

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Degrees were officially conferred on 392 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises December 13 at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 320 baccalaureate and 72 master's degrees.

The graduates represented seven states and 67 Texas cities and towns. They included William Jared Francis, son of Barry and Michelle Francis, who received the bachelor of science in agriculture/plant, soil, environmental science.

Kymerli May was a member of Canyon High School's Soaring Pride Band that placed third at the 3-A UIL State Marching Band Contest. Kymerli also was named to the 3-A, 2-A, 1-A Small School All-State Symphonic Band. She plays the French Horn.

Preston May was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at West Texas A&M University. He is a freshman computer information systems major.

Anthony May was named to the President's List for the fall semester at West Texas A&M. He is a junior majoring in engineering technology and also is a member of the Buff Football Team.

Kymerli, Preston and Anthony are children of Thurman and Glenda May of Canyon, and are grandchildren of Edwin and Claudine May of Silverton and JoAnn and John Lee Carthel of Lockney.

February 1 is the date for the next Turkey Jamboree. It will be held in the Bob Wills Center Gymnasium. Entertainers will include Larry Darnell from Wellston, Oklahoma, Michael Grace of Turkey, and Tanner and Kristan Evans of Lubbock.

Showtime is 7:00 p.m. The jamboree is free and they always have door prizes. The Jamboree group will serve the supper. They invite you to join them for some good food and good entertainment.

Justice of the Peace Connie Smith will be out of her office all week. She will be in Austin attending schooling for justices of the peace.

BCAA will open the skating rink at the Showbarn in Silverton Saturday, February 1, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission, but boys and girls who want to skate must bring their



THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2003

BCAA To Have Domino Tourney

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Domino Tournament Saturday, February 8, 2003, with play beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the County Show Barn in Silverton.

Players will begin registration at 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee is \$15.00 per player, and this includes lunch.

Bring your partner. Please RSVP by February 3, if possible.

Contact Leon Lavy, 806-823-7061 or Tobe Riddell, 806-847-2528 (home) or 983-0000 (cell).

Trophies will be given to the winners.

Firemen's Ball Will Be Feb. 15

The annual Firemen's Ball will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton on Saturday night, February 15. A ribeye dinner will be prepared and served by Silverton firemen.

A band will provide music. Tickets for the ball are \$15.00 each, and are available from all the firemen or at City Hall.

If you would like to enjoy the ribeye meal, but don't care to go to the party at the showbarn, you may order a meal to be delivered to your home for \$15.00. Deadline for ordering is February 11.

There will be a .223 calibre rifle with scope given away in a reverse drawing. Other donated gifts will be given away during the 300 drawings. You do not have to be present to win.

Contact a firemen for details. This is a fundraiser for the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department.

own skates, skateboards, etc.

Candy and soft drinks will be offered for sale.

The High School Cheerleaders sponsored a Shoot-Off Contest at the halftime of Friday night's basketball game with Valley. Contestants were Barry Francis, John Arnold and Jeff Smith. Smith won a meal at the Pizza Shack by sinking his free shot.

Owls Continue March Toward The District Championship

Silverton's Owls continued their march toward the District Championship with victories over Groom and Valley last week. The Lady Owls took a one-point victory over Groom and lost to the Valley Lady Patriots during the same time period.

The teams traveled to Groom on Tuesday night, January 21, and the Lady Owls came from behind to take the win.

Bryn Mayfield led the offense with 14 points and Kassie Strange added 10. Adding to the score were Lori Griffin, seven; Krista Hale, three; Jenny Young, two points.

Lady Owls	4	10	25	36
Groom	7	16	26	35

The Owls earned a 63-36 decision over the Tigers, led in scoring by the outstanding efforts of Red Ivory and Darin Martin, who scored 24 points each. Ivory hit six shots from downtown. Gid Mayfield also scored in double figures, getting 10 points and one three-point shot. Dustin Hale hit five points.

