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## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

The menu for Tri-County Meals for next week includes:

Monday, July 11-Brisket, Cole-slaw, Potato Salad, Roll, Apple Crisp

Wednesday, July 13-Shepard Pie, Cabbage & Tomatoes, Squash, Cornbread, Cake

Friday, July 15-Chicken a la King, Green Beans, Carrots, Jello Salad

Menu subject to change with-out notice.

The new telephone number for Tri-County Meals at the Hope Center is 455-1053.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

The following names were left off the Project Graduation donor list: Ross and Melissa Estes, Lane and Paula Garvin, Silver City Mercantile, Jimmy and Madeline Stone, Xcel Energy-Lubbock, The Donut Shop-Plainview, Jamie Scarborough, Dixie Johnson.

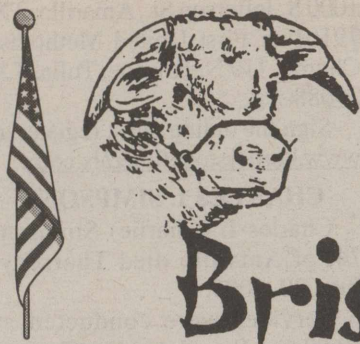
Krystle Clinton, a graduate of Silverton High School, received her associate in science degree from Clarendon College in May. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Clinton of Silverton.

The newly-finished exterior and brilliant white paint of Bob's Oil Well, a landmark at Matador for many years, now shines just as brightly as the lights on the historic derrick. Designated as one of eleven Most Endangered Historic Sites of 2004 by Preservation Texas, Bob's Oil Well has been a topic of a Texas Historical Commission regional meeting, topic of many local and state-wide newspaper articles, and the October photo in Preservation Texas' 2005 calendar. This attention has brought in donations to make this part of the renovation possible.

The county historical commission anticipates that the historical marker will be cast and completed for a marker dedication in October to celebrate the original opening of Bob's Oil Well station in 1934.

Harlen (Frosty) Vernon has returned from Equador where he worked as a consultant at a refinery where they make diesel. He expects to leave July 18 for a job in Bolivia.

Like a chameleon, the grouper can change its color to blend with its surroundings.

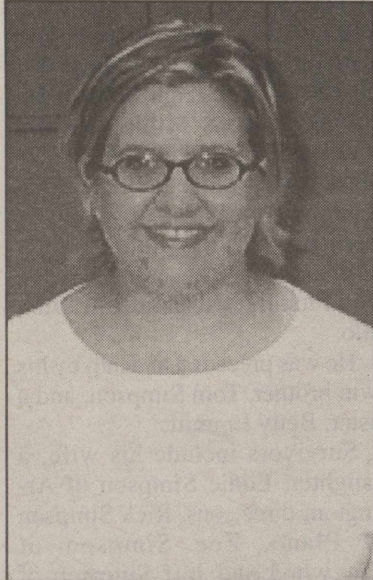


THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2005

# Briscoe County News

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## Briscoe County's New Extension Agent Has Strong Ag Background



Mikah Karber

## One-More-Time Jamboree Slated

How important is the Showbarn to you? If you live in Silverton and in Briscoe County it is a place where lots of things happen, including stock shows, training meetings for local EMS-fire department personnel, reunions, farm events, including certification for CEUs, previous jamborees, Fall Festival Carnivals, etc.

Citizens, grandparents and parents of 4-H'ers and FFA members should realize that the Showbarn needs repairing, and you will have your chance to help Saturday night, July 9, between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

A benefit Jamboree will be held. No admission will be charged, but donations are solicited. Come and eat mesquite-grilled hamburgers and enjoy the music.

If you can't attend (several good sized donations already have been given) give your donations to Jerry Patton or mail them to City Hall. All proceeds go to the Showbarn upkeep.

The largest crabs in the world, which stand three feet high and often weigh as much as 30 pounds, live off the coast of Japan.

Micah Karber is finding herself doing double duty these days. The Perryton native alternates her work days between the Texas Cooperative Extension offices in Memphis and Silverton. Karber recently was hired as the Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for Hall and Briscoe counties. Her first day was June 1.

While she is getting used to her new job, she's looking forward to working with the 4-H groups "and helping people better their lives in any way I can," she said.

Already, Karber has been approached to begin a senior citizens' exercise program in Hall County, similar to the one already established in Briscoe County. Karber said she's also been approached by officials in both counties to start giving computer lessons.

"It is a pleasure to have Micah starting her Extension career in the Texas Panhandle," said Donna Brauchi, district Extension administrator. "She brings a strong family and consumer sciences, as well as 4-H, background to her Extension role in serving Briscoe and Hall county families and youth. We will, again, have a strong Extension team in both counties."

