

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Menus for Tri-County Meals next week are:

Monday, April 25-Kraut and Sausage, Sweet Potatoes, Asparagus, Dessert, Roll

Wednesday, April 27-Meat Loaf, Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Dessert, Roll

Friday, April 29-Chicken Raveoli, Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Dessert, Crackers

Menu subject to change.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255.

Ana Baeza has moved to Floydada to live with her son, Carlos. She will be continuing to work in the home of Bill and Delane Smith on Thursdays.

The following students made the President's List at Texas Tech for the fall 2004 semester by maintaining a 4.0 average for a minimum of 12 hours:

Amanda K. Estes, junior, human development and family studies

Andrew Boone Francis, senior, mechanical engineering

Kurby S. Garvin, junior, early childhood

Daryl-Ann Reynolds, freshman, pre-nursing

Jenny Lynn Young, sophomore, human development and family studies

This was contributed by Lataine Dillard.

Briscoe County Activities Association will have a bean and cornbread supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, at the Showbarn in Silverton. Everyone is invited to attend.

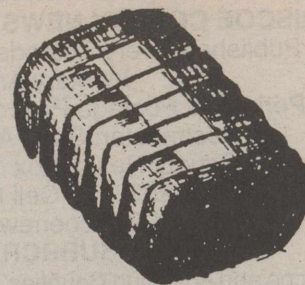
Several of the Silverton Owls qualified for competition in the Regional Track Meet, including Gid Mayfield, who placed fourth in the discus; Tanner Young, who ran second in the 300 hurdles; and the 800 meter relay team, composed of Chance Rhoderick, Yance Forbes, Tanner Young and Ernesto Ferrusca, who came in third.

Others placing in the Area Track Meet included:

Zak Perkins, fifth, and Jesse Reynolds, sixth, in the 3200 meters.

Max Comer, sixth, in the discus.

The Lady Owls placed sixth in the 1600 relay. Legs of this relay were carried by Kelsi Birdsong, Haylee Simpson, Trichelle Ramirez and Krista Hale.



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Jenny Young Raising Money For Mission Trip

Jenny Young, a sophomore at Texas Tech University majoring in human development and family studies, is raising money to go on a six-month mission trip in June.

She writes, "God has really given me a passionate heart for missions over the past couple of years and a deep desire to pursue that and see where He is leading me with that. On June 2, I will be leaving to participate in a Discipleship Training School through YWAM (Youth With a Mission). I have gone to Juarez, Mexico for the past three summers, and that is when the Lord really began to awaken a heart for missions within me and that has only grown since then. My school will last for six months. The first three months, I'll be in Maui at the YWAM base going through the lecture phase where you intensely study God's word and focus on discipleship, getting prepared to take the message out into the world. The last three months, I will be sent out as part of a team on outreach to apply the truths we have learned from God's word. I won't know where I'm going until I get there, but will be sure to keep you updated. Maui is a strategic location for reaching the Asian nations, so more than likely I'll be headed in that direction.

"My family and I will be serving a Mexican Stack Dinner in the school cafeteria on Sunday, April 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to raise money for this adventure. Everyone is invited! I would love to see you all there and get the chance to visit with you more about my trip.

"But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus--the work of telling others the good news about God's wonderful kindness and love. Acts 20:24."

Experiments don't fail. When you try something new, you either learn that it is worthwhile for you or that it does not work for you, and thus save future time by not trying it again. Stanley Goldstein



Jenny Young

Special Training Session is April 23

A Weapons of Mass Destruction Training session will be held at the Showbarn in Silverton Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

LE and EMS personnel will get continuing education credit for taking part in this exercise.

All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better. Ralph Waldo Emerson



Leon Lavy, Gene Smith, Richard Howell, JoDee Robison and Harlen Vernon were some of the firemen who gathered Saturday to work on a new slide-in unit to replace the butane tank on the Chevrolet truck. The unit was made available by a Forest Service grant of \$12,600. The firemen made up the difference in the total cost of \$23,000.

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Only One Drilling Rig Operating In Three-County Area at Present

Courthouses in Briscoe, Floyd and Motley counties continue to have a steady stream of representatives from oil companies researching records for mineral rights in hope of obtaining leases from local landowners.

