

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



You probably noticed Danny Vaughan's new house when it was parked at the courthouse while we were having a lot of rain. It has been moved to its location southwest of the old Caprock Station. A water well has been drilled to provide water for the home, but as of the last time I looked, it still hadn't been set down on its foundation. It looks like a very nice house, and I know Danny and his family are anxious to get into it.

Isn't it wonderful to welcome Danny "back home"?

Caprock Canyons State Park is accepting applications for a temporary position, Custodian 1: pay \$6.91/hr. Responsible to Lead Ranger to assist in the operation and maintenance of the park. Duties include cleaning, maintenance, repairs and mowing. Provides general visitor assistance and information. Working conditions: (1) 10 to 40 hour work week with hours other than 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and days off other than Saturday and Sunday and holidays; (2) Outdoor work in all types of weather; (3) manual labor, including lifting and moving supplies and materials; (4) Must conform to agency work rules, safety program and dress and grooming standards. May download an application at www.tpwd.state.tx.us, under "jobs" or get one from Caprock Canyons State Park, P. O. Box 204, Quitaque, TX 79255: 806-455-1492. Refer to job posting #04-12-168-PO79. Applications due by March 31, 2004.

The Gospel Lighthouse Singing Saturday, March 27, will feature Fred Goldsmith and Sherry Holley of Lubbock.

Briscoe County 4-H to Have Trap Shoot Saturday

Provided by Brandon McGinty
Briscoe County CEA-Ag

Briscoe County 4-H will sponsor a trap shoot beginning at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Gary Martin Ranch, 10 miles west of Silverton on Hwy. 86, turn north on county road 1, turn



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RockSalt Group To Serve Lunch

RockSalt Youth Group will be serving a brisket lunch in the Silverton School Cafeteria Sunday, March 28, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Reception To Be Held for Agents

Briscoe County Extension Service soon will be losing both agents.

Brandon McGinty has accepted a position with the Gray County Extension Service effective April 1, 2004, and Cory Edwards accepted a position with the Potter County Extension Service effective April 12, 2004.

In honor of the two agents, the Briscoe County Adult Leaders will hold a reception for them on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Jurors Donate Their Pay to Senior Citizens

The following jurors have donated \$6.00 each to Silverton Senior Citizens: Alton Riddell, Roy Wayne Beasley, Lane B. Garvin, Jerry Miller, Cory Edwards and Harlen D. Vernon.

This information was provided by Briscoe County Treasurer Mary Jo Brannon.

into second cattle guard on east side of road. Games to be played will be Annie Oakley, Bushwacker, Buddy Shoot, and other fun games. The shoot will be limited to standard field loads, 1 1/8 ounce shot not larger than 7 1/2 and not to exceed 1,300 feet per second. Money raised at the shoot is reserved for the sole purpose of building a new shooting facility for the 4-H members and their families.

If you would volunteer to help with this shoot or the 4-H shooting sports program,



Joe Kirk, Dakota and Angie Smith

Former Resident is Member of 2004 State Championship Basketball Team

Just in case you missed the news, Shallowater boys and girls both won State 2A basketball championships.

Former Silverton resident, Dakota Smith, son of Joe Kirk and Angie Smith; grandson of Joe Edd and Janelle Smith of Quitaque and Gordon and Carolyn Lowrey of Silverton; great-grandson of Pascal and Donny Garrison, also of Silverton, was a member of the boys team. He also played on Shallowater's football team that made it to the 2A Division I state semifinals before being defeated.

Most of the boys on the team have been playing most all sports together since Little Dribbler and Little League days. In seventh and eighth grades, the boys won all their football and basketball games. As seventh graders, they decided together that they wanted a state title. When they moved into high school, some played on varsity, some on junior varsity, and some on the freshman team. This year they were all brought together again and did they ever play together! One junior and one freshman also were on the

regular team. A very important part of the team's strength was their coaches. Head Basketball Coach Ray Morris, is the father of Eric Morris, the team leader. One of his assistants is Quint Anthony who started coaching the boys in seventh grade. He moved to high school the same year the senior boys did. They also have supported him through two kidney replacement surgeries during this time. Needless to say, they have a special closeness.

Four members of the basketball team have moved on to join the baseball team that is about to start district play. Some also will be participating in track events.

The Lowreys and Garrisons were able to attend many of the games throughout the fall and winter, but were unable to attend the state tournament. Frank and Linda Lowrey and their daughter, Morgan, joined Joe Kirk and Angie in Austin to represent the family in supporting Dakota and the team.

