

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet

Walk Across Texas! Kick Off Here April 7th

Are you ready to SPRING into health? Then sign up for *Walk Across Texas!* sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County. This year, participants will be hypothetically walking from El Paso to Orange, Texas. "We'll stay on Interstate 10 all the way--a total of 828 miles!" said Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences.

Walk Across Texas is an eight-week program that will spark some friendly competition in Briscoe County. Teams of eight will compete to see who can log the most miles walking, jogging, biking, spinning, doing aerobics, doing the stairmaster, swimming, or even roller blading.

"Teams will keep track of their miles, which will be posted in the SPHPO Briscoe Community Clinic and the Quitaque Clinic," says Mrs. Edwards.

Many people are unaware of the positive benefits of exercise. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease is the No. 1 problem in the United States. The risk of heart disease could be significantly reduced by regular exercise.

According to the Texas Department of Health, the positive effects of physical activity are not limited to lowering the risk of heart disease. Not only does regular exercise help relieve stress and anxiety, "physically active people outlive inactive people," a TDH report stated.

"Participating in *Walk Across Texas!* is not only a great way to get involved with our community, it's a healthy habit," Mrs. Edwards added. "This year we'll also be measuring the effects of exercise on weight loss, blood pressure and blood sugar levels."

To participate in *Walk Across Texas!* first get a team together and then choose a team name. The competition will kick off April 7, 2003. We will have two come-and-go registration parties this year. The first one will be in Silverton at the SPHPO Briscoe Community Clinic from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. The second one will be at the Quitaque Clinic from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Linda Moore, RN for the SPHPO Briscoe Community Clinic, will be taking pre-measurements of weight, blood pressure, and blood sugar at both the Silver-



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Mackenzie Water Authority Member Cities Call For Tough Budgetary Cuts

The governmental bodies of Floydada, Lockney, Tulia and Silverton have joined together to insist on tough reorganization in the Mackenzie Water Authority, including the resignation of the Authority's General Manager, Tom Davey.

With the cost of operations climbing and water allotments dropping, the cities have voted individually to call for significant cuts in operational costs.

Each city is represented by two board members, who are part of the Mackenzie Water Authority Board. Silverton is represented by Gordon Lowrey and Dwight Ramsey. Lockney is represented by Robert McDonald and Kenneth Tate. Floydada is represented by Jeffrey Johnson and Gary Carthel. Tulia is represented by John Criner and Joe

Adams.

Thirteen issues have been agreed upon by the member cities and will be discussed at the April Water Authority Board meeting.

The requests made will include:

- (1) The resignation of General Manager Tom Davey.
- (2) Hospitalization insurance to be limited to employee only--no dependent coverage.
- (3) Van Breedlove be asked to accept the General Manager's position in the Operations and Maintenance Department, but that his job description as Plant Supervisor and Maintenance Supervisor be kept in place. The manager salary will be reduced from \$45,000 to \$35,000.
- (4) Restrictions on water usage by the cities be removed.
- (5) All salary increases put in

place beginning in the current budget year of 2002-03 be rolled back to the 2001-02 budget year.

(6) That a new personnel policy be adopted. Christmas bonuses be set at \$200 per year. Holiday pay will be at time and a half.

(7) Budget cuts suggested by the business manager be kept in place and refunded to the cities.

(8) Before any future budgets are passed that they be presented to each City Council by their respective Mackenzie Board members, at least 30 days prior to the passing of said budget.

(9) The employee in charge of recreation be licensed to work in water supply to fill in as needed under the direction of the plant su-

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Two-Cylinder Club to Host Tractor Show

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host its 11th annual antique tractor show March 22-23 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. There will be antique tractors, small engines and antique equipment on display from 8-6 Saturday and 9-4 Sunday.

A children's pedal tractor pull will be held Saturday afternoon.

Concessions will be by the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum.

ton and Quitaque parties. Also, during registration you can enjoy great, nutritious snacks, fill out all of the necessary registration forms, go over all of the rules, and win door prizes. There is a \$2 registration fee per person. The registration fees will be used to obtain prizes to be presented at the end of the competition on June 1. Prizes will be presented to the team that accumulates the most miles and to the team that loses the most weight.

For more information, call the Extension Office at the NEW phone number, 823-2521.

Linda Moore Files For Place On School Ballot

Linda Moore has filed for a place on the ballot of Silverton Independent School District in the May 3, 2003.

She will be challenging incumbents Tom Burson and Perry Brunson whose terms on the school board expire this year.

March 19 was the last day to file as a candidate.

Two Owls To Compete at State Powerlifting Meet

Two Silverton Owls, Clifton Baker and Marcos Patino, will enter the State Powerlifting Meet at Fort Worth Saturday, March 22.

They qualified by winning in their weight classes at the Regional Meet March 8 at the Unity Center at Muncy in Floyd County.

Admission is free and donations will be accepted.