There is one drilling rig active in Motley County, which is operated by Tulsa, Oklahoma-based Vintage Petroleum, Inc., but there are none operating in Floyd or Briscoe counties at this time. The one rig is located on the Molly Burleson Ranch, Ltd., west of Matador. Marisue Potts, a co-owner of the ranch land, said she believes the well is almost in completion. Those curious about the area activity may be interested to know that a book compiled by a geologist is available for viewing at the Floyd County Museum in Floydada. The book is updated weekly.

In a report to the Austin Business Journal, Ray Reaves, FieldPoint president and CEO, said, "We are looking to the future, and this unconventional shale gas is a grassroots opportunity that could have a profound impact on this company.

"Central to our growth strategy, we will continue to pursue attractive leaseholds either as solo plays

or through established partnerships."

FieldPoint paid an average of \$25 per acre for oil and gas leases on 3,235 acres in Floyd County. FieldPoint is one of the companies actively involved in the mineral research, and has leased more than 3,000 acres of land in the Palo Duro Basin.

The price of natural gas has more than doubled in three years. Texas is the country's largest producer of natural gas, averaging 5.2 trillion cubic feet per year, nearly 30% of the U. S. total. It is also the largest consumer of natural gas in the nation, at 4.4 trillion cubic feet annually.

The increased drilling is good for local and state economies, said Michael Williams, a member of the Texas Railroad Commission. More dollars flow into the state's school fund, and cities and towns get more property tax revenue, he said.

As many as seven companies are exploring in Briscoe, Motley and Floyd counties, said H. Wayne Hughes, executive director of the Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Association in Amarillo.

Briscoe County residents are hoping this truly will prove to be a "good time" for the area and the local economy.

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The Doctor and the Lawyer

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Silverton EMS Has Monthly Meeting April 4

Silverton EMS met for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2005. Members present were Connie Smith, Kristi Wadlow, Vicky Tiffin, Dale McWaters, Fay Perkins, JoDee Robison, Jeannine West, Rhonda Smith, Ruby Lee, Bena Hester, James Smith and Tammy Smith. Special guests present were David Hughes and Dr. Joe Sasin. They were here to do the bi-monthly peer review. Members of EMS tested on trauma.

Among business discussed was the Weapons of Mass Destruction class being presented on Saturday, April 23, 2005, at the Showbarn from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The majority of EMS members will attend. Also discussed was the decision to make a donation to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. South Plains Health Provider Clinic in Silverton will be closing Friday, April 29, 2005. Members expressed their sadness about this.

Silverton EMS elected to have the Annual Appreciation Banquet on Saturday, May 7, 2005. This will be right before National EMS Week, which begins May 15 and continues through May 21, 2005. A few other activities were discussed for that week to celebrate EMS Week. Please put on your calendar to thank an EMT that week! It may be your life they save next!

WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m.
 During April 2005

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18	Available		.38
19			.40
Total April Precipitation			.82
Normal April Precip.			1.49
Normal Precip. to date			3.67
Precip. Rec'd. to date			3.96
Soil Temperature			59°



Christian Motorcyclists Association members met in Silverton Sunday afternoon. Pictured are (back) Gene Smith, Joe Berrera, Dean Hooten; (front) Koree Smith, Rhonda Smith, Sylvia Berrera and Donna Hooten. CMA is not a Christian club or riding group designed to segregate Christians from the influences of the world, but rather is a ministry designed to thrust members into the adventure of spreading the light of Jesus into dark places. Its mission is to inspire the leaders and members to be the most organized, advanced, equipped, financially stable organization, full of integrity in the motorcycling industry and the Kingdom of God. They presented a program at the Silverton United Methodist Church Sunday evening.

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Happy Birthday-

April 21-Lynn Smith, Julia Couch, Chase Stidham, Christian McMorries

April 22-Kymerli May, Zane Henderson, Rex Fuston, Matthew Tiffin

April 24-Andrew Francis, Doree Brodeen, Kimmie Blazier, Mitchell Simpson, Valda Ferguson

April 25-Melanie Copeland, Estelle Thomas

April 26-Juanell Turner, Alex Segura, Cris Gill, Kaden Bradford

April 27-Donnie Martin, Jim Cogdell, Russell McLeland, Tangie Perkins

Happy Anniversary-

- April 27-Mr. and Mrs. Casey Bean

A failure is not always a mistake; it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying.