Karber graduated from Texas Tech University in December 2004. She is pursuing her master's degree in agricultural education and communications at Texas Tech. She was active in 4-H both in high school and at the collegiate level.

Before joining Extension, she worked as a graduate assistant at Texas Tech with the student affairs department. Karber was a substitute teacher at Perryton Junior High School and Slaton High School, as well as being a 4-H volunteer.

## Annual Yard Tour, Brunch Are July 9

Tulia Ladies' Chamber of Commerce Annual Yard Tour and Brunch will be held Saturday, July 9, from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased



Mary Asebedo was pictured with the agave plant that is blooming at her home. She and her husband, Johnny, have several of the plants which are sometimes referred to as century plants.

Briscoe County News Photo

in advance or at any location on the tour. and Cris Evans, 50 Fannin Drive.

Ticket will enter the purchaser in a drawing for door prizes. For information, contact Celeste Howard at 995-3702 after 4:00 p.m.

Yards on the tour include Dale and Cheryl Swinburn, 7368 County Road S; Bernie and Lou Wethington, 1169 I-27; Fran Burton, 712 North El Paso; and Tom President Clinton was born William Jefferson Blythe IV, but took his stepfather's last name of Clinton at the age of 16.

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**Obituaries**

**RONALD DALE KITCHENS**

Ronald Dale Kitchens, 66, of South Plains passed away in Floydada July 1, 2005. Graveside services were scheduled Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the Silverton Cemetery with Rance Young officiating. Arrangements were made by Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; one son, Blake Kitchens; two daughters, Ronette Depriest and Meredith Robinson; one brother, Bobby Kitchens; one sister, Sandra Frizzell; and six grand-

children.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to a favorite charity.

**JOHN EARL SIMPSON**

John Earl Simpson, jr., 82, died Friday, July 1, 2005.

Memorial services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Tulia with the Rev. Rob Lindley, pastor, officiating. Arrangements were by Kornerstone Funeral Directors.

Mr. Simpson passed away Friday, July 1, 2005. He was born July 26, 1922 to John Earl Simpson, sr. and Lottie Mae Simpson in Silverton. He was graduated from Lockney High School in 1940. He

served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a 50-year member of the Silverton Lodge 754 AF&AM, a 32nd degree Mason and Scottish Rite Shriner.

Mr. Simpson owned and operated Chevrolet dealerships in Silverton and Tulia for 24 years. He was a director of Texas Automobile Dealers Association, City Councilman in Silverton, served on the board of United Supply in Lubbock, Tulia School Board, First State Bank, Tulia Chamber of Commerce, Tulia Industrial Foundation, was manager of Tulia Wheat Growers and manager of Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority. He farmed and ranched in Briscoe and Swisher counties for many years.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Samantha Simpson Powell Allison in 2004.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Voncille Atchley Simpson; two daughters, Celia Simpson-Bragg of San Angelo and Olivia Adamson and husband, Keith, of San Antonio; a son, John Earl Simpson III and wife, Nita, of Tulia; a sister, Eddie Graham of Arlington; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to Odyssey Health Care,

1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, TX 79101 or First United Methodist Church, 119 N. Briscoe, Tulia, TX 79088.

Sign the online guest register at [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com).

**CHARLES I. SIMPSON**

Charles I. (Charlie) Simpson, 74, of Amarillo died Thursday, June 30, 2005.

Services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at Cox Funeral Home Benton Chapel, 4180 Canyon Drive, with Dr. Howard K. Batson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Private family burial was held in the Lockney Cemetery.

Mr. Simpson was born and reared at Lockney and was a graduate of Lockney High School. He married Mildred (Millie) Rodgers November 5, 1948 in Clovis, New Mexico. He lived in the Texas Panhandle most of his life, where he worked for Curry Motor Freight for many years. He was affiliated with First Baptist Church in Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Tom Simpson, and a sister, Betty Emmitt.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Eddie Simpson of Arlington; three sons, Rick Simpson of Plano, Zoe Simpson of Kingwood and Jeff Simpson of Corinth; a sister, Iwana Monroe of Tulia; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was the uncle of Marsha Miller of Roscoe, Mary Strange of Kress and Caryle Fleming of Silverton.

**FANNIE B. FRANCIS**

Funeral services for Fannie B. Francis, 99, of Plainview, are scheduled at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at the 11th and

Amarillo Church of Christ in Plainview under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Silverton Cemetery with J. D. Nance officiating.

Mrs. Francis died July 3, 2005 at Covenant Hospital in Plainview.

She was born July 23, 1905 at Wapanuka, Oklahoma to Jim and Lula Steele.

