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## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The menu for Tri-County Meals for next week includes:

Monday, May 30-Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 1-Beef Tips, Rice, Carrots, Boiled Squash, Biscuits, Dessert

Friday, June 3-Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Green Beans, Corn, Fruit and Cookies

Menus subject to change without notice.

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

Duncan Vernon graduated from Amarillo College with a Certificate of Completion this spring. Duncan applied for and received a good job following his graduation. Vanessa Barbour graduated with an Associate in Applied Science degree. She will complete her studies this summer. Both are graduates of Silverton High School.

The Amarillo College 75th Commencement ceremonies were held at the Amarillo Civic Center Cal Farley Coliseum.

Charlie and I were in Lubbock Wednesday to take our granddaughter, Molly, to have surgery on her foot. Everything went very well, and she should be back at work at Walgreens Pharmacy by now. She has been employed by Walgreens for five years, and received a promotion and pay increase last week.

Ted Kingery came by to tell me about the rabid skunk that got into his fenced yard and chewed up two of his pomeranian dogs. He shot the skunk and had to have the two dogs put down. The skunk's head was sent away to determine if it had rabies. He said the skunk was very large and did not act normal in any way. He also said he was glad the skunk got into his yard instead of the yard where children might have been playing, because he feared for anyone that might have come into contact with it.

Briscoe County News has a new email address: briscoenews@midplains.coop.

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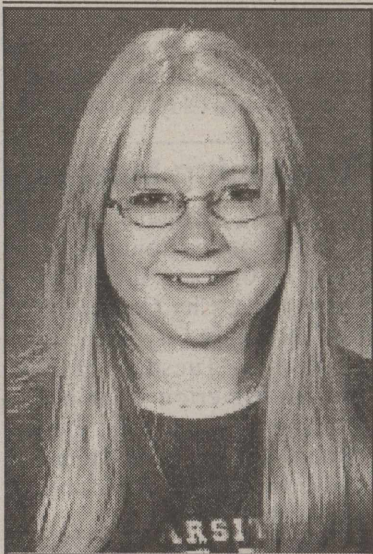
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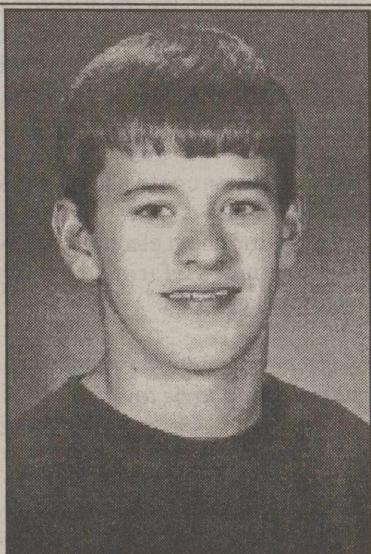
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005

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Charla Rhoderick



Reese Scarborough

## Eighth Grade Graduation is Tonight

Graduation exercises for the Eighth Grade Class of Silverton Junior High will be held beginning at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

Charla Rhoderick, daughter of Charlotte Rhoderick and Eddie Rhoderick, is valedictorian of the class. Granddaughter of Melvin and Marjorie Holcomb of Lockney and Loretha Rhoderick of Silverton and the late J. C. Rhoderick, she has posted a 94.958 scholastic average.

Charla is involved in Pep Squad and is an Eighth Grade cheerleader, in 4-H, earning first place with the Horse Judging team, UIL and basketball. She enjoys babysitting, playing poker with friends and hanging out with friends.

Reese Scarborough, son of Marcus and Jamie Scarborough, has earned a 94.500 grade average and is salutatorian of the class.

Reese's school activities have included football, basketball, track

(discus, pole vault, 800 meter run), UIL (spelling, number sense, maps, graphs & charts, calculator). He is a recipient of the Leader of Tomorrow Award. A member of First Baptist Church in Silverton, he enjoys playing golf.

The other members of the class are Eloy Beltran, Lee True Burson, Torrey Brooke Fuston, Carlos Garcia, Joshua Isreal Garcia, Tyler Scott Garvin, Mikel Cord Griffin, Cade Skyler Holt, Shawn Calvin Johnson, Ismael Martinez, Floyd Butler Otis, Leonardo Samuel Perez, Janna Nichole Schott, Cordero Lance Stidham, Blake Ryan Strange, Heather Marie Tiffin, Thomas Alan Watson, Destiney DeAnn Wilson and Townlii Hayden Ziegler.

The Seventh Grade mothers will host a reception in the cafeteria following the Eighth Grade Graduation.

## Donations, Supplies Needed For Mexico Mission Trip June 6-10

Donations of money and supplies are needed to help finish the medical clinic that was begun during the Thanksgiving holiday. Among items needed are two toilets, two sinks with vanities, seven pre-hung doors, plumbing supplies and a water supply tank.

If you have items to donate, contact Jeff or Vicky Tiffin or First Baptist Church in Silverton.

The group will go to Mexico June 6-10 to complete this work.

## Chamber to Meet Tuesday, June 14

Silverton Chamber of Commerce has changed its regular meeting date to the second Tuesday of each month. Make plans to attend on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton.

## High School Graduation Exercises To Be Held Here Friday, May 27

The Senior Class of 2005 will graduate in a ceremony beginning at 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, in the school auditorium.

James Tiffin is valedictorian of the class, having posted a scholastic average of 93.231. He is the son of Jeff and Vicky Tiffin.

Max Comer owns a scholastic average of 93.096 and is the salutatorian of the class. He is the son of Larry and Cindy Comer.

The other honor graduates are Danielle Ramirez, 91.250; Kelsie Estes, 90.442, and Zack Burson, 90.096.

Ushers for the graduation ceremony are Hanna James, Melonie Johnson, Holly Vernon, Camisha Wilson, Gid Mayfield, Tanner Young, Jacob Francis and Jesse Reynolds.

The Silverton School will be providing childcare in Room 2 of the high school for anyone who needs that during the high school graduation May 27.

In addition to the honor gradu-

## School Schedule For May 25 - 26

Wednesday will be even period tests, and school will dismiss at 1:50 p.m.

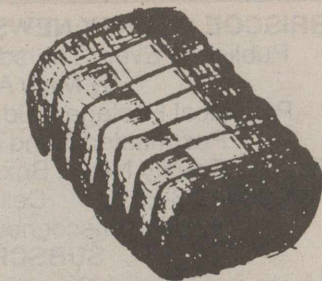
Thursday will be odd period tests and the assembly will begin at 12:35. This will include Kindergarten Graduation, UIL awards for high school, track awards for junior high and high school, the moving-up ceremony and the year-end awards.

School will be dismissed and buses will run at the conclusion of the assembly.

Report cards for PK-5 will be given to the students Thursday, and report cards for grades 7-12 will be mailed out with the TAKS scores provided all charges have been paid.

Wednesday, May 25, schedule for even periods:

2nd period- 8:10- 9:25  
4th period- 9:29-10:44  
6th period-10:48-12:03  
Lunch-12:03-12:30



ates, the other members of the Class of 2005 are Beau Adam Brock, Logan Chance Fisher, Ignacio Gamez, Christopher Garcia, Krista Kay Hale, Jimmy Chance Rhoderick, Humberto Vasquez and Sasha Nicole Wood.

## 4-H Group To Hold Car Wash

The 4-H County Camp Car Wash will begin at 12:00 noon Wednesday, June 1, at the Briscoe County Courthouse.

Homemade ice cream, brownies, cookies and other treats will be available while you wait.

If you need to have your vehicle picked up, please call Barbara at 823-2004 or Norma at 823-2575 or 847-7234.

## Memorial Day Program is Set For Mon., May 27

The annual Memorial Day program will begin at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 30, in the Silverton Cemetery.

Everyone is invited to attend.

The Memorial Day message will be presented by James Mayfield, pastor of Silverton Church of Christ.

Following the program, lunch will be served at noon.

## BCAA Meets Tonight at 'Barn

Briscoe County Activities Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday, May 26) at the Showbarn in Silverton.

Anyone interested in helping with Relay for Life is invited to attend.

