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All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

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

Monday, June 6-Beef Enchiladas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Hot Sauce, Dessert

Wednesday, June 8-Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Roll, Fruit

Friday, June 10-Baked Chicken, Buttered Carrots, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert

Menus subject to change without notice.

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

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Charlie and I ran into Betty Long and her sister, Anita Walls, both of Hale Center, in Plainview recently. Betty said that her daughter, LaJuan Eddleman, is doing substitute teaching in the Floydada Schools. LaJuan's husband, Moe Eddleman, is a teacher in Floydada ISD. All are former Silverton residents.

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We also met up with Sam Brown the other day. He says he is very happy to be living back in Plainview, where he is close enough to see his cousins, LaRue Garvin and Sharon Simpson, often.

*
Ryan Minyard, son of Rick and Beverly Minyard, graduated Saturday, May 7, from Lubbock Christian University with his bachelor of business administration degree in computer information systems. He is currently employed by City Bank in Lubbock.

*
Briscoe County News has a new email address: briscoenews@midplains.coop.

*
We ran into Violet Thomas, who now resides in Tulia, and her sister, Faye Pointer, in Quitaque one day last week. Mrs. Pointer had lost her son, Johnnie Ray, 54, a day before.

*
West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,200 students to honor lists for the spring 2005 semester.

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Tyler C. Reed, a sophomore, was among the 953 who were named to the dean's list. He is the son of Wayne and Colleen Reed.

*
Bryn Mayfield, a junior, was among 325 students named to the president's list. She is the daughter of Zane and Kim Mayfield.

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Anything you're good at contributes to happiness.

Bertrand Russell



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The Senior Art Class has painted a Texas flag on the side of a building at the west City Limits of Silverton. Members of the class who took part in this project are (left to right) Zack Burson, Logan Fisher, Chris Garcia, Beau Brock, Max Comer, Ignacio Gamez, Humberto Vasquez, Chance Rhoderick, Danielle Ramirez, Krista Hale, Kelsie Estes, James Tiffin and Sasha Wood. The work was done under the direction of Ms. Juannah Jennings.

Briscoe County News Photo

Abandoned Wells Should Be Plugged

An estimated 150,000 abandoned water wells exist in Texas, and each one poses a threat to water safety, said Dr. Bruce Lesikar, Texas Cooperative Extension agricultural engineer at Collge Station.

"An abandoned well is a direct channel from the surface to the aquifer below," Lesikar said. "Contaminants that enter a well are introduced directly into the aquifer with no opportunity for natural filtration by soils or geologic materials."

If the abandoned well is uncapped, a contaminant can easily enter and potentially pollute the underlying aquifer.

Plugging abandoned wells is not

Chamber to Meet Tuesday, June 14

Silverton Chamber of Commerce has changed its regular meeting date to the second Tuesday of each month. Make plans to attend on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton.

just a smart move to keep water safe, but it's also the law, said Dr. Monty Dozier of College Station, Extension soil scientist. Texas law holds landowners responsible for plugging abandoned wells and for any contamination or injury the well caused.

"Abandoned water wells need to be properly closed," Dozier said. A well is considered abandoned if it has not been used for six consecutive months.

In some cases, landowners can close the well themselves. Landowners can generally plug both water wells with less than 100 feet of standing water, and large diameter, hand-dug wells, Lesikar said. But before any work is done, they need to contact the Water Well Drillers Program of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and the local Groundwater Conservation District.

To plug the well, the dimensions are taken, debris is removed, and the well is disinfected with bleach. Some of the outside casing is removed, and the well is properly filled. The last step is completing

the well plugging report. Filing this report is critical to documenting the proper closure of the water well.

Wells can be filled using bentonite chips (an absorbent aluminum silicate clay), cement slurry, clay or caliche soil, Lesikar said.

If well type or depth requires a professional to fill the well, or if the job is too much to handle, a licensed well driller and pump installer can legally fill wells according to code.

Water is one of Texas' most valuable resources, Lesikar said. A clean supply allows citizens to enjoy a constant food supply, sanitation, recreation and everyday leisure. It provides employment for hundreds of thousands of Texans and helps keep families safe from disease. Once a water resource is contaminated, it requires additional resources to remove the contaminants. Therefore the job of protecting it goes to all Texans, he said.

Further information about plugging abandoned wells is available by contacting an Extension Agent, local groundwater conservation district or the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, 512-463-7880.

Commencement Exercises Held For Graduates

Commencement exercises were conducted for the 13-member Class of 2005 of Silverton High School Friday night in the school auditorium.

The processional and recessional marches were played by LaRue Garvin, and the invocation was given by Bryan Burson. Jerry Birdsong gave the superintendent's remarks, after which Max Comer gave the salutatory address.

The valedictory address was given by James Tiffin.

Awards were presented by Principal Sheryl Weaver, who also presented diplomas with the assistance of Board Member Jim Estes.

The class song, *Free Bird* by Lynyrd Skynyrd was sung, after which the benediction was given by Jeff Tiffin.

Class officers are Zack Burson, president; James Tiffin, vice president; Beau Brock, secretary; Kelsie Estes, treasurer; Chance Rhoderick, reporter. The other members of the class are Juan Ignacio Gamez, Krista Kay Hale, Humberto Vasquez, Logan Chance Fisher, Christopher Garcia, Danielle Marie Ramirez and Sasha Nicole Wood.