Owls	17	35	55	63
Groom	9	17	30	36

The Lady Owls dropped a 67-60 decision to the Valley Lady Patriots here Friday night. Lori Griffin and Bryn Mayfield led the scoring with 14 points each. Also scoring in double figures were Kassie Strange, 12, and Tarran Forbes, 10. Rounding out the score were Krista Hale, six, and Jenny Young, four.

Lady Owls	10	29	46	60
Valley	16	29	45	67

The Valley scoring was led by Natalie Wheeler, J. W. Reid's

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly Birthday Party at the Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 4.

Those who have birthdays in February will be honored.

granddaughter, who scored 34 points.

The Owls scored their second victory over Valley with an 85-62 decision. Red Ivory had the hot hands and burned the baskets with a big 29-point effort. Darin Martin was right behind him, scoring 27 points. Dustin Hale also scored in double figures, getting 11. Adding to the score were Gid Mayfield and Payton Estes, six points each; Chase Comer, five, and Eric Minyard, one point.

Shots from downtown were hit by Ivory and Hale, one each.

Owls	31	52	68	85
Valley	10	26	45	62

Silverton's Eighth Grade Owls played to a 34-22 victory over Groom last week. E. J. Ivory led the scoring with 10 points. Also scoring were Diego Ramirez, eight; Ory Johnson and Drew Reed, seven points each, and Jose Hernandez, two points.

8th Owls	5	13	24	34
Groom	5	9	11	22

The Seventh Grade Owls drove to Amarillo to play Bible Heritage last week, and were outscored 52-14.

Scoring for the Owls were Cooper Cogdell, six; Shane Estes, four;

Silverton Man Indicted For Pornography

A man accused of inducing children to perform sex acts recorded in photographs and on video was indicted recently by a federal grand jury, according to a report in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Stephen L. Assiter, 54, of Silverton is charged with conspiracy to produce child pornography, four counts of interstate transport of child porn and three counts of receiving obscene material through interstate commerce.

According to court documents, Assiter and a woman, who was not indicted, recruited minors to perform sexual acts on film.

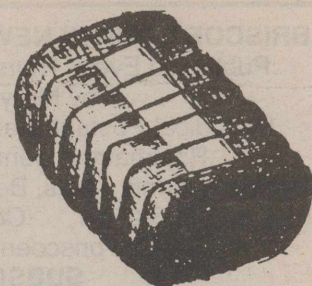
Authorities confiscated a CD-ROM containing images of child pornography, computer video files of girls and boys performing sex acts and obscene computer images including depictions of bestiality.

Marcous Gossett and Howard Elliott, two points each.

7th Owls	0	7	7	14
Bible Heritage	14	34	45	52

The varsity teams will be on the road to McLean and Samnorwood Tuesday and Friday nights this week.

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Notice is hereby given that a public sale at auction of the Property (as that term is defined and described below) will be held at the date, time and place specified herein:

DATE OF SALE: On Tuesday, February 4, 2002

TIME OF SALE: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: On the west steps of the courthouse, 415 Main, in the City of Silverton, the county seat of Briscoe County, Texas

INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS SALE:

Being all of Lot Numbers 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block No. 36 in the town of Silverton, in Briscoe County, Texas as shown by the recorded plat of said town of the record in the Deed Records of Briscoe County, Texas in Volume 96 page 118.

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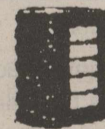
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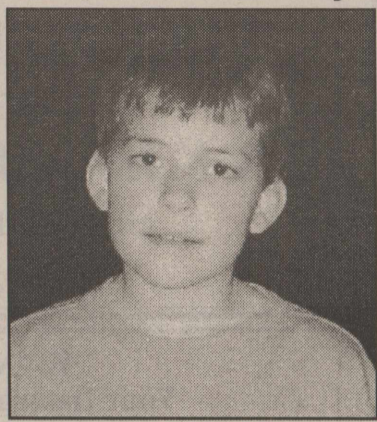
Students of the Month for January



