

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



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

Members of the Assembly of God will host the luncheon.

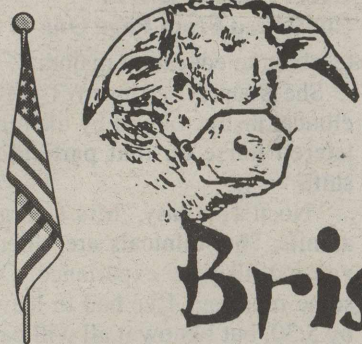
Rock Salt Youth Group to Sell Fresh Doughnuts

A team of Rock Salt youth and adult sponsors are planning and preparing for a summer Mission Trip to Mexico. July 1-10, the team will travel to Trinidad, Colorado to a Youth With a Mission base to begin five days of missions training which includes dramas, puppets, worship, team building exercises and cultural evangelism teaching. Then it is off to Mexico to work in Juarez. The group plans to build a house for the homeless, work in an orphanage, perform gospel dramas and puppet shows, as well as worship with and serve local churches in Mexico.

To raise money for the trip, Rock Salt will be having several fundraisers in the coming months. This month, they will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Each person helping to raise funds will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts for \$6.50 a dozen. Those selling the doughnuts will give each person buying them a voucher for each dozen they purchase. On the voucher, it will give the time and place that the doughnuts will be available for pick-up. Each person simply brings their voucher to the Rock Salt building on Saturday, May 4, between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to pick up their doughnuts. Adult sponsors will be traveling to Dallas on late on the evening of Friday, May 3, to pick them up fresh from Krispy Kreme and will deliver them promptly to the Rock Salt building for pick-up Saturday morning. Each voucher will have all this information printed on it so no one will forget.

Krispy Kreme doughnuts are a very hot fundraiser right now. Everyone seems to love them. The word is that they freeze very well and warm up great, so buying several dozen and freezing them is a wonderful idea. If you see any of See Rock Salt Fundraiser-- Continued on Page Three

**BRISCOE COUNTY
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THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2002

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Kim George Closing In On Nursing Degree at West Texas A&M University

Kim Burson George is her own toughest taskmaster.

With three youngsters ages two, eight and eleven, she easily could justify stay-at-home status, naturally with frequent outings to Little Dribblers, baseball games and school functions. She does attend all those things and more with her young family and husband, Dusty George, whose Tulia-based construction company bears his name, but her ambitions don't stop there. In May, Mrs. George will be a candidate to receive her second bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University, this one in nursing.

"It's just something I've always wanted to do," Mrs. George, who grew up in Silverton, said. "It's been tough, but with the right kind of support, it's absolutely doable."

Daughter of Silverton residents, Jimmy and Rhenda Burson, Mrs. George received a degree in biology from WTAMU in 1996. Two years later she decided that nursing was the profession she would pursue, and she enrolled in the Division of Nursing at WTAMU.

"It's a difficult program, tough, but it prepares you like it should," she said. "I already have a job waiting for me at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo."

Mrs. George plans to begin



Kim Burson George

working in the hospital's surgical intensive care unit. First, however, she needs to complete her final undergraduate semester at WTAMU, a singular challenge in itself. On Mondays, for example, she spends much of the day on campus for a class called Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing Practice.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are an even tougher commute from Tulia as she travels to study and work in various health-care settings in Amarillo for the required Clinical Internship program, something that is much like student See Kim George-- Continued on Page Two



Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recognized Carl D. Bomar and Dorothy Bomar of the Burlson Place in Briscoe County, along with owners of 114 farms and ranches from 70 counties for maintaining their farm or ranch in agricultural production for 100 years or more. The Burlson Place has been in operation by the family since 1901 and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a recent ceremony in Austin.

Athletic Banquet Will Be May 17

The Athletic Banquet sponsored by the Silverton Booster Club has been scheduled for May 17. All family and friends are invited.

The cost is \$7.50 per person for the meal. You must sign up at the school and pay this fee by Thursday, May 9. The High School and Junior High Athletes' meals will be paid for by the Booster Club.