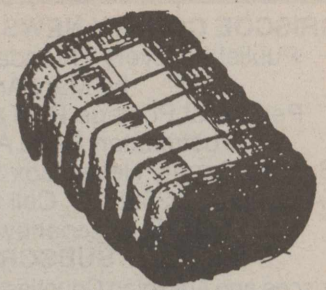
The class color is hot pink, and the class motto is "Our past forever be our guide, but our future is left for us to decide; we are the Class of 2005."

A list of the awards was not provided to the *Briscoe County News*.

Silverton Fire Department Meets Tonight

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department meets tonight (Thursday, June 2) at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station at City Hall.

The first gas pump was made by Sylvanus F. Bowser of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and delivered to local storekeeper Jake Gumper on September 5, 1885.



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Obituary

HAROLD GLENN SMITH

Graveside services for Harold Glenn Smith, 84, were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Friday in the Silverton Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Myers-Chancellor Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith died Wednesday, May 25, 2005, in Lockney.

Born to M. E. and Mary Smith February 19, 1921, in Seymour, he came to Briscoe County in 1926 at the age of five. He and his family resided at the Caprock Station on Highway 86 until he married Winnie Lee Thomas May 25, 1940. He departed this life on the 65th anniversary of his marriage to Winnie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Gerald Smith, and a sister, Ella Leah Riddell.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Sandy Perkins and husband Donnie and Ann West and husband Terry, all of Silverton; a son, Lynn Smith and wife Connie, of Silverton; seven grandchildren, Becky Dunn, Patti Lowrance and Amy Otis, Brad West, Brian West, Jeff Smith and Kristi Wadlow; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

The family suggested memorials be to Hospice Hands in Lockney.

PAULINE TIFFIN

Graveside services for Pauline Fredia Spieaker Tiffin, 80, were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Monday in Resthaven Cemetery, with Rance Young officiating. Arrangements were by Myers-Chancellor Funeral

Home.
 Mrs. Tiffin died Saturday, May 28, 2005.

Born in Indian Gap July 7, 1924, to Otto and Ida Spieaker, she married Joe Henry Tiffin January 24, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Joe Paul (J. P.)

Survivors include a sister, Leona McNew of Hamilton; a daughter, Peggie Wilkinson of Sulphur Springs; two sons, Dannie Tiffin of Childress and Johnny Tiffin of Silverton; eight grandchildren, Randy Tiffin, John Tiffin, Art Tiffin, Jacent Wilkinson, Brian Wilkinson, Heidi Tiffin, Holly Tiffin and Brandi Rice; and eight great-grandchildren.

If we fasten our attention on what we have, rather than on what we lack, a very little wealth is sufficient.

Francis Johnson

The more you learn what to do with yourself, and the more you do for others, the more you will learn to enjoy the abundant life.

William J. H. Boetcker

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

William James

WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m.

During May 2005

	High	Low	Precip.
1	61	37	
2	65	38	.02
3	40	34	.27
4	43	39	.12
5	50	42	.04
6	70	42	
7	77	52	.04
8	80	47	
9	81	47	
10	88	47	
11	91	53	
12	88	61	
13	71	57	2.72
14	81	54	.12
15	74	53	.19
16	67	49	
17	72	49	
18	88	57	
19	87	62	
20	87	60	
21	90	60	
22	93	63	
23	96	62	
24	95	63	
25	89	65	
26	84	59	
27	64	53	
28	70	57	
29	68	59	
30	76	56	
31	77	55	4.19
Total May Precipitation			3.52
Normal May Precip.			3.11
Normal Precip. to date			6.70
Precip. Rec'd. to date			8.91

Happy Birthday-

June 2-Alvie Francis, Lydia DeLeon, Christene King, Kara Kingery

June 3-Brit Parker, Glenda Couch, Donna Copeland

June 4-Crystal Storie, Steven Jasper, Lee Ann Nuckols, Holly Nance, Jackie Davis, Katy Perkins, Molly Moore

June 5-Greg Culwell, Dwain Henderson, Lena Hubbard, Lana Patino, Calvin Daugherty

June 6-Tanner Wayne Cartrite, Patricia McJimsey, Norberto Garcia

June 7-Cord Griffin, Mark Reagan, Kendra Lee McCoy, Connie Warren, Kaitlan Kinsey

June 8-Justin May, Carrie Dickerson, Latrésa Minyard, Ryan Baird

Happy Anniversary-

June 2-Mr. and Mrs. Roger Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Hand Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chappell

June 3-Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stafford

June 5-Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kingery, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Davis

June 6-Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Don Ledbetter

June 7-Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rampley, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Culwell

June 8-Mr. and Mrs. Sloan Grabbe

I can give you a six-word formula for success: Think things through--then follow through.

Capt. Edward Rickenbacker

Friends, and I mean real friends, reserve nothing. The property of one belongs to the other.

Euripides

When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.

Alexander Graham Bell

Upcoming Meetings

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

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

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

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

While the fates permit, live happily; life speeds on with hurried step and with winged days the wheel of the headlong year is turned.

