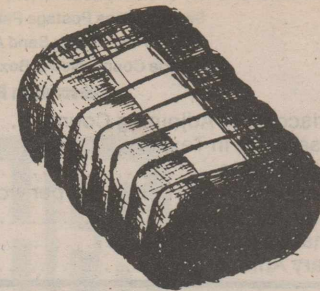
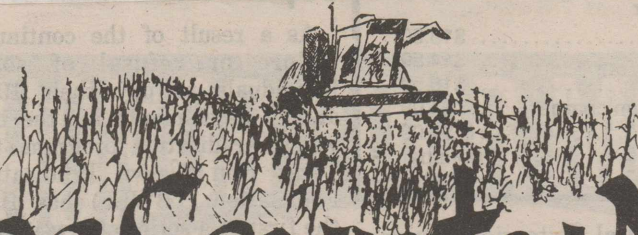




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Just how dry are we, anyway? Well, back in September 1995, we weren't dry at all. A total of 4.40 inches of rainfall fell on us on a total of 10 days that month.

Then we received only .51 of an inch on October 3, .19 on November 1, .02 on November 11, an even inch on December 18 and .23 on December 30, 1995.

We added .10 in January, .12 in February, .17 in March and absolutely nothing in April and so far in May 1996.

In the past seven months, we have received a total of 2.34 inches of precipitation.

Our long-term history indicates that we should have received about 1.75 in October, .71 in November, .68 in December, .65 in January, .60 in February, .93 in March and 1.49 in April. This would have totaled 6.81 inches.

So, we are behind about 4.47 inches in this seven-month period.

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Our last freezing temperature in the spring of 1995 was 31° on April 21. Our first freeze that fall was 30° on October 20. Our last freeze for the spring of 1996 probably was the 29° we had on April 16.

★  
J. L. Self tells us that his son, Marvin, will be moving to Post as High School Principal this summer. He has been teaching and coaching at Plano since moving there from Silverton a few years ago.

★  
Lisa Cherry, secretary to Warden J. V. Young at the J. B. Wheeler prison at Plainview, recently was named Employee of the Year. She received a plaque and a \$100 savings bond.

Lisa has been with the Wheeler Unit since its opening in March 1995. She has been with the prison system since June 1994 when she began work at the Tulia Unit.

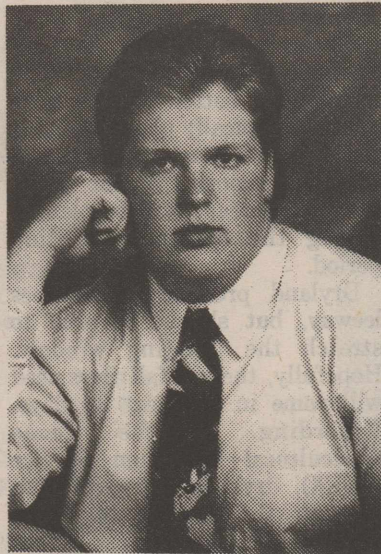
## Driver Safety Course To Be Taught in Clarendon Saturday

A Driver Safety Course will be taught at Clarendon College on Saturday, May 11, 1996. It will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the Administration Building. The fee is \$25.00.

Please contact Clarendon College, 1-806-874-3571, for further information. Upon completion of this course, participants will be eligible for a 10% discount on their liability insurance for three years and dismissal of a traffic violation. All dismissals of traffic violations must be approved by the appropriate Justice of the Peace.

This course is offered by Clarendon College and USA Training Company, Inc.

## More Tourism Meetings Slated



If you missed the Tourism Forum on May 2, you have another chance to get involved. "One thing we learned from the forum was that people from both Briscoe County communities need to work together to increase tourism in our area," stated County Agent Rebel Royall.

All people who are interested in this area are encouraged to attend the second Tourism Meeting which will be held Thursday, May 9, 1996 at the Quitaque Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

This is your chance to get involved in something that could bring new revenue to this area. There is no cost to attend the meeting. Your ideas and attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## Self Receives Awards

Colby Self received the Sports Health award during the 25th annual Awards Assembly at New Mexico Junior College recently.

