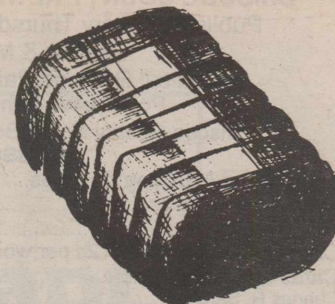


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# Briscoe County News

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Recently three piano students of Mary Ann Rauch played in the Piano Festival at WTA&M. Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kassie Strange and Bryn Mayfield received II ratings on Class III musical selections.

The word around town for the past several weeks has alternately been that the Lakeview school is closing, isn't closing, is closing.

An article in a recent daily newspaper seems to indicate that there is still hope that the school will be able to remain open.

It stated that the atmosphere in the superintendent's office at the Lakeview School was optimistic following the receipt of a crucial report from the Texas Education Agency.

"We're in a surviving mode around here," Superintendent Phil Lemons said. "There will be some funding reclaim, but my first impression is that I think we can survive it."

The previous week, the district held a public meeting to discuss possible consolidation with another district, based on expectations that an already fragile financial situation would worsen if the state demanded repayment of funds. The money in question involved the district requesting and receiving more funds for bilingual education than was warranted by enrollment in those programs.

"We don't know the final amount we'll have to repay, but the worst case scenario is in front of us," Lemons said.

Mr. Lemons declined to release a copy of the report. TEA officials referred requests for a copy of the document to Lemons.

The district was given 15 days to respond to the report before the TEA issues a final ruling.

Meanwhile the financial crunch at Lakeview will continue, but Mr. Lemons said he hopes increased enrollment will help next year.

The Lakeview board of trustees was slated to discuss an overview of a response to the latest report at its regular meeting, Mr. Lemons said. The board then will have to hold a special meeting to finalize the response, he said.

## Time to Nominate Candidates For School Trustee

The filing period for candidates for trustee in the Silverton Independent School District will be open from February 16 until Wednesday, March 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Petitions for places on the ballot can be signed in the administrative offices at Silverton High School.



Lacy Brunson

## Brunson Received Special Award Last Thursday

Lacy Brunson and her family were invited to a luncheon and program recognizing outstanding area athletes on Thursday of last week. The event was sponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Lacy was recognized as the Sports Committee's girl player of the month of January from the smaller high schools.

It was noted that she scored a total 498 points in January, averaging 18.3 points per game. She had a total of 301 offensive and defensive rebounds, averaging 11.1 rebounds per game. She had a 42.5 two-point field goal percentage.

## Early Voting Began Monday

Early voting in both the Democratic and Republican Primaries began Monday in the office of County & District Clerk Bess McWilliams.

Early voting will continue through March 6.

You no longer have to give an excuse for wanting to vote early.

**Congratulations,  
Owls  
on winning the  
Bi-District  
Championship!**

## Lighthouse Weekend Outage Is Caused By Vandals; Reward Offered For Information

A major outage affecting 1,124 meters on Lighthouse Electric Cooperative lines in northeastern Floyd County and southern Briscoe County occurred Saturday morning, February 21, at approximately 8:00 a.m. The outage also affected Southwestern Public Service Company customers in Floyd and Briscoe counties.

According to Lighthouse general manager Bill Harbin, the outage was caused by someone deliberately shooting insulators on the transmission line which feeds the Lighthouse Lone Star, Cedar Hill, South Plains and Silverton substations, and also feeds SPS customers at South Plains and Silverton.

"About 20 more insulators were shot off Lighthouse distribution lines northeast of Lockney," said Harbin, "which means Lighthouse crews had to replace over 50 insulators damaged or destroyed by whoever did this shooting."

"We believe the shooting was done Friday afternoon," Harbin said. "We had an outage call about 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, and our serviceman, Rodney Hill, found several insulators on a distribution line which had been shot. Then, Saturday

morning, when the rain started, the transmission line went off, and we found seven strings of insulators shot on it. We think they were all shot Friday afternoon, and the transmission line stayed on until it got wet.

"Whoever did this shooting caused a lot of inconvenience to both Lighthouse members and

## New Store To Open Here Monday, Mar. 2

A new store, Tee Pee Antiques and Crafts, will open at 404 Main Street in Silverton Monday, March 2.

Operated by Tommie and Pat Rice, the new store will be open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 until 5:00, closed for lunch from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. each day. On the Saturdays of the Caprock Jamboree, the store will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

The store will feature jewelry, clothing, antiques, crafts and a swap shop. There will be additional merchandise and vendors and consignments are welcome.

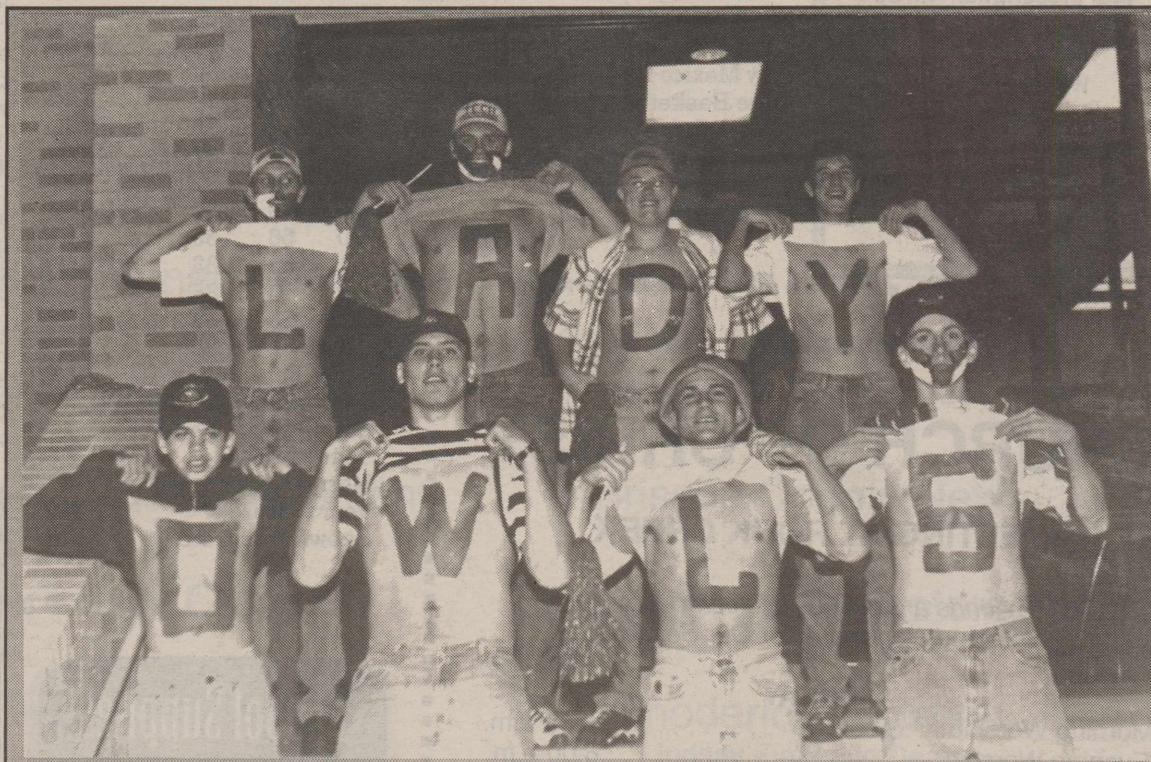
You are invited to come in and browse.