For more information, contact Paul Sarchet at 806-744-4457.

Cinderella Pageant Open to Area Girls

The Childress Cinderella Pageant is open to all area girls and will be held in Childress, Texas April 26, 2003. This is open to baby girls ages 0-2 years, boys 0-6 years, and young ladies ages 3-26 years of age. No modeling or pageant experience is needed and swimsuit clothing is not allowed. Talent is optional.

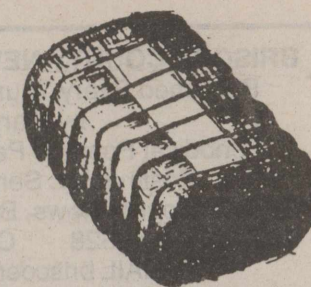
This is your chance to qualify for the State Finals to be held in Houston in June 2003, where you can win thousands of dollars in college scholarships and other prizes.

Please call Kayla Driver at 806-883-8409 or Sandra Murrell at 806-684-2389 for more information and an entry form.

Immunization Clinic To Be Held Here Mar. 21

An immunization clinic will be held at the Silverton School from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon on March 21, 2003.

The vaccines give protection against childhood diseases.



Tarran Forbes

Miss Forbes Wins State Powerlifting Championship

Tarran Forbes, daughter of Cam and Missy Forbes and a senior in Silverton High School, won the state powerlifting championship in her weight class last Friday in Killeen.

She also received a \$500 scholarship given by the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association. Only two such scholarships are awarded in each Region.

She has competed in powerlifting the past three years, and qualified for state competition last year.

Danielle Ramirez also qualified for state competition this year, but was not allowed to lift due to a discrepancy in her weight class.

Senior Citizens To Meet Friday

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

Members of the Friendship Quilters will be hosts for the luncheon.

All senior citizens are invited to attend.

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to say thank you to all of our family and friends for the cards, calls, visits, food and most of all, the prayers before and after Terry's surgery. Also thanks to all who came to the hospital to be with us during his surgery. Every act of kindness was greatly appreciated.

Terry and Ann West & family

To all those who made our 50th Wedding Anniversary so special, a great big thank you. For the beautiful cards, gifts, phone calls and prayers, and words of encouragement. It was a special day. Your presence there was a true gift.

Fred and Wanda

REAL ESTATE

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Priced to Sell: Three Bedroom House, 1105 Braidfoot. Call Pat Rice, 806-675-1125.

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CARDS OF THANKS

I would like to thank all of my family and friends for all of the prayers, food, phone calls and cards that I received since my surgery and since I have been home. Thank you, Rance, for coming to the hospital the day of my surgery. Everything was appreciated very much.

Thank you all,
Connie

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits, and especially for the prayers lifted up for me during my stays in the hospital and since I've been home. A special thanks to Rance Young for being with me and my family.

God bless you all,
Clifton Stodghill

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for every act of kindness shown us during Rex's eye operations. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Rex and Dorothy Johnson

The Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service and its board of directors would like to thank the Century of Progress Study Club for allowing us to be one of the recipients of the 2002 Christmas Greeting Page proceeds. We also want to thank everyone who donated to the Greeting Page and also everyone who is so good to remember the Service with donations and memorials throughout the year. We appreciate everyone's love and concern for this community and its residents. These donations guarantee that our ambulance service continues to have state-of-the-art equipment. Silverton EMS

Thank you, friends, for sending Joe the beautiful birthday cards, get-well cards, phone calls, food and prayers for me while I was in the hospital.

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Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
Ladies Bible Study..... 8:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:

Ladies Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.
Rock Salt Youth Group..... 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs

SECOND WEDNESDAY:
Fellowship Meal..... 6:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.
Mission Friends, GAs..... 7:00 p.m.
RAs, Rock Salt Youth..... 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Men's Group..... 6:30 a.m.

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METHODIST CHURCH**

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:
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Evening Service..... 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY:
Worship Service..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:



The Good News of Lent

The season of Lent begins forty days before Easter. Many Christians will fast, offer special prayers, and attend various religious church events during this period. It is a time for the Christian Church to be in agreement with God and to prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Lord's resurrection from the dead took place some two thousand years ago and proved that He was the true God and Savior of the world. Christ's dying and rising from the dead is a good reminder to all of us that one day we too shall die. The "Good News" is that He is coming again to receive all believers to Himself, and that where He is, they may be also.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal, and a time to listen to the Christ within us, because God's love for us is unconditional and His forgiveness and mercy are never ending.



*Be merciful, even as
your Father is merciful. Judge
not, and you will not be judged;
forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

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Obituary

MORRIS WILSON

Funeral services for Stanley Morris Wilson were conducted Wednesday, March 12, at the First United Methodist Church in Quitaque. The Rev. Don McMahan officiated at the service. Interment was in the Quitaque Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Home.

Mr. Wilson was born to Ruth and Otis Wilson September 30, 1911 in Valley Springs, Arkansas. They moved to Gasoline, Texas in a covered wagon in the Fall of 1915.

