

All Around

The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Time for the Briscoe County Birthday Celebration and Silverton School Homecoming is drawing near.

This would be a good time for everyone to begin sprucing up their homes and businesses in preparation for extending a welcome to visitors and those who come home to see their former school mates and friends.

There are things all of us can do to get ready. Do what you can to make your home and yard look pretty and inviting. There is a lot of weed cutting and mowing to be done in order to give travelers a better opinion of our little town.

Don't wait for someone to ask you to help. Look around and if you see something that could be better, grab a rake, hoe, mower, weed eater and volunteer to do it. That's the only way to accomplish things.

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2002 Varsity

Football Schedule

- Aug. 17--Lazbuddie (Scrimmage) There, 10:00
Aug. 23--Follett (Scrimmage) There, 4:00
Aug. 30--Chillicothe, Home, 7:30
Sept. 6--Lazbuddie, Home, 7:30, Homecoming game
Sept. 13--Samnorwood, There, 7:30
Sept. 19--Floyd NM, Home, 7:30
Sept. 28--Fort Worth Masonic, TBA
Oct. 4--OPEN
Oct. 11--Valley*, Home, 7:30
Oct. 19--Hedley*, There, 3:00
Oct. 25--Patton Springs*, Home, 7:30
Nov. 2--Motley County*, There, 5:00
Nov. 8--Happy*, Home, 7:30
*District Games

SILVERTON OWLS

8th Grade Football Schedule

- Aug. 29--Happy, Home, 5:00
Sept. 5--Lazbuddie, There, 5:00
Sept. 12--Samnorwood, Home, 5:00
Sept. 19--Groom, Home, 6:00
Sept. 26--Motley County, There, 5:00
Oct. 3--OPEN
Oct. 10--Valley, There, 5:00
Oct. 17--Hedley, Home, 5:00
Oct. 24--Patton Springs, There, 5:00
Oct. 31--Motley County, Home, 5:00

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7th Grade Football Schedule

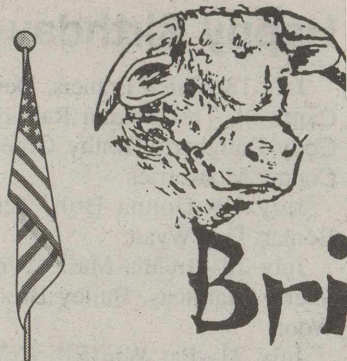
- Sept. 12--Motley County, Home, 6:00
Sept. 19--Bible Heritage, Home, 5:00
Sept. 26--Spade, There, 4:00
Oct. 3--Happy, Home, 5:00
Oct. 10--Hedley, There, 5:00
Oct. 17--OPEN
Oct. 24--Spade, Home, 5:00
Oct. 31--OPEN
Nov. 7--Happy, There, 5:00

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Andrew Francis & Chelsey Cherry play in All-Star Games this weekend!!



Andrew Francis

Chelsey Cherry and Andrew Francis will be playing in All-Star games this weekend. Chelsey will play in Lubbock at Lubbock Christian College on the North Roster on Friday, July 19 at 7 pm. Andrew will play on Saturday, July 20 in Frenship at 7:30 pm.

Chelsey's Honors: 1st Team All-District, 2nd Team All-Region, All-Tournament Team FM 211 Classic and Hoot-Out, selected to play in Texas Six-Man All-Star Game and Coaches Association All-Region Basketball Team. She averaged 12 points per game; 7 rebounds and 3 assists.



Chelsey Cherry

Andrew's Honors: All-District Spreadback, All-District Linebacker and All-District Kicker, Six Man All-Star Game, Player of the Week - Amarillo Globe News, 2nd Team All-Region Spreadback and Hit of the Week - KAMR Amarillo.

Congratulations to these two fine young people!! Support them with your presence!!

Important 4-H Parent/Adult Leaders Meeting

Provided by Cory Edwards
Texas Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences

There will be a VERY IMPORTANT meeting of Briscoe County 4-H Parents and Adult Leaders on Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. in the Extension Office. We have a lot to discuss and decide!

Agenda items include Briscoe County Celebration fundraiser; Youth Protection Standards; 4-H Awards Banquet; Incentive Points System; Briscoe County 4-H Handbook; Community Clubs vs. Project Clubs; Silverton Trade Days; Caprock Jamboree Concession Stand; Annual 4-H Club Chartering; Brisket Fund Raiser Report. It's very important that all available parents be at this meeting!

Walk Across Texas Kicks Off



Theta Holt, Sylvia Hill and LaNelle Hill stopped by the Courthouse basement Monday, July 8, to sign up for Texas Cooperative Extension's Walk Across Texas program.

Provided by Cory Edwards, Briscoe County CEA

Texas Cooperative Extension, Family & Consumer Sciences

Six teams signed up to Walk Across Texas Monday, July 8, at a come-and-go registration party in the Courthouse basement. These teams will compete to see who can rack up the most miles "across Texas" during the next eight weeks. The competition will end September 1, 2002.

During registration, participants enjoyed fruit and banana bread, filled out the necessary registration forms, went over rules, and signed up to win door prizes, two electronic pedometers donated by Academy Sports and Outdoors in Amarillo. Door prize winners were Theta Holt and LaQuetta Schott.

This year's teams are: **The Double-Nickels & Older**-Fred Strange, captain; Sylvia Hill, LaNelle Hill, Theta Holt, Lataine Dillard, Rose Mary Perkins, Patricia McJimsey and Glenda Couch.