SPS customers, and did hundreds of dollars worth of damage to our lines," Harbin said. "Not only that, but they also put themselves, Lighthouse employees, and the general public in what could have been an extremely dangerous situation. If one of those lines had fallen on the shooter or someone else, they could have very easily been killed, or at the very least severely injured. For that reason, Lighthouse is offering a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever shot these insulators. We cannot and will not tolerate anyone endangering the lives of our employees and the general public the way these vandals did."

If you have information about this act of vandalism, please contact the Floyd County Sheriff's office at 983-4902 or Lighthouse Electric Cooperative at 983-2814.

## BCAA Meets Meets Tonight

Briscoe County Activities Association will have its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Showbarn in Silverton.



Lady Owl Boosters at Idalou--L-Trey Wyatt; A-Jack Cherry; D-Michael Reagan; Y-Daniel Reagan; O-Isaiah Ivory; W-Jared Holt; L-Jeremy Holt; S-Nathan Francis.

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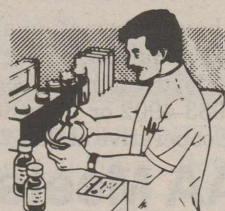
**Obituary**

Funeral services for Coach Aulton N. Durham, 86, were to be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, at the Westside Church of Christ. Burial is to be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Cleburne, Texas, under the direction of Crosier-Pearson-Mayfield Funeral Home.

Coach Durham died Sunday, February 22, at Walls Regional Hospital.

He was born July 6, 1911 in Prospect, Texas, and resided at 513 South Old Betsy Road in Keene, Texas 76059 until his death.

He was a member of the Westside Church of Christ in Cleburne where he taught young peoples' Bible Classes, the Retired Texas Teachers Association and the Texas Coaches Association.



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tion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, on October 21, 1993.

He was graduated from Bowie High School in 1930 and received his bachelor of arts degree from West Texas State. He received his masters degree from North Texas State.

He was a coach and social science teacher in Cleburne High School until his retirement from coaching in 1969 and from teaching in 1970.

He began his coaching career in Silverton, Texas, and had held positions in Tucumcari, New Mexico High School, Las Cruces, New Mexico and Victoria, Texas before going to Cleburne in 1952.

While in Las Cruces, he coached the team that won state in basketball and tied for the state championship in football.

In the summers of 1959-1965 he was recreational director, then director, of Camp Shiloh in Mendham, New Jersey. He was associated with Camp Stewart for Boys during summers in the 1950's.

He is survived by a son, Judge Joe B. Durham of Cleburne; a daughter, Cheryl Kay Durham of Irvington, New Jersey; a grandson, Aulton Durham II of Saratoga, California; and a granddaughter, D'Ann Durham of Cleburne.

Pallbearers were Robert Dagley, Fred Sarchet, Dave Sowell, Don Turner, Randy Whitworth and Kent Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were the Elders of Westside Church of Christ and the 1945 Las Cruces, New Mexico High School Bulldog State Basketball Champions.

The family requested that memorials be in the form of donations to the American Cancer Society.

**Citizen of Year To Be Named Here**

Silverton Chamber of Commerce has announced plans to name a Citizen of the Year at the annual banquet.

The Chamber is asking the residents of Silverton to submit nominations of those they think are deserving of such an award. In order to nominate an individual, a personal letter must be written along with a history of the nominee. The history should contain past and present events and contributions made by the nominee to the community. Deadline for the nominations is March 23.

Please submit your nominations to Citizen of the Year, Box 609, Silverton, Texas 79257.

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**Three Councilmen To Be Elected Here This Spring**

The terms of Silverton City Councilmen Flute Hutsell, Charles Sarchet and Dwain Henderson will be expiring this spring.

Citizens wishing places on the ballot for one of these positions can sign up at the City Hall between now and Wednesday, March 18.

**WEATHER**

**FEBRUARY 24-HOUR READINGS**

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	65	26	
2	55	25	
3	66	23	
4	52	29	
5	40	27	.10
6	30	28	.06
7	41	23	
8	54	33	
9	61	35	
10	66	33	
11	50	28	
12	58	26	
13	41	31	.56
14	58	30	
15	58	39	
16	47	38	.88
17	39	32	.21
18	49	32	
19	50	32	.46
20	56	35	
21	59	33	
22	43	37	.42
23	53	33	
24	69	35	
Total Feb. Precip.			2.69
Normal Feb. Precip.			.60
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			2.69
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			1.25
Snowfall to Date			8"

**Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party Tuesday**

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 3.

Those with birthdays in March will be honored.

The party will be hosted by those who had their birthdays celebrated in February.

**Power of Attorney Not Enough For SS Representation**

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

We frequently get calls from family members who have been turned down when they try to conduct Social Security business for a relative by using a power of attorney. We explain that a power of attorney is not enough to represent a Social Security beneficiary; they have to be a "representative payee." A representative payee is a person selected by Social Security to receive benefits on behalf of a beneficiary.

More than six million people who get monthly Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, or both, need someone to help them manage their money. When a person needs this kind of help, the Social Security Administration appoints a relative, friend or another interested party to serve as the person's representative payee. This is done only after a careful investigation. The person's benefits are then paid in the representative payee's name on the beneficiary's behalf.

However, people often work out other ways to handle a family member's finances to suit their needs. A "power of attorney" arrangement is one of the most commonly used methods. Although that may be a convenient way to pay bills and handle some legal matters, the power-of-attorney procedure does not establish the responsibility and accountability that Social Security requires of representative payees.

If you would like to become a representative payee for a family member or a friend who needs help managing the money they receive in Social Security or SSI benefits, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

**Gem & Mineral Show in Plainview is Saturday, Sunday**

The annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show will be presented at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview Saturday and Sunday, February 28-March 1. The Center is located on the I-27 business route at the south edge of Plainview.