He started school at Gasoline in September 1918, and was graduated from Gasoline High in May of 1929. He attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview and Tyler Commercial College in Tyler. He worked a few years at Shreveport, Louisiana, and entered the Army June 12, 1942. He spent three and a half years in the Coast Artillery at various places on the Coast of California. He was dis-

LONNIE R. DREWRY

Lonnie R. Drewry, 75, a former Silverton resident, passed away Sunday, February 23, 2003 in the Comanche Community Hospital.

Born March 6, 1927 in Mt. View, Oklahoma, he was the son of the late Ebenezer and Hattie Lee Mahry Drewry. He married Julia Toney November 22, 1945. He was a General Motors partsman for 50 years, most of which was with Jack Williams Chevrolet in Fort Worth. He died January 29, 1946.

He was united in marriage to Mabel Atkinson February 17, 1946. She preceded him in death November 4, 1993 at Quitaque.

He was a rural mail carrier at Quitaque from the summer of 1951 until October 1, 1977. When he retired, he spent his retirement in Quitaque, traveling a lot until his health failed.

He attended the First Methodist Church in Quitaque.

He passed away March 10, 2003 in Plainview.

He is survived by two brothers, Maynard (Fish) Wilson of Quitaque and Marion Wilson and his wife, Mary Joyce, of Pampa.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, March 20--Junior High Track @ Jayton; High School Academic UIL @ Lazbuddie

Friday, March 21--Immunization Clinic, 9:30-12:00; High School Track @ Jayton

Saturday, March 22--Boys State Powerlifting Meet @ Fort Worth

Tuesday, March 25--District One Act Play at Wayland

Wednesday, March 26--RPTE test

Thursday, March 27--Junior High Hoot-n-Scoot Relays; FFA Contests at Canyon

Saturday, March 29--FFA Contests at Clarendon

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, and served in Germany. Mr. Drewry had been a resident of Comanche since 1992, moving there from Alvarado. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter.

Survivors include his wife, Julia, of DeLeon; two sons, Randy Drewry of Priddy, Ron Drewry and wife, the former Joyce Brooks, of Abilene; one daughter, Rhonda Larsen and husband, Jeff, of Alvarado; one brother, Danny Drewry and wife, Theyva of Mustang, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Tami Hoover and husband, John; Jami Robardy and wife, Shavron, and Jeremy Robardy; four great-grandchildren, John David Hoover, Justin Hoover, Jacqui Hoover and Stefani Hoover.

Funeral services for Mr. Drewry were held Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at the Hall & Sons Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Terry Davis officiating. Interment followed in Union Cemetery at Gustine.

EVA MARIE BROOKS McCUTCHEN

Eva Marie Brooks McCutchen, 91, died Friday at her home. Services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday at The Potosi Cemetery with pastor Randy Estes officiating. Services were under the direction of Girdner-Brown Funeral Home.

Mrs. McCutchen was born April 25, 1911, in Briscoe County, and was a 60-year resident of Taylor County. She married Alvin Thomas McCutchen June 23, 1928 in Swisher County. Mrs. McCutchen worked as a cook and was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents, two daughters, Geraldine Syrios and Katherine Louise Key; two sons, Joe Thomas McCutchen and Ronald Ray McCutchen; one

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 24--Beef Stroganoff, Salad, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, March 25--Chili Con Carne, Cheese, Crackers, Pineapple Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, March 26--Burrito, String Cheese, Salad, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, March 27--Steak, Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, March 28--Meat & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Tater Wedges, Milk, Brownies

grandson, Calvin Thomas McCutchen; one granddaughter, Gail Syrios; two sisters and five brothers.

She is survived by one daughter, Rose Dillard of Abilene; two sons, Alvah Dee McCutchen of Abilene and Calvin Wallace McCutchen; 18 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren; a multitude of nieces and nephews, including Bill Brooks and Fern Minyard, both of

Happy Birthday--

March 20--Missy Forbes
 March 21--Kathy Perkins, Dick Cogdell, Letisia Stidham

March 22--Forrest Glenn Otis, Josephine Cerbantes, Amy Aguilar
 March 23--Venita Howell, Kayla Rose McCoy

March 24--Chris Harrison
 March 25--Sheila Reagan, Gary Martin, Karen Tiffin, Sunny Davis, Jeannine West

March 26--Lee True Burson, Amy Otis, Gordon Lowrey, Michelle Francis, Payton Estes

Happy Anniversary--

March 20--Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gragson

March 25--Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perkins

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-Epictetus

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Isaiah 41:10

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 do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
 I will strengthen you and help you;
 I will uphold you
 with my righteous right hand.**