8th period-12:35- 1:30

Thursday, May 26, odd period schedule:

1st period- 8:10- 9:25  
3rd period- 9:29-10:44  
5th period-10:48-12:03  
Lunch- 12:03-12:30  
7th period assembly-12:35-1:57

**SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
James Mayfield  
Minister

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Chad King, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th TUESDAY:  
Womens Bible Study  
WEDNESDAY:  
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting  
SECOND WEDNESDAY:  
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
RAs, Rock Salt Youth.....7:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY  
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rance Young, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.  
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.  
TUESDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.  
FRIDAY:  
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.  
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.  
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SUNDAY:  
Mass.....9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Junior & Senior  
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

**RIVER OF GOD FELLOWSHIP**  
Darleta "Dee" Lawhon, Minister

SUNDAY:  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
TUESDAY: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting  
For Further Information  
Call 823-2113

# Praise God In Heaven!



## Where Is Your Heart?

I once worked with a man who enjoyed fishing so much that he would fish all year long. He would ice fish in winter, lake fish in summer, and fish the streams in the spring and fall. It seemed, that almost every evening after work and on most weekends he would be fishing. This man was divorced, and he often said that the reason for his divorce was because his wife gave him the choice of either her or fishing.

There is nothing wrong with fishing or recreational activities; in fact, God wants us to enjoy and use all of the good things that He provides for us. We may say we love sports or good music, or whatever; however, we shouldn't love something that can't love us back. We should reserve our true love for God, family, and friends and try not to let our own pleasures and satisfactions take over our lives. God is love, and if our treasures are Godly things, that is where our hearts will be.



*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

K.J.V. Luke 12:34

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# LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**May 2, 1996**-Caprock Jamboree to celebrate seventh anniversary Saturday night . . . Community to join in praying for rain . . . No local elections to be held this year . . . Stacy Robertson Bain was guest of honor at a baby shower Saturday in the home of Shirley Reynolds . . . Dinner honors Bailey Hill on his 82nd birthday . . . Diana Garza, Josh Manning and Trista Davis have received T-shirts for being 100-point members of the Accelerated Reader Program . . . Little League baseball signup is May 6 . . . Heather Dianne Kitchens and Chad Mitchell Davis plan to marry June 1 in Abilene . . . Reese Air Show is set for May 18-19 . . . Emergency farm loan applications being taken here . . . Weevil recall group to discuss election . . .

**May 1, 1986**-Century of Progress Study Club hosted an awards breakfast for Silverton High School students who have made the honor roll during the past year. Attending, in addition to club members, were Melannie Daniels, Tonia Perkins, Kori Baird, Kristy Fogerson, Tara Nance, Juannah Woods and Donna Tomlin . . . Doc Minyard is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo . . . April rainfall totaled 1.60 inches . . . Mr. and Mrs. Thurman May are parents of a daughter, Kimberli Shalene . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance have been visitors with Jesse Browning of Turkey, a patient at Hall County Hospital in Memphis . . . Penny Sue James will receive an associate in applied science degree in nursing at Amarillo College . . . Chosen as cheerleaders for next school year are Stacie Chappell, Kim Burson, Shannon Bingham, DeLyn Patton, Traci Tomlin and Julie Towe . . . Coy LaBaume, grandson of Ashel and Mildred McDaniel, received the sweepstakes award at the Floyd County Stock Show Banquet . . .

**April 29, 1976**-Fishing Rodeo to highlight opening of Lake Mackenzie . . . A spring thunderstorm which passed over Silverton late Monday afternoon and then apparently backed up or circled back over the area, dropped a large amount of hail and rain on this area. The rain report for Silverton was .40 of an inch, but the ground was white with marble-sized hail when the storm finally passed. In places the hail drifted up like snow. A funnel cloud was reported southwest of Silverton, and the local alarm was sounded but no wind

damage was reported . . . Mrs. Virgil Crow has been a patient at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo . . . Silverton scheduled for Direct Distance Dialing May 15 . . . Mrs. Earl Minyard has been a patient in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo for the past two weeks . . . Mrs. Perry Thomas was a patient last week at Lockney General Hospital . . . Dayne Mayfield was the only Owl to qualify for Regional competition at the District 2-A track meet held at Shamrock last Thursday. Mayfield won first place in the discus with a throw of 141'10" and second in the shot with a put of 47'7 1/2" . . . Ken Sarchet was in Lubbock Saturday to compete in the Region 1-A science contest. He placed third in the District 2-A contest at Clarendon, but placed seventh at Lubbock, seven places ahead of the boy who won first in the district. Sarchet won first place in the District 2-A science contest last year . . . J. D. McGavock had tests run in Amarillo last week . . . Donna Lea Dudley to marry Clayton Dean Pigg . . . Twila Wood and Debra Roehr were contestants in the Bob Wills Day Queen contest held in Turkey. Ronnette Kitchens was one of the ten finalists. She is a former Silverton resident . . .

**May 5, 1966** - Ricky McWilliams participated in the regional spelling bee, won third place and received a \$350.00 set of Encyclopedia Britannica, a trophy and pin. Joan Cross was the junior bee winner here and also received a trophy and pin . . . Friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mallow Wednesday to help Gordon Alexander celebrate his 80th birthday . . . Albert Ramsey buys Boyles Mobile Station . . . The FFA Livestock Judging Team placed seventh in Area I out of some eighty teams and will go to the State Contest at A&M. Team members are Buddy Comer, Leland Wood and Jimmy Burson. The team placed second in the Plainview District. The Dairy Cattle Team, composed of Danny Vaughan, Johnnie Weaver and Larry Comer, placed fourth in district. The Land Judging team placed fifth in district. Team members are Paul McWilliams, Gary Whitfill, Roy Brooks, Roy Wood and Donald West . . . Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Peggy LaVerne, to Mr. George Edward Chase, jr. . . Silverton School had filed a desegregation plan . . . Glen Grosdidier chosen as favorite teacher in SHS . . .

**May 3, 1956**-Six Silverton FFA boys completed requirements for the Lone Star Farmer Degree. They are Bill Stephens, Joe Brannon, Gerald Garvin, Deleath Peugh, Sam Turner and Jim Whitfill . . . Silverton FFA Land Judging Team will be competing in the National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma City. Team members are Jerry Frizzell, Ronald Ledbetter, Robert Hill and Carson Grabbe . . . The Good Gulf Service Station, under the management of Smokey and Tootie Alexander, opened for business on May 1 . . . Rain Monday night brings .78 of an inch of moisture . . . Henry McWatters was honored with a dinner on his 80th birthday anniversary Sunday in the home of his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McWatters . . . The following Silverton High School students have an A in every subject: Susan Anderson, Dianne Fogerson, Norma Gamble, Joy Gatewood, Beverly Seaton, Mary Jane West, Kay Williams, freshmen; Sharon Eddleman, Leah Dare Kellum, Lawanda Reid, Zobie Self, Karla Weaver, Carson Grabbe, sophomores; Evelyn Crowell, senior . . . Ted Hancock visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hancock, in Lubbock over the weekend . . .

**April 30, 1936**-Chas. McEwin has announced that on account of business elsewhere, he is selling his Grocery and Market and leaving as soon as possible . . . The prolonged drouth in this section of the country was broken or at least badly bent when from a half to an inch of rain fell over the weekend . . . First Grade honor roll included Jane White, Wayne White, Marie Dudley, Travis Ellis, Archie Ray, Roy Dean Seaney, Orville Turner, Ray Cash . . . Editor Roy Hahn wrote: "Finley White is claiming the credit for the rain. He has a straw hat that does the trick. He says the minute he puts it on the clouds begin to gather. I had a pair of white shoes once that had the same power over the elements" . . . The Antelope Flat Senior Sunday School Class enjoyed a marshmallow toast and "weeny" roast on Mexican Creek Wednesday evening. Those attending were Misses Anna Graves, Hazel Marie Merrill, Gussie Marie Bullock, Margaret Edens, Emma Bullock, Studie Waldrop; Messrs. Raymond Waldrop, Hugh Sanders, Milton Sanders, Steve Edens, Leon Sanders, O. B. Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Graves and children . . . Billy Wayne Garvin, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Garvin, swallowed some gasoline last week. He has been quite ill, but was improved some Tuesday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ashel McDaniel, Mrs. Lola Stanifer, Bud McGowin and

## Jail-N-Bail Project To Benefit Relay for Life

It's that time again. On May 21, 2005, the Briscoe County Bail Busters will be rounding up "criminals" in Silverton for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

The Bail Busters are accepting donations for "warrants" to be issued and "hoosegow" insurance is also available. The fee to have a warrant issued is \$3.00 or you can get four (4) of them for \$10.00. Insurance fees are \$15.00 but if the warrant(s) are issued before the insurance is purchased, no "fines"

will be added to the price of the insurance. Fines will be assessed at \$5.00 per "offense". However, once the insurance is purchased, no warrant(s) may be issued for your arrest.