She moved with her family to Briscoe County at an early age, and married John Lee Francis January 8, 1922 at Kress. They farmed and ranched in Briscoe County for many years.

They moved to Plainview in 1972 and Mr. Francis passed away November 12, 1978. Mrs. Francis stayed in her home and stayed active in her church, the 11th and Amarillo Church of Christ, and her varied hobbies until she retired to Westridge Manor. She was an avid seamstress.

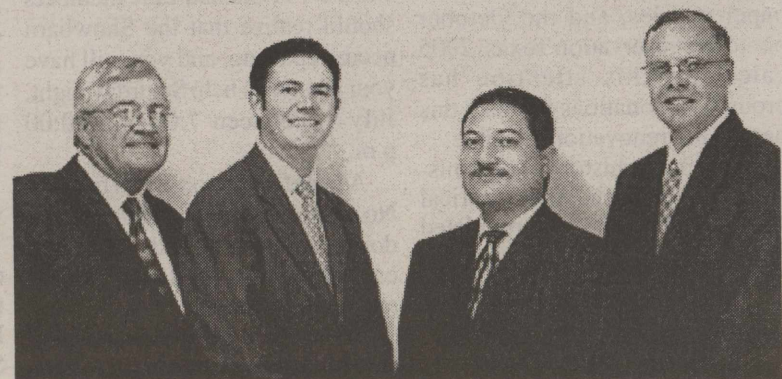
She was preceded in death by her husband; her eldest son, Garland Francis in 1980, and a grandson, Brett Gill, in 1999.

Surviving are a son, Joe Dale Francis of Denver, Colorado; two daughters, Winona Franks and husband Cecil of Amarillo and Wilma Gill and husband John of Silverton; one brother, J. R. Steele and wife Verba of Plainview; one sister, Lillie Mercer of Canyon; seven grandchildren, Cenci Hardee, Celia Franks, Felice Pearson, Jace Francis, Cris Gill, Eber Gill and Tracy Baird; one granddaughter-in-law, Judy Gill of Plainview; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to the 11th and Amarillo Church of Christ or Silverton Cemetery.

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1	74	54	3.27
2	79	54	
3	93	60	
4	77	56	.93
5	86	55	
6	81	56	.13
7	86	56	
8	87	66	
9	93	68	
10	89	63	.15
11	76	60	.19
12	82	62	
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24	91	63	
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26	88	63	
27	90	66	
28	93	65	
29	95	63	
30	94	62	

Total June Precipitation	4.75
Normal June Precip.	3.78
Normal Precip. to date	10.56
Precip. Rec'd. to date	13.66

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A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl, Shelby. She wanted to know what the United States looked like. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Shelby, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today." After a few minutes, Shelby returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together." There is no peace without Jesus.

Pray for our nation.

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**June 13, 1996**-Lindsey Jennings performs in state music meet and earns superior rating . . . George Reed brought in the first load of new-crop wheat to Dimmitt Agri-Industries at Silverton Elevator on Wednesday, June 5 . . . Eagle Scout Larry Comer, Scoutmaster of Troop 262, saw the Eagle Scout rank bestowed on his son, Cy Comer, May 20 . . . Rebecca Suzanne Fudge of Tulia and Eric Lee Patton of Silverton were united in marriage on Saturday, April 20, 1996, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Tulia . . . Weather conditions continue to be hot, dry . . . Trista Davis and Brandon Sarchet are the delegates to attend the annual Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar at Angelo State University . . . Silverton students on the dean's honor roll at West Texas A&M University are Aimee J. Francis, a senior in generic special education; Matthew B. Francis, a junior general agriculture student, and Wayne Henderson, a senior kinesiology in PE student . . . Effie Bevers, 93, buried at Lakeview . . . City fireworks ordinance to be enforced this year . . .

**June 19, 1986**-Superintendent O. C. Rampley has been nominated to receive the 1986 Superintendent of the Year Award, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards, designed to recognize and honor outstanding superintendents for exemplary educational leadership and direction of a quality education program . . . Kristy Fogerson received an \$8,000 Houston Livestock Show Scholarship . . . Thetis Rogers buried at Quitaque . . . Services conducted for Larkin Vardell . . . Lori Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Watson, has been named a United States Achievement Academy National Award Winner . . . Jack Robertson, owner of R Photography, was a double winner with two framed photographs in the Sesquicentennial Art Show at Matador. One received the special Sesquicentennial Award and the other was selected as Judge's Choice . . . Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jones worked here several days last week getting their home ready for rental . . .