Wild Women Walkers-Cory Edwards, captain, Barbara Deckard, captain, Brittany Deckard, Willie Ramirez, Judy Payne, LaQuetta Schott, Norma Garcia and Susan Young.

Road Warriors-Kay Calvert, captain; Maria Cruz, Renee Dudley, Jana Guest, Arlene Hinkle, Bob Hinkle, Wilburn Leeper and Faye Pointer.

Fairmont Flyers-Able Asebedo, captain; Janinne Brooks, Bill Brooks, Mary Pigg, Jackie Sperry, Liz Griffin, Shirley Reynolds and Jennifer Pigg.

Ankle Express-Diana Ivory, captain; Jackie Mercer, Karla Hale, Zobie Self, Eudean Crow, Jerry Baker, Rebecca Hunt, Lorrie Minyard.

ASKEBAT-Sandi Tomlin, captain; Emmett Tomlin, Kathy Kingery and Anthony Kingery.

(See Walk Across, Page 2)

Free Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure Tests

Provided by Cory Edwards
Texas Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences

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, July 24, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this free service!

Amazon Outfitters Vacation Bible School is Coming to Silverton

Come deep into the Amazon Rain Forest as the Amazon Outfitters go on expedition with the One True God at this year's Community-Wide Vacation Bible School.

The Methodist Church and the Baptist Church invite all children age Pre-K through Grade 6 (last school year) to join them for their annual Vacation Bible School July 22-26 from 6:00 until 8:45 each evening. First Baptist will serve as this year's host church.

Built around an Amazon adventure expedition, the week will be full of exciting Bible stories, a la-

Silverton Firemen To Meet tonight

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department will have its regular meeting at the City Hall tonight (Thursday, July 18) at 7:00 p.m.

goon of crafts, fun music in the Music Festival, and rain-forest related refreshments and recreation for everyone.

Once again, the bus will be running to pick up kids for VBS. Please call 823-2412 if your child needs a ride.

Amazon Outfitters-On Expedition with the One True God--Don't miss it!

BRISCOE COUNTY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
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August 10, 2002

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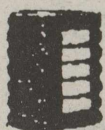
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MASSAGE THERAPY: Call Tay Henderson, 847-2649 or 847-7520 for appointment. Monday-Friday, after 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 26-tfc
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LOST

An eight-foot long yellow and green fiberglass step ladder is missing from the school according to Mike Juarez. If anyone has knowledge of this ladder or has borrowed it, please contact the school. A lot of maintenance work is done in the summer and the ladder is needed. A four-foot ladder also is missing. 29-3tc

Cards of Thanks

We are so thankful to be part of such a kind community. We appreciate all the cards, phone calls and prayers for Taeleigh. She made it through the surgery fine and is doing very well.

We are grateful to wonderful friends whose prayers helped us get through this.

Love,
Shawn, Vanessa and Taeleigh

FRESH VEGETABLES - At the courthouse - Tues. & Thurs. - 9 am till sellout - Corn, yellow and zucchini squash, blzck-eyed peas, green beans, okra.

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For County Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas:

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LANCE STIDHAM
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Card of Thanks

The family of Naomi Neese wants to express our gratitude and thanks for all the kindnesses shown us.

The memorials, calls, cards, food sent to the church, and hugs were greatly appreciated.

The people of Silverton have of

Silverton have seen us through a difficult time in our lives. We truly love each of you very much.

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

SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Tom Craiker, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

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

SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Tony Boyd, Pastor

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

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

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

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

NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION

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

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

OUR LADY OF LORETO 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.

La Iglesia de Dios De Jesus
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Armando Davalia, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 p.m.

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

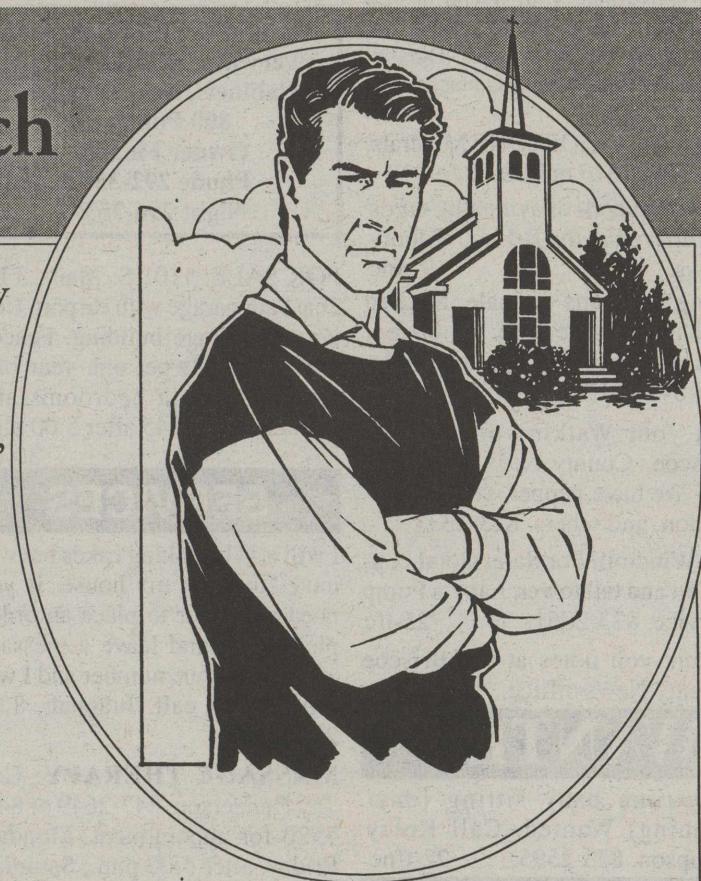
MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting..... 9:00 a.m.