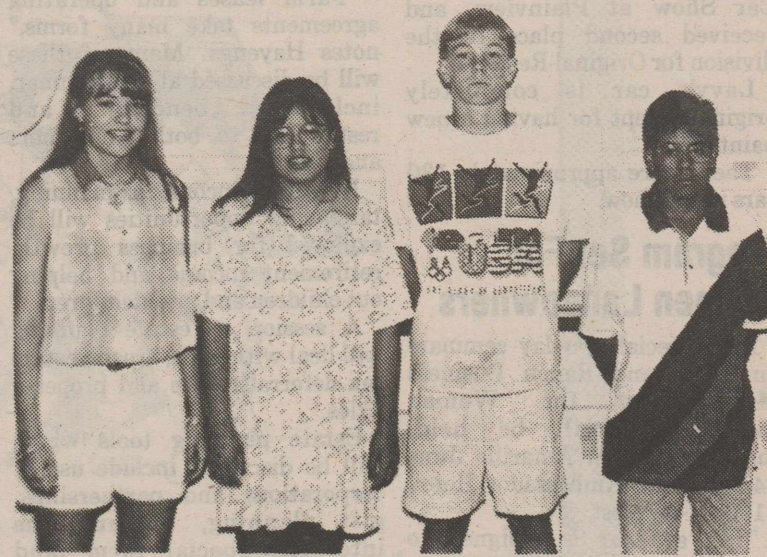
A sophomore, he also was named to Who's Who in American Colleges.

Grandson of J. L. and Faye Self of Silverton, Colby is planning to transfer to Nacogdoches to complete his college career. He has attended NMJC on a football scholarship.

## Pool Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 11, will be cleanup day at the Silverton swimming pool club. This will begin at 8:00 a.m. and should be finished by 2:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to be present.



Winning ribbons at the Junior High District Tennis Tournament in Clarendon Monday afternoon were Dara Johnston and Ana Pena, first place doubles; Jordan Sarchet, first place singles; Paul Segura, second place singles.

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## Boosters Needed To Help Decorate For Athletic Banquet

Boosters of Silverton School high school and junior high athletics are needed to help decorate for the annual banquet Friday, May 10, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the cafeteria.

Banquet ticket sales close May 9, and everyone who is planning to attend needs to contact the office to buy a ticket for \$6.25 before school is out that day.

Nielson's Restaurant will be catering the meal which will consist of ribeye steaks, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, green beans, gourmet salad, cheese rolls, dessert and iced tea.

The Booster Club provides the meals for the boy and girl athletes.

Parents, grandparents and friends of the athletes are invited to join the group to show support for the school athletic program.

## Join The BCAA

## Camp Meeting To Be Discussed at Meeting

There will be a meeting of Cowboy Camp Meeting organizers at 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 13, at the Courthouse Shelter.

Please plan to be present to help plan the Caprock Jamboree hamburger cooking.

## Class of '99 To Have Workday Auction

Silverton High School's Class of 1999 will have a "Workday Auction" beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 24, at the Courthouse Shelter.

Students will be auctioned off for a day of work, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bids will begin at \$20.00 for the day.

Buy a worker to do your spring cleaning, yard work or farm labor.

Plan to be there at 8:30 a.m. to buy your needed worker or workers.

## Music Students To Present Annual Assembly Program

Robin Boedeker's music students in Grades 2-5 will present a program beginning at 9:50 a.m. Thursday, May 16, in the school auditorium.

The second grade will present "Everybody Smiles in the Same Language."

Third and fourth graders will present a program on the Constitution of the United States.

Fifth graders will demonstrate square dancing.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The deepest depression on land is the shore of the Dead Sea: 1,312 feet below sea level.



State Finalists in the Hoop Challenge, America's Original Basketball Skills Shooting Competition, in Waco recently were Monty Wood, Vance Chandler, Isaiah Ivory and Gid Mayfield.

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**Lavy Wins Second With His Classic Car**

Leon Lavy entered his 1957 Chevrolet in the Meals-on-Wheels Car Show at Plainview, and received second place in the division for Original-Restored.

Lavy's car is completely original except for having a new paint job.

There were approximately 130 cars in the show.

**Program Set For Women Landowners**

Four special two-day seminars on Farm and Ranch Business Management for Women Landowners will be held, including one in Amarillo June 24-25 at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 IH-40 West.

"The seminar is designed to help women explore income-generating and tax-saving opportunities for their farms and ranches," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Economist and Attorney with the Texas

Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Discussions will center on income taxes, leases, business organization and estate planning.

