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## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



A "Breast Cancer Screening Clinic," a project of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System of Amarillo, plans to be at the Briscoe County Clinic, 701 E. Commerce, in Silverton Thursday, August 24, 2000.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call toll free 1-800-377-4673.

Financial aid is available.

Time flies! This summer has been a very good example of this.

A couple of weeks ago, two meteorologists from the National Weather Service in Lubbock were in Silverton to present a certificate to Charles Sarchet for ten years of service as a volunteer in recording the temperatures and rainfall.

I know I can't name all of those who have volunteered to keep this information in the past, but before Charlie started Fred Strange had served for a long time, more than twenty years, I think.

Grady Martin kept the weather record before Fred, and Raymond C. Bomar kept up with it for many years.

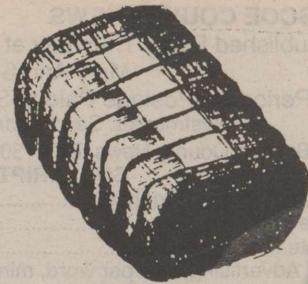
Billy Carthel won the Fun Fishing Tournament held at Greenbelt Lake recently by just .02 of a pound. He brought to the scales a five pounder and a solid keeper that totaled 6.49 lbs., and credited his trusty black jig-n-pig that was tipped with a black/blue #11 Uncle Josh pork frog trailer for catching the big bass.

"It was about time," joked Carthel. "These past few years I have been one bass away from a victory for more times than I care to remember, but tonight fate smiled on me. It feels great to win against this many good anglers. The jig-n-pig is my confidence bait, and tonight it worked."

Linda McWilliams Miller and her family had the misfortune of having their home at Honey Grove burn last week while she and her husband were at work. Her son, Colter Gilmore, was granted an emergency leave from the Army to come home to be with his family at this time.

Rowdy Cogdell and his parents, Rank and Toy, recently returned from Dallas where he had corrective surgery done on his eyes. Toy reports Rowdy had calcium deposits removed from his eyes and is doing well.

Hoyle McMurtry of Lubbock and his granddaughter visited in the Vigo Park community recently. Hoyle started first grade in the Vigo Park School in 1919, and was graduated from Tulia High School



# Briscoe County News

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2000

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## Meeting Tonight Concerns Kids Health Care

Today is Application Day, and you can hear the details about Health Care Programs for your children at a meeting from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. today (Thursday, August 17) in the Silverton School Auditorium.

Three separate health care programs are available for your children.

You will need to bring paycheck stubs, most recent two months, or most recent tax return, or letter from your employer stating gross amount and how often pay is received.

You also need a statement from your child's caregiver, a statement from your disabled adult's caregiver, and proof of child support payment being paid or received.

## Senior Citizens To Have Meeting

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly luncheon and business meeting at the Center Friday at noon.

Members of Rock Creek Church of Christ will be hosts for the luncheon.

in 1929. The two retraced paths he and his brother, Merle, and sister, Betty Devin, had traversed during their youth in Swisher County. They lunched with a nephew, Lee Devin, and visited friends.

A birthday dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill honoring their daughter, Sylvia. Those attending were Rev. and Mrs. Norman Shuman, Anita Walls, Nadine Childress, Joshua, Tabitha and Nehemiah Allen, Bailey, LaNelle and Sylvia Hill. Mrs. Walls brought the birthday cake from Hale Center.

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Shuman of Borger are filling in for Rev. David Beebe who is a patient at Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. He has been there several days and is not reported to be improving.



Bank President Morris Wilcox, Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner, Mrs. O. C. Rampley, Cashier Madeline Stone and Principal Sheryl Weaver finalize plans for the establishment of the O. C. and Faye Rampley Scholarship.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Briscoe County 4-H To Have Swim Party Here Today