Rock Creek Church of Christ

LOOKING BACKthrough the files of the
Briscoe County News

February 4, 1993--Caprock Jamboree on stage here Saturday night . . . The Third Grade kept busy during the recent wet, cold weather by having a checker tournament. Winner of the tournament is to play Mrs. Sue Miller. Third Grade winners were Junior Gonzales, first; Andrew Francis, second, and Karlie Green, third place . . . Science Fair set for Saturday . . . Junior High teams close season with big victories . . . Family Living Class members Frank Ramirez, jr., Wil T Bomar, Jose Araujo, LaToya Baker, Brandi Breedlove, Jennifer Hubbard, Danny Schulte, Lupe Aguilar and Greg Garcia toured a Ronald McDonald House last week. They went especially to deliver children's rocking chairs they had made . . . Barry and Rebecca Wheeler are parents of a son, Barry Grant . . . FBLA members competing in leadership meet were Aimee Francis, Lance Smith, Shannon Weaver, Christa Tucker, Leslee Weaks, Casey Frizzell, Frank Ramirez, Holly Nance, Brandi Brunson, Maria Justice, Kami Martin, Christy McWaters, Kayla Ramsey, Julie Wilson, Patrick O'Neal, Zeb Holt, Ashleigh Wyatt, Braden Towe, Lance Holt, Molly Bomar, Lupe Aguilar, Rosie Segura, Hilda Garcia, Sonya Ramirez, Lori Brannon, Vanessa Martin, Eddy Ward, Josie Vargas and Jo Ann Ramirez. Shannon Weaver was elected District XVI-VII secretary . . . **February 3, 1983**--School closed Tuesday due to blowing snow . . . Four inches of new snow falls on Silverton vicinity . . . Dr. Strauss Atkinson is the interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Silverton . . . Billy Cogdell was taken by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance recently returned from a Mission Trip to Mexico . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison returned home Monday after his having been hospitalized in Amarillo for surgery . . . Wedding vows were exchanged by Miss Linda Lee Hardin and Harlen Vernon at the First Baptist Church in Silverton Saturday, January 8 . . . Awards presented to the Silverton Young Farmer Chapter at the annual YFT convention in Abilene recently were State Outstanding Chapter Public Relations Award, Outstanding Chapter Award, and a plaque for Wayne Stephens as Area I's Outstanding Associate Member . . .

February 1, 1973--Burson Loam is the name of a new soil found during the soil survey of Briscoe County, says Bob Rauch, district conservationist, Soil Conservation Service . . . Miss Sharon Storie was chosen as Sweetheart of the Silverton Chapter of Future Farmers of America in their meeting January 30. First runner-up in the contest was Miss Nanette Fitzgerald . . . Mrs. M. E. Smith has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital this week . . . Mrs. Rags Riddell has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. W. (Bill) McGavock will be honored Sunday afternoon at the Tulia Nursing Home where they both reside. The occasion will be their birthdays and the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage . . . David Tipton returned home Saturday after having been a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock since Wednesday night when his right hand was injured in a gin accident here . . .

January 31, 1963--Susie Hill installed as Worthy Advisor of Rainbow Girls . . . Mrs. J. K. Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bean returned home Monday after visiting relatives at Brownwood since Thursday . . . Misses Anne and Nell Bryant and Bill Bryant were surprised with a housewarming in their new home Friday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hancock of Plainview and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Smithee, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green in Turkey Sunday afternoon . . . Haylake Club meets in the home of Eudean Crow. The afternoon was spent piecing quilt blocks . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Garrison celebrate golden wedding anniversary . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McGavock will be honored by their children at an open house in observance of their golden wedding anniversary . . . Those present to help the Carver Monroes celebrate their silver wedding anniversary were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simpson, Blane and Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haley Hill and Greg, all of Lockney; Mrs. David Miller and Iwana Marceen of Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Emmitt, Sandra and Johnny of Tulia, and Mary Monroe of the home . . . Bobby McPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson, spent a night last week in Swisher County Hospital at Tulia . . .

February 12, 1953--Patricia Purvis weds Mickey Cornett . . . District basketball tournament now in progress here . . . Wayne

McMurtry was among the men in the ROTC unit at West Texas State College to receive promotions recently. He was made Executive Officer (1st Lieutenant) of Company C. A sophomore from Silverton, McMurtry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McMurtry and is majoring in business . . . Brad Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wilson, had the misfortune of breaking his wrist while playing in a basketball tournament in Estelline Saturday . . . Briscoe County Horsemanship Club is organized here . . . James Davis and Diane were in Amarillo on business Friday . . . Mrs. W. R. Hardin

and son, Buck, spent the weekend in Fort Worth, guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Arlas Cavett and Mr. Cavett . . . Mr. and Mrs. R. N. McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Noel Deavenport were in Lubbock on business Saturday . . . Mrs. Lee Perkins suffered an acute heart attack Sunday night and was taken by ambulance to the Plainview Clinic . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple and children and Mrs. Dan Montague spent the weekend in Raton, New Mexico . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jim Norris and Mike and Mrs. J. J. Vardell and Ted went to Slaton Thursday to return the Larkin Vardell children home . . .