So come one, come all; step up and get even for warrants that were issued last year. Win friends, influence people, and have a little fun with the Bail Busters on May 21, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

To purchase your "jailhouse" insurance, contact Jeff Fuston or Jeannine West at the Briscoe County Sheriff's Office.

## Swimming Pool To Open June 1

The Seventh Street pool will open for the summer season June 1. Pool dues will be \$175.00 if paid by June 1 (an "Early Bird Special") and \$200.00 if paid after June 1. An option to pay in two parts is not being offered. Anyone living in Briscoe County may purchase a membership; this includes grand-

parents with grandchildren living outside of Briscoe County. Persons purchasing a membership will need to fill out a form with all the family information on it. This will need to be signed before anyone can swim. Parents, please be with your kids the first day so this form can be filled out.

The cost for each guest will be \$4.00 a person and guests must be accompanied by a member to swim.

Pool parties will be \$50.00, and can be booked with the pool manager.

Hours for the summer will be Tuesday through Saturday, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Sundays, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

If you would like to pay dues early or ask any questions, please contact Kyle Fuston or Missy Forbes.

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**SASHA NICOLE WOOD**

Sasha Nicole Wood is the daughter of Lanny and Connie Barnett. She has brown eyes, brown hair and stands 5'7" tall. Her birthday is May 22.

Her pet peeve is "jealousy--people who are jealous of other people's accomplishments and try to bring them down." Her favorite foods are Chinese and shrimp. Her favorite pastime is "playing basketball and hanging out with friends and family."

The song she likes best is "Charlene" by Anthony Hamilton. Her favorite subjects in SHS have been art and athletics, and she lists Ms. Jennings as her favorite teacher. She lists her parents and past coach Joe Don Elam as those who have influenced her life most.

Following her high school graduation, Sasha plans to attend college and continue playing basketball. She plans to major in physical therapy.

She has been a member of Future Homemakers of America her junior and senior years. She took part in UIL One-Act Play her junior and senior years.

Sasha played basketball four years and served as a team captain this year. She was named to the All-District team, won academic honors, and was chosen for the All-Star Game this year. She won the Basketball Award her junior and senior years.

She participated in track her senior year and was a Regional qualifier. She played tennis her freshman and sophomore years, and was a Regional qualifier. She was the Tennis MVP her sophomore year.

Sasha was in Pep Squad her junior year and served as a cheerleader her senior year. She was on the honor roll this year.

She was named to the All-tournament Team at the Amherst Tournament, was All-Star Player of the Week in the Amarillo Globe her sophomore year, and was a state qualifier in twirling.

In Lockney she participated in the band and played trumpet. She was a twirler from sixth grade until she was a sophomore.

**IGNACIO GAMEZ**

Ignacio Gamez is the son of Manuel Colunga. He has brown eyes, black hair, and stands 5'6" tall. His birthday is June 28.

His favorites include Mexican food, shopping and art. His favorite teacher has been Mrs. Towe, and he lists the person who has influenced his life most as his brother, Manuel.

Following his high school graduation, he plans to work.

He was a member of Future Farmers of America two years. He

**BEAU BROCK**

Beau Brock is the son of Byron and Shelley Brock. He has blue eyes, blonde hair and stands 5'10" tall. His birthday is November 23.

His pet peeve is definitely "broken collarbones."

His favorite foods are barbecue and potato salad. His favorite pastime is participating in stock shows. The song he likes best is Willie Nelson's "Seven Spanish Angels."

His favorite subject in SHS has been ag. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Brock, and he lists his parents as those who have influenced his life most.

Following his high school graduation, Beau plans to attend Tarleton State University.

He was chosen as Mr. SHS this year. He is a four-year member of Future Farmers of America. He won the FFA Star Greenhand Award in 2002.

He played football four years, and served as a team captain this year. He was an All-District player his sophomore and junior years. He was a second team All-District football player his sophomore and junior years.

He participated in track his freshman and sophomore years.

Beau served his class as reporter his sophomore year; treasurer his junior year, and secretary his senior year.

He won the Don Burson Memorial Herdsman Award, the Junior Steer Showmanship of the Briscoe County Livestock Show in 1999 and 2000, and the Senior Steer Showmanship Award of the Briscoe County Show in 2004 and 2005.

Beau exhibited show steers through 4-H and FFA for nine years. He exhibited the Briscoe County Grand Champion Steer in 2003 and 2004, and raised and exhibited the Champion AOB Steer of the San Antonio Livestock Show in 2002 and 2004.

In 1996-1998 he was on the Junior Livestock Judging Team, Briscoe County 4-H, 2002 and 2005 Livestock Judging FFA, Student of the Month in 2004.

played football three years and basketball two years. He participated in track three years.

**CHRISTOPHER GARCIA**

Christopher Garcia is the son of Norberto and Olga Garcia. He has brown eyes, black hair, and stands 6'1" tall. His birthday is May 29.

Chris was Class Favorite his junior year. He participated in Future Farmers of America his freshman and senior years.

He was a member of the Pep Squad his freshman and sophomore years.

He lists his pet peeve as "stupid

**KRISTA KAY HALE**

Krista Kay Hale has blue eyes, blonde hair and stands 5'7" tall. Her parents are Ronnie and Karla Hale, and her birthday is January 13.

Her pet peeve is "people with dry skin." Her favorite food is pineapple pizza. The pastime she enjoys most is "hanging out with my friends and family." Her favorite subject is athletics, and the song she enjoys most is "Somewhere Down in Texas" by Jason Boland.

Krista's favorite teacher is Ms. Jennings, and she lists those who have influenced her life most as her parents, Ronnie and Karla Hale, and grandparents, G. W. and Veneta Chappell.

She was elected Most Popular earlier this year and has been chosen as Wittiest her sophomore, junior and senior years. She was a member of the Annual Staff her freshman year.

She is a four-year member of Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America, which she served as secretary this year.

A four-year basketball player, she was a team captain and was an All-District player this year. She won the Basketball Award her sophomore and senior years. She participated in track her freshman, sophomore and senior years, and was a Regional qualifier her freshman year.

She was a member of the Pep Squad her freshman and sophomore years, and was a cheerleader her junior and senior years. She was chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students four years.

Krista participated in Cross Country four years; was Caring Student of the Month in October 2005, and was chosen as Football Sweetheart her senior year.



people." His favorite foods are burgers, chicken, pasta and steak. His favorite pastime is "hanging out, riding motorcycle." The song he enjoys most is "Cold" by Classfede.

The subject he has enjoyed most in SHS is English, and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Towe.

Chris was chosen as a Class Favorite his junior year. He was in Future Farmers of America his freshman and senior years. He was a member of the Pep Squad his freshman and sophomore years.

Following his high school graduation, Chris plans to "have success in whatever I fall into."

**HUMBERTO VASQUEZ**

Humberto Vasquez is the son of Isidra and Patricia Vasquez. He has brown eyes, black hair and stands 5'7" tall. His birthday is December 13.

Humberto's pet peeve is "picky eaters." His favorite food is steak. The song he likes best is "Baby I am Back." His favorite subject has been ag, and his favorite teachers have been Mrs. Towe and Mrs. Reynolds.

He lists his parents as having had the most influence on his life.

His favorite pastime is "girls."

Humberto played football three years and was chosen as All-State second string kicker. He played basketball two years. In track, he was an Area qualifier in the sprint relay his sophomore year.

**PROGRAM SIGN-UP**

USDA Secretary Mike Johanns reminded producers that June 1, 2005 is the last date to sign up for the 2005-crop Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment Program (DCP) without paying an administrative late fee.

USDA will accept late-filed DCP applications through Sept. 30, 2005, if accompanied by a \$100 late fee. Sign-up for the 2005 DCP began on Oct. 1, 2004. The 2002 Farm Bill requires producers to sign annual contracts in order to participate in DCP.