**June 25, 1986**-Rains continue to fall on Silverton, with 1.87 inches measured during the last week to bring the June rainfall to 6.22 inches and the 1986 rainfall to 12.65 inches . . . W. G. (Butch) Brannon received the bachelor of

science degree in nursing at Hardin-Simmons University May 10. He has been a registered nurse for seven years, and is a supervisor at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene . . . Eight-pound stripers caught at Lake Mackenzie . . . Jackie Gaskins, son-in-law of Elton and Lanita Cantwell, received Texas Tech scholarship . . .

**June 17, 1976**-Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nance are parents of a daughter, Holly Renee . . . Silverton students named to the dean's honor roll at West Texas State University are Janet G. Blair, sophomore; Debra A. Cantwell, sophomore elementary education major; David A. Kellum, senior elementary education major; Ty Wayne McMurtry, sophomore agriculture major; Jana K. Minyard, junior elementary education major; John E. Minyard, junior mathematics education major; Ben Britt Parker, senior accounting major, and Marvin D. Self, senior health and physical education major . . . Lesa Francis and Debbie Storie attended a Co-op Youth Leadership Conference on the campus of William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri recently . . . Miss Susan Northcutt was guest of honor at a shower and tea in the home of Mrs. John Francis Saturday . . . Mrs. Fred Hill is Outstanding Member of the Silverton Young Homemakers . . . Miss Kathy Jo King, bride-elect of Joe Bob Via, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Saturday . . .

**June 25, 1976**-Pam Rampley won the national second-place silver medal and the state first-place gold medal she in dental assistant contests this year. Miss Rampley, a recent graduate of Roswell High School, has worked in the office of Dr. Robert T. Smith for 2 1/2 years . . . A movie made some time ago in Silverton and some of the adjacent ranch and caprock country, will premiere at the First Baptist Church in Silverton in July. The public is invited to the showing of "A Disturbing Silence," which was directed by Bob Saul and concerns the Christian witness of championship professional cowboy and rancher Walter Arnold, who helped organize the Cowboys for Christ, a chapter of the National Athletes for Christ. The story concerns Arnold's Christian witness among the rodeo people with whom he has been associated for a number of years . . . Curt Garrison, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Garner Garrison, was injured Friday afternoon when he fell from a horse on

the Coleman Garrison farm here . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams and David attended a family reunion at Lake Brownwood last weekend . . . Glenda Youngquist of Lubbock recently has spent a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Vaughan . . .

**June 16, 1966**-Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon and Wade were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Brannon at Stephenville . . . More rain, hail received here . . .

**June 16, 1966**-Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon and Wade were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Don Brannon at Stephenville . . . More rain, hail received here . . . Rev. Joe Winston Allison of Clarendon was killed and the couple who were occupants of a truck loaded with fertilizer were injured in a collision 12 miles northeast of Silverton on Highway 256 . . . Virginia Hardin to head Young Homemakers chapter . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid, Rebecca, Nancy and Bill spent a recent weekend in Lubbock where Rebecca was a finalist in the "Our Little Miss" pageant . . . Mrs. Oscar Weaks underwent major surgery in the Plainview Hospital last week . . . Gerald Smith of Pineville, Missouri, a senior student at Texas A&M, is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Mercer, and working with the Extension Service this summer . . . Mrs. Darrell Sorter, Brenda, Doug and Cherri of Winfield, Missouri are spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Patton, and other relatives . . . Max Weaver was a patient in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo several days last week. He underwent surgery on his right thumb . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burson spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bland Burson at Channing . . . Mrs. Mart Norris and Ruby are visiting in California. They planned to visit Rev. and Mrs. Elvin Norris, Martin and Michael at San Andreas. They also expected to visit Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Norris and family at Salinas, and Butch Norris in San Francisco . . . Cynthia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards, recently was bitten by the family dog. Seven stitches were required to close the wound on her head . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mattheus were in Lubbock Sunday to meet their son, Pfc. Ray Mattheus of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, who is here on leave . . . Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Towe and Jay spent the weekend in Oklahoma City with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Towe. Jay remained there to work this summer . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham are parents of a son, Trevor Fitzgerald . . .

**June 23, 1966**-Silverton Pool is popular habitat of local young people on these long, hot summer days . . . Another two inches of rain received . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitfill of Lockney celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitfill Sunday . . . Mrs. R. N. McDaniel and Robert McDaniel III left Monday for DeRidder, Louisiana where Mrs. R. L. Stack, nee Linda Beth McDaniel, underwent major surgery on Tuesday of last week. She is reported to be recuperating satisfactorily . . . Mrs. Milton Dudley has been staying in Amarillo with her daughter, Connie, who underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital Tuesday of last week . . . Dianne Davis and John Howard Burson were among those who were listed on the spring semester honor roll at West Texas State University . . .

