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All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Degrees were officially conferred on 266 West Texas A&M University students during summer commencement exercises August 13 at the WTAMU Event Center. The University awarded 156 baccalaureate and 110 master's degrees.

The graduates included Donny M. Burson, who received the bachelor of science degree in agriculture and animal science. He is the son of Tom and Deb Burson.

Lataine Dillard was at Park Place Towers, 1300 S. Harrison in Amarillo Sunday where the Panhandle Singing Women presented a concert for residents. One of them was Margary Vinyard, who at one time lived in Silverton with Avis Cowart. She sent best wishes to her friends in Silverton.

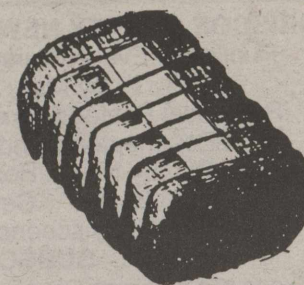
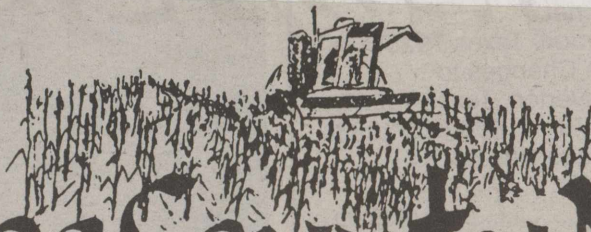
Kaitlan Reagan is continuing to recuperate from the accident in which her arm went through the glass on the front door of their home. The wound is doing well, but she is continuing to have to go back to the orthopedic surgeon weekly so he can check on the drainage.

Kait is the daughter of Todd and Lisa Reagan.

Jon Ivory, who with his wife and baby, is spending part of his leave here with his parents, L. B. and Mary Ivory, was a guest at school Monday morning and spoke to a group of students about his experiences in Iraq, Kuwait, Germany, etc. He is still in the military and is to be stationed in Kentucky as soon as his furniture, car, etc. arrive back from Germany.

The Rural Health Outreach Services Grant that has contributed to the funding of the Briscoe County Clinic will expire in April 2005. The clinic's current financials are such that an increase of four patients per day must be realized for South Plains Health Provider to meet the clinic's 2005 payroll obligations.

We have a wonderful opportunity to step up and support a vital part of the community; should we fail to do so we may jeopardize the future delivery of quality primary health services in Briscoe County. If you feel the Briscoe County Clinic is a vital and positive addition to the community, please utilize the clinic for the primary health care needs for your family and yourself.



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Baylee Deckard was shown feeding Evan and Everett Dudley's heifer, Brownie, while Elena Rowell and Mesa McJimsey watched during the kindergarten Fair held last Friday at the Silverton Elementary School. Mickey Smith was holding the calf for the girls. Their teacher, Cindy Comer, was director of the Fair. Brown-McMurtry furnished a tractor for the Fair. *Briscoe County News Photo*

40 Days of Purpose Eagle Scout Court of Honor To Be Held Begins at Church

It's not too late to join with others and study why you were created and put on this earth. The Silverton United Methodist Church is beginning the **40 Days of Purpose** Sunday, September 26, 2004. If you have ever wondered what your purpose in life is, this study is for you. Small groups will be meeting in homes throughout Silverton during the week for study and to view a video based on the *New York Times* best seller, **The Purpose Driven Life**. Thousands of people of all denominations across America will be participating in this study at the same time. You are invited to come join the congregation as it strives to gain a deeper understanding of God's purpose for their lives.

For more information or to find out about a small group you would enjoy being in, call Rance Young at the Methodist Church, 823-2140, or at home, 847-2513.

BCAA Meets Tonight

Briscoe County Activities Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:00 p.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor To Be Held

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held for Eric Minyard, Caleb Francis and Max Comer during a Troop 262 Court of Honor at the Silverton Church of Christ on Sunday, October 3, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Their parents, Rick and Beverly Minyard, Barry and Michelle Francis and Larry and Cindy Comer, invite everyone to attend to see this honor awarded to these deserving Scouts.

A reception will follow the ceremony in the church fellowship building.

Fajita Lunch To Be Served Here

Tri-County Meals will be hosting a fund-raiser Fajita luncheon Sunday, September 26, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Admission will be \$6.50 for adult plates and \$3.25 for children's plates.

Owls Play Games With Wheeler

Silverton's Owls played four games with Wheeler last week, with the seventh grade, varsity and junior varsity teams losing and the eighth grade team taking a big victory.

Wheeler played in 11-man until coming to 6-man this year.

Silverton's varsity team scored first in their game at Wheeler on a short run by Chance Rhoderick after Yance Forbes had set up the touchdown. The PAT failed, and the Owls held a brief 6-0 lead with 7:09 still showing on the clock.

Wheeler passed for a first down on the ten, then followed with a touchdown with 5:12 still to be played in the first quarter. They kicked their PAT, and moved into an 8-6 lead. The Mustangs, who were celebrating their homecoming, got the ball back and scored again with 3:01 to go in the first quarter and went into the endzone again with 21 seconds remaining before halftime.

In the meantime, Gid Mayfield completed a pass to Max Comer, and E. J. Ivory ran for a first down. A pass from Mayfield to Humberto Vasquez didn't get enough yardage for another first down.