Producers may sign-up online for DCP at [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/egov/edcp\\_default.htm](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/egov/edcp_default.htm). To access the online service, producers must have an active USDA eAuthentication Level 2 account.

**Cotton Market weekly**  
 A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

Cotton futures settled lower Thursday, at the New York Board of Trade amid follow-through fund liquidation, traders said. Even a healthy export sales report from USDA was not enough to buoy the market.

"The export sales report showed strong sales when some were expecting cancellations," one trader said. "Most market sources were hesitant to make a guess on the size of the report after last week's sales figures fell into the red with major decreases seen from Turkey and China."

In the week ended May 12, net export sales of 306,500 bales of U. S. cotton rebounded from the prior week's marketing year low and were eight percent less than the four-week average. Major buyers included China, Turkey, Indonesia and Mexico. Net sales of 57,900 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were mainly for Mexico and South Korea.

Export shipments of 265,400 bales were seven percent less than the previous week and 23 percent less than the four-week average. The primary destination was China, followed by Turkey, Mexico and Thailand.

In the spot cotton market, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas decreased in the week ended May 19 as sales totaled 729 bales compared to the previous week when 5,808 bales were traded. Average prices re-

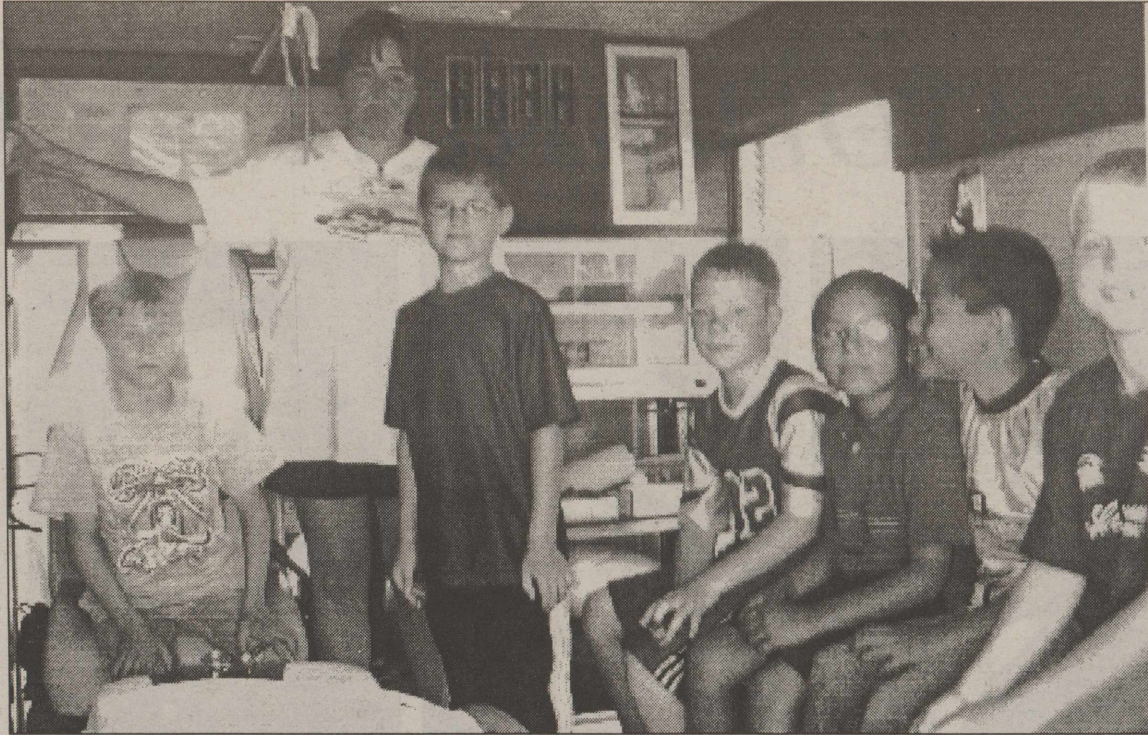
ceived by producers in the most recent week ranged from 37.37 to 43.26 cents per pound compared to 25.60 to 44.16 cents per pound the previous week.

Meanwhile, the cotton crop progress report showed that plantings mostly are on schedule with the same time one year ago as well as the average. As of May 15, 55% of the new crop had been planted versus 57% at the same time last year.

Planting expanded in the Southeast as farmers rushed to get seed in the ground before inclement weather returned at the end of the week. Sunny, warmer weather has helped improve growing conditions throughout the Delta. Although crop development there remains behind the normal pace for this time of year, most stands are healthy.

Hot, dry weather prevailed across Texas this week. Planting gained momentum on the High and Rolling Plains, and if favorable conditions hold, most producers expect to complete planting activities before the optimum planting period expires at the end of the month. Daytime temperatures have been warm, but nighttime lows are expected to linger in the 50s which could slow germination and early development.

Scattered showers fell in the Texas Rio Grande Valley Monday with locally heavy precipitation recorded in isolated locales.



Elementary classes were given a tour of the Silverton EMS ambulance last week. Pictured is EMT Kristi Wadlow explaining about the interior of the ambulance to (left to right) Koree Smith, Josh Patton, Braden Bigham, Enrique Gamez, Jacob Ortiz and Riley Cogdell, second graders.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Company To Drill Test Well in Basin

Officials of a Canadian company said Wednesday they plan to drill a test well in the Palo Duro Basin in the last half of the year.

Wolf Regener, head of land acquisitions and secretary of Bankers Petroleum (U.S.) Inc., told members of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association that the company leased 240,000 acres in the basin area of Briscoe, Motley and Floyd counties.

Bankers Petroleum is based in Calgary.

The company plans to focus on the Bend Group Shales of the basin, which are about 8,250 to 9,500 feet deep and between 400 and 900 feet thick with high permeability from natural fractures, said Jim Hill, an exploration consultant to Bankers Petroleum Inc.

"We feel it's going to be mainly gas with quite a bit of oil," Regener said.

Other companies have taken a stab at the Palo Duro Basin starting in 1951. Four wells have been drilled, including two in recent months, Hill said.

Mike Long of Silverton is a landowner interested in Bankers Petroleum's activities.

PPROA awarded Long its Distinguished Service Award for his desire to educate fellow residents about oil and gas activity in the area. He said he decided to study the petroleum industry after being offered a less-than-favorable lease deal two years ago.

Long said he struck a fair deal with DBP Exploration on Wednesday morning. He declined to name the terms of the agreement.

Long doesn't want Silverton residents to get too excited yet about the prospects for black gold. "I know the geology of it, and I have to keep it at ground level that nothing's there 'til it's proven," he said.

## 4-H'ers Elect New Officers

by Brittany Deckard

Thursday, May 19, the 4-H Club had a meeting to decide who the 2005-2006 officers were going to be.

The 2005-2006 president is Emily Garcia; vice president is Katlian Reagan; secretary is Khaki Scrivner; parliamentarian is John Pigg, and reporter is Brittany Deckard.

It was decided we would have

a car wash June 1 to help raise money for County Camp. The end-of-school 4-H dance has been changed to June 4 at the Silverton Showbarn. It will be from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m.

It was decided that Silverton and Valley would combine together. We will have a junior and senior group.

We had hot dogs for dinner.

## Another Cancer Survivor's Story

I was first examined for prostate cancer in March of 1989. I was told at that time that I might have it, and he set up an appointment with Dr. Jack Long. After my examination, Dr. Long told me that I did have cancer of the prostate, but it was in the early stages. He thought by taking my prostate out right away that he could get it all before it spread.

I was operated on June 5, 1989; the operation lasted over eight hours and they had to give me 13 units of blood and plasma. I stayed in the hospital for eight days, and it was about five weeks before I was able to go back to work at the Post Office.

I've been going for check-ups every year to Dr. Long since the operation and have received a good check-up every year!

I urge every man over 50 to get a check-up if he hasn't ever had one! They have different ways to treat prostate cancer these days!

The Relay for Life walk will be June 3 at the Valley School.

Please give a donation to one

of the teams that will be taking part in this walk to fight cancer!

It will be 16 years on June 5 since my operation!

A cancer survivor,  
Fred A. Strange

## SBA Economic Injury Loans Are Available

Businesses in some Texas and New Mexico counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Excessive rain that occurred November 25, 2004 and continuing, causing many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program. Briscoe County businesses are eligible to apply by calling 1-800-366-6303.

