

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

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

Monday, July 4-Holiday; no meals will be served.

Wednesday, July 6-Butter Beans and Ham, Turnip Greens, Glazed Carrots, Roll, Peaches and Shortcake

Friday, July 8-Chicken Strips, Gravy, Sweet Peas, Whole Potatoes, Apricots and Cookies, Crackers

Menu subject to change without 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.

Silverton Chamber of Commerce will be having a City Cleanup Day June 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members will be going up and down Highway 86 to get the City in good condition. Individuals who are interested in making Silverton a better place to live and a cleaner town for people who travel through are asked to join Chamber members.

Jeannine West won a subscription to the Briscoe County News by correctly identifying John, Dave and Bill Schott's picture in last week's paper.

John Burson found the old picture in some things of his late grandmother, Nannie Bomar.

We had lots of people to correctly identify the picture.

Stephanie Watson was one of 147 students at West Texas A&M University who received master's degrees at the Event Center on May 7. She received the master of arts degree in English.

Max Comer is undergoing basic training with the Marine Corps Reserve. He has been at Parris Island five weeks, and will be there eight more weeks. He will return in time to start school at Texas Tech University for the fall semester.

His address is:
Rct. Comer, Max
Plt. 2064, 2nd BN, G Co.
Parris Island, SC 29905

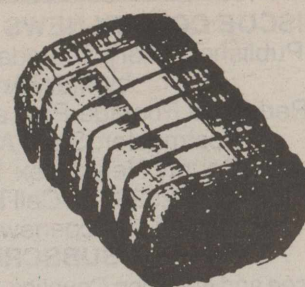
Please don't send packages, cards or bulky mail. He would love to hear from you in a simple letter.

When grackles fly, they fold their tail feathers upward and use the tail to steer.



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Lynn Smith was repairing the area on the west side of the City Park where TxDOT recently has completed work on the new marker that will be dedicated there July 3.

Briscoe County News Photo

Briscoe County TxDOT Crew Conducting Preventive Maintenance

From motorists heading to work and children riding the school bus, to people driving to stores, church, doctor's office or even going on vacation, Texans depend on good roads in their communities. These types of daily travel can put significant wear and tear on our highways.

The Briscoe County TxDOT maintenance crew recently performed a blade level up operation on SH 256. This project consists of patching a section of highway that was cracked and "leveling up" the pavement where it is rutting. Rutting is caused by the hot mix becoming soft in areas and heavy

traffic pushing it up. This type of operation will give the traveling public a smoother ride and prolong the life of the pavement.

According to Gary Clinton, Briscoe County Maintenance Supervisor, the blade patch operation is complete on SH 256 and work has begun on FM 145.

Texas Department of Transportation's Childress County Maintenance crew conducts these types of operations as preventive maintenance of their roadways.

Anyone with questions about this or any other TxDOT project is asked to call Barbara Seal, Childress District Public Information Officer at 940-937-7145.

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.

PANHANDLE COMMUNITY SERVICES OPENS LIST

Panhandle Community Services has opened the Section 8 HUD Rental Assistance waiting list for Armstrong, Briscoe, Donley and Hall counties of the Texas Panhandle. Interested applicants may contact Panhandle Community Services at 806-874-2573 for more information.

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.

"Singing in the Park" To Be Feature Of Sunday, July 3, Celebration

You are invited to join the fun and fellowship Sunday, July 3, at the City Park in Silverton.

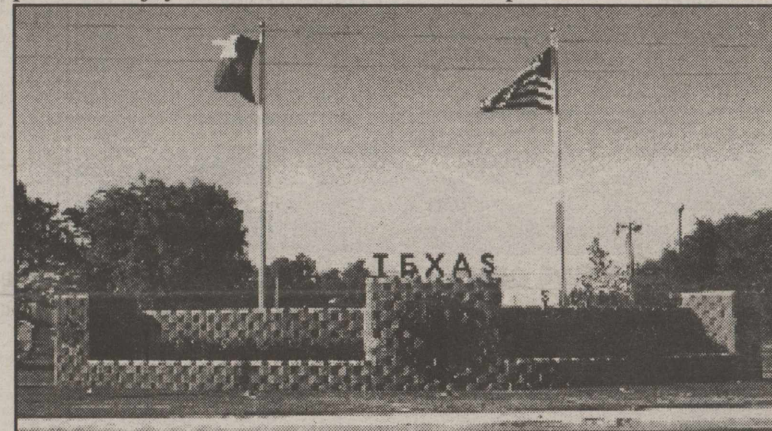
The newly-redone park will be dedicated at 7:00 p.m. After this you are invited to stay for "Singing in the Park," sponsored by the Silverton Ministerial Alliance.

Bring your lawn chairs to the park and enjoy entertainment and

fellowship with others of the community.

Watermelon, lemonade and ice water will be served. If you would like to bring cookies or a freezer of ice cream, you are welcome to do so. Cups and spoons will be furnished.

Enjoy a night of singing, fun and friendship.



The Highway Department's new monument in Silverton's City Park recently has been completed, and is ready for dedication on Sunday, July 3.