Seneca

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To Serve or Be Served?

It is said that an Islamic commentator said this about the Franciscan Christian Monks in the Middle East. "The only missionaries we fear are the Franciscan Monks. For 700 years they have given us fits. Our approach is to persuade potential converts with apologetics. We are great at arguing, but that doesn't work with the Franciscans. Instead of engaging us, they quietly go about our cities, servicing everyone. Once people are served, they become interested in Christianity, and the next thing you know, they've become followers of Jesus. Those Franciscan Christians don't fight fair with us!"

Mt. 20:28 Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

May 9, 1999-Colby Self received the Sports Health award during the 25th annual Awards Assembly at New Mexico Junior College recently. A sophomore, he was named to Who's Who in American Colleges. He is the grandson of J. L. and Faye Self, and is planning to transfer to Nacogdoches to complete his college career. He has attended NMJC on a football scholarship. . . . State finalists in the Hoop Challenge, America's Original Basketball Skillshooting Competition in Waco recently, were Monty Wood, Vance Chandler, Isaiah Ivory and Gid Mayfield. . . . Marvin Self will be moving to Post as High School Principal this summer. He has been teaching and coaching at Plano since moving there from Silverton a few years ago. . . . Winning ribbons at the Junior High District Tournament in Clarendon Monday afternoon were Dara Johnston and Ana Pena, first place doubles; Jordan Sarchet, first place singles; Paul Segura, second place singles. Seventh graders, Brooke Garvin, singles; Taylor Griffin and Julie Weaver, doubles; also took part in the tournament. . . . Leon Lavy entered his 1957 Chevrolet in the Meals-on-Wheels Car Show at Plainview, and received second place in the division for Original-Restored cars. . . . Doyle and Merlene Stephens celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a family gathering in Plainview Sunday. . . .

May 8, 1986-David Cave defeated incumbent District Judge George W. Miller in Saturday's democratic primary. . . . A Mackenzie Lake record hybrid striper was caught Thursday morning by Don Montgomery of Amarillo. The fish weighed in at 11 1/4 pounds. Mr. Montgomery was using a white Mr. Twister grub. . . . More than 70% of Briscoe County voters cast ballots Saturday. . . . The 4-H Junior Horse Judging Team was composed of Langdon Reagan, Clinton Payne, Lance Smith and Wil T. Bomar. The team placed fifth overall and Reagan was third high individual in Halter Judging. . . . Grabbe-Simpson Chevrolet is moving to Tulia. . . .

May 6, 1976-Crowd flocks to Lake Mackenzie on opening weekend. . . . Bud Roberts caught a 5 1/2-pound bass at Lake Mackenzie Saturday using shrimp for bait. . . . Services conducted for Hollie Francis. . . . Mrs. L. W. Francis returned home Monday from the

Lockney Hospital where she had been a patient for more than a week. . . . Joe Mercer was taken to Palo Duro Hospital in Canyon Sunday morning by Silverton ambulance. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kingery have moved to Silverton from Lubbock. . . . Laura Juanice Arnold to marry William Brent Mullin. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Walker are parents of a daughter, Sunny Michel. . . .

May 12, 1966-Honor roll music pupils of Mrs. J. E. Jowell are Zane Mayfield, Freeda Henderson, Jackie Tiffin, Brit Parker, Angie Madrid, Joni Self and Kathy Self. . . . Garner Garrison and Stanley Fogerson were recipients of non-athletic awards at Tarleton State College. . . . Fred Edwards was honored on his 22nd birthday anniversary with a family dinner in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edwards and Tommy. . . . Mrs. Ruby Peeples of Amarillo and D. T. Northcutt were married recently in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allard, in Tulia. The single-ring ceremony was read by D. J. Northcutt, Swisher County Justice of the Peace and brother of the bridegroom, in the presence of friends and relatives. . . . Larry May of Texas Tech visited Joe Kellum in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kellum, Sunday afternoon. . . . Mrs. Bill Durham was surprised with a pink and blue shower and bridge luncheon in the home of Mrs. Leo Fleming Thursday. . . . Miss Fern Brooks, bride-elect of Carl Minyard, was honored at a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Charles Cowart Saturday afternoon. . . . Airman Kenneth Peugh has been selected for training at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi as an Air Force communications-electronics specialist. . . .

May 17, 1956-Ina Lou Grabbe has been named valedictorian of the graduating class, and Evelyn Crowell is salutatorian. . . . Fish fry enjoyed at home of Ed Vaughan Monday night. . . . Piano pupils of LaRue Garvin to present recital Friday night. . . . Walter Lyn Dunham broke his left arm Sunday when he fell from a tree in Quitaque. He was taken to Amarillo for treatment. The arm is broken in the elbow. . . . Sp3 Joedell F. Hutsell landed in Germany May 3. He had spent fourteen months in Germany when he signed up for 22 months more of Army life. He was granted a month's leave, and spent this time at home here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hutsell. . . .

Tips to Take Sting Out Of High Gasoline Prices

(NAPSA)-When gasoline prices are high, nobody wants to be fuelish. It's bad for your pocketbook and the nation as well. According to the Department of Energy, passenger cars and light trucks account for almost 47 percent of U.S. oil consumption and are a major source of air pollution. Luckily, there are plenty of ways to reduce gas mileage.