**June 14, 1956**-Cotton farmers having their share of trouble starting the 1956 cotton crop . . . Milton F. (Gene) Clemmer received the BBA degree at the commencement exercises held at the University of California in Los Angeles on June 6 . . . Rev. James Patterson, Carlye Monroe, Karla Weaver, Inette Shelton went to Ceta Canyon Tuesday morning . . . Briscoe County 4-H boys who will be attending the State 4-H Roundup at College Station are Jerry Brannon, John Schott, Melvin Cobb and Lynn McDonald . . . Alvie Mayfield was seriously injured Saturday afternoon when a small Ferguson tractor ran over him. Mr. Mayfield fell from the tractor

while operating it . . . John Montague went with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Brunner, to Colorado last Friday. He and his grandfather planned to do some fishing while there . . . Mike Norris has been in Amarillo visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vardell, since school was out . . . Mrs. W. A. Rowell and Mrs. Virgil Baldwin transacted business in Tulia Saturday . . . H. B. (Doc) Simpson has gone to Rivera, California, where he will be associated in business with his brother, Doyle Simpson . . .



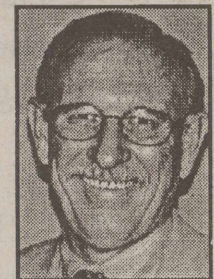
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## Heat Unit Calculator Adds Features

The 2005 Heat Unit Calculator went on the Plains Cotton Growers' web site (<http://www.plainscotton.org>) last week and has already received its first upgrade with the addition of several new features.

In addition to calculating how many Degree Day 60s (DD60s), or Heat Units, have been accumulated between any two dates at weather

stations across the Texas High Plains, the updated PCG Heat Unit page now provides a primer on what heat units are and how they can be used to gauge crop progress.

Also available is a set of quick reference tables that show accumulated heat units from a set of pre-determined planting dates (moving forward at seven-day intervals). Each table includes accumulated heat units for each weather station location in the PCG database. An example of the data provided in the tables appears in the table below.

The 2005 Calculator version features data for the following Texas locations: Abernathy, Amarillo, Big Spring, Borger, Brownfield, Crosbyton, Dalhart, Denver City, Dimmitt, Dumas, Floydada, Friona, Hart, Hereford, Lamesa, Levelland,

Littlefield, Lubbock, Morton, Muleshoe, Olton, Plainview, Post, Seminole, Silverton, Spur, Tahoka, Tulia, Vigo Park, and also Guymon, Oklahoma.

### Accumulated Heat Units Since May 15th, 2005 Based on Latest Entered Data:

Station Name	Accumulated HU
Abernathy	617
Amarillo	545
Big Spring	867
Borger	623
Brownfield	721
Crosbyton	667
Dalhart	476
Denver City	680
Dimmitt	525
Dumas	560
Floydada	687
Friona	585
Guymon OK	435
Guymon OK"	112
Hart	587
Hereford	593
Lamesa	714
Levelland	710
Littlefield	687
Lubbock	742
Morton	684
Muleshoe	596
Olton	639
Plainview	640
Post	786
Seminole	743
Silverton	577
Spur	722
Tahoka	805
Tulia	573
Vigo Park	578

## WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m. During July 2005

	High	Low	Precip.
1	96	63	
2	88	62	.48
3	92	64	
4	99	66	
5	84	63	
Total July Precipitation			.48
Normal July Precip.			2.39
Normal Precip. to date			12.95
Precip. Rec'd. to date			14.14

3.65 million, essentially the same amount planted during the 2004-growing season.

Statewide, 2005 Texas cotton plantings are projected at 5.8 million acres. This amounts to a modest one percent, or 50,000 acre, decrease from 2004 levels. Nationwide, however, the story is slightly different as cotton acreage is estimated to have increased by approximately three percent, to 13.8 million acres.

## Assessment Collections Exceed 96%

At a meeting of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) board of directors held in Abilene, Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard reported that assessment collections for 2004 exceed 96% statewide and that collection of assessments for 2005 has started following receipt of certified acreage from USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Anyone planting cotton in the state of Texas is required by law to notify TBWEF of the location of that cotton. For the vast majority of growers, that notification is achieved through certification of acres with FSA.

After the final certification date, FSA transmits files to TBWEF detailing acreage, ownership and location for all cotton.

TBWEF board members openly expressed gratitude and thanks to FSA personnel at all levels for the valuable and cooperative work they do, providing a major contribution to the success of all boll weevil eradication programs across Texas.

