

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



It's not too late to join a Relay for Life team. Call Jacquelyn Ham, Kyle Fuston or Margie Bell.

In addition to the Survivor Walk and Luminaria Service, there will be entertainment and activities for everyone. Children's activities will include a Bounce House, Face Painting, Water Games. Adult activities include Volleyball and a 42 Tournament.

Will you help in the fight against cancer? The Relay for Life is Friday, May 30, at the Valley School.

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Shauna Kingery Cheek was among students honored during South Plains College's recent Student Awards Assembly. Shauna received the award for Outstanding Clinical Freshman Respiratory Care. The award was bestowed for outstanding academic accomplishments and contributions in the classroom.

She is the daughter of Anthony and Kathy Kingery, and is married to Jackie Cheek. She has been named to the Dean's and President's Honor Lists. She also is a member of the Respiratory Students Care Club at the Reese Center.

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I learned last week that there was something that I have been missing for the past ten years or so. Suzette Fitzgerald Nistler, daughter of Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald, and her husband purchased the Bert Thomas Nursery on the north side of the old Claude Highway in Amarillo. They are operating as Nistler & Bert Thomas Nursery.

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A 2003 graduate of Plano West Senior High School is Jason Price Montague, son of Jene and Patti Montague. He is the grandson of Einell Smithee Bramblett and the late Gordon Price Montague; Joe Cates and Patsy Faulkner.

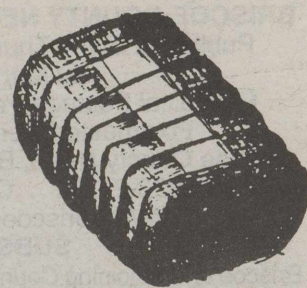
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A graduate of Plano Senior High School is Monty Grant Montague, son of Quinn Montague and Debbie Stokes. He is the grandson of Polly Montague and the late Joe Montague, Melvin and Ruby Mahagan.



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When the Class of 2003 was in the Sixth Grade, they made a Time Capsule to be opened as they graduated from high school. They opened it last week, and reviewed all the treasurers they chose to include in it six years ago. Pictured are (left to right) Krystle Clinton, John Arnold, Red Ivory, Tarran Forbes, Kassie Strange, Bryn Mayfield, Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner, Jenny Young, Dustin Hale, Chase Comer, Monty Wood, Darin Martin, Galen Smith and Patricia Acevedo.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Brush Control Field Day is June 6

by Brandon McGinty, Briscoe County CEA-Ag  
Texas Cooperative Extension Service

The Briscoe County Extension Office is sponsoring a Brush Control Field Day on Friday, June 6, 2003, at Valley Farm Store in Quitaque starting at 12:00 noon.

Lindsey Weaks has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2003.

In order to be a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

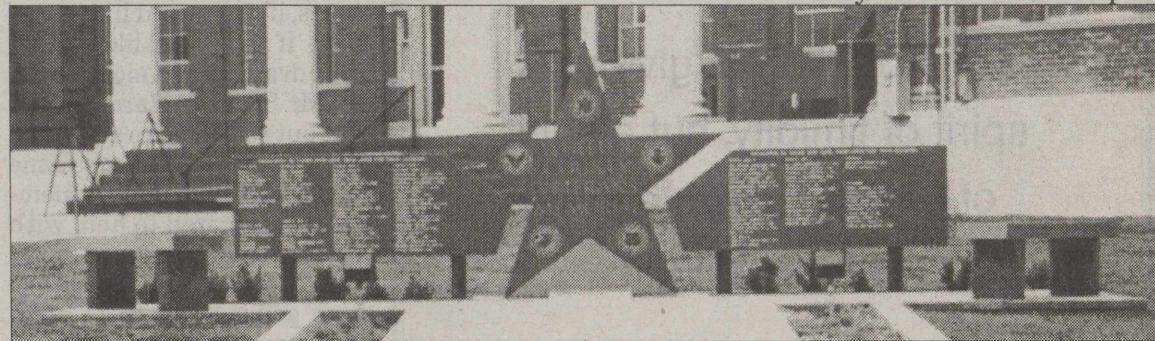
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I received an email from Joe Kitchens showing a picture of the more-than-four foot long rattlesnake he shot and killed on May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in his front yard.