February 4, 1943--Sunday Mrs. W. A. Stephens entertained with a dinner in honor of her mother, Mrs. E. J. Vaughan, the day being her 91st birthday . . . Dick Garvin, employed at Tull Implementation Company, had a close call Thursday afternoon when he was overcome by carbon monoxide gas from a tractor running in the shop . . . Teddy Jack Mayfield was honored at a birthday party Saturday afternoon at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Bob Dickerson. Attending were Linda Beth McDaniel, Billie Faye Heckman, Janice Turner, Janette Turner, Kay

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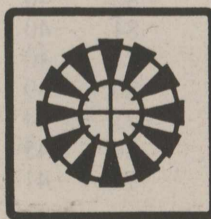
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(NAPSA)-Blurred faces, wavy lines or difficulty distinguishing colors may seem like inevitable signs of aging for your parents, but what if the changes are signs of a more serious age-related eye disease such as macular degeneration, glaucoma or cataracts?

The lesser known of these diseases, macular degeneration-

known as age-related macular degeneration or AMD-is the leading cause of blindness for people over the age of 50, yet two-thirds of Americans are not familiar with the disease. It affects approximately 25-30 million people worldwide and causes loss of central vision-which affects normal everyday activities like recognizing faces and driving a car-sometimes in as short as six months.

Although Americans are getting

better at realizing the importance of eye exams, only four percent of Americans over 45 asked for a test for macular degeneration during their last visit to the eye doctor.

Family members can help the senior in their life by:

- Encouraging them to learn what happens to vision as they get older
- Encouraging discussions about fears and concerns associated with vision changes

Swisher Electric Members To Meet in Tulia March 28

Swisher Electric Cooperative's 63rd Annual Membership Meeting is set for Thursday, March 27, 2003 in the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration for the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a catered buffet supper for members and guests, followed by the busi-

ness meeting commencing at 7:15 p.m.

This year's meeting centers around the theme, "A Cup of Gold." The theme conveys the message that in the light of what's occurred with deregulation in the electric industry in the past two years, the Cooperative is a "cup of gold" for its members. In the Cooperative's annual report to members, board president Eddie Bryan and general manager Charles Castleberry point out that electric cooperatives got it right in their approach to electric deregulation by putting members first and sticking to the basics of providing reliable electricity at competitive prices. In contrast, many of the electric utilities who championed electric deregulation and neglected their customers are now abandoning the market, selling off assets to pay debts, and trying to rebuild the trust of the customers they neglected during their venture into electric deregulation.

Two director positions will be voted on by the members. Incumbent director and board secretary-treasurer Gene Latham is opposed by Robert Gardner for position one and incumbent director Guinn Fitzgerald is opposed by James Alan Patton for position two. All the candidates were selected by a seven member nominating committee in January.

The meeting will conclude with drawings for approximately 40 door prizes plus a grand prize to be announced.



The average American household uses about 110,000 gallons of water a year.

It is no profit to have learned well, if you neglect to do well.
-Publius Syrus

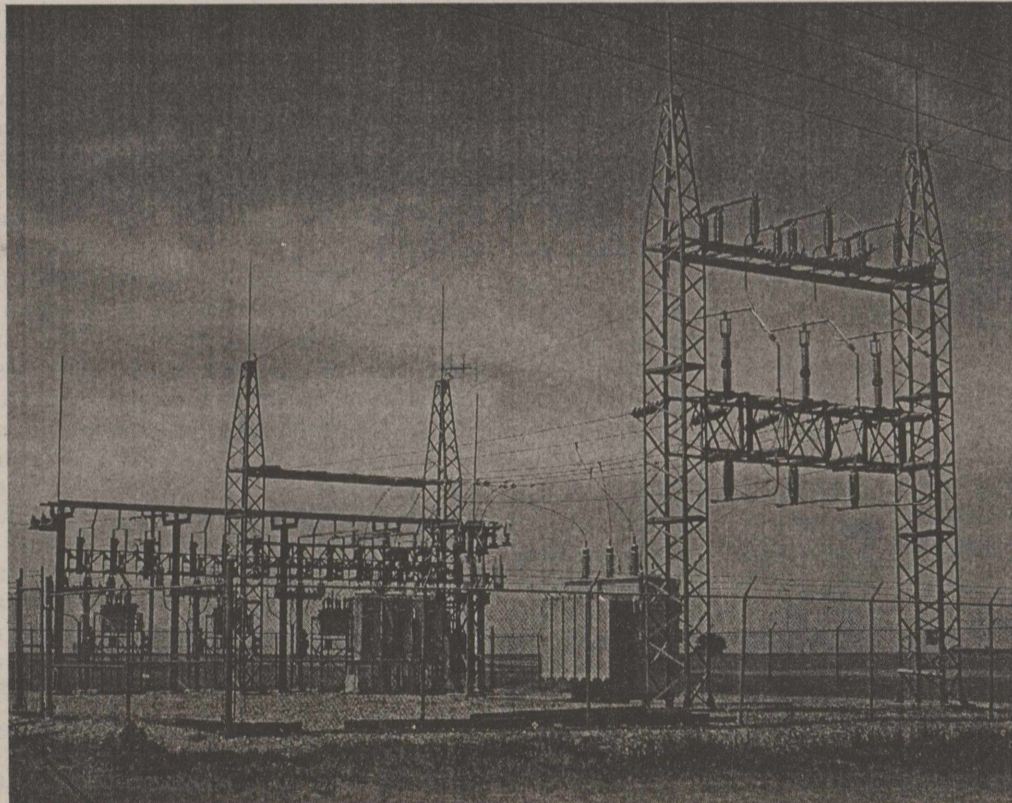
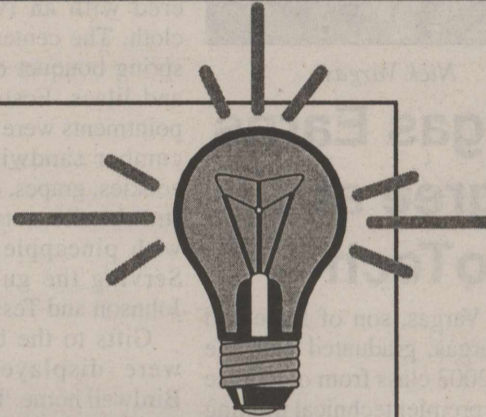
Be what nature intended for you and you will succeed.
-Sydney Smith

