasury Department.*



Betty and Wayne Stephens entered the float which won third place in the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration parade Saturday afternoon. The prize was donated by Silverton Oil Company.

Briscoe County News Photo

## High Plains Crop Estimate is 3.04 Million Bales Texas Upland Cotton District Estimates

August 12, 1999

District	Planted Acres (1000 acres)	Harvested Acres (1000 acres)	Yield	Production (480 pound bales)
1-N	700	530	607	670,000
1-S	2,900	2,350	484	2,370,000
2-N	490	420	366	320,000
2-S	560	530	344	380,000
4	120	120	440	110,000
7	160	130	517	140,000
8-S	300	290	778	470,000
9	220	215	737	330,000
10	310	275	593	340,000
other districts	140	140	583	170,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>5,300,000</b>

Source: TASS, USDA

### Swimming Safety Tips

Another key is modification of the current marketing loan gain/Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) payment limit structure. As it stands now many producers cannot receive the minimum price support level this program could provide on all of their production because they can grow more pounds of cotton than can currently receive payments under the payment limit structure.

Not letting your guard down near water may be a lifesaver. Here are some water safety tips from lifeguards who competed in the Foster's Lager National Lifeguard Championships:

- Learn to swim. It's fun and it could save your life.
- Know your swimming limits and stay within them.
- Never swim alone; always swim with a buddy, preferably near a staffed lifeguard tower.
- Don't drink and swim. Alcohol impairs your balance, coordination and judgment.
- Do not eat or chew gum while swimming. You could choke.
- Use sunscreen because sunburns are dangerous.

*The first nickelodeon--now called a movie theater--was established in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in 1905 by John P. Harris and Henry Davis.*

Beltwide, Thursday's Upland Cotton crop estimate of 17.6 million bales was regarded as bullish and helped push New York futures prices higher by as much as 1.67 cents on the December contract. How long the rally will last and how high it can go is anybody's guess. Overall a weak demand picture and a large worldwide cotton supply is expected to keep a lid on prices in the near term.

The fact that a bullish crop report, considerably lower than most industry projections, is likely to create only a modest short-term spike in prices is evidence of the desperate need by producers for all cotton market building programs to be up and running by the time the bulk of the U. S. crop comes to market. If fully operative they should help prevent a further building of carryover stocks.

One key to successfully marketing the 1999 crop is the Step 2 program, which could be reinstated soon after Congress reconvenes in September. Money for the program has been included in a supplementary relief package approved as part of the Senate's FH2000 Agricultural Appropriations Bill. The program may not prop prices up more than a few cents domestically but should encourage the purchase of more U. S. cotton abroad.

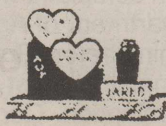
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The Bad Birds and their cheerleaders added color to the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration parade through downtown Silverton Saturday afternoon. *Briscoe County News Photo*

### Agricultural Biotech Theme of Summit

A summit September 29-30 will focus on developing a strategic plan that will allow Texas to become a national leader in agricultural biotechnology and allied life science.

The Summit on Biotechnology for Agriculture, Food, Fiber and Health is expected to attract everyone from scientists to policy makers.

Chair of the summit program planning committee John Mullett says the summit will focus on three issues: the development of biotechnology; the transfer of that technology for the economic benefit of the state.

Registration is \$90 per person until September 10, then \$105 until September 29. More information is available from the Texas Agricultural and Natural

Resources Summit Initiative at 409-845-2340.

### Horses Can Serve Warning For Encephalitis

Mosquitoes can make life miserable for humans, poultry, horses and livestock. This summer there's a chance that in East Texas a common garden variety mosquito bite can lead to death.

Texas Department of Health officials have reported occurrences of eastern equine encephalitis in East Texas.

Eastern equine encephalitis is a disease that can be fatal to both horses and humans.