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# Memorial Day

## Memorial Day Program

### Monday, May 30, 11:00 a.m.

## Silverton Cemetery

James Mayfield  
Speaker

Lunch Will Be Served  
At Noon

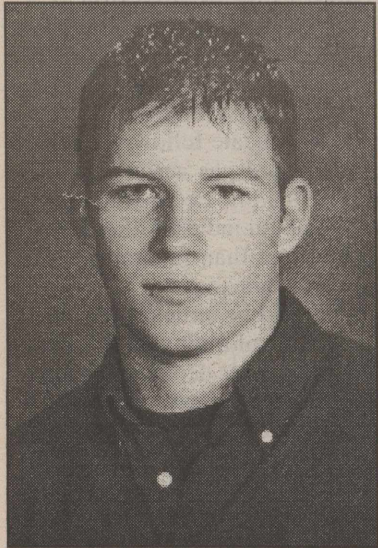



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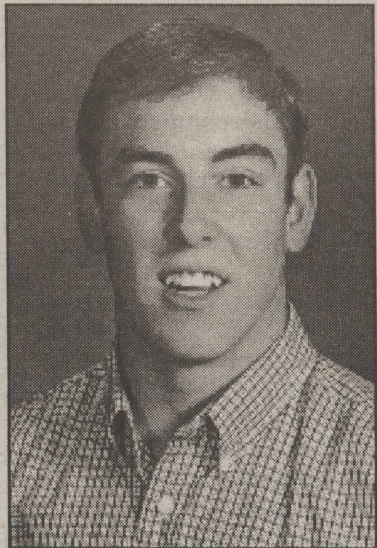
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Valedictorian



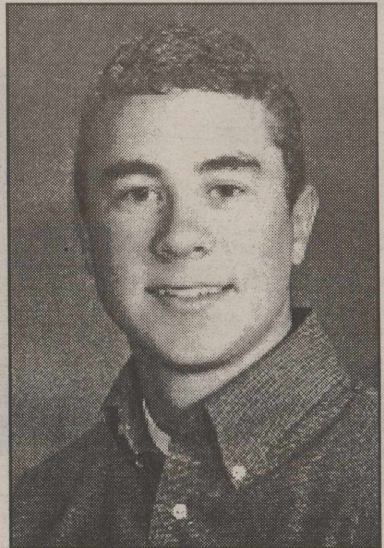
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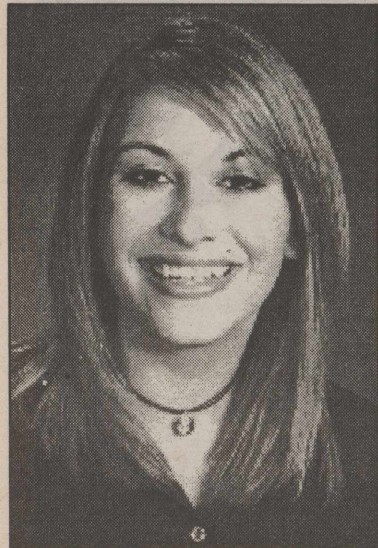
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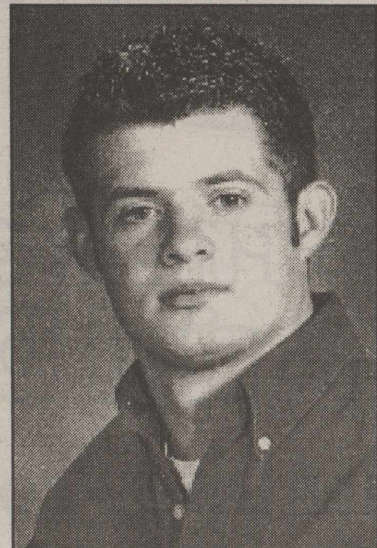
Kelsie Shea Estes  
Honor Graduate



Zackary John Burson  
Honor Graduate



Sasha Nicole Wood



Beau Adam Brock



**We salute you, SHS graduates, for a job well done.**

**You've worked hard for your diploma  
and we know you have**

**many more accomplishments ahead of you.**

**We expect great things from you in the future,**

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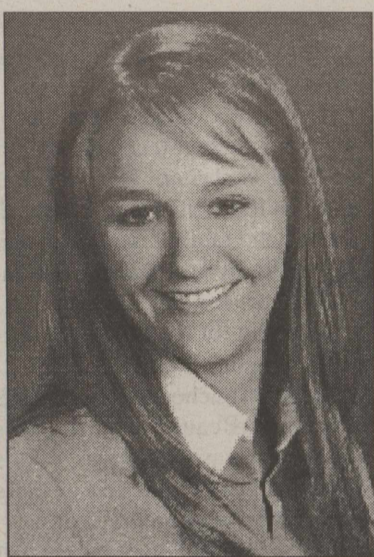
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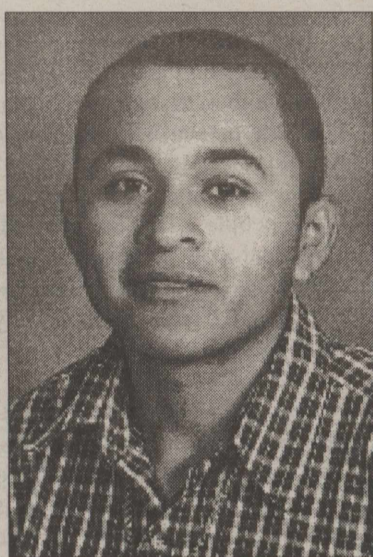
# School Class of 2005



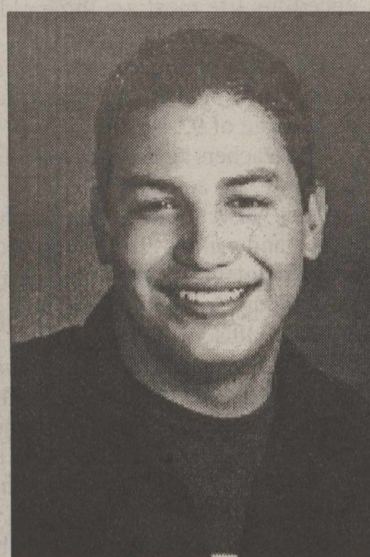
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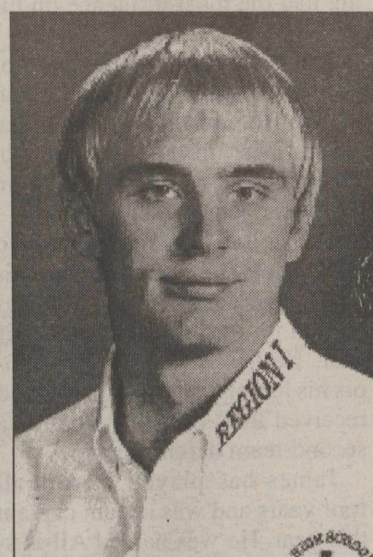
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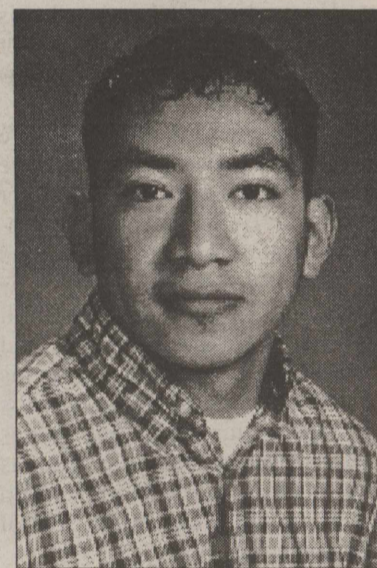
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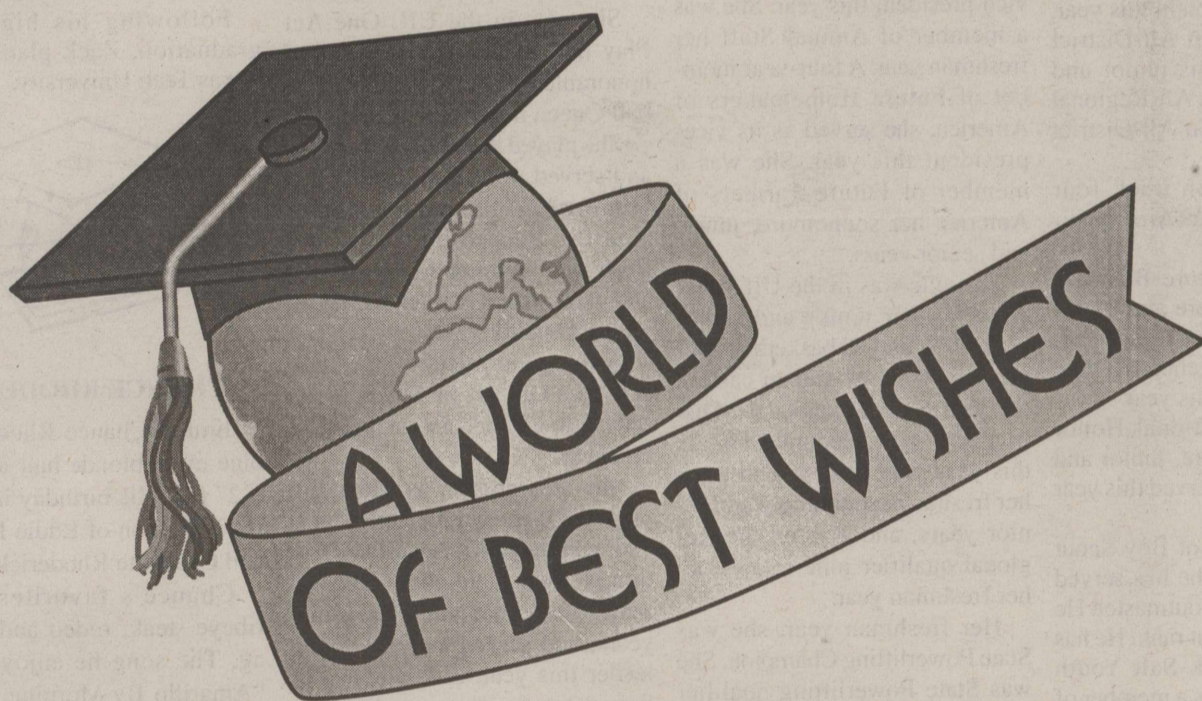
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**JAMES LYNN TIFFIN**  
Valedictorian