Briscoe County News Photo

SBA Economic Injury Loan Deadline Coming Up July 25

Businesses in some Texas counties have until July 25, 2005, to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to excessive rain, hail, and high winds that occurred on August 12, 2004. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Donley, Hall and Motley.

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe

weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO HAVE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at the Center.



The smallest horse is the Fallabella, which grows only 30 inches high.

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Obituary

WANDA MAYE WALLACE

Services for Wanda Maye Wallace, 83, were conducted Friday, June 24, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. at the Silverton Church of Christ with J. D. Nance officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery.

Mrs. Wallace died Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at Plainview Health Care Center.

Born in Briscoe County January 29, 1922, she was a daughter of Willie and Betty Weast.

She married Charles Edward (Dock) Wallace October 9, 1937, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cantwell.

A member of Church of Christ, Mrs. Wallace loved to sew.

She was preceded in death by a son, Larry Dwaine Wallace in 1960 and a brother, Donald D. Weast.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Gloria Wood of Lubbock; a son, Charles Don Wallace of Tulia; two sisters, Opal Jones of Granbury and Ruby Smith of Largo, Florida; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis

Couple to Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis of Silverton will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception at the City Bank Pioneer Room in Silverton on Sunday, July 3, from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. Hosts for the reception will be their children and grandchildren.

William Alvie Francis, son of Louis and Jewel Francis of Silverton, and Glenda Juan McCracken, daughter of Boone and Floye McCracken of Gasoline, were married on July 1, 1955, at the Quitaque Church of Christ by Brother Earl Cantwell. They have lived and farmed in Briscoe

County since their marriage. They are members of the Rock Creek Church of Christ.

Their children are Barry and Michelle Francis of Silverton, Becky and Kevin Drew of Coppell, and Katy and Wayne Henderson of Lubbock. Their grandchildren are Jared and Chantell Francis, An-

4-H Club Has Hamburger Cookout

By Shelby Fuston
Assistant Reporter

Sunday, June 12, 2005, the 4-H Club had a hamburger cookout at Quitaque City Park. The parents elected a president, Colleen Reed; vice president, Ruth Ann Scrivner; secretary, Susy Saul; budget committee, Lana Burson and Amy Fuston, and Jc parent leader, Jan Curry.

The Jcs. elected co-officers. Everybody enjoyed playing and eating delicious hamburgers.

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drew, Caleb and Jacob Francis, all of Silverton; Nathan Francis of McKinney; Patrick, Matthew and Kaitlyn Drew of Coppell; and Sarah and Annie Henderson of Lubbock.

Friends and family are welcome to come and join the celebration.

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A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing . . . I know my Master is there and that is enough."

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m.

During June 2005

	High	Low	Precip.
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
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18	86	59	
19	92	66	
20	91	72	
21	90	65	
22	88	60	
23	90	60	
24	91	63	
25	90	62	
26	88	63	
27	90	66	
28	93	65	

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

Upcoming Meetings

Second Monday of each month-County Commissioners meet at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom; City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Second Tuesday of each month-Silverton Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton; Silverton School Board, boardroom, 8:00 p.m.

First and third Thursdays of each month-Silverton Fire Department, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Fourth Thursday of each month-Briscoe County Activities Association, 7:00 p.m.,

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

June 6, 1996-First State Bank served hot dogs and lemonade as part of their Customer Appreciation Day Monday . . . A reception to welcome Miss Calley Payne, Briscoe County Extension Agent-Family Consumer Sciences, will be held June 10 . . . Project Graduation was a big success . . . Lance Grantham and Billy Raines, both of Tulia, caught eight flathead, blue and channel catfish at Lake Mackenzie. The largest fish they caught was an eight-pound blue. The lake level is 73 feet, and there is lots of fishing and skiing activity underway . . . Lewis McDaniel of Hereford spent the weekend with his mother, Lucy McDaniel. They attended the Caprock Jam-boree and the Cross reunion . . . Fred and Vivone Arnold had enjoyed seeing four of their grandchildren: Jaclyn Tay Cannon, Abbie Mullin, Jess Arnold and Amber Womack, graduate . . . Silverton fifth grade students-visited the quilting club and took part in quilting . . . Accelerated Reader used as motivational tool for summer . . .

June 5, 1986-Ty Rampley moved to rehabilitation center . . . Summer baseball program set to begin Monday . . . Tisa Whitfill was named to the President's List with a GPA of 4.0 at West Texas State University . . . Kori Baird receives Wood Memorial Scholarship . . . Jim Brooks underwent surgery on his back Friday morning in Amarillo . . . D. T. Northcutt is a patient in the Tulia hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ware are parents of a son, Cody Wayne . . .

June 12, 1986-Catfishing improving at Lake Mackenzie . . . June moisture brings area rainfall to normal . . . Mrs. Bryan (Lana) Burson received the bachelor of science in nursing degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing Saturday . . . Holly Nance and Ashleigh Wyatt received savings bonds for the best poster and essay respectively in the PTA Sesquicentennial Contest. Sesquicentennial medallions were presented to these girls and to Becky McFall, Melissa Garcia and Penni Fogerson . . . Warren Jarrett named to honor roll for the spring quarter at Texas State Technical Institute . . . Riley Dean Ziegler named to president's honor roll at TSTI in Amarillo . . . Capt. and Mrs. Alex Davis are parents of a daughter, Morgan Elaine . . . Brit and Virginia Parker are parents of a daughter,

Jeri Britton . . .