Dealers from across America will be present. There will be working demonstrations of silversmithing, faceting and gold wire wrapping. Non competitive exhibits are invited.

There will be free geode and rock cutting.

Door prizes will be given hourly and a grand prize drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on March 1.

There will be a meeting of the Rolling Rock Club at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 1.

Show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$2.00 for adults and 50c for students. One child (12 or under) admitted free with parent or guardian. Free rock and mineral sets given to elementary teachers.

Food and drink booth sponsored by Pi Sigma Sigma.

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**March 3, 1988**--The kindergarten class has just completed a unit on air. For Public Schools Week, weather permitting, they will have a Kite Flying Contest as a follow-up activity . . . Fifty-five attended the family game night sponsored by the Briscoe County Activities Association Saturday night at the County Show Barn . . . Century of Progress Study Club held its February Heart Fund Workshop in the home of Mrs. O. C. Rampley last Wednesday. Title of the day's activities was "Wheeling Toward Community Service." Six members answered the roll call, "Give your heart a break and . . ." . . . Clay Schott and Gina Myers chosen as Mr. and Miss SHS. Elected to Who's Who were John Cavitt and Julie Graham, freshmen; Jim Cogdell and Penni Fogerson, sophomores; Neal Edwards and Tara Nance, juniors; Ryan Smith and Gina Myers, seniors . . . It took an extra fifty minutes for the game to get underway, but it took less time for it to be over. After Silverton and Nazareth finally hooked up at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday at Hutcherson Center in Plainview in a Class 1-A bi-district shootout originally scheduled for 7:30, the Swifts wasted little time in gunning down the Owls enroute to a 67-34 victory. The delay in the tipoff was a result of tardiness by Amarillo game officials who ended up totally absent. Plainview officials were called in to do the job . . .

**March 2, 1978**--Silverton's Owls were never headed once they got their bearings in the Region 1-B basketball tournament in Texan Dome in Levelland last week, and as the Region 1-B champions will play in the State Tournament in Austin in the Superdome at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. Their opponent is Avinger, the defending Class B State Champion. Members of the Owl team are Paul Brannon, Doug McJimsey, Kyle Bean, Kirk Durham, Mitchell Roehr, Earl Jarrett, James Alan Patton, Jackie Vaughn, Jace Francis and Brent Brannon. They are coached by Lyndel Norwood, who was named All-South Plains Coach of the Year last year . . . Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strange announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Darla June, to Mr. Eddie Dean Wood . . . Leo Fleming has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia since Thursday night . . .

**February 29, 1968**--Mrs. Lula F. Vaughan buried here Monday . . . George Long recently underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo . . . Mrs. Paul Ledbetter has returned home after spending several days at the Medical Center in Plainview . . . Bean Exchange gets four-party service . . . Mrs. J. C. Fowler honored her son,

Clayton, with a party at their home in observance of his birthday on February 7. Those attending were Brent Brannon, John Ledbetter, Jace Francis, Mark Reeves, James Croft, Susan Payne, Debbie Storie, Carol Cobb, Brenda Cantwell, Lydia and Lisa Younger . . . Mrs. Cass Fowler slipped on the ice at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard in Tulia recently, and broke her left arm above the wrist . . . Jack Strange, Bob Rauch, Lem Weaver and Robert Ledbetter attended the Texas Tech vs. Texas A&M basketball game in Lubbock Tuesday evening . . . Miss Roy Garrison spent the weekend in Lubbock with Miss Connie Dudley, who is a freshman student at Texas Tech . . . Mrs. J. T. Gilkeyson has been a patient in the Lockney Hospital for 10 days, but is at home now . . . Dean Butcher has been in Neblett Hospital in Canyon recuperating with a broken leg . . . Mrs. Norman Strange, Diana and Bill spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Max Garrison at Bryan . . .

**February 27, 1958**--Mmes. Troy Burson, Rex Dickerson and Julia Jane went to Abernathy on Wednesday to return home their mother, Mrs. R. M. Hill, who had visited there in the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gardner, since the previous Sunday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Hughes, Ronnie and Kathy spent Saturday night with Mrs. Hughes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Moreman . . . Messrs. Oner Cornett, Don Cornett Gary Ivy and Misses Glenna Thompson and Brenda Cornett visited Jerry Bingham at the Plainview hospital Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Pitts and family of Amarillo were recent Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and family . . . Mrs. Edwin Davis and children and Travis Gilkeyson were in Plainview Sunday afternoon to return home Brenda Pearce who had spent the weekend here with her aunt and cousins . . . Mr. and Mrs. Truman Stephens, Phillip and Becky spent Thursday night in Dalhart, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ritchie . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hardin, Wendell and Carol Ann were recent Sunday visitors with Bill Hardin's mother at Rotan . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown and Stevie went to see a doctor in Lubbock Monday morning . . . Orville Turner is in Washington, D. C. where groups of Farmers Union members are meeting with Congressional Committees and attending Congress in the interest of farming laws, rules and regulations . . .

**March 1, 1948**--Rev. Bates, Mrs. Orville Turner's father, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, is to bring the morning message at the

Silverton Methodist Church Sunday . . . Joe Powell sells *Briscoe County News* to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Cavanaugh . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Smith and Miss Dorothy Bailey of the Smith Beauty Shop will leave this weekend for Dallas where they will attend the State Beauty Convention . . . Mrs. O. T. Bundy, who has served as Silverton's librarian for the past six years, resigned recently and Mrs. Avis Cowart has accepted the position as librarian . . . A small cyclone which passed through northeast Silverton Monday afternoon caused little damage but quite a bit of excitement for those out in that part of town . . . Funeral services held for Hollis D. Fowler . . . Luther Gilkeyson made a business trip to Lubbock Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Francis spent Sunday in the Milton Frizzell home . . . Little Max Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Garrison, has been confined to bed with pneumonia . . . Mrs. Elzie Yancy and Albert Rowland took the Yancey baby to Tulia for medical treatment Tuesday . . . Little Wayne Nance has been confined to bed with sickness for several days . . . The Fogersons had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bomar and Mary Tom, Mrs. Pearl Simpson and LaRue Gilkeyson . . . Carl Dean Bomar and Joe Montague visited in Austn last week . . . Little Sue

Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Reid, was admitted to the Lubbock hospital Tuesday for a tonsillectomy . . .