Don't Be A Grouch

Some people may not even realize that they constantly complain or that they are usually in a grouchy mood. No one enjoys being around such a person, who, for no apparent reason, is irritable most of the time. Usually, these people are their own worst enemy, and it must be terrible to have a gloom and doom outlook on almost everything in one's life. The Bible tells us that we are what we confess with our lips, and that if we continually profess and believe negatively that "everything always happens to me," usually we will be right.

Living a positive life and trusting in God not only will improve our disposition, it will also improve our mental and physical well-being. When a person is joined to Christ, he or she become a new being. The more we understand the ways of our Lord, the more positive we will become, because we are assured that God loves us and he wants us to be happy.



Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

K.J.V. 2 Corinthians 5:17

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Obituary



Fern Warren Holt

Silverton - Funeral services for Fern Warren Holt, 88, of Silverton will be held at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, July 17, 2002 at First Baptist Church in Silverton. Reverend Randy Mullin and Mr. F.D. Reynolds will officiate. Burial will be in the Silverton Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.

Fern Warren Holt was born on June 24, 1914 at Tolar, Texas. She passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2002 at Tulia, Texas at the age of 88 years and 20 days. She was preceded in death by her husband, C.A. Holt in 1988. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Norman Strange of Silverton; two stepdaughters, Doris Dudley of Tulia and Gail James of Spring, Texas; two sisters, Geneva Holt of Corinth, Mississippi and Opal Bowerman of Twin Falls, Idaho; three grandchildren; Kay and Max Garrison of Silverton, Bill and Shanna Strange of Silverton, Bill and the late Diann Strange Wood of Claude; eight grandchildren; Walt and Jennifer Garrison of Perryton, Cody and Reagan Garrison, El Paso, Bryan and Brandy Wood of Sunray; Ty and Patrice Wood of Lelia Lake, Matt Strange, Kassie Strange, Clay Strange and Blake Strange, all of Silverton and seven great-great grandchildren.

Colossians 2:1-2

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things above, and not on earthly things.

Rock Creek Church of Christ

Walk Across (cont. from Pg.1)
 This year, participants will be hypothetically walking 748 miles from Texline to Texas City. We'll learn about the cities of the Lone Star State as we take a "Texas Trip."

Teams will begin their "Texas Trip" in Texline. Here are some interesting facts about Texline, Texas:

- Texline is in Dallam County
- It began when the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway purchased land from the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company and built a division point there for its line in 1888. By the end of that year the town had a post office, a hotel, a depot and railroad shops.

•Charles F. Rudolph, editor of the *Tascosa Pioneer*, predicted that Texline would be "the wildest and the roughest and the toughest town of this section," and for a time his prediction was right

•It's sometimes called the "Front Door of Texas"

•The population of Texline is approximately 425

•Texline is located one mile east of the New Mexico state line and the Mountain Time Zone, and is 11 miles south of the Oklahoma state line

•Texline is 150 miles from three ski areas, two in New Mexico (Red River and Angel Fire) and one in Colorado (Cuchara)

Teams may still sign up at the Extension Office. Progress will be posted on the Texas map in the basement of the Courthouse.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Fern Holt, Juanita Hayes and Ed Smith.

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With all our love,
 Steve Nance
 Polly Chitty
 Hazel Grabbe

Silverton Chamber of Commerce to meet Monday at 7:00 P.M.

The Silverton Chamber of Commerce will meet on Monday, July 22, 2002 in the Pioneer Room of City Bank at 7:00 p.m.

This is a very important meeting since the Silverton Celebration is very close at hand. If you are a member, please come and offer a hand to help.

If you are not a member, come and get acquainted and share your ideas for making our town a better place for all of us. Putting our heads together, we can do wonderful things!!!

Thank You!!

*I would like to thank everyone for all the kindness and caring you gave my family last week. You are wonderful people. Thank you for the food, cards, calls, visits and money you gave to me. My heart is filled with gratitude.
 Linda Baird*

Athletic Banquet video for sale

The Silverton Booster Club has copies of the highlights video, shown at the Athletic Banquet in May, available for sale. To get your copy for \$10.00, see Michelle Francis or Coach Lee.

Mary Ann had hip surgery on Monday, July 15 and came out with flying colors!! Please continue to pray for her quick recovery. Let's give her a card shower!! Get well soon!!

Happy Birthday-

July 18--Caleb Francis, Devin Cantwell, Tres Jordan Ramirez, Cody Daugherty, Kathy Greene, Conner McMorries

July 19--Donna Holt, Terry Bomar, Trey Wyatt

July 20--Brenna Marie Syme, Sherry Mattheus, Bailey Brooks Wood

July 21--Pat Whitfill, Colby Self, Alisha Breedlove

July 22--Brenda Patton, Jane Maciel, Lisa Gragson

July 23--Arlene Curry, Tina Nance, Fannie Francis

July 24--Jordan Ryan Morris, Suzette Nistler, Marsha Brunson, Melody Farley, Brewster Cip Garcia

Happy Anniversary-

July 18--Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Bean

July 19--Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels

July 23--Mr. and Mrs. Stan Fogerson

Have a wonderful Day!! celebrate with Love!!