Going into the second quarter, the Mustangs held a 24-6 lead.

The Owl defense held on Wheeler's next possession, but runs by Ivory, Rhoderick and James Tiffin failed to net enough

yardage, and on fourth down Forbes punted.

On Wheeler's next play they went into the endzone for a score, kicked the PAT, and led 32-6. The Owls were intercepted on the next series, and Wheeler scored with 3:45 remaining before halftime, to make the score 40-6.

The Mustangs scored again with 8:55 left in the third quarter, kicked the PAT, and moved into a 48-6 lead.

After they got the ball back, the Owls moved downfield on runs by Forbes and another pass from Mayfield to Comer. Forbes passed to Drew Reed for a touchdown with 6:28 remaining in the third period, Comer kicked the PAT, and decreased the lead to 48-14.

Midway in the fourth quarter, the Owls drove down on the legs of Rhoderick and Forbes, and Rhoderick scored with 6:57 remaining in the game. The PAT kick was blocked, and the Mustangs lead was cut to 48-20.

After allowing a couple more Wheeler touchdowns, the Owls scored near the end of the game on a run by Rhoderick. There was no PAT, and the final 60-26 score was made.

Friday night the Owls travel to Valley to play a team that is being touted as the next Six-Man State Champion. It will be tough, and

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This is how the Owls perform on defense, with Max Comer, Chance Rhoderick and Jacob Francis bringing their attack to the Wheeler quarterback. *Briscoe County News Photo*

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Obituary

CLIFFORD L. ARNOLD

Services for Clifford L. Arnold, 79, were conducted at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 18, 2004 at Parkside Chapel Funeral Home with the Rev. Terry Cosby officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery.

Mr. Arnold died Thursday, September 16.

Born July 19, 1925 in Donley County, he was the son of Porter L. and Hassie (Clay) Arnold. He was a veteran, having served in the Navy during World War II as a radioman on the staff of Vice Admiral Daniel E. Barby, commander of the 7th amphibious forces in the South Pacific. After being honorably discharged in 1946, he attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview and West Texas State College in Canyon. He moved to Hereford in 1949 and worked in

retail sales.

Mr. Arnold married Guiletta Uvonne Gunstenson December 2, 1952, in Hereford. He retired from tax assessing and collecting for the school, city and county appraisal district which he had done since 1966. He was a member of First Baptist Church and some of his special interests were genealogy, golf and hunting Indian relics and arrowheads.

Survivors include his wife; two sisters, Lois Walker of Silverton and Voneta Marcus of Lafayette, Indiana.

The family suggested memorials be to Panhandle Chapter Alzheimer's Association, 2200 W. Seventh Avenue, Amarillo, TX 79106; Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson Street, Amarillo, TX 79101; or First Baptist Church of Hereford, 500 N. Main Street, Hereford, TX 79045.



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Will the President be there?

One day the telephone in the office of Pres. Roosevelt's church rang, and an eager voice said, "Tell me do you expect the President to be in church this Sunday?" "That," the Rector explained patiently, "I cannot promise. However, GOD will be there and that will be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

Psalms 122:1

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Rock Creek Church of Christ



Class of 1963: (back row, left to right) Jim Reid, Peggy Mercer Chase, Stanley Fogerson, Sue Lanham Dunham, Louie Strange, Klela O'Neal Waldie; (middle row) Fred Edwards, Sheila Jarnagin Reid, Jay Towe, Jim Steele, Van Breedlove; (front) Bill Schott, Marcalyn Lee Gregg.

From the Patio

by Nina Martin

Don't forget the Friendship Quilters are having a Beans, Cornbread and Cobbler lunch October 1 at the Senior Citizen building. If you wish, there will be carry-out boxes. Serving time is 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Quilters at the meeting on September 16 were Laverne Stephens, Lallie Patton, Christene King, Nadyne Childress, Sybil King, Ada Clay, Wanda Strange, Ann Norris, Rose Mary Perkins and Nina Martin.

Ann's "Baltimore Album" was finished and Wanda is putting in "Cross and Star."

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 27-Lasagna, Corn, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk
 Tuesday, Sept. 28-Burrito, Salad, Chips, Hot Sauce, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, Sept. 29-Beef Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, Sept. 30-Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Gravy, Beans, Hot Roll, Jelly, Butter, Milk

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Sept. 23-Odd Periods Six Weeks Tests; Valley JH & JV, here, 5:00

Friday, Sept. 24-End of Six Weeks; Owls at Valley, 7:30

Saturday, Sept. 25-Range & Pasture ID Contest, 8:00 a.m.; ACT test, here

Wednesday, Sept. 29-Plan test for sophomores

Thursday, Sept. 30-JH at Cotton Center, 5:00

Class of 1963 Holds Reunion

Silverton's Class of 1963 held its 41st-year reunion August 14, 2004. Classmates met at the high school for the program, attended

Happy Birthday-

September 23-William Cole Schott, Emmie Garcia, Russell Simpson, Grover Thomas, Bryn Mayfield, Krislyn Perkins, Vance Chandler, Zachary Patton

September 25-Doyle Stephens, Jim Estes, Amanda Harris

September 26-Brooke Garvin, Matthew Davis, Cortney Michelle Gragson, Aimee Fields

September 27-Leslie Polley, Maebelle Francis

September 28-Ada Clay, John Schott, Brian Strickland, Jason Bailey

September 29-Rex Johnson, George Long

the Veterans Memorial dedication, and then met for supper and visiting at Hotel Turkey. Some remained for the night at the hotel and enjoyed breakfast in the morning before departing for home.