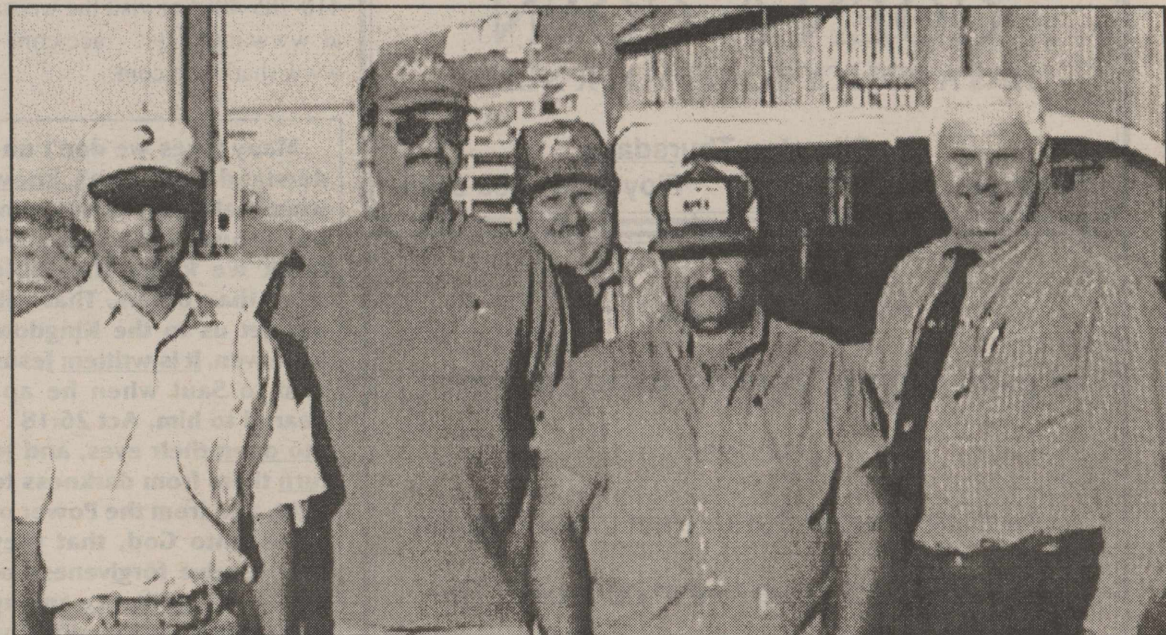
The Briscoe County 4-H will be sponsoring the annual 4-H Swim Party at the Silverton Pool from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, August 17, 2000.

"We will serve hot dogs and drinks that were donated by local businesses," said County Extension Agents Brandon McGinty and Lena Duesterhaus. "We would like to invite anyone who is interested in participating in any 4-H event or activity in the upcoming 4-H year. Any youth between the ages

## Scholarship Fund Is Established

Announcement of the establishment of the O. C. and Faye Rampley Permanent Scholarship Fund for Silverton High School was announced at the SHS Homecoming program Saturday. The gift to the school of a Certificate of Deposit was accepted by Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner. It is designed to provide an annual scholarship for a deserving graduating senior. It will begin with the Class of 2001 and continue every year thereafter.

Individuals who are interested in promoting higher education for SHS graduating seniors are encouraged to make memorial and educational donations, in honor of their loved ones, to the O. C. and Faye Rampley Scholarship Fund at any time. Donations will be acknowledged by the principal's office, and receipts for income tax purposes will be furnished upon request. See O. C. and Faye Rampley-- Continued on Page Two



Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently awarded the Briscoe County Maintenance Section service awards for their years of employment with TxDOT. Terry Keener, Childress Director of Operations, who presented the awards, said, "We appreciate the years of hard work and dedication of these TxDOT employees and look forward to many more years of service." Pictured from left to right are Darrell Reynolds, 10 years; Lowell Proctor, 15 years; Gary Clinton, Briscoe County Maintenance Supervisor; Johnny Tiffin, 25 years, and Keener.

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New shipment thank-you notes at the Briscoe County News office. 37-tfnc

## CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone on the ambulance crew who responded to our recent calls. The care and concern shown by each of you was wonderful and so very much appreciated.

We would also like to say thank you for all the prayers, thoughts and acts of kindness shown to us during this time.

It is great to know that we live in a community with so many thoughtful and caring people.

Diana Peacock  
Matt and Misty Kast

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, letters, food and prayers when I had my hip replacement.

Every act of kindness and encouragement was appreciated.  
Claudine Peery

Thank you so very much for an exciting and fun day, and for giving me the honor of being Pioneer Woman of the Year. It was my first ride in a horse-drawn carriage in seventy-five years!

Seeing all the people in town was reminiscent of the days when everyone came to town on Saturday to see neighbors and buy groceries for the week.