It is hoped that all can attend to help honor the athletes for their accomplishments.

Silverton Library Recognized Tues.

Matt Schaefer, West Texas regional director for U. S. Senator Phil Gramm, presented the Silverton Public Library with a certificate of appreciation from Gramm Tuesday morning. Schaefer also read a letter from Senator Gramm recognizing the library's vital contribution to the community.

"In every city across America, libraries are making a commitment to help promote literacy and learning," Gramm said. "But a library would be nothing without the hard-working volunteers who have made education awareness and reading a priority. National Library Week is a time to recognize them and encourage others to volunteer their time, talents and resources to their local library."

National Library Week is being celebrated April 14-20. Sponsored by the National Library association, it was initiated to promote the use and support of all types of libraries and to make the public aware of the many services libraries provide to their communities.

Caprock SWCD Still Has Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District still has trees available for sale. There are a few varieties left from which to choose.

The sale of these trees enables the district to contribute back to the community in the form of scholarship programs, contributions to livestock shows, sponsorship of FFA competitions, and other community-based events.

For more information, call 823-2341, Ext. 101, or come by the NRCS office at 410 Lone Star.



Bryn Mayfield won first place in the Area Track Meet discus throw Friday at Abernathy. At the District Track Meet here, she won first with a throw of 97-2. Her distance at the Area Meet was 104-3.

Briscoe County News Photo

Several Track Athletes Going To Regional Meet

The Owls and Lady Owls qualified several athletes for Regional competition in Levelland April 26-27 at the Area Meet in Abernathy last Friday.

Those in the top four places in their events will go on to Regional.

Andrew Francis placed fourth in the 400 meter run.

The Lady Owls won fourth place as a team, behind Whiteface, Sudan and Springlake-Earth.

Bryn Mayfield won first in the discus throw at both the District and Area Meets.

Amanda Estes ran fourth in the 100 meter dash, and also placed third in the 300 hurdles.

The 1600 meter relay team (Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kelsie Estes, Danielle Ramirez, Kassie Strange) placed fourth.

Sarah Craiker, who holds the Silverton School record in girls pole vault (since this is the first year for this event), won third with 6-6. This is quite a bit higher than the height she cleared to win the District Meet.

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Thank-you notes at the Briscoe County News office. 37-tfnc

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AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitaque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 26-tfnc

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., 111 N. Wall St. (1 block north of courthouse), Floydada, 1-806-983-3635. 16-tfnc

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Car Washing and Yard Work Wanted: Leo Ivory, 823-2176, 103 Broadway. 15-2tp

Cards of Thanks

Birthdays are beautiful--with a great family and friends like ours!!For my open house, food, hugs, gifts, cards, phone calls, good wishes and prayers and miles traveled, we truly appreciate each of you!

God bless you,
Shafe and Jonnie

My words seem inadequate to say "THANK YOU" to each of you who made the 80th milestone of my life such a special day.

To each of you who attended the reception, sent flowers, a gift or a card, made a phone call or dropped by, these things are instilled among the most precious memories forever cherished in my heart.

To Liz, Taylor, Lori and Cord, Dot, Sandi and Juannah, a special "HUG" and thank you, for your gift of love bestowed on my birthday. In His Love, Roberta

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Re-election

WAYNE NANCE

For County & District Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas:

BENA HESTER

Re-election

For County Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas:

JEFF FUSTON

Re-election

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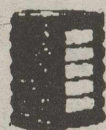
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Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
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Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

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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.

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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.

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SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Father Ed Graff, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
SUNDAY:
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

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

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Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.

Put A Smile In Your Voice

Today, it seems that we are often talking, either in person or by telephone, with people whom we have never met. Recently, I had to make several telephone calls to some insurance companies and it was always such a pleasure when the other person was pleasant and easy to talk to.

Although it is understandable that everyone has bad days, this should never be an excuse for being rude or exhibiting bad manners. A kinder and gentler attitude is always more pleasurable for both parties.