June 3, 1976-The Freshman class had a going-away party for Greg Blair in the home of the Bill Durhams on Wednesday of last week. Greg will be moving to Amarillo soon . . . Mrs. Mildred Brooks and Roy, Steve and Eldon Wesley and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Drewry and Tammy attended Six Flags Over Texas on the Memorial Day holiday . . . Vaughan cousins enjoy annual Memorial Day reunion here . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reid were visitors in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McKenney, on the long Memorial Day weekend . . . Bud Perkins was taken to Lockney General Hospital about noon Sunday by the Silverton Ambulance Service . . . First Grade students on the honor roll were Katrice Minyard and Tonnnette Miller . . .

June 10, 1976-J. L. Williams defeated Bill Boling to win the nomination as sheriff of Briscoe County in the Second Democratic Primary Saturday . . . Bad Company, a Silverton volleyball team composed of Barry Francis, Ken Sarchet, Jackie Vaughn, David Strange, Jace Francis and Randy Clay, won third place in a tournament sponsored by the Future Teachers of America in Crosbyton Saturday . . . Mrs. Earl Minyard buried at Bokchito . . . O. E. (Babe) Chandler was named the Outstanding Conservation Farmer in the Caprock Soil Conservation District . . . Merlene and Doyle Stephens were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Silverton Chapter No. 900, Order of the Eastern Star, in a formal ceremony Friday evening . . . CowBelles suggest beef as a treat for Father's Day . . .

June 9, 1966-Mackenzie Board votes to proceed with core drilling . . . Eva Lee McWilliams was installed as Worthy Matron of Silverton Chapter No. 900, Order of the Eastern Star. Charles Sarchet was installed as Worthy Patron . . . D. T. and Pat L. Northcutt attended a party at the Empire State Bank in Tyler Saturday . . . Rains soak parts of Briscoe County . . . Mrs. Celene Lanham Allen received the Johnson & Johnson Mortar and Pestle Award in Pharmacy Administration for accomplishments in the study of pharmacy at The University of Texas . . . John Montague will leave Saturday for Austin to participate in the 1966 Boys State . . . Robert Hughes was honored Saturday as the graduating senior with the highest scholastic average dur-

ing a University of Texas School of Communications commencement convocation . . . Denny Rex Clayton and Daniel Gamble are attending the Salvation Army Camp at Waxahachie this week . . . Funeral services conducted for Louie Henry Luhman . . . Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Breedlove and sons visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Durham and Kirk, Sunday evening . . .

June 7, 1956-First load of 1956 wheat crop received May 30 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grabbe have bought and moved into the home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Travis in the south part of town . . . Lynn Edwards, age eight, who was accidentally shot in the abdomen recently, was brought to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edwards, on Sunday . . . Frances Tunnel is listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Southwestern (Oklahoma) State College . . . Mrs. W. A. McJimsey suffered two badly injured wrists last Friday evening when she tripped and fell at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Shelton . . . Local showers past week bring .36 of an inch of moisture . . . Dr. W. A. Sedgwick recalls a tornado that hit Silverton in 1916. He had snapshots made immediately after the storm. One was of the Will Ward home. They were preparing a meal and saw the storm approaching in time to get in the storm cellar. When they came out all that remained of their house was the floor, the cook stove and an undisturbed pot of beans on the stove. Another picture showed severe damage to the old school building . . . Jimmy Ray Baird has gone to El Paso where he is working and visiting his uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Dean Baird and children . . . Gilbert Elms and J. W. Monroe transacted business in Amarillo one day last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell and Mr. and Mrs. John Francis attended the wedding of G. B. Shelburne III in Amarillo Friday evening . . .

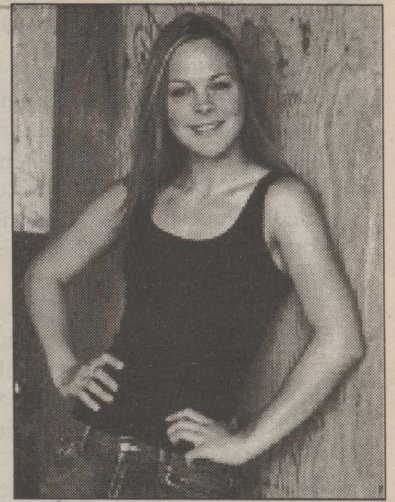
June 4, 1936-The section of the new Federal and State Highway 86 from a mile west of Silverton to the Caprock which has been under construction, will be completed this week . . . Mr. W. P. Hester was born at Russelville, Alabama October 25, 1863 and died June 1, 1936. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Liberty Hill, Alabama at the age of 25. He has been a devoted Christian husband and father. He is survived by his wife, five sons and three daughters . . . Aulton Durham has left for Canyon where he will enroll in summer school . . . Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Anderson and daughter, Anna Lee, are visiting in Bryan this week . . . Iwana Simpson is visiting her aunt,

Ones to Watch

Meredith Welch, daughter of John and Debbie Welch of Amarillo and granddaughter of Carrie Dickerson of Silverton, was recognized by the Amarillo Globe-News as an outstanding young person.

