

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Have you noticed the beautiful spring shades of green? From the lime green of the newly-leaved mesquites to the dark greens of the cedars and junipers spring provides a feast for the eyes. Throw in the light and medium greens with the grey greens and blue greens of the grasses and plants, and you have an almost unlimited palette. I just hope we will keep getting some rainfall to keep the pastures and roadsides beautiful in the months to come.

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Tobe Riddell told me about Aaron Younger's dog getting bitten by a rattlesnake which Tobe and Aaron never saw. It apparently was under a vehicle that they were working near, and the dog was bitten on the head while he was looking underneath. He already was swelled quite a bit when they got him to the vet, who told them the swelling would get worse before it got better.

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Cotton planting has begun, and I heard last week that Dwain Henderson already has cotton up. Surely those who haven't planted yet are in danger of having their seed sprout in the sacks these warm days!

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Venita Chappell underwent open heart surgery for a double bypass and replacement of a heart valve Thursday of last week at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The surgery took a little more than seven hours.

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Syble Thomas had the replacement of her right hip Tuesday in an Amarillo hospital. She had the left hip replaced last year.

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Bryn Mayfield was listed on the Amarillo Globe-News Area Girls' Track Honor Roll in the discus event with her throw of 114-9. Others listed were from Plainview, Stratford, Friona, Liberal, Vega, Quanah, and Randall.

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When the bird count was made by members of the Audubon Society at Caprock Canyons State Park back near the end of the year, a total of 969 birds were counted by the two volunteers who took part. Birds sighted included Great Blue Heron, American Wigeon, Hooded Merganser, Bufflehead, Northern Harrier, American Coot, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Greater Roadrunner, Ladder-backed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Chihuahua Raven, Mountain Bluebirds and European Starlings.



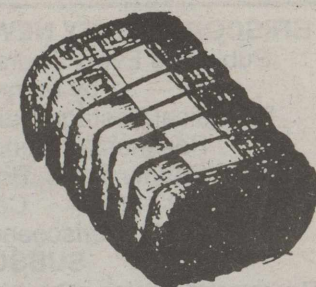
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Mackenzie Water Authority Board Asks for Resignation of Manager

During the executive session of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority Board meeting April 24, the general manager of the water authority, Tom Davey, was asked for his resignation. Bookkeeper Gail Wyatt and her husband, John, already had resigned from their positions.

One of Floydada's representatives on the board, Jeffrey Johnson, presided over the board meeting.

The representatives of the four cities voted unanimously to:

(a) Approve the authority's payment of employee insurance only, beginning October 1, 2003.

(b) Table the decision to remove pumping restrictions as requested by the cities. Due to the reduction in work force the board was not sure the amount of water to be treated could be increased over what it is now.

(c) Approved reducing the salary base by \$2,500 per employee, back to the 2001-2002 budget level.

(d) Reduce the Christmas bonus of three weeks pay and double time holiday pay.

(e) Postpone more budget cuts until personnel issues are settled.

(f) Requested that all cities see the proposed budget for each new year at least 30 days before the Mackenzie board approves it.

(g) Allow the park superintendent to get his license so he could help in the water treatment plant.

(h) Only pay for the schooling that must be obtained by the employees directly related to their jobs.

(i) Allow employees to use authority vehicles for authority business only--within reason.

The hiring of a new business manager was discussed in detail. The board authorized Mr. Davey to hire an interim business manager to fill the position vacated by Mrs. Wyatt.

After an executive session to discuss employee matters, the board reconvened and asked Mr. Davey to resign by July 1.

"He was told if he resigned he would receive six months benefits if he signed away his right to sue the board," said Floydada City Manager Gary Brown. "Tom said he would give his answer within seven days after talking to his attorney."

According to Brown the board did not pass the reduction of all salaries by 20% because the cities wanted to see if the budget cuts of approximately \$230,000 could be reached without making the salary cuts.

Brown also said that a decision on a replacement for Davey will not be made until Davey replies to the board.

Maturity is reached the day we don't need to be lied to about anything.

Frank Yerby

Your Help Needed to Make the Project Graduation a Success

Donations are being sought to help with Project Graduation 2003 for Silverton High School students following the graduation exercises on Friday, May 23. Door prizes, gifts, food and admission charges for activities are paid for with donations made by parents, friends, businesses and other supporters of this project.