BCAA Meets at 'Barn Tonight

Briscoe County Activities Association will have its regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Annual Meeting Set For March 25

"The Power of Cooperative Membership" sets the theme for the 64th Annual Membership Meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative Thursday, March 25, 2004 in the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. with a catered meal by Jeff's Restaurant in Kress. The business meeting will follow, commencing at 7:15 p.m.

On tap for the business meeting is the manager's and auditors' reports, topped by the election of two directors. Directors seeking re-election are Ross O'Daniel and Jimie Reed who are opposed by Gaylord Cogburn and Bryan Bishop. A six-member nominating committee met in January to choose the four candidates.

The cooperative's annual report to members points out some of the differences between electric cooperatives and other electric suppliers that help cooperatives rank so high in customer satisfaction surveys. One of these is that the power of the cooperative truly rests in the members' hands. Another distinguishing difference co-ops have is the local ownership and control, with local management and employees familiar with the area and the membership. The report also noted a study down that validated the course set by utilities such as Swisher Electric who stuck to their core utility netting during the turbulent days of deregulation as compared to those who ventured off into un-regulated areas. Those that stayed their course came out ahead, while those who went adrift lost money, some losing everything.

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

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Obituary

KATRINA HANCOCK

Services for Katrina Hancock, 67, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church at Lakeview, with Stuart Smith officiating, assisted by the Rev. Gary Boles and the Rev. Neely Landrum. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery by Hughs Funeral Home of Memphis.

Mrs. Hancock died Sunday, March 21, 2004.

She was born March 31, 1936 in Plaska, Texas to the late Mr. Kenneth Nabers and Mrs. Emma Lee Davis Nabers. She graduated from Lakeview High School, and was a life-long resident of Lakeview. She was employed at Davenport

Insurance in Lakeview for 12 years and also was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Red Hat Society and the Lakeview Homecoming Association for many years.

She married Jake Hancock April 28, 1962 at First United Methodist Church in Lakeview.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Christie Hancock.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Philip Hancock of Lakeview; two daughters, KayDonna Wolfcale of Memphis and Joni Bomar of Silverton; two brothers, K. D. Nabers of Fountain Hills, Arizona and Mickie Nabers of Las Vegas; four sisters, Norma Martin and Winnie Davis, both of Memphis, Shirley Weldon of Jacksboro and

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Mar. 25--Junior High Track Meet @ Jayton
 Friday, Mar. 26--High School Track Meet @ Jayton; FFA WT Judging Contest
 Saturday, Mar. 27--FFA Clarendon Judging Contests
 Tuesday, Mar. 30--District One Act Play

Words are a powerful drug, and many men are destroyed from their much use.

R. E. Phillips

It is astonishing what power words have over man.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Patsy Adcock of Show Low, Arizona; and six grandchildren, Jacob Hancock, Colleen Hancock and Rachel Hancock, all of Lakeview, Ryder Wolfcale, Slater Wolfcale and Cannon Wolfcale, all of Memphis.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, 3915 Bell Street, Amarillo, TX 79109.

RUTH MERCER SMITH

A memorial service for Sallie Ruth Smith, 82, of Bentonville, Arkansas was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the Simsberry Methodist Church, with the Rev. Charlie Foster and the Rev. Willie Hendrix officiating. Arrangements were by the Bella Vista Funeral Home & Crematory in Bella Vista, Arkansas.

Mrs. Smith died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at her home.

She was born March 23, 1921 in Briscoe County, Texas to Henry C. Merceer and Leona A. Baker Mercer.

She moved from Silverton, Texas to the Southwest Missouri area in 1961. She loved to play Bridge and quilt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John (J. T.) Smith; four brothers, Joe Mercer, Clyde Mercer, Fred Mercer, Frank Mercer, and two sisters, Mamie Holt and Mary Dee Minyard.

She is survived by two sons, Gerald M. Smith and his wife, Gail of Silverton, Texas, and Charles M. Smith of Bentonville, Arkansas; one daughter, Kathryn Johnson and her husband, Larry, of Washburn, Missouri; one sister, Faye McCarty of Borger, Texas; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

From the Patio
 by Nina Martin

Present for the meeting of Friendship Quilters on March 11 were Wanda Strange, Rose Mary Perkins, Lallie Patton, Joy Stodghill, Evelyn Smith, Linda Bearden, Nadyne Childress, Bobbye Bean, Christine King, Nina Martin, Laverne Stephens and Ann Norris.