B. F. Skinner

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

March 28, 1996-Silverton High School students who will be advancing to Regional competition in several UIL contests are Brandon Sarchet, who won second in science and third in ready writing; Kenzie Burson, third in prose reading; Vanessa Martin, second in spelling, and Lindsey Weaks, second in prose reading . . . PTA to have program on "Communicating With the Family" . . . Speaker Pete Laney is Texan of the Year . . . Rhoderick Irrigation has been awarded Lindsay Manufacturing Company's "Zimmatic Dealer Excellence Award" for 1995 . . . Roy Mack and Lois Walker to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Saturday afternoon . . . Elvira Weaks is surprised by her family on her seventieth birthday . . . New Deal Coach Kyle Bean and his players take All-South Plains honors . . . Junior High Owls won first in their division of the track meet at Lefors Saturday . . .

March 27, 1986-Vance Childress was retiring after serving 36 years as a member of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department . . . James Edwards receives Fireman of the Year award. Doug Bradford is Bonehead Award recipient . . . Mrs. Roy Mack Walker has recently purchased a quilting machine . . . Dani Whitfill to marry Chris Hale . . . Kimberly Burson and Tara Nance were among several hundred music students to compete in the Regional UIL Solo-Ensemble Music Competition held in Lubbock recently. Both performed quite well, according to their teacher, Mrs. Ross Herrington . . . Blood drive nets 36 pints . . . Free screenings planned for preschool children . . .

March 25, 1976-Kerri Arnold is Queen of the Golden Spread

High School All-Star Basketball Game in Amarillo . . . Services held for Joe Eddie Scoggins, father of Elzora Gallington . . . Lisa Childress is senior winner of the Briscoe County Spelling Bee. Junior champion is Melinda Sutton . . . Ruth Ann (Cline) Scrivner named to Dean's Honor Roll at Clarendon College . . . Kathy Jo King to marry Joe Bob Via . . . Appaloosa Club meets at Wayland and Flo Fitzgerald's Backward F Ranch . . .

March 31, 1966-Members of the Owl track team include Harvey Masey, who throws the shot and runs the 440; George Masey, who throws both the shot and discus; Monty Smith, who throws the discus and runs the 220; Hand Baird, who throws both the discus and the shot . . . Bob Stafford elected to serve as president of Jaycees for coming year. H. B. Simpson is vice president and Dyrle Maples is secretary-treasurer. New directors are Bill Wristen and David Tipton . . . The House All-Stars won second place in the Turkey Outsiders' basketball tournament Saturday night. The locals lost a close game to Childress in the finals. Players taking part in the tournament were Steve Jarnagin, Randall Eddleman, Bill Durham, J. E. Patton, Tommy Thornburg, Herb Stephens, Dan Evans and Jerry Nutt . . . Fiftieth anniversary reception to honor Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Gregg . . . Rocky Curby was honored at the Texas Tech All-College Recognition Service recently . . . Silverton clubwomen win awards at District TFWC Convention . . . Gerald Smith has been designated as a Distinguished Student in the College of Agriculture at Texas A&M University for the fall semester . . . Mrs. Alva C. Jasper underwent surgery in Plainview last week . . .

March 29, 1956-Mrs. Glynn Bunch is teaching in the Flomot school for the remainder of this semester . . . James Clemmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clemmer, won second place in the Globe-News Spelling Bee held in Amarillo last Saturday . . . Haylake Club met with Mary Lee Watters and pieced several quilt blocks . . . Mrs. D. G. Shelton who underwent surgery in a Dallas hospital recently was reported by relatives to be doing satisfactorily. Mrs. John Turner and Mrs. Roy Hunter went down Friday and came home Monday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. Alton Steele have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Kay Steele, to Charles Dean McWilliams . . . Edwin Crass and Scott Smithee returned recently from the National Farmers Union Convention in Denver, Colorado . . . Lt. Pat Northcutt stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia . . . Mrs. Aubrey Rowell was hostess to the Helping Hand Club Thursday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McMurtry are parents of a son, Ty Wayne . . . Mrs. H. L. O. Riddell, who has been a patient in the hospital at Lockney for some time, has been dismissed and is now at the home of her daughter . . . M. J. O'Neal is quite ill at his home northeast of town. He became ill Saturday night and Mrs. O'Neal went to the home of Shafe Weaver Sunday morning for help . . .