Driving Tips

- Idle as little as possible- idling gets you 0 miles per gallon. The best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it. You need no more than 30 seconds of idling on winter days before driving away. Anything

more simply wastes fuel and increases emissions.

- Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration, and hard braking) wastes gas. It can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by five percent around town.

- Avoid high speeds. Each five mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.10 per gallon for gas.

- Use air-conditioning only when necessary.

Car Maintenance Tips

- Keep tires properly inflated and aligned. Properly inflated tires can improve your gas mileage by around 3.3 percent.

- Get regular engine tune-ups and car maintenance checks.

Replace clogged air filters-this can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, and it will also protect your engine. If your car has a faulty oxygen sensor, your gas mileage may improve by as much as 40 percent.

- Combine errands into one trip. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer multipurpose trip.

\$ Long-Term Savings Tip

- Consider a highly fuel-efficient vehicle for your next car, SUV, or truck purchase. Buying a standard vehicle, with high fuel efficiency, a hybrid vehicle, or an alternative-fuel vehicle for your next purchase, could save you a lot at the gas pump and help the planet at the same time. Vehicle emissions are a major source of U.S. air pollution today.

For some A to Z energy tips that include buying a new car or truck, what's on the energy horizon and fuel cost calculators to find and compare costs, visit www.energy.gov and click on "energy saving tips" and select "cars."

The first commercially successful steamboat was Robert Fulton's Clermont, built in 1807.

Another Cancer Survivor Calls Your Attention to Relay for Life

Another cancer survivor calls your attention to the Relay for Life activities that will be held at the Valley School Friday, June 3.

Walter Arnold relates:

I am a cancer survivor. I lost both my mother and my sister to colon cancer. I have had prostate and skin cancer. They had to remove a section of my left ear. I recommend all men 50 and older have a PSA

once a year. The best weapon we have against cancer is early detection, diet and exercise. Learning to live one day at a time and trusting the Lord is how we should live.

Dee, my son who is 48, also was diagnosed with cancer. He had a tumor in his left leg and they had to remove all the muscle from his leg. I would appreciate your prayers for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vardell and Leroy Vardell of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Riely Yates and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweek and daughters were Sunday dinner guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vardell. . . . Rev. and Mrs. James Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams and 14 youths attended the cook-out at Sky-Hi roadside park last Friday evening. . . . Van Martin of Flomot visited his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Baird and sons, Saturday. . . .

May 7, 1936-The board of trustees for the Silverton Independent School District voted to add Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics to the course of study for 1937-38. Home Economics will be taught by Allie Mae Tipps and Vocational Agriculture will be taught by Mr. Weaver. . . . Dee McWilliams, 19, was severely injured, perhaps fatally, Tuesday of this week when he was kicked in the chest by a horse he was attempting to ride at the Burson ranch east of town. A crushed chest was sustained by the boy. . . . A typesetting machine, a Model 8 linotype, was installed in the office of the Briscoe County News the first of this week. . . . Friends and relatives of W. C. Smithee, sr. met at his home Sunday to help him celebrate his eighty-fourth birthday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Howard and family visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thomas Sunday evening. . . .

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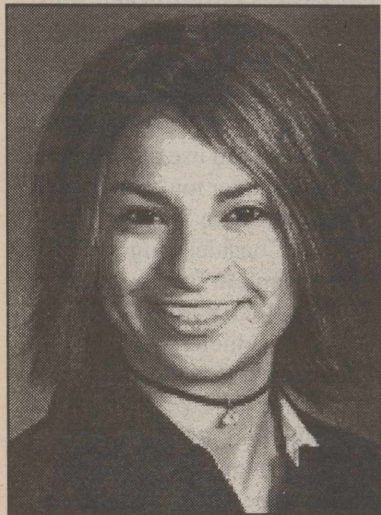
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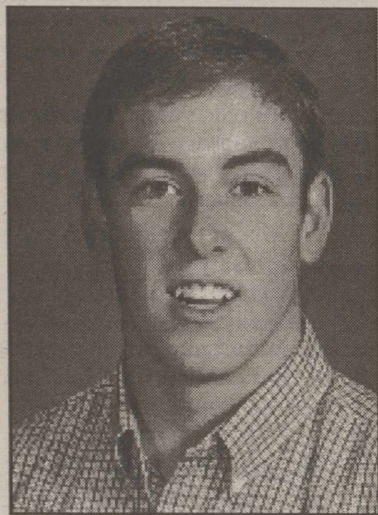
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Students of the Six Weeks



Danielle Ramirez

Danielle Ramirez is the daughter of Kevin and Palmira Womack. Her favorite pastimes are hanging out with friends, playing basketball and being with family. She is a senior, and graduated as an honor student.