A May graduate of Amarillo High School, Meredith was a Superintendent's Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. She was a Super Sandie, participated in PALS and was on the volleyball team for three years. She served on the United Way Youth Cabinet her senior year and

Mrs. Della Harmon, in Amarillo this week . . . Jim Stevenson and Morgan Garvin left Tuesday for Waco on business . . . Don Alexander returned Monday from Taylor, Arizona, where he had been working for the past several months . . . Jessie Buchanan who has been attending Baylor University arrived Sunday to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. R. L. Buchanan . . . George Kirk is working in the harvest fields at Crowell with his truck and will be there for about three weeks. He was accompanied to the harvest by Wade Deavenport, who will work at combining . . .



Meredith Welch

volunteered at Ronald McDonald House and the Animal Rescue Shelter.

She will attend the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in the fall.

Home Ideas

According to the Department of Energy, three trees, properly placed around a house, can save a homeowner between \$100 and \$250 annually in cooling and heating costs. Something as simple as using white blinds on windows can help cut costs as well. For a free energy-saving booklet, visit www.energysavers.gov.

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Bridal Shower Honors Chelsey Cherry

Chelsey Cherry, bride-elect of Jordan Hacker, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower Saturday, June 18, in the country home of Shelley Brock. Mrs. Brock greeted the guests at the door with the bride-elect and her mother, Lisa Cherry.

Kassie Strange, Kurby Garvin and Bryn Mayfield served peach tea, miniature cupcakes, thumbprint cookies and heart-shaped cream-filled shortbread cookies from crystal appointments.

The refreshment table carried out a whimsical Bistro theme with a white damask cloth overlaid with a red and white checkered cloth.

Special guests included the aunt of the bride-elect, Marci Linke; Genie Cherry, her sister-in-law, and her grandmother, Anna Loring, all of Amarillo. Also the prospective bridegroom's mother, Kim Hacker; his grandmother, Mary McCaslin, and his sister-in-law, Sarah Hacker, all of Tulia, were special guests.

Gifts were on display in Mrs. Brock's beautiful home and included a 10-piece stainless steel cookware set, a gift from the host-

esses, Bena Hester, Janinne Brooks, Paula Garvin, Kim Mayfield, Juannah Jennings, Missy Forbes, Tina Nance, Judy Barrett, JonEtta Ziegler, Marsha Brunson, Donna Estes, Shana Strange, Michelle Francis, Joni Bomar, Jana Bogart, Nancy Price and Shelley Brock.

From the Patio

by Nina Martin

I just turned around and my third child, Stan Martin, had a birthday June 12--his 50th. How could it be? Dana and Dorothy took me to his surprise celebration at Covington Church of Christ. Sixty-five people enjoyed lunch in the church annex.

The quilters on June 23 were Christene King, Rose Mary Perkins, Ann Norris, Sybil King, Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange, Nadyne Childress and Nina Martin. Don't forget; we are still selling tickets on the "Colonial Doll" quilt. We also will be selling homemade bonnets at the celebration.

The custom of hanging up mistletoe at Christmas dates back to the Druids, an ancient people of Britain.

During dry seasons, the eland--the largest antelope in Africa--can live for weeks without water.

The average flea is only 1/8 inch long but can jump up to 13 inches.

From the Bird's Nest

by Jerry Birdsong
Superintendent
Silverton ISD

The kids may be gone, but there is still plenty to do at the ol' schoolhouse in the summertime. It gets lonely without the kids. I enjoy the energy and life that children bring to the campus. It is quieter and slower, but the business of the summer continues through the summer break.

With the work days a little shorter and the sun going down later, it has afforded me some time to get out to do the things I enjoy. Bike rides, playing in the garden, camping trips and lounging in the pool give me an opportunity to recharge the batteries before we crank it back up in August.

The office staff spends the first couple of weeks closing down the previous academic year. Transcripts, report cards, and electronic reports to the Texas Education Agency must be completed. Evaluations of the various federal programs must be done.

Day-to-day operations continue. Bills need to be paid, new information/mandates from the state are a daily occurrence, and the grass does grow in the summer. We will conduct several board meetings throughout the summer. Service contract bids must be addressed, along with other annual tasks that administration performs during the summer months. Summer school has a number of employees and students on campus daily during the month of June.

Once the 2004-05 school year dust clears, then we will turn our attentions to the upcoming school year. Master schedules, classroom maintenance and repair, and budgets must be prepared. Hopefully in the midst of all the activities, our year-round employees will get some much-needed vacation time.

We are in preliminary stages of our budget process. It is difficult to move forward after Governor Perry vetoed the funding for public schools and brought the legislature back for a special session. At the time of this writing, the details of the proposed legislation from the governor or legislature had not been revealed. Time will tell how this session will affect Silverton ISD.