Christine, Corrine and Caleb, grandchildren of Walter and Bobbye Bean have been visiting here during their Spring Break.

Rose Mary Perkins went with Diane Mayfield and Elaine Forbes to visit the historical Turkey Hotel at Turkey, Texas. Also visiting with Rose Mary was her son, Danny and his children, Mackenzie and Matthew, from Mesquite.

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Quilting on March 18 were Ann Norris, Wanda Strange, Lallie Patton, Laverne Stephens, Evelyn Smith, Joy Stodghill, Bobbye Bean, Rose Mary Perkins, Sybil King and Nina Martin.

Rose Mary Perkins and Patricia McJimsey went to the Fair Theatre in Plainview to see *Idols of the King* (Elvis). Evelyn Smith is off to Cali-

WEATHER

Readings Taken at 6:00 a.m.
 Daily in March

	High	Low	Precip.
1	50	33	
2	56	32	
3	44	29	.16
4	49	37	.32
5	46	39	1.02
6	57	32	.07
7	68	33	
8	57	34	
9	69	33	
10	64	41	
11	74	41	
12	54	38	
13	54	38	.48
14	60	42	
15	60	42	
16	68	37	
17	72	37	
18	81	39	
19	76	46	
20	88	46	
21	73	47	
22	56	37	
23	71	37	

March Precip. 2.05
 Normal Mar. Precip. .93
 Total Precip. in 2004 6.57
 Normal Precip. to Date 2.18
 Soil Temperature 54°

fornia for three weeks. Her sister is in the hospital.

Tanner Cartrite has been helping take care of Sybil King while she's recovering from knee surgery.

Celia, Marshall and Brenna Syme are visiting Nina Martin on their Spring Break.



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Rom. 1:24-27

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the women, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

February 17, 1994--Lady Owls in Bi-District Playoff Friday at Clarendon . . . Youth Basketball organized here . . . Playing for the Junior High Lady Owls are Lindsey Jennings, Shauna Kingery, Destiny Ivory, Dara Ramsey, Trista Davis, Amanda Cruz, Molly Brooks, Kenzie Burson, Lacy Brunson, Michelle Warren, Misty Wilkinson, Lindsey Weeks . . . Junior High Owls are Jared Francis, Chris Justice, Trey Wyatt, Trey Ziegler, Jackie Cherry, Leland Wood, Will Hester, Michael Reagan, Andy Bullock, Miles Comer . . . Seventh Grade Owls are David Gamble, Jeremy Holt, Jared Holt, David Donahoo, Jay Arnold, Donny Burson and Matt Martin . . . Michael and DeAnn Lurie are proud to announce the birth of Tanner Sean Lurie on Jan. 25 . . . Lessie Lee Baird, 70, taken by death . . .

February 16, 1984--Owlettes to tackle Nazareth in Bi-District playoff at Hutcherson Center in Plainview . . . Berniece Wood has spent ten days at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock . . . Layette shower to be held for Little Miss Nikki Nichole Miller, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Miller . . . Avonna Miller wins senior spelling bee . . . Angie Lowrey is SHS D.A.R. Good Citizen . . .

February 21, 1974--The first annual "Fireman of the Year" award was presented to Charles Sarchet, a volunteer fireman for the past nine years . . . Junior High Cheerleaders this year are Ellen Hutsell, Kim Hutsell, Linda Vaughn, Liz Wristen, Kathy Wristen and Debbie Storie . . . Cathy Jones to marry Michael J. Buchanan . . . Mrs. Ronny Vaughan, nee Pamela Hutsell, was honored at a shower Saturday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carl Minyard are parents of a daughter, Amy Lynn . . . Crystal Ann Miller was a patient in Central Plains Hospital this week . . . Mrs. Orville B. Turner had the misfortune of breaking her right leg last Thursday morning, when a stack of paneling fell on her . . . L. O. A. Study Club has Valentine party at Hayloft Diner Theatre in Lubbock . . .