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Bits & Pieces

By Lataine Dillard

It has been nice this week to be at the news office. For 16 years I owned the newspaper in Freer, Texas, The Freer Press. I am feeling at home, somewhat. I'd never worked on this particular program so I really thank Shannon Weaver for her help on Monday. Just like all the folks in Silverton, everyone is so nice and helpful.

In case you did not know, Freer is the OFFICIAL Rattle Snake Round-Up Capital of Texas. Sweetwater has the oldest, but never applied for the title. See Ya!

WEATHER

July Readings at 6:00 a.m.

Daily	High	Low	Precip.
1	85	65	
2	89	65	
3	88	64	
4	82	65	.07
5	82	64	.28
6	86	64	
7	79	64	.02
8	82	63	
9	89	63	
10	93	67	.15
11	90	66	
12	87	62	.25
13	91	62	
14	85	62	
15	No report		
16	90	63	
Total July Precip.			1.14
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Normal Precip. to Date			10.56
Total 2002 Precip.			7.26

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May 28, 1992--All-Around winners of the PTA Little Wrangler Rodeo events this year were Kenzie Burson and Donny Burson, senior division; Bryn Mayfield and Andrew Francis, junior division . . . Carrie Dickerson attended the West Texas Invitational Cup Soccer Tournament in Lubbock over the Memorial Day weekend. Her grandsons, Ross and Greg Hunter, took part in the tournament, and both of their teams won their divisions . . . Gwen Clardy, a former Silverton resident and granddaughter of Joe and Elzora Gallington, became one of the few--if not the first--Plainview High School female athletes to gain a full track scholarship when she signed with The University of Texas at Arlington . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oford King will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception Saturday, June 6 . . . Laverne Mercer and Letha Lanham were in Abilene to attend commencement exercises at Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Mercer's daughter, Sandra Kay Barentine, received the bachelor of behavioral science degree. Jason Scott Dunham, grandson of Mrs. Lanham, received the bachelor of arts degree from Logsdon School of Theology in the same ceremony . . .

June 24, 1982--First Baptist Church to celebrate ninetieth anniversary this weekend . . . Anthony Kingery was chosen as Paramedic of the Month for June, and Jerry Patton and James Edwards were chosen as Emergency Medical Technicians of the Month by Panhandle Emergency Medical Services System for outstanding treatment of a patient on April 15, 1982 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams are parents of a daughter, Krysta Lynne . . . Randy Clay has been promoted by the school board of trustees to be head boys basketball coach at Hale Center High School . . . Miss Jan Renae Pickens became the bride of Brent Wade Bean Saturday, May 22 . . . Officers and members of March of Time Study Club attending the golden anniversary tea were Anna Lee Anderson, Jewell Lyon, Luree Burson, Iris Burson, Mattye Mayfield and Jackie Mercer . . . Haylake reunion held at Lake Mackenzie . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alex Davis are parents of a son, Bradley Wade . . .

May 25, 1972--Marvin Self, a two-time state winner in the discus and a one-time winner in the state shot put, has signed an athletic scholarship agreement with West Texas State University track coach Bob Kitchens . . . Mrs. Arnold Brown was purchaser of the 100,000th prescription filled since the establishment of a pharmacy in

Silverton. Jack Robertson, present owner, awarded Mrs. Brown \$25 and gave her the prescription free in observance of this milestone . . . Arnold Brown underwent open heart surgery and arterial transplant at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Henderson are parents of a son born Monday . . . Miss Jeanetta Younger, bride-elect of Mr. Douglas Bradford, was recently honored at showers in Silverton and South Plains . . . Officers elected by the Silverton Young Homemakers are Mrs. Fred Minyard, president; Debi Davis, vice president; Mrs. Donald Perkins, secretary; Mrs. Tommy Perkins, treasurer; Mrs. Dale Mason, reporter-historian; and Mrs. Minyard as a candidate for Area I office . . . Mrs. Brubs Bomar underwent surgery in a Lubbock hospital Monday of this week . . .

May 10, 1962--LaQuetta Chitty was elected Silverton Lions Club Queen Thursday, and will attend the District 2T1 Convention in Amarillo . . . New officers of the Silverton Riding Club are Wayland Fitzgerald, president; Don Cornett, vice president; Eddie Edwards, secretary-treasurer; Jim Brooks, Fred Brannon and James Henderson, directors . . . Miss Zenobia Sue Self will be graduated from Wayland Baptist College in exercises on May 18-21 . . . J. W. Lyon, jr., long-time Briscoe County Judge, was defeated by his opponent, M. G. Moreland, former Silverton School Superintendent, by an 11 vote margin. O. M. (Milton) Dudley, incumbent County Commissioner, Precinct 4, was defeated by Roy S. Brown. Dudley polled 93 votes, Brown received 116, and the third man in the race, M. T. (Bud) McMinn, garnered 15 . . . Graduates of Carver School are Dorothy Ann Randon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Randon; Erma Jean Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelsie Baker, and Mildred Jean Ivory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Ivory . . . L. B. Ivory won first place in running high jump with a leap of five feet six inches at the State Meet at Prairie View A&M. Also competing in the state meet were Erma Jean Baker and Mildred Jean Ivory . . .