Reba Jo Garvin

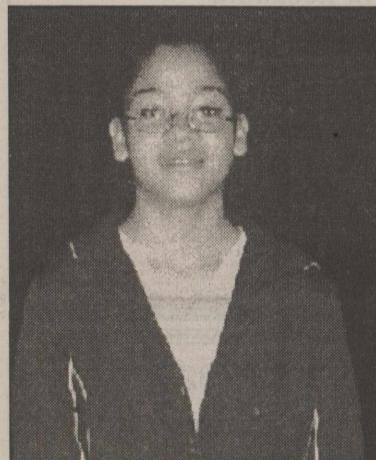
Reba Garvin, a Third Grade student, is the daughter of Scott Garvin and Tammy and James Smith. She likes to swim and roller blade. She likes to go to school and spend time with her friends. She also likes to read and ride her bike.

She loves horses, and most all animals. She likes her fish and sports. She loves her dog, Tucker and cat, Sam.



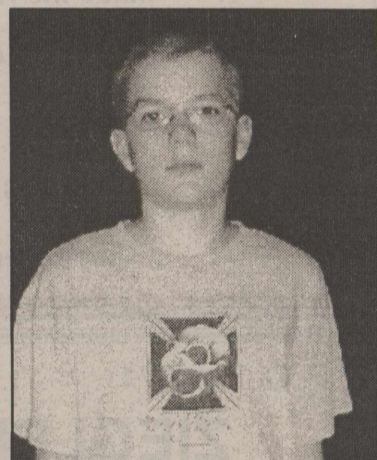
Cody Daugherty

Cody Daugherty, son of Ted and Jennifer Daugherty, is in the Second Grade. He likes to ride his four-wheeler and his horse, Raider. He enjoys reading, playing on the computer, and playing baseball and basketball. He also enjoys being with friends and family.



Jasmin Ivory

Jasmin Ivory, daughter of Clarence and Diana Ivory, is in the Seventh Grade. She likes to be with friends and family. She is interested in sports and likes being able to play basketball with the Eighth Grade team.



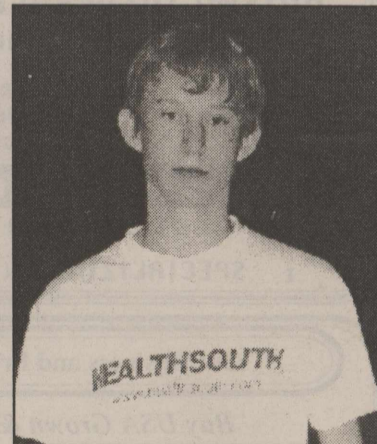
Zakkary Perkins

Zakkary Perkins is in the Eighth Grade. He is the son of Scott and Tonnette Perkins. He enjoys basketball, drawing and riding his bike.



Kassie Strange

Kassie Strange, daughter of Bill and Shana Strange, is in the Twelfth Grade. She likes to hang out with friends and her family. She enjoys playing basketball, reading and sleeping.



Thor Patton

Thor Patton, a Ninth Grader, is the son of Mark and Derinda Patton. He likes showing sheep and pigs and participating in football and powerlifting.

Area Teen Chosen as a Student Ambassador to U. S.

Tara Shane Smith, 16-year-old daughter of Debra and Mickey Smith of Silverton and granddaughter of Lawana Cruse of Turkey, has been chosen by the People to People Ambassador Program to be a student ambassador to the United States and will be traveling to England, Ireland and Wales this summer for an exciting, fun-filled three weeks.

Some of Tara's hobbies are ballet, jazz dancing, horseback riding, photography, reading, animals, traveling, theatre and swimming. Some of the clubs she has belonged to are Briscoe County 4-H and Hess School of Dancing. Some of her achievements are Who's Who Among American High School Students--2002 and Student Ambassador Delegation--2003. Tara is home schooled. Her future plans are to attend college and major in Zoology and Foren-

sics-Crime Scene Investigation.

