

All Around
The Town

BY MARY ANN SARCHET



Silverton's fire and ambulance services have asked me to express appreciation to Silverton businesses for allowing their employees to fight fires and make ambulance runs during the daytime when they are on the job.

If it were not for the community spirit shown by sharing these key volunteers, the emergency services would soon cease to exist.

When you are in a business that employs fire and ambulance volunteers, be sure to thank them for allowing their men and women to serve our community while on company time.

These volunteers spent countless hours of their own time, but they couldn't afford to sacrifice their paychecks in order to serve the community.

Be sure not to forget those who are self employed. In most of our small businesses, the work grinds to a halt when someone leaves to answer an emergency call. Without production, there is no income.

I know from Charles' participation and from my past experience that the work continues to wait until the volunteer returns to our business.

What if I had a personal need for these volunteers and no one came? All the money in the world wouldn't bring trained help on a moment's notice.

No one wants to be the one to call for an ambulance and find that there is no volunteer to make the trip. No one wants to be the one who sees his property destroyed by fire because there aren't enough firemen to answer the call.

Let's see that our community continues to have a full compliment of these volunteers by appreciating and taking care of them while they are still trained and ready to serve our needs.

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While on the subject of fires: please, please be careful with your fires during this extremely dry and windy weather. The firemen aren't magicians and have a very hard time stopping a fire that is moving on a strong wind. Please help them by burning your trash on calm days and staying with it until it finishes its main burn.

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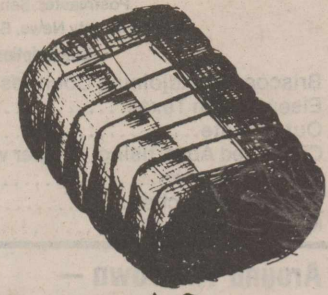
Congratulations to Coach Crabb and the Lady owls for their wonderful winning basketball season! It's been a lot of fun to follow your games this year!

The Lady Owls made a good showing against the defending state champions in their final game, and have nothing to be ashamed for in their season.

We will miss the outstanding seniors, Lori Brannon, Molly

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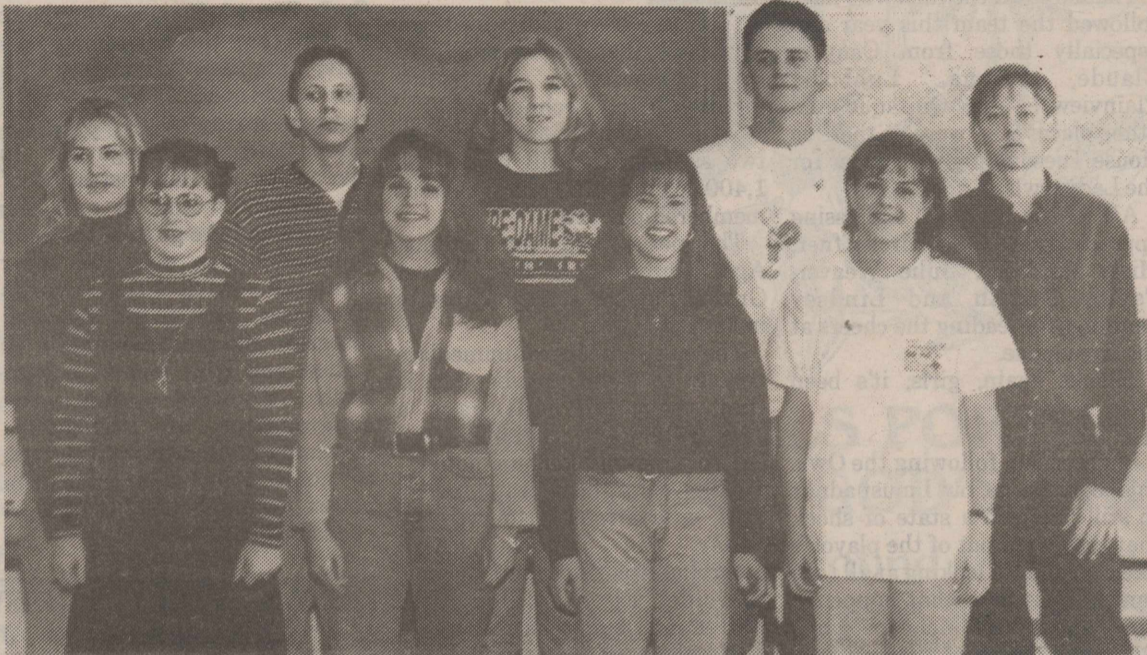