"Farm leases and operating agreements take many forms," notes Hayenga. Many of these will be discussed at the seminar, including benefits and restrictions to both landowners and tenants.

Regarding income tax planning, tax-saving opportunities will be explored for business growth, retirement income and helping out children and grandchildren.

A session on estate planning will deal with wills, trusts, estate tax deferrals, gifts and property titles.

Estate planning tools which will be discussed include use of corporations and partnerships, gift planning, oil and gas interests, special farm land valuation, deferred estate tax payments, life insurance and a tool called "flower bonds".

A registration fee of \$100.00 will be charged, which includes the cost of meals and materials. Registration information can be obtained from the County Extension Agents or Wayne Hayenga or Carol Sabo, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, Coilege Station, TX 77843-2124. Phone 409-845-2226.

**TBWEF Begins Filing Lawsuits To Collect Unpaid Assessments**

As a result of the continued failure or refusal of some individuals to pay their 1995 annual assessments for the boll weevil eradication program, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) has filed the first of a series of lawsuits to enforce collection.

"Some of the assessments have gone unpaid since June of last year," said Frank Myers, executive director of TBWEF. "The board decided it was time to take legal action."

The first suits were filed Thursday in Taylor County Court in Abilene against delinquent individuals in the High Plains, Lower Rio Grande Valley, Rolling Plains Central and the Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zones. More suits are expected to be filed in the coming days and weeks. In all, the suits seek collection of more than a half million dollars plus court costs and attorney's fees from nonpayers in the four zones.

As of April 16, 1996, the Foundation had collected 97.4 percent of the total 1995 assessments due from producers in the zones with collections as follows: Southern Rolling Plains, 99.4 percent; Rolling Plains Central, 98.6 percent; High Plains, 98.4 percent, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley, 88.4 percent.

"Fairness was also a consideration in the board's decision... fairness to the vast majority of cotton producers who paid their assessments on time," said Woody Anderson, chairman of the Foundation.



Planting time has arrived and High Plains cotton producers will be looking for Mother Nature's help in getting the 1996 crop off to a healthy start.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) the majority of the area's dryland cotton acreage appears to have good sub-soil moisture. The situation of most concern right now is the moisture contained in the top 6-12 inches of the soil profile.

Producers are waiting for a "planting rain" to help them get the crop established. The majority of cotton on the High Plains is typically planted during the month of May. It is expected that the majority of the area's irrigated acreage will be planted during the optimum planting period.

Dryland producers have less leeway, but should be able to stretch the planting window. Hopefully, the rainfall they need will come in the next 30 days. According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), dryland cotton planted through the end of May can maintain most of its yield potential.

"The majority of our area has received only about one-half inch of precipitation during the first four months of 1996," explains Donald Johnson, PCG Executive Vice President. "We need rain and we need to get it before the end of this month to take full advantage of the deep moisture that we have."

Planted cotton acreage for the area is estimated to be close to last year's 3.2 million acres. Approximately 50 percent of the area's cotton acres are now considered irrigated. This shift from dryland to irrigated is the result of an upswing in the utilization of higher efficiency pivot irrigation systems.

So far, it appears less than 15 percent of the area's crop has been planted to date. The majority of this acreage is concentrated in the southern half of the area. The next week to ten days should bring out even more planters, according to TAEX Cotton Specialist Kater Hake.

"Right now I am fairly optimistic about the 1996 crop's yield potential," explains Hake. "In the dryland areas south of Lubbock we have a much better subsoil moisture situation than we did one year ago. Irrigated acreage should continue to have good potential barring an outbreak of detrimental weather or higher-than-expected insect pressure."

Hake cautions that the area still has a long way to go before the end of the season.

Sign-up for the newly-enacted Market Transition Program has been scheduled to begin May 20. Acreage that has participated in at least one of the past five years is eligible to be included. This ONE TIME sign-up period ends July 12.

Producers signing the seven-year contract with USDA are guaranteed fixed, but declining, payments on contract acreage through the year 2002. Specific provisions are still being developed by USDA and should be ready by the start of the sign-up period.

More detailed information about the Market Transition Program will be published as it becomes available.