**March 3, 1938**--The largest crowd this writer has seen at a school program enjoyed a night of lively entertainment of fighting and tumbling at the high school Tuesday night. Boxing exhibitions were the highlight of the night and several good matches were staged. The first fight was between two bantams, Bob Brooks and Shirley Pitts. Charles Dunn and Raymond Hunt were paired off. In the same weight class W. L. Perry and Bruce Burleson tangled with very little to say in favor of either. For plain slugging and plenty of it, the bout between Orlee Mills and Goose McGavock was top rate. The only knockout of the evening was scored when Guinn Williamson knocked out Lewis Johnson. As middleweights, Datis Martin and Len Lee battled away. Buster Allard and Jimmy Blackwell tangled in a way that didn't even look friendly. The final bout between Stud Chitty and Cranberry Allred almost deprived the *Briscoe County News* of a linotype operator . . . Those enjoying a Boy Scout outing in Coon Canyon Saturday were John Ed Bain, Jack Burleson, Guinn Williamson, Charles Quillen, Buster Harris, W. L. Perry, Rex Douglas, Bruce Burleson, Alford

Allen and Marvin Allen . . . A marriage license was issued here Saturday to Dyke McMurry and Miss Bessie McGowen . . . R. E. Brookshier purchased a new V-8 pickup this week from Fowler Motor . . . Onadel Guest has been working in the County Attorney's office . . . Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gardner are the parents of a daughter, Patsy Ulinda . . .

### Happy Birthday-

February 27--Charlie Bomar, D'anna Russell, Joshua James Bomar, Kelsie Estes

February 28--Lydia Couch, Lisa Schott, Jimmy Stone, Roy Reed

March 1--Lois Walker, Anthony Minyard, Gloria Segura, Mary Garcia, Stacy Minyard

March 2--Mark Patton, Ryan Minyard


March 3--Ty Lee Gregg, Thomas Rex Wadley, Mary Grahtham, Connie Simpson, Rena Taitano, Danny Edwards

March 4--Zane Reagan, Bronc Otis, Emily J'Nae Garcia

### Go Big Red!

### Happy Anniversary-

February 28--Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Reyna



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Drew Reed (left) was winner of the Third Grade Checker Tournament played last week. As winner, he was allowed to challenge Mrs. Sue Miller, and in the championship game Mrs. Miller won. Ory Johnson (center) won third place in the tournament, and Zack Burson (right) was second-place winner. *Briscoe County News Photo*

### Youth Basketball League Coaches To Meet Here Monday

There will be a meeting of Youth Basketball League coaches Monday, March 2, in the school cafeteria.

Please attend this meeting to finalize the teams.

This meeting is for the adults only.

### Silverton School Honor Roll

The Silverton ISD honor roll for the fourth six weeks period of this school year included the following students:

Second Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Davin Fabela, Shandy Forbes, Jasmin Ivory

Third Grade--Kiefer Dutton, Robert Johnson, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Fourth Grade--Hanna James, Joshua Maciel, Gid Mayfield, Thor Patton, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Fifth Grade--Max Comer

Sixth Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Danielle Netro, Tyler Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds

Seventh Grade--Paola Baeza, Bryn Mayfield, Kassie Strange, Lauren Van Horn, Jenny Young

Eighth Grade--Amanda Estes, Andrew Francis, Amy Maciel, Matt Strange

Ninth Grade--Brooke Garvin, Taylor Griffin, Tyler Young

Tenth Grade--Nathan Francis, Sara Kirchoffner, Dara Johnston

Eleventh Grade--Dara Ramsey, Misty Wilkinson

Twelfth Grade--Miles Comer, Trista Davis, Shauna Kingery, Michael Reagan, Michelle Warren, Irene Gonzalez

### Wyatt Receives S.C. Scholarship

Trey Wyatt has been awarded a major scholarship to attend Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas.

Wyatt will receive the Moundbuilder Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year. Recipients of this \$1,250 scholarship typically have at least a B average in high school work and a score of at least 20 on the ACT college admission test. It is renewable as long as the student maintains at least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average and is enrolled full time.

The son of John and Gail Wyatt, Trey plans to major in health and physical education and participate in basketball.

Southwestern College is a private, four-year liberal arts college with enrollment of about 826 students. With a main campus in Winfield, it has locations in downtown Winfield, and in two sites in Wichita. Established in 1885, it is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

### Briscoe County 4-H'ers Do Well At Major Texas Livestock Shows

Zack Burson was the big winner when he was exhibitor of the Reserve Breed Hampshire in the Swine Show at the Fort Worth Livestock Show recently.

Ryan Minyard showed a sixth place lightweight Yorkshire in the Swine Show.

His brother, Eric Minyard, was exhibitor of the fifteenth place lightweight Poland in the Swine Show.

Other participants in the Fort Worth show were Molly Brooks, Ory Johnson, Scarlett Sperry,

Kenda Wood and Leland Wood. Leland Wood captured the top place among Briscoe County competitors in the San Antonio Livestock Show when he showed the third place middleweight AOB steer.

His sister, Kenda Wood, showed the fourth place middleweight Simmental steer.

Donny Burson captured eighth place with a lightweight Hereford steer.

Monty Wood was also a participant in the San Antonio show.

### Lady Owls Drop Area Game to Sudan at Idalou Friday Night

As the fourth quarter began with the Lady Owls leading the Sudan girls 29-27, it looked like that Silverton might be advancing to the Regional Tournament after all, but the Hornettes outscored the Lady Owls 17-4 in the final period to take control of the Area game at Idalou last Friday night.

A large crowd of Silverton fans was on hand to cheer for the Lady Owls, but it just wasn't enough and once again the locals had to settle for being the bi-district champions.

Sudan completely neutralized Michelle Warren throughout the game and consistently double- and triple-covered Lacy Brunson. These girls have led the scoring attack throughout the season, and they just weren't able to fight off all the grabbing hands and fouls that came their way everytime they got the ball. Once again, Michelle was the victim of a number of hard falls to the floor

as the result of non-trips and non-fouls.

Lacy wasn't able to get the ball into the baskets as often as usual, but was very good at the line and kept the Lady Owls in the game as long as the fouls were called.

Lacy led the scoring with 17 points, while Sara Kirchoffner caged six. Michelle was able to score four, and Lindsey Weaks and Dara Ramsey added three points each.

Three-pointers were scored by Sara (1), Dara Ramsey (1), Lindsey (1).

Lady Owls	8	17	29	33
Sudan	9	22	27	44

Players and fans alike will miss Lacy and Michelle next year, but it is expected that Lacy will be playing college ball somewhere in the area. Coach Joe Crabb has a good group of girls coming back with which he probably will be able to build another contender next year.

### Owls Defeat Chillicothe in Practice Game at Memphis

Silverton's Owls put on a three-pronged scoring attack that completely overwhelmed Chillicothe in a practice, or warm-up, game at Memphis on Thursday night of last week.

Jack Cherry had the hot hands and burned the cords with 29 points. Trey Wyatt had a 22-point scoring effort while Jared

Holt added a big 21 points. Jay Arnold rounded out the score with eight points to his credit.