Tara recently was interviewed and accepted as a member of the Texas People to People Student Ambassador 2003 Delegation to England, Ireland and Wales this summer. This 21-day program of exchange consists of meeting with government officials, interaction with other students, educational activities and home visits with host families.

She is currently seeking financial aid and sponsors to help with her goal and would greatly appreciate your support. Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed before their acceptance.

The young men and women are excited to share their experience with schools and civic clubs when they return. As a Student Ambassador With People to People, she can also earn academic credit through the program's many edu-

ational elements. Tuition for the program is \$4950 which includes meals, transportation, accommodations and educational activities. It is possible for you to assist her by making a contribution. Her program tuition is due by April 4, and may be made payable to People to People Student Ambassador Program, Delegate 20 #634589 and forwarded to Box 218, Silverton, Texas 79257, or it may be mailed to People to People Student Ambassador Program, Dwight D. Eisenhower Building, 110 South Ferrall Street, Spokane, Washington 99202-4800. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Lady Augusta Ada Byron was considered the first computer programmer. One of her first patrons was Sir. Charles Babbage, inventor of the first mechanical computer. She wrote the code for that computer.

Peru granted voting rights to women in September 1955.

SILVERTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2002

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 654,477	\$ 22,754	\$ 677,231
5800 State Program Revenues	1,277,069	50,021	1,327,090
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	168,217	168,217
5020 Total Revenues	1,931,546	240,992	2,172,538
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	1,111,024	131,992	1,243,016
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	26,380	-	26,380
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	3,477	7,423	10,900
0021 Instructional Leadership	195	-	195
0023 School Leadership	74,000	-	74,000
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	1,331	-	1,331
0033 Health Services	36,492	-	36,492
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	41,757	-	41,757
0035 Food Services	2,714	106,480	109,194
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	118,305	-	118,305
0041 General Administration	191,558	-	191,558
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	266,958	-	266,958
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	125,986	-	125,986
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	-	23,886	23,886
6030 Total Expenditures	2,000,177	269,781	2,269,958
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(68,631)	(28,789)	(97,420)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	-	28,789	28,789
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(28,789)	-	(28,789)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(28,789)	28,789	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(97,420)	-	(97,420)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	362,221	-	362,221
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 264,801	\$ -	\$ 264,801

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Obituaries

LEO COMER

Services for Leo Comer, 84, a resident at the Lubbock Hospital-ity House, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Silverton Church of Christ with Rance Young officiating.

Burial followed in the Silverton Cemetery under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Comer died Sunday, January 26, 2003.

He was born August 8, 1918, in Lockney. He married Willene Bomar November 1, 1941. She died in 1985. He married Neva Welch, who also preceded him in death.

He was a sergeant in the 616th Army Clearing Company, serving as a medic in northern Africa, Italy and France during World War II. He farmed in the Silverton area for 50 years. He was a member of the Silverton Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Camellia Comer of Mesquite; three sons, Buddy and Kelly, both of

Lubbock, and Larry of Silverton; 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a close friend, Edith Marrs.

REV. CECIL VAUGHAN

The Rev. Moten Cecil Vaughan, 91, of Springdale, Arkansas, died Saturday, January 4, 2003, in Fayetteville.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2003, at Trinity Temple Assembly of God in Fayetteville with the Rev. Don Evans and the Rev. Randy Brown officiating. Burial was in Zion Cemetery.

Rev. Vaughan was born the son of John and Jessie Vaughan March 24, 1911 in Silverton. He was the seventh of nine children.

He married the late Frances Nicholson Vaughan on October 1, 1934, and she preceded him in death October 26, 1997, after 66 years of marriage and a lifelong ministry of evangelism and pastoral service. The Rev. Vaughan was ordained by the Assemblies of God Church in 1941.

He pioneered and pastored churches in California, Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.