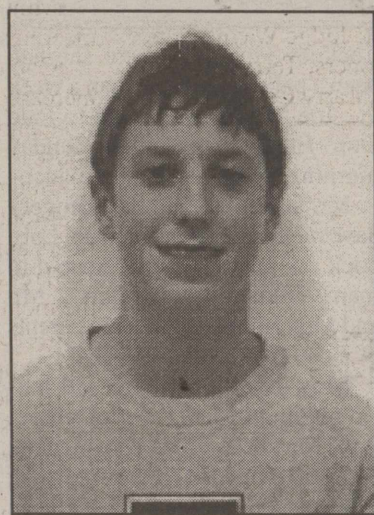
Max Comer

Max Comer is a senior and is salutatorian of his class. Son of Larry and Cindy Comer, his favorite pastimes are working and hanging out with friends.



Torrey Fuston

An eighth-grade student, Torrey Fuston is the daughter of Kyle and Amy Fuston. She enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with her friends, and riding 4-wheelers.

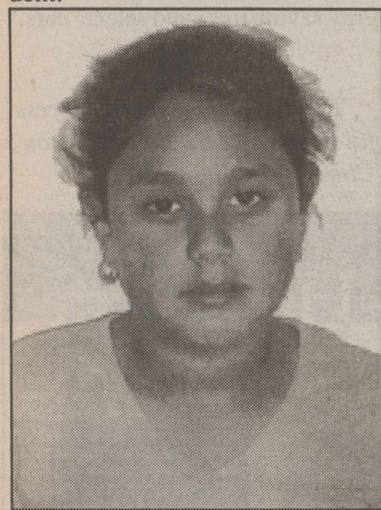


Cord Griffin

Roping, riding horses, hanging out with his friends and girls are the special interests of Cord Griffin. An eighth-grade student, he is the son of Liz Griffin.

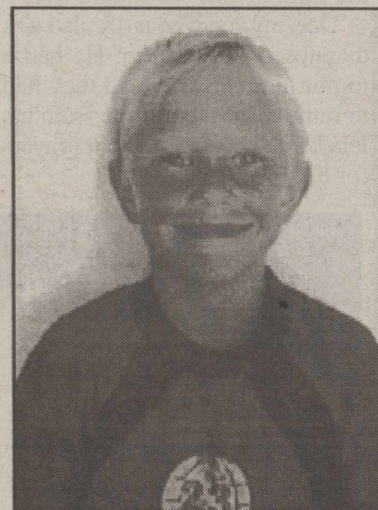
This year the Student of the Month has been changed to Students of the Six Weeks. Each six weeks, two elementary, two junior high and two high school students will be selected for this honor based on one of the six pillars of good character. The character trait chosen for the sixth six weeks was "citizenship." One definition of character is that "Character is revealed when no one is looking. It is what you are in the dark." Students of the sixth six weeks are Karina Garcia and Dylan Smith from the elementary, Torrey Fuston and Cord Griffin from junior high, and Danielle Ramirez and Max Comer from high school.

No gain is so certain as that which proceeds from the economical use of what you already have.
Latin proverb



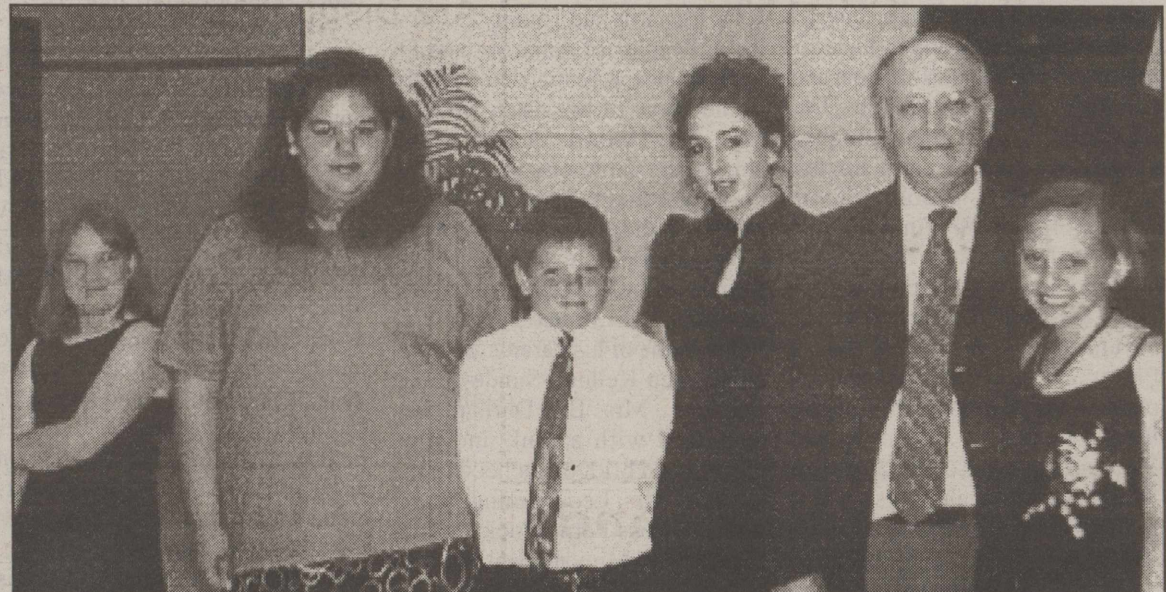
Karina Garcia

Karina Garcia, a third-grade student, is the daughter of Claudia Garcia and Enrique Garcia. Her favorite pastimes are doing flips on the trampoline, reading books, playing games on the computer, hanging out with her friends at school, and taking care of her new baby brother.