Three-point shots were hit by Jack (3) and Trey (3).

Owls	24	44	67	80
Chillicothe	22	34	47	62

Most ducklings can swim on the day they are born, but they cannot fly for several weeks.

### Silverton Students Contributing To Make-a-Wish Foundation

Silverton ISD launched the Kids for Wish Kids Program February 9. Students and faculty in the Silverton Schools are participating in a local Kids for Wish Kids program to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains.

"Silverton ISD is doing a different project per class. Each classroom is doing its own projects. The proceeds will help the Make-a-Wish Foundation grant a wish to a child who has a life threatening illness," says Sheryl Weaver, school principal.

Cindy Spanel, Wish Coordinator of Make-a-Wish of the Texas Plains, said the Kids for Wish Kids program provides young people with a valuable learning experience about life-threatening illness and how they can help make a difference to another child. This will help the students learn to work together for the common good while at the same time providing a valuable opportunity for students and teachers to get to know one another better.

Projects underway in the Silverton Schools include:

Pre-K and K--Collecting aluminum cans to recycle

1st & 2nd--Sold Cokes and Candy during lunch

3rd grade--Bake Sale at lunch

4th grade--Throwing contest

5th grade--Bake Sale at lunch

6th grade--Selling homemade ice cream, brownies, cookies

7th grade--Selling Coke floats

8th grade--Raffling a Sony Discman

9th grade--Selling Breakfast Burritos before school and during Quiet Zone

10th grade--\$25.00 Hastings gift certificate raffle

11th & 12th grades--Will have a car wash together.

Schoolwide the students could pay \$1.00 to wear their caps in the building last Friday. Each class voted for the child

that they wished to sponsor. The money that is raised will go toward helping a girl named Tara. Her wish is to go to Las Vegas to see her dad.

Make-a-Wish grants wishes to children between the ages of two and one-half and 18 years old with a life threatening illness. The Amarillo chapter, located at 2324 Lakeview, Amarillo, has granted 457 wishes since its beginning in 1984. At present the Foundation is working on 29 wishes in the top 55 counties of the Panhandle.

### Silverton School Activities

Wednesday-Saturday, Mar. 25-28--Brenham; Houston Stock Show

Tuesday, Mar. 3--TAAS, Grades 4 & 8, writing; TAAS Exit (Soph.), writing; Boys Regional Quarterfinals

Wednesday, Mar. 4--TAAS Exit (Soph.), math

Thursday, Mar. 5--TAAS Exit (Soph.), reading; School Board Meeting, 7:00

Friday, Mar. 6--Boys Regionals

### Lunch Menu

Monday, Mar. 2--Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Corn, Vegetable Stix, Garlic Bread, Milk, Brownie

Tuesday, Mar. 3--Tamales in Gravy, Ranch-style Beans, Salad, Cornbread, Milk, Cherry Crisp

Wednesday, Mar. 4--Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Baked Beans, Baked Potato Wedge, Milk, Rice Krispie Treat

Thursday, Mar. 5--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey, Butter

Friday, Mar. 6--Hamburger with Cheese, Salad, Fries, Milk, Cookie

Silverton Youth Basketball League

REGISTRATION FORM

If you are interested in playing in the basketball league, complete the form below and return it to your teacher at school by **Friday, Feb. 27.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT SIGNATURE**

## Lady Owls Win Bi - District Championship at Clarendon

Silverton's Lady Owls rolled over the girls from McLean in their bi-district championship game at Clarendon College Tuesday night of last week.

At about the same time, the Groom girls, runner-up team to the Lady Owls, was destroying the Samnorwood girls for a bi-district championship for themselves.

Michelle Warren and Lacy Brunson led the offense for the Lady Owls by scoring 16 points each. Adding to the score were Misty Wilkinson, five; Dara Ramsey, four; Lisa Comer, two

points.

A three-pointer was scored by Misty.

The Lady Owls took control of the game early before a large crowd of partisan fans and never looked back.

Taking part in the game, in addition to those already named, were Brooke Garvin, Catherine Reyna, Dara Johnston, Taylor Griffin and Destiny Ivory.

Lady Owls	15	26	32	43
McLean	8	14	22	30



Junior Varsity Lady Owls--(standing, sitting, left to right) Sharyl McMurtrey, Julie Weaver, Coach Joe Crabb, Manager Katy Hester, Dara Johnston, Brooke Garvin; (seated) Catherine Reyna, Taylor Griffin. Photo by R Photography

## Teacher Finds Pre-Dinosaur At Mackenzie Lake Digging

Andrews Middle School science teacher Rick Day may spend his weekdays teaching his students about prehistoric animals, but his weekends are devoted to digging them up, and this time, he's found something big.

Day, an amateur paleontologist, recently unearthed a large skull of an animal that lived in Texas long before the dinosaurs ruled the earth.

"He's not really a true dinosaur," Day explained. "He's something called a Thecodont, which is kind of a pre-dinosaur."

The skull belongs to an ancient river dweller called the "Phytosaur," an animal very much like today's alligators and crocodiles, but with significant differences.

The similarities between the Phytosaur and today's alligators are evident in the build of the animal's skull, as well as its body. They also share similar habitats.

However, differences can be seen through such things as nostril placement. Alligators have their nostrils close to the end of their snout, while the Phytosaur's nostrils were set closer to its eyes.

Day found the Phytosaur skull at the Mackenzie Lake Reservoir in Briscoe County, where paleontological digging is an added attraction to the vacation spot.

"I hunt these things," Day said. "This is the third skull I've found, although this is the biggest and most complete."

He has been digging for fossils at the site for many years, and has found several other items that are now on display at the Mackenzie Reservoir visitors office.

"In the summer, I spend a lot of time there, and during the year I spend at least one or maybe two weekends a month."

He is sometimes accompanied

by his wife, Susan Day, but most of the time he goes alone.

"Most of the time, I can't get anyone to go with me," Day laughed.

"Most of the time, it takes a lot of time to find anything good. Usually you spend a lot of the time hunting and you don't find very much. About two weeks ago I went out looking and all I found were three little pieces of bone."

When he discovered the skull of the Phytosaur, Day noted that he dug for nine straight days before it came up.

He used paint brushes and dental picks to help slowly and painstakingly uncover the skull, but removing the skull was an even more strenuous task.

"We covered it with varnish, and then jacketed it in plaster of paris," Day explained. "It took five of us to pick it up and carry it out. It weighed a little less than 400-500 pounds, with the plaster."

The plaster helped to keep the skull from falling apart because it was highly fractured, which Day noted was common with the type of fossil he found.