In loving memory of the true pioneer women,  
LaVerne Mercer

## Happy Birthday-

August 17--Linda Davis, Shirley Reynolds, Dax Gregg, Laverne Stephens, Jack McFall

August 18--Maria Castillo, Casey Frizzell

August 20--Bill Durham, Opal McClure, Lindsey Weaks, Scotty Harris

August 21--Palmira Ramirez, Ty Copeland

August 22--LaRue Garvin, Max Davis, Mandy Rampley, Cody Bridges, Susan Pool, Tommy Bitner, Bradley Harrison

August 23--Shannon Bingham, Pat Fitzgerald, Tammi Stafford, Kirk Couch, Levi Hutsell, Amanda Kennedy, Brooke Lynn Daily

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## SEALED BIDS

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. Tom Davey, Manager of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, will be received at the offices of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority until 6:00 p.m. September 19, 2000 for the painting of the tank interior and exterior of the approximately 550,000 gallon ground storage tank entitled:

### PAINTING OF TANK INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR COUNTY LINE GROUND STORAGE TANK

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge in the offices of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, Mackenzie Reservoir, Route 1, Box 14, Silverton, Texas 79257, telephone (806) 633-4326, and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, Telephone (806) 353-7233. Contract documents, including plans and specifications may be procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc. at the above address as follows:

Cost: \$50.00 per set. NONRE-FUNDABLE.

A Cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of

clearness in stating proposal prices, the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

Tom Davey, Manager  
Mackenzie Municipal  
Water Authority 31-3tc

## Frog-Jumping Winners Named

Winner of the frog-jumping contest, sponsored by Nance's Food Store, was Casin George of Tulia, son of Kim and Dusty George and grandson of Jim and Rhenda Burson.

The adult division winner was Juannah Jennings.

Many of the frogs didn't cooperate very well in the contest, with some trying to climb the steps and some trying to jump backward, but the contest provided a lot of fun and laughs for those attending the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration and Silverton School Homecoming.

## GARAGE SALE

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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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Hal Rogers, 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**

Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.  
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:  
RAs, GAs, Mission  
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY  
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

SECOND & FOURTH  
TUESDAYS:  
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.  
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY  
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.  
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.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.

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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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Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:  
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:  
Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.

# Friendships Are Important

A good person who is well liked is blessed with many friends, and the older a person gets the more they realize how important friends truly are. In times of trouble, as in times of joy, we realize how necessary the support and understanding of those who care about us can be. Successful business people and politicians know how important friendships are, and they realize that their success is directly reflected in their relationships with others. A person who is helpful, dependable, honest and interested in others is more precious than gold, and success in life is quite difficult without friends. God's second great commandment, to love your neighbor as yourself, indicates the importance that our Lord puts on friendships. We are told to not forget our friends and that some are more loyal than brothers. In order to have good friends, we have to be a good friend, and like our friendship with our Heavenly Father, our earthly friendships have to be developed and matured. We can never have enough friends.

# Praise the Lord



*Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not ...*  
K.J.V. Proverbs 27:10

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**School Year is Underway Again**

The new school year is up and running with a slightly smaller enrollment.

Total enrollment in the elementary grades is 149, junior high includes 43 and high school has 67 students. This is a total enrollment of 259 students.

In 1998, the enrollment was slightly higher with a total of 277.

Previous enrollment figures include 156 in 1998 and 154 in 1997 in the elementary school; 36 in 1998 and 38 in 197 in junior high; 85 in 1998 and 92 in 1997 in high school.

With the six-man enrollment figure being 90-95, the 67 now enrolled in SHS is safe to continue on that level of competition.

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Pre-K.....	13
K.....	18
First.....	22
Second.....	8
Third.....	18
Fourth.....	25
Fifth.....	26
Sixth.....	19
Total Elementary.....	149
Seventh.....	24
Eighth.....	19
Total Junior High.....	43
Ninth.....	18
Tenth.....	15
Eleventh.....	15
Twelfth.....	19
Total High School.....	67

**O. C. and Faye Rampley--Continued From Page One**

quest. The First State Bank of Silverton also will accept donations to this fund for the school.

The welfare of the young people of Silverton ISD was always uppermost in the hearts and minds of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley. He devoted 33 years as coach, classroom teacher, principal and superintendent. She devoted 34 years as business teacher of Silverton High School. Both retired from public school education at the close of the 1987 school year.

**Silverton Firefighters Join Fight Against Muscular Dystrophy**

On the weekend of August 11-12, Silverton firefighters participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Fill the Boot" campaign in an effort to help the hundreds of individuals in West

Texas affected by neuromuscular disease.

