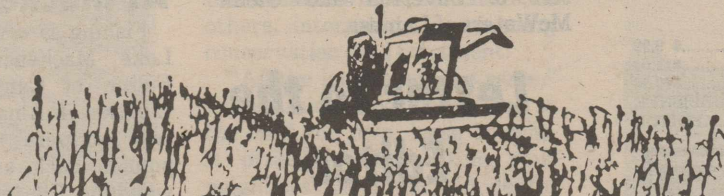


Silverton: Home of Scenic Lake Mackenzie



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All Around The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



It has rained so much during the last week that no one has really had a chance to do much outdoor beautification.

Gerald James, who lives in west Silverton, called Monday to say that his road is washing away and that he wishes the City would mow weeds in his part of town. "We mow and keep our yard, but the City hasn't done any mowing in our part of town in two years," he said. "We have lived here 30 years, and the town has gone downhill ever since."

He also complained that we weren't being truthful last week when we said we were seeing things around town that are looking better.

In reply to Mr. James, I would like to say that we have lived in Silverton 27 years and that I, too, have seen Silverton looking better than it does now; however, I will not back down on my claim that the things I mentioned about the town are looking better. The girls who worked at the park did a very good job, just to mention one. A lot of people are working hard to keep their yards mowed, even though the weather has made it next to impossible. J. R. Steele mowed about one-quarter of the block he lives on, and the Joe Brannons mowed about the same amount on their side of the street. This extra effort does make everything look nicer, and I'm sure it is appreciated by the others who live in their neighborhood.

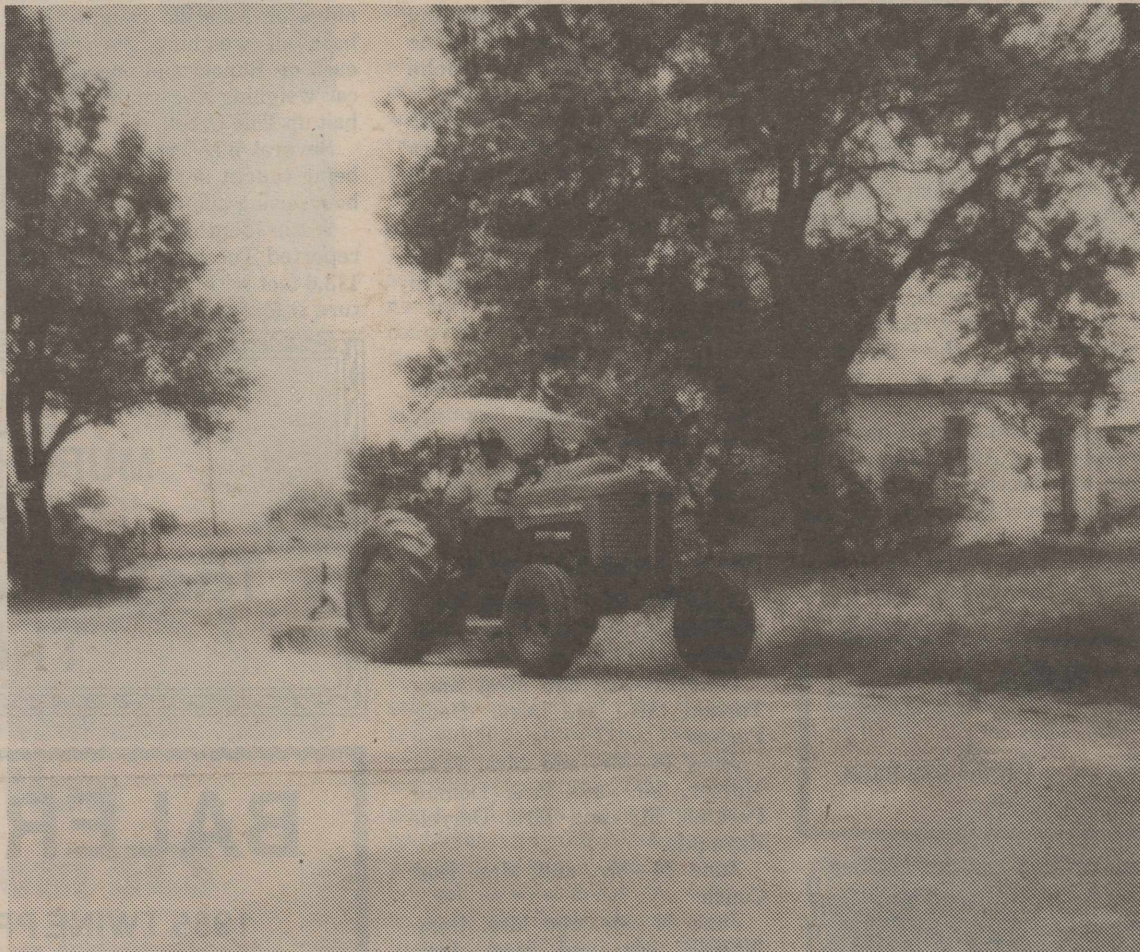
Would we want to go back to Silverton as it was during the depression?