He has since restored parts of the cranial area and the teeth of the top jaw, except for two small remnants of teeth that he has left alone.

"The teeth were gone, which is real common with these kinds of skulls, because you find them in ancient rivers, and they fall out and wash away," he said.

Day used pictures of other Phytosaurs and a remnant of another skull he found to go by to restore the skull and teeth. He noted that it took him about a week to recreate the missing sections of the skull.

For now, Day plans to keep the skull at Andrews Middle School, where he is showing it to the many students of the school.

He noted that if a proper display case could be found the skull might be put on display in the lobby of the school as well.

Eventually, however, the skull will end up back at Mackenzie Lake Reservoir, where it will be put on display for visitors to view.

"Now if I can get it back to Mackenzie, I won't have to worry about busting it up any more!" Day laughed.

Although he is excited about his find, he is not concerned about getting credit for finding the skull.

Day is pleased just to know that his many weekends spent digging have really paid off.

"Most of the time you don't find a lot, but every once in a while you do."

## Sweet Potatoes Being Used as Ornamental Plants

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

Most people would not think of growing sweet potato plants in their flower beds, but the sweet potato is the latest rage in bedding plants.

There are three varieties developed to be colorful foliage plants for flowerbeds. The most well known is a variety called blacky which has deep purple leaves. There is also the marguerite with yellow foliage and the pink frost that has variegated pink, white and green leaves.

Stephen F. Austin University horticulturist Greg Grant says even an inexperienced gardener can grow an ornamental sweet potato. It likes well drained soil and full sun and does not need ideal bedding conditions. Grant says it makes excellent ground cover growing about a foot tall and four to five feet wide. He says start one potato in a container and plant it in mid-April to early May. It will last until the first frost.

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The Bi-District Champion Lady Owls--(standing, left to right) Lisa Comer, Lindsey Weaks, Lacy Brunson, Michelle Warren, Coach Joe Crabb; (sitting, kneeling) Katy Hester, manager, Misty Wilkinson, Dara Ramsey, Sara Kirchoffner, Destiny Ivory. Photo by R Photography

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Bi-District Champion Owls--(standing, left to right) Nathan Francis, Daniel Reagan, Jay Arnold, Max Whitworth, Jack Cherry, Trey Wyatt, Jared Holt, Adrian Ramirez, Will Hester, Coach Donnie Dutton; (kneeling) Jeremy Holt, Paul Segura. Photo by R Photography

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Junior High Owls--(standing, left to right) Coach Donnie Dutton, Jr. Gonzalez, Monty Wood, John Arnold, Clay McMurtrey, Matt Strange, Red Ivory, Danny Dunn, Dustin Hale, Nicholas Vargas; (kneeling) Adrian Cruz, Jimmy Castillo, Andrew Francis, Chase Comer.  
Photo by R Photography



Junior High Lady Owls--(standing, left to right) Kendra Rhoderick, Amy Maciel, Kassie Strange, Lauren Van Horn, Bryn Mayfield, Coach Joe Crabb; (kneeling) Chelsey Cherry, Pam Castillo, Brandi Rice, Amanda Estes; (sitting) Kurby Garvin, Jenny Young, Tarran Forbes, Kami Wilson.  
Photo by R Photography

## Walk Across Texas

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

Still wondering how to get rid of those pounds you put on over the holidays? The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has a suggestion: walk across Texas.

Harrison County Extension Agent Leslie Spivey says you can do it by taking part in a unique fitness campaign. She says you can walk in your mall, your neighborhood, even your home by joining the Walk Across Texas fitness program in February. By the end of April, your team could accumulate enough mileage to stretch across a Texas map.

Spivey says you can even use a treadmill or stationary bike to log the miles. The program is in 22 East Texas counties. If it's successful this spring, it may expand

to include the entire state.

The first thing to do is form a team of eight members. Bicycling teams can consist of four members. Choose a team captain and pick a name for your team. Then register your team at your local county Extension Office. Each individual keeps track of their miles and reports them weekly to their team captain. The captain reports the total to the county office. That way you gauge your efforts against other teams in your area.

Spivey calls it a friendly and healthy competition where you can lose weight, lower your cholesterol, improve your cardiovascular system and have a good time. Spivey says the Walk Across Texas program is intended to promote a healthy habit . . . walking for fitness.

## A Petunia Named 'Junior'

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

If you've ever grown petunias, you know they keep coming back whether you want them or not. They seed out and return year after year.

Extension horticulturist Dr. Jerry Parsons says consumers will find the new "junior" petunia more exciting. He said the problem with old-fashioned petunias is that they've lost their luster.

Texas horticulturists have corrected the color problem through cross breeding. They went back to the original, as Parsons puts it, the mother of all petunias, the V-I-P.

## Official Notice of Nominating Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. March 3, 1998

Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. Headquarters  
East U. S. Highway 70  
Floydada, Texas

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06 of the Bylaws of Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc., the Board of Directors has appointed a Committee on Nominations to prepare a list of nominations for Directors to be elected at the annual membership meeting of the Cooperative on April 30, 1998. Three (3) Directors, one each from District 6, District 7, and District 9, will be elected in 1998. Although Directors are nominated from the District which they represent, all members in attendance at the annual meeting vote on all candidates who may be properly nominated.

### SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS

No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent director or an employee of the Cooperative, or is not a member in good standing of the Cooperative and receiving service within the District he represents; PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his designee, shall be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative; BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in, the Cooperative who does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the Cooperative. No person shall take or hold office as a Director who is the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid.

### SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

The territory served by the Cooperative shall be divided into nine (9) Directorate Districts. Each District shall be represented by one director and the Districts are described upon the map on the territory served by the District attached to the Bylaws and made a part hereof.

### SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected from or with respect to a Directorate District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Directorate District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1998

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# TELCOT <sup>®</sup> Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

New York cotton futures fell to a four-year low Thursday on concerns that U. S. exporters will lose business to Australia and other producers as Asian demand weakens.

Cotton for March delivery fell 1.26 cents, or 1.9 percent, to 64.17 cents per pound on the New York Cotton Exchange, the lowest since December 14, 1993. It was the largest one-day decline since November 10, 1997. Cotton prices have fallen 10 percent in the last three months as Asian economies weakened, thus reducing demand for cotton from the textile industry's largest cotton consuming region.

Earlier this week, China, the world's top cotton importer, said it plans to reduce cotton imports this year to protect domestic producers as its stockpiles grow. China, which last year imported approximately 1.8 million bales

of cotton worth \$724 million, wants to use its own cotton reserves now estimated at 13.6 million bales. China's cotton reserve is equal to two-thirds of the country's total output of 19.5 million bales in 1997.