May 29, 1952--The tired seniors returned home Sunday night with a smile from ear to ear. They might have been tired but they had enough energy to hollow and honk every kind of horn that bus had on it when they rolled into Silverton. They all reported a wonderful time and no serious accidents. No one fell in the Mississippi River. They stayed in the swankiest hotels in Shreveport, New Orleans and San Antonio. One night they stayed on the seashore and slept on top of dead fish. Those

who went on the trip were Melvin Hamilton, Bonnie Watters, Joe Monday, Richard Tunnell, Junis Mercer, Peggy Holt, Joe Lee Bomar, Mary Dudley, Gloria Stevenson, Joy Chitty, Glen Watters, Valda Estes, the sponsors, Pete Daniels and Ima Gunn, Glynn Bunch and the driver, Odus Bridges . . . Mr. and Mrs. Orville Turner and children spent the weekend with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Bates, in San Antonio . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chitty, Mrs. Van Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stodghill, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stodghill attended the funeral of D. M. Morgan in Paducah Sunday . . . Installed as PTA officers were Mrs. Fred Mercer, president; Mrs. W. E. Schott, vice presi-

dent; Mrs. Ima Nell Gunn, secretary; Mrs. Nina Evans, treasurer; Mrs. Carroll Garrison, parliamentarian; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, reporter . . . Mrs. Ewing Vaughan who has taught art the past four years in the Silverton School, recently was advised that one of her original paintings, a desert scene called "Sentinels of the Desert" was selected to be hung in the State Membership Exhibit in Austin . . . Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell had as their guests over the weekend her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, of Snyder . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wade Welch and Mary visited in Amarillo Monday with Mr. and Mrs. John Pittman . . .

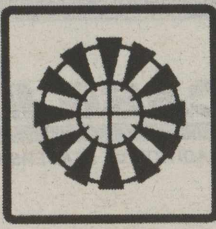
May 14, 1942--Work has gone forward rapidly in the past two weeks in the construction of the

long stretch of Highway 86 between Silverton and Tulia. Caliche has been laid to the bridge west of the Rock Creek Station . . . Wheat badly in need of rain now . . . Mrs. A. L. McMurtry entertained charmingly Wednesday afternoon with a tea and shower complimenting the bride of Lt. James R. Clanahan. Mrs. Clanahan was Miss Anis Fowler before her marriage . . . The Haylake community gave a farewell dance for Mr. and Mrs. Jake Spencer Friday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Seaney and Cecil and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Brown and son spent the weekend in Erick, Oklahoma . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Vaughan are the parents of a son, Ronald Everette . . .

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Miss Lindsay King weds Jeffrey Weaks

The celebration of Marriage uniting Lindsey Ellen King and Jeffrey Bradshaw Weaks took place on Saturday, June 22, 2002 in the Church of Christ at Clyde, Texas by Minister Jim Hall.

Parents of the bride are David and Nita King of Clyde and parents of the groom are Victor and Debbie Weaks of Lubbock. Grandparents of the bride are Weldon and Jean King of Llano, Texas and grandparents of the groom are Bill and Della Boling of Silverton.

The bride was lovely in her white peau-de-soie gown. The rounded neckline featured spaghetti straps with a beaded bodice. The long waistline graced a soft A-line skirt, and flowing train.

Lindsey chose patriotic colors for her wedding. Her cascade bouquet featured red and blue flowers. Her waist length veil was trimmed in white satin ribbons. The bridesmaids were in blue. The flower girls were dressed in red.

Lindsey's sister, Anne-Marie King was maid of honor. Best man for Jeff was Matt Barlow of Lubbock.

Bridesmaids were Amnda Gable, Nikki Wylie, Lynnae Beard and Bethany Dickey.

Groomsmen were Josh Cook, Brandon Cage, and Ryan Minyard. Flower girls were Meredith McDonough, Kaylyn King and Brianna King.

Ring bearers were Brndon Wlaker and Blake Walker. They were friends of the bride and groom. Ushers were Austin Wright and Matlock Rose.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Weaks

Special music was presented by James Hall and Olivia Lility. Sound Technician was Allen Goodner.

The bride's mother wore an ankle length red dress and red rose corsage. The bridegroom's mother ankle length dress was blue and she wore a red rose corsage.

After the wedding, the couple presented the mothers and grandmothers with red roses.

A reception was held at Little Bend Ranch between Clyde and Abilene.

A reception was held on Friday night hosted by the groom's parents.

Jeff and Lindsey flew to Las Vegas, Nevada for their honeymoon.

The couple will be at home in Lubbock. Lindsay is a Surgical Tech in Labor and Delivery at UMC in Lubbock and will be attending

Jeff is a diesel mechanic at West Texas Truck Center in Lubbock.

Jeff and Lindsey would like to thank all of their family and friends who were at their marriage ceremony to help them celebrate their special day and to share in their joy.

"Your love and support helped to make this day complete."

Melissa McWaters and James McGillem are joined in marriage



Mr. and Mrs. James McGillem

Melissa (Christi) McWaters and James Thomas McGillem were married Wednesday, June 26, 2002, at the entrance to Lake Mckenzie. Edwin Norris Performed the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Dale and Pat McWaters. Parents of the groom are Joyce Savell of Springer, New Mexico and John McGillem of Bellville, Texas.