Our heavenly Father wants us to be faithful and tolerant, and to reflect His loving kindness to others. God loves a cheerful giver and when we are giving of ourselves to help someone, we should bear in mind how our Lord would want us to react. It is easy to put a smile in our voice when we have God's love in our heart.



*The Lord sees what happens everywhere;
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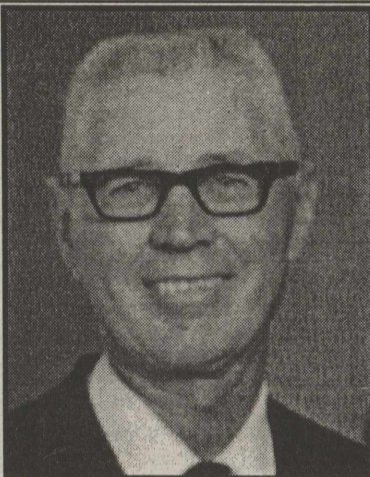
Obituary

LOWELL ROWELL

Funeral services for Lowell Rowell, 92, were conducted March 11, 2001, at Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home with burial at Beaumont Haven of Rest Cemetery. Officiating were Rev. Mel Rowell and Rev. Tim Rowell. Arrangements were made by Kelley-Watkins of Beaumont.

Mr. Rowell, of Honey Island, died Friday, March 8, 2002 at his residence.

Born June 20, 1909 to the late William Asa Rowell and Mollie Virginia Harrison Rowell, he was a native of San Saba County, Texas. He was a former resident of Optima, Oklahoma and had lived in Honey Island for six months. He



Lowell Rowell
 June 20, 1909 - March 8, 2002

was a retired pipeline gauger.

Mr. Rowell married Hallie Bell Strange, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Strange, November 25, 1933 in Plainview, Texas. They resided in the Francis Community of Briscoe County until moving with their four small children to Oklahoma. They remained there until the late 1990s, at which time they moved to Sour Lake, Texas to live near their son and daughter-in-law, Mel and Judy Rowell.

He is survived by a son, Rev. Mel Rowell and his wife, Judi, of Honey Island; three daughters, Vivian Gregg and her husband, Neil, of Enid, Oklahoma, Juanice David and her husband, Elmer, of Guymon, Oklahoma, and Dorothy Morrison and her husband, Rev. James Morrison of County Line, Oklahoma; a brother, Aubrey Rowell of Silverton, Texas; a sister, Laverne Mercer of Silverton, Texas; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

BETTY GARDNER DUMESNIL
 Betty Gardner Dumesnil, 70, died April 14, 2002, at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler. She was

Western Swing Music To Be Heard at Gem

The Turkey Heritage Foundation presents in concert at the historical Gem Theatre in Turkey, Texas, the Baker Brothers and former Texas Playboys. This will be an evening of western swing music you will never forget.

Entertainers are Glenn Duncan, Tommy Perkins, Bennie Garcia, Curly Lewis, Wayne Glassen, Stogie Buckhorn, D. C. Barlow, Dana Wills, Ramona Reed, Doris Baker, Henry Baker and Bobby Baker.

Dr. Charles Townsend will be master of ceremonies for this exciting event which will take place on Wednesday, April 24, at 8:00 p.m. at the Gem Theatre. Tickets are \$10.00 and it is predicted to be a sellout. For tickets or information, call 806-423-1273.

Free Blood Sugar-Blood Pressure Clinic Planned

Provided by Cory Edwards
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Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County, is collaborating with Kathy Fuston of Covenant Home Health Care to provide a free blood pressure-blood sugar clinic.

The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse Wednesday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service.

born November 16, 1931, in Silverton, Texas.

She was graduated from Silverton High School and attended Cisco Junior College. She married Richard Dumesnil June 18, 1977. He died April 15, 1998.

She retired from Commercial Union Insurance Company in Dallas, and had been a resident of Gladewater for eight years. She was a devoted member of Gladeview Baptist Church in Gladewater.