Our budget for the 2005-06 school year will be based on about 13 less students than the previous year. Hopefully, because of the increased local tax effort due to the support of this community in the rollback election in the fall of 2003, we believe that we will be able to absorb the loss of enrollment and actually generate more revenue

than last year. The bad news is that a majority of the new revenue will be spent on rising personnel and fuel costs. Just like around the house, the cost of doing business is going up.

To help streamline our cost effectiveness, the district is restructuring some of the auxiliary staff. During 2004-05, we cut one auxiliary position and used part-time help when we needed it. For 2005-06, we are going to tweak some of our auxiliary services to save additional dollars. We are rearranging current personnel where no one loses hours or has wages cut. Current personnel may have different duties that will be more cost effective with our funds. This will not create huge savings, but every little bit helps.

The board and I also have been studying performance contracting. The concept revolves around making building improvement and by installing more efficient lighting and energy management systems. The district can save enough on utility costs to pay for the improvements. Electronic light ballasts can save 35-40% over the manual lighting ballasts that Silverton ISD currently has installed. This new technology also improves the learning environment by creating a better, cleaner light in the classroom. Energy management would enable the district to shut off lights, heating and air-conditioning units when facilities were not being used.

Although initially, this concept would not necessarily save the district money, it will redirect money. Rather than pay higher utility costs, we would be spending money on upgrading the learning environment. Once the project is paid for then the district would own the savings.

Mrs. Weaver and the Site-Based Decision Making committee also are working on reforming our current ranking system for graduation honors. The goal of the committee is to reward students who take more rigorous courses. By weighting these courses, student grade-point averages will improve and portray a clearer picture of who are the most outstanding students in our district.

All of us also are going to try to get in a little vacation time this summer. Our family will be pulling the trailer to Oklahoma for a family reunion (her side of the family) and some fishing. When I get back, I will let you know how big the fish were that I threw back.

Again, it is a privilege to serve your community and thank you for your support of the Silverton schools.

Clarendon College To Observe Holiday

Clarendon College offices will be closed in observance of the Independence Day Holiday Monday, July 4. Summer classes will resume and the business office will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 5.

Final exams for Summer I will be held Tuesday, July 5, and Wednesday, July 6.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be at Clarendon College from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, for a summer blood drive. Donors will receive a hot dog and a T-shirt. One unit of blood can save up to three lives. Call 331-8800 to schedule an appointment.

Clarendon College will host Summer II registration from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7. Students may register at the main campus, 1122 College Drive in Clarendon, Texas, or at the Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky in Pampa, Texas. For more information, call 1-800-687-9737, or log on to www.clarendoncollege.edu. Summer II classes begin Monday, July 11.

July StarWalk To Be Featured At Copper Breaks

Planetary dances and hidden gems of the Milky Way Galaxy will highlight July's StarWalk as the popular stargazing program continues its monthly presentations at Copper Breaks State Park Saturday, July 2. Program originator Jeri Turner will lead participants in a naked-eye exploration of the night sky beginning around 9:00 p.m. in Big Pond Campground.

In addition to the after-dark program, SkyGuide volunteers will again offer Sun Fun at 5:00 p.m. Sun Fun offers the public rare views of our own star, the Sun, through telescopes fitted with special filters for safe viewing.

The nighttime observing begins after sunset. Turner will begin the program with a tour of the darkening sky--the StarWalk. Blending science with history, legends and lore, Turner takes the public on a trip through major constellations in all four directions, and introduces a technique known as "star-hopping" to find other interesting objects. Saturday's presentation will focus on numerous "hidden" objects in the Milky Way galaxy and some familiar constellations, as well as the movements of Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Mars.

For information, call 940-839-4331 weekdays during business hours. Copper Breaks is located on SH 6 about 13 miles south of Quanah.

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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.
RAs, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

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When we are conscientious in our work and perform to the best of our ability, we are not only helping ourselves, we are also helping our country. Likewise, whenever we are being critical of American workmanship, we are being critical of ourselves. Like former President Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

It is essential that everyone who is able, should take the responsibility to improve their skills and do good work. When mistakes occur, we should correct them, and each day we should have a good feeling that we are not only contributing to our jobs, but to our country as well. We should be willing to sign our name to every piece of work we do, and to let our friends and co-workers know that we value a job well-done.

God has richly blessed us in this country and it is everyone's responsibility to take care of it. Praying for our country, trusting in God, and performing well in our work are all necessary for us to remain a great nation.

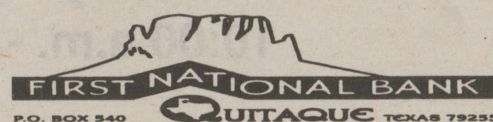


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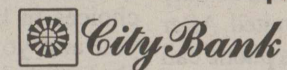
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The Absent-Minded Storm Chaser Happy Anniversary-

by Scott Cordell

Son-in-law of the Buck Hardins, he is married to the former Marilyn Hardin.

The June 11 storms certainly had everyone in the Amarillo area on edge for a while. On that Saturday evening, we faced a dangerous situation to say the least.