The following was submitted by Carrie Dickerson, Briscoe County Historical Survey Chairman as part of her Sesquicentennial observance:

The depression of the 30's left a heritage of mingled memories. The old house with the side rooms, the barns, the sheds and the cow pens are long gone from the old home place. I found an old snuff bottle or two and some red rock from the top of the cistern about where I think our house sat. The hill over to the east was closer than I remembered. I hollered a couple of times and it echoed back just like it did when I was a country boy during the great depression of the early thirties.

They were hard years, but many of the memories are happy

See ALL AROUND THE TOWN
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Thomas Lee Perkins and the City mower were seen at work on Seventh Street Tuesday afternoon. It has been hard to get the ditches mowed, because many of them are full of water; however, an effort is being made to improve the appearance of the town.

—Briscoe County News Photo

Rains Continue To Fall On Silverton

Rains have continued to fall almost daily, and during the past week Silverton has measured 1.87 inches, as recorded by Fred Strange. This brought the June rainfall to 6.22 inches, and the yearly total to 12.65 inches.

Rainfall has been heavier in some of the rural areas, and 2½ inches was measured at the Jerry Baird home Sunday. Silverton didn't receive but a sprinkle at the same time.

The best thing that can be said about the rain at this point is that everything is nice and green, and some of the corn farmers haven't had to water their crop at all.

On the other side of the coin, the continuing rain is making the weeds grow tall, field work is impossible, and the rain and cool weather that accompanies it is hindering the growth of young crops.

By way of contrast, Jack Strange said that Sunday he and his wife drove to the south county line where they saw farmers harvesting wheat and then ran into a heavy downpour

when they drove back into the middle part of the county.

Jack also said that Pappy Hendrick, who lives north of Lake Mackenzie, told him that if it rains on the first day of June it will rain twenty days during that month. So far, this prediction seems to be holding true.

1986 RAINFALL

January	.00
February	1.08
March	.30
April	1.60
May	3.45
June to date	6.22
1986 to date	12.65

Church Operating Snow-Cone Stand

A snow-cone stand is being operated by the Assembly of God Church at 603 Broadway every afternoon, Monday through Saturday.

The church members would like to thank everyone who has been by for a snow cone.

No Summer Baseball Play Friday Night

There will be no summer baseball league play Friday night due to the Vacation Bible School program at the First Baptist Church.

The make-up games will resume Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, June 30, July 1 and July 3, if weather permits.

New Orleans is the oldest major city in the south.

Spring Seeded Crop Certification Approaching

Tuesday, July 15, is the final date to certify your acres of corn, grain sorghum, cotton, soybeans and all other spring-seeded crops. The same deadline applies to your ACR and CU acreage.

Since certification is so complicated, you are urged to measure all fields that you will need to report, including crop planted acres, ACR acres and CUA acres. Draw a sketch of each farm and then come to the county office to

Tonight Is Senior Citizens Fun Night

Fun Night at the Senior Citizens Center will be tonight (Thursday, June 26) beginning at 7:00 p.m.

If weather permits, there will be a back-yard party. There will be games of croquet, volleyball and others.

The back yard is very pretty now, so everyone is invited to come and enjoy it. Refreshments will be lemonade and cookies.