In Louisiana the disease has killed 40 horses and an un-

counted number of emus. A&M entomologist Jimmy Olson says recently two people in Louisiana have been infected. One man is still in a coma. The disease has spilled over to the East Texas counties of Jasper, Harrison, Cherokee and Hardin.

Entomologists don't know which mosquito species transmits the disease, but they do know that western Louisiana and East Texas are home to the same species.

Olson and members of his staff will be in East Texas trapping mosquitoes in hopes of determining exactly which species of mosquito is the vector. Until then, every mosquito is a potential suspect.

*The computer language COBOL is an acronym for Common Business Oriented Language.*

## Pointers For Parents

### How To Start School Days In Less Of A Daze

(NAPS)—School days, school daze. The morning rush required to get children off to school need not leave you spinning.

Taking a little time to get organized before school starts can make both the transition and the daily experience a lot easier.

Here are a few tips:

- When clothes shopping for school, buy coordinating separates rather than outfits. This way all tops and bottoms can be worn with each other. Only buy socks in one color to improve the odds of finding a matching pair.

- When you check your child's homework at night, make sure everything needed for the next day gets packed up then.

- If bathroom use causes major delays in the morning, set up a schedule so some people can bathe at night and others have time in the morning.

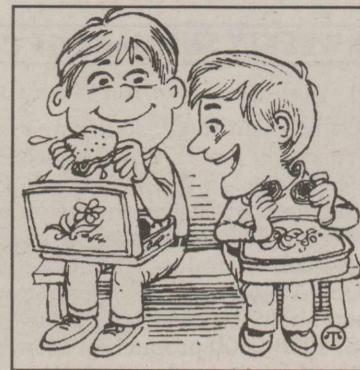
- Have kids lay out their clothes for school the night before.

- Are you ever halfway to school to find the kids have forgotten something? Make an extra copy of the keys to leave with the neighbors. Buy extra sets of inexpensive gloves and leave some in the car.

- If there's little time for making lunch, take some time to buy quick-fix ingredients, such as boxes of raisins, mini-applesauce packs, cheese sticks and lunch kits, which can quickly be thrown in a paper bag.

One such kit is Smucker's Snackers found in the peanut butter and jelly or snack section of many supermarkets. This non-refrigerated snack comes in a plastic container with a peel back lid and contains Smucker's peanut butter, either grape or strawberry spread, and eight crackers.

The eye-catching package fea-



**Making lunch before rushing to school is easier if you have the right ingredients.**

tures a cast of characters, including "Mooch" the dog.

This contemporary take on an all-time kids favorite costs about a dollar and works well in school lunches because it doesn't require refrigeration. It's the fun way to PB&J, because kids can make the snack themselves any time, anywhere and any way they like. They can spread it, dip it, stack it, make PB&J cracker sandwiches or eat all eight crackers one at a time.

Snackers contain everything for a convenient snack. By adding a few basic items, such as an apple or a container of milk, you can easily make a much-appreciated lunch in less than a minute.

For more advice and tips to help parents and kids get ready for this special time of the year, Smucker's has created a "Back-to-School Survival Guide." This free brochure may be obtained by calling 1-888-550-9555 (M-F 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. EST) or by sending a self-addressed, stamped business size (No. 10) envelope to The J.M. Smucker Company, Strawberry Lane, Orrville, OH 44667, Attention: Consumer Services Department.



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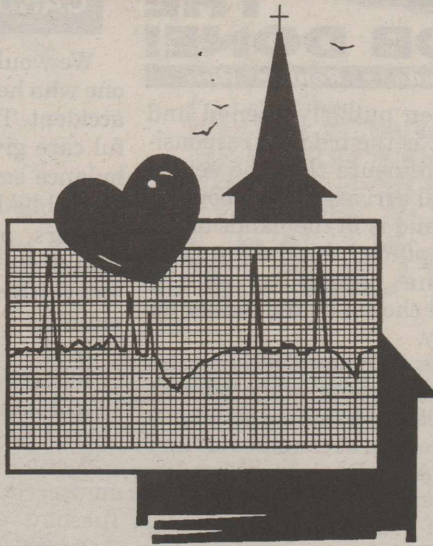
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WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.