The couple exchanged vows in front of an arch overlooking McKenzie Lake. The arch was decorated with ivy and lovely peach colored and white roses with candles on the sides.

Flower girl was Kaitlin McWaters, niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Suten McWaters, nephew of the bride.

The wedding was held on the anniversary of the bride's parents, Dale and Pat McWaters, grandparents, Joe and Hazel Grabbe and great-grandparents, Olos and Rosalie Chitty.

The bride gave a single peach rose to her grandparents, Hazel Grabbe and Joe and Ruby McWaters and to her mother.

In return, each one gave the bride a bouquet of peach colored roses tied together by the bride's mother. In the center of the bouquet, was one single rose in memory of Rosalie Chitty who recently passed away.

The bride wore an ivory silk Duppioni suit featuring an organza collar

The bride's veil was made by her great grandmother, Roslaie Chitty. It was also worn by Melissa's mother in her wedding. The bride's garter was also made by Rosalie. A reception was held at the shelter at Lake McKensie following the ceremony.

The couple resides in Lockney, Texas.

Summer Reading Club

The Silverton Public Library will be hosting the Summer Reading Club 2002 for two weeks. It started Monday, July 15 and goes through Friday, July 26, 2002. This is a great way to encourage your children to read. Just come by the library from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday and pick up a book and sign up for the Summer Reading Club. All ages of children are welcome.

Another interesting project that will be going on is the bookmark contest. Children from three age divisions will be competing for the best bookmark in their divisions. Ther theme for this year is "Read Across Texas". Age divisions are 4-7; 8-11 and 12-14. The winners in each category get their bookmarks printed and distributed in the area and a tee shirt. This is a great way of advocating reading. Come by the library for your forms.

The Romans would never have found time to conquer the world if they had been obliged to first learn Latin.. Heinrich Heine

It's a Girl!!

Katy Hester and Russel Lemons announce the borth of their daughter, Nikki Elaine. She was born on Thursday, July 4, 2002 and weighed in at 3 pounds, 14 ounces. Nikki was 17 1/2 inches long.

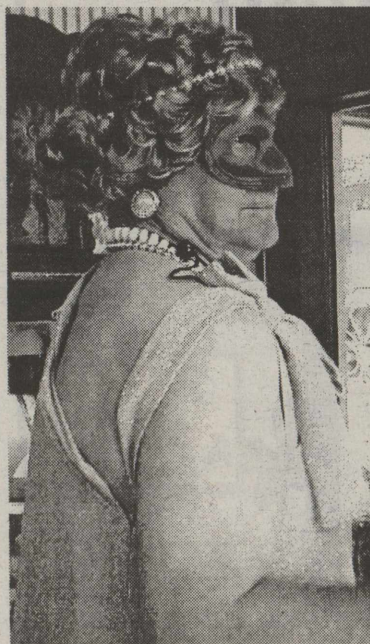
Grandparents are Rick and Bena Hester and Houston and Sonja Lemons. Great grandparents include Arthur and Jo Patrick, Marv and Ann Carlisle, Ruby Hester, Reuben Johnson and one special great-great uncle, Earl Patrick.

Silverton Senior Citizens Lunch

The Silverton Senior Citizens will have lunch and their monthly business meeting on Friday, July 19 at the Senior Center. Hosts for the meal will be the Methodist church. Bring your favorite dish!!

Get out of your rut! That's a grave with two open ends!! Join us for fun and fellowship as well as some of the best food ever!!!

"Miss" Silverton Contestant



Florette Jamina

Isn't she adorable? Each week we will be featuring a sneak preview of the upcoming beauty contestants in our "Miss" Silverton Contest. There is no age limit for the contestants, but we need to know by August 6 so we can write up the script for the narrator. Also, we need to know how many contestants so we'll know what size trailer we need for the "ladies" to ride on in the parade.

Guys!! This is a great opportunity to show off those "beautiful, hairy legs"!!! Decide now to take part in the fun. You will be laughing so much and have lots of fun!!! call Hoot or Maebelle for more information!!

Texas surgeons use new artificial knee

Good news for Texas residents with arthritis. Surgeons are becoming interested in one of the more promising advances in the technology of knee joint replacement: moveable knee implants.

Total knee arthroplasty, or TKA, is a proven and effective way to help relieve pain and potentially improve function in people with arthritis or other

knee troubles. Pioneered by DePuy Orthopaedics and Johnson & Johnson, mobile-bearing knee implants more closely mimic the natural knee. Where most traditional parts are firmly atyatched to each other, mobile-bearing knees have parts that can move. The ability of the parts to move helps reduce "contact stress" between parts which may prevent wearing out.

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

Newly announced decisions by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) continue to bring details of the new Farm Bill into clearer focus. The processes involved in implementing the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 have been in high gear since the legislation was signed May 13, 2002.

One announcement that has not yet been made, however, is the date when growers will begin signing up for the new program. Most speculation puts that date in the mid-August to early-September time frame, although that will largely be determined by USDA's ability to finalize and issue interim final rules and to get State and County Farm Service Agency staff brought up to date on those new rules and procedures.

Recent FSA announcements have also expanded several windows of opportunity for producers who want to adjust their operations to designate both a husband and wife as separate "person" for program participation purposes and extension of Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) to

growers who either did not file for benefits that they were eligible for in 2001 by the final application date or who grew program crops on non-program acreage in 2001.