James Lynn Tiffin is graduating as the valedictorian of the Class of 2005 with a scholastic average of 93.231. Son of Jeff and Vicky Tiffin, he lists his mother as having had the most influence on his life.

He is a four-year member of Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America. He has been in the UIL One-Act Play four years, and received an honorable mention one year.

He is a four-year football player, having served as team captain his junior and senior years. He was chosen for the All-Star Game this year. He has won academic honors his junior and senior years, and received the Football Award as a second-team defensive end.

James has played basketball four years and was a team captain this year. He was named All-District his junior and senior years and won academic honors both years.

He participated in track his freshman, sophomore and senior years. James took part in UIL literary criticism.

A four-year member of Future Business Leaders of America, he is serving as the secretary-treasurer this year. He is a four-year member of National Honor Society and is its president this year.

He has been on the honor roll all four years in high school, and was the highest-ranking boy in his class four years. He served his class as reporter his junior year and as vice-president this year. He has been chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students four years.

James' birthday is July 17, and he stands 5'10" tall, and has hazel eyes and brown hair. His pet peeve is "windy days." His favorite foods are steak and shrimp. The pastime he enjoys most is "hanging out with friends." His favorite song is "Desperado," and his favorite subject in SHS has been art. His favorite teacher is Ms. Jennings.

Following his high school graduation, James plans to attend West Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in computer science.

**LOGAN CHANCE FISHER**

Logan Chance Fisher is the son of Paula Montague and Roger Fisher. His birthday is September 6. He has brown eyes, brown hair and stands 5'8" tall.

His pet peeve is "nosy people." His favorite food is pizza, and his favorite subject in SHS has been math. Following his graduation from SHS, he plans to attend college.

He has been chosen as Most Handsome his sophomore, junior

**MAX RANDOLPH COMER**  
Salutatorian

Max Randolph Comer is the son of Larry and Cindy Comer. His birthday is July 3. He stands 5'10" tall, has hazel eyes and brown hair. He says the people who have influenced his life most are three older brothers and sister.

He is graduating as salutatorian of the Class of 2005, having posted an average of 93.096.

The teachers he has enjoyed most are Mr. Long and Mrs. Towe.

Max was chosen as Wittiest his junior and senior years. He served in the Student Council four years, as secretary his junior year and as president this year.

A four-year member of Future Farmers of America, he served the chapter as reporter his junior and senior years. He was a member of Future Homemakers of America his freshman and sophomore years.

Max is a four-year member of the UIL One-Act Play casts, having earned Zone and District All-Star Cast honors.

He played football four years, serving as a team captain this year. He was chosen as an All-District defensive lineman his junior and senior years, and was All-Regional this year. He has won All-District academic honors.

He participated in track four years and was a discus Area qualifier.

A member of Future Business Leaders his sophomore and senior years, he served the chapter as president this year. He was chosen as Pep Squad Beau earlier this year.

A member of National Honor Society his sophomore, junior and senior years, he has served this year as vice-president.

Max is a member of Boy Scout Troop 262 in which he has served as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He has earned Eagle Scout rank. He has participated in Rock Salt Youth Group activities and is a member of the Mexico Mission Team.

Max lists his pet peeve as "picky eaters." His favorite foods are steak and mashed potatoes. His favorite pastime is "making and spending money." The song he enjoys most is "Never Be Your Women." His favorite subject has been "lunch."

Following his high school graduation, Max plans to go into the Marine Corps and attend college.

and senior years, and as Best Dressed his junior and senior years. He was Fall Festival King earlier this year.

He is a four-year member of Future Farmers of America.



**DANIELLE RAMIREZ**  
Honor Graduate

Danielle Marie Ramirez is the daughter of Paul Cruz and Palmira Womack. She has brown eyes, dark brown hair and stands 5'3" tall. Her birthday is August 4.

Her favorite teacher has been Coach Bigham, and she says her grandmother, Mary Ramirez, has been the person who influenced her life most.

Danielle's pet peeve is "two faced people." Her favorites include seafoods, "hanging out with friends and classmates," and listening to "Texas Angel" by Honeybrown. Her favorite subject in SHS is art.

Danielle was chosen as friendliest her junior and senior years. She was elected to Who's Who her junior year and was chosen as Fall Festival Queen that same year. She was class favorite her junior and senior years.

A four-year member of Student Council, Danielle has served as vice-president this year. She was a member of Annual Staff her freshman year. A four-year member of Future Homemakers of America, she served as its vice-president this year. She was a member of Future Farmers of America her sophomore, junior and senior years.

Danielle was in the UIL One-Act Play her junior and senior years. She played basketball four years, serving as a team captain this year. She was named All-District and won academic honors this year. She took part in track her freshman, sophomore and senior years, and was on the Regional qualifier mile relay team her freshman year.

Her freshman year, she was State Powerlifting Champion. She was State Powerlifting qualifier her sophomore year. Her freshman year she was a Regional qualifier in cross country.

She was a member of Future Business Leaders of America her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She was a member of Pep Squad her freshman year, and served as a cheerleader her sophomore, junior and senior years. She was on the honor roll and a member of National Honor Society this year. She is graduating as the highest ranking girl in her class, with an average of 91.250.

Danielle was chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students all four years of her high school career.

Following graduation, Danielle plans to attend West Texas A&M University to major in nursing.

**KELSIE SHEA ESTES**  
Honor Graduate

Kelsie Shea Estes is the daughter of Jim and Donna Estes. She lists her sister, Amanda, as having had the greatest influence on her life.

Kelsie's birthday is February 27. She has blue eyes, brown hair and stands 5'4" tall.

Her pet peeve is "people touching me with their feet." Her favorite food is shrimp. Her favorites also include "hanging out with friends and family," ag and listening to "Baby Got Back." Her favorite teacher is Mr. Burson.

Her plan for the future is to become a neonatal nurse.

Kelsie was chosen as Miss SHS and Most Beautiful earlier this year. She was elected to Who's Who her senior year and as class favorite her sophomore year.

A member of Future Farmers of America as a junior and senior, she is a four-year member of Future Homemakers of America, serving as the chapter president this year.