Those attending were Bill Schott, San Antonio; Peggy Mercer Chase and Eddie, Abilene; John Jowell and Belva, Dumas; Louie Strange, Kress; Jim and Sheila Jarnagin Reid, Amarillo; Klela O'Neal Waldie, Rogers, Arkansas; Jim Steele and Sandra, Thomas, Oklahoma; Sue Lanham Dunham, Marlin; Marcalyn Lee Gregg, Lake Worth; Fred Edwards, Amarillo; Stanley Fogerson and Lynda, Anson; Jay Towe and Patsy, and Van Breedlove, Silverton.

Several friends of the class visited them in the evening, and plans were made to meet again soon.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

September 1, 1994--Silverton School has received a commendation from Governor Ann Richards for earning a recognized rating for academic performance and will be receiving a cash award for the achievement... Owls open new season here Friday night with Lefors... The Owls are being coached this year by Clyde Parham and Ronnie Miller... James Smith receives service award from Texas County Agents... Last long week-end of summer is ahead... McMurry Reunion is held at Archer City, and attending from Silverton were L. D. and Roberta McMurry Griffin, Mikel, Liz, Taylor, Lori and Cord Griffin, Carl and Dorothy McMurry Bomar.

August 23, 1984--Glen Lindsey suffered a heart attack at his home Tuesday and was transported to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview by Silverton ambulance... Stefanie Cassada was honored with the "Student of Today" award given annually by the Masons of Woodward, Oklahoma. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Comer... Charlie and Fern Parker took their son, Brit, home to Colorado last Friday. They were accompanied by his wife and baby. Brit is recovering with a broken leg he received in an accident here recently... Wayne Nance was appointed to take Donnie Martin's place on the City Council. Martin had to resign due to his moving outside the city limits... Ashel McDaniel has been receiving treatment in a Lubbock hospital this week... Homer and Norma Ragland were hosts for a reunion of the Franks cousins. Among those attending were Wimpy and Leona Vardell, Dana and Dorothy Martin, Brian and Kami, Steve and Marsha Green, Karlie and Kylie... Becky Woods will be assisting with the instruction of the R. N. program being offered in Plainview by West Texas State University during the fall semester... Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wood are parents of a son, Monty Floyd.

August 30, 1984--Connie Smith was first-place winner in the Wrangler Country Showdown Sunday night at the Caravan Club in Amarillo... Jettie Hardcastle and Bertha Mae Allard went to Fort Sumner, New Mexico last week to visit their brother, Lee Stevenson... Mrs. Frank Mercer was taken to Swisher Memorial Hospital last Thursday after suffering a heart attack... Funeral services conducted for Glen R. Lindsey, 61...

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mart Norris gathered at the Charlie Parker home in Silverton for a reunion... Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Fitzgerald to be honored on golden wedding anniversary... The 1984 Tiffin reunion was held at the Quitaque Community Center with over 100 relatives in attendance from eight states...

August 29, 1974--The first Miss Mackenzie is Kathy Wilks of Tulia... The Mackenzie Dam is now complete and was accepted by the Mackenzie Water Authority from the contractor, Gilvin-Terrell Construction Company, Monday... Mrs. Riley Ziegler underwent a tonsillectomy in an Amarillo hospital Tuesday... Jana Kaylene Futch to marry John Earl Minyard... Kenneth D. Thornton was among 1,500 students who received degrees awarded by The University of Houston Saturday. Thornton, son of Mrs. Georgia Thornton, received the bachelor of science degree in technology...

August 27, 1964--Open house will be held in the new school cafeteria and homemaking department Sunday afternoon... Berton Hughes was elected president of the Silverton Quarterback Club at the regular meeting Monday... Mrs. Lila Cope spent two nights last week with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCracken... Mrs. Will Smithee recently spent a week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Strickland, who brought her home and attended a Strickland family reunion in Lubbock August 16... Mr. and Mrs. John Pitchford brought her brother, Butch Norris, here and spent two days with her mother, Mrs. Mart Norris, Ruby and other relatives. Mrs. Pitchford is the former Cindy Norris... Bob Stafford received his BBA degree from McMurry College in Abilene last week... Debbie, David and DeAnn Strange were weekend visitors of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson... Masonic Night crowd enjoys barbecue... Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Allard and children spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allard... Mr. and Mrs. Wade Steele, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Francis and Mmes. Ray C. Bomar, T. C. Bomar and Luther Gilkeyson returned home this week after a tour of Washington, D. C. and other points of interest in the East... Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayfield have been visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mayfield at Alpine...

Owls--

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the Owls need all their fans to accompany them to the game, to make a lot of positive noise for them and to take the red and white color of the game to Valley.

SEVENTH GRADE GAME

The Seventh Grade Owls kicked off and Wheeler moved downfield for a touchdown, carried the PAT and moved into an early 7-0 lead.