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Twila Baldwin of Claude has joined Coldwell Banker First Equity Realtors as a Realtor associate. She has had a real estate license for four years and worked in residential sales and commercial leasing. She also has worked in property and casualty insurance, home-based businesses and in ranching.

America's earliest known carousel dates back to 1799 in Salem, Massachusetts. It was advertised as a wooden horse "circus ride."



This is the Veterans Memorial that was built at Wheeler. It is hoped that a similar monument can be erected here. If you are interested in more details about the monument, contact Fred Strange, commander of the VFW, or Emmett Tomlin.

## Wheat Field Day Is Planned June 4

Provided by Brandon McGinty  
Briscoe County CEA-Ag  
Texas Cooperative Extension

There will be a Wheat Field Day sponsored by the Briscoe Ag Committee on Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at 12:00 noon at one of Zane Henderson's Farms.

This demonstration is located 1 1/2 miles west of FM 378 on County Road I. The demonstration plot takes in 40 varieties, some of which have been planted before and some new varieties.

Lunch will be provided, but you must RSVP by 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2003, because the meal will be ordered at that time. Please contact the Briscoe County Extension office at 823-2522 to RSVP.

There will be two CEU's provided at this meeting.

At 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2003, there will be a Wheat Field Day south of Vigo Park in Swisher County. If you need extra CEU's, you can attend both meetings. For the Vigo Park Wheat Field Day information, please contact the Swisher County Extension office at 995-3726.

Luminaria Service and Survivor Reception in the Valley School Gym begin at 8:00 p.m.

The Relay begins at the Valley track field at 8:30 p.m., and entertainment begins at 9:00.

The Victory Lap begins at 12:15 p.m., and a Pancake Breakfast will be served in the Valley Cafeteria at 12:30 p.m.

## Relay For Life

### To Be Held May 30

This year's Relay For Life will begin with registration at the main entrance to the Valley School at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 30.

Following your registration, you are invited to a hamburger supper in the Valley School Cafeteria.

The Survivor Walk,

## Bake Sale To Benefit Relay

Silverton Senior Citizens' Relay For Life team will have a bake sale Friday from 10:00 a.m. until all baked goods are sold at First State Bank.

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**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

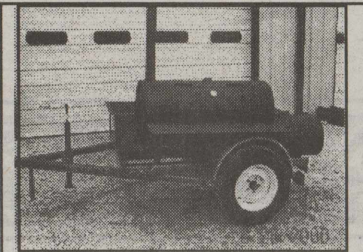
**ALCOHOLICS Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings,** Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., 111 N. Wall St. (1 block north of courthouse), Floydada. 1-806-983-3635 16-tfnc

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## REAL ESTATE

**Priced to Sell:** Three Bedroom House. New sewer line and bathroom faucet. Carpet two years old. 1105 Braidfoot. Call Pat Rice, 806-675-1125. 19-tfc

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Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

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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  
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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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High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

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



## *Living The Good Life*

It seems that one of the biggest factors in determining whether one is "living the good life" or not, is related to how we handle stress and problems. We all have varying amounts of stress in our lives, but some people just seem to handle it better than others. More often than not, the people who handle it well seem to just not perceive the "bad" and stressful things as particularly bad or stressful.

Living the good life can be difficult if we do not have God in our lives. God is the great problem solver and stress reliever, and with His help, we can manage our lives better and be more at peace with ourselves and those around us.

At times, everyone has to deal with a certain amount of anxiety, and learning to deal with stressful situations is part of life. The Bible tells us that we should show a gentle attitude toward everyone and that we should not worry about anything, but in all our prayers ask God for what we need, and always with a thankful heart.

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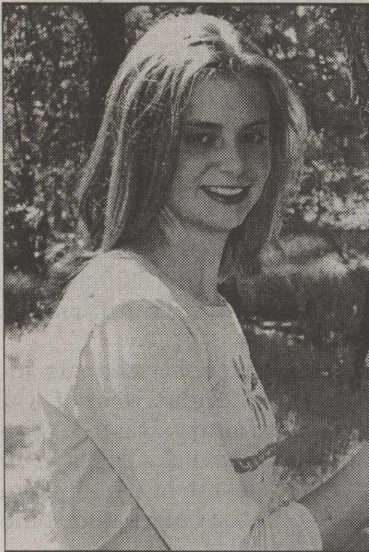
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Amber Oldham

**Amber Oldham is Eighth Grade Valedictorian**

Amber Denae Oldham is the eighth grade valedictorian of Shamrock Junior High. She is the daughter of Clifford and Kim Oldham, and enjoys showing livestock, playing basketball and is an active member of her church youth group.