She was in the UIL One-Act Play her junior year and earned honorable mention. She was Football Queen her senior year.

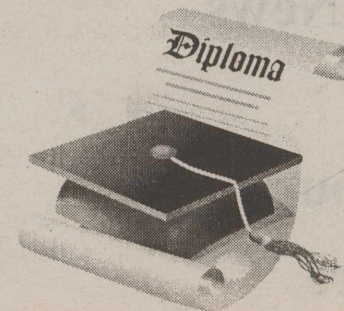
She played basketball four years and served as a team captain this year, earning academic honors. She won the Basketball Award her freshman, junior and senior years, and participated in track her freshman and senior years.

A four-year member of Future Business Leaders of America, she served the chapter as vice president this year.

She was chosen as Most Improved Player her freshman year and won the Spirit Award her first three years in high school. She was a cheerleader her junior and senior years, and served as head cheerleader this year. She was in Pep Squad her freshman and sophomore years.

She has been on the honor roll this year. She was a class officer all four years of her high school career, and was chosen for Who's Who Among American High School Students four years.

Kelsie was Student of the Month, class officer, and Football Sweetheart her junior year.



**ZACK BURSON**  
Honor Graduate

Zack Burson is the son of Bryan and Lana Burson. His birthday is April 30. He has blue eyes, brown hair and stands 5'7" tall.

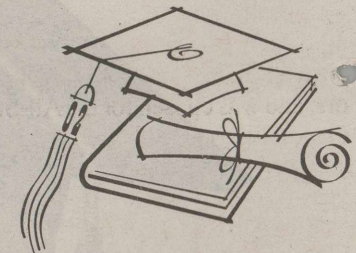
He lists his parents as those who have influenced his life most and Mrs. Towe as his favorite teacher. Ag is his favorite subject in SHS.

Zack's pet peeve is "people that crunch their ice." His favorite foods are steak and baked potatoes. His favorite pastime is "roping and riding horses." The song he enjoys most is "Alabama" by Cross Canadian Ragweed.

He was chosen as Friendliest his freshman year and won the "I Dare You" award his junior year. A four-year member of Future Farmers of America, he served as a chapter officer all four years. He is a four-year member of Future Homemakers of America, having served as an officer this year.

He was chosen as FHA Beau this year and won the 4-H Gold Star Award his junior year. He was a class officer four years.

Following his high school graduation, Zack plans to enter Texas Tech University.



**CHANCE RHODERICK**

Jimmy Chance Rhoderick has blue eyes, blonde hair and stands 6'2" tall. His birthday is May 11. He is the son of Eddie Rhoderick and Charlotte Rhoderick.

Chance's favorites include ribeye steak, rodeo and studying ag. The song he enjoys most is "Amarillo By Morning." His favorite teacher is Patsy Towe.

Following his high school graduation, Chance plans to enter college to work toward becoming an ag teacher.

He is a four-year member of Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America. He took part in UIL One-Act Play his sophomore and junior years.

He played football four years and served as a team captain this year. He participated in track his freshman and senior years, and was a Regional qualifier in the 800 meter relay.

He is a four-year member of Future Business Leaders of America.

Chance has been a member of the Rodeo Club his freshman, junior and senior years.





The first through fourth grade students of Silverton Elementary recently participated in Jump Rope for Heart. The group collected a total of \$1,677.63. First grade collected \$430.26, and Tricia Curry collected the largest amount of donations with \$75.00. Pictured are (back row) Ryan Baird, Gavin Smith, Noe Beltran, Beningo Nayola, Zane Hunt, Francisca Alanis; (front row) Javier Gamez, Adri Patino, Chanda King, Lucchesse Cogdell, Julissa Martinez, Maison Fuston. Not pictured was Tricia Curry.



The Second grade collected \$318.05. Riley Cogdell collected the largest amount with \$77.55. Pictured are (back row) Riley Cogdell, Joshua Patton, Braden Bigham, Enrique Gamez, Jacob Ortiz; (front row) Ciara Patino, Giselle Yanez, Sarah Branham, Koree Smith.



Shelby Fuston collected \$125.00. She was recognized by the American Heart Association and received a congratulatory letter as well as her prizes.

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The Third grade collected \$372.75. Harlee Cogdell and Candy Kate Carpenter each collected \$75.00. Pictured are (back row) Brittney Grabbe, Candy Kate Carpenter, Molly Moore, Harlee Cogdell, Matias DeLeon, Kaison Hubbard; (front row) Monica Alanis, Karina Garcia, Skyler Roberts, Gustavo Alanis.



The Fourth grade collected \$550.82. Those who took part in the Jump Rope for Heart were (back row) Ashley Smith, Tessa Breedlove, Selena Martinez, Katie Bullock, Amanda Cerda, Cody Daugherty, Jeremy Hall, Hilario Nyola, Valeria Garcia; (front row) Brewster Garcia, Rowdy Cogdell, Abbie Tipton, Marvin Yanez, Shelby Fuston. Not pictured is Derrik Smith.

**Texas Cooperative EXTENSION**  
 David Hawkins, CEA-Ag  
 Briscoe County, Texas

Almost half of the U. S. honey bee population has been affected by a tiny parasite known as the varroa mite. The pest attacks adult and brood bees, then sucks their blood, weakening them and shortening their life spans. Extension experts recommend bee keepers check their hives frequently and act quickly with proper chemicals if the mite is found. Bees pollinate 130 crops in the U. S., and contribute \$14-billion annually in improved crop yields and quality.

Wheat producers face new disease and pest challenges every year. An A&M researcher is trying to help fight these battles by crossing synthetic wheat varieties and wild grasses from Turkey. He is trying to create a variety with rapid stand establishment and early fall growth. Current local strains of wheat have limited genetic variability. He hopes to double genetic gain by doubling genetic variability.

*A technical objection is the first refuge of a scoundrel.*  
 Heywood Broun

**One-More-Time Jamboree**  
**July 9, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Proceeds go for the Upkeep of Showbarn**

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*From the Bird's Nest*

by Jerry Birdsong  
Superintendent  
Silverton ISD

Okay! Finally on the last day of the 2004-05 school year, I can declare or admit that I am ready for graduation night. But it is not because this year has been a drag or I am tired--this has been a fantastic year. But it is time to change gears and look toward next year. There is only so much ignorance we can stomp out in a given year.

One of the things I have always enjoyed about the school business is the change of seasons. The changing of activities throughout the year and school-year cycle we experience refreshes me. As we close the 2004-05 chapter at Silverton ISD, we can celebrate our successes this year and look forward to the challenges that 2005-06 will bring.

We will be graduating 13 outstanding seniors Friday night, May 27. Silverton ISD is proud of the accomplishments of this class. They are a talented group of young people and we will be looking forward to seeing great things from them in the future.

One of the lasting marks of this class is the sign on the school gym. If you haven't seen the sign, stop and take a look. Thanks to the Class of 2005 and Ms. Jennings for making a great addition to the appearance of our campus.

One of the special aspects that I have seen at Silverton ISD is that our successes with our kids come from working with one kid at a time. The individual attention that our staff provides for our kids contributes to the Silverton graduate becoming a functioning member of society. Although our school performed well on the state's standardized test, our schools offer so much more to our kids. Our faculty recognizes the difference it makes in the lives of those that are touched. Sometimes it takes the smallest of efforts--a smile, a kind word, or a little encouragement to change a kid's day into a positive experience. We are excited about continuing this tradition into the 2005-06 school year.

We recently received our preliminary TAKS results from the Spring 2005 exams. The standards for passing were raised again this year and our teaching staff did an exceptional job of preparing our kids for the tests. District-wide preliminary results reveal that 92% of our students passed language arts, 87% passed math, 98% passed social studies, 88% passed science, and 96% passed writing. This type of performance requires teamwork among teachers, students, parents

**Local Newspaper Named to 2005 Media Honor Roll**

Whereas, in each community, the public schools are shaped by that community to provide the most appropriate and effective education for the schoolchildren who attend those schools; and

Whereas, public schools are dependent on the community's support in countless ways, including support in setting goals for the and the community.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mike Long for his years of service to the kids at Silverton ISD. After 19 years in the system, Mr. Long has decided to retire and pursue other opportunities. As a school administrator, I have had the privilege to supervise outstanding teachers. In my experience I have not found a more exceptional teacher than Mike Long. I hope that he doesn't stray off too far--we may need his expertise in the future.