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3	87	43	
4	97	52	
5	93	56	
6	76	54	
7	93	56	
Total May Precip.			.00
Normal May Precip.			3.11
Total 1996 Precip.			.39
Normal Precip.			
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**May 8, 1986--**David Cave defeated incumbent District Judge George W. Miller in Saturday's democratic primary... A Mackenzie Lake record hybrid striper was caught Thursday morning by Don Montgomery of Amarillo. The fish weighed in at 11¼ pounds. Mr. Montgomery was using a white Mr. Twister grub... More than 70% of Briscoe County voters cast ballots Saturday... The 4-H Junior Horse Judging Team was composed of Langdon Reagan, Clinton Payne, Lance Smith and Wil T. Bomar. The team placed fifth overall and Reagan was third high individual in Halter Judging... Grabbe-Simpson Chevrolet is moving to Tulia...

**May 6, 1976--**Crowd flocks to Lake Mackenzie on opening weekend... Bud Roberts caught a 5½-pound bass at Lake Mackenzie Saturday using shrimp for bait... Services conducted for Hollie Francis... Mrs. L. W. Francis returned home Monday from the Lockney Hospital where she had been a patient for more than a week... Joe Mercer was taken to Palo Duro Hospital in Canyon Sunday morning by Silverton ambulance... Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kingery have moved to Silverton from Lübbock... Laura Juanice Arnold to marry William Brent Mullin... Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker are parents of a daughter, Sunny Michel...

**May 5, 1966--**Ricky McWilliams participated in the regional spelling bee, won third place and received a \$350.00 set of Encyclopedia Britannica, a trophy and pin. Joan Cross was the junior bee winner here and also received a trophy and pin... Friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow Wednesday to help Gordon Alexander celebrate his 80th birthday... Albert Ramsey buys Boyles Mobile Station... The FFA Livestock Judging Team placed seventh in Area I out of some eighty teams and will go to the State Contest at A&M. Team members are Buddy Comer, Leland Wood and Jimmy Burson. The team placed second in the Plainview District. The Dairy Cattle Team, composed of Danny Vaughan, Johnnie Weaver and Larry Comer, placed fourth in district. The Land Judging Team placed fifth in district. Team members are Paul McWilliams, Gary Whitfill, Roy Brooks, Roy Wood and Donald West... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Peggy LaVerne, to Mr. George Edward Chase, jr... Silverton School has filed a desegregation plan... Glen Grosdidier chosen as favorite teacher in SHS...

**May 17, 1956--**Ina Lou Grabbe has been named valedictorian of the graduating class, and Evelyn Crowell is salutatorian... Fish

fry enjoyed at home of Ed Vaughan Monday night... Piano pupils of LaRue Garvin to present recital Friday night... Walter Lyn Dunham broke his left arm Sunday when he fell from a tree in Quitaque. He was taken to Amarillo for treatment. The arm is broken in the elbow... Sp3 Joedell F. Hutsell landed in Germany May 3. He had spent fourteen months in Germany when he signed up for 22 months more of Army life. He was granted a month's leave, and spent this time at home here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell... Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vardell and Leroy Vardell of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Riely Yates and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek and daughters were Sunday dinner guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell... Rev. and Mrs. James P. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams and 14 youths attended the cook-out at Sky-Hi roadside park last Friday evening... Van Martin of Flomot visited his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baird and sons, Saturday...

**May 23, 1946--**Dee McWilliams seeks County Clerk's office... Senior Class officers are Bobby McWilliams, president; Erma Lee May, vice president; Betty Nan Burson, secretary... Due to the many storms down state and the incidence of infantile paralysis in San Antonio, members of the senior class have changed the itinerary of their trip. The annual trip will be made to points in New Mexico and Colorado... Residents of the Wallace community defeated a proposal to consolidate with the Silverton Independent School District in the election held last Saturday... Ann Brown and Dale Francis have been quite ill with measles this week... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Holt at Kress Sunday... George Long, radioman third class, is expected to arrive in Silverton on Monday, according to word received by his parents... The R. C. Hutsell family moved to its home in the Haylake community last week... Mr. and Mrs. Lee Helvey McMurtry have moved into their new home in north Silverton... Mrs. Lee D. Bomar was in charge of the program for the Business Women's Circle of First Baptist Church... Clynell Manemma Hutsell marries James M. Tidwell... Ted Childress is home from the Army air corps after serving 25 months and 14 days... Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Arnold attended the Old Settlers' Reunion in Plainview Saturday afternoon...