It was determined that traffic crashes, half of which involved alcohol and other drugs, are a leading cause of death and serious injury for young people ages 15-19. Therefore the State of Texas and interested citizens are supporting Project Graduation, a program promoting drug/alcohol-free parties for high school students. The Texas Department of Transportation pledges \$250 each year to provide mini-grants as "seed money" to high schools that support and participate in Project Graduation activities, and concerned citizens and businesses are asked to join them.

See Graduation Party-- Continued on Page Six

Voters Re-elect One, Choose Newcomer Here

Silverton voters went to the polls here Saturday in the Silverton ISD trustee election, and re-elected Tom Burson to continue his service on the board and chose to replace incumbent Perry Brunson with newcomer Linda O'Neal Moore.

There was no City election, due to there being only the number of candidates as places open on the Council.

Members to be Appointed Soon

Those interested in serving on a county-wide Historical Committee are asked to call the County Judge's office to have their names placed on a list to be considered for appointment by the Commissioners' Court.

Purpose of this committee will be to protect and preserve the county historic resources for the use, education, enjoyment and economic benefit of present and future generations.

There are many projects and programs that could be administered by the committee. It is important that there be a committee in place that is willing to work to see that these goals are accomplished. Members of this committee should have an interest in historic preservation and an understanding of local history and resources.

There will be an organizational meeting Tuesday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. at City Bank in Silverton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Senior Citizens To Serve Lunch

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their annual Hamburger Luncheon Friday, May 9, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Center.

The price will be \$5.00 for a hamburger, dessert and drink.

This is a fundraiser of the Senior Citizens, and the funds will be used to pay their expenses.

Cemetery Ass'n. To Have Annual Meeting May 8

Silverton Cemetery Association will hold its Annual Meeting Thursday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church.

The mail-out will be prepared first and the business meeting will follow at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The terms of board members Carolyn Lowrey, Buck Hardin and J. D. Nance are expiring. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. The Association appreciates all the support from the community and the families who have loved ones buried in the local cemetery.

A Memorial Day program is being planned for Monday, May 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Silverton Cemetery.

Athletic Banquet Will be May 16

Silverton Booster Club has set the annual Athletic Banquet for Friday, May 16, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The chicken fried steak meal will be catered by Neilson's of Floydada. All parents, grandparents, friends and fans are invited to join the Booster Club and the school in honoring the athletes and coaches.

The meal is \$8.00 per plate, with all junior high and high school athletes' meals provided by the Booster Club.

To sign up to attend the banquet, please have your money to Missy Forbes, school secretary, by Monday, May 12. All meals must be paid for by that date in order for the number to be confirmed with the caterer. No refunds will be available.

Pool Clean-up Day is May 17

The Seventh Street Pool will be having a clean-up day Saturday, May 17, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is needed to help, so that the pool can open soon.

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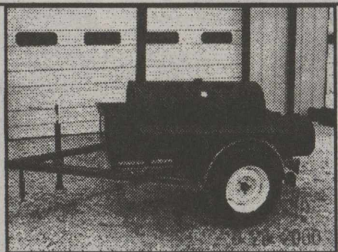
CAKES I will still be baking cakes but will have them at my house. If you need a cake or to place an order, please call and leave a message and your phone number and I will return your call. Juannah, 823-2370. 4-tfnc

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

SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon Meetings. Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 23-tfnc

AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitaque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 4-tfnc

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WANTED

To the good friend who borrowed my 1/2" drill and forgot to bring it back: Please return it to Charlie Parker. 19-1tp

WANTED

Trying to raise money for my cheerleading uniform. Will do odd jobs, paint, wash windows, etc. Call Sarah at 823-2060. 18-tfnc

REAL ESTATE

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House For Sale: Two bedrooms, Den, Large Utility Room/Bath with Chain Length Fence in Back. See Ralph or Janice Hill, or call 823-2456 after 3:00 p.m. 18-tfc

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Immunization Clinic is May 9

There will be an immunization clinic at the Silverton School May 9, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Vaccines offered will give protection against childhood diseases.

'Cash Masters' To Give Away Wyatt Painting

The "Cash Masters" team for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life is taking donations for a chance to win a Kenneth Wyatt painting. The picture can be seen at City Bank, where chances are available.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
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.