The move indicates China is trying to protect its own industry as its economy slows along with the rest of Asia. Consequently, China has already imposed a temporary ban on cotton imports, leaving as much as 30,000 to 40,000 bales of foreign cotton languishing in port warehouses, according to traders. Chinese officials have not yet indicated when the ban will be lifted or how much 1998 cotton imports will be reduced, leaving many in the industry seriously concerned about the ongoing situation.

In other news, U. S. producers may see some competition for export business from Australian cotton growers in 1998. The country's cotton harvest began this week with initial production of high quality grades boding well for a record crop from the world's

third largest cotton exporter, according to industry experts. Australia's Raw Cotton Marketing Advisory Committee (RCMAC) currently estimated the country's crop at a record 2.85 million bales with the potential to exceed more than three million.

Meanwhile, USDA's weekly export sales report contained a higher figure than most in the market had expected. Net export sales of 1997-98 crop cotton increased to 103,500 bales for the week ended February 12, according to the department. The figure is considerably higher than last week's sales of 60,700 bales despite Monday's market closure in observance of George Washington's birthday. Featured buyers were Turkey, Taiwan and South Korea. In addition, USDA reported net export sales of 1998-99 U. S. cotton totaled 17,300 bales for the same period, more than doubling the previous week's 5,300 bale figure.

Spot cotton sales slowed this week as only 4,598 bales of Texas/

Oklahoma cotton were sold on the TELCOT electronic marketing system in the five trading days ended February 19. The figure is noticeably lower than the previous week when 73,665 bales were sold. Average daily prices received by producers on TELCOT ranged from 51.90 to 56.55 cents per pound during the week.

The 1998-99 cotton season is now underway. Planting will begin in the Texas Rio Grande Valley this weekend after heavy rains slowed field work in the area. Beneficial rains also fell on the High and Rolling Plains of Texas this week adding to the subsoil moisture which will be critical at planting time. In fact, moisture accumulation since the first of the year on the High Plains is well ahead of last season.

Land preparation by growers throughout Texas and Oklahoma continues to progress well, however, most remain concerned about potential insect outbreaks because this year's winter has been so mild. Furthermore, the possibility of a cold front with temperatures low enough to eradicate insects is becoming remote. Still, the attention of most producers will be closely trained on weather developments in the next few weeks.

## Dwarf Cherry Surprise Tomato

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

There's a new cherry tomato being introduced this month. It should come as a nice surprise to people who don't have a great deal of space to grow tomatoes.

The term 'big' sounds funny when you're talking about cherry tomatoes, but in this case it is accurate. The new dwarf cherry surprise tomato is a small container-grown plant that produces large cherry tomatoes. It's been perfected by Master Gardeners in San Antonio under the watchful eye of Extension horticulturist Dr. Jerry Parsons. He says if you fertilize it properly, this cherry tomato will be the largest cherry tomato you've ever seen. He describes it as more like a medium-size tomato, almost as big as a Surefire tomato. He says it's perfect for people who only have a small space to grow vegetables.

In the past, even cherry tomato plants have gotten so large that they require a great deal of water and space. Not so with this new tomato. It's a small plant. Parsons jokes about why it's

named dwarf cherry surprise. He says they opted to include the word 'surprise' to cover all their bases. If people call and say they got a huge tomato, he'll say that's the surprise. If they say it didn't get very big, he'll say that's the surprise. Even if they say their plant died, he can say that's the surprise. Here's another surprise: the new tomato plant is only available in limited quantities. If it's accepted well, you'll be able to find it most everywhere next year.

## Landscaping To Save On Energy

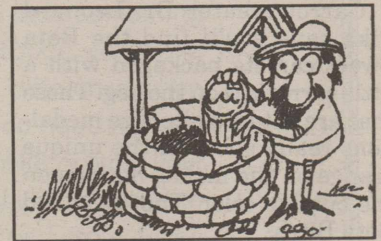
Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

What you plant in your yard does not only improve the look of your landscape. It can also help save energy. When you plant a tree you may consider how close to put it to sprinkler systems or how far away it should be from power lines, but there's another consideration you need to make. Trees can reduce the temperature inside a house by as much as 10 degrees.

Extension forester Lanny Dreesen recommends planting deciduous trees. Their branches let warm sun rays through in the winter and their leaves block intense sunshine in the summer.

Dreesen says if your tree will eventually get more than 50 feet tall, you need to plant it at least 25 feet from the house so the shade will fall on the roof. If you're planting trees to act as windbreaks, plant evergreens on the north side of the house. He says a tree can affect the wind velocity as much as 10 times the height of the tree.

Thus a 50-foot tree will influence the wind velocity as much as 500 feet away. Smaller trees, shrubs and vine also can act as windbreaks and insulators when shading walls and windows. But Dreesen cautions not to plant them so close to the house that air can't circulate. That could be bad for the house and the plants.



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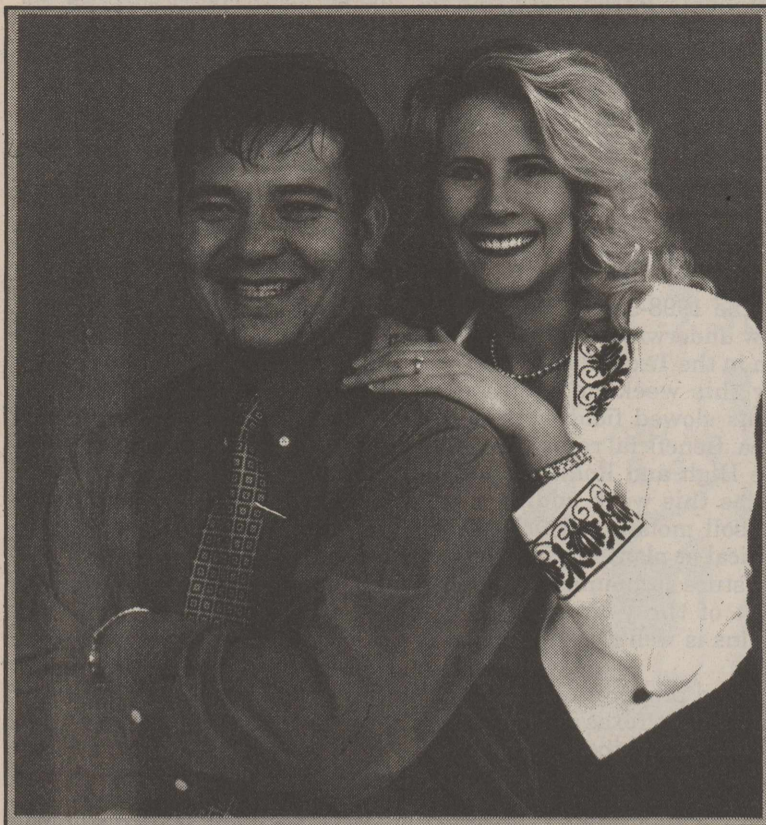


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Sheryl Breedlove of Silverton and Guy Breedlove of Quitman announce the engagement of their daughter, Alisha Brett Breedlove, to Joey Don Alvarado, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lino Alvarado of Shallowater. Miss Breedlove, granddaughter of Edwin and Claudine May of Silverton, attended Wayland Baptist University and is a graduate of Methodist School of Nursing, Lubbock. She is presently employed by Premium Home Health of Lubbock. Alvarado attended Texas Tech University and is a graduate of South Plains College. He is employed by Pegasus Airwave as a Wound Care Consultant. The couple will be married March 21 in the Holiday Inn Plaza Atrium in Lubbock.