V.B.S. Family Night Is Friday Night

VBS Family Night at the First Baptist Church in Silverton will be held beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 27.

The pupils will be sharing with their families and friends during this service. A video is being made and will be shown after the program in the fellowship hall.

The church van will pick up any child who has no other transportation to the church on Friday night. Arrangements for this can be made by calling the church office.

Brannon Receives Nursing Degree

W. G. (Butch) Brannon was one of the 230 Hardin-Simmons University students to receive his degree May 10.

He received the bachelor of science degree in nursing. Brannon has been a registered nurse for seven years, and is a supervisor at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He plans to work toward his masters degree.

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certify.

Do your measuring and reporting NOW to avoid the last-minute rush. This will make certification easier for you and for the employees at County ASCS office.

Because an accurate acreage report is so important to you, don't try to certify without measuring all acreage that is to be reported.

Remember, NOW is the time!

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OBITUARIES

NELL M. McWATERS

Nell M. McWaters, 75, of Davidson, Oklahoma, died Wednesday, June 18, at Memorial Hospital in Frederick, Oklahoma. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 20, at Gray-Kiesau Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wilbert Lewis, pastor of

United Methodist Church of Davidson, officiating. Burial was in Frederick Cemetery, with arrangements directed by Gray-Kiesau Funeral Home.

Mrs. McWaters, daughter of Henry and Lilly (Griffin) Yokum, was born September 30, 1911 at Gotebo, Oklahoma. At the age of two she moved to Davidson. On September 28, 1928, she was married to Ray McWaters.

She was a retired employee of Centra Leather Goods, a member of the Missionary Society of Davidson and the Davidson Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ray, of the home; one son, Travis Ray of Alexandria, Louisiana; two brothers, Rolland Auther Yokum of Hobart, Oklahoma and Ballard Yokum of Binger, Oklahoma; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McWaters was the sister-

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in-law of Joe McWaters of Silverton. Among those attending the services were Joe and Ruby McWaters and Dale McWaters of Silverton and Glenn McWaters of Lamesa.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I always enjoy reading The Briscoe County News. In the past week's issue, the picture of the County Clerk's Office and the ones in the office brought back memories.

The article about Cynthia Ann Parker prompted me to send the enclosed information. The John L. Davis in the picture is a great-grandfather of mine. My Mother's Mother was America Bell Davis. I remember Papie Davis, as we called him. I hope that you enjoy the picture and the article. The book that the article was in was printed in 1904.

Sincerely,

Henry H. Norrid

P. S. I would like to hear from the Flowers family, as my Grandmother Norrid was a Flowers and several of them lived in Wise County. HHN

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

June 26—Mr. and Mrs. Dale McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grabbe

June 27—Mr. and Mrs. Gary Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Forbes

June 28—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Reynolds

June 29—Mr. and Mrs. Bud Couch

June 30—Mr. and Mrs. Gary Whitfill, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sutton

July 1—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Francis

July 2—Mr. and Mrs. Dwin Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith

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Eight-Pound Strippers Caught At Mackenzie

Fishing is continuing good at Lake Mackenzie, and H. R. Fulton of Canyon and E. L. Liedtke of Amarillo brought in two strippers weighing eight pounds each and one walleye weighing 7 1/4 pounds. The fish were caught in deep water using doll flies.

Brent Watts of Lubbock caught a 4 1/2 pound bass in the brush up Cope Creek using plastic worms.

John Dewald and Red Jennings of Amarillo caught three bass all weighing 2 1/2 pounds each on Rapala and one channel cat weighing 4 1/2 pounds on cut bait up Tule Creek.

Several nice crappie are still being caught in the late evening hours using minnows.

Water depth at the dam, as reported Tuesday morning, was 113.6 feet with a water temperature at four-foot depth of 76°.

Gaskins Receives Texas Tech Scholarship

Jackie Gaskins of Lubbock is one of 50 Texas Tech University students to receive a scholarship from the Texas Tech University College of Education for the 1986-87 academic year.

He received a \$225 L. B. Messersmith Memorial Scholarship.

Gaskins, a senior secondary education major, is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cantwell of Silverton.