SILVERTON UNITED 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:
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY:
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Junior & Senior
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SUNDAY:
Worship Service..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

A Mother's Love

Whenever a child falls down and gets hurt, the person they run to for help most often is their mother. A child knows that their mother will always be there to help them, even though she may have warned them many times about something that may be harmful to them. As children grow, the nurturing and the lessons learned from their mother will be carried with them into adulthood. Somehow, children seem to know that their mother's love for them is everlasting and eternal.

God's love for us is also everlasting and eternal. We are all God's children, and we are able to love because He first loved us, and no matter how many times we may sin and fall short of His glory, God our Father is always there to help us. God's unconditional love is exemplified by the love a mother has for her children. A mother's love and loyalty to her children are surpassed only by God's love for us.

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Good News Bible Proverbs 22:6



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Obituary

J. B. TIFFIN

Services for James Bryan Tiffin were conducted at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist Church in Quitaque. Rev. Don McMahan officiated at the service. Burial followed in the Resthaven Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Tiffin was born October 16, 1917 in Beaver County, Oklahoma. He passed away May 5, 2003 at his residence in Quitaque.

He served in the armed forces during World War II and received a Good Conduct Medal for his service to the country.

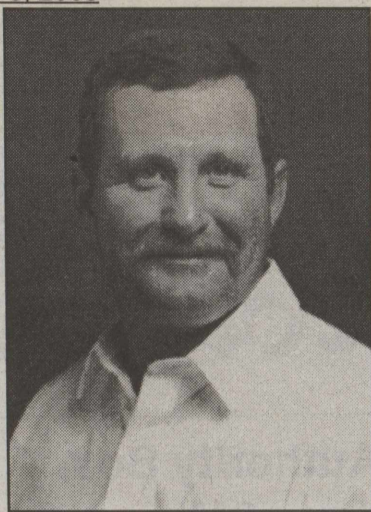
Survivors include a sister, Edna Murray Standifer of Saginaw, Texas; three nieces, Tena Bearden of Quitaque, Ama Rorie of Saginaw and Betty Nan Tiffin of Silverton; four great-nephews, Bruce Tiffin of Canyon, Jeff Tiffin of Silverton, Kraig Cox of Lubbock and Jamie Cox of Waco; a great-niece, Keeli Stumbo of Lubbock; 12 great-great nieces and nephews.

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John Burson

Local WIC Clinic Helps Women Prepare for Babies

Many people know about the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and what it offers mothers and their young children. What they may not realize is that eligible participants can receive WIC services from the very beginning of their pregnancy.

WIC, which is administered in this area by Outreach Health Services, is a federally-funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development, including the prenatal period.

Each month the WIC services are offered to more than 22,500 clients in 58 Texas counties. Income and residency requirements may apply.

WIC will be in Silverton Thursday, May 8, from 9:15 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 until 3:30 p.m. to serve clients in this area. The clinic is held at the First Baptist Church, 500 Loretta Street, in Silverton.

Meet the President

You are invited to meet the new president of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce, John Burson, in the Pioneer Room at City Bank on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. You will have an opportunity for fellowship as you have coffee, tea and cookies.

There will be a meeting of the Chamber at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to come, join the Chamber and take part in the meeting. As Trena Burson said last week, "We, as a community, need to be involved."

Dues are \$10 a year for a family. Plan to be a part of making Silverton a better City for all residents.

Survivor Gives Testimony as Event Nears

As the date of the "Relay for Life," a fundraiser of the American Cancer Society, draws near, one survivor gives her testimony.

"Hello, my name is Angela Clay and I am a cancer survivor. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2000. I was very shocked at the news of my diagnosis because I had no family history, I was very healthy, and I was only 36 years old. I quickly learned that cancer doesn't just affect those who are at high risk, it can affect anyone. My treatment included a mastectomy and eight months of chemotherapy. Most of my treatment was done at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. This was a rough time on my family and me. I was sick some and having to be away from home was hard. God blessed me during this time in many ways. He showed me what it was like to be on the other end of my profession as a nurse, the side of the patient, which was something I had not had to experience before. My husband and three children were wonderful through it all. During those many months of treatments and doctor appoint-

ments, my family and friends stood beside me. Through many good and bad times their support helped me see it through. Since my diagnosis, I have become involved with a program sponsored by the American Cancer Society, called "Reach to Recovery," which is a support group for breast cancer patients. During my treatments I utilized the American Cancer Society's program that provided lodging for patients taking chemotherapy. I was able to use this on my many trips to Houston for treatment. This was so helpful at a time when finances were pretty tight. The "Relay for Life" has always been an event that I thought was really great, but the last two years have been very special. Being able to walk the survivor lap is a joy for me and my family. Cancer doesn't just affect the patient; it affects the family and friends of those who are diagnosed as well. Almost everyone is affected today by cancer and the only way to help fight this dreaded disease is for research to keep searching for the cure. I hope that I live to see that happen. Right now I am just grateful to be a survivor."