The 2004 assessment collection percentages for the six zones in PCG's 41-county area, as of June 24, 2005, are:

Panhandle.....	99.4%
Western High Plains.....	97.5%
Southern High Plains.....	97.2%
Northern High Plains.....	97.1%
Northwest Plains.....	97.1%
Permian Basin.....	96.0%

## First Program Changes To Meet Obligations

Early this week reports from Washington said USDA officials were getting ready to present a legislative package to Congress that would begin the process of complying with the recent World Trade Organization ruling that portions of the U. S. cotton program were in fact prohibited subsidies.

## One-More-Time Jamboree

July 9, 7:00 p.m.

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## Scattered Showers Return to the Area

Just as dryland growers are starting to look to the sky for help and irrigated producers getting ready to pick up where Mother Nature left off a couple of weeks ago, a few growers in the central High Plains heard a welcome sound June 30 when a series of showers moved across the area.

High Plains cotton producers are feeling considerably better about the 2005 crop after seeing it make tremendous progress over the past few weeks to overcome various weather, disease and insect related setbacks.

While the moisture received this week was just what the doctor ordered for some, the entire High Plains region will shortly reach the point where a timely rainfall is necessary to sustain the progress that has been made, especially on non-irrigated cotton acres.

Knowing that the crop is in pretty good shape and looking better every day means crop observers want to know just how much cotton is being grown on the High Plains in 2005.

The first piece of information needed to answer that question was provided by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service on June 30 with the release of the June Crop Acreage Report. The second part, tallying how many acres in the High Plains region were estimated at



# ALLSUP'S

July 3, 2005 thru July

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**From the Patio**

by Nina Martin

June 30 the Friendship Quilters were Ann Norris, Lallie Patton, Nadyne Childress, Rose Mary Perkins, Wanda Strange, Joy Stodghill, Christene King, Sybil King and Nina Martin.

Lallie's "Grandmothers Flower Garden" quilt top was put in the

frames.

Dana and Dorothy Martin spent last weekend in Raleigh, North Carolina visiting their daughter and family, Kami and Todd Cook and their son, Kamron.

*Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolutions.*

Kahlil Gibran

**Next Blood Drive is Monday, July 18**

Silverton's next blood drive is Monday, July 18, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be here to take the blood donations.

The goal set for this drive is 20. As a thank-you, each donor will receive a T-shirt.

To schedule an appointment for

this drive, please contact Lou Younger at 823-2254.

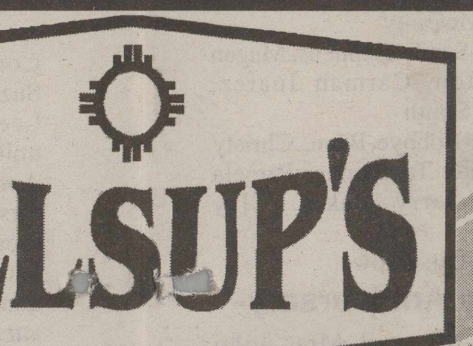
Give the gift of life by donating a unit of your blood.

*To sit in the shade on a fine day, and look upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment.*

Jane Austen

**BUILD A BETTER BURGER**

The grand prize in the Build a Better Burger National Recipe Contest and Cook-off is \$50,000. The contest accepts entries from May 30, 2005 to August 26, 2005. For complete contest rules, visit [buildabetterburger.com](http://buildabetterburger.com) or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Build a Better Burger, Sutter Home Winery, P. O. Box 248, St. Helena, California 94574-0248.



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**Obituaries-**  
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*Patrick Lewis Braddock*

Patrick Lewis Braddock, 36, of Tulia died Sunday, July 3, 2005, in Stephenville, Texas.

Services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 2005, at Tulia Christian Fellowship Church in Tulia with Rusty Gray officiating. Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery by Wallace Funeral Home.

Patrick Lewis was born in Plainview February 26, 1969, to Patrick Norbert and Carol Louise Braddock. He attended Merkel High School where he played football. Patrick moved to Tulia in October 2004 to farm with Wayne Wilhelm.

Survivors include his parents, of

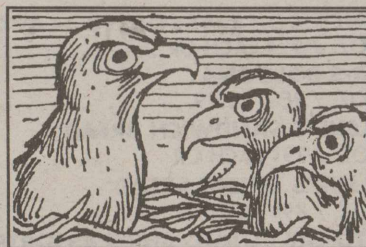
Silverton; a daughter, Cheyanne Braddock, age seven, of Boerne, Texas; four brothers, Hubert and wife Margie of Nazareth, David and wife Brenda of New Deal, Heath and wife Cindy of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Coty and wife Neyla of Tulia; two sisters, Stella (Joy) Braddock of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and LouJessica Braddock of Silverton; maternal grandparents, Jesse and Stella Hall of Silverton; nine nephews and nine nieces, and many friends, lots of loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

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*Young eagles don't have feathers that match their parents' until they are about four years old.*

**Cotton Market weekly**



A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

An improved technical outlook and two constructive fundamental reports on Thursday sent cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade to their highest level in weeks.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reported U. S. producers planted 14.02 million acres to cotton in 2005-06, including 266,000 acres of American Pima. The total acreage is 211,000 acres greater than growers reported in the March planting intentions report and 367,400 acres more than was planted in 2004.