March 26, 1936-Judge W. W. Martin, P. D. Jasper and L. E. Graham left Thursday for Wichita Falls to attend the West Texas County Judge's and Commissioners' Convention . . . Charter members of the Silverton Troop of Boy Scouts of America are Albert White, Taylor Williamson, Billy Joe Womack, Bernard Havran, W. L. Perry, Fred Havran, John Henry Crow, John Ed Bain, John White, Roy Thomas, Wade McGavock, Kelton Newman, Billie Gregg, Wesley Freeman, Eudean Baird, James Davis, Roy Bechtol, Bruce Burleson, Jack Burleson, Jack O'Neal, Gwinn Williamson, Grady Martin, Buster Harris, Rex Douglas, James L. Allred, Perry Thomas, Arlis White, Charles Dunn, Lloyd Sherman, Charles Quillen, John Earl Simpson and Len Lee . . . Miss Gwendolyn Cloyd was a weekend guest of Miss Josephine Daniel. Clarence Anderson and Rex Dickerson called in the afternoon . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bean, a baby girl. Mother and baby doing fine and J. K. is slowly recovering . . . Doris Kirk, who is attending business school at Lubbock, was home over the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk . . . Joe and H. C. Mercer and Mr. and Mrs. T. T.

Crass returned from Dallas Sunday where they had been transacting business . . .

Talk About Life-and-Death Issues Now

The importance of sharing your medical wishes has recently been highlighted in the media. It's important to tell family members or friends your desires before the unexpected happens. Legal documents are helpful, but talking is just as important. Simple planning and communication may help ease the burden of family members who have to make a difficult decision. Topics should include: "do not resuscitate" forms identifying a person to speak for you if it's not possible to speak on your own, and

medical power of an attorney. Forms are available at www.txpec.org and www.txorgansharing.org. Provided by David Hawkins Texas Cooperative Extension

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Mexican Stack Dinner

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Trey Wyatt and Candice Francy

Wyatt-Francy Vows to be Exchanged At Cross Plains Church on July 9

John and Gail Wyatt of Amarillo are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Trey Wyatt, to Candice Francy, daughter of Rhonda Hinten of Cross Plains.

The couple plan to marry July 9, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

The bridegroom is a 1998 graduate of Silverton High School and is a 2002 graduate of West Texas A&M University, with a degree in sports and exercise science and physical education. He is the grandson of the late Leo Wyatt and Margaret Wyatt of Amarillo and the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Mayfield. He is currently employed as the head boys basketball coach, track coach and teacher at Cross Plains Independent School District.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Cross Plains High School. She received her bachelor of arts

degree in public relations from Texas State University-San Marcos in 2004. She is currently employed by Texas Heritage Bank. She is the granddaughter of Lillian Jackson of Cross Plains.

Silverton School Activities

- April 21-TAKS test-5 Science, 8 Soc. St., 9 Math, 10-11 Soc. St.
- April 22-TAKS 10 Science; Regional UIL Academic Events
- April 23-FFA State Judging Contests at Texas Tech
- April 26-Church of Christ Senior Luncheon
- April 28-2-3 Grade Play 7th period; Title I Parent Meeting
- April 29-Holiday; Regional High School Track Meet
- April 30-FFA State Judging Contests at Tarleton

Gordon Lowrey Re-appointed to Mackenzie Water Authority Board

Silverton City Council members met in regular session on April 11, 2005. Present were Mayor Lane Garvin, Councilmembers Kyle Fuston, Dwain Henderson, Wayne Reed, Delane Smith, Dwain Tipton, and City Secretary Jerry Patton.

Tipton made a motion to re-appoint Gordon Lowrey as director of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority board of directors. This was seconded by Delane

Smith and carried.

Other business conducted included:

- Regular and special meeting minutes were read and approved
- Financial reports were presented and accepted
- Monthly vouchers were read and approved for payment
- The secretary reported on monthly water use, tax collections and the new TCDP grant application

Commissioners Approve Hiring of Family and Consumer Science Agent

At the regular session of the Briscoe County Commissioners Court on April 11, 2005. Micah Karber was employed for the position of Family and Consumer Science Agent.

CEA-Ag David Hawkins met with the court to discuss hiring a part-time secretary in his office. The court gave its approval of the interview questions that Mr. Hawkins would be using during his interview process.

Present at the meeting were Judge Wayne Nance; Commission-

ers Terry Grimland, Danny Maynard, Larry Comer and Gary Weeks, and County Clerk Bena Hester.