Cancer Team To Give Away Gun

The Cancer Hitmen Group will give away a 12 ga. shotgun to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. It is a brand-new Mossberg, Model 500 combo. It comes with two interchangeable barrels, one 18.5 inches and one 28 inches, a carrying case and a safety cable lock. Total retail value is approximately \$360.00.

Donations to the American Cancer Society are \$5.00 each, and a chance to win the gun comes with each donation. Only 300 will have a chance to win.

For more information, contact Juannah Jennings, 823-2370, or Mike Long, 847-2617.

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LOOKING BACK

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Briscoe County News

March 25, 1993--John Bowman will be unopposed on the ballot in the race for Mayor of Silverton. Two seats on the Council are to be filled, and those who have filed for places on the ballot are W. D. Rowell, Lane Garvin, Vance Childress, James Edwards and Rick Minyard... Dewey Estes and Tom Burson have offered themselves as candidates for re-election to the board of trustees of Silverton ISD. In addition, Penny Carpenter is a candidate for one of the places on the board... Funeral services conducted for Charles (Mule) Grantham, 68... Betty Olive was surprised on her birthday Friday at the Silverton Senior Citizens Luncheon meeting. Those present sang "Happy Birthday" to her and gave her a box of cards and gifts from her friends...

March 24, 1983--Blood drive nets 55 pints... Tonnette Miller is the senior champion and Melissa Garcia is the junior champion of the Briscoe County Spelling Bee held last Thursday... Among those who have been patients at Lockney General Hospital this month are Mrs. Earl Cantwell, Johnnie Burson and Mrs. Willard Vardell... Love fund established at First State Bank for Mrs. Jack (Frances) Davis... Jeff Tiffin, Mike Pigg earn points in season opener at Amarillo Dragway... Gladys Kidwell and Virgil Kidwell, hunter safety instructors, recently attended an Ethics/Hunter Responsibility workshop in Canyon... Judy Carole Birdwell to marry Brett R. Gill May 28... Connie Crowell Beckwith, sister of John Crowell, has been named third-team Academic All-American. She is a starting forward for Wayland Baptist University's Flying Queens... Carver Monroe is home recuperating from surgery to remove a draping sponge which was accidentally left behind when he had his gall bladder removed 12 years ago... All is in readiness for new season at Lake Mackenzie...

March 22, 1973--The Silverton School has a nice parking lot across the street south of the gym due to a nice gift by Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Mercer and a lot of help from several local people. E. A. Birdwell donated gravel for the parking lot. The County loaned trucks and a loader, John Francis donated a truck, L. B. Garvin donated a truck and lane, the City loaned a truck and Kelsie Baker, George Martin loaned the use of a packer, and Bob Whelchel, Mon-

roe Gates and O. C. Rampley drove trucks... Funeral services for Melinda Degan, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Degan, who died Thursday in a Dallas hospital, were conducted Friday. Melinda was born December 19, 1968 in Chillicothe. She was last year's cystic fibrosis poster child in the Chillicothe area... Amy Lee Birdwell has been named one of 10 finalists for the High School Queen contest of the Amarillo National Women's Invitational Basketball tournament... Mr. and Mrs. Dwin Davis and children have moved from Canyon to Silverton... Mrs. Ima Jo Bingham buried here Sunday... Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Stark, jr. of Quitaque are announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Sherry Lane Stark, to Mr. Rick Braden of Ropesville... Mr. and Mrs. Kelsie Baker announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janet Evonne, to Mr. Billy Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams of Turkey... Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wood of Lorenzo are parents of a son, Ty Wayne, born March 2...