Filling Mr. Long's void will be a familiar person to our community. Jeremy Holt, a 1999 Silverton High School grad, will be returning to teach secondary science and fulfill coaching duties at his alma mater. Jeremy spent the 2004-05 school year teaching Integrated Physics and Chemistry, Biology, and Chemistry at Amherst High School. He will be an outstanding addition to our staff and we are looking forward to him becoming an outstanding teacher.

The legislative session is coming to an end this month. Only in time will we be able to interpret what the new laws bring to Silverton ISD. Once graduation is over, my main focus will turn to building our school budget for next year. In small schools with declining enrollment there will always be a limitation of funds. I am proud of the job that our staff has done in stretching our resources and taking care of the taxpayers' money.

I cannot believe that this school year is all but over. The past 12 months have been a whirlwind for me and I can't remember a more enjoyable year professionally. Silverton ISD is blessed with a great staff and tremendous community support. It has been refreshing for me. Our family also has had a great year. The girls have adjusted well and we have all fallen in love with the community. Maps don't always portray the personality or character of a place. I do not believe that a person can truly understand the Silverton experience without living it. Thanks again for the community support and a great school year.

education of our children, in establishing successful volunteer and booster programs at the schools, for annual funding of operations, in periodic bond elections, in the election of qualified school board members; and

Whereas, much of the community's knowledge and opinions about the public schools rely on responsible reporting by local media representatives who decide which news to share with the

community, how much attention will be focused on various issues, and what the tone of the reporting will be; therefore

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Silverton ISD places the name of Briscoe County News on the statewide Media Honor Roll, calling attention to the ongoing responsible and exemplary nature of reporting on this community's public schools. We express our appre-

ciation for your balanced and accurate approach to sharing with this community both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved by the teachers and students. Your work has aided this community in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child who attends them.

May 17, 2005  
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**Obituary**

**WIL T. BOMAR**

Graveside services for Wil T. Bomar, 30, were scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, in the Silverton Cemetery with Albert Valdez of Quitaque and Rance Young, minister of Silverton United Methodist Church, officiating. The body was to lie in state at the First Baptist Church in Silverton from 8:30 a.m. Tuesday until service time.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kornerstone Funeral Directors of Tulia.

Mr. Bomar passed away on Saturday, May 21, 2005, in Silverton.

Born September 18, 1974, he grew up in Silverton. He was the fifth generation of his family in Briscoe County.

He was graduated from Silverton High School with the Class of 1993.

He attended West Texas State University, and married Joni Hancock July 8, 1999, in Canyon. He ranched in Briscoe County and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charlie Bomar.

He is survived by his wife, Joni, of Silverton; his parents, Paula Wood of Mission, Texas and Terry Bomar of Silverton; one sister, Molly Dorn Roberts of Tulsa, Oklahoma; his grandparents, E. A. and Norma Birdwell and Carl and Dorothy Bomar, all of Silverton; two aunts, Amy Birdwell Strange of Amarillo and Roy Ann Bomar of Austin.

Memorials may be sent to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 S. W. 11th Street, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

**May is Electric Safety Month**

The month of May is National Electric Safety Month. More than 500 people die from electrocution every year. Among major industries, agriculture ranks second in the number of electrocution deaths. It takes less than 15 millamperes to produce a painful shock, and 20 millamperes can be fatal. That is only a fraction of the electrical current needed to power a 60-watt light bulb, which draws about 500 millamperes. Discuss electrical hazards with your family and farm workers. Throw away any damaged extension cords. Clearly mark overhead power lines. For more information about electrical safety on the farm, visit [agsafety.tamu.edu](http://agsafety.tamu.edu).

*To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved.*

George Macdonald

**From the Patio**

by Nina Martin

May 17--The quilters this week were Joy Stodghill, Wanda Strange, Ann Norris, Rose Mary Perkins, Nadyne Childress, Christene King, Sybil King and Nina Martin.

Christene's granddaughter, Amy Wade of Dallas, came to visit over the weekend.

**WEATHER**

Recorded at 6:00 a.m.

During May 2005

	High	Low	Precip.
1	61	37	
2	65	38	.02
3	40	34	.27
4	43	39	.12
5	50	42	.04
6	70	42	
7	77	52	.04
8	80	47	
9	81	47	
10	88	47	
11	91	53	
12	88	61	
13	71	57	2.72
14	81	54	.12
15	74	53	.19
16	67	49	
17	72	49	
18	88	57	
19	87	62	
20	87	60	
21	90	60	
22	93	63	
23	96	62	
24	95	63	

Total May Precipitation 3.52  
 Normal May Precip. 3.11  
 Normal Precip. to date 6.70  
 Precip. Rec'd. to date 8.24  
 Soil Temperature 69°

**Happy Birthday-**

May 26-Matt Whittington, Lori McGinty, Barry Francis, Donna Cleveland, Gary Storie

May 27-Joe Ted Edwards, Vance Farley, Vaughnell Brannon, Kristen Hill, Jack Dillard

May 28-Patricia Whitfill

May 29-Neil Turner, Travis Sweet, Reese Scarborough

May 30-Tory Patton

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

June 1-Lee Clay, Claudine May

**Luminaria Lighting Ceremony is June 3**

Help support the goals of the American Cancer Society and remember or honor a loved one by purchasing a luminaria candle. The votive candles, nestled in a sand bag and lit for a soft effect, are being sold now, the candles will be lit in a special ceremony during the Relay for Life event held at the Valley School track.

For a \$5 donation per candle, you can dedicate the glowing tribute to someone who has or has had cancer. Everyone is invited to attend this special event to see their donation come to life.

Proceeds from luminaria sales will benefit the Briscoe Unit of the American Cancer Society, which is dedicated to cancer research, patient services and education. For more information or to purchase a luminaria, go by City Bank in Silverton or contact Juannah Jennings, 823-2370. Please order before June 1 to allow time to prepare the luminaria sacks.

*If we are not responsible for the thoughts that pass our doors, we are at least responsible for those we admit and entertain.*

Charles B. Newcomb

**Upcoming Meetings**

Second Monday of each month-County Commissioners meet at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom; City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Second Tuesday of each month-Silverton Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton; Silverton School Board, boardroom, 8:00 p.m.

First and third Thursdays of each month-Silverton Fire Department, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Fourth Thursday of each month-Briscoe County Activities Association, 7:00 p.m., Showbarn in Silverton

**Happy Anniversary-**

May 28-Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cogdell

May 29-Mr. and Mrs. Monty Roehr

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

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

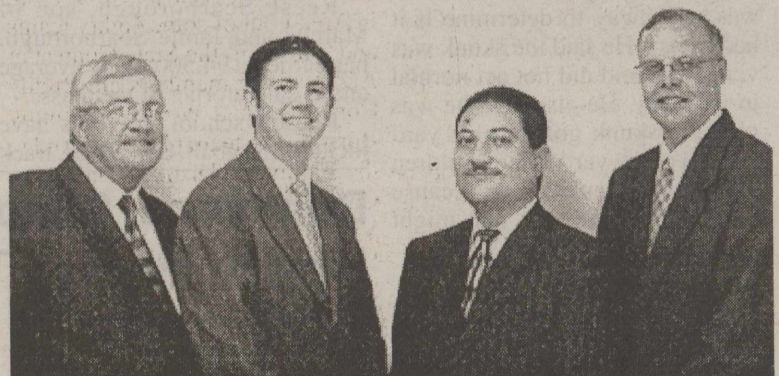
**One-More-Time Jamboree**

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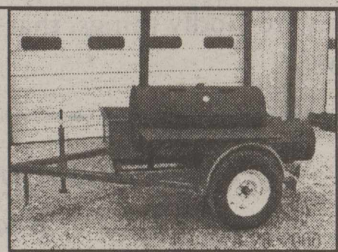
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Irene Loyd and family  
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Thanks to Briscoe County 4-H Club, Emily, Brittany, Baylea, Kodie, Brewster, Shelby, Maison, J. T., Tricia, Mitchell, Marchell for the beautiful throw you gave me for Mother's Day.

Love you,  
Fairy McWilliams

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*When you have a number of disagreeable duties to perform, always do the most disagreeable first.*

Josiah Quincy

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