**Family to be Honored With Pantry Shower**

Billy and Brenda Cowdry and family will be honored with a Pantry-Paper Shower on Sunday, June 8, 2003, from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. at the Silverton United Methodist Church.

The Cowdrys lost their home to a fire on May 10.

*A book is a mirror; if an ass peers into it, you can't expect an apostle to peer out.*

G. C. Lichtenberg

*Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.*

Henry David Thoreau

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Claire Randall

She is the granddaughter of J. H. and Betty Oldham of Samnorwood and Guinn and Pat Fitzgerald of Silverton.

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**2 Timothy 1:7**

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

**Chamber of Commerce Has Business Meeting**

Provided by Lataine Dillard

The regular meeting of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday, May 13, 2003, with President John Burson presiding.

Burson met with the Department of Agriculture at the courthouse recently. They suggested that the Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce, SBA and the Briscoe County Activities Association get together, plan one project and carry it out. One suggestion was that a community clean-up would be an appropriate place to start. They also suggested that the Chamber get a website and update it daily or weekly.

Regular meetings of the Chamber will be in the Pioneer Room at City Bank every first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at 7:30 p.m.

A fundraiser will be held at the Silverton Celebration with a BIG item being given away. More details in June. Only a certain number of chances will be available to those who donate to the project, and the item will be given away at the rodeo during the celebration. Purpose of the fundraiser is to help the town grow. Some businesses have called and asked what incentives Silverton could offer a new business to come into town. The Chamber hopes to help.

Fred Strange spoke for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). They are planning to erect a Veterans' Memorial. Veterans who were born or reared here may have their name engraved on it. Donations will be asked from the family of those persons. Mr. Strange calculates it will take about \$30,000 to build the memorial. Floydada has one with 4,036 names on it. He has pictures of possible monuments, if you would like to see them. If you would like to submit a drawing of a monument, call Mr. Strange. Cards will be sent out to people to see if you want to have a veteran's name engraved. The Chamber members volunteered to help with the card mailing.

There is a membership drive going on in the Chamber. Membership dues are \$10 per family and \$25 per business. Those paid for 2003 are

Fred and Wanda Strange, John and Trena Burson, Tom and Deb Burson, D&K Manufacturing, Jack and Lataine Dillard, Rick and Jana Beesinger, George and Roy Reed.

Other members attending included Wayne Nance, Sandi Tomlin, Roy Reed, Jerry Patton, Deb Burson and Hoot Barker.

It will be Robin Boedeker from Quitaque who will attend the grant writing workshop in Albuquerque, New Mexico, not Wayne Nance. The Chamber's cost will be

\$100, as there is a grant and other entities who will pay for their share. Mrs. Boedeker will be doing grant writing for all involved.

*The secret of making one's self tiresome is not to know when to stop.* Voltaire

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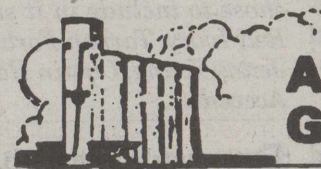
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**BUDGET MEETING**

**City of Silverton**

**Monday, June 9, 2003**

**6:30 p.m.**

**409 Broadway Street  
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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**April 15, 1993**--Carolyn and Joe Luckenbach recently installed a Wildlife Shelter Belt south of Silverton. It is 1/4-mile long and 150' wide . . . Andrew Francis was winner of the prize egg at the third grade's Easter egg hunt on the courthouse lawn last Friday . . . FFA Donkey Ballgame to be held Monday night . . . Funeral services held for Marie Boling, 81 . . . Third graders and their teacher, Tina Nance, planted bulbs in the flower box at the park last fall, and now are enjoying seeing them bloom . . .