AUBREY ROWELL

Funeral services for Aubrey Brooks Rowell were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Rock Creek Church of Christ with J. D. Nance and Frank Duckworth officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rowell passed away Saturday at 4:00 p.m. at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia where he had been a patient for several weeks.

He was the son of William Asa and Mollie Virginia (Harrison) Rowell and was born in Millsap, Texas December 23, 1911. He came to Briscoe County with his parents in 1929.

He was graduated from Silverton High School with the Class of 1932.

He was married to Mae Pearl Jasper, daughter of Putman Darden and Alta Lavonia Pool Jasper November 25, 1933. In February 1937, the couple moved to Phillips where he was employed by Phillips Petroleum Company. While living in Phillips, two children were added to the family: William Darden on June 11, 1938, and Vaughnell, born May 27, 1940. They moved back to Silverton in April of 1946 and made their home on the farm which was purchased in 1943 from the J. N. Jasper Estate. They later moved to Silverton.

He was preceded in death by his wife December 18, 1995, and a great-grandson, Aaron June Cleveland June 28, 1998.

He was a member of the Rock Creek Church of Christ. Pallbearers were Joe, Brent, Paul and Cal Brannon, Mitchell Simpson, Delton Cleveland, W. D. and Will Rowell.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, W. D. and Peggy. He pioneered and pastored the Assembly of God Church in Silverton.

His last pastorate was East Angelo Assembly of God in San Angelo, which he pastored for 31 years. He retired in 1991 and moved to Springdale.

The Rev. Vaughan was preceded in death by a daughter, Lavelle Mauldin, in November 2000 and granddaughters Zonya Diane Thomas and Crystal Deann Vaughan.

He is survived by two sisters, Irene Vardell of Clovis, New Mexico and Gladys Brannon of Chillicothe; one brother, Hershel Vaughan of Hollis, Oklahoma; one son, Don C. Vaughan of Ben Wheeler, Texas; one daughter, Verne!le Hollingsworth of Springdale; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Rowell, and a daughter and son-in-law, Vaughnell and Joe Brannon, all of Silverton; a sister, La- Verne Mercer of Silverton; six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

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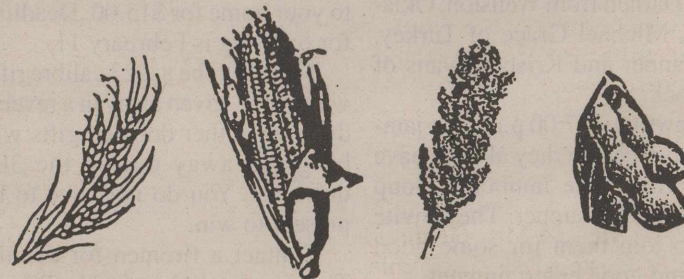
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Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

November 26, 1992--Danny Edwards and his daughters, Lori and Erica Edwards, and their cousins, Anthony, David and Jason Gamble, built several snowmen after six inches of snow fell on Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Buck Thomas to be honored at a reception in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary . . . Southwestern Extension Homemakers met in the home of Daphne Ferne McGavock Thursday . . . TDOC schedules tourism workshop in Canyon . . . Owls drop out of playoffs; move into basketball season . . . Applications are being accepted at FmHA in Tulia . . . Payments being processed for disaster relief . . .

December 3, 1992--O. C. Rampley elected president of Foundation Beefmaster Association, an international organization of purebred Beefmaster cattle producers . . . Holiday Home Tour is planned by Progressive Extension Homemakers. The tour will begin with visits to the homes of the Mickey Smith family, the Dewey Estes family and the Brad Ziegler family . . . Nell Clem, 67, buried at Roaring Springs . . . Cecilia Castillo and Lance Bradford, Briscoe County 4-H Gold Star Award recipients, have been honored at the District Banquet in Lubbock . . . 4-H'ers representing Briscoe County at the District 4-H Food Show were Jeremiah Brooks, Shannon Weaver, Lindsey Weaks, Trey Wyatt, Daniel Reagan, Michael Reagan, Ashleigh Wyatt, Taylor Griffin and Julie Weaver . . . In spite of ice-slick roads, there was a good turnout for the annual Thanksgiving celebration at the Carver Monroe home this year . . .