When Silverton got the ball, Brooks Brock made a first down, but the Owls couldn't get another. Brock caught a pass from Josh Garcia, and Blaze Cogdell and Brock combined talents for a tackle.

Wheeler passed and ran for another touchdown, passed for the PAT, and led 14-0.

After Wheeler kicked off, Cogdell and Brock were the main rushers, and when Wheeler got the ball back Brock was one of the main tacklers. Logan Fabela got a quarterback sack. Jon Perkins got a tackle, and Brock threw Wheeler for a loss of yardage.

Back on offense, Brock and Cogdell made yardage before the first half ended.

CoDee Grabbe controlled the

August 31, 1944--Captain Joe Haynes missing in action in Asiatic area... Pvt. James Stevenson is stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, where he is attached to a hospital corps... Esdell Hutsell left Monday for Lubbock for his physical examination for the Naval Air Reserve... O. C. Rampley has graduated from Officers Candidate School at Quantico, Virginia and is a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps... Mrs. D. T. Northcutt underwent a tonsillectomy in Amarillo Thursday... Editor Roy Hahn wrote, "When the roll is called up yonder, it won't be a bank roll!... There's been a lot of squalling around here lately about the electrical service. It is bad. It is so bad that Brock is thinking of wearing a veil or else not coming to town at all. But on tall tales about the juice, Jimmy Webb takes the cake. One day all the motors in town got to running backwards. Webb claims that they were running his machinery backwards and that it was taking the finished Fuller's Earth out of the sacks and turning it back into mud again!"... Iris Mae Fox spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allard... Mrs. Lily Wafford was in Silverton Wednesday visiting with friends... Mrs. Jess Brannon fell Friday and broke her ankle in two places... Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lyon, jr. spent the weekend in Amarillo... Boone Clemmer is here visiting his brother, Jim Clemmer and family.

onside kick which opened the second half. Cogdell ran for yardage and Brock got a first down before an Owl pass was intercepted.

Brock and Josh Garcia chased down the Wheeler runner and saved a touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Brock caught a pass and ran for a touchdown, but the referees whistled the play and it was brought back for a penalty against the Owls. Silverton wasn't able to score.

The teams traded interceptions before the Colts scored again. The Owls stopped the PAT, and Wheeler finished the game leading 20-0.

Logan Fabela controlled an onside kick before the game ended.

EIGHTH GRADE OWLS EARNED A BIG VICTORY

Cord Stidham kicked off into the endzone to open the Eighth Grade game with Wheeler here Thursday afternoon, and a few minutes later Nick Garcia picked up a Wheeler fumble and took it into the endzone with 5:21 left in the first quarter. Cord Griffin held and Carlos Garcia booted the PAT to give the Owls an 8-0 lead.

Nick Garcia intercepted a Colt pass, then carried the ball into the endzone. There was no PAT, and the Owls led 14-0.

Stidham's kick went out of the endzone again, and defense was led by Reese Scarborough, True Burson, Nick Garcia and Thomas Watson.

Cade Holt scored with 3:04 remaining on the first-quarter clock. Carlos Garcia kicked the PAT, and the Owls led 22-0.

Burson carried the next touchdown with 2:11 still to be played in the opening quarter. Carlos Garcia passed to Watson for the PAT to move the Owls ahead 29-0. When Wheeler got the ball again, Shawn Johnson recovered a fumble, and Scarborough carried another touchdown with 51 seconds remaining in the quarter. There was no PAT, and the Owls held a 35-0 lead.

Early in the second quarter,

Griffin passed to Carlos Garcia for another touchdown with 5:48 still to be played. The kick failed and the score remained 41-0.

Stidham kicked off for the Owls and Scarborough recovered the ball. Stidham scored on the next play, the PAT failed and the score stood at 47-0.

Cade Holt kicked off and the Owls brought down the runner. Stidham, Burson and Watson led the defense, and when the Owls got the ball back, Burson carried a touchdown with 4:19 remaining before halftime. Carlos kicked the PAT, and the Owls led 55-0.

When the Owls got the ball back again, Burson carried a touchdown, Garcia kicked the PAT, and the Owls moved ahead 63-0.

The Owls got the ball back with 42 seconds remaining in the first half, and killed the clock.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Wheeler kicked off to open the game, and the Owls controlled the onside. With Cooper Cogdell at quarterback, Gabriel Vargas rushed for a first down, and Cogdell passed to Jesse Reynolds for nine yards. Unable to make a first, the Owls saw the ball go to the Mustangs, who also were unable to score.

Cogdell passed to Reynolds for another first down before the ball went back to Wheeler. Silverton recovered a fumble as the first quarter ended. Cogdell passed complete to Vargas for a first down, and Vargas carried a touchdown with 6:44 remaining before halftime. Vargas kicked the PAT, and the Owls held an 8-0 lead.

Wheeler scored with 5:10 remaining, their PAT was blocked, and the Owls continued to lead 8-6.