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All District-



ALL-DISTRICT PLAYERS-Named to the All-District basketball teams this year were (back row, left to right) Molly Bomar, Trey Wyatt, Lacy Brunson, Jack Cherry, Brandon Sarchet; (front) Shannon Weaver, Dedra Johnston, Dara Ramsey and Lori Brannon. Briscoe County News Photo

Tulia Wheat Growers-Dimmitt Agri Adds Two Directors To Complete Merger

With the addition of two new directors and signing all the paperwork, the merger between Tulia Wheat Growers and Dimmitt Agri is now official, according to Tulia location manager Don Lechner.

The new association name is Dimmitt Agri Industry-Tulia location.

Brian Borchardt has been appointed a voting director from the Tulia area to become the eighth member of Dimmitt Agri's board of directors. George Reed from the Silverton area has been

named associate director.

The eighth voting director and fourth associate director will always reside east of Swisher County's western border, according to the new by-laws.

The two new directors will serve until the association's 1997 annual meeting, usually held in August.

For bookkeeping purposes, the merger actually took effect June 1, 1995, but didn't become official until this month when the new directors were added.

One of the first priorities under the new merger is to obtain a cotton gin air quality permit from

the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and begin refurbishing and updating the Briscoe cotton gin facilities

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Republican Party to Have Bean, Cornbread Supper Here March 4

The public is invited to attend a bean and cornbread supper hosted by the Briscoe County Republican Party at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 4, in the Silverton School Cafeteria. This will give everyone an opportunity to meet and visit with the candidates running on the Republican ticket in this year's primary.

Terry Grimland and Rance Young are running for commissioner in Precincts 1 and 3 of Briscoe County. Also attending will be Hollis Cain, a rancher from Springlake, who is running for State Representative District 85, opposing Pete Laney.

You are invited to come and enjoy a bowl of beans and cornbread.

Youth Group to Serve Mexican Luncheon

Silverton Youth Group will serve a Mexican Food meal Sunday, March 10, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church Hall. The menu will consist of enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and drink.

The Youth Group is trying to raise money for their ski trip. Donations will be accepted.

If you are unable to attend the lunch, just let someone in the Youth Group know, and we will deliver a plate to you. 9-2tnc

Youth Basketball To Organize Here Soon

There will be an organizational meeting for the Silverton Youth Basketball program at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in the school cafeteria.

If you have sons or daughters in grades three through six who are interested in playing youth basketball, please be at the meeting. The meeting is for parents of prospective players, and officers will be elected, coaches and teams chosen, etc.

To Parents of High School Student Body

All parents of Silverton High School students are invited to a PROJECT GRADUATION meeting at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 4, in the board room of Silverton High School.

This is to plan a drug-free, lock-in event which will be open to all Silverton High School students. It proves to be a very big success the last two years and it is very important that there be a large group to help plan this year's graduation party.

Jamboree Ready For Mar. 2 Show

Caprock Jamboree fans and musicians will meet again at the County Showbarn in Silverton on Saturday, March 2, for another great night of family entertainment (weather permitting).

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Quitaque Chamber of Commerce will serve mesquite-grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings for \$4.00 per plate.

At 7:00 p.m. musicians and singers from Silverton and around the Panhandle will provide three full hours of music that is sure to please folks of all ages.

Door prizes that have been donated by loyal fans and local merchants are drawn for every thirty minutes. A \$25 cash prize is drawn for at 10:00 p.m.

No admission fee is charged. The Jamboree is supported by donations only.

You may bring your own folding chair or use one of the chairs provided.

Senior Citizens To Have Birthday Party

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their monthly birthday party at the Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5.

Those who have birthdays in March will be honored.

The party will be hosted by those who had their birthdays celebrated in February.

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Bomar, Dedra Johnston and Shannon Weaver. They are pretty, smart, spirited and talented girls who will make their marks in whatever endeavors they choose for the future.

While the seniors will leave gaping holes in our starting lineup, we have an excellent group of underclassmen ready to take their places. We have some of the best freshmen anyone could hope for, and will have some good ones coming up from the eighth grade.