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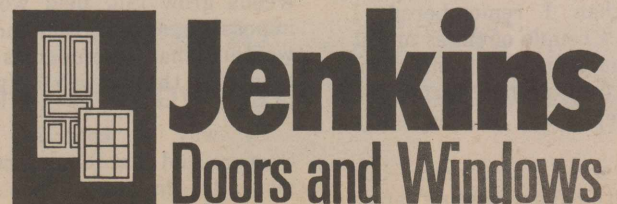
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June 17, 1976—Bob Hill reported this week that the first new-season wheat was delivered to Briscoe Cooperatives last Friday by Harold Edwards . . . Services today for Mrs. Edith London . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nance are parents of a daughter, Holly Renee, born June 4 . . . Lesa Francis, Brenda Cantwell and Debbie Storie attend Co-op Youth Leadership Conference on the campus of William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri . . . Rose Lee Perkins, Earl Jarrett, Karen Martin, Melissa Greenhaw, Bobby McPherson and Paul Brannon to attend 4-H Leadership Lab in Levelland . . . Mrs. Fred Hill was told at the June 10 meeting of the Silverton Young Homemakers that she had been selected as the club's Outstanding Young Homemaker for 1976 . . . Miss Kathy Jo King, bride-elect of Joe Bob Via of Happy, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Saturday . . .

June 23, 1966—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitfill celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversary here . . . Another two inches of rain received here . . . Dianne Davis and John Howard Burson were listed on the spring semester honor roll at West Texas State University . . . Mrs. Milton Dudley has been staying in Amarillo with her daughter, Connie, who underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital Tuesday of last week . . . Mrs. R. N. McDaniel and Robert McDaniel III left Monday for DeRidder, Louisiana where Mrs. R. L. Stack, nee Linda Beth McDaniel, underwent major surgery on Tuesday of last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford and Lucy of Amarillo and Mrs. D. H. Davis recently spent several days fishing at Lake o' the Pines and visiting friends and relatives . . . Lions Club Clean-up Campaign underway in Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Berton Hughes and Randy were in Austin June 4 to attend the graduation of Robert Hughes, who received the bachelor of science degree magna cum laude in radio-television-film from the University of Texas . . .

June 21, 1956—Mrs. Bob Hill installed as Worthy Matron of Silverton Chapter No. 900, Order of the Eastern Star . . . Thrips are causing much damage to county cotton crop . . . Three rodeo performances, dancing, barbecue and a great parade await visitors here from all sections . . . Deron Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thompson, is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas with the U. S. Army . . . Pvt. Tommy Strange of Camp Pendleton, California arrived here on Thursday night of last week for eight days visit with his mother, Mrs. Bryan Strange, other relatives and friends . . . Methodist Church is scene of Steele-McWilliams wedding . . . Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Cornett of Texas City are parents of a ten pound son born there on Thursday, June 14 . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Yancy and children returned home from a vacation trip on Thursday of last week. He was called home on

account of trouble in the functioning of the local waterworks, of which he is the superintendent . . . Charles Cowart and Mike Mercer went to Tulia Sunday where they are attending a Boy Scout Squatic Camp this week at Tule Lake . . .

July 25, 1946—Lt. (jg) Merle J. Montague has been discharged from the Navy at the personnel separation center in San Francisco . . . David A. Boyd of Lubbock purchases interest of John N. Merriman in Briscoe County News . . . Troy Hill and Cecil Seaney have this week taken over and are re-opening the Conoco Corner . . . Victor and Dianne Fogerson are visiting

their grandparents at Matador this week . . . True Burson and Wayne Crawford are the new owners of the Bomar and Gilkeyson Grocery . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steele are the parents of a son, Raymond Lee, born Saturday at the Tulia Hospital . . . Einell Hancock and Gordon Montague were united in marriage July 10 at 7:30 o'clock at the First Methodist Church in Clovis, New Mexico . . .