**April 14, 1983**--An intention to drill has been filed by Exploration Unlimited, Inc., this well to be known as the No. 1 McWilliams . . . Even though Silverton residents have tried to pronounce the last two or three snows as the "last of the season," more fell last week . . . Mabry Greenhaw is "Man of the Year" at Crosbyton . . . Cynthia Edwards, Trent Finck vows exchanged on the Palo Duro Canyon rim . . . Attending the first annual Cub Scout Field Day in Plainview Saturday were Brian Martin, James Zorger, Stan Gamble, Zane Henderson, Lyndell Ivory, Wil Bomar, Dusty Martin and Justin McFall. They were accompanied by Den Mothers Paula Bomar and Ramona Martin; and Shirley Henderson, Terry Bomar, Gary Martin and Dorothy Martin went along to help out . . .

**April 12, 1973**--Owls, Owlettes won third in their respective track meets Thursday of last week . . . Johnnie Roy Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shafe Weaver, was recognized for his leadership by Gamma Chi fraternity at Texas Tech University . . . Firemen purchase white Chevrolet Suburban for the fire department . . . L. O. A. Junior Study Club to sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for their children . . . Incumbent trustees for the Silverton ISD Pat Northcutt and L. B. Garvin, jr. were returned to their places on the board in Saturday's election. A new mayor, Fred W. Mercer, was elected for Silverton. The incumbent Councilmen, Carl D. Bomar and David Tipton, were returned to their places . . . Ser-

vices conducted for Mrs. Bethleen Deavenport, 52 . . . Bonnie May returned home Sunday from Houston where she visited her brother, H. E. Bothe . . .

**March 28, 1963**--Marcalyn Lee is the Silverton Lions Club Queen for 1963. She will compete in the District Lions Club Queen contest to be held this spring . . . The Carver Tigers and Tigerettes had very little trouble winning the District XIII Track Meet held in Silverton last Saturday. L. B. Ivory took high point honors by winning four first places out of a possible five. He won second in the fifth event. Cleo Ivory, Shirley Dowd, Velma Haley and Vestine Cameron won fourth in the 200 relay. Cleo Ivory won first and Vestine Cameron second in the Discus Throw. Shirley Dowd won third in the Baseball Throw . . . L. B. Ivory won first and Bill Baker came in second in the 50-yard Dash. Larry Johnson placed second and James Johnson third in the 75-yard Dash. L. B. Ivory won first and Bill Baker was fourth in the 100-yard Dash. Larry Johnson, Bill Baker, L. B. Ivory and James Johnson finished first in the 440 Relay.

L. B. Ivory was first and Larry Johnson was second in the Running High Jump. Bill Baker was second and James Johnson was third in Pull-Ups. L. B. Ivory won second and Charlie Baker was fourth in the Shot Put . . . Lem Weaver and Max attended a stock show in Lubbock Saturday. Mrs. Weaver and Tina joined them on Sunday and they visited Mr. and Mrs. James Ross Alexander and Sherry while there . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham are spending a few days at Cisco Lake . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pat Northcutt are parents of a daughter, Sally Kay, born Sunday, March 24 . . .

**April 2, 1953**--Helping Hand Club met with Mrs. Scott Smithee. An afternoon of games and old-fashioned visiting was enjoyed by Mmes. Lowell Callaway, Edwin Crass, John Lee Francis, Charles Francis, Wade Steele, Hollie Francis, A. J. Rowell, Aubrey Rowell, Jack Jowell, Clyde Mercer, J. D. McGavock, Frank Fisch, Frank Mercer, Jack Harris, Lenton Lanham, Alva C. Jasper and the hostess, Mrs. Smithee . . . Den 2 Cub Scouts met with their den mother, Mrs. W. E. Schott, jr., Friday afternoon. Richard Whitfill was absent as he had gone to Rockport with his father and brother. Boys present were John Howard Burson, David Schott, Jim Edd Steele,

Freddie Dunham, Ronnie Johnson and Bill Schott. A new member, Freddie Edwards, was a visitor . . .