February 12, 1964--Giant

snowpiles melting slowly . . . D. G. (Bill) Nelson of Amarillo, executive vice president of the Grain Sorghum Producers Association, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Briscoe County chapter Saturday evening. Pat L. Northcutt, who has served two terms as president of the county association, is being succeeded by G. W. Lee . . . Carver Elementary School of Silverton placed first in the Ralls Basketball Tournament Feb. 1. In their game with Crosbyton, E. L. Phillips was high scorer with 19 points followed by Jimmie Hendrix, nine; Roy Weathered, five; Eddie Joe Baker, four; L. H. Ivory, two. The team beat Ralls in the second round, led in scoring by E. L. Phillips, who paced the scorers with 21 points. L. H. Ivory got 11; Jimmie Hendrix, 11; Eddie Joe Baker, nine, and Roy Weathered, two. In the finals, Carver beat Muleshoe, with E. L. Phillips scoring 20; Jimmie Hendrix, 16; L. H. Ivory, six, and Eddie Joe Baker, five . . . The Carver girls lost both their games, with Jereline Weathered, Shirley Dowd, Sandra Stotts, Charlcie Faye

Weathered and Hattie Phillips as the scorers . . . Peggy Mercer and Jeanette Arnold recently spent several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer . . . Jane Self, Mary Whitfill, Nancy Nance and Nancy Long took advantage of the school holiday last week to build a snowman . . .

February 18, 1954--U. S. Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Census report shows that 12,779 bales of cotton were ginned in Briscoe County from the 1953 crop . . . Juanita Stephens is hostess to Rock Creek Club . . . Luree Burson was listed as a patient at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo last week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Turner have been notified by the President of Tarleton State College that their son, Jaye M. Turner, is on the Distinguished Student Honor Roll. He is a freshman and is majoring in agriculture . . . Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maples and children were her father, Mr. John Boyles and Mrs. Boyles . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lanham enjoyed watching television in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Lanham, Monday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Montague are parents of a daughter, Paula, born Monday . . .

February 3, 1944--H. Roy Brown purchased one of the tin buildings on the south side

of the square and is wrecking it this week . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith . . . A letter from Sgt. Donley Darnell tells of meeting in Baltimore with Sgt. T. J. Rogers who is stationed at Baltimore. Donley is stationed at Camp Ritchel, about 70 miles from Baltimore . . . P. D. Jasper asks for re-election as County Commissioner . . . Jack Haynes sends news from the South Pacific . . . Lem Weaver auctioned a pie supper at Antelope Flat Monday night for the Infantile Paralysis fund . . . Pvt. Nora Mae Thompson is expected in Friday of this week . . .

February 10, 1944--County over the top in Bond sales . . . The Conoco Station, operated by Jake Carthel, is receiving a new coat of white paint this week and is going to be a great improvement . . . Sgt. Jack Strange came in Tuesday for a two-week stay with home folks. He is stationed in North Carolina . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Chappell and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Coy Chappell in Amarillo Sunday. Coy leaves next week for service . . . Mr. and Mrs. Pack McKenney and Mrs. Authur Phillips spent Sunday in Tulia . . . Ruth Mercer is here recovering from a tonsillectomy . . . Shirley Fitzgerald

is on the sick list this week . . . **February 17, 1944--**Owls win third in Turkey tournament . . . Andy Chappell is getting around on crutches after an operation on his leg at Amarillo last week . . . Dr. Bundy says little cause for alarm over typhoid scare . . . Mrs. Edwin Crass received word Saturday that her brother, Sgt. Homer Strange, is being sent overseas . . . Miss Pauline Steele is employed as a typist at the Lubbock Army Air Field . . . "Why does a red-headed girl always marry a quiet fellow?" "She doesn't. He just gradually gets like that" . . .

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, March 29--Chili Cheese Fries, Salad, Krispie Treat, Milk

Tuesday, March 30--Lasagna, Corn, Bread, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, March 31--Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, April 1--Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, April 2--Barbecue on a Bun, Cheese, Fries, Jello, Milk

A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.

Mignon McLaughlin

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Trevor Barker and Christina Stephens

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stephens announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Christina, to Mr. Trevor Barker. Vows will be exchanged May 1, 2004 at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Mr. Barker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore of Lorenzo and Hoot Barker of Silverton. The prospective bridegroom is employed by Lubbock Fire Department and Briscoe County Sheriff's Department.

Dara Johnston was Shower Honoree Saturday Afternoon in Ziegler Home

Dara Johnston, daughter of David and Dianna Johnston and bride-elect of Chase Botkin of Dripping Springs, was honored Saturday afternoon, March 20, with a shower of well-wishes and bridal gifts from many friends and family members.

The occasion was held in the home of JonEtta Ziegler who, with the honoree and her mother, welcomed the guests, including special ones: Geneva Botkin and Wanda Houk of Lubbock, grandmother and aunt of the prospective bridegroom; Dedra Wiggins of Sunray, sister of the honoree; Jonnie Smith, aunt of the bride; Kristi and Haylee

Wadlow, cousins of the bride; Ruth and Mindy Proctor of Quitaque, aunt and cousin of the bride.