Other items of business included:

- Minutes were read and approved
- Bena Hester, Briscoe County Clerk, was authorized to spend \$450 out of the clerk's records preservation fund to repair Deed Record Volume 1-A
- Voting Precinct #5 was closed

From the Patio

by Nina Martin

The quilters hosted the Senior Citizens Luncheon Friday, April 15. All of us appreciated being entertained by Robin Boedeker and her fourth grade music class.

Our fund-raiser (Colonial Doll Quilt) is out of the frames.

Wanda Strange put in her quilt called Ranch and Wildlife.

Last Thursday the quilters were Ann Norris, Laverne Stephens, Christene King, Wanda Strange, Nadyne Childress, Joy Stodghill, Rose Mary Perkins and Nina Martin.

Recent visitors in my home were Ninette and Joe Zorger from Tuttle, Oklahoma. Dana and Dorothy Martin and daughter, Kami and son, Kamron, Mr. and Mrs. Dale McWaters, their daughter, Christy and son enjoyed a hamburger supper while they were here.

Celia and Marshall Syme of Krum visited here weekend before last.

Lallie Patton Had Surgery

Lallie Patton underwent hip replacement surgery Monday in Lubbock.

Our thought is the key which unlocks the doors of the world.
Samuel McC. Crothers

Silverton School Lunch Menu

- April 25-Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Bread, Fruit, Milk
- April 26-Corn Dog, Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Jello, Milk
- April 27-Burrito, Salad, Cheese Dip, Chips, Fruit, Milk
- April 28-Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Butter, Jelly, Milk
- April 29-No School

and combined with voting precinct #4 which casts ballots at the Silverton ISD O. C. Rampley Field House

- Private work contract for Ross Estes was approved
- Monthly reports from office holders were approved
- Approved payment of monthly bills, line items and salaries

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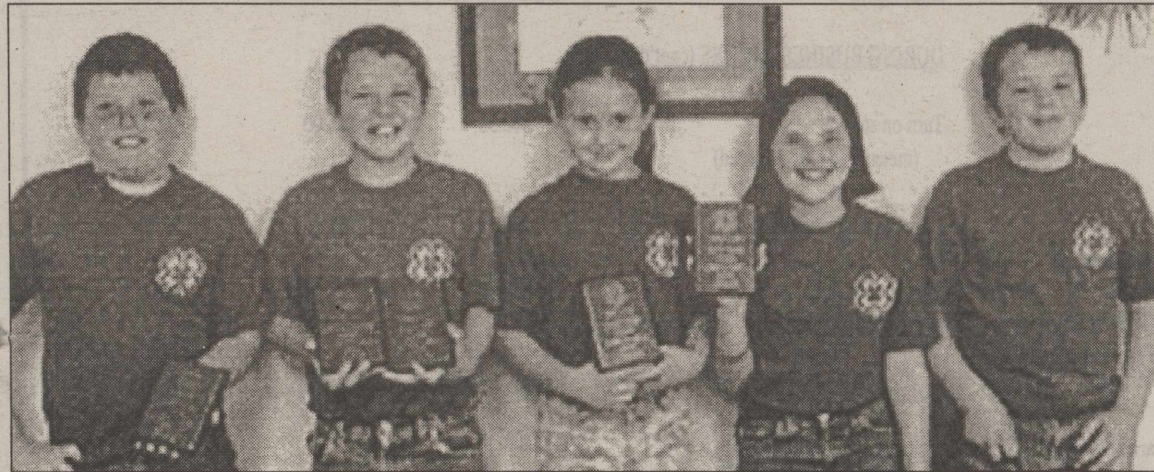
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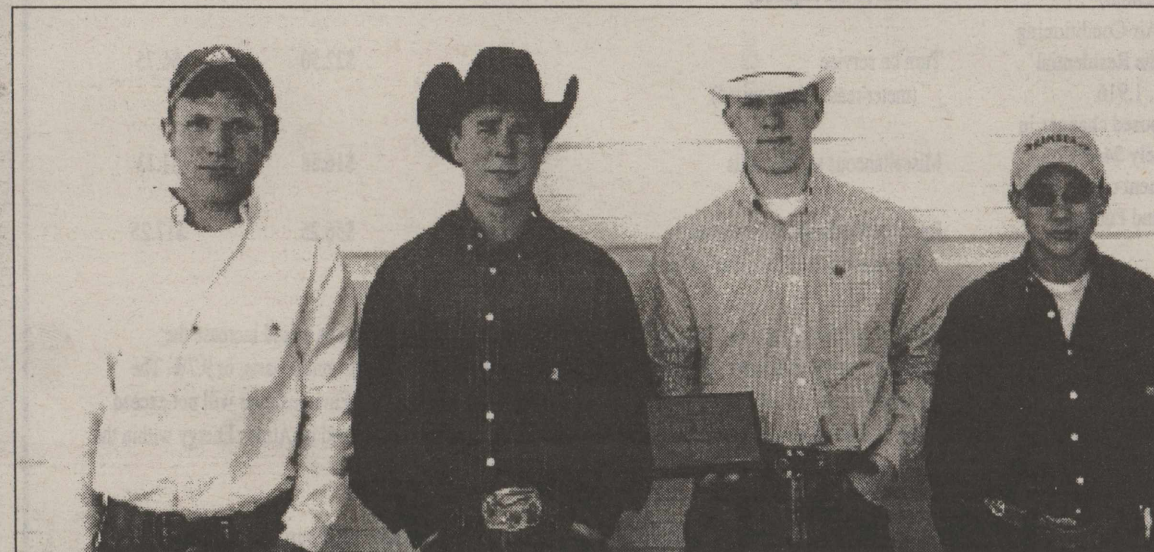
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4-H'ers attending the District Dairy Judging Contest in Canyon recently were (back row) J. T. West, John Pigg, Jayson Pigg, Brewster Garcia, Jacob Pigg; (front) Kortni Carnes, Brittany Deckard and Shelby Fuston.