- Saying "I care" enough about your "eye care" to make sure you get your eyes examined annually

For more information about macular degeneration, visit www.amdfacts.com or call 800-AMD-4636.

63rd Annual Membership Meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative

Thursday, March 27, 2003



Where:

Ezra Jones School
Cafeteria
501 N.E. 4th Street
Tulia

Highlights:

Election of two directors
Attendance gifts
Door prizes

Registration: 6:30 p.m.
Buffet supper: 6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

**Mackenzie Authority--
Continued From Page One**

(10) Only schooling and licensing that is required by law to hold a position will be compensated by the Mackenzie Water Authority. Any other type of schooling desired will be on the employee's time and expense.

(11) Excessive personal use of company vehicles is strongly discouraged.

The cities also requested that as of October 1, 2003, two employee positions in the Water Supply Department be eliminated, and all salaries be reduced by 20%--but not to fall below a base salary of \$25,000 (not including the general manager).

"The cities agree that it would be better not to shut down the plant completely--if we can get the costs significantly cut down," said Lockney Mayor Roger Stapp.

Lockney pays 16.28%--or \$181,000, of the total Water Authority costs per year.

Floydada pays 31.75%, which is approximately \$360,000 per year.

Tulia picks up 42.95% and Silverton pays 9.02%.

One of the concerns from the member cities has been Silverton's lack of alternate water supply.

When the cities were discussing the future of the Authority, a study was implemented to see if the current water lines could be used to pump water from the other member cities to Silverton.

"Silverton can't get by without outside water," said Floydada City Manager Gary Brown. "But, Tulia has said they can sell water cheaper to Silverton than Mackenzie is selling it to them now."

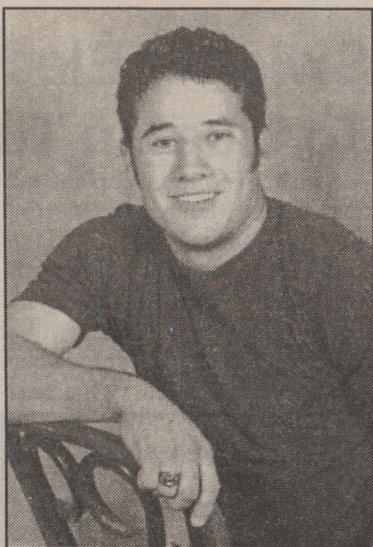
"We all feel the Authority can be run more efficiently," said Stapp. "There are eight full-time employees there now--with a total salary and benefit package of \$432,000 a year.

"We have studied this extensively and we believe only three employees are needed to pump one million gallons a day--which is what we will be getting.

"We have no desire to see the lake dry up--our plan would help the lake last longer by pumping only one million gallons a day," said Stapp.

"The expenses have to be cut back to make it feasible for us to pay for it," said Brown.

When asked why the cities would want to have restrictions on water usage removed, Brown said, "The cities decided to see if the lake would continue to have a constant level of water or if the water level would decline. There is a certain amount of evaporation going



Nick Vargas

**Vargas Earns
Degree at
WyoTech**

Nick Vargas, son of Lupe and Rosa Vargas, graduated with the March 2003 class from one of the nation's premier technical training schools, WyoTech, located in Laramie, Wyoming and Blairsville, Pennsylvania. The school is nationally recognized for excellence in automotive, diesel, and collision refinishing training.