Guests enjoyed refreshments of thumbprint and chocolate chip cookies, fresh fruit and fruit dip, fudge, and pineapple punch served from white on white crocheted lace table coverings adorned with fresh-cut yellow forsythia sprays in a crystal vase. Yellow accents and crystal appointments completed the spring table setting.

Hostesses for the shower, Bena Hester, JonEtta Ziegler, Beverly Minyard, Norma Birdwell, Sheila Reagan, Michelle Francis, Janinne Brooks, Geneva Botkin, Katy Bomar and Cindy Comer, gave the bridal couple a bagless vacuum and electric food processor.

Wise men learn by other men's mistakes, fools by their own.

H. G. Brown

Happy Birthday--

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

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

March 27--Zachary Ian Gill, Fred Minyard, Clay Schott, Marcus Hutsell, Karlie Green, Kylie Green

March 28--Lori House, Ginger Wadley

March 29--Lou Jessica Braddock

March 30--Jacob Francis, Molly Roberts, Wilma Gill, Cynthia Glenn, Lisa Farley, Roberta Griffin

March 31--Terry Davis, Martin Younger, Fluffy Walls, Angela Henderson

Happy Anniversary-

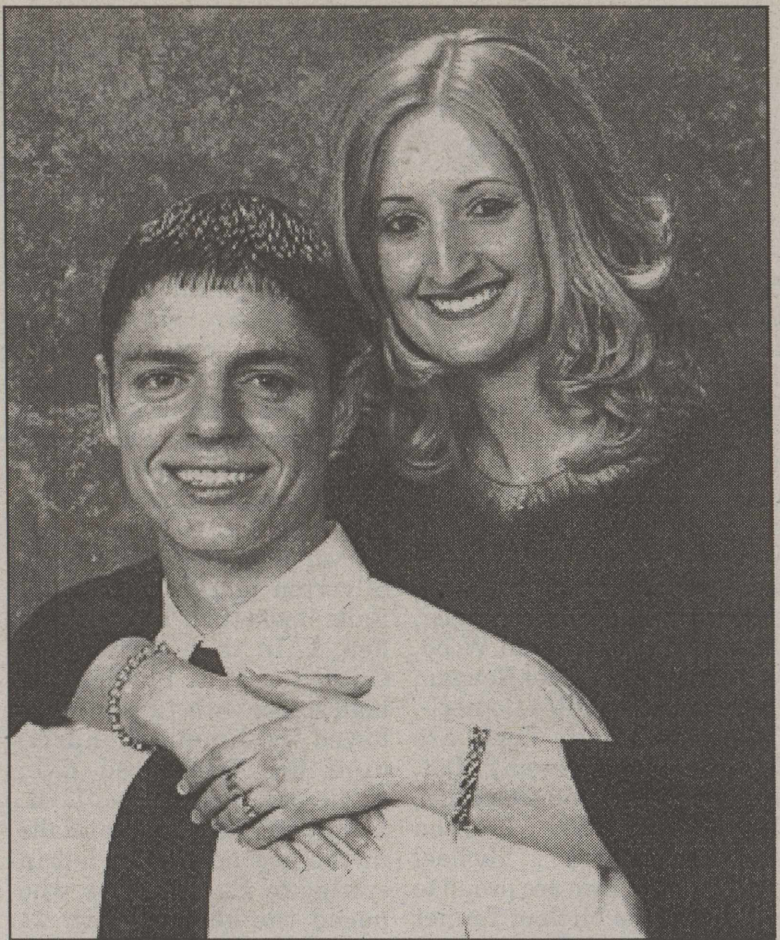
March 25--Mr. and Mrs. Alex Davis

March 26--Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perkins

Automakers Drive Economy

(NAPSA)-While the automobile industry continues to be America's largest manufacturing industry, the majority of those jobs are in supplier and related industries, with total auto industry and related employment numbering 13.3 million, a new Center for Automotive Research study shows. About 6.6 million jobs are connected to automotive manufacturing and new vehicle sales, generating more than \$240 billion in annual private sector compensation.