**March 25, 1943**--Harley J. Redin has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps and assigned to active duty with a flying squadron of the fighting leathernecks . . . Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Howard announce the marriage of their daughter, Diamond, to Cpl. Floyd B. Williams March 11, in Bryan, Texas . . . Meat rationing in effect Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bomar attended business in Tulia Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Klee Dickenson of Grain Valley, Missouri left for their home after visiting here several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dickenson . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephens and son of Flomot spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stephens . . . Silverton people who attended business in Tulia Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wimberly, Mrs. Joe Mercer, Mrs. T. G. Craft, Mrs. J. R. Guest and Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Bomar . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Rowell and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rowell . . . Mrs. Gordon Durham made a business trip to Pampa Thursday . . .

*The great secret of power is never to will to do more than you can accomplish.*

Henrik Ibsen

## Happy Birthday--

May 29--Neil Turner, Travis Sweet, Sarah Stinson

May 30--Tory Patton

May 31--Kara Culwell, Madeline Stone, Fred Hill, Lana Burson, James Warren Reid IV, Heather Tiffin

June 1--Lee Clay, Claudine May

June 2--Alvie Francis, Lydia DeLeon, Christine King, Kara Kingery

June 3--Brit Parker, Glenda Couch, Donna Copeland

June 4--Crystal Storie, Steven Jasper, Lee Ann Nuckols, Holly Nance, Jackie Davis, Katy Perkins

## Happy Anniversary-

May 29--Mr. and Mrs. Monty Roehr

May 31--Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Roehr

June 1--Mr. and Mrs. Brent Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Davis

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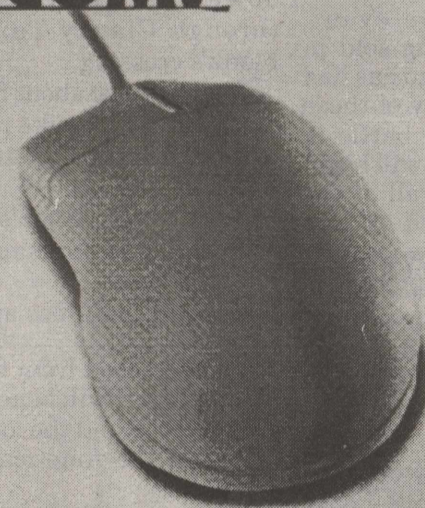
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## Community Concert Association Invites County Residents To Join

Plainview Community Concert Association invites the citizens of Silverton and Quitaque to purchase season tickets for four concerts at affordable prices.

The lineup for 2003-04 and Plainview Community Concert's 59th season includes: Ballet Folklorico Aztlan and Mariachi Amistad, September 27, 2003; April Verch, Fiddle Virtuoso and Step-dancer, November 4, 2003; stage production of Cole Porter Music, February 17, 2004, and Robert Post, comedy theatre, April 1, 2004.

All concerts will be in Herral Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance at Community Concerts is by season ticket. Prices for the four-concert series are: Adult, \$30; Student, \$10; Family, \$70; Single-parent family, \$40. Family includes parents and all chil-

dren 18 and under. College students may purchase the \$10 student ticket. Subscriptions are good for concerts in Plainview, Pampa, Borger and Midland through reciprocal agreement.

Interested persons may mail payment to Plainview Community Concerts, P. O. Box 284, Plainview, TX 79073-0284, or call or send payment to the volunteer worker in the Silverton/Quitaque area: Johnnie Rogers, Route 1, Box 4, Quitaque, TX 79255, 455-1160.

In addition to season tickets, the Plainview and area communities are invited to support Community Concerts with a tax-deductible gift of \$25 or more for your name, persons you wish to honor, a memorial, or a business to be listed in every program.

For more information, call 806-293-3002 or 806-296-2113.

## Swimming Pool--

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pool manager Tuesday through Sunday.

A Ladies Night will be offered on Tuesday nights from 7:30 until 9:30; the cost will be \$2.00 per lady. No one under 18 will be allowed during this swim session.

Hours this summer will be Tuesday through Saturday, 2:00 until 7:00 p.m., and Sundays, 2:00 until 5:00 p.m.

Infants and toddlers will need to wear swim-proof diapers before being allowed in the pool. These will be available for purchase at the pool.

If you have questions or would like to pay your dues, please contact Kyle Fuston or Missy Forbes. The pool is a great source of entertainment for the kids during the summer and everyone needs to help take care of it as long as possible.