As a local videographer, and experienced storm chaser, I thought I would share with readers how even the most seasoned storm chasers can get caught up in the rush of excitement while trying to avoid danger.

Every experienced storm chaser knows the many hazards that must be kept in mind when he is parked or driving near a dangerous thunderstorm.

Lightning. Flooded farm-to-market roads. Large hail. The movement of the storm and the sudden change in that movement (a frequent occurrence).

What direction I'm traveling. Not getting caught between two or more storms coming together, and always leaving a way to escape if things do get dangerous.

The increase in traffic from people wanting to catch a glimpse of a tornado.

Sudden gusts of straight-line winds that can blow more than 100 mph.

Furthermore, a storm chaser, while trying to remain aware of all these dangers, must stay updated on important information on storms, and most importantly, be on the lookout for towns or communities that could be in a storm's path of destruction. After all, the most important reason for being involved in severe weather videography is for the safety of the people in these towns and communities.

Now for the funny part.

On that turbulent Saturday, I was on FM 2590, had just turned onto FM 2219, and was facing west. Parking on the edge of the road, I noticed that two storms were visible. The wall clouds from the storm south of Wildorado and the one south of Vega were right in front of me. The one south of Vega was approximately 10 to 15 miles away.

After setting up the video camera and tripod on the ground next to the passenger's side of the truck, I got back in (because of a healthy fear of lightning) and waited. After 10 minutes, I received a phone call informing me that the storm south of Wildorado was being sucked into the Vega storm, and the Vega storm now was showing tighter and more rapid rotation.

Full of excitement, I put her in drive and took off to the Vega storm! (Every storm chaser I know is laughing at me right now.) I drove

approximately three miles before I realized I had left my expensive video camera and tripod setting on the side of the road. (Now, everyone is laughing.)

Oh nooo!

I stopped and made a quick U-turn to go back and get my camera. When I returned--you guessed it--my Canon Ulura, tripod and storm-chase video were gone!

To lessen the stupidity of what I had done, and perhaps to embellish the story somewhat, I wanted to write something exciting. Try this one:

And there I was, with the F5 tornado heading right toward me! I only had a few seconds to escape, so I dove through the window of my truck and stomped on the gas. I looked in the rearview mirror as I sped away and saw that the monster tornado had sucked my video camera and tripod off the ground and flung them into the next county. If anyone finds it lying out there somewhere, please return it!

But, realizing we all are capable of doing mindless things, I told it just as it happened.

This oddity does have a happy ending: My camera, tripod and video were returned to me by a man named Tex Smith. Thanks Tex!

Scott Cordell is a storm chaser/spotter/videographer for Channel 7.

Happy Birthday-

June 30-Richie Hill, Peggy Fleming, Eber Gill, Caleb Joseph Bean, Rebecca Patton, DeLysa Maciel

July 1-Kyler Clay Bean, Avonna Miller, Hazel Grabbe, Joe Maciel

July 2-Weston Scott Roberts, Jan Curry

July 3-Alison Tipton, Leslee Weeks, Max Comer

July 4-Courtney Paige Parham, Kippi Cogdell, Donna Fudge, Karena Perkins, Terry Juarez, Sybil King

July 5-Jared Francis, Santos Segura

July 6-Todd Reagan, Wesley Reed, Marla Warren, Kirk Towe, Robin Copeland

(NAPSA)-If you don't make choices in life, life chooses for you-and you may not like the choices you've been given. That's the message found in "If There's One Thing I've Learned," a book about living life without unnecessary regrets. Author James Green knows all about the power of choice. He left an unfulfilling career in insurance to become a successful pilot for one of the world's largest airlines.

June 30-Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Allan McCutchen, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McGinty

July 1-Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gaskins, Mr. and Mrs. David Self, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kitchens

July 2-Mr. and Mrs. Lyndall Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Dwin Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith

July 5-Mr. and Mrs. Wade Brannon

July 6-Mr. and Mrs. Brian West

Final Certification Date is July 15

Friday, July 15, 2005, is the final day to report 2005 crops of cotton, corn, grain sorghum, forage sorghum, peanuts, and CRP. Accurate acreage reporting is a program requirement to maintain eligibility for most all benefits. If available, (pending the receipt of satellite imagery) measurement service will be available for \$20 per farm plus \$0.05 per acre over 25 acres, if you are not sure of your acres. There has been a problem



Maria Garcia was honored with a surprise birthday party Saturday night in the Fellowship Hall at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church in Silverton. All of her children were here to celebrate the special occasion.

with timely reporting the past few years.

If the crop is planted on or before July 15, the crop must be reported by July 15. If the crop is planted after July 15, the crop must be reported within two weeks of planting. Crops not timely reported will require the application of late-filed certification fees of \$35 per farm plus \$15 for every plot (field) over one. These fees can become

quite expensive if crops are not timely reported.