Returning next year will be Lacy Brunson, our outstanding post; Michelle Warren, Kenzie

Burson, Shauna Kingery and Dara Ramsey, who have gotten some good varsity playing experience this year; Lori Chandler, Kimmie Blazier, Misty Wilkinson, Molly Brooks, Lindsey Weeks, Lindsey Jennings, Terri Chitwood and Destiny Ivory.

Thanks to all the fans who have followed the team this year and especially those from Canyon, Claude, Friona, Lubbock, Plainview, Tulia, Quitaque and other places who were at the Dog House Tuesday night to cheer for the Lady Owls.

All of us join in expressing appreciation to Sara Kirchoffner, Misti Mattheus, Julie Weaver, Taylor Griffin and Lindsey Jennings for leading the cheers at the Area game.

Thanks again, girls; it's been fun!

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 It's been fun following the Owls this season, also, but I must admit to still being in a state of shock that they went out of the playoffs like they did. In looking at all four games, I can see what happened to us, and I think McLean's game plan was to shut down Trey Wyatt and Brandon, and they unexpectedly received the gift of Jared Holt's injury. These three boys had combined with Jack Cherry to score in double figures in most of the games they played against McLean, and even though Arnold Garza played the best game he's played this year, it just

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wasn't enough.
 We'll miss Cy Comer, our senior, next year because he's such a good kid. He comes to our house once in a while, and he's the kind of kid you like to have around.

As for the team—we'll look forward to bigger and better things next year.

DIMMITT AGRI —

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located 28 miles east of Tulia, near Silverton.

Lechner said he doesn't expect any immediate changes in the way the two associations have been conducting their anhydrous ammonia and dry fertilizer business.

"We now have a dry fertilizer applicator that we brought over from Dimmitt to spread dry fertilizer with," Lechner said.

Combined membership of the two associations will be around 1,400 members. Tulia's current membership is 720.

The merger will help Dimmitt Agri utilize some of Tulia Wheat Growers excess storage capacity in the Tulia area.

The merger's biggest immediate benefit to Tulia membership is that they will still have a cooperative in Swisher and Briscoe counties, Lechner noted.

All seven of the Wheat Growers area substations also will be under the Dimmitt Agri umbrella—the Silverton, Briscoe, Wayside, Flynt, Union Hill, Kaffer and Dempsey locations.

President of the new group is Jackie Clark of Dimmitt.

Dimmitt Agri membership voted 72-16 November 2 to consummate the merger with the Tulia Wheat Growers, a consolidation that membership of both groups feel was in the best interests of both organizations.

Tulia Wheat Growers membership also overwhelmingly approved the merger 62-7 at their October 17 meeting.

The completed merger preserves the co-op cotton gin at Briscoe, the feed mill in Tulia, fertilizer at both locations and 5,273,000 bushels of co-op grain storage facilities for use by farmers and ranchers in Swisher, Briscoe and Armstrong counties.

Dimmitt Agri Industries is no stranger to the Tulia area.

Their membership has grown by 428 farmers and ranchers in recent years and has provided \$468,000 in additional savings to Tulia area members, according to company officials.

Under the original merger agreement, Dimmitt Agri expanded its farmer base and territory, diversified its grain storage capacity and gave current stockholders more opportunity for savings.

"This will give us a better financial operation so we'll have a place to market our grains, cotton, fertilizer and feed," said Lechner last year after Dimmitt Agri's board approved the merger.

To Be Here For
Special Services

Russ and Kim Kline, international evangelists and founders of Shatter the Darkness Ministries International, will be ministering at Lighthouse Assembly of God in Silverton Friday through Sunday, March 1-2-3, at 7:00 p.m. nightly, 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. The Klines minister by the power of the Holy Spirit in churches, camps and crusades throughout the U. S., as well as in Europe, South and Central America, and soon in the Far East and Africa.

Russ is a powerful preacher of God's Word bringing a prophetic insight into the Scriptures. His wife, Kim, joins in ministry with her anointed and moving "campmeeting-style" singing. Their ministry together is marked by the demonstration of the power of God in miracles, healings and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Others describe their ministry with the words "freshness, excitement, renewal, integrity, and great blessing."