## '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.

## Silverton Students Graduate From SPC

Students from Silverton were among a record number of students who graduated May 16 from South Plains College.

A record 832 students were awarded diplomas during SPC's 45th commencement exercises in Texan Dome.

Recipient of the Certificate of Proficiency is Jody Hubbard, Vocational Nursing.

Recipient of the Associate of Applied Science Degree is Roland Asebedo, with highest honors, Fire Technology.

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Samuel Johnson

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## RockSalt To Sell Pizza Here June 5

RockSalt Youth Group is taking orders for freshly-baked pizzas which will be delivered on Thursday, June 5. One topping pizzas will be \$15.00 and specialty pizzas will be \$16.00. They will be made by Pizza Hut, and the proceeds will go toward raising money to build a house for a homeless family on the Summer Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico.

Contact a RockSalt Youth or call 847-2654 or 823-2509 to order your pizza. Pickup time will be June 5, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the RockSalt Youth Building.

One topping pizzas you may order include pepperoni, sausage, ham, chicken, hamburger and cheese. Specialty pizzas include supreme, meat lovers, pepperoni lovers, cheese lovers, barbeque, double cheeseburger, sub-pizza, taco pizza.

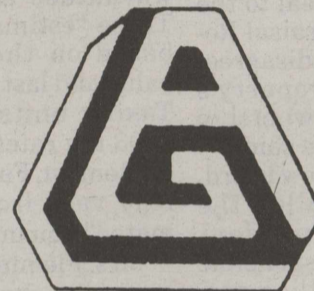
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## Property Owners Send Appraisal Letters For 2003

State law requires county appraisal districts to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. On May 19, 2003, Briscoe County Appraisal District mailed property owners letters showing their 2003 proposed appraised value.

Carlye Fleming, chief appraiser of the district, reminds property owners that the letter of appraised value is not a tax bill. "Please do not pay--this is not a tax bill," Mrs. Fleming said.

Mrs. Fleming emphasized the importance of this letter and the key information that it contains. "A property owner has the right to appeal to the Briscoe County Appraisal Review Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership and other areas," she said.

The appraisal review board, more commonly called the "ARB," is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling protests from property owners who disagree with some action by the appraisal district. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest and a protest form.

What should a property owner carefully review? "Look at the proposed value for 2003," Mrs. Fleming said. "The letter states the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the current year." An improvement is a building, structure, fence or

any other type of fixture to the land.

The appraisal letter also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last year's value, too.

Homeowners who qualify for property tax homestead exemptions have a limitation on their homes' appraised value, beginning with the second year that they qualify their home for homestead exemptions. The appraisal district may not increase their home value by more than 10 percent for each year since the last reappraisal year. A homeowner's letter gives both the market value for the home and the limited home value.

Letters to property owners whose values went up or increased more than \$1000 also will include "estimated" taxes. These "estimated" taxes are based on the new taxable value and last year's tax rates. Taxing units will set final 2003 tax rates in August and September. Final tax amounts may vary from these "estimated" amounts.

Mrs. Fleming asks property owners to check the legal description and mailing address to be sure that there are no mistakes. "If the letter has an old address, please let the appraisal district know. The post office forwards mail to a new address for a short time, and tax bills do not go out until October," Mrs. Fleming added.

A property owner is responsible for informing the appraisal district of their correct mailing address. A property owner is liable for additional



The Huggingest Class of fifth graders is pictured (left to right) Emily Long, Rebekah Craiker, Rene Martinez, CoDee Grabbe, Emily Garcia, Brooks Brock, Logan Fabela, Wendy Garcia, Mrs. Scarborough, Nic Garcia, Chase Stidham, Jathan Williams, Adam Mullin, Sklyer Beesinger, Mr. Kirchoffner, Blaze Cogdell, Marchell Curry and John Perkins.

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penalties and interest on a tax bill that is not paid on time.

Chief Appraiser Fleming added, "If you did not get a letter and want 2003 information about your property, please call the appraisal district at 806-823-2161. The general deadline for protesting to the ARB is May 31 for this year." 22-1tc

Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower is said to have once worked sanding carousel horses at a factory located near his home in Abilene, Kansas.