The largest increase from the March survey was in the Southwest where plantings were pegged at 6.1 million acres, a 90,000 acre increase from the previous report. The area planted to cotton in Texas was raised by 100,000 acres to a total of 5.8 million, still 50,000 acres less than the total planted in 2004.

Meanwhile, USDA's export sales report for the week ended June 23 showed net sales of 305,700 bales. China was the largest buyer at 248,200 bales followed by Turkey and Mexico at 34,100 and 21,400 bales were reported for 2005-06 delivery.

Export shipments of 301,900 bales were 12 percent more than the previous week and 10 percent higher than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey and Mexico.

"A healthy export shipment number proved that shippers are going to do everything in their power to get every bale offshore before July 31 to take advantage of higher Step 2 payments," one analyst said. "The higher payments will only be applied to cotton shipped in the 2004-05 crop year, which ends July 31," he explained.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended June 30 totaled 20,990 bales compared to the previous week when 19,272 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 40.34 to 44.56 cents per pound compared to 40.18 to 41.32 cents per pound the previous week.

In other news, hot and dry weather over most of Texas is

boosting crop development, but water demands are increasing as plants enter the fruiting stage in South Texas. Therefore, irrigation continues where possible. Plant maturation is advancing at a normal pace in the Upper Coastal Bend areas, and a slow, soaking rain is needed to help prevent boll shedding and to reduce production costs. Farmers also are carefully monitoring insect pressure as hot spots have been reported in some locations. Generally, pesticides are being applied on a widespread basis.

Hot conditions also prevail in the Texas Rio Grande Valley where producers are expected to apply harvest aid chemicals to the more mature fields soon. Picking there likely will commence in a couple of weeks. On the Texas High and Rolling Plains, plants are progressing satisfactorily, and squares have been reported on some of the older stands.

USDA reported 41 percent of the prospective U. S. crop was squaring as of June 26, compared with 51 percent one year ago and the 52 percent average. A slight deterior-

**Happy Birthday-**

July 7-Travis Whitten, Angela Garcia, Buck Hardin, Dena Thomas, Lou Younger, Calvin Shelton, Carole Sheelar, Charles Sarchet

July 8-Wayne Rampley, Kami Martin Cook, Kathi Hubbard

July 9-Wayne Rampley, Jimmy Wade Myers, Annette Roehr, Cal Brannon, Warren Reid IV

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

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

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

July 13-Patsy Towe

**Happy Anniversary-**

July 7-Mr. and Mrs. John McCammon

July 9-Mr. and Mrs. Kent Carpenter

July 11-Mr. and Mrs. James Davis

July 12-Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dillard

July 13-Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Matchett

*The largest fish is the whale shark, which weighs more than twice as much as an African elephant!*

ration in the health of the crop was reported with 62 percent categorized as good to excellent, 27 percent fair, and 11 percent in poor to very poor condition.

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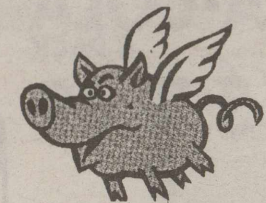
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Chad King, Pastor

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Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
**2nd & 4th TUESDAY:**  
Womens Bible Study  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting  
**SECOND WEDNESDAY:**  
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
RA's, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY**  
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Rance Young, Pastor

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Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
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Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.  
**TUESDAY:**  
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**WEDNESDAY:**  
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.  
**FRIDAY:**  
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Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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**WEDNESDAY:**  
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Junior & Senior  
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