**May 7, 1936--**The board of trustees for the Silverton Independent School District voted to add Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics to the course of study for 1936-37. Home Economics will be taught by Allie Mae Tipps and Vocational Agriculture will be taught by Lem Weaver... Dee McWilliams, 19, was severely injured, perhaps fatally, Tuesday of this week, when he was kicked

H. P. Howard and family visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thomas Sunday evening...

**January 28, 1926--**One of the most delightful social events of the month was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Odor Tuesday night when they welcomed a number of friends to their home to indulge in Silverton's most popular game, "42". The cozy rooms aglow with softly shaded lights were made more charming

with cut flowers and ferns. There was also an invisible glow in the atmosphere of cordial hospitality dispensed by these young people, and the congenial group of friends who were permitted to share in the evening's pleasure. The dainty hand-painted score cards were the work of the hostess. Those invited were Mr.

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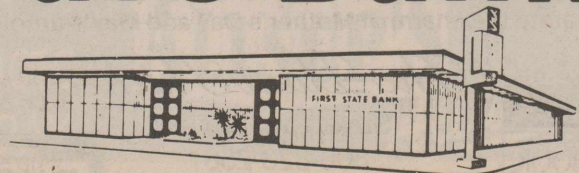
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Members of the Junior High Tennis Team who participated in the District Tournament at Clarendon Monday afternoon are Taylor Griffin, Brooke Garvin, Dara Johnston, Ana Pena, Jordan Sarchet, Paul Segura and Julie Weaver.

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## Tennis Team Did Well at District Junior High Tournament Monday

The district junior high tennis tournament was played at Clarendon Monday afternoon, and the Silverton team did very well in the event.

Dara Johnston and Ana Pena, playing doubles, won first place.

Jordan Sarchet and Paul Segura played themselves into the championship match, which Sarchet won.

These four are eighth graders. Also participating were seventh graders, Brooke Garvin, singles;

Taylor Griffin and Julie Weaver, doubles.

## Cheerleaders To Sell Football Magazine Advertising Soon

Silverton High School cheerleaders will be selling ads to be placed in the Top O' Texas football magazine.

This is a fundraiser and the girls will receive 50% of all sales

## Students Suggesting Themes for Next Year

Students of Silverton ISD are currently deciding on a theme for the 1996-97 school year. They will be entering in a contest for a school motto through May 17.

Any students from K-12 grades is qualified to enter an original motto. The suggestions and the student's name will be placed in the Suggestion Box in the school cafeteria.

Student Council will narrow down the suggestions to three mottoes and the site-based decision-making committee of Silverton ISD will decide the winning motto. The author of the motto that is chosen will be awarded \$25 at the Moving-Up Ceremony at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

to help pay for their cheerleading expenses.

"We hope you will be able to help us out," said Leigh Ann Dutton, cheerleader sponsor.

Thank you for supporting your SHS cheerleaders.

## Students Took Part in St. Jude Bike-a-Thon

Silverton's Future Homemakers of America would like to recognize a group of special students who participated in the St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon. Each year the organization helps raise funds for the cancer research hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. The hospital is dedicated to the research and treatment of children with cancer.

Silverton youth who gave of their time and energy to help support the children at St. Jude were Sage Brannon, Kamra Ponder, Hanna James, Tara Smith, Drew Reed, Tyler Reed, Chance Rhoderick, Melonie Johnson, Clifton Baker, Meladie Patino, Holly Vernon, Zack Burson, Dusty Burson, Vincent Martinez, Monica Garcia, Daisy Martinez, Jamie Garza, Krista Hale, Kelsie Estes and Max Comer, who rode their bikes and collected pledges.

Those who worked to help make the ride a success and maintained a safe bike course were Will Hester, Trey Wyatt, Lindsey Weaks, Misty Wilkinson, Lori Chandler, Maria Castillo, Trista Davis, Irene Gonzales, Amanda Harris, Amanda Cruz, Donny Burson, Jared Francis, Charlie Bomar, Erica Edwards, Destiny Ivory, Kendra Rhoderick, Sara Vangraefschepe, Shannon Weaver, Rachel Vangraefschepe, Jack Cherry, Hector Martinez, Billy Edwards, Kristi Smith, Andy Bullock, Amanda Kernell, Jennifer Foust, Kara Kingery, Shauna Kingery, Michelle Warren, Carrie Baird, Lindsey Jennings, Dara Ramsey, Jason Cherry, Lacy Brunson, Lori Brannon, Isabel Patino, Heidi Tiffin, Christina Stephens, Molly Brooks, Brooke Garvin and Kurby Garvin.