Russ and Kim join with Rev. Brad Snowden and the congregation of Lighthouse Assembly of God in inviting you to come and experience the power, joy and hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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24	60	34	
25	67	41	
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Total Precip. in February			.12
Total Precip. in 1996			.22
Normal Precip. in February			.60
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Year to Date			1.25

 Education is the best provision for old age.
 —Aristotle

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
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February 27, 1986-- Gary Powell and Keith Edwards were skiing on the slopes of the caprock near Quitaque last week. This week has seen shirt-sleeve weather with temperatures near 80 degrees . . . Faculty has chosen Kristy Fogerson as the DAR Good Citizen for this year; Donna Tomlin as the Most Outstanding Student, and Kristy Fogerson and Cal Brannon as Students Most Likely to Succeed. Chosen as Most Dependable were Keeley Burson and Todd Reagan. Gloria Segura and Russell Simpson were chosen for Citizenship awards . . . Mrs. O. E. May was taken to Central Plains Hospital in Plainview by ambulance Friday afternoon after suffering a break just above her right knee . . . Owls lose bi-district game to Nazareth .

February 26, 1976-- Jackie and Linda Vaughn named to 2-A All-District teams . . . Services conducted for Varah Cagle, 52 . . . Lee Clay receives safety award from Southwestern Public Service Company . . . Services pending for Clyde Mercer . . . Mike Cornett will take part in the calf scramble at the 2:00 p.m. performance of the World's Championship Rodeo in Houston on February 28 . . . Services today for Belle Olive, 83 . . . Sweetheart Banquet held in sandy beach setting with palm trees, the ocean and mountains and a bamboo hut. Tiki torches lighted the dining area and a large Tiki mask and water fountain were surrounded by live green plants. The ceiling was draped with a fish net and Tiki lamps and birds were suspended from the ceiling . . . Mr. and Mrs. Tony Allison are parents of a son, Scott Anthony . . . Cindy Hutsell to marry Don Weast . . .

March 1, 1956-- Scoutmaster Rev. James P. Patterson and assistant Scoutmaster F. E. Hutsell accompanied the Silverton Scout Troop to Camp Haynes Friday afternoon and spent the night there. Scouts going on this trip were Jerry Stephens, Richard Jarnagin, J. E. Patton, Wayne Stephens, Mike Simmons, Floyd Perkins, Jerry Dee McWilliams, Bobby Stafford, Jimmy Smith, James Roy Brown, Gordon Lowrey, Jerry Patton, Bobby Crass, Jimmy Perkins, Arnold Morris, Mike Mercer, Joe Anderson, Charles Cowart, Dave Schott and Wendell Patterson . . . Mrs. Raymond Grewe has been to Lockney several times lately to see her mother, Mrs. Walter Cobb, who is critically ill in the General hospital . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Grimland are parents of a daughter, Connie May, born Sunday, February 26, in the Lockney Hospital. She weighed eight pounds and fourteen ounces . . . Mrs. Alva C. Jasper was hostess to the Helping Hand Club Thursday afternoon. Attending were Mmes. Virgil Baldwin, Frank Fisch, Wade Steele, Frank

Mercer, Lowell Callaway, John Gill, Lenton Lanham, Jack Harris, Scott Smithee, Clarence Gauntt, Aubrey Rowell, Jack Sutton and the hostess . . . 1952 Study Club meeting attended by Mmes. Kenneth Bean, Phillip Smitherman, Robert Isbell, Rex Holt, Billy Wayne Garvin, Don Burson, Jim Mercer, Buddy Travis, F. E. Hutsell, J. L. Self, Bob Barrett, Darrell McWilliams, Billy Ellis, Wanda Ullery, Merle J. Montague and Sam Lusk . . .

Gruver's Greyhounds broke loose in the second half to route Silverton 79-45 Friday night in Canyon in the Class 1-B Regional Tournament. Keith Whitfield was high point man for Silverton with 15 points and Buz Bailey added 12 . . . Members present at the Haylake Club meeting were Ella Leah Riddell, Mary Lee Watters, Mildred Brooks, Lillus Ruth McJimsey, Gladys Brannon, Eudean Crow, Blanche Newman, Anna Belle Tipton, Ruby Brannon, Elsie Cornett, Ikie Bingham . . . Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ragland, jr. of Lockney called on his sister and children, Mrs. E. W. Yancy, Sunday evening . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Boyles of Lubbock were Sunday guests of his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maples and children. They were accompanied here by Rayburn Morgan, son of Mrs. Boyles, also of Lubbock . . .