"When you look under the hood of today's automobile, you'll see goods from America's greatest industries across the country," said Auto Alliance president and CEO Josephine S. Cooper. "These include textiles from the Southeast, computer chips from California, aluminum



Donny Ray Cagle and Mindy Marie Proctor

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Proctor and Cynthia and Jerry Beck of Quitaque and Billy and Barbie Cagle of Hobbs, New Mexico are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Mindy Marie Proctor and Donny Ray Cagle. The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Valley High School and a 2004 graduate of WTAMU with a bachelor of science degree in social work. She is currently employed by Child Protective Services in Amarillo. Her fiance also is a 2000 graduate of Valley High School and is a senior at WTAMU working toward a bachelor of science degree in engineering technology. He is currently employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Bushland. Mindy is the granddaughter of Lowell and Sue Proctor of Turkey and the late Cecil and Marie Purcell. She is the great-granddaughter of Squint and Betty House and Izell Proctor of Turkey. Donny is the grandson of G. W. and Veneta Chappell of Canyon and is the great-grandson of Maggie Sweek of Silverton and the late Vernon and Ann Cagle. The couple will exchange vows at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque June 12, 2004. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. All family and friends of the couple are invited to attend.

manufactured in Iowa, and air bags produced in Arizona."

No one is so generous as one who has nothing to give.

French proverb

Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

Anonymous

Gospel Singing

every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m.

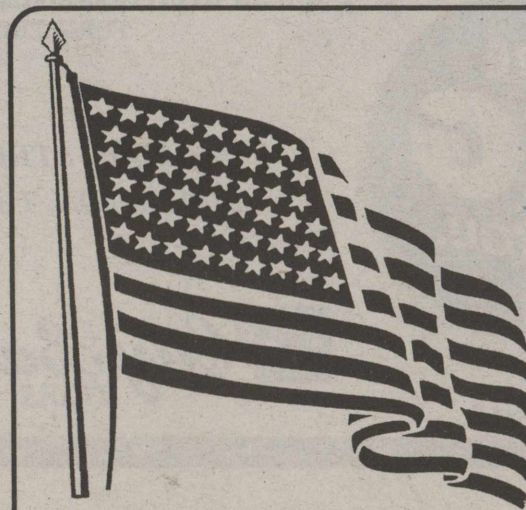
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Environmental Quality Incentives Program Available in Briscoe County

Farmers and ranchers in Briscoe County have until April 16, 2004, to make application for participation in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

New Arrival

CoDee and Brittney Grabbe would like to announce the arrival of their little sister, Randi MaKlay. She was born March 4, 2004, at 4:48 p.m. She weighed six pounds, eleven ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Sloan and Debra Grabbe.

Grandparents are Louis and Alice Grabbe of Silverton and Tommie and Jerri Martin of Lakeview.

funded through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). These funds are part of the conservation provisions contained in the 2002 Farm Bill.

Eligible program participants may apply for cost-share assistance for eligible conservation practices that address the natural resource concerns identified by the Local Work Group. In Briscoe County, the resource concerns include Water Quality, Plant Health, and Soil Erosion.

Conservation practices applicable for cost-share to address these resource concerns include Irrigation Pipeline, Irrigation Sprinkler Conversions, Irrigation Sprinkler Installations, Microirrigation

Systems, Brush Management, Fences, Ponds, Livestock Pipeline, Watering Facilities, Livestock Wells, Diversons, Terraces, Pasture and Hay Planting, and Grassed Waterways. Cost-share rates for financial assistance have been set at the local level.

Additionally, funding is available to address statewide natural resource concerns including animal feeding operations.

For additional information or to make an application, interested farmers and ranchers should contact NRCS at the local USDA Service Center in Silverton, Texas, located at 410 Lone Star or call 806-823-2431.

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

Intelligence & Ingenuity

(NAPSA)-A fascinating new book offers an intriguing spin on the expression "animal instinct," suggesting that animals have mental as well as physical powers, which they draw on during their ongoing struggle in this world.

In *The Octopus and the Orangutan: More True Tales of Animal Intrigue, Intelligence, and Ingenuity* (Plume, \$14), award-winning author Eugene Linden presents examples of animals thinking on their feet, fins or tentacles that offer a window into the minds of other creatures, including evidence of one extraordinary "human" behavior never before observed by scientists.

These stories range from an orangutan who would repeatedly break out from the

Omaha Zoo to a dolphin who appropriated her trainer's signaling system for her own purposes-giving a "time out" whenever the trainer did something wrong.

Gathered from scientists, zoo keepers, trainers, field researchers, veterinarians and others who deal with animals on a regular basis both in captivity and in the animals' natural habitats, these tales offer cases of animal deception, trade and barter, games cooperation, tool making, tool use and other behaviors that suggest how animals as diverse as octopus and orangutan think and react.