March 14, 1963--J. E. (Doc) Minyard and Sam Lewis are seeking re-election to the board of the Silverton ISD, while Alva Jasper and Elton Cantwell are seeking first terms. H. A. Cagle is unop-

posed for County Trustee-at-Large... The Briscoe County All-Stars, made up of Robert Whelchel, Joe Granato and Ben Lesley, SHS coaches, Gene King, Quitaque High School coach, Steve Jarnagin and Randall (Moe) Eddleman, will play the famous Harlem Stars in a game in the Silverton School gym Thursday... Chlonez Woods to try out for Flying Queens... Mrs. O'Neal Watson of Amarillo spent two days with her mother, Mrs. S. R. Turner, last week... Mrs. T. C. Bomar spent Sunday in Canyon with her sister, Mrs. Kitty Lawler... Mrs. Wade Welch and Mary, Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mrs. Don Cornett, Kim and Mike attended evening services at the Church of Christ in Floydada Monday. Richard Williams of Snyder, former minister of the local Church of Christ, is conducting a revival at the Floydada Church...

March 26, 1953--Senior Class to present play, "Cracked Nuts," March 27... Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple attended the Guy Lombardo concert in Amarillo last Thursday... Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Rampley and Shanna included Mr. and Mrs. Parker Rampley, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rampley and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lanham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow and Peggy, and Miss Peggy Lanham of Canyon...

March 18, 1943--The home of Floy L. Miller on the old Lawler place on the Caprock, was completely destroyed by fire last Mon-

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, May 12--Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, May 13--Chili Cheese Fries, Beans, Jello, Bread, Milk
Wednesday, May 14--Chalupa, Chips, Hot Sauce, Blueberry Muffin, Milk
Thursday, May 15--Steak, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Roll, Gravy, Honey & Butter, Milk
Friday, May 16--Chili Dog, Fries, Milk, Pineapple Pudding

Happy Anniversary-

May 10--Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill
May 12--Mr. and Mrs. George Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Doug McJimsey
May 13--Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mercer
May 14--Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard

day night and all contents were a total loss... Miss Helen Poole and Mr. John McCain were united in marriage March 13... Sunday a group of friends went to the R. E. Brookshier home after church services and gave him a happy surprise, it being his birthday... Grady Wimberly is recovering nicely from shock and the loss of two fingers of his right hand in a feed mill accident last Wednesday... Mrs. Wyona Lee, who is attending WTSTC in Canyon, visited her mother, Mrs. George Lee, over the weekend...

Happy Birthday--

May 8--Krista Ziegler, Andy Wills, Jamie Casillas, Elena Brook Rowell
May 9--Russell Kennedy, Elzora Gallington, Mitchell Roehr
May 10--Donna Hutsell, Darrell Reynolds, Frank Lowrey, Melissa Estes, Kimberly Oldham, Kina Garrison
May 11--Joni Mayfield, Chance Rhoderick
May 12--Sarah Henderson, Lyndall Couch, Kirk Durham, Derik Roys, Cody Garrison, Bryan Burson
May 13--Floyd Perkins, Lee Ann Todd, Martha Greeson, Mary Ann Rowell, Brianna West, Jesse Hill
May 14--Michael S. Hill, J. W. Reid, Patricia Lavy, Charlie Parker, LaVerne Mercer, David Self

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, May 8--FFA Spring District Meeting; School Board Meeting
Friday, May 9--Imunization Clinic, 9:30-12:00; PK-K Field Trip; Early Out
Monday, May 12--FFA Banquet, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13--Senior Methodist Church Luncheon; Senior CPR Certification
Thursday, May 15--2-8 grade Wonderland Field Trip
Friday, May 16--Early Out; Athletic Banquet, 7:00 p.m.

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Graduation Party

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The Project Graduation committee's purpose is to offer students the opportunity to have drug/alcohol-free celebrations in lieu of traditional drinking parties. It is hoped this effort will curb deaths and disabilities associated with drinking, taking drugs and driving and also heighten awareness of the dangers and consequences involved. This could result in them

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The family of Betty Bomar Abney would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love and kindness you have shown to us. We want to thank our dear cousins: Tom, John, Bryan, Buddy, Larry and Kelly, as well as Terry Grimland and their families. Thanks to Larry and Gary for the sweet message they spoke, to the men and women who prepared the delicious meal, the flowers, cards, and most of all for keeping our family in your prayers. Momma loved Silverton and so do we.