The Junior Dairy Judging team made up of Brewster Garcia, Jayson Pigg, Brittany Deckard and Shelby Fuston placed first at the District Dairy Judging Contest held Friday, April 1, 2005, in Canyon. The other Junior Dairy Judging team, made up of Jacob Pigg (pictured), J. T. West, Kortni Carnes and John Pigg (not pictured) placed second at the same competition. Individuals placing were Jayson Pigg, second, and John Pigg, third.



Will Boedeker, Zack Burson, Tanner Young and Dusty Burson were the members of the Range and Pasture Plant Identification team and they placed second behind Wellington's team with only 10 points. Will Boedeker was the second high individual in the contest. This second place finish advanced the team to the State contest which will be held at Texas Tech on April 23, 2005.

Plant Identification Team Does Well In Competition

Silverton FFA's Range and Pasture Plant Identification team and Land Judging team traveled to

Wellington to compete in the District level contest. The Land team competed very well with only two team members, Haylee Simpson and Ami Dunn, present.

Zak Perkins also is a member of this team, but was unable to attend this contest.

Truth is tough. It will not break, like a bubble, at a touch; nay, you may kick it about all day, like a football, and it will be round and full at evening.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



4-H'er Brewster Garcia represented Briscoe County at the Consumer Decision Making Contest held Saturday, April 2, at the Extension Research Center in Amarillo. He placed seventh in the individual junior division of the competition.



Briscoe County 4-H Youth and Adult Leaders Association honored Della Boling with a surprise retirement party on Thursday, April 7, at the Silverton Church of Christ Annex.

Rosa Vargas is Cancer Survivor

Rosa Vargas discovered a lump in her right breast in July 1997. At the time of this disturbing discovery, Rosa was already struggling with a serious medical problem. While the problem was not hers, it was perhaps even more heart breaking than if it had been. Rosa's son, Nicholas, had a tumor on his right eye. She had no time to be concerned about her own health. There was no history of breast cancer in her family, and so she could just wait awhile and put the matter on the back burner until Nicholas could have his surgery and complete his recovery. Suddenly, it was October. Nicholas was well enough for Rosa to turn attention to her own health. In fact, she knew she must because the suspicious lump had enlarged during this lapse of time. As fate would have it, the lump was malignant.

The surgery revealed a 3.7x1.5x1.1-centimeter tumor. Her lymph nodes were also positive. She required five cycles of chemotherapy in addition to surgery. In January of '98, she finished her last cycle of chemo. With extraordinary courage, Rosa faced the fact she needed to be hospitalized once again for an autologous bone marrow transplant. The operation took place on February 23, 1998, some seven months after Rosa discovered the lump in her breast.