## Was That Stranger An Angel?

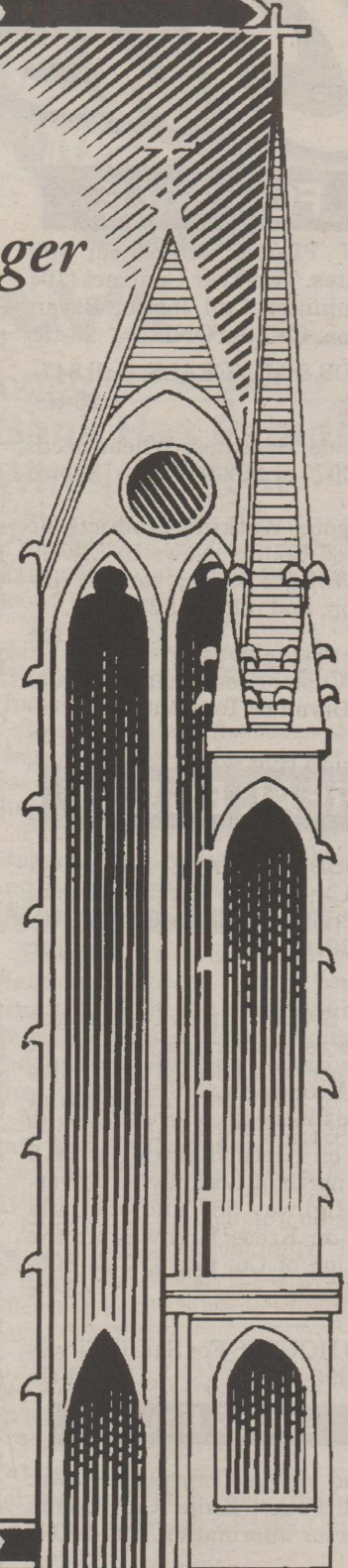
A friend of ours was on vacation, and he suffered a heart attack while playing tennis. It just so happened that a passerby immediately administered CPR

to him, and there was an emergency vehicle just two minutes away. The hospital was fifteen miles from where our neighbor was playing tennis, but an emergency vehicle was returning from another call and was close by. After the emergency crew gave aid to our friend, they tried to locate the stranger who had administered CPR because they attributed his quick action with helping to save our friend's life. The stranger was nowhere to be found and the bystanders said that they did not know who he was and that they had never seen the man before.

Our neighbor is now back home recuperating from heart surgery with renewed faith, and he is grateful to God for putting the stranger and the emergency crew near him when he needed help. We all were praying for our friend, and after hearing his story, we know that God does take care of His people and He answers prayers.

*Before they call I will answer, while  
they are yet speaking I will hear.*

Revised Standard Version Isaiah 65:24



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Be sure your bid is in by 5:00 p.m. August 10, 1999. Write "BID ENCLOSED" on the outside of your envelope.

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We would like to thank everyone who helped us out after Bill's accident. Thanks for the wonderful care given to Bill by the ambulance service! You all do a super job! Also thanks for all the prayers, phone calls and cards that were given. We feel very lucky to live in such a caring community.

Love,  
Bill and Shana Strange  
and family

Again I thank each of you who answered my distress call last Tuesday.

Thank you, Bena and Anthony, for taking me to Lubbock. It is wonderful to know when good help is needed, you are available and ready.

Lottie

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful birthday cards, phone calls and gifts. They all made my 80th birthday very special.

In Christian love,  
Lucy

Miami, Florida, gets its name from an Indian word mayami meaning "big water".

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, flowers, contributions, phone calls, cards and food at the time of our sorrow in the loss of our beloved Jerry Don. A special thanks to the ones that came to the hospital to be with us in our time of need. May God bless each and every one of you.

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