Debbie, Wylie, Robert, Laquita, Osco Abney and our families

Thanks to the churches and people for their cards and everything that has been done for me.

Special thanks to Ruby, Diane and Ann for the food.

Charlie Parker

Thank you to all who supported me in the campaign for school board trustee. I am very grateful to the businesses that allowed me to place signs in their windows. Thank you for putting your trust in me!

Linda (O'Neal) Moore

Thanks for helping Saturday and having garage sales to support the community-wide project of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce. It was great to see so many people in town on Saturday, and it was good to see the RockSalt concession stand and the Firemen's Bake Sale do so well.

Thanks for your participation!

being more productive members of society.

This year's Project Graduation will be held following the graduation exercises Friday, May 23. All high school students who have signed up to attend will board school buses for a trip to Canyon. The WTAMU activity center has been reserved for the all-night party. Bowling, raquetball, ping-pong, volleyball, pool tables and the new pool area are some of the activities available for the students to enjoy. A meal of pizza while there and breakfast when they return also is being provided. Snacks are made available throughout the night. Door prizes are presented to each student attending. In addition, each member of the graduating class is awarded a gift from a wish/need list they turn in to the Project Graduation Committee.

Project Graduation would not be possible without donations. It is hoped the committee can count on your support to ensure today's youth will be around to realize their true potential so they may become tomorrow's leaders. Your contribu-

Penny Carpenter's Cutting Horse Wins First Place In Super Stakes

The Super Stakes Limited Open in Fort Worth is class within a class at the 2003 Flowmaster/National Cutting Horse Association Super Stakes & Super Stakes Classic. Those entered in the Limited Open also compete in the traditional Open class.

However, the Limited Open honor, pay and awards are unique unto themselves. The winner of the 2003 Flomaster Super Stakes Limited Open is Toby Crow riding El Miss N Jerry. Crow, who lives and trains horses in Amarillo, rode El Miss N Jerry for 219 points and the championship win. El Miss N Jerry is a four-year-old mare sired by Smart Little Jerry and owned by Penny Cogdell Carpenter of Silverton. Crow and El Miss N Jerry earned a first place check for \$3,027. Crow was the only rider to have two horses in the Limited Open finals.

The 2003 Flowmaster/NCHA Super Stakes & Super Stakes Classic cutting began at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, and continued daily through Sunday, April 20.

The Super Stakes is a show for the offspring of nominated stallions; however, with 140 of the industry's top sires on the list of nominees, the show is far from "exclusive." Each stallion owner paid \$3,500 to subscribe, the vast majority of which is added directly to the event's purse. In addition, each Super Stakes entry paid a fee of \$1,500 or more depending on the event division and time of payment, with a major part of that fee adding to the purse.

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tion will help guarantee the continued success of this program.

Donations may be given to a committee member or mailed to Project Graduation, c/o Michelle Francis, Route 1 Box 54A, Silverton, Texas 79257 or Project Graduation, Silverton ISD, P. O. Box 608, Silverton, Texas 79257. Make checks payable to Silverton Project Graduation. A receipt is available upon request.

If you would prefer to donate a product or products (such as door prizes or food items) a committee member will be around to pick it up in the near future. You may call Missy Forbes, school secretary, 806-823-2476 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. M-F or Michelle Francis, 806-847-2580 evenings/weekends to schedule a pickup.

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Texas Forest Service Awards Grant to Silverton Volunteer Fire Department

The Texas Forest Service has awarded the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department a \$12,600 cost-sharing grant from the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program for a slip on unit. House Bill 2604 enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature established the

aid program, a \$15 million annual cost-sharing program funded by contributions from the insurance industry and administered by the Texas Forest Service.

Since September 1 of last year, over \$11.6 million in grants for equipment and training have been

awarded to volunteer fire departments across the state, under the 2604 program, as the aid program is also known.

"Requests for over \$65 million in assistance have already been received, and additional requests are likely," stated Joe Fox, program manager with the TFS in Bryan. "These requests clearly indicate that the 2604 program addresses an unmet need of the state's volunteer

fire departments. The program obviously will have a backlog of requests for several years."

The needs of the volunteer fire community are tremendous, Fox said. He indicated that he wished the program could immediately fund each and every assistance request that has been received. Because the requests far exceeded appropriation of funds, though, the TFS has had to implement a rating

system to guide program decision-makers in allocating existing funds.