Life was difficult that year for the Vargas family, for both Nicholas and Rosa endured life-threatening illnesses. It was a stressful time for every member of the family. Rosa's youngest son, Gabriel, was especially effected by his Mom's illness. Gabriel was accustomed to his Mom always being there for him. Now, she was ill and often in treatment or in the hospital. Rosa worried about her hus-

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- Tenth Grade-Dusty Burson, Ory Johnson, Drew Reed
- Eleventh Grade-Will Boedeker, Jacob Francis, Gid Mayfield, Jesse Reynolds, Tanner Young
- Twelfth Grade-Max Comer, Danielle Ramirez, James Tiffin

band and sons especially when she was in the hospital. This trying time pulled family members closer together. Another positive result of the times was that Rosa learned to pray a lot and to put her faith in the Lord.

During Rosa's hospitalization for the bone marrow transplant she grew even closer to the Lord and subsequently became a Christian.

Rosa gives thanks for her life and is grateful to have survived her difficult ordeal. She attributes her opportunity to be a survivor to the Lord God who was always beside her. She hopes to have opportunity

See Cancer Survivor-Continued on Page Six

Dear Editor,

It is so sad that the clinic will close at the end of the month. I wish there was some way to keep it open.

The ladies that work there are very professional, but they still treat you like a person instead of a number.

In the last two years that I have

Cancer Survivor-

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to encourage others that may have to endure some of the same difficulties she and her family experienced, and Rosa strongly recommends that women do breast self-examinations regularly and that they see their doctors for annual check-ups. Rosa advises everyone to take health issues seriously even

been going here, they have not only been my doctor and staff members, but they have been my best friends.

God bless you'all in whatever you'all do next.

Love,
Able Asebedo

Silverton Chamber Meets First Tuesday

Silverton Chamber of Commerce meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton. Next meeting will be May 3, 2005. New officers will be elected.

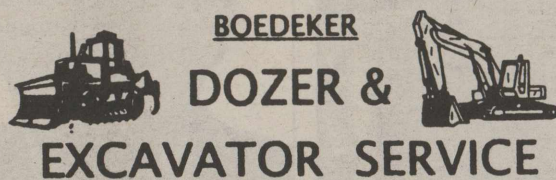
in the face of their own doubts and fears.

"See your doctor immediately when something seems wrong," she encourages.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at the Valley School soon. Make plans now to have fundraisers for this and to attend to take part in the activities that are being planned.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Briscoe County has had one confirmed case of rabies from a skunk that was killed inside the city limits of Silverton. There is no known exposure by pets or humans to this skunk; however there have been multiple cases of rabies reported all over the Panhandle of Texas. It is very important that pet owners update their pets' rabies vaccinations and notify the Sheriff's Office of any unusual behavior from their pets. Also remember to stay away from any animal exhibiting bizarre behavior that is out of character for the species, such as animals that are normally active at night being out during daylight hours. Contact the Sheriff's Office immediately at 823-2135 or dial 911 if you suspect any out of the ordinary animal behavior.



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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN
ENVIRONS GAS RATES**

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
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DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):

Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
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Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
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Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00
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Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
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AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:

Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
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Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
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Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
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Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
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Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$39.00	\$56.25	\$17.25
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The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9573)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

It isn't a normal year on the Texas High Plains unless something out of the ordinary happens. The 2004 growing season certainly took that sentiment to heart and produced a crop that will linger in the memories of the High Plains cotton industry for years.

Now, 4.73 million running bales later, it appears the history books can all be rewritten and area producers and gins will have a new benchmark for judging future success.

High Plains cotton producers, when everything is finally tallied and county estimates published, are expected to have produced the equivalent of 4.8-4.9 million 480-pound net weight bales in the area served by the Lubbock and Lamesa USDA Classing Offices.

Once the National Agricultural Statistics Service releases county estimates, a final tally of total production in PCG's 41-county service area will be possible.

The season did not get off to the fast start many would normally ascribe to a record-breaking season, but things quickly turned around as timely rainfall, often accompanied by less than ideal temperatures, fed what would become a record 2004 crop.

Cool temperatures affected a large part of the crop to the point that quality, particularly Micronaire, fell below normal levels. Some areas were so significantly impacted that growers were hit with both yield and quality drops that strained pocketbooks.

On the flip side, the plentiful rain pushed dryland production in southern areas to record levels in some places and well above normal expectations just about everywhere else.

Getting the crop out of the field, though, proved to be a challenge at times with weather-related interruptions slowing progress early. After that the next major hurdle turned out to

vested cotton wait weeks and even months before ginning.

Many gins dealt with more cotton than they had ever processed before. While it is unclear whether or not a record for the most cotton ever ginned by a single gin plant can be confirmed, one High Plains gin, United Cotton Growers in Hockley County, may have a pretty good claim for such a record after processing 128,227 bales at its plant in 2004.