The firefighters stationed themselves in various locations throughout Silverton, asking citizens to drop donations into a boot. There were firefighters at the County Courthouse, First State Bank, and at the Malt Shop. Firefighters have helped in the fight against muscular dystrophy since the 1950s. Last year, "Fill the Boot" raised approximately

\$80,000 in West Texas and \$12 million nationally.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a national, non-profit organization working to treat and cure over 40 neuromuscular diseases. Money raised by the MDA goes toward medical research, client clinics and support groups, and summer camps for children with muscular dystrophy. The Association does various fundraisers throughout the year, and the MDA's largest source of income, the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, which will air September 3-4 on New Channel 10.

**Gamers Get In Touch**

(NAPS)—Increasingly, video game enthusiasts are pooling their knowledge of the tricks of the trade—secrets and goodies found in many games—through online bulletin boards and chat rooms. Now there's hardware that helps make these communications even easier.

The SharkWire Online™ add-on system consists of a modem, keyboard and phone line that connects Nintendo 64 and PlayStation game consoles to an online community designed specifically for video gamers.

When plugged in, gamers have access to the latest gaming news, game reviews, strategy advice, downloadable game saves and codes. Gamers can also post to or read the online message board and enter discussion groups. In addition, gamers can e-mail friends, classmates, relatives or anyone with access to e-mail from their own private address.

All of the software required is pre-programmed into the modem cartridge. The keyboard and telephone cords plug directly into the modem cartridge while the game console controller functions as the "mouse."

SharkWire Online is available in major toy and electronics retailers beginning in September, with a suggested price of \$79.95 plus a base subscription fee of \$9.95 per month. For more information call 410-785-4064 or visit the website at [www.interact-acc.com](http://www.interact-acc.com) or [www.sharkwire.com](http://www.sharkwire.com).

**Many times we don't understand, and don't know what really comes out from our mouths. Because we think we know the Bible more than others. That will not get us to the Kingdom in heaven. It is written: Jesus said to Saul when he appeared to him, Act 26:18 . . . to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the Power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me!! Let us prove ourselves to them, not with holy words only, but with holy deeds. (Eph. 1:11)**  
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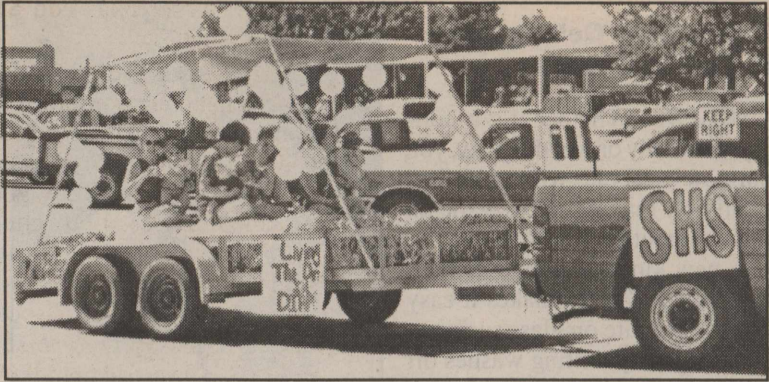
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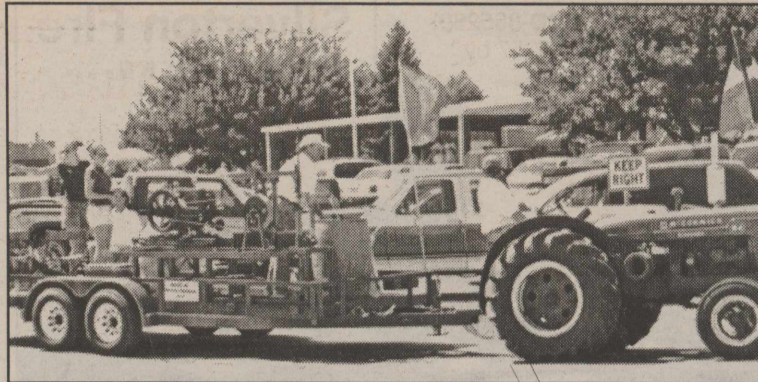
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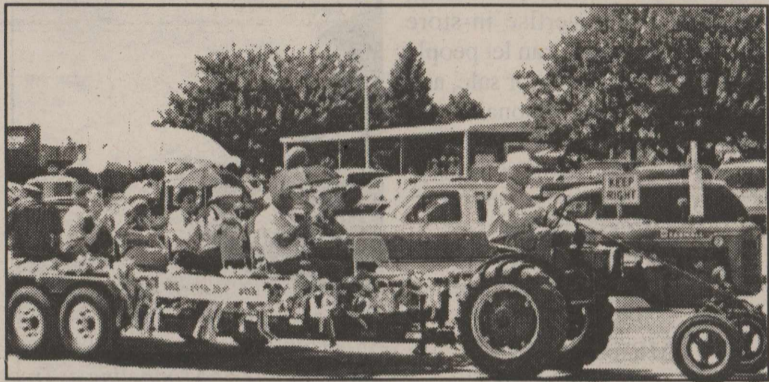