The Owls kicked off and Whee-

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Water Wells 1 and 2 and
Connecting Pipeline
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October 7, 2004

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Silverton in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Silverton and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed

above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at City Hall in the City of Silverton, 409 Broadway, Silverton, Texas 79257, phone (806) 823-2125.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineer, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

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Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

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City of Silverton
Lane Garvin, Mayor 39-2tc

City Council Has Regular Meeting

Those present at the regular meeting of the Silverton City Council on September 13 were Mayor Lane Garvin; Council members Kyle Fuston, Wayne Reed, Delane Smith and Dwain Tipton; Jerry Patton, City Secretary; Gordon Maddox, CPA. Absent was Council member Dwain Henderson.

Mrs. Smith made the motion to accept the 2003-04 city audit as presented by Gordon Maddox, CPA. Fuston seconded the motion, which carried.

Minutes were approved, financial reports were accepted and

monthly vouchers were approved for payment.

Tipton made the motion to set the 2004 property tax rate at \$.5340 on each \$100 valuation of property. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion, which carried with all members present voting for the tax rate.

Fuston moved to set the bid opening date for TCDP water well project No. 723749 for Thursday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m. Tipton seconded, and motion carried.

Mrs. Smith moved that the City vote for Glen Metcalf as trustee member for the board of trustees. Reed seconded the motion, which carried.

Motion carried to accept and enter into the TML Interlocal Agreement as presented.

Progress with the TTHM's problems was reported, and reports were heard on the scrap metal recycling project and tax collection.

Happy Anniversary--

September 23-Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Greeson

September 24-Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Brannon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Estes

September 26-Mr. and Mrs. Warren Reid

September 27-Mr. and Mrs. David Holt

September 28-Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lavy

Cliff and Sandy Walker of Dallas visited with his parents, Roy Mack and Lois Walker this week, and attended the funeral of his uncle, Clifford Arnold. Others visiting in the Walker home Sunday were Jimmy and Karen Walker and Emma Irlbeck of Amarillo and Dan Walker who attends West Texas State University in Canyon.

Owls--

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ler carried the ball all the way for a touchdown. The PAT was blocked and the Mustangs held a 12-8 lead. Wheeler scored again with 6:43 remaining in the third quarter. The PAT pass was incomplete, and Wheeler led 18-8.

The Owls recovered a fumble to get the ball back. Vargas carried a first down, Cogdell passed for another first down, and Vargas scored with 11 seconds remaining in the third period. The PAT kick was blocked, and the Owls narrowed the score to 18-14.

Wheeler scored quickly in the fourth quarter, the Owls blocked the PAT, and the score became 24-14.

The Owls weren't playing in the numbers listed on the program, and the names used in this write-up may not be correct.

Punkin' Days Provides Activities For Families

Lots of arts and crafts and food booths will be open for business beginning at 9:00 a.m. October 9th on the manicured lawn of the Floyd County Courthouse in Floydada. It will be a great time to do a little early Christmas shopping. Local merchants will feature great buys at downtown stores.

Judging will begin under the pavilion at 9:00 a.m., on entries of the smallest pumpkin, the largest pumpkin, ugliest gourd, prettiest corn, best painted pumpkin, best carved pumpkin and best pumpkin pie. Entries will be accepted from all over Texas.

There will be special games created for younger children, older children and adults. The person who guesses the weight of the pumpkin piled in a trailer will win \$50 for first place and \$25 for second place. It is a day that can be enjoyed by everyone in the family.

AUTOMOTIVE SALES

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Contract(s)**

Dist/Div: Childress
Contract 0925-12-010 for landscape in Briscoe County will be opened on October 14, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 14159

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200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

DIST./DIV OFFICE(S)

Childress District
District Engineer
7599 U. S. 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705
Phone: 940-937-2571

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 39-2tc

To the Silverton community,

Time flies when you are having fun. The activity calendar is full of events as school has cranked up for 04-05. The end of the first six weeks is Friday, September 24--graduation will be here before we know it.

The school finance court ruling is on the minds of Texas educators as we consider its impact on school funding. As I made my rounds in town last week, many were interested in my opinion of the court ruling. The ruling against the state has to be a step in the right direction. The courts found that the state funding system is not adequate or equitable, thus unconstitutional. According to the court, state has not provided enough money for education and what has been funded has not been distributed equally among all of the students in Texas. The state's next step likely will be an appeal to a higher court. It will play out in the court system before the legislature acts and maybe then, the local school system and property owners will get relief.

I wish we could educate our kids without money, but we know that isn't possible. Perhaps our next funding system will take some of the tax burden from the local property owners. Everyone receives benefits from a quality educational system. It seems that tax burden could be shared better. The judge ruled that the state has until October 1, 2005 to correct the funding system or school funds will be cut off. With the thought of 4.3 million school-age kids on the streets, there is incentive for our legislators to expedite the process.

Locally, the school board adopted a budget presented by the administration on August 31. Projected expenditures are down about \$120,000 from last year. With a shrinking enrollment, the state will contribute less, which leaves more of the cost to the local taxpayer. Even with a smaller budget and setting a tax rate at \$1.34, we will be operating a deficit budget of about \$34,000. Hopefully, our expenditures will be lower than projected and we will not dip into our fund balance this year. The increased tax effort should translate into better state funding for 2005-06.

Two major supply and service bids have been awarded to local businesses. Silverton Oil will continue to provide our fuel and transportation service needs, while Rick Hutsell of Main Street Dollar will supply our cafeteria vendor foods. Both of these partnerships are good for the school district and the community.