December 14, 1972--Second ice storm of season hits Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Max Stevenson and Dr. John Boyd took the Stevenson baby to the Plainview hospital by ambulance Tuesday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Allen of Costa Mesa, California are on their annual pre-Christmas visit to Texas. They are houseguests of Mrs. Arthur Arnold at her ranch east of Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ray McWilliams are parents of a son, Edwin Dee . . .

November 29, 1962--School given green light for foreign exchange student . . . The FFA Junior Farm Skill Team, composed of Wayne Rampley, Weldon Tipton and Howard Tomlin, won first

place in the District Leadership Contest . . . The FFA Senior Farm Skill Team, Guinn Turner, Riley Harris, Jimmy Myers and Orville Turner, won fourth place at the District Leadership Contest in Plainview . . . Graveside rites conducted for Jean Minyard, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. (Doc) Minyard . . . Jaye Turner, 28-year-old Silverton farmer, was injured Wednesday when the plow he was riding rolled over and threw him to the ground . . . Up to two inches of rain soaked the area around Silverton in the early hours Monday . . . Larry May, a student at WTSC in Canyon, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin May, Sheryl and Thurman . . . Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. Muckleroy spent a recent weekend in Houston where they attended a class reunion of 1952 graduates of Texas A&M . . . Marjorie Fern Autry is bride of James Jerral Taylor . . . Mr. and Mrs. David Tipton are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Suzanne . . .

December 11, 1952--Denzil Vaughan called his wife Monday night to let her know that he would leave Fort Sill, Oklahoma Tuesday morning for Maryland where he will take his basic training . . . Mrs. Lottie Henderson and Gaston Owens exchanged marriage vows Thursday in Lubbock . . . W. A. McJimsey, who suffered a heart attack at his home last week, is reported to be improving slowly . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks honored 54 relatives and friends with a dinner Thanksgiving Day . . . T. E. L. Class entertained their husbands with a holiday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Garrison Friday evening. The assistant hostesses were Miss Eunice Cox, Mrs. H. P. Rampley, Mrs. Eual Newman and Mrs. J. C. Bomar . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardin received word Monday that their son, Gene, had been wounded in action November 27 in Korea . . . P. L. Mills, owner of B & B Laundry, has let a contract to Marvin Reynolds and construction has already started on an apartment building on South Main Street joining the property of Mr. Mills which houses the laundry . . . Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wimberly returned home Friday from Dallas where they went on business . . .

December 3, 1942--Lloyd Sherman is first hometown boy killed in action on Guadalcanal . . . First Baptist Church organizes a

Brotherhood with the following charter members: W. L. Brian, Edd Brown, Elma Seaney, H. P. Rampley, Charley Chappell, Paul Ledbetter, Luther Campbell, Milton Perry, Grady Wimberly, Dalton Brian, Bud McMinn, W. A. Stephens, Lee D. Bomar, Curtis Wimberly, Esdell Hutsell, Leavis McMinn and R. H. Stodghill . . . Mrs. Scott Dunham was honored at a seated bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Robert London Monday afternoon. Mrs. D. H. Yancy was co-hostess . . . Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reid and girls visited Mrs. W. W. Reid Sunday . . . Miss Ruth

Mercer of Amarillo spent Thanksgiving with her parents . . . The soldier boys from Lubbock who were here Thanksgiving and this Sunday were Paul Neese, A. T. Brooks, Wade McGavock, Elmo Dean Baird, Virgil Crow, Arthur McJimsey, Kelton Newman and Wilson Folley . . . Dean Donnell and John Folley had a minor car accident Monday night. Their cars ran to-gether on the corner by Kirk's Cafe. Both cars were damaged. Dean had a bruised leg . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mattheus and family visited Sunday afternoon in the Dee Reid home . . .