Dylan Smith

Dylan Smith, a kindergarten student, is the son of Tammy and James (Yopie) Smith. His favorite pastimes are swimming, riding his bike, playing with friends, especially Noe in the first grade. He likes watching Sponge Bob Squarepants.



A piano recital recently was held at the Earl Miller Recital Hall at Wayland Baptist University. Students of Dr. Samuel B. Brown included Alyx Fletcher, Emily Garcia, Brewster Garcia, Sarah Harder (vocalist) and Mackenzie Kipp. A reception followed at the Silverton Church of Christ Annex.

Courage, energy and patience are the virtues which appeal to my heart.

Fritz Kreisler

Industry, economy, honesty and kindness form a quartet of virtue that will never be improved upon.

James Oliver

Aluminum and Microwaves Get Together

(NAPSA)-Yes! It is true: Aluminum foil containers can be safely used in today's microwave ovens. In fact, when microwaving with aluminum, food is heated from the center out for more uniform heating or cooking.

- Remove all lids (cover with a paper towel).
- Heat one food container at a time.
- Center container in the oven, away from walls.
- Microwave only in ovens made after 1980.

Remember, cooking with aluminum foil containers saves time. Plus, aluminum foil containers are the perfect recyclable package. They can go from the freezer into the oven and then to the table—all in the same container!



Chefs take their hats off to pies that can go from the freezer into the oven and then to the table in the same container.

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Commissioners Have Regular Meeting May 9

Briscoe County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2005, with the following present: Judge Wayne Nance; Commissioners, Terry Grimland, Precinct 1, Larry Comer, Precinct

3, Gary Weaks, Precinct 4; County Clerk Bena Hester. Absent was Danny Maynard, Precinct 2.

Items of business conducted included:

- Minutes of April 7 and April 11 meetings read and approved
- County mileage allowance rate increased to .32 per mile
- Painting and wiring in the courthouse
- Budget amendments approved
- Monthly reports of county officers approved
- Treasurer's report approved for the month of April
- Receipts from office holders were approved for the month of April, including County & District Clerk, \$7,294.14; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, \$7,194.80; Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, \$1,191.00; Tax Assessor-Collector, \$10,772.11; Sheriff, \$573.66
- Salaries and line items were approved

Three Junior Stock Show Champions Are Disqualified

The Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show has announced that three of its 2005 Junior Show Champion animals have been officially disqualified and the exhibitors will forfeit all rights to sale proceeds, premiums and prizes.

The disqualifications are a result of substances found in test samples that were in violation of the Stock Show's General Rules and Regulations. The tests were conducted at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory System in College Station, Texas.

"We have outstanding 4-H and FFA programs that are a very valuable educational tool for our young people across the State and we are committed to maintaining the integrity and fairness of these programs," said W. R. Watt, jr., Stock Show President and General Manager. "Over the last five years, it has been necessary for the Stock Show to disqualify seven champion animals for violations resulting in exhibitors forfeiting well in excess of \$200,000 in sale proceeds.

"It is extremely important for exhibitors, parents and 4-H and FFA advisors to be cognizant of the rules and regulations of not only our show, but all of the Junior Shows throughout the state to protect our youth programs and put an end to violations," said Watt.



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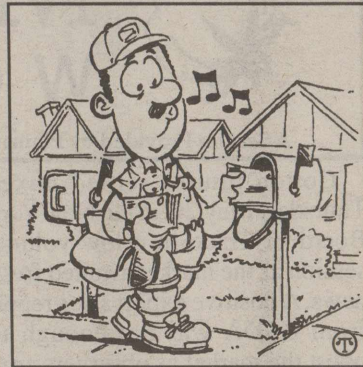
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(NAPSA)—A properly watered lawn can give you years of enjoyment for surprisingly little effort. Rain Bird's consumer-friendly approach provides a complete irrigation solution, from a customized sprinkler design service to toll-free technical support. To learn more, visit www.rainbird.com.

The right foundation can make or break a patio. According to David Jackson of Oldcastle, home owners should consider using what's known as a two-step base. It's made of two different layers of stone. Coarse stones provide a stable base and a finer bedding layer creates a better patio that is less likely to settle or sink after you finish building it. For more information visit the Web site www.yardright.com.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, several pest-related diseases pose a public health concern to those living in North America. Ways to prevent unwanted pests in homes and establishments include contacting a pest control professional for prevention and treatment. Visit www.Orkin.com for a free home inspection.

When repainting a room, tint your primer with a shade lighter than your dark topcoat color first.



This helps ensure a good-looking finish and saves time and money because you'll need less topcoat. Experts recommend a general-purpose, water-based primer, such as Kilz Premium. For more expert paint ideas and tips, visit www.kilz.com.

A cube-based modular furniture system can create a variety of storage and decorating options. Based on the highly adaptable shape of a cube, Sauder's EZ Cube modular furniture system squares off to face a multitude of storage and decorating predicaments. They're available at Target and through www.target.com. Find other local retailers through the "Where to Buy" link at www.ezcube.info.