As we work through the now "unconstitutional" funding system, we will continue to be frugal in our spending. We have recently received donated goods and services. Norman Strange donated a truckload of road material to fill in areas of the back parking lot. The Booster Club is in the process of purchasing a new sound system for the football field. Both of these donations are appreciated and enable money to be directed into other areas of need. The Silverton people are standing behind the school district and it is great to live in a community where education

Gospel Lighthouse is Not An Assembly of God Church

The church at 6th and Broadway is not affiliated with the Assembly of God. The property was bought in 2003 by Greer Cooper Ministries Inc. It is a non-profit, Intradominational Fellowship Church for all people of all church backgrounds and of all races. It is now called Gospel Lighthouse Intradominational Church and is pastored by Rev. Joyce Cooper. The church is available to the public for weddings, funerals, etc. The fellowship hall is available for birthday parties, family reunions, business meetings, etc. The church is here for the people of Silverton and surrounding areas. You do not have to put money into this church to attend and be welcomed. I do not preach or teach man-made church doctrine. Feel free to call for prayer, etc. any time, day or night. If no answer, leave message and you will be called back as soon as possible. I

is valued.

Our current enrollment is 217 kids and we have room for more. It is a great school and a lot of kids throughout the state are missing a great experience at Silverton ISD. As I walk through our classrooms, one thing that stands out is that our faculty and staff are there for the kids. No child left behind is the standard set by our school.

I encourage you to be active in the support of the students at Silverton ISD. Catch a game or volunteer in a classroom. Your actions will be appreciated.

Jerry Birdsong
Superintendent, Silverton ISD

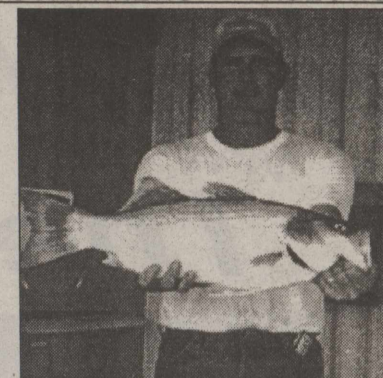
would like to thank all the people who have helped to restore the church property. (There are too many to mention by name.) May God bless each of you.

In Christ, Rev. Joyce Cooper
Gospel Lighthouse
Intradominational Church
Sunday school, 10:00
Worship service, 11:00
Christian Challengers (K-8th grade) Christian fun & fellowship for kids, Monday evenings, 7-8 p.m.

Singing every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. (new singers every Saturday)

The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.

Unknown



Yancy Dempsey of Happy caught this hybrid striped at Lake Mackenzie on September 18, 2004. It weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Scratch the surface of most cynics and you find a frustrated idealist--someone who made the mistake of converting his ideals into expectations.

Peter M. Senge

Thursday's Concession Stand Workers Schedule

Date	Time	Owl Team	Opponent	Workers
Sept. 23	5:00	JH	Valley	Ted & Jennifer Daugherty Larry & Cindy Comer
	6:30	JV	Valley	Jerry & Stephanie Birdsong Rance & Nancy Young

Notice of Public Meeting

To Discuss Silverton ISD's

State Financial Accountability Rating

Silverton ISD will hold

a public meeting

at 7:30 p.m., October 14, 2004

in Room 1

700 Loretta St., Silverton

The purpose of this meeting

is to discuss Silverton ISD's

rating on the state's financial

accountability system.

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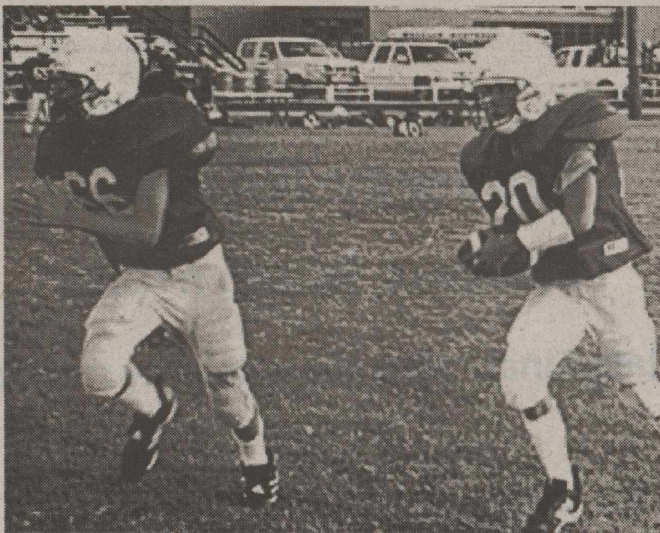
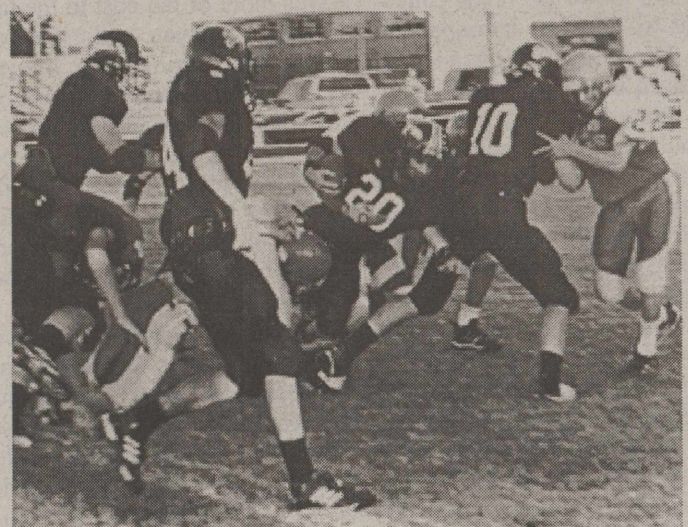
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Silverton vs. Valley, Sept. 24, There, 7:30