Vargas, who graduated with an Automotive Business Management degree, has accepted a job position with Park Place Porsche in Dallas, and will begin work there May 3.

He is a graduate of Silverton High School.

When the heart is afire, some sparks will fly out of the mouth.

Thomas Fuller

Marriage is the only adventure open to the cowardly.

Voltaire

Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact.

William James

In Roman mythology the eagle was associated with lightning.

The jack rabbit may be named for the jackass, because its ears resemble that of a donkey.

to happen and the cities might as well use the water as see it evaporate. The more water the cities use the cheaper the cost per thousand gallons of water used."

"We can't make our board representatives vote this way," said Stapp; "however our position is very strong and it is our intention that the board members support us in the 13 requests we have made."

"These are drastic suggestions but our citizens cannot be asked to pay more for less," Brown concluded.

**Bridal Shower
Honors Miss Fort**

A miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Schylar Fort and Trey Ziegler was held in the country home of Norma Birdwell Saturday afternoon, March 15, 2003. The guests were greeted by Bena Hester, registered in the bride's book and presented to the bride and her mother, Patti Ann Ancell, and her future mother-in-law, JonEtta Ziegler.

The refreshment table was covered with an ivory lace-edged cloth. The centerpiece featured a spring bouquet of yellows, pinks and lilacs. Fostoria crystal appointments were used to serve cucumber sandwiches, brownies, cookies, grapes, chocolate-dipped strawberries, nuts and mints, along with pineapple sherbet punch. Serving the guests were Trina Johnson and Tessa Holt.

Gifts to the bride and groom were displayed through the Birdwell home. The hostess gift to the couple was a Bissell steam cleaner and the centerpiece from the serving table.

Special guests who came to honor the bride and groom were Patti Ann Ancell of Lovington, mother of the bride, and Bennie Fort of Lovington, grandmother of the bride; the bride's sisters, Jessica Tarin of Lovington and Sara Fort of Lubbock, and Pecos, Brianna, Lucas and Cristian, niece and nephews of the bride.

Other special guests included Debbie and Hannah Fort of Dalhart, aunt and cousin of the bride; Anna Whelchel of Dallas, aunt of the bride; Pat Peery of Bowie, aunt of the groom; Mary, Lexi and Lily McMurtry of Amarillo, aunt and cousins of the groom; Krista Barthold of Gainesville, cousin of the groom; June Andrews of Tulia, great-aunt of the groom; and Karter Ziegler of Iowa Park, cousin of the groom.

Special friends of the bride and groom included Summer Janell of Amarillo, Angela Bixler of Amarillo, Sarena Twait of Canyon, and Chantell Lewellen of Canyon.

Hostesses for the bridal courtesy included Bena Hester, Norma Birdwell, Carol Ramsey, Kathy Kingery, Norma Jones, Frances Gamble, Linda Oetgen, Gail Wyatt, Betty Nan Tiffin, Sandi Tomlin, Nancy Wood, Michelle Francis, Sheila Reagan, Tessa Holt, Lisa Cherry, Patsy Towe, Charlotte Rhoderick, Trina Johnson, Vanessa Barbour, Janinne Brooks, Marsha Brunson, Deb Burson, Ramona Martin, Molly Roberts and Debbie Holt.

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Recreational Activities: Tips On Playing It Safe

(NAPSA)-Throughout the year, such leisure-time activities as softball, gardening, running and tennis can be great ways to get or stay in shape. Unfortunately, the pain resulting from injuries can sometimes overshadow the enjoyment of participating in these common activities.

Here are a few tips that may help prevent injury and pain:

Softball: Participating in softball or baseball leagues is one of the most popular recreational activities in the U.S. To minimize the risk of injury to the shoulder or elbow occurring as a result of excess pitching, try not to throw more than 80 to 100 pitches during a game and 30 to 40 pitches in a practice.

Gardening: Many people don't know that gardening can cause injuries and pain. However, the upper legs, shoulders, wrists and back all may be impacted. Performing simple warm-up and cool-down stretches before and after gardening may help alleviate injuries, pain and stiffness in these areas. Kneeling, rather than bending at the waist, and keeping the muscles and body balanced by alternating stance and movements, also may be helpful.

Running: While running can be an excellent source of exercise, injuries to the lower back, hips, knees, ankles and feet are common. A brief warm-up before running, and stretching both before and following the run, may help minimize the risk of injury. Also, running on reasonably soft surfaces, and flat, rather than hilly trails, may reduce stress on ankles and feet.

Tennis: Tennis is an activity that offers enjoyment while simultaneously providing an aerobic



For most outdoor activities, a preliminary stretching routine can help prevent injuries.

workout. Stretching before a game may prevent injuries to the leg and loosen up muscles. Wearing proper shoes with good support may help prevent ankle injuries. To lessen the chance of lower back injury, avoid playing on hard surface courts with no "give."