United achieved an overall 2004 total of 152,449 bales, including cotton processed by nearby gins subcontracted to shorten the wait time for United customers.

Quality reports from the Lubbock and Lamesa Classing offices show that over the season the High Plains produced a crop with an average Staple length of 34, average Micronaire of 3.6, and an average Strength of 28 grams/tex. The predominant Color grade was a 31 at Lamesa and 41 at Lubbock.

As a testament to the challenge that faced growers throughout the harvest season over fifty percent of the bales classed at the Lubbock Classing office and almost 44 percent of the cotton graded at the Lamesa Classing office were discounted for bark.

REGION'S BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION ZONES ANNOUNCE ASSESSMENT RATES

The Texas Department of Agriculture has announced the 2005 assessment rate, due date and discount date for six of the seven active boll weevil eradication programs in the High Plains region.

The TDA announced assessment rates apply to the following boll weevil eradication zone: Northern High Plains (Hale, Swisher and parts of Armstrong, Briscoe, Floyd and Randall).

Assessment rates for the Northern High Plains zone have been approved, but not announced by the Texas Department of Agriculture at this time.

Each of the announced 2005 assessment rates were set at the rate approved by growers in the original referendums establishing those zones.

Assessment notices will be mailed by August 19, 2005 and payment is due September 30. Growers who pay by September 15 are eligible to receive a two percent discount on their 2005 assessment.

Assessments are based on the

acres certified to the USDA Farm Service Agency. Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres destroyed before the final certification date. Qualifying failed acres must remain free of all hostable cotton until a killing freeze to receive the credit.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

Monthly Average Price Received for 2004-crop Upland Cotton Through February 2005 (Weighted by Marketings)

	Marketings (000's of Running bales)		Prices (cents/Lb.)	
	Monthly	Cum.	Monthly	Weighted
August	1,215	1,215	53.70	53.70
September	537	1,752	49.30	52.35
October	923	2,675	49.50	51.37
November	1,437	4,112	44.40	48.93
December	2,292	6,404	41.00	46.09
January	3,698	10,102	39.60	43.72
February	1,847	11,949	39.00	42.93
March	na	na	42.20*	na

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service; * = preliminary

Wildflower Hotline is Available

Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Department of Transportation's wildflower hotline (800-452-9292) and Internet site (www.dot.state.tx.us) give users information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the 79,000-mile Texas highway system.

The wildflower hotline is active at all times through early May as part of the menu for the road conditions hotline.

To make it easier to find wildflowers in bloom, hotline callers may request information by seven regions of the state: Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas), and Southwest Texas.

Information on the hotline and

Internet comes from TxDOT's maintenance offices, chambers of commerce, and parks officials.

"There should be an above-average crop of bluebonnets statewide," said Ben Bowers of TxDOT Vegetation Management. "However, it may be early April before many of the blossoms appear."

April is considered the prime month for blooming wildflowers.

TxDOT spreads more than 33,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highway rights of way each year. Each pound contains 30 or more varieties of wildflowers.

The statewide locator map for wildflower blossoms is available on the TxDOT webpage at www.dot.state.tx.us by going to a section titled Wildflower Season in Bloom. The map features "wildflower-power" sites, marked with colored circles representing wildflower varieties.

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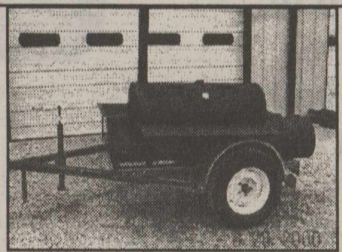
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We'd like to thank this wonderful community of Silverton for the love and care that was expressed to us in the loss of our beloved Ireno. We would like to thank you for the prayers, flowers, food, visits--any way you expressed your love.

We couldn't have chosen a more loving community in which to live. Please continue to pray for us. Ana Baeza
Carlos Baeza and family
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"Thank you all" so much for the Retirement Parties--I have enjoyed so much working with all at the courthouse and the many years in Extension with all of you and the 4-H'ers. It has been a wonderful time in my life and I love each and every one of you.

Thanks so much for everything. Della Boling

There are nettles everywhere, but smooth, green grasses are more common still; the blue of heaven is larger than the cloud.

E. B. Browning

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOANS

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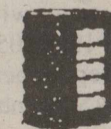
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