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EMS members and members of the Briscoe County Sheriff's Department were pictured with the boys and girls who received bikes and helmets during the National EMS Week observance in Silverton. They are (back row, left to right) Deputy Sheriff Tom Heck, JoDee Robison, Connie Smith, Lucinda Smith, Bena Hester and Sheriff Jeff Fuston; (front row) Emily Williams, Enrique Gamez, Riley Cogdell, Cody Daugherty and Javier Gamez.

### Silverton EMS Celebrates National EMS Week

May 19 through May 24 was National EMS Week.

This year's theme for EMS Week was bicycle safety. Tuesday, May 20, a program geared for pre-K through second grade was presented to these students of Silverton ISD by the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service and Briscoe County Sheriff's Department. Topics covered in the program included how to correctly wear

a bicycle helmet, hand signals, and basic traffic laws for bikers.

Each child attending the program was presented a bicycle helmet from Silverton EMS, through a grant made possible by the Panhandle Regional Advisory Council.

Plainview Fire and EMS donated five bicycles to be given away during this presentation. Lucky winners

were Javier Gamez, Cody Daugherty, Riley Cogdell, Emily Williams and Enrique Gamez.

A sixth bicycle (also donated to Silverton EMS by the Plainview Fire and EMS) was given to Project Graduation.

### Luminarias Are Being Sold For Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society's national signature event, Relay For Life, will take place at the Valley School May 30.

As a part of the event, luminarias are being sold in honor of someone who has had cancer or in memory of those who have lost their battle. A luminaria ceremony will begin at 9:00 p.m., when all of the lights will be turned off and

#### GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale: Furniture, Appliances, Clothes, Bedding, too much to mention. 9-5 Thursday and Friday. 426 Main Street. 22-1tp

#### Want to Buy or Lease

Want to Buy or Lease: House and 10 to 80 acres in Silverton ISD. Call Mike Williams, 983-3143. 22-2tp

### National Trails Day Bike Ride Planned

The National Trails Day Bike Ride will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 7.

Join the park interpreter for a bike ride from the South Plains trailhead/parking area down the scenic Caprock through Clarity Tunnel to Monk's crossing.

There will be about five rest stops on the 17-mile ride.

Bring plenty of water and snacks.

Meet at the Monk's Crossing trailhead for shuttle to South Plains.

Regular park fees apply.

Funds raised from the sale of luminarias will benefit cancer research and the local programs of the American Cancer Society.

For more information on Relay For Life or to purchase a luminaria, please contact Fuston at 806-823-2426 or 823-2289.

## WEATHER

May Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	86	49	
2	86	49	
3	69	50	
4	87	58	
5	83	46	
6	83	43	
7	78	46	
8	88	47	
9	87	50	
10	93	47	
11	82	42	
12	73	48	
13	79	47	
14	98	57	
15	79	62	
16	85	67	.02
17	69	47	
18	84	50	
19	98	70	
20	79	49	
21	64	48	.08
22	73	48	
23	81	52	
24	92	60	
25	85	59	.45
26	73	54	
27	72	51	
May Precip.			.55
Normal May Precip.			1.49
Total Precip. in 2003			2.40
Normal Annual Precip.			2.18
Soil Temperature			68°

### Swimming Pool Opened Tuesday

The Seventh Street Pool opened in Silverton Tuesday, and dues must be paid before anyone in the family can swim.

Many items of business were discussed at the annual meeting May 5. Due to rising costs and the repair of the heater last summer, the board voted to raise the dues to \$180.00; however, an "Early Bird" special of \$150.00 is be-

ing offered if dues are paid by June 1. Any dues paid after June 1 will be \$180.00.

An option to pay in two parts is not being offered. Anyone living in Briscoe County may purchase a membership; this includes grandparents and grandchildren living outside of Briscoe County.

The cost for a guest will be \$3.00 a person and the guest must be accompanied by a member to swim.

Pool parties will be \$50.00, and can be booked with the **Continued on Page Six**

### LOST IN SILVERTON THURSDAY, MAY 15

Blue Heeler Cross, two-year-old male. Has blue, black, brown and white markings and purple collar. Bobbed tail. Name is Streak.

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