The Class of 2018 float was judged best in the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration Parade Saturday afternoon. Briscoe County News Photo



The Hutsell Family put together this entry in the Briscoe County Birthday and Silverton School Homecoming Parade Saturday afternoon. Briscoe County News Photo

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thomas of Wichita, Kansas spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, sister, Becky Woods, and attended the homecoming events.



The float ridden by members of the Class of 1950 was chosen as second best in the Briscoe County Birthday and Silverton School Homecoming Parade Saturday afternoon Briscoe County News Photo



### Briscoe County Pioneers For a Day

Brother and Sister,

## Aubrey Rowell and LaVerne Mercer

were presented in the

### Birthday Celebration Parade Saturday.

We are pleased to have provided

the carriage in which they

rode through the streets of Silverton.



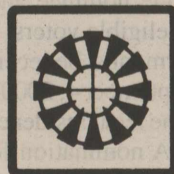
Winners of this age group of tricycle riders was Riley Cogdell (center), first place; Gavin Smith (right), second place; Adyson Weatherly (left), third place. The Tricycle Races were sponsored by Silverton United Methodist Church. Briscoe County News Photo



Winners in this Tricycle Race age group were Alex Weatherly, third; Sarah Stinson, second, and Brittani Deckard, first place. Briscoe County News Photo



Derrick Smith won second and Rowdy Cogdell won first in the third age group of Tricycle Racers. Briscoe County News Photo



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## Shelley Smith is Shower Honoree Here Recently

A miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Shelley Smith of Quanah, bride-elect of Langdon Reagan, was held Saturday morning, August 5, in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank in Silverton. The guests were greeted by Dorothy Martin and introduced to the bride, and to Carolyn Shelton, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

The refreshment table carried out the bride's colors of Victorian rose, hunter green and burgundy with a centerpiece of silk flowers, berries and ivy accented with a bow and arranged in a wicker basket. A lace cloth was used on the table and refreshments were served with crystal appointments.

Amy Fuston and Christy West served raspberry punch, sausage balls, miniature cinnamon rolls and muffins.

The registration table held the bride's guest book and an antique hurricane candle.

Gifts to the bride and groom from the hostesses were an outdoor propane grill, centerpiece and hurricane candle.

Special guests were Danielle Smith, daughter of the bride, from Quanah and Margaret Frizzell, grandmother of the prospective bridegroom. Other out-of-town guests included Pat Taylor of Amarillo; Pearl Patton, Roaring Springs; Jo Ann Reagan and Jackie Carpenter, Quitaque; Natalie Waddell of California; DeAnn Burks and Skeet of Pampa and Inette Johnson of Tulia.

Hostesses included Dorothy Martin, Jeannette Herring, Ann West, Anita Ramsey, Mary Ivory, Sue Breedlove, Sybil Martin, Sharon Simpson, Shirley Henderson, Brenda Patton, Pat Fitzgerald, Christy West, Amy Fuston, Ruby Graham, Janinne Brooks and Gail Wyatt.

## DPS Reminds Motorists To Watch For Kids

As the new school year starts, the Department of Public Safety reminds motorists to slow down around schools and to watch for children who may be exiting school buses. Drivers also should be aware that children may cross streets without watching where they're going.

"The first few days of school, it's easy to be distracted," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, jr., director of the DPS. "Make sure you're alert and paying attention when you're driving, especially in and around school zones or near school buses. You don't want to become part of a tragedy."

More than 1.3 million Texas

children a day ride school buses, which continue to be the safest form of highway transportation--fewer than one percent of traffic accidents in the state involve them.