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Cotton Market weekly

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Cotton futures settled mixed Thursday, May 26, at the New York Board of Trade in a low-volume session as the market awaited fresh news. A positive export sales report from USDA was not enough to boost the market as observers anxiously watched the weather for any changes that would affect the 2005-06 cotton crop.

According to USDA, U. S. export sales were strong in the week ended May 19, moving higher than most market expectations with net sales totaling 377,300 bales. The figure was 23% more than the previous week's total and 11% more than the four-week average. China was the dominant buyer followed by Turkey, Mexico and Taiwan. Net sales of 85,200 bales for delivery in the 2005-06 marketing year were mainly for China, Mexico and Japan.

The department's export shipment figure for the same week also was considered positive. Export shipment of 276,900 bales were four percent more than the previous week, but eight percent less than the four-week average. Again, China was the primary destination for the week, and smaller quantities were shipped to Mexico, Turkey and Indonesia.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas increased in the week ended May 26 as sales totaled 1,618 bales compared to the previous week when 729 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 35.10 to 40.96 per pound compared to 37.37 to 43.26 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, analysts said U. S. cotton consumption was reported "a tad shy" of the pre-report industry survey as both preliminary April data and revised March figures came in lighter than expected. However, market sources contend that U. S. mill figures continue to maintain a steady pace so far this year despite the elimination of worldwide textile import quotas on Jan. 1, 2005.

According to data compiled by the National Cotton Council (NCC), U. S. textile mills used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 6.14 million bales in April, slightly higher than in April

2004 when 6.1 million bales were consumed. NCC also revised its March figure up to 6.17 million bales from a previous figure of 6.09 million. For the August-through-April period, mill use now is approximately 25,000 bales ahead of the same time last year.

In other news, cotton planting progress in the United States is on target although Georgia and Texas continue to lag slightly behind schedule. According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) weekly crop progress report, 68% of the anticipated crop had been planted as of May 22, close to the 70% average for this time of year. Georgia had 61% planted versus its 71% average while Texas was at 45%, down from its average of 55% planted.

In its first crop condition report of the year, NASS showed 64% of the prospective crop was good to excellent while 29% was considered fair. The remaining seven percent was considered to be in poor to very poor condition. Market observers will be watching upcoming reports closely as they monitor the crop.

Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-Every five mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.10 per gallon for gas. For some A to Z energy tips that include buying a new car or truck, what's on the energy horizon and fuel cost calculators to find and compare costs, visit www.energy.gov and click on "energy saving tips" and select "cars."

Public service advertisements such as "You Could Learn A Lot From A Dummy" or "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires" were created by the Ad Council, a nonprofit group that's produced thousands of PSAs over the past 60 years. Ad Council campaigns such as "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk" and "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste" have helped Americans tune in to new ways to stay healthy, stay safe and to help one another. For more information, visit www.adcouncil.org.

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Today's Software Helps Preserve Family History

(NAPSA)-While insurance can help rebuild homes, the loss of important family records, financial documents and generations of treasured photos and home movies is irreversible. Preventing a disaster from becoming a greater personal tragedy is possible with today's technology.

A popular software suite called Roxio's Easy Media Creator 7.5 includes photo, video and music editing and creativity applications as well as robust CD & DVD burning features. Among its many capabilities, the software enables families to create digital backups of their digital and hard-copy documents such as photos, personal videos and financial papers in a quality identical to the original.

"Burning software today is affordable, easy to master and, most importantly, provides consumers with peace of mind," said Vito Salvaggio, Roxio Vice President of Product Management. "Some of the more robust applications not only enable users to back up important data but even include tools to help them recover from a computer system failure."

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Healthy Ideas

(NAPSA)-Studies show most Americans aren't getting enough sleep, so it's important to be sure your nighttime routine isn't keeping you awake. For instance, many people use overnight tooth whiteners that aren't well suited for their sensitive teeth. Instead, consider a product such as Crest Night Effects Premium. The paint-on whitener is designed specifically for people with sensitive teeth.

When cooking at home, substitute the same amount of Carnation Evaporated Milk in recipes that call for regular milk. It will make dishes richer and creamier while providing twice the amount of calcium per serving. For more calcium-rich recipes and information on fighting osteoporosis, or to have a donation made to the National Osteoporosis Foundation on your behalf, visit VeryBestBaking.com/PourItIn.

No matter how dull, or how mean, or how wise a man is, he feels that happiness is his indisputable right.

Helen Keller

Cotton



News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

While they haven't quite turned out all the lights at Lubbock's USDA Cotton Classing office, Classing Office Director Kenny Day issued the office's Final 2004-crop classing report on Monday, May 23, eight months and 3,679,364 bales after the office issued its first 2004 report September 23, 2004.

In the process day the staff of the Lubbock office have set a new all-time record for cotton samples classed at a single location. The previous single office classing record of 3,165 million bales was held for just a few weeks earlier in the season by the Memphis, Tennessee facility.

Quality measurements for the 2004-crop classed at Lubbock covered a broad range and contributed to the description of this year's crop as a mixed bag that provided something for just about any buyer's needs.

The bulk (57.7%) of the crop was classified as Color grades 31 (15.5%) or 41 (42.2%). Approximately 38% of the 2004 crop had

Color readings below 41.