The *Octopus and the Orangutan* is available wherever paperback books are sold.

Giving up is the ultimate tragedy. Robert J. Donovan



The Power of Cooperative Membership

64th Annual Membership Meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2004

Ezra Jones School
Cafeteria

501 N.E. 4th St.
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Registration: 6:30 p.m.

Buffet supper: 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

Director elections

Attendance gifts

Door prizes



Third grade students all across the state of Texas took the reading portion of the TAKS test on March 3. One hundred percent of Silverton third graders passed the test the first time. The state requires all third graders to pass this test in order to be promoted to the fourth grade. "We are very proud of our third graders," said Silverton School Principal Sheryl Weaver.

Briscoe County News Photo

One-Act Play Advances to District

The Silverton High School One-Act Play cast performed their play, *Scapino!* in East Zone competition at Clarendon College Monday night. Also competing were McLean, Hedley, Valley and Samnorwood.

Silverton and McLean both advanced and will compete for District honors at Highland Park High School in Amarillo

Tuesday, March 30.

Also honored at the competition were Yance Forbes and Max Comer, All-Star Cast, and Ethan Long, who received All-Star Cast honorable mention.

County To Receive Heritage Oak Tree

The Mary McCoy Baines Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution is making plans for the planting of two Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oaks, which are being donated by Billy and Janie Price of Houston. The Prices are giving one Live Oak tree to each county in the state of Texas. These trees have been grown from acorns harvested from one huge Live Oak tree on the Stephen F. Austin Memorial. This is the site of his death in 1836. The Texas Forest Service and Texas A&M University have assisted in planting and growing of these trees and certify that they are disease free. So far they have delivered about 80 trees.

These trees are to be planted in connection with Arbor Day and Texas History, and it is hoped by school children from the fourth and sev-

The TAKS Test

by Ashley

Last week was the TAKS test. At the beginning I felt scared and worried that I wouldn't pass. I was a little nervous too, because if I didn't pass I would be held back a year. When I was doing the TAKS test I felt a little better. We had break time and we ate almost everything.

Mrs. Nance helped us on the practice TAKS test. She taught us everything she knew to help us. We did the Kamico tests which were hard.

After the TAKS test I went over it again and again until I felt sure I was going to pass. I handed it in and felt better and relieved. I'm glad the TAKS test is over. I didn't feel scared and worried anymore. I knew I was going to pass.

enth grade Texas History classes and other Junior American Citizens. The trees will be planted at the Courthouses. The DAR chapter has members in Briscoe as well as Hale County and is sponsoring both counties. The trees will be kept by Robert's Tree House in Plainview until plans are complete.

The Briscoe committee is made up of Carrie Dell Dickerson, Theta Holt and Loretha Rhoderick. The Hale committee is made up of Myra Applewhite, Wanda Wallace, Betty Adams and Linda Reed. Regent Roma Swindle serves on both committees.

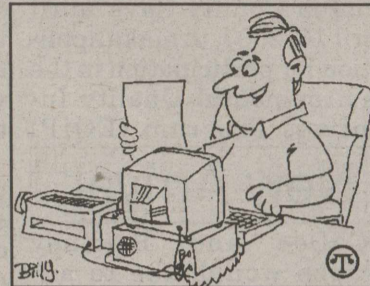
He who has learning without imagination has feet but no wings.

Stanley Goldstein

HEALTHY IDEAS

(NAPSA)-Several research studies suggest that the antioxidant vitamins C and E may protect against the development and progression of cataracts. Early evidence also suggests that the carotenoids lutein (pronounced loo-teen) and zeaxanthin (pronounced zee-uh-zan-thin), which are also antioxidants, may be protective against cataracts. More than half of the observational studies done have reported a reduced risk of cataracts among people who took vitamins C and/or E in supplemental form or through higher dietary intake and who had increased blood levels of one or both vitamins. For more information on nutrition and maintaining eye health, visit www.aoa.org/eyeeonnutrition.

Eighty-one percent of all playground injuries occur as a result of falls. To lower this statistic, schools have tried to make the ground (or fall zones) in playgrounds softer. Many use recycled, shredded tires. The tires, which are completely non-toxic, are considered one of the best ways to protect kids. The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, as well as other agencies, reported shredded tire chips have consistently outperformed all other surface material in impact absorption. Companies such as GroundScape(tm) Technologies make the ground covering in a variety of colors, guarantee the tires won't mark children's shoes or hands and that the product will last for decades. For more information visit www.groundscape.com.