She is survived by one daughter, Sharon Chauvin of Gladewater; three sons, Sam Skinner of Little River, New Jersey, Joe Skinner of Deer Park, Texas, and Howard Skinner of New Braunfels, Texas; one sister, Sue Ward of Tulia; three brothers, Douglas and Carlton Gardner of Portsmouth, Virginia; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The body was cremated and a memorial service will be held at Gladeview Baptist Church in Gladewater at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2002. In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to the Gladeview Baptist Church, 901 Culver, Gladewater, Texas 75647, or to the charity of your choice.

Kim Burson--

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teaching to education majors. She is supervised by a WTAMU clinical instructor and by the registered nurse on that particular shift.

"No, it's not easy," Mrs. George admits, "but clinicals are where you get all your experience. On some mornings I've had to leave by 5:30, but I know it all will pay off in the long run. I've been assigned such student-friendly nurses and good teachers."

That's hardly the end of Mrs. George's academic week as she also is tackling another course over the Internet--Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing--through WTAMU's distance learning program, WOnline.

"Kim is a people person and a good student," Lynda Robinson, admissions counselor in the Division of Nursing, said. "She works so hard and is one of our really top-notch people in the program."

It's a lot to juggle for Mrs. George, whose family responsibilities can hardly be put on hold. Yet with the support of her husband and invaluable assistance from her in-laws, Carol and Si Bradley, she is closing in on her goal—a bachelor's degree in nursing.

"I am lucky to have such great help from Dusty and my mother-in-law; she keeps the baby," Kim said. "The kids go to her house after school. I just owe so much to her. You have to have the support of others to do what I'm doing, especially with three kids. But don't let anyone tell you it can't be done."

Still, an abundance of assistance does not guarantee a degree; Mrs. George has had to do the lion's share of work and still be Mom. And now that her degree is all but secured, she has plans that will keep her on the academic track for a few more years.

"My ultimate goal is to get my master's degree and become a family nurse practitioner," she said. "I plan to do that here (WTAMU) because the nursing program is so compact, like it is its own little school. You can depend on the faculty."

Kim won't begin work on her master's degree for a couple of years, but when she does it will be through the University's highly touted Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program, one of the role

Silverton School Honor Roll

Fifth Six Weeks

Second Grade--Haley Beesinger, Ryder Carpenter, Reba Garvin, Bryce Patton

Third Grade--April DeLeon, Adrienne Hubbard, Kaitlan Kinsey, Isaac Reyna

Fourth Grade--Skyler Beesinger, Blaze Cogdell, Marchell Curry, Logan Fabela, Emily Garcia, Wendy Garcia, Emily Long, Tamra Metcalf, Jonathan Perkins, Jathan Williams

Fifth Grade--Eloy Beltran, True Burson, Carlos Garcia, Tyler Garvin, Tommy Greene, Cade Holt, Shawn Johnson, Charla Rhoderick, Reese Scarborough, Nichole Schott, Blake Strange

Sixth Grade--Cooper Cogdell, Shane Estes, Lindsey Mullin, Laura Scarborough

Seventh Grade--Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Zakkary Perkins, Drew Reed, Clay Strange

Eighth Grade--Jacob Francis, Ethan Long, Gid Mayfield, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young

Tenth Grade--Caleb Francis, Lori Griffin, Ty Reed, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Kelcy Simpson

Eleventh Grade--Patricia Acevedo, Krystle Clinton, Tarran Forbes, Bryn Mayfield, Galen Smith, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young

Twelfth Grade--Amanda Este, Andrew Francis, Amy Johnson, Matt Strange

specializations in WTAMU's master of science degree in nursing. Nurse practitioners provide primary care, perform patient assessments, conduct examinations, treat both acute problems and chronic conditions and prescribe medication.

Mrs. George and her family are not looking quite that far ahead just now. Their focus is on May graduation.

"I'm more excited about the graduation this time than I was when I got my biology degree," Kim said. "I know what's waiting for me--a good job--and I feel more prepared than ever before to begin a career."