Among the most important announcements was the decision to allow a husband and wife to be considered separate "persons" for purposes of program participation beginning with the 2002 crop.

To designate a spouse as a separate "person" for purposes of farm program participation they must meet the requirements for recognition as a separate person under current FSA rules.

Also, should a spouse be designated as a separate "person" and become eligible for payments in 2002 any payments already issued to the "person" designated as the program participant prior to the change would have to be refunded before revised payments could be calculated and reissued to the joint operation or members according to the designated shares if all other program and payment eligibility requirements were met, **including the August 1, 2002, deadline for PFC signatures.**

It appears that in order to make this type of change a grower will have to show their spouse meets the minimum criteria established by USDA to be classified as an equal participant in the operation and show that the situation existed prior to the normal April 1 cut-off date for making such determinations.

Also announced was the extension of the time that growers can apply for 2001-crop Loan Deficiency Payments. This late filing window allows growers to receive LDP's for their 2001 crop even if the commodity was grown on a non-participating farm in 2001. The late-filing window also applies to growers who did not apply for LDP payments on crops prior to their losing beneficial interest in the crop or prior to the May 31, 2002 deadline for filing 2001-crop LDP requests.

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers Board of Directors met Wednesday, July 10, and approved the organization's FY2002-2003 operating budget.

Topping the agenda for the PCG Directors was approval of an operating budget for the organization's new fiscal year that began July 1.

The PCG Board unanimously approved an operating budget totaling \$610,736.13 to see the organization through the next budget cycle.

Among the issues PCG Board

Our Insect Enemies

Knowledge That Can Save Homeowners Thousands Of Dollars

(NAPS)—How much do you know about the insects that threaten your home? Termites eat houses and cause U.S. homeowners over \$1 billion a year in damage. They wreak havoc below the earth's surface twenty-four hours a day, needing an opening as small as 1/4 of an inch to invade a home. Termites can literally eat you out of house and home.

Warm moist weather conditions encourage termite infestations across the country. Termites establish colonies wherever soil, wood and moisture can be found. Learning the answers to a few commonly asked questions may help keep your insect enemies at bay and protect your home.



For a free termite checklist, visit www.termitebites.com.

Q: Where are termites found?

A: Subterranean termites, the most common species, are found in every state except for Alaska. An average acre of land can sustain up to 14 termite colonies, each colony housing an average of one million termites. It has been said that there are two types of homes, those that have termites and those that will.

Q: How can homeowners tell if their home is infested with termites?

A: Termites have a low threshold for moving air and direct sunlight so they live underground and attack a home from below. A few indications of termite infestation are a scattering of narrow, transparent wings in window sills, walls or window frames, swarming termites in the house, especially near light sources, and mud tunnels on the home's foundation and wood trim.

Q: What steps can I take myself to reduce the risk of infestation?

A: Termites need moisture to live. Homeowners should check for leaky pipes, sprinklers and areas that stay moist for a long time and ensure that water flows away from the home's foundation. Eliminating wood to soil contact wherever possible and keeping wood 18 inches above ground level will also reduce the risk of infestation.

There are also products available at local home improvement centers that give homeowners a valuable and inexpensive way to reduce the risk of termite infestation such as do-it-yourself bait stakes. Bait stakes will not attract termites. However as termites forage for food, those that find the bait stakes feed on the "termite friendly" cellulose material inside the stakes placed around the perimeter of the home. Each of the bait stakes in a do-it-yourself termite baiting system, such as Spectracide Terminate™, has small holes that allow termites to enter the stake and feed on the treated material inside. The slow acting ingredient is ingested by the foraging termites and is taken back to the colony where other termites feed. Once termite activity is found in a stake, additional stakes are added nearby and the termites continue to feed on the treated stakes.

Termite killing stakes are not recommended for sole protection against termites, and for active infestations, homeowners should get professional inspections. For a free home inspection checklist, visit www.termitebites.com.

considered when approving the budget was the probable need to participate in additional, proactive, legislative efforts.

Citing the continued importance of securing 2001 Crop Loss Assistance as one of the top priorities of the organization the PCG Board allocated additional funds that can be used to engage in legislative activity that would bolster the passage of a Crop Loss Assistance program.

The Board also identified PCG's active involvement the areas of farm bill implementation, fending off continued legislative attempts to impose stricter payment limitations and crop insurance as areas of emphasis in the future.

Producers of corn, cotton, grain sorghum, soybeans, fruits and vegetables, peanuts, hay crops, CRP and other spring seeded crops have until July 16 to certify their acreage with the USDA Farm Service Agency.

FSA strongly encourages all producers to certify their acreage in order to track cropping history and to provide information for future participation in USDA Programs.

Certification is not mandatory for all producers, although, some USDA programs do require certification in order to participate.

Growers who want to do any of the following MUST certify their crop acreage by the July 16 deadline:

- Plant fruit and vegetables on a farm enrolled in the AMTA program
- Apply for LDP's or the Graze-Out Program
- Are enrolled in the Conservation Reserve program
- Apply for commodity loans
- Grow a non-insurable crop and apply for the NAP program.

Growers are encouraged to contact their County Farm Service Agency office to schedule an appointment for certification before the deadline, if they have not done so already.