## Girl Scouts Enjoying Benefits After Eight Year Program Lapse

Girl Scouting in Silverton is alive and well! According to Executive Director Kimberly Bradford it was well past time that girls in Silverton were able to enjoy the benefits of the Girl Scout program. Responsibility for the Girl Scout program rests with the volunteers, but without staff support, there is rarely any continuity of troop participation," says Bradford.

Last year, as a result of the increase in price for the cookies from \$2.50 to \$3.00 the budget allowed the council to hire a new Director of Membership and Marketing that is now serving the northern section of the eighteen-county council. "The results were outstanding," Bradford said. Silverton now has three active troops in the area."

Several questions have arisen on the \$3.00 cost of the cookies when the neighboring council has elected to remain at \$2.50 per package. The proof is in the pudding. Girls directly benefit from money retained locally for both troops and area funds and staff support to the troop leaders and the girls is now available. We are excited and proud to have the girls in Silverton enjoying

the many opportunities that Girl Scouting has to offer.

If you have not had an opportunity to purchase Girl Scout cookies, it's not too late. You may contact Linda Vernon, 823-2395 or 823-2269, or Charlotte Rhoderick, 823-2249.

## China in Transition

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

Pick up most toys and you'll find "Made in China" stamped on the bottom. The fact is we buy four times more products from China than we sell to that country. Balancing that trade deficit was the topic of an international symposium at the George Bush Presidential Library on the Texas A&M University campus.

The most populous country in the world is finally entering the world market and there is a huge potential for American products. The trick is getting the Chinese government to drop the barriers that inhibit outside investment.

US/China Business Council president Dr. Robert Kapp says it is often an excruciatingly slow process to do business in the community empire. And it will remain that way until China sees fit to make enough changes in its trade practices to be accepted into the World Trade Organiza-

tion.

Texas A&M economics professor Dr. Guoqiang Tian says China is moving toward a market economy and is encouraged by development. China has the most rapidly-growing economy in the world with the gross national product averaging more than nine-percent growth each year. Still, Tian points out that many problems remain. The majority of state-owned enterprises lose money and many state workers are paid below the poverty level. He says labor reform is a priority and he predicts there will be no political reform until more economic changes have taken place.

Dubuque, Iowa is named for Julien Dubuque, who began to mine lead there in 1788.

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## Maroon Carrots Hit the Market

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

For years we've followed the development of the maroon carrot at the Vegetable Improvement Center at Texas A&M. What began as a novelty item for Aggies is turning into a big seller. The maroon carrots first showed up in Houston area stores in late January.

As production picks up, they'll make their way across the state.

Carrot creator Dr. Leonard Pike says you'll find the Beta Sweet carrots packaged with a little carrot girl on the bag. Those that are cut into bite-size medallions really show off the unique orange on the inside, maroon on the outside color. They're called Beta Bites.

Pike says the cartoon characters and the colorful carrots tested well with children. The carrots' softer texture and sweeter taste are combined with added nutrients to improve health benefits.

John Lackey with J-S McManus Produce Company in the Valley says the challenge now is to grow enough to meet demand. He hopes there will be enough seed this year to keep the carrots in stock year round. For now, the maroon carrots are strictly a Texas product. However, Pike says as the popularity grows, Beta Sweets will become available in other states. He's

prepared to release the patented carrot to seed companies in a year or two.

## Operating Family Business Program

Calley Payne  
County Extension Agent

Operating a family business is not easy. Both professional and personal issues arise. To help families manage better, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has created the Family and Owner-Managed Business Program.

Extension agricultural economist Dr. Danny Klinefelter says it's a brand new service that offers annual memberships to an exclusive group. Members have access to special seminars and topical information. But more importantly, they become part of a network to share ideas, experiences and advise.

The program kicked off with conference March 20 and 21 at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center.

Nationally-recognized family business specialists offered suggestions for building healthier families and family firms. Annual membership is two-thousand dollars per business.

Klinefelter extended the first invitations to former Texas A&M students and their families because of the strong network already existing among Aggie alumni.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

## AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

 **Southwestern Bell**

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SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON  
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.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Jess Craig Little, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
 Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
 Bible Study/S.S.....10:00 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.

**SILVERTON UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
 SECOND SUNDAY:  
 Praise & Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 TUESDAY:  
 Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.  
 In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP  
BAPTIST MISSION**

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

**OUR LADY OF LORETO  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Father Ed Graff, Pastor

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

**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.

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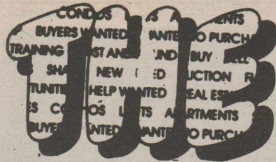
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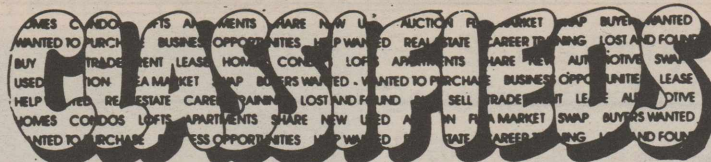
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We would like to express our appreciation to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department for putting out the fire at Jessie Bomar's home. As there was little water damage, we feel our volunteer firemen handled the situation in an appropriate way. Also, we are grateful that we have trained men who volunteer their time and energies so our community will be protected against fires. Fitz, Pat and Jessie

On behalf of the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service and its board of directors, I would like to thank the Century of Progress Study Club for including us in their Christmas Greeting Page project. I also want to thank all those who donated to the project as well as everyone who remembers us with memorials and donations throughout the year.

We would be unable to have the equipment needed to meet emergency health care needs in this community if it were not for the generosity of so many. Emmett T. Tomlin, President

Thanks to the EMTs and others who came to my assistance after my fall at the Post Office. I appreciate your concern and care. You're the best and tops! Johnnie Burson

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