"I thought about a nursing degree about halfway through my biology degree but thought it would take too long if I switched. Now two kids later, here I am. If I can do it, so can anybody."

WEATHER

April Readings at 6:00 a.m.

Daily			
	High	Low	Precip.
1	69	37	
2	85	45	
3	52	30	
4	49	27	
5	58	27	
6	60	34	
7	53	46	.05
8	59	40	.03
9	67	40	
10	70	42	
11	81	40	
12	85	55	
13	76	55	
14	69	45	
15	87	48	
16	93	58	
Total April Precip.			.08
Average April Precip.			1.49
Normal Precip. to Date			3.67
Total 2002 Precip.			1.96
Soil Temperature			57°

2 Chronicles 7:14

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 5, 1962--Councilmen having expiring terms this year are Jim Estes, Dwain Henderson and F. E. Hutsell . . . Jeremiah Brooks was calf scramble winner at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo . . . Bass tournament to be held at Lake Mackenzie Saturday . . . Trustees completing their terms of office this year are Carolyn Lowrey, Jack Graham and Zane Mayfield . . . Tommy Perkins, son of Thomas Lee and Rosemary Perkins, received his PhD in animal breeding and genetics from the School of Agriculture at Texas Tech University in February . . . Kori Baird Bailey, a home economics education major at Texas Tech University, will be student teaching this spring at Lamesa High School . . . Tobe Riddell has been appointed to the Briscoe County Democratic Executive Committee to fill the position of Precinct Chairman in Precinct 1 . . .

April 1, 1982--Services today for R. L. O. Riddell, 75 . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Johnston are parents of a daughter, Dara Ann, born March 16 at Lockney . . . Joe Stubblefield has resigned his position as coach and teacher in the Silverton Schools. He and his family will be moving to Salina, located north of Dallas . . . Rank and Dick Codell, members of Silverton FFA, earned honors for themselves over the weekend at the Panhandle Cutting Horse Association championship show in Amarillo. Rank won the non-pro class on San Peppy Miss. His sister, Penny, 19, on Doc Koto and his brother, Dick, 15, on Miss Lena Barrett, tied for fifth with scores of 72 in the non-pro class. In the open class, Rank, on Miss Lena Barrett, and Dick, on San Peppy Miss, also tied for fifth . . . Miss Melissa Robertson, bride-elect of Nick Long, was guest of honor at a coffee and miscellaneous shower Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Carl Bomar . . . Mrs. James Davis presided over the annual Caprock District Convention in Lubbock . . .

March 2, 1972--Mary Stodghill was awarded the Crisco Trophy for her outstanding work in home economics at the FHA Sweetheart Banquet . . . Silverton Young Farmers met Friday with Charles Wayne Mayfield, District Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, as guest speaker . . . Rhett Montague, 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Montague, underwent surgery for the correction of a birth defect at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo Tuesday . . . Carol Stodghill has party on tenth birthday. Attending were Marilyn Hardin, Kathy Eiland, Lisa Childress, Katherine Bomar, Patti Perkins, Karen Martin, Bob Ann

Whelchel, Traci Mayfield, Rose Lee Perkins, YoVonna Marshall and Scotti Fleming . . .

March 4, 1962--Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Minyard are parents of a son, Ryan Lane . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wood are parents of a daughter, Kenda Renee' . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lee are parents of a son, Seth Aaron . . . Sherri Lynn McJimsey is the recipient of the first scholarship offered by Metropolitan Business and Professional Women's Club of Wichita Falls . . . Army Specialist Five Moses D. Thompson has been selected as Soldier of the Year at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio . . .

March 6, 1952--For the first time in the history of the Briscoe County Fat Stock Show, the Grand Champion steer and also the Reserve Champion steer were exhibited by the same boy, Jack Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Graham . . . Mrs. Bob Dickerson and Mrs. Cora Donnell entertained with a surprise get-together for Mrs. Una Burson, an old-time resident of Silverton . . . Funeral services conducted for Dave P. Brooks, a pioneer of Briscoe County who moved here in 1891 . . . Jim Hardin of the USN Training Center in San Diego, California has finished his basic training and is expected home the latter part of this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardin . . . Gene Hardin was inducted into the U. S. Marines in Dallas Monday . . . Buck Hardin has been in service almost two years, serving in the U. S. Army at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri . . . John Earl Simpson spent the weekend in Dallas and Fort Worth on business . . . Mr. and Mrs. Don Garrison are the parents of a daughter, born February 28, at the Tulia hospital . . . Mrs. Jeff Burson of Plainview visited several days last week with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Haynes . . .

February 26, 1942--H. Roy and Durward Brown are equipping a tractor repair shop in the big building at the rear of the hardware store . . . The boys of the Silverton FFA Chapter honored their mothers at a banquet Tuesday night . . . Monty Staniforth found a really big den of rattlesnakes at his farm 12 miles west of Silverton a few weeks ago. Cotton pickers thought he was in the snake business and kept mentioning what a nice lot of them he had in an old cistern. Monty finally took a look and found a seething mass of the reptiles . . . Mrs. Dick Garvin advertised a few weeks ago for a used Maytag washing machine. The ad cost her 30c and she found the machine she wanted . . . J. Vauder Self, who recently enlisted in the Air Corps, was in Silverton Sunday visiting with friends . . . Joe O'Neal has been

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the following individuals, make sure to place your order for Krispy Kreme and help them on their way to an adventure of a lifetime in Mexico this summer. Most who attend a summer mission trip probably won't become career missionaries one day, but who knows? some may. One thing is for sure: they will return to Silverton for-

ever changed by what they have seen and experienced. Those hoping to go to Mexico or helping to raise funds are: Tanner Young, Jenny Young, Max Comer, Bryn Mayfield, Kelcy Simpson, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Colt Smith, Kelsie Estes, Amanda Estes, Kassie Strange, Krystle Clinton, Danielle Ramirez, Nancy Young, Rick Beesinger, Nathan Barnes, Margie Boyd, Cindy Comer, Donna Estes, Jim Estes, Braden Estes, Lana and Bryan Burson, Zach Burson, Dusty Burson, Catherine Reyna, Brandi Reed (WT student). Each person will have a few samples of the Krispy Kreme doughnuts Friday, April 19, as they begin taking orders for the next two weeks.

very ill with the measles, mumps and flu. Mrs. O'Neal and daughter have also been ill . . . Mrs. Jess Branon and son, Junior, and Mrs. Richard Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brannon spent last weekend in Post with Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon and Jess Brannon . . . Billy Don Stevenson is ill with the mumps . . .

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, April 18--8 Social Studies TAAS; Regional OAP

Friday, April 19--8 Science TAAS; Regional Academic UIL

Tuesday, April 23--Rock Creek Church Senior Luncheon

Thursday, April 25--School Employee Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26--High School Regional Track Meet

Concert is May 3

There will be a concert May 3 from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton featuring praise, worship, skits and games will by *A Road Less Traveled* and *Prodigal*. There is no charge, but donations are encouraged.

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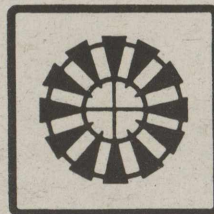
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Rural Telephone Cooperative Has 49th Annual Meet

The 49th Annual Meeting of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative was held Friday, April 5, in the Tulia High School Cafeteria.

Approximately 400 people, 198 being voting members, were in attendance.

The invocation was given by Gene Cannon of the Vigo Park exchange. Vice-President Elton Cantwell recognized the board members and welcomed the guests present, especially former General

Manager Dick Shackelford and his wife, Wanda.

The auditor's report was heard, and it reflected another profitable year for Mid-Plains.

Mr. Johnson reported that Mid-Plains was still not ready to provide High Speed Internet service to its members. Many telecommunications companies and manufacturers are having financial difficulties with little relief in sight.