The most common time for accidents is when school buses are loading or unloading students. According to the national School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10. All students should be taught to follow safety rules and to watch for traffic before crossing streets.

Texas law forbids vehicles from passing a school bus while its alternately flashing red warning lights are activated. Motorists can be fined up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus while the warning lights are activated. Subsequent violations can lead to suspension of a driver license for up to six months.

"Stopping for school buses is the law. We have zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses; if you pass a stopped school bus, you will receive a ticket from DPS," Davis said.

No one was killed in a Texas school bus crash or during loading or unloading of a school bus in 1998 (the latest year that full statistics are available), but 1,227 people were injured in school bus accidents and 22 were injured while loading or unloading school buses. In 1999, an Austin child was killed by a drunk driver as she attempted to cross a street after exiting a school bus. The driver was convicted earlier this year.

For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-

## Happy Anniversary-

Aug. 17--Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rhoderick, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Roehr

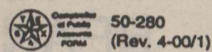
Aug. 18--Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lowrey

Aug. 20--Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Grimland, Mr. and Mrs. Max Garison, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Younger

Aug. 21--Mr. and Mrs. Gene Whitfill, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Perry

Aug. 23--Mr. and Mrs. Gary Chandler

867-4611 or the Public Information officer at 512-424-2080.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The SILVERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 8:00 P.M. in Rm. 1 Silverton High School on August 24, 2000.

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.980	\$0.000	\$0.980	\$1,944	\$5,235
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.982	\$0.000	\$0.982	\$1,855	\$5,200
Proposed Rate	\$1.010	\$0.000	\$1.010	\$1,920	\$5,200

\* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ .980	\$ 1.01
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$196.00	\$ 202.00
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 6.00

**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.042. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.042.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

## Silverton School Activities

Thursday, August 17--Booster Club hamburger supper, 7:00 p.m., football field

Saturday, August 19--Lazbuddie/Melrose Scrimmage at Lazbuddie, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, August 25--Follett Scrimmage at Lefors, 5:00 p.m.

## Silverton Owls 2000 Football Schedule

Sept. 8--Cotton Center	H	7:30
Sept. 15--Miami	T	7:30
Sept. 22--McLean	T	7:30
Sept. 29--Lefors*	H	7:30
Oct. 6--Amherst	H	7:30
Oct. 13--Samnorwood**	T	7:30
Oct. 20--Groom**	T	7:30
Oct. 27--Hedley**	H	7:30
Nov. 3--Happy**	T	7:30
Nov. 10--Valley**	H	7:30

\*Homecoming  
\*\*District

## JV FOOTBALL 2000 SCHEDULE

Aug. 31--Amarillo	H	6:00
Sept. 7--Cotton Center	T	7:00
Sept. 16--Miami	H	1:00
Sept. 21--Valley	H	7:00
Sept. 28--Open		
Oct. 5--Amherst	T	7:00
Oct. 12--Open		
Oct. 19--Open		
Oct. 26--Open		
Nov. 2--Happy	H	7:00
Nov. 9--Valley	T	7:00

## Silverton Owls Junior High Football Schedule

Sept. 7--Cotton Center	T	5:00
Sept. 16--Miami	H	1:00
Sept. 21--McLean	T	5:00
Sept. 28--Open		
Oct. 5--Amherst	T	5:00
Oct. 12--Samnorwood	H	5:00
Oct. 19--Groom	H	5:00
Oct. 26--Hedley	T	5:00
Nov. 2--Happy	H	5:00
Nov. 9--Valley	T	5:00

## Silverton Rainfall Report For Year 2000

	2000	Yearly Average
January	.16	.65
February	.00	.60
March	2.52	.93
April	2.39	1.49
May	.80	3.11
June	9.10	3.78
July	.46	2.39
August	.00	2.64
Totals	15.43	15.59

## Boosters to Serve Hamburger Supper

Silverton Booster Club will be serving hamburgers at the football field beginning at 7:00 p.m. today (Thursday, August 17).

If you are the parent of an athlete in junior high or high school, you are urged to attend this meeting.

Everyone interested in the school's athletic program is invited to come for a burger.

## Skylar Beesinger Wins Bicycle Decorating Contest

Skylar Beesinger, son of Rick and Jana Beesinger, was the grand prize winner in the bicycle parade Saturday afternoon.