For additional information about the program, contact: Emergency Services Grants Division, Texas Forest Service, P. O. Box 310, Lufkin, TX 75902-0310, phone 936-639-8100. Fire departments also can obtain information via the internet at: <http://www.tamu.edu/ticc>.



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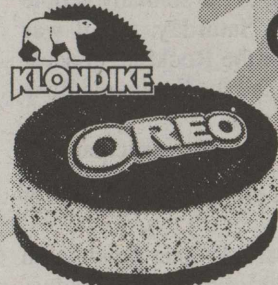
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The 2003 Project Graduation Committee is taking donations for a Silverton Owl T-shirt quilt wall hanging to be given away Friday, May 23. For a \$1.00 donation, your name will be placed in a drawing for the quilt which was donated by Joyce Cooper, owner of Granny's Aulits of Kress, and is made from Silverton Athletic Department T-shirts. It is on display at City Bank and tickets are available there. All proceeds will benefit the 2003 Project Graduation Committee for use on the graduation night party. All donations are greatly appreciated.

In any sport, the anticipation of what might happen is almost as important as what actually happens.

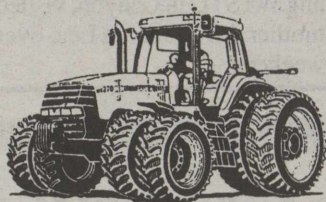
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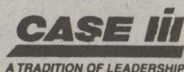


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Silverton ISD Reduces Injuries

Silverton ISD, represented by Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. Awards were presented at the Annual Appreciation Luncheon in Austin. Designed and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc. (CAS), the program specialized in safety procedures designed to prevent and reduce workplace injuries. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 11,523 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$135 million through lower cost to the schools.

Silverton ISD, one of more than 423 participating schools, received the Diamond Star Award for savings to the district of \$20,993.00 with a loss ratio of 9% of the funds reserved for possible claims expenses during the 2001-2002 year. Wesley Slade, Executive Vice President of CAS, describing the program, explained, "Taxpayers will be gratified to know the results of participating in the CAS safety program-reduction of injuries and money saved-have raised the bar for all Texas schools for reduction of work-related injuries. At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum."

Barry Jones, CEO/President of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Twelve years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

Lallie Patton Is Surprised on Her 89th Birthday

A surprise birthday party for Lallie Patton was held at the Senior Citizens exercise class Monday. Cards were given to Lallie and "Happy Birthday" was sung to her. Banana bread and juice were served to 17 guests. Lallie is the eldest one in the group. She was 89 on May 6.

May Events Planned at State Park

Events planned in May at Caprock Canyons State Park include a photography workshop conducted by Wyman Meinzer.

Meinzer will have a Photography Workshop from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on May 10. This workshop will feature instruction by Texas State Photographer Meinzer. Students should bring a 35mm camera with a variable zoom lens. Tuition will include park entrance fees and lunch. Cost is \$100.00.

You can join park officials for a beautiful canyon sunset at the amphitheater May 10. You will learn about wildflowers, mammals, birds and night noises. This will accompany a brief slideshow. Regular park fees apply.

Spring Birding will begin at 9:00 a.m. on May 17. The group will hike about two hours around Lake Theo and the prairie scouting for birds. There will be a discussion on bird identification, nesting and birds you might expect to see in the area. Bring water, good shoes, a hat, binoculars and a bird

guide (if you have one). Meet at the group picnic shelter north of Lake Theo. Regular park fees apply.

History of Caprock Canyons State Park & Trailway will be the topic at 8:00 p.m. on May 17. The history talk will take place as you are guided through with images of the scenery of the canyons. Meet at the amphitheater. Regular park fees apply.

WEATHER

April Readings at
6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	77	34	
2	87	43	
3	89	49	
4	80	43	
5	70	39	
6	67	40	
7	70	35	
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13	78	47	
14	87	47	
15	91	55	
16	73	50	.12
17	78	44	
18	67	43	
19	81	49	.12
20	73	37	
21	70	35	
22	71	42	
23	55	47	.49
24	72	49	.04
25	76	40	
26	76	39	
27	87	46	
28	89	48	
29	80	48	
30	87	55	.02
April Precip.			.79
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Total Precip. in 2003			1.85
Normal Annual Precip.			2.18
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