June 4, 1936—The section of the new Federal and State Highway 86, from a mile west of Silverton to the caprock, which has been under construction by the Hannah and Hall Construction Co., will be completed this

week . . . W. P. Hester dies . . . Misses Lola Mae Reid and Dell Dee McKenney are spending a few days in Amarillo . . . A nice eight or nine inch rain fell at Antelope Flat during the past week . . . Roy Heckman of Silverton visited in the Oscar Bullock home at Antelope Flat Friday . . . C. D. Wright was in Amarillo on legal business Tuesday of this week . . . Aulton Durham left Tuesday for Canyon where he will enroll in summer school . . . Joe Mercer, A. L. Kelsay and Jas. Allred left Monday on a business trip to Dallas . . . Iwana Simpson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Della Harmon, in Amarillo this week . . .

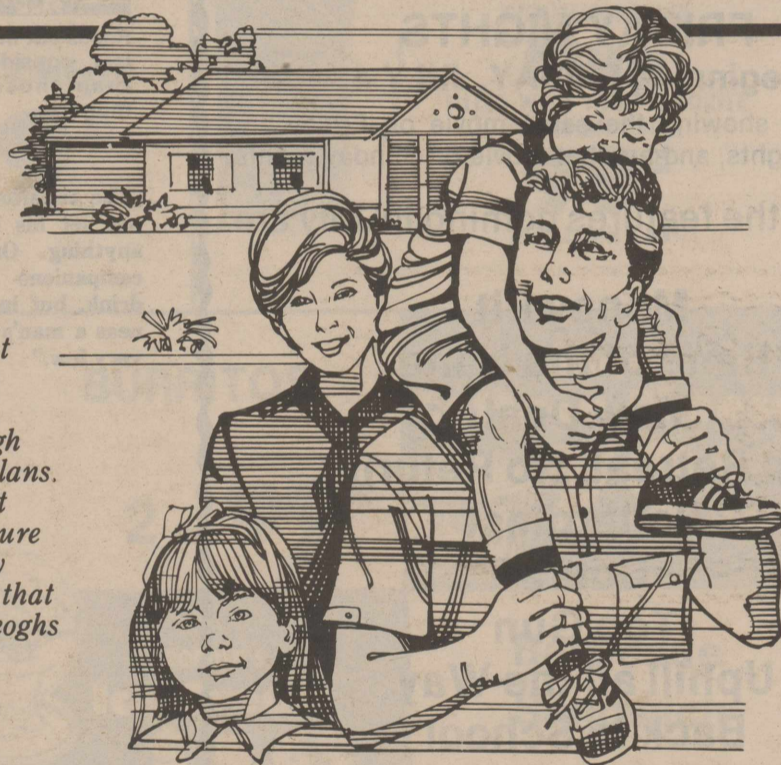
Donald Alexander returned Monday from Taylor, Arizona where he has been working for the past several months . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lowell A. Callaway are the proud parents of a six and one half pound baby girl born May 23 . . .



The biggest salt water fish ever recorded as having been caught with a rod and reel was a 1,560-pound Black Marlin caught in Peru in 1953.

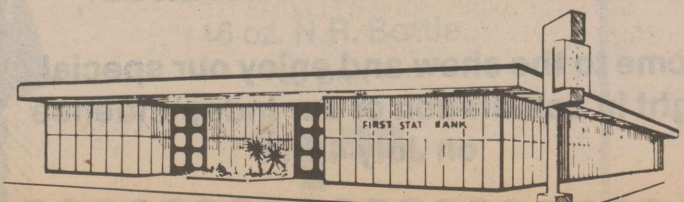
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ones. Memories of things like snow ice-cream, the smell of shoe polish and lye soap on Sunday morning, town boys spending the night and sleeping on beds in the yard, smoking cedar bark, doing without nice things and not knowing the difference.

About all the real excitement we had in those days was when a cat fell in the cistern or a candle fly got in the lamp globe. We had 18 cats and Daddy milked four old half jersey cows to feed them. The hawks and skunks ate most of our chickens, and about all we lived on was okra, rotten-ended watermelons, cottontail rabbits and elabber.

Mama wore tennis shoes and underwear made out of flour sacks. Once she was crawling through a barbed-wire fence and tore her panties right where it said "Light Crust Flour".