New Shipment of Cards



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Briscoe County News

Walk Across Texas Update

Participants in Texas Cooperative Extension's Walk Across Texas Program have been walking "across Texas" for one week. Teams began recording their miles on Monday, June 8 for this friendly competition. As we reveal 748 miles from Texline to Texas City, the "Double Nickels & Older" have taken the lead with 148 miles after the first week. They have hypothetically walked almost to Memphis, Texas.

Not far behind are the "Road Warriors" with 135.9 miles. Next is "Ankle Express" with 81 miles, then the "Wild Woman Walkers" with 68

miles, "ASKEBAT" with 41.1 miles and the "Fairmont Flyers" with 14 miles.

Since our leading team has made it almost to Memphis, here are a few interesting facts about the city as we take a "Texas Trip".

* The population of Memphis is approximately 2,465.

* The distance to the Texas state capital is 347 miles (as the crow flies).

* The county is comprised of approximately 576,000 acres of which 175,000 are in cultivation.

* It had its beginning in 1889, when J.C. Montgomery purchased land for a

townsite north of Salisbury on the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway.

* United States Congressman Jack Hightower comes from Memphis.

* The route of the Annual Cotton Boll Enduro, a 125-mile cross-country motorcycle event held in late October, begins and ends at Memphis.

Keep up the good work!!!

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Texas Cooperative Extension

Brandon McGinty
Briscoe County Extension Agent-Agriculture

Dead birds and suspected equine WNV cases should be reported to proper state agencies

Writer: Edith A. Chenault

COLLEGE STATION - "Dead birds, particularly blue jays, crows and hawks, or suspected equine cases of West Nile virus infection need to be reported to the proper state agencies" said Dr. Bruce Lawhorn, who is a veterinarian with Texas Cooperative Extension and the department of large animal medicine and surgery at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

Dead birds should be reported to the Texas Department of Health regional zoonosis control offices. Region 1, Canyon, (806) 655-7151 is closest to us.

"It's important that all cases and suspected cases of the encephalitis be reported, so the spread of this new disease throughout our state can be tracked," added Lawhorn. "Health officials need to know to be on the lookout for this disease, especially if and when it is diagnosed in humans," he continued.

Migrating birds are the primary source of the virus, which is transmitted by mosquitos to other birds, animals in the equine family, or people.

According to the TDH Web site, (<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/briho/regions.htm>.) When you call, the technician will ask your name, telephone number, zip code and the location of the dead bird. Also you will be asked about the number of dead birds and the species. All this information is needed to map the location and the spread of West Nile in Texas.

Whether the dead bird or birds is tested depends on several factors: your location in the state, the bird's species, its condition and whether enough birds from your county already have been tested.

The only domestic animals that seem to be adversely affected by West Nile virus are equines. If you suspect your horse, donkey or mule has West Nile virus infection, contact your veterinarian for a diagnosis. Veterinarians will take the appropriate samples to be submitted for laboratory confirmation and contact the Texas Animal Health Commission at (800) 550-8242 or (512) 916-5552 to alert them of this possible West Nile virus case.

West Nile virus is commonly found in Africa, Eastern Europe, West Asia and the Middle East. It was first reported in Texas in mid-June, having been found in two dead blue jays in Harris County. No human cases have been reported in the state. The first human case of West Nile virus occurred in New York in 1999.

According to the TDH, most people who are infected with West

Nile virus show no symptoms. Those who do, typically develop mild symptoms of disease, including fever, headache, body aches and skin rashes. Less than one percent of those infected with West Nile virus will develop more severe symptoms that include meningitis or encephalitis, an infection of the brain. Death can result.

Only one equine case has been identified in Texas thus far. Equines seem to be a dead-end host, and there is a vaccine available from veterinarians. Two doses of vaccine are administered three to six weeks apart and protection starts to build at four to six weeks after the second vaccination.

That means there is a minimum of 7-8 weeks after the start of the vaccine series before any protection can be expected. Most infected equines will not show clinical signs. Most frequent ones are a wobbly gait, stumbling and falling, weakness of limbs, lying down, twitching of a small area of muscle and death.

Texans should practice personal precaution, premis clean-up and mosquito-proofing homes. Get rid of all the mosquito breeding sites you can find. Anything collecting and holding water for longer than three days needs to be filled in, thrown away, or turned upside down. Dog bowls and dishes under flowerpots should be emptied at least every three days or keep screen

How popular is your child's name?

"Each year, the Social Security Administration (SSA) produces the list of the top baby names and people love to see where their names and those of their family rank", says Commissioner Jo Anne Barnhart of the SSA. "This has become one of the SSA's most popular announcements"

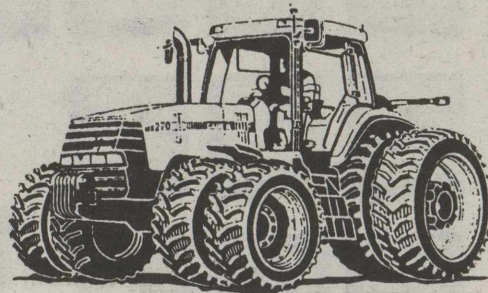
TOP TEN

Boys	Girls
Jacob	Emily
Michael	Madison
Matthew	Hannah
Joshua	Ashley
Christopher	Alexis
Nicolas	Samantha
Andrew	Sarah
Joseph	Abigail
Daniel	Elizabeth
William	Jessica

For Emily and Jacob, it's a repeat appearance at the top of the list. Emily has been the most popular girl's name for the past three year. Prior to that, Michael was the most popular name each year from 1964-1968.

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