Despite your best efforts, injuries can occur, and may lead to persistent pain. But you don't have to miss out on the fun; there are things you can do to manage your pain.

If you experience pain, speak with your physician for help in determining a pain management program that is appropriate for you. While treatment programs will vary, based on the individual and the type and intensity of the pain experienced, a program that includes both non-drug treatments and medication is often recommended. Non-drug treatments may include heat, cold/ice, massage, acupuncture and physical therapy. Stretching and strengthening activities, as well as low-impact exercises, also can help reduce pain.

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Texas Cooperative Extension Free Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar Clinic

Cory Edwards, Briscoe County Extension Agent-FCS

Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County is collaborating with the South Plains Health Provider Briscoe Community Clinic in Silverton to provide a free blood pressure/blood sugar clinic.

The clinic will be held in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse Wednesday, March 19, 2003, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service.

We have had several inquiries about purchasing the Briscoe County afghans that were sold about four years ago as a 4-H fund raiser.

We have found out that we can still order them, but we MUST have at least 25 orders first.

If you are interested in purchasing an afghan, please call the Extension Office to place your order before March 31, 2003. After all orders are placed, we will contact you if we have met the 25 order minimum.

Payment will need to be made

for your afghan(s) before we place the order.

The price is \$50.00 and funds will still go to our 4-H'ers.

Joe McWaters Honored at Party

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Joe and Ruby McWaters gathered in the McWaters home Saturday to celebrate Joe's birthday which actually was March 11.

Lunch was served and the rest of the day was spent visiting, picture taking and taking turns visiting Ruby who was in the hospital at Lockney.

Those present were Dale and Pat McWaters of Silverton; Christi and J. T. McMullins of Crosbyton; Glen and Annis McWaters of Quitaque; Shane McWaters, Levelland; DeDe Wilborn and Josh from Lamesa; Glenda Cruz and children, Marisa and Mickey from San Angelo. Lucy McDaniel of Silverton came in the afternoon.

Looking Back--

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Steele, Glenda Jo Johnston, Mike Reed, Sharon Gilkeyson, Donna Jeanne Mayfield, Colin Hahn, Ray Thompson, Roy Thompson, Frederick Hamilton, Billy Don Stevenson, Charles Wayne Mayfield, Truett George Craft, Louis Aaron McDaniel, Sam Gordon Lusk, John Ray Whitten, Mrs. Alton Steele and Mrs. G. B. Mayfield. . . The Helping Hand Club met with Mrs. J. E. Jowell Thurs-

Friendship Quilters News & Notes by Bobbye Bean

We are still working on the same two quilts. Sybil King, Diane Norris, Joy Stodghill, Christine King, Wanda Strange, Rose Mary Perkins, Nadyne Childress, Nina Martin, Evelyn Smith and Bobbye Bean quilted.

Ann was out with her husband, Ed, who had a stint put in. We think he is doing well.

Diane is putting her tulip quilt together and we will do it next.

Don Cornett Home From the Hospital

Friends and relatives of Don Cornett are happy to know that he was able to return to his home in Dimmitt Sunday night.

He had been receiving treatment for a heart attack he suffered at Brenham during the sifting of pigs for the Houston Fat Stock Show. He had been in the hospital at Bryan.

His son, Mike Cornett, and sister, Brenda Patton, visited him while he was in the hospital.

WEATHER

March Readings at
6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	58	29	
2	49	31	
3	42	23	
4	67	31	
5	70	17	
6	53	17	
7	67	21	
8	72	33	
9	74	27	
10	59	22	
11	67	22	
12	82	40	
13	84	40	
14	74	40	
15	80	39	
16	73	44	
17	80	45	
18	74	41	

March Precip.	.06
Normal March Precip.	.93
Total Precip. in 2003	.07
Normal Annual Precip.	2.18
Soil Temperature	50°

day. Present were Meses. Virgil Baldwin, U. D. Brown, Edwin Crass, F. A. Fisch, F. A. Fitzgerald,

Notice To All Persons Persons Having Claims Against The Estate of Charles Howard Cline, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Howard Cline, Deceased, were issued on the 11th day of March, 2003, in Cause No. 1466, pending in the County Court of Briscoe County, Texas, to:

Ruth Ann Cline Scrivner

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 to such Independent Executor in care of the attorney of said Independent Executor:

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Independent Executor of
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Charles Howard Cline,
Deceased

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J. Lee Francis, P. D. Jasper, L. A. Callaway, Fred Mercer, W. C. Roberson, W. A. Rowell, J. B. Savage, Carl Wimberly, Wilbur Wilson. Mrs. Bryan Strange, Mrs. Ben Fowler and Mrs. Neeley were visitors. . . Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cantwell, Nina Zell and Elton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Montague. . . Mr. and Mrs. Dearwood O'Neal and Mary have been ill with the flu

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