Appreciation goes to the Highway Department for loaning

their safety cones. Thanks to the community for the continued support with pledges and patience during the ride.

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, May 9--Biology I End-of-Course Test; Board Meeting, 8:00

Friday, May 10--Area FFA Convention, Amarillo; Early Out, 1:00

Saturday, May 11--Athletic Banquet, 7:00

Tuesday, May 14--Methodist Senior Luncheon

Thursday, May 16--Spring Sing, 9:48 a.m.; Catholic Senior Luncheon

Friday, May 17--Donuts for Dads; Early Out, 1:00

Saturday, May 18--Junior-Senior Outing

Sunday, May 19--Rauch-Boedeker Recital

## Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, May 13--Beef and Cheese Taco, Salad, Corn, Bread, Fruit, Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, May 14--Pig-in-a-Blanket, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, May 15--Baked Fish, Tartar Sauce, Coleslaw, Tater Rounds, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, May 16--Chicken Strips, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, May 17--Hamburger, Cheese, French Fries, Salad, Fruit, Milk

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Monday--Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk

Tuesday--Pancake, Syrup, Milk, Juice

Wednesday--Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk

Thursday--Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk

Friday--Muffin, Juice, Milk

## Certified Nurse Aide Class Starts June 1

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will have a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Class. The CNA class will train individuals to care for patients in the Nursing Home, Hospice, Home Health and private care setting. It is six weeks long and is limited to 12 students. The course starts on Saturday, June 1, 1996, with a Community CPR/First Aid Class. Registration began on Thursday, May 2, 1996 and will continue through Friday, May 24, 1996.

CNA classes will be held at the RNR office and training center in the NE wing of the closed Caprock Hospital building located at 901 W. Crocket in Floydada. To receive an application packet or for more information, call RNR's office at 806-983-8096.

## Weather Much Drier Than Normal on Texas South Plains

Weather across the Texas South Plains continued much drier than normal. At Lubbock International Airport, the total rainfall for the year is 0.45 of an inch, making this the driest four-month start to any year on record. Also since October 1, Lubbock has reported 1.44 inches of rain, making this the driest seven-month period since records began in 1911.

Temperatures across the South Plains during the month of April 1996 were near normal. Temperatures averaged .2 of a degree below normal and ranged from 1.7 degrees below normal at Spur to 1.2 degrees above normal at Muleshoe Refuge. Maximum temperatures averaged 1.6 degrees above normal and ranged from .1 degree below normal at Post to 3.1 degrees above normal at Hereford. The highest temperature reported during the month was 99 degrees at Seminole and Spur, both on the 27th. Minimum temperatures averaged 2.1 degrees below normal and ranged from 4.8 degrees below normal at Spur to 0.1 degree below normal at Morton. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 22 degrees at both Hereford and Dimmitt on the 6th.

Precipitation averaged .97 of an inch below normal and ranged from 1.76 inches below normal at Paducah to .14 of an inch below normal at Seminole. Snowfall averaged .12 of an inch across the South Plains and ranged from 1.3 inches at Lockettville to no snow at several locations, including Silverton.

## CPR/First Aid Class Being Offered June 1

Rural Nurse Resource, Inc. (RNR), a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education, will have an American Red Cross Community CPR/First Aid Class on June 1, 1996.

The class will start at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m. It will be held at RNR's office and training center in the NE wing of the closed Caprock Hospital building located at 901 W. Crocket in Floydada.

For more information or to sign up for the class, call RNR's office at 806-983-8096.

## NOTICE

The first barnyard aerobics class is almost full. Doyle, Weldon, Rollie, Craig and hay hauler are charter members. Get your applications in soon. William J. will be joining the dance class as soon as he gets his shoes half-sole.

Join The Chamber!