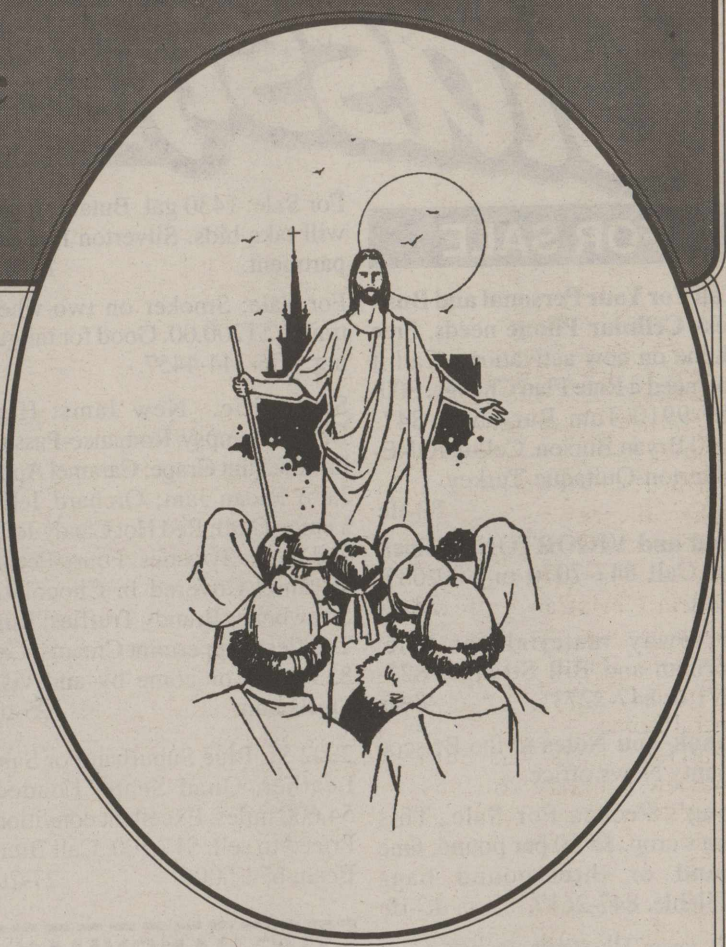
**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

**RIVER OF GOD FELLOWSHIP**  
Darleta "Dee" Lawhon, Minister

**SUNDAY:**  
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**TUESDAY:** Bible Study and Prayer Meeting  
For Further Information  
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# Signs Of A Disciple Of Christ



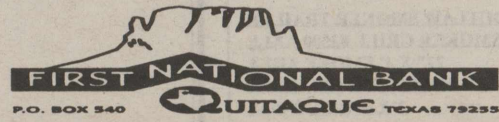
My grandfather once said that if a person calls you a fool, and you call him a fool in return, then you are both fools. Jesus put it another way when He said to His Disciples, "Love your enemies, do good to those who mistreat you. If we just love those who love us, what credit is that to us? Even sinners love those who love them. If we do good to only those who do good to us, how can we claim any credit."


These are difficult guidelines to follow for any disciple of Christ. To love our enemies just does not seem humanly normal; however, we were all created by our heavenly Father and He loves everyone and wants us all to spend eternity with Him. The Bible tells us that we should be compassionate, as our Father is compassionate. Do not condemn, and we will not be condemned. Pardon, and we will be pardoned.

# We Are Blessed From Above

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RSV Luke 6:27

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*It is a mistake always to contemplate the good and ignore the evil, because by making people neglectful it lets in disaster. There is a dangerous optimism of ignorance and indifference.*  
Helen Keller

## SERVICES

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AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitauque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 4-tfnc

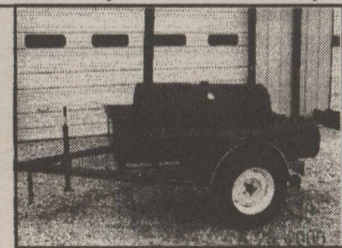
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The Silverton Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the people involved with our Park and City Clean-Up Project: The Silverton 4-H, Brittany and Baylee Deckard, Shelby and Mason Fuston, David Hawkins and Micah Karber, and the parents; the City of Silverton employees; Kathlene Vaughan, John T. Francis, DeLysa Maciel, and Sarah Branham; the Boy Scouts, Derrick Smith, Thomas, Shane and Kevin Watson, Weston Howell, Jacob Francis, Curtis Reed, Matthew Maciel, J. T. West, Larry Comer, Rick Minyard



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All items will be sold in AS IS condition with no warranty on the part of the water district regarding any equipment's condition or operation and Jeff Smith. The Park and City would not have been ready for the dedication and "Singing in the Park" night without the help of these people.

Silverton Chamber of Commerce

I would like to thank my Chamber members for the hard and diligent work they have done to help keep our City clean. I would also like to thank the 4-H and Boy Scouts for their help. Our youth is our heritage and we appreciate their help, and are very proud of them.

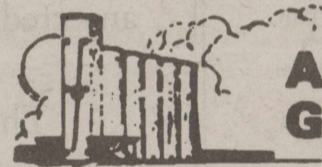
John T. Burson, President  
Silverton Chamber of Commerce

Sealed bids should be mailed to or dropped off at the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Office, Rt. 1 Box 14, Silverton, Texas 79257. Items can be inspected from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by contacting the water district office at 806-633-4326. BID DEADLINE is NOON on TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005 with opening of the bids at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2005. 27-2tc

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