Johnny Vasek, grandson of J. C. and Thada Fowler, was first-place winner.

Gabriel Vargas, son of Rosa and Lupe Vargas, won second place.

Katie Vasek, granddaughter of J. C. and Thada Fowler, won third place.

Special awards went to Nathan and Molly Stinson, children of Jay and Michelle Stinson.

The bicycle parade was sponsored by The Plum Thicket, and the sponsor awarded all the prizes.

**Traditionally, in Italy, time was reckoned around a twenty-four hour day starting at sunset. That's how the hours near sunset came to be known as the Italian hours.**

## Bi-Annual Silverton School Homecoming Activities Held

The bi-annual Silverton School homecoming activities were held Saturday with a large crowd in attendance. Kelsie Estes, Kelcy Simpson and Eric Minyard registered close to 200.

Over 200 enjoyed the brunch in the school cafeteria, which included breakfast casserole, hot rolls, honeybuter, banana, punpkin and strawberry breads, blueberry muffins, grapes and sorbet.

Tables were decorated with fresh pineapple and grapes intertwined with ivy.

The registration table was decorated by The Plum Thicket.

The program began at noon with Rick Mnyard giving the invocation. The SHS cheerleaders did a routine to the alma mater. A spectacular musical extravaganza followed. The program was narrated by Cathey Weaks.

Principal Sheryl Weaver welcomed the guests, and Silverton Boy Scouts Ryan Minyard and Andrew Francis presented the colors.

Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner told about the school's receipt of \$200,000 in money for computers.

Faye Rampley presented the O. C. and Faye Rampley Scholarship, and Mr. Kirchoffner recognized the classes attending. The classes of 1949 and 1950 tied for the most in attendance. Iris Burson, a member of the Class of 1926, was the eldest graduate in attendance.

W. E. and Juanita Cox Autry of Ephrata, Washington traveled the furthest to attend the homecoming.

Mr. Kirchoffner recognized the members of the 2000 homecoming committee, and introduced the members of the 2002 homecoming committee, Tom Burson, Marsha

Teepie Brunson, Amy Perkins Otis and Mary Lane Whitfill Younger.

The cheerleaders led the fight song to close the program.

Special thanks were extended to the First State Bank and Briscoe Implement for the donations for door prizes. Thanks to all those who took part on the program and baked things for the brunch. All of you helped to make it a great day!



The one thing—other than baby birds—that birds have that no other animals have is feathers.

## You are invited to a BEANS 'n JEANS DEMOCRATIC RALLY



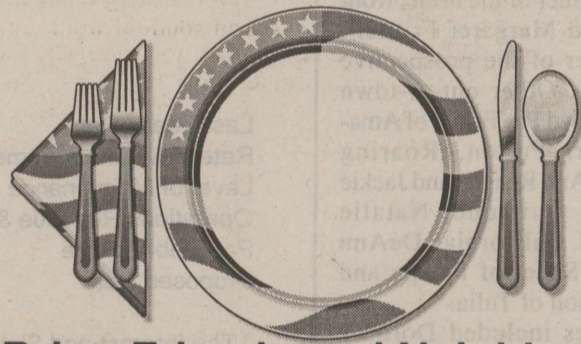
7:00 p.m. August 19



Swisher Memorial Building, Tulia  
To Meet Democratic Officials

and

Curtis Clinesmith, Candidate  
For U. S. House of Representatives



Bring Friends and Neighbors!

## Letter to the Editor

You are cordially invited to be our guest at a Democratic BEANS 'N JEANS gathering at the Swisher Memorial Building, 127 SW Second in Tulia on August 19, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. to honor Democratic elected officials.

Curtis Clinesmith, Democratic candidate for the 13th Congressional District, will speak. You will be recognized during the evening along with other Democratic officeholders from surrounding counties.

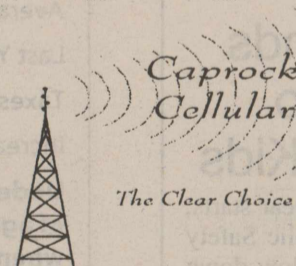
Family and friends are welcome. Please RSVP by if you are able to attend.