*Lisa Schott*

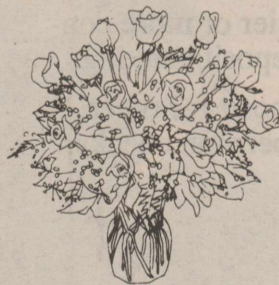
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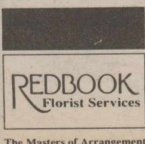
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**OBITUARIES**

**GERALD B. JAMES**

Services for Gerald B. James, 70, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. Jess Little, officiating. Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. James died Wednesday, May 1, in Tulia.

He was born January 4, 1926 in Lockney. He married Bertha Anna Barbian March 22, 1947 in Plainview. They moved to Silverton in June 1949. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II.


He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Alan R. James of Grand Prairie, Gerry W. James of Silverton and Gerald B. (Buddy) James, jr. of Clarendon; two daughters, Marilyn S. McClanahan of Gallatin, Tennessee and Donna D. Echols of Amarillo; two sisters, Lottie James of Hillsboro and Bonnie E. Mitchell of Gravette, Arkansas; two brothers, Silman M. James and Clifton R. James, both of Comanche; and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Alan James, Buddy James, Steve James, Gerry James, Mike James and Tim James.

**LOOKING BACK—**

Continued From Page Three and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Gourley, Mr. and Mrs. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bowers. Mrs. Gourley entertained with several musical numbers during the evening . . . J. M. Thompson and family left Monday for Amarillo where Mr. Thompson will enter a business college . . . J. T. Shaw of Munday and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shaw of Cone are visiting relatives here. J. T. is the father of Jess and Carl Shaw and Mrs. Lyle Stodghill. Mrs. Shaw is a sister of D. M. Morgan and Mrs. Carl Shaw . . . Marvin Thompson sold a lot of household goods at auction on the court house square Saturday . . . Miss Anna Lee Anderson delightfully entertained the members of the faculty and a few friends at her home Friday evening. Miss Christopher and Mr. Gourley were close rivals of Miss Campbell and Mrs. Simpson for high honors . . . Friday night the Seniors were entertained at the home of Miss Ione Baldwin. The "true blue" Seniors who attended were Zelda Brown, Kathleen Smithee, Eloise Morgan, Jettie Stevenson and Ione Baldwin, Arthur Thomas, Edwin Crass, Robert Hill, Clyde Baxter, Greene Buchanan, Price Stone and D. L. Morgan . . . Grandma Riddell has been visiting her son, H. L. O. Riddell and family, the past week. She is the oldest inhabitant of this part of the country, having passed her 91st birthday . . .

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Doyle and Merlene Stephens -- 1946

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## Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrated by Couple

Doyle and Merlene Stephens observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a family gathering at the Golden Corral in Plainview Sunday.

Present to enjoy the occasion were Cecil and Mildred Stephens, Lyndon and Nelma Stephens, Rachel Stephens, all of Portales, New Mexico; Laura and Bryan Reid, Clovis, New Mexico; Kent and Donna Holt, David, Debbie, Zeb, Jared, Jeremy and Cade Holt, Rex and Theta Holt and the honorees, all of Silverton.

Everyone enjoyed looking at a

special Memory Book of their 50 years which was compiled by their daughter, Judy Towe of Bonham.

Doyle Stephens and the former Merlene Yates were married May 1, 1946 after church on Sunday morning at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Silverton. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Elrod, before a group of relatives and close friends.

They have made their home in Silverton throughout most of the years of their marriage.

### Happy Anniversary To . . .

May 10--Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill

May 12--Mr. and Mrs. George Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Doug McJimsey

May 13--Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mercer

May 14--Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard

### Early Mother's Day Observed in Towe Home

The Towe family gathered last weekend for an early Mother's Day party for their mother and grandmother, Addlene Towe.

### New Arrival

Announcing the arrival of Savannah Sharell Kast, born Thursday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. She weighed six pounds, 9 3/4 ounces and is 20 inches long.

Parents are Matt and Misty Kast of Silverton.

Grandparents are Tex and Linda Martin of Kress and A. C. and Mary Kast of Fredericksburg.

Attending were Greg and Judy Towe, Bonham; Kirk Towe, Weatherford, Oklahoma; Julie and Kirk Couch, Groom; Jay and Patsy Towe and the honoree.