March 14, 1946-- Home from the Navy is Willie A. Smithee, shipfitter 2/C, who served 26 months in the Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will C. Smithee and received his discharge last week at the Naval Personnel Separation Center at Camp Wallace, Texas . . . Mary Frances Dudley was brought home from the Plainview hospital on Monday. She has been suffering with rheumatic fever . . . Raymond Lee Womack now home from the Navy . . . Announcement was made this week by T. E. Johnson that Mr. and Mrs. John N. Merriman of Amarillo had bought the *Briscoe County News* . . . Decision to erect a new building in Silverton has been reached by the board of the First Baptist Church, and committees have been named to prepare and submit plans to the congregation . . . Miss Carolyn Schott, daughter of Mrs. W. E. Schott, was married on Friday, March 8, to J. Vaughter Self, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Self of Clovis. The vows were read in the parsonage of the Methodist Church in Lubbock . . . Mayor Tom Bomar, who suffered a heart attack almost three weeks ago, is showing improvement this week, but doctors have ordered him to remain in bed for 60 days . . . Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Barney Stephens entertained with a dinner party honoring Mrs. V. L. Miller who left Sunday to make her home in Amarillo. Those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, Mrs. H. G. Finley, Nelda Faye Montague and the honoree, Mrs. V. L. Miller . . . Jerry D. McWilliams and Myrna Sue Bingham underwent tonsillectomies at the Tulia

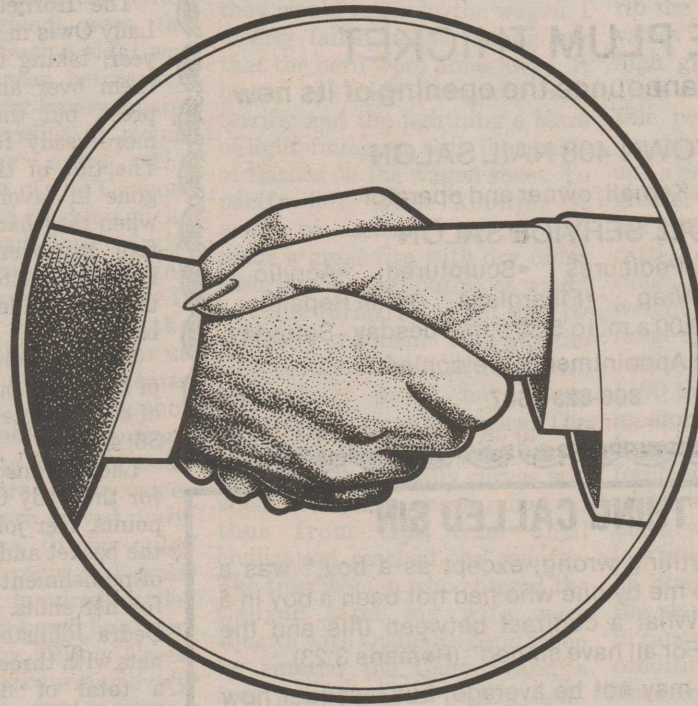
hospital last Friday . . . Carl Dean Bomar arrived home Saturday for a leave prior to reporting to New Orleans for his discharge. "Hoss" has been in the Navy in the Pacific . . . Gwenlyn Paige celebrated her seventh birthday Wednesday afternoon with a little party for a few of her little friends and neighbors . . . Norman Strange, who has been at work in Tulia, has returned home . . .

February 27, 1936-- The

shadow of sorrow fell like a pall upon this community and extended throughout the county on last Thursday night and Friday as word passed from mouth to mouth that Bob Douglas had succumbed after only a few days illness in the hospital at Turkey . . . After getting off to a slow start in 1936, the marriage business went on the boom this week with six weddings reported in and around the community.

Cupid, after almost two months of slow hunting, threw down his bow and arrow, grabbed up a double barreled shotgun and went to work. Net result: Mr. Ready Farley and Miss Nell Collett; Mr. Wilber L. McKnight and Pauline Kimble; Mr. Ernest Strange and Miss Ollie Rowell; Mr. Kemp Thompson and Miss Billie Lou Lowrey; Mr. Durward Brown and See **LOOKING BACK--**
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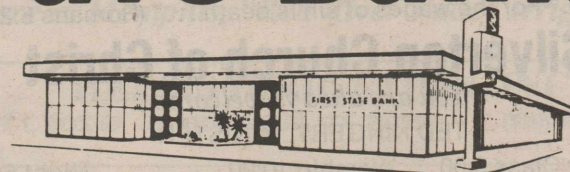
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Owls, Lady Owls End Season

Playoff Road is Short For The Owls

The road into the playoffs was short for the Owls who dropped their first game to the McLean Tigers, a team that the Owls had consistently beaten earlier in the season. The mostly-senior team of Tigers didn't take anything for granted, however, and hit the court running in an effort to win the bi-district trophy.