During the meeting the election of officers for the Bean/Silverton, Gurley and Vigo Exchanges was conducted. After the ballots were gathered and counted, the three incumbents, Elton Cantwell, from

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The taxpayer pamphlet also describes other exemptions available, such as those for disabled Bean/Silverton, Ronnie Johnson from Gurley and Kenneth Littlefield were re-elected.

The directors, Emery Goodin and Jeremy Reed presented service awards. Director Earl Reynolds from the Cleta exchange received a pin for his 35 years of service to the Cooperative as a board member. Employee service awards went to Gary Malone, 25 years; Danny Johnson, 20 years, and Chris Wright, 10 years.

veterans and other disabled persons.

She said the Remedies pamphlet also contains information about protests to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to agricultural or timberland owners.

"I urge all property owners in the Briscoe County Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and learn about the property tax system and all possible property tax relief," Mrs. Fleming said. "Remember, taxpayers must file exemption applications with the appraisal office by April 30 and any protests by May 31 of this year."

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Owl and Lady Owl qualifiers for the Regional Track Meet in Levelland April 26-27 are (back row, left to right) Kassie Strange, Andrew Francis, Amanda Estes; (front row) Danielle Ramirez, Sarah Craiker, Kelsie Estes, Bryn Mayfield, Daryl-Ann Reynolds.

Briscoe County News Photo



Silverton, Quitaque and Turkey EMS personnel and students recently participated in a mass casualty incident exercise in Plainview.

Property Tax Information Available From the Appraisal District Office

Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser for the Briscoe County Appraisal District, offers property owners a 2002 pamphlet called *Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies & Responsibilities* to help them save on their property taxes.

Published by the Texas Comptroller's office, the *Remedies* pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas works and tells property owners about possible tax savings.

Mrs. Fleming noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as municipal utility, junior college and hospital districts).

"Homeowners may file for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads," Mrs. Fleming said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet explains each exemption and how to apply for it.

For example, all homeowners who owned and lived in their homes on January 1 may file for a \$15,000 general exemption from their principal home's value for school taxes. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homes.

"A tax freeze, or ceiling, for school taxes is a benefit for homeowners once they become 65 years old," Mrs. Fleming said. "State law provides that homeowners who turn 65 may apply during the year, rather than waiting until the next January 1."

"An elderly homeowner's taxes that pay for public schools cannot increase above the total school tax amount on that home in the first year that the homeowner receives the over-65 homeowner exemption," Mrs. Fleming continued. "But, it may increase if the homeowner improves or adds to the house, such as adding a room or patio."

The law provides an additional school tax benefit for certain homeowners. If the surviving spouse of an over-65 homeowner is at least 55 years old at the time of the older spouse's death, then he or she can keep the school tax ceiling. The tax ceiling, however, does not apply for other taxing units, such as the county and city.

The chief appraiser pointed out that homeowners age 65 or older do NOT need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Homeowners turning 65 during the year may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year from the date they turned 65, owned the home, and lived in it as their principal residence. Only those who have never had the exemption and tax ceiling—such as the surviving spouse age 55 or older—must apply in 2002.

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Dale McWaters was recipient of a plaque which recognizes him as being the Silverton EMS attendant of the year. The award was made at the annual Silverton EMS banquet.

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In Texas, traffic crashes, half of which involve alcohol and other drugs, are a leading cause of death and serious injury for young people ages 15-19. TxDOT started the Project Celebration program in 1984, to give students the opportunity to celebrate graduation without alcohol and drugs.

"Silverton High School plans to participate in the Project Celebration after-graduation party," said Barbara Seal, TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialist. "In addition to being awarded a \$225 reimbursement, they also will receive various items with the slogan 'Zero, Zilch, None, Nada . . . Celebrate Sober.' Support from communities, businesses, local organizations and citizens will help make this a successful event."