Democratically yours,  
Delbert L. Devin  
Swisher County Chairman

**Born in Tupelo, Mississippi, Elvis Aron Presley's first singing experience came in a church choir.**

**The peanut came to be known as the goober because it is a variation of the Congolese word nguba.**

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Members of Boy Scout Troop 262 of Silverton spent time rafting and rappelling while at Camp Tres Ritos, New Mexico. The rafters include Chase Comer (left), Eric Minyard, Rio Grande River Tours Guide Bill Wood, Scoutmaster Larry Comer, Max Comer and Martin Younger.

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM**

In accordance with the provision of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether or not cotton growers shall establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Northern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone and pay a maximum annual assessment in the amount of \$12 per land acre of irrigated cotton and \$6 per land acre of dryland cotton, including skiprows, for up to thirteen years, plus a maintenance fee thereafter. The initiation of a program at this assessment level is contingent upon obtaining financing to allow an eradication program to operate within a maximum budget level of \$96.93/acre, the projected cost for a four-year eradication program. If approved, the program and assessment are expected to begin on a date determined by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and the Texas Department of Agriculture based on biological and geographical considerations and the availability of resources. If the necessary financing is not arranged prior to program commencement, the program will not be initiated and no assessment will be collected.

The Northern High Plains Eradication Zone consists of all of Swisher and Hale counties; the part of Randall County that lies south and east of a line running along Highway 60 from the Deaf Smith County line east to Interstate 27,

then running north along Interstate 27 to the Potter County line; the part of Armstrong County that lies west and south of a line running along FM 294 from the Carson County line to Hwy. 287; then running due south to Mulberry Creek; then running east along Mulberry Creek to the Donley County line; the part of Briscoe County that lies west of a line running along Hackberry Creek from its intersection with the Armstrong County line to its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River, continuing south along Cherokee Creek from its intersection with the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River to County Road 27; continuing south along County Road 27 to Hwy. 256; continuing west along Hwy. 256 to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing south along the Caprock Escarpment to the Floyd County line; and the part of Floyd County that lies south and west of a line running along FM 97 beginning at the Motley County line; continuing west to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing north along the Caprock escarpment to the Briscoe County line.

Also, as part of the referendum, a representative of the above-referenced zone will be elected to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The referendum and board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed by September 11, 2000. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than October 2, 2000, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower hav-

ing cotton production in the year 2000 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and if he or she resides in the Northern High Plains Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton and receives income from the sale of cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm.

Any person eligible to vote in the referendum or board member election that resides in the Northern High Plains Zone and meets the seven year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received in Austin by September 4, 2000 and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas

**Glass Chalk: Getting Down To The Art Of Matter**

(NAPS)—Whether it's a holiday, game day or wedding day, you can now celebrate with color and creativity, making your mark on glass without being a "pane."

A new kind of sponge marker, called Glass Chalk, makes it easy to draw or write on glass surfaces. The temporary writing washes off instantly with a wet paper towel, yet won't run off in the rain.

By writing on glass windows in vibrant, colorful lettering, businesss can advertise in-store specials, car owners can let people know that a vehicle is for sale, and anyone can leave personal birthday, wedding, friendship or "I-Love-U" notes on their favorite car



Silverton Scouts practiced mountain climbing and rappelling at Tres Pedros, west of Taos. The 125-foot cliff, The Dirty Diagonal, was where they earned their Climbing Merit Badges.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the dates shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)**

District: Childress

Contract 0031-02-023 for SEALCOAT in Collingsworth County, etc. will be opened on September 7, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 1191

**State Office**

Construction Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

**District Office(s)**

Childress District  
District Engineer  
1700 Ave F NW  
Childress, Texas 79201  
Phone: 940-937-7100

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Glass Chalk can be a fun way to promote events—from school spirit and sports to concerts and car washes. For instance, you can decorate your car windows for the tailgate party before the big game, then wipe them clean right after. And, because it's non-toxic, Glass Chalk is safe even if it gets on your skin.

In addition, the paint does not wash out of fabric, so the markers may be used to create original, permanent designs on T-shirts and clothes.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration of the Estate of Margaret Gayle Smith, Deceased, were issued on August 9, 2000 in Cause No. 1429, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to: Mike Lee Smith.

The residence of the Administrator is Clarendon, Briscoe County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o William P. Smith  
Attorney at Law  
P. O. Box 59  
Silverton, Texas 79257

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 10th day of August, 2000.

Law Office of William P. Smith  
P. O. Box 59  
Silverton, Texas 79257  
By: /s/William P. Smith  
Attorney for the Estate  
State Bar No.: 00792843