Medical writer Jill Sklar's younger brother, Eric Davidson, was diagnosed with gastroesophageal reflux disease, otherwise known as GERD, a condition in which stomach contents back up into the esophagus, causing irritation and inflammation. Sklar realized that GERD sufferers need a handbook for coping with this disease and teamed up with chef Annabel Cohen to create *Eating for Acid Reflux: A Handbook and Cookbook for Those with Heartburn*. The book, a hybrid of tips and a traditional cookbook, helps people with reflux disease understand that although the condition can be debilitating, there are ways to manage and treat GERD. If you suspect you are suffering from GERD, talk to your healthcare professional about the treatment options that may be right for you. For information, call 1-800-564-3673.

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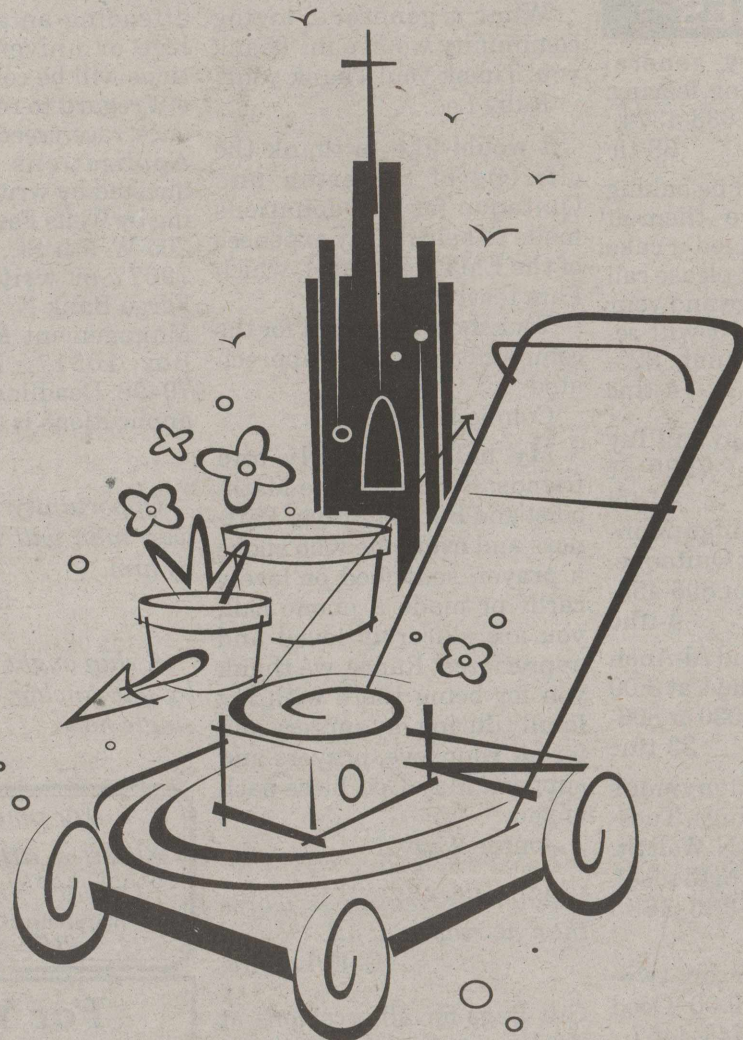
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It's That Time of Year



It's that time of year once again when I have to check and see if the blade on my old lawn mower needs sharpening, or more importantly, if it will even start up after the long winter. Springtime is the time of year when we have to start thinking about the many things to do outdoors: cutting the grass, fertilizing, taking care of the plants. It is also the time of year when we think about new beginnings. After a cold, snowy winter, it is refreshing to put away the winter clothes and look forward to the warmer weather. The new birth of spring is also a good time to start thinking about our relationship with our Lord, and perhaps see if our personal life needs any sprucing up. Maybe there is something in our lives that could use a little spiritual fertilizing to help it grow and flourish. God is the Great Gardener, and although He is concerned with our outside responsibilities, He is more concerned with our spiritual life.

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R.S.V. 2 Thessalonians 1:3

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Connie Smith

My beloved family and friends, Rance and the Methodist and Baptist Prayer Partners and everyone who spoke a prayer, sent food or lovely cards or made a phone call, you are sincerely loved and appreciated. Rance, we thank you for being there with my family during my surgery and for all your love, prayers and support. May God bless each of you.

Jonnie Weaver

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Topics to be discussed will include the purchase of the Briscoe Implement building for the Silverton Fire Department.

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