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Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 22--Lasagna, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Rice Krispie

Tuesday, April 23--Pizza, Corn, Garlic Bread, Milk, Fruit

Wednesday, April 24--Pig-n-Blanket, Baked Beans, Spinach, Milk, Fruit

Thursday, April 25--Chicken Fajita, Hot Sauce, Salad, Chips, Milk, Fruit

Friday, April 26--Hamburger, Cheese, Salad, French Fries, Milk, Cookie

Happy Birthday-

April 18--Venita Chappell, Mary Ivory

April 19--Linda Minyard, Jeanetta Bradford, Lauren Haylee Barbo

April 20--James Jarrett, Clinton Dickerson, Tanner Wood

April 21--Lynn Smith, Julia Couch, Chase Stidham

April 22--Kymberli May, Zane Henderson, Rex Fuston

April 24--Andrew Francis, Doree Brodeen, Kimmie Blazier, Mitchell Simpson, Valda Ferguson

Happy Anniversary-

April 18--Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sternberger

April 19--Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fleming

April 20--Mr. and Mrs. Eric Patton

April 24--Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Stephens

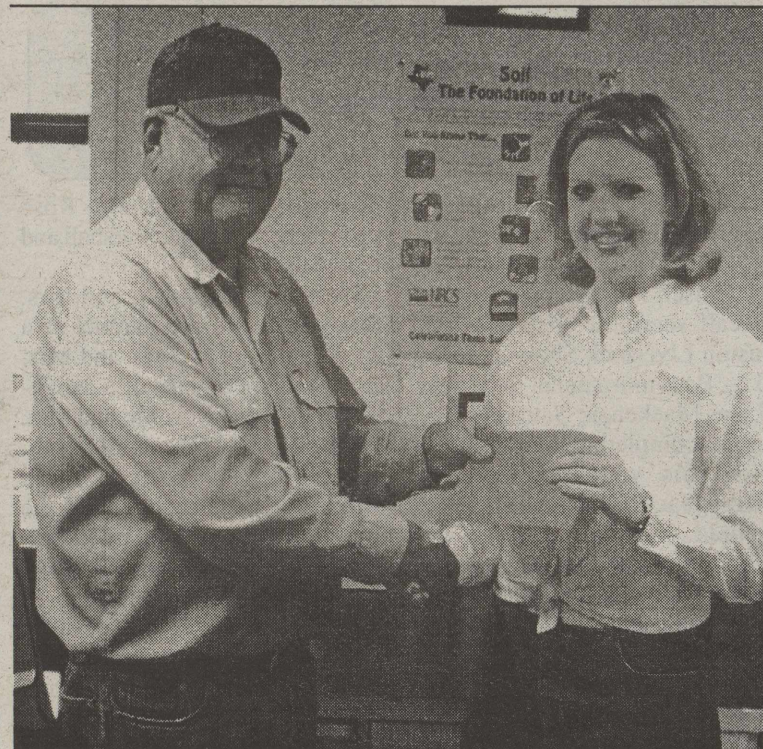
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	Normal Precip.	Precip. Received
January	.65	.74
February	.60	.50
March	.93	.64
April	1.49	.08
Totals	3.67	1.96

For more information about this program or any other TxDOT issue, contact Barbara Seal, Childress District Traffic Safety Specialist, at 940-937-7145.



Savannah Kast competed in the National Baton Twirler Association's Southwest Regional Championships in Denton April 13-14. The contest included twirlers from Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Savannah won the title of Miss Southwest Model for the 0 through 6 age group. She also placed second in Novice Solo, third in Novice X-Strut and eighth in Basic Skills Pageant. She placed first in Dress Model and Costume Model and second in Novice Solo and X-Strut.



Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that the \$500 scholarship for 2002 was awarded to Hannah Boedeker of Quitaque. She plans to attend Texas A&M University to work toward a degree in the field of public relations in the beef industry. She hopes to raise awareness of agricultural issues, particularly those concerning the ranching industry. Hannah has been greatly involved in her church, school and community. Caprock SWCD congratulates Hannah, and knows she will be successful in college and her future career.

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