Happy Anniversary-

February 4--Mr. and Mrs. Carl Speck

February 5--Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards

Margaret Chase Smith was the first woman to run for the presidential nomination of a major party. She won 27 delegate votes at the Republican Convention of 1964.

Little Calvin Shelton spent the weekend in town with his grandmother . . .

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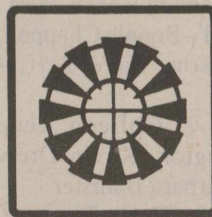
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available for order.

Wildlife seeding packets consist of 100 trees, 25 each of four different species. Packets available are quail/pheasant, deer, turkey, and squirrel. These packets are designed to attract specific wildlife to your property and come with instructions on how best to plant your windbreak for optimum benefit to your property as well as the wildlife.

The last day to order is Friday, March 7, 2003. At this point, some varieties are already sold out and others are limited in availability. To

Silverton School Activities

Friday, Jan. 31--High School at Samnorwood, 6:30

Monday, Feb. 3--8th Grade at Groom, 6:00; SDAA Field Test 3-8 Reading

Tuesday, Feb. 4--Varsity vs. Hedley, here, 6:30; JV at Valley, 4:00 p.m.

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 3--Pizza, Salad, Corn, Bread, Milk, Brownie

Tuesday, Feb. 4--Beef-Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich,

further insure that you are able to obtain the species you require for your windbreak project, you should get your order in as soon as possible.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101, or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton, located at 410 Lone Star.

Crackers, Milk, Trail Mix
Wednesday, Feb. 5--Mexican Casserole, Beans, Chips, Milk, Hot Sauce, Fruit

Nuggets, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Cheesy Biscuits, Milk, Honey & Butter
Friday, Feb. 7--Chili Dogs, French Fries, Milk, Fruit Snacks

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Meet The Lady Owls

Front Row: Danielle Ramirez, Sarah Craiker, Melonie Johnson. Middle Row: Tori Perkins, Brandi Carter, Camisha Wilson, Daryl-Ann Reynolds, Angie Lewis, Hanna James. Back Row: Kelcy Simpson, Kelsie Estes, Krista Hale, Lori Griffin, Kassie Strange, Jenny Young, Bryn Mayfield, Tarran Forbes, Coach Valdez.

Meet The Owls

Front Row: Payton Estes, Chase Comer, James Tiffin, Gid Mayfield, Caleb Francis. Middle Row: David Allen, Mgr., Humberto Vasquez, Jesse Reynolds, Jacob Francis, Joshua Maciel, Albert DeLeon. Back Row: Coach Esquell, Dustin Hale, Ty Reed, Darin Martin, Red Ivory, Eric Minyard, Coach Dykes.



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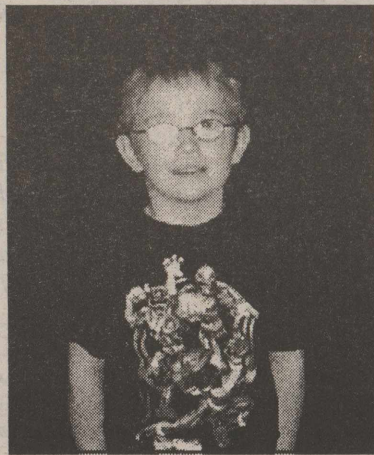
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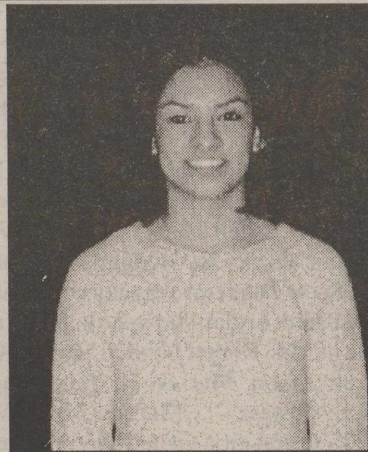
Brittany Ann Grabbe

Brittany Ann Grabbe is in the First Grade. She is the daughter of Sloan and Debra Grabbe. Some of her hobbies are riding her bike and playing with her cocker spaniels. She enjoys playing basketball and riding her scooter. She also enjoys playing with her cousins, Mesa and McKena.