If there was any underarm deodorant on the market we didn't know about it, and we had no air conditioners. If we got galled, we would slap a handful of starch where it would do the most good and forget it.

In 1933 we all took the itch.

Every night we would apply a liberal amount of sulphur and grease to our bodies, slip on a suit of long-handle underwear, and crawl in bed. Scratching kind of broke the monotony and gave us young folks something to giggle about. Daddy never did catch the itch. Mama said it was because he dipped snuff.

When we went to town we would cut off the motor and coast from the hill to the forks of the road to save gas. Once we were in town an hour before we noticed the dead chicken on the running board of the car. We forgot to kick it off on the way.

The only way you could tell a rich man from a poor man, was that the rich man had two cars standing on blocks, instead of one.

The out-door restrooms we had were not very relaxing or comfortable, and not places for deep thinking or long-range planning. Usually I was too busy trying to beat a wasp or centipede to death with a Sears Roebuck catalogue while fighting a cold updraft or 120 degrees of heat.

On winter nights we huddled around a red-hot wood heater,

roasting in the front and freezing in the rear. Daddy read Zane Grey books to us by a coal oil lamp. I can remember like it was yesterday when Daddy was out of money for gifts on Christmas Eve. He went out in the yard, fired the shotgun, came back in the house and told us Santa Claus had committed suicide.

The chickens roosted in a circle around the top rim of our drinking water barrel and my job every night before going to bed was to go out and turn them all around to where they were facing in.

Yes, I remember the depression. I can't forget the bad things, like people not having new clothes very often, like some people not having enough food or enough medical care, or enough money to hold things together.

But, I remember good things too, like people coming over to visit on the porch at night, without wondering what they wanted. Like a stranger stopping on the road to help you fix a flat. Like people just pulling together.

The great depression, as bad as it was, had a little good in it. I'm glad I was there then, and I'm glad I'm here now. I just hope I don't catch the itch again.

—written by Jack Craft

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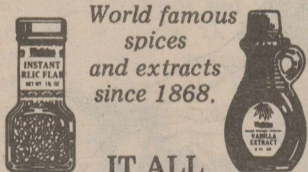
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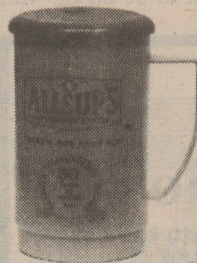
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July 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY, TEXAS. Celebrations of our nation's independence will be held in cities, large and small, throughout the state with parades, picnics and fireworks: from the old-fashioned 4th at Sam Houston Park in downtown Houston; fireworks at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas' Fair Park; and a symphony concert and fireworks at Town Lake in Austin; to a parade, chili cookoff and hot air balloon race in Longview; lakefest in Sweetwater; fishin' fiesta in Freeport; and a fiesta at Lajitas in Big Bend featuring a parade, bean and fajita cookoffs, inner tube race on the Rio Grande and more. Contact the Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitor Bureau or State/National Park for information on celebrations in the area where you plan to be on the 4th.

July 4-6 — Tulia Creek Jamboree, Tulia. Family entertainment at the elm-shaded Tulia Creek Park just northeast of town begins with a giant fireworks display. Also on the agenda is a cowboy breakfast, chili cookoff, games, cow pattie bingo and a barn dance. Free camping - no hook-ups. A flea market will be open all three days in the downtown area. More information from Chamber of Commerce, Box 267, Tulia 79088 (806-995-2296 or 4426).

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July 11-12 — 9th Annual Longhorn Stampede, Goliad. To commemorate the "fastest parade in history" when, in 1976, a group of trail riders decided to drive 116 longhorn steers around the Courthouse Square as part of a parade. The unpredictable steers were suddenly spooked and stampeded through the streets, scattering (and scaring) the onlookers. This year a 6½ mile Texas Longhorn Steer Drive from the H7 Ranch July 10-12 will herd steers in the downtown parade again - minus the stampede (adults \$60, children \$25; reservations: 512-645-2590). Street dances, living history demonstrations, arts, crafts, children's activities, entertainment and other free events will be held around the shady courthouse lawn. Details from Becky Borchers, Main Street Project, P.O. Box 8, Goliad 77963 (512-645-3479).