### Happy Birthday To . . .

May 9--Russell Kennedy, Elzora Gallington, Mitchell Roehr

May 10--Dona Hutsell, Darrell Reynolds, Frank Lowrey, Melissa Estes, Kimberly Oldham, Kina Garrison

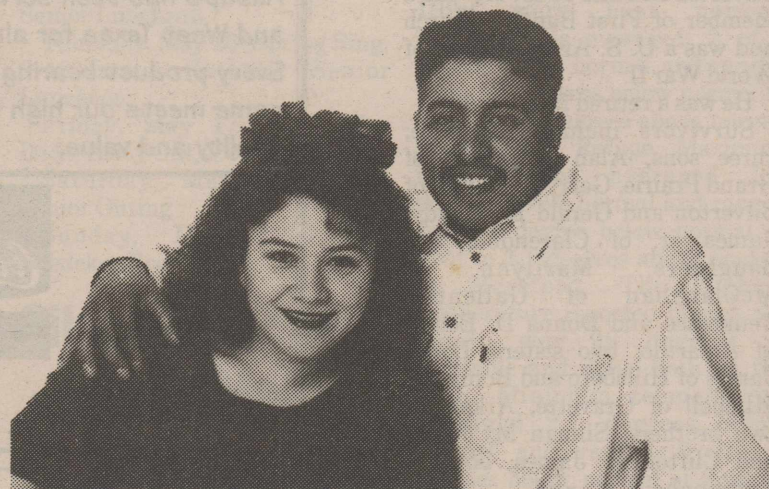
May 11--Joni Mayfield, Chance Rhoderick

May 12--Sarah Henderson, Lyndall Couch, T. V. McClure, Kirk Durham, Derik Roys, Cody Garrison, Bryan Burson

May 13--Floyd Perkins, Lee Ann Todd, Martha Greeson, Mary Ann Maciel

May 14--Mikel Griffin, Michael S. Hill, J. W. Reid, Patricia Lavy, Charlie Parker, LaVerne Mercer

May 15--Sharel Bridges, Kayla Beth Bounds



Gustavo and Odilia Cavazos announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda, to Gabriel Hernandez, son of Jesse and Anna Hernandez of Lubbock. Miss Cavazos is the granddaughter of Santos Cavazos of Quitaque and Minerva Patino of Silverton. The bride-elect, a graduate of Monterey High School, attends South Plains College and is employed by Wal-Mart. Her fiance is a graduate of Dunbar High School. He attended Wayland Baptist University and is employed by the City of Lubbock. The couple will marry June 8 at the Caravan Party House in Lubbock.



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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Ted Kingery, Minister  
SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

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Jess Craig Little, Pastor  
SUNDAY:  
Library Opens ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S. .... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women ..... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
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Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
SECOND SUNDAY:  
Praise & Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY:-  
United Meth. Women 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Practice ..... 5:00 p.m.  
In-home Bible Study. 7:00 p.m.

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

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SUNDAY:  
Mass ..... 9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Doctrina Class ..... 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior  
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**ROCK CREEK  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
SUNDAY:  
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service ..... 7:30 p.m.

# HONOR YOUR MOTHER



*Mother's Day was originally set aside as a special day to honor and show appreciation to mothers. Showing your gratitude and love on this designated day is important, but why should we wait for a special occasion to express our affection? A telephone call, card or short note done spontaneously, is always appreciated. Jesus was spontaneous. His first miracle was performed at the wedding in the town of Cana. His mother merely stated that the wedding party was out of wine. Jesus remarked that His time had not yet come, however, He knew His mother's desire and responded by changing the water into wine. Even when our Lord was dying on the cross, one of His concerns was that of His mother. He saw His mother and His disciple, John, standing by and He said to His mother, "He is your son." Then He said to His disciple, "She is your mother." From that time the disciple took her to live in his home.*

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*Good News Bible TEV Proverbs 31:26-28*

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Words can never express our love and gratitude for all of you.

A special thanks to the ambulance team for their prompt response and expert care when called.

May God bless each of you. Love always, Jackie and Freeman Tate Jackie Carol Crawford

We wish to express our appreciation to all who ministered to us during Gerald's illness and his subsequent passing.

Thank you for your cards, visits, flowers, plants, food and especially for your prayers. God's blessings to each of you. The Gerald B. James Family

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority will be accepting liability and property insurance quotations for the coming year.

Quotations should be submitted to the main office just south of Lake Mackenzie or mailed to Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, Route 1, Box 14, Silverton, Texas 79257.

Quotations will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, 1996.

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