Lubbock's average length for the season was a respectable 34.23 or just over 1-1/16th inch. Over 43% of the 2004 crop showed length measurements of 35 or longer.

Micronaire readings averaged 3.62 for the season even though almost 35% of the crop received Micronaire readings below 3.5.

Strength readings at the Lubbock office average 28.48 grams per tex for the season.

The 2004-crop took almost exactly eight months to process and will go down as a crop that few people will ever forget. For the folks at the Lubbock Classing Office, the time spent on reflecting about the record crop will be exceedingly short as cotton planting is already well past the halfway mark for the 2005 crop.

With another crop already in the ground, the job of getting the Lubbock office ready to class the first bale of the 2005 crop just about four short months from today is already underway.

Did You Know?

(NAPSA)—Cellulite is the waffle-textured fat found on the buttocks and thighs. A product that can help firm or reshape the skin is Nivea's Reshaping Treatment. It works by replenishing coenzyme Q10 in the skin, which helps the body remain firm and tone. Reshaping Treatment also relies on an active soy protein extract, which supports the natural regeneration of collagen. Both absorb quickly and, when used in conjunction with a healthy, active lifestyle, can impart noticeable results.

Here's news that may help start a new chapter in a young writer's life: VSA arts, an international nonprofit organization, has launched an interactive online literary journal showcasing creative writing by students ages 11-18, with a connection to disability. The online journal, "Infinite Difference," presents selected pieces from a call for flash fiction and poetry. To learn more, visit www.vsarts.org.



"Racing Stripes," a kid-friendly comedy about a zebra who becomes a racing champion, has galloped onto home video. The DVD and VHS are available from Warner Home Video.

Playing with clay is shaping up to be a popular activity when the kids are home from school and it's too hot or too wet to play outside. The play clay of choice these days is made with Clabber Girl Cornstarch because its container is perfect to store some of the clay in for another day's play. For more ideas and recipes, visit bakeforfamilyfun.com.



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Minister

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Unit: Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.
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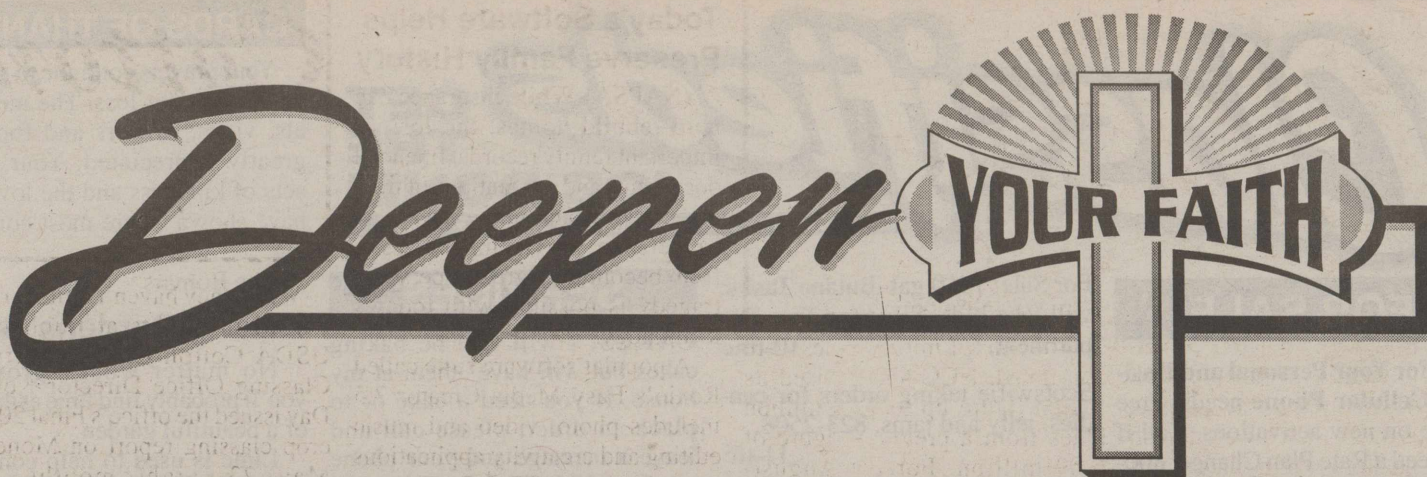
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Regardless of the reason for tears at a wedding, the words "for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health," have a special meaning for everyone, and they are a promise that should not be taken lightly. Marriage was instituted by God, and God is love, and love in a marriage is necessary for a lasting relationship. A husband and wife who love and respect each other, and keep God in their marriage, should have a strong union that no one can separate.



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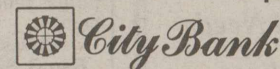
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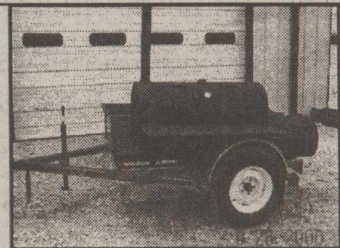
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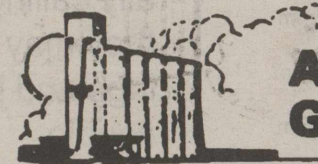
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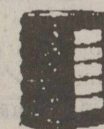
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