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July 11-13 — El Paso Festival, El Paso. A tribute to the arts, history and culture of this Texas border region will feature historic exhibits, ethnic foods, music and entertainment. Admission: adult \$3; children free. "Viva El Paso," the historical pageant depicting the various cultures and their origins, will be presented July 9-Aug. 30 at 8:30 p.m., Wed.-Sat., at the McKelligon Canyon amphitheatre. Details from Convention & Visitors Bureau, 5 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso 79901 (1-800-592-6001 or 915-534-0698).

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July 24-26 — Great Texas Mosquito Festival, Clute. Willy Man-Chew, a giant 25-foot "skeeter" wearing a 50-gallon cowboy hat will oversee the many contests held at Clute Municipal Park such as Ms. Quito beauty contest, mosquito calling and songwriting contests, mosquito chase (5K & 1-mile runs), bed race, and a special National Old West Gunfighters competition. Other activities include a chili cookoff, arts, crafts, carnival, food, entertainment, and a dance on Friday and Saturday nights. Admission: adults \$3; children 7-16 \$1; under 6/over 65 free. Complete schedule from Great Texas Mosquito Festival, P.O. Box 523, Clute 77531 (409-265-8392).

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July 25-27 — A Sports Extravaganza, Arlington. Exhibits, seminars, sports memorabilia sale/trade and free autographs of baseball stars Mantle, Ford, Brock and Gibson will be offered to baseball card and sports collector enthusiasts. A Celebrity Golf

Tournament will be held on Friday. The Hall of Fame Baseball Game on Saturday, prior to the Texas Ranger/Cleveland Indian game, will pit the American League oldtimers against those of the National League. For details contact Convention & Visitors Bureau, Box A, Arlington 76010 (817-265-7721).

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July 25-27 — Midland/Odessa Music Festival. This 1st annual country-western/bluegrass festival will be held at Water Wonderland, mid-way between the two cities. Some of the finest talent in each field will be presented. For details contact one of the Chambers of Commerce: Box 1890, Midland 79702 (915-683-3381) or Box 3626, Odessa 79760 (915-332-9111).

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July 25-Aug. 3 — U.S. Olympic Festival, Houston. U.S. medal winners from the 1984 Olympic Games as well as hopefuls for the 1988 Games in Seoul, Korea will compete in 300 separate events in 34 sports at facilities throughout Houston and surrounding areas. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to top placing individuals and team members. Complete schedule and ticket information from U.S. Olympic Festival, 440 Louisiana, Suite 304, Houston 77002 (713-222-1986).

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July 30-Aug. 3 — Texas International Fishing Tournament, Port Isabel/South Padre Island. This is a family tournament with classes and divisions for all ages in bay and off-shore categories; individual and team trophies awarded. Contest begins at 7 a.m. on Aug. 1 & 2. Fun for the whole family at the July 31 Play-day includes casting contests, fun run, barbeque and more. Details from TIFT, P.O. Box 2715, South Padre Island 78597 (512-943-5571).

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July 31-Aug. 3 — Texas Folklife Festival, San Antonio. Some 6,000 representatives from more than 30 ethnic groups who settled and built Texas join together on the 15-acre grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures in downtown San Antonio to share their culture, artifacts, traditional tunes and folk dances, arts, crafts and authentic cuisine. Visitors may see and participate in pioneer "chores" such as chair caning, soap making, spinning, quilting, boat making and more. Admission: adult \$5; children 6-12 \$1, under 6 free. Tickets and program schedule from Texas Folklife Festival, Institute of Texan Cultures, P.O. Box 1226, San Antonio 78294 (512-226-7651).