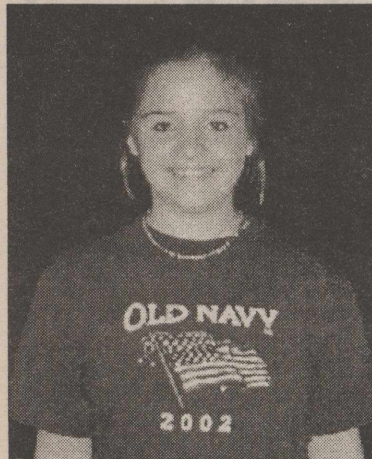
Blake Jasper

Blake Jasper is the son of Billy and Brenda Cowdrey, and is in the First Grade. He enjoys riding his scooter, coloring, drawing and playing games on the computer.



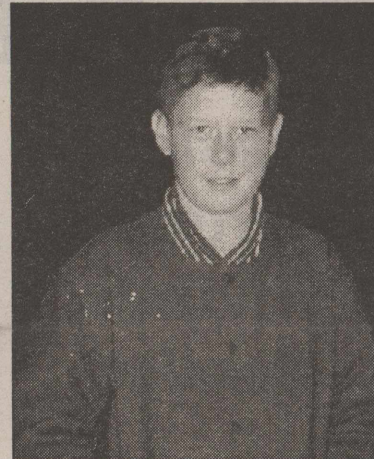
Danielle Ramirez

Danielle Ramirez, a Tenth Grade student, is the daughter of Kevin and Palmira Womack. She plays basketball, runs cross country and track, does powerlifting, is a cheerleader and is a member of Rock Salt Youth Group.



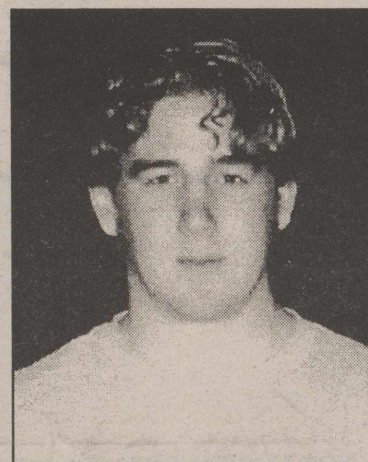
Brittany Tiffin

Brittany Tiffin, daughter of Vicky and Jeff Tiffin, is in the Eighth Grade. She enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with Courtney, Haylee, and Ami, and going to youth group.



Shawn Johnson

Son of Dixie and Derrel Johnson, Shawn Johnson is in the Sixth Grade. He likes to show pigs and just play around. He also likes to ride horses.



Chase Comer

Chase Comer is in the Twelfth Grade and is the son of Larry and Cindy Comer. He enjoys Sports, Boy Scouts and Snowboarding.

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Happy Birthday-

Jan. 30--Fern Minyard, Magan Renee Sweet, Sylvia Ramirez, Lambert Taitano

Jan. 31--Juanita Stephens, Brian West, Tamara Roehr, Mari Patino

Feb. 1--Bonnie Chappell, Corey Robertson, Faye Self, Austin Speiser

Feb. 2--Colleen Reed, Dee Whittington, Kevin Drew, J. L. Self, Barbara Banister

Feb. 3--Thada Fowler, Charles Whitfill, Amy Stewart

Feb. 4--Andrea Ramirez, Della Boling

Feb. 5--Dixie Johnson, Cody Culwell

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 date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Childress
Contract 6095-28-001 for MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY in BRISCOE COUNTY will be opened on March 20, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$35,594.00.

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 from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 8857

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
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Childress District
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7599 U. S. 287

Childress, Texas 79201-9705

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