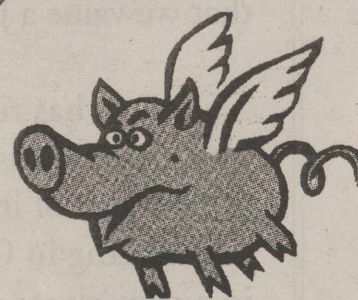
If you don't understand this reporting requirement, by all means contact the Briscoe County Farm Service Agency, and it will be explained to you. Appointments are currently being made to certify 2005 crops. Producers with appointments will be serviced before walk-ins.

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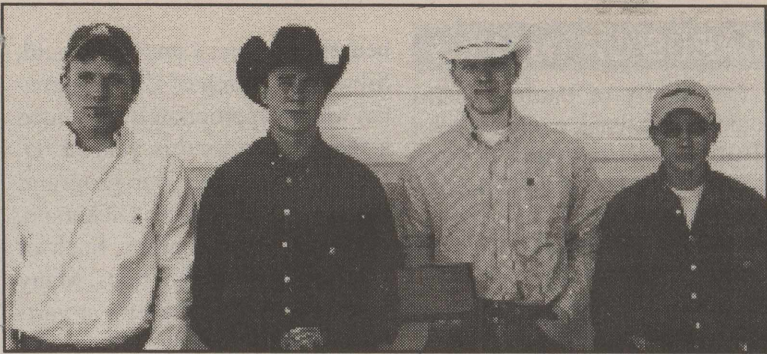
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Tanner Young, Zack Burson, Will Boedeker and Dusty Burson are members of the 4-H Grass Identification team that placed fourth at the Texas Roundup.

Briscoe County Grass Identification Team Attends Texas 4-H Roundup

Provided by
Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County
Micah Karber, CEA-FCS

The Briscoe County 4-H Grass Identification Team, composed of Will Boedeker, Zack Burson, Dusty Burson and Tanner Young, competed at Texas 4-H Roundup. Their coach was Bryan Burson. The team competed against 24 teams and placed fourth.

The Texas 4-H Roundup was started in the early 1940's on the campus of Texas A&M University. Today, more than 65 years later, it is the premiere event for 4-H members across the state to demonstrate their skills in decision making, public speaking and having fun.

Silverton FFA Members Attend Area I Meeting

The Silverton FFA Chapter recently attended the Area I Leadership Conference held at Clarendon College June 20-22. The conference focused on helping the FFA chapters develop leadership skills and activities.

Outstanding young men and women who serve as chapter officers and presidents, as well as their vocational agricultural teachers were in attendance.

Those attending from Silverton were Dusty Burson, Ami Dunn, Haylee Simpson, Will Boedeker, Clay Strange, Laura Scarborough, Reece Scarborough and Nichole Schott.

The Area I FFA Region reaches to the top of the Panhandle, covering Amarillo and extending south to Lubbock. For more information about the Silverton FFA program, please call Bryan Burson at 806-823-2476.



(NAPSA)-According to a recent poll by FreeWebs, a Web-hosting company, consumers have embraced Web sites much like they embraced e-mail 10 years ago. One reason for the popularity of the personal Web site is that with simple, free tools it can be easy to create a professional-looking site. For more information on how to get started, visit www.freewebs.com.

LifeGift Eclipses Donation Record

LifeGift Organ Donation Center has announced that organs from a record number of donors have been recovered in West Texas, saving the lives of nearly 100 transplant patients.

With three full months remaining in its fiscal year, LifeGift has recovered a total of 102 organs from 34 donors. The previous record of 32 donors was set in 2003. In addition, recovery of bone, skin and heart valves for life-enhancing and life-saving procedures has hit an all-time high with 109 men, women and children donating tissue so far this year.

LifeGift partnered primarily with three hospitals in achieving the record number of donations--Lubbock's University Medical Center and Covenant Medical Center, and Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital.

In May, University Medical Center and Northwest Texas Hospital each received the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Medal of Honor for achieving at least a 75% organ "conversion" rate--the percentage of potential donors who become actual donors--during any 12-month period since October 2002. Just 184 of the nation's 5,000 hospitals were so honored.

In addition, Covenant Medical Center was commended for achieving a 75% rate of conversion between November 2004 and April 2005.

Tips For Great Grilling

Provided by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County
Micah Karber, CEA-FCS

We all savor the delicious flavor and irresistible aroma of grilled steaks and burgers. Here are some tips to help you get the best results.

Choose the Right Cut. The more tender cuts, Porterhouse/T-Bone, top loin, tenderloin, ribeye, rib, top sirloin, chuck eye and chuck top blade are all ideal candidates for the grill and require only your favorite seasonings (rubs) to add flavor.

Rubs are a blend of seasonings, such as fresh or dried herbs and spices. They are used only to add flavor, not to tenderize. Apply rubs to the surface of uncooked steaks and ground beef patties just before grilling.

Less tender cuts, such as flank, skirt, top round and chuck shoulder steaks should be marinated for at least six hours or as long as over-

night in a mixture containing a food acid or tenderizing enzyme.

Always marinate in the refrigerator, never at room temperature.

Marinating longer than 24 hours can result in a soft surface texture.

Never save and reuse a marinade. If a marinade is to be used later for basting or served as a sauce, reserve a portion of it before adding the beef.