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Cousins Zobie Self and Tobe Riddell are shown standing beside a restored 1956 Fairlane Ford convertible at a parade of classic cars.

Haylakers Enjoy Journey

Thurs., Sept. 9, 2004, at 7:00 a.m., Tobe Riddell, Zobie Self and Baby loaded up and left the tranquil confines of Haylake. After 574 uneventful miles, they arrived at the home of Deal McGowen (Zobie's sister and Tobe's cousin) in Greeley, Colo. There they were greeted with hugs and pizza. Both were appreciated.

Fri., Sept. 10, Tobe, Zobie, Deal and Steve McGowen, Deal's son who was the driver for the trip, departed Greeley for Sidney, Nebraska. The view was rolling plains dotted periodically with Atlas E inter-continental ballistic missile silos. These missile sites were originally manned by humans but are now controlled with computer links to a central command. One such site located near Greeley continues to have an individual living on the premises. A sign on the chain link fence informed trespassers that a guard dog is on duty. All the sites were fenced and video cameras recorded those who come near.

Wire fences with "their skirts pulled up" were seen along the route. These fences have the bottom wires raised and fastened to the posts to allow the blowing weeds to pass underneath instead of gathering on the fence. After traveling for about 150 miles,

a very large building with a bright green roof was seen rising out of the prairie. It was Cabela's. This store is billed as the World's Foremost Outfitter of hunting, fishing and outdoor gear. It was, as far as the visitors from Texas and Colorado were concerned, a taxidermist heaven. Full-sized mounted animals--including an elephant--were in the store. One particular display was of animals of North America in their native habitat. Quite impressive. Shopping was imperative and afterward, the travelers returned to Greeley.

Sat., Sept. 11, Tobe, Zobie and Deal left Greeley and headed north. Lunch was eaten in Torrington, Wyo. and during this break the trio was treated to a parade of classic cars. (See photo above.)

Continuing northward, the travelers reached Custer, So. Dak. and Crazy Horse Mountain. Here there is a work in progress of carving the likeness of Crazy Horse into a granite mountain. The bulk of the carving is done with dynamite. The size is gigantic. For example, the outstretched arm of Crazy Horse would hold all the faces of the presidents carved into Mount Rushmore. It was the consensus of the three that this carving will not be finished during the lifetime of ANYONE living today.

The night was spent in Custer, So. Dak.

Sun., Sept. 12, there was an early start for the travelers in that Tobe and Zobie were still on Texas time. Mount Rushmore was the destination and no one was disappointed upon reaching the site. The grandeur of these carvings is astounding. At the Crazy Horse Mountain and again at Mount Rushmore, an orientation video was viewed which gave visitors an idea how the work was done. Even after watching the videos, it was mind-boggling to view the finished work of Mount Rushmore. Moving toward the presidents, one walked through the Avenue of the Americas--a canopy of flags of the fifty states. A side trip was taken to an ice cream shop where each consumed the biggest, most-delicious ice cream cone imaginable.

Continuing through Keystone, So. Dak., the trio made their way to Bear Country USA. This is a drive-through park containing animals native to North America. Most of these animals were not confined. The cougar and grizzly bears were two exceptions. Bears were everywhere--including taking a nap in the road. This park has

a nursery for baby animals. The bear cubs were very entertaining in that they fought with each other in the water, on land and in the trees. After correcting some unruly children who were chasing the chickens, the three left and headed south. The group was now approximately 370 miles away from Greeley. The night was spent in Torrington, Wyo.

Mon., Sept. 13, the travelers made it back to Greeley and visited the War Memorial for Weld County (Greeley's county). It is freestanding much like our own, BUT OURS IS BETTER!

Tues., Sept. 14, again Steve was the chauffeur and the journey was in his pickup. (Everyone in Colorado, including Steve, refers to this type of vehicle as a truck.) The destination was Estes Park, about 50 miles away.

The first stop was a visit and tour of The Stanley Hotel--site of the movie "The Shining." Then it was on to Rocky Mountain National Park. Estes Park is 7,500 feet in elevation and the trip taken by the sightseers reached the rarified air of 14,850 feet. The view was magnificent. It was a bit cloudy, and the movement of light and dark among the mountains presented vistas that changed with each passing moment. Some of the leaves were al-

ready showing their fall colors, which enhanced the scenery even more. Lunch was enjoyed on the banks of the Big Thompson River, which was running strongly with white caps. A stop at the Dam Store made the visit complete.