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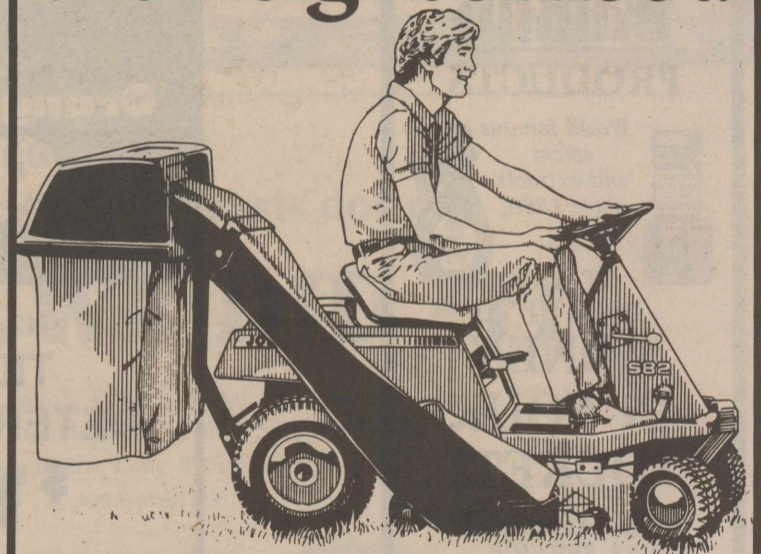
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Mike Delano, Soil Conservationist for Caprock SCS at Silverton, said single copies are free to landowners, operators, or others interested in planning conservation land treatment.

"All the land is not the same," Delano said. "Take a good look at the land you own, lease or rent. It probably differs from your neighbors'. Soils vary in depth, erodibility, natural productivity, slope, texture, and stoniness.

"Other resources—wildlife, water and plants—also vary from one property to another and affect how you use your land. Your land is unique; so should be the planning for its uses."

Delano said conservation planning assistance is available from SCS through the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District. Although most SCS assistance is provided to farmers and ranchers on cropland, rangeland, pasture, wildlife, and forest land, you can also get assistance with solving conservation problems on nonagricultural land such as controlling erosion on construction sites or on public land.

The first step in conservation planning is taking an inventory. Since knowledge about soils is basic to planning the use and treatment of land, SCS will provide you with a soils map which includes the description of your soils and how they can best be used. Each soil is described in terms of its texture, characteristics, capabilities, limitations, and erosion potential. SCS will also estimate soil erosion rates under present and planned land uses.

"When you are ready to start, we will discuss your soils, your plans and goals, your resource problems, and your conservation program," Delano said. "Then you tell us what crops you want to grow, the livestock you want to have, the wildlife or recreation uses you want to plan, and any other interests you have that will affect your land. Together, we can explore different ways to overcome problems and to make the best use of the land."

Decisions are needed to both the use of the land and its treatment, but you must decide what you want to do, when, and how.

For a copy of the leaflet or for information about conservation planning, contact the USDA Soil Conservation Service, 823-2320, P. O. Box 660, Silverton, Texas 79257.

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June 28—Wayne Stephens
 June 29—Paul McWilliams, Tad Cornett, Garner Garrison

June 30 — Peggy Fleming, Eber Gill, Richie Hill

July 1—Hazel Grabbe, Mildred Davis, Avonna Miller

In the 19th century, the Eskimos would hold a tug-of-war between those born in the summer and those born in winter to determine the severity of the weather.

In an ancient custom in Samarkand, whichever warrior could hit a gold coin with an arrow could be king for one day.



Padre Island is one of the last natural seashores in the nation. The 110-mile long island has developments at each end, but in between the National Park Service has preserved an 80-mile section which is relatively unblemished. Much of it is accessible only by 4-wheel-drive vehicles. Whether swimming, surf-fishing, shelling, or just strolling through the breaking waves, one can enjoy this jewel of the Gulf Coast year 'round. Texas Tourist Agency photo.



With 4000 acres of wind-sculpted sand dunes, Monahans Sandhills State Park is much like the classic landscape of the Sahara Desert. The park serves as a playground for delighted children of all ages, but less well-known is the fact that it lies in the middle of one of the largest oak forests in the country. The "forest" is not readily apparent because the Havard Oaks in it are all under four feet tall. Texas Tourist Agency photo.

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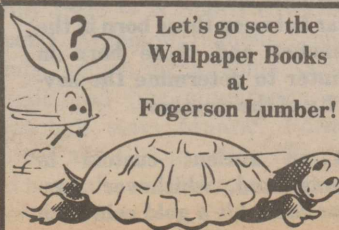
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