Allow 1/4 to 1/2 cup marinade for each one to two pounds of beef.

Marinate in a food-safe plastic bag or nonreactive container such as a glass utility dish.

Three Steps to Grilling Beef.

1. Prepare charcoal for grilling. When coals are medium, ash-covered (about 30 minutes), spread in single layer and check cooking temperature. Position cooking grid over coals. (To check temperature,

cautiously hold the palm of your hand above the coals at cooking height. Count the number of seconds you can hold your hand in that position before the heat forces you to pull it away; four seconds for medium heat.)

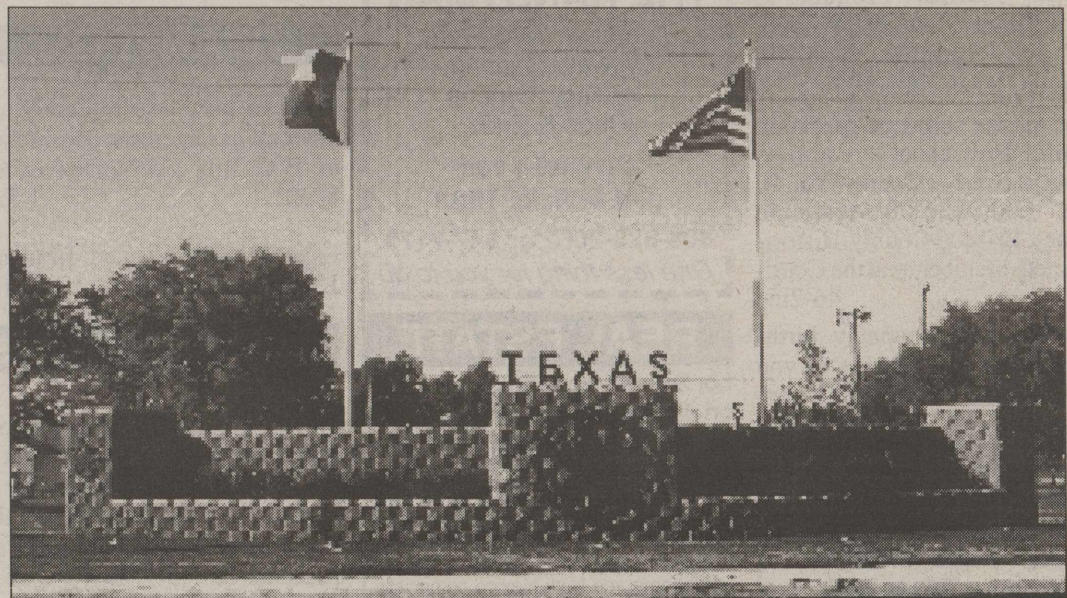
2. Season beef, straight from refrigerator, with herbs or spices as desired. Place on cooking grid directly over coals.

3. Grill to desired doneness using a thermometer.

Play It Safe. Purchase meats just before checking out at the supermarket and refrigerate immediately once home in the meat compartment or coldest part of the refrigerator.

When using frozen beef, defrost overnight in the refrigerator, never at room temperature.

Monument Dedication and Singing In The Park



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CARDS OF THANKS

We want to thank you for the food and flowers that were brought to the house and church. Also for all of the phone calls and prayers that we received. Our family really appreciates it.

Dock Wallace
Gloria Wood & family
Charles Don Wallace & family

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the Relay for Life a big success. Thanks to each of you who were on a team and worked hard to raise money for this cause. Through donations, purchase of luminarias, team contributions and underwriters, we were able to raise over \$18,000 this year.

A special thanks to BCAA for cooking for the hamburger supper the night of the relay and to Patsy Towe and Ruby Lee for helping get everything set up the afternoon of the relay.

Thanks again for your support.
The American Cancer Society
Juannah Jennings

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Pauline Tiffin would like to thank everyone who called, came by, sent cards or flowers, and graced us with your presence at her funeral.

It's times like these when your true friendship is felt.

Johnny & Karen & family
Peggie Wilkinson & family
Dannie & Keitha & family

The Silverton Cemetery Association Board wants to express appreciation to each of you who so faithfully support the care and maintenance of the cemetery by your generous donations and kind comments. We appreciate the efforts of Rick Ramirez, jr. as he does the manual work to keep it looking good.

We especially appreciate those who help to make our Memorial Day Program something that people come to year after year: Fred Strange and his numerous helpers for putting flags on each veteran's grave; Boy Scout Troop 262 for the flag service at the program; Duane Reynolds who faithfully offers our prayer each year; John and Maebelle Francis for their

beautiful music; James Mayfield, Silverton Church of Christ minister, who so appropriately presented a message to us this year; J. D. Nance for leading our program; and most of all, Carrie Dickerson, who plans the program. Each of you is very important to us. Many others are faithful helpers at various times, but we are most indebted to Eudean Crow for her tireless volunteer work.

I personally want to thank Peggy Garvin, Linda Vernon and Buck Hardin, as well as John, J. D. and Carrie, who also work very hard and faithfully as Board members.

Carolyn Lowrey, Secretary

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