Wed., Sept. 15, time out. The day was spent at Deal's home viewing a video she had bought of the Black Hills and talking about all that had been seen. At 5:00 p.m., Tobe, Zobie and Deal met Steve at a place named the New Plantation. Here the group had a unique dining experience. The Cajun Boil was ordered for all and when it was brought to the table, it was "dumped" unceremoniously upon butcher paper that was spread on the table. The customers wore bibs--a necessity with eating crab legs, smoked sausage, corn on the cob, new potatoes and shrimp. Eating utensils consisted of a tool to break the crab legs and a small cocktail fork. Napkins were paper towels on a roll. A waitress folding the butcher paper around the remains of the feast did the clean up. The ambience of the meal was like pigs at a trough--but it was good.

Thurs., Sept. 16 the trio of Texans loaded up and returned home.

Briscoe County Budget Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY	2003-04 Proposed	2004-2005 proposed	Change
Taxable Property Evaluation	76,625,187.00	83,703,180.00	Increase 7,077,993.00
Effective Tax Rate	\$0.6765	\$0.6599	Decrease (0.0166)
Tax Revenue @ Effective Tax Rate	518,369.00	552,357.00	Increase 33,988.00
Adopted/Proposed Tax Rate	\$0.7200	\$0.6796	Decrease 3.00%
Tax Revenue @ Adopted/Proposed Tax	551,701.00	568,847.00	Increase 17,146.00
Indebtedness as of 9-30-04			
General Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Jury Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Precinct 1	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Precinct 2	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Precinct 3	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Precinct 4	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fund Balances			
Justice of the Peace - Pct 1 Adm	7,168.00	9,172.20	Increase 2,004.20
Justice of the Peace - Pct 2 Adm	1,320.00	1,903.68	Increase 583.68
Peace Officer Education	2,628.00	3,180.14	Increase 552.14
Court House Security	12,527.00	8,066.30	Decrease (4,460.70)
Records Management	10,539.00	8,713.84	Decrease (1,825.16)
General Fund {From Page 6	364,974.97	317,361.75	Decrease (47,613.22)
Jury Fund {From Page 7}	92,693.15	82,947.75	Decrease (9,745.40)
Precinct 1 {From Page 8}	30,165.23	35,750.09	Increase 5,584.86
Precinct 2 {From Page 9}	61,216.19	70,646.61	Increase 9,430.42
Precinct 3 {From Page 1}	79,011.62	83,983.35	Increase 4,971.73
Precinct 4 {From Page 1}	64,954.82	70,146.61	Increase 5,191.79
Total Funds	727,197.97	691,872.31	Decrease (35,325.66)
County Judge			
Judges Salary (County)	18,282.50	18,282.50	No Change
Judges State Supp Salary	10,000.00	10,000.00	No Change
County and District Clerk			
Clerks Salary	20,623.00	20,623.00	No Change
Treasurer			
Treasures Salary	18,048.00	18,048.00	No Change
Tax Assessor-Collector			
Tax Assessor-Collector Salary	18,048.00	18,048.00	No Change
County Attorney			
Attorney Salary	16,980.00	16,980.00	No Change
Attorney State Supp Salary	16,950.00	16,950.00	No Change
Justice of the Peace #1			
JP Salary	12,486.00	12,486.00	No Change
Justice of the Peace #2			
Salary	11,868.00	11,868.00	No Change
County Sheriff			
Sheriff Salary	25,980.00	25,980.00	No Change
Extension Service			
Total Budget	31,984.71	31,984.71	No Change
Courthouse Operation & Maint.			
Total Courthouse Op & Maint	45,327.81	65,327.81	Increase 20,000.00
Jury Fund			
Total Jury Fund	26,822.59	27,060.40	Increase 237.82
Precinct #1			
Commissioner Salary	9,800.00	9,800.00	No Change
Precinct #2			
Commissioner Salary	9,800.00	9,800.00	No Change
Precinct #3			
Commissioner Salary	9,800.00	9,800.00	No Change
Precinct #4			
Commissioner Salary	9,800.00	9,800.00	No Change

NOTICE

of vote on Tax Rate

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of Briscoe County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.9853% on September 30 at 6:00 p.m.

The Briscoe County Commissioners Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 30 at 6:15 p.m. in the Briscoe County Courtroom.

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

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Garage Sales

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Multi-Family Garage Sale Sept. 25-26, Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to ??--lots of miscellaneous. 701 Lone Star, Garvin Shop. No early birds.

39-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to everone who helped Shirley and me while I was in the hospital and fed me after I returned home.

Thanks to everyone for their concern during this time. Virgil Kidwell and Shirley

We would like to express our appreciation for the good turn-out of people interested in Tri-County Meals last Sunday evening. We are looking forward to getting this started.

Friends of Tri-County Meals

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWaters for their donation to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department. Your assistance makes possible the continuation of our services with the equipment needed to do an efficient job.

We would like to thank all for the food, phone calls, cards, gifts and prayers after Kaitlan's "crash" accident. The acts of kindness toward our family were numerous from our small community. Words cannot express how you have uplifted our family during this time.

Todd, Lisa, Kaitlan,
Sheridan and Greyson

We would like to say thanks for all the kind things that have been done for us at the passing of our brother and uncle. For the food, plants, calls, visits and, most of all

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Roy Mack, Lois and family

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Thanks again,
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