The Owls were hurt by the fact that Jared Holt had received an injury to one of his feet Saturday and was unable to play. Brandon Sarchet got into early foul trouble

and spent a lot of the game on the bench.

On the other side of the coin, Arnold Garza probably had his best game of the season, scoring a big 14 points. The team offense was led by the big man, Jack Cherry, who tossed 27 points into the baskets. Also scoring were Cory Chandler, eight; Trey Wyatt, seven; Sarchet, six; Cy Comer, two, and Jay Arnold, one point.

The Owls led most of the way through the game, but their lead was never very large and when it evaporated in the fourth quarter, they seemed to be powerless to get it back. Scores at the end of

the quarters were 14-14, 33-29, 51-47, 65-68.

Only Cy Comer, senior team captain, won't be with the team next season, and a group of boys will be coming up from the eighth grade eager to play.

Most everyone was disappointed that the season ended so abruptly for the Owls, but they have had a wonderful winning year and should be headed for big things next year.

Lady Owls Drop Close Area Game to Sudan

Silverton's Lady Owls invaded the Dog House in Plainview Tuesday night of last week with high hopes and strong intentions, but finished the game in a 41-44 deficit after scaring the Sudan Hornettes, defending state champions.

The Hornettes victimized the Lady Owls in the Area round last year, taking the ball away from them over and over with their press, but the Lady Owls were more ready for them this year. The tide of the game may have gone in favor of the Hornettes when they had a series of four or five turnovers created as the Lady Owls attempted to in-bound the ball underneath the Sudan basket.

The Lady Owls led during part of the game, but trailed at the end of each quarter: 11-12, 19-25, 29-36, 41-44.

Lacy Brunson led the offense for the Lady Owls by scoring 16 points. Her job was tough under the basket and she absorbed a lot of punishment when she went up for her shots. Also scoring were Dedra Johnston, who popped the nets with three three pointers and a total of nine points; Dara Ramsey, two three pointers and seven points total; Molly Bomar, six; Lori Brannon, two, and Shannon Weaver, one point.

This was the last game of their high school careers for Molly Bomar, Shannon Weaver, Dedra Johnston and Lori Brannon. They will be missed by their team and their teammates, but they have accumulated a lot of nice memories to take with them into the future.

Silverton School Activities

Monday, March 4--Republican Party Meeting, 6:00, Cafeteria; Project Graduation Meeting, 5:30, Board Room

Tuesday, March 5--TAAS Writing, 4th-8th & Exit

Wednesday, March 6--TAAS Math Exit

Thursday, March 7--TAAS Reading Exit; Board Meeting, 7:00

March 4-8--Public Schools Week

March 11-15--Spring Break



Barry Jones (left) and Billy Hibbs (right) were pictured with Silverton ISD Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner after the school was presented a Diamond Star employee safety award in Austin.

Silverton ISD Recognized For Safety Program

Frank Kirchoffner, Superintendent of the Silverton Independent School District, recently was honored for outstanding employee safety by the North Texas Educational Insurance Association at its annual meeting conducted in Austin. The Association consists of 121 participating school districts located throughout northern and central Texas. The district is a member of a uniquely designed partially self-funded workers' compensation program developed by Hibbs-Hallmark & Company and administered by Claims Administrative Services, Inc., both located in Tyler.

Hibbs-Hallmark & Company currently provides workers' compensation programs to over 26 percent of all schools in Texas. The purpose of the meeting was to recognize those districts that have held both the number and severity of employee accidents to a very low level. The combined savings during the 1994-95 school year, for all participating districts, was over 2.5 million dollars when compared to the costs of fully-insured programs. The total savings for all districts since inception of the programs in 1991 exceed \$28 million dollars.

The Silverton Independent School District was a Diamond Star award recipient with the actual losses from employee accidents equaling less than 10 percent of the fund set aside by the district for claims expenses. The actual savings to the school district was \$15,245. "Our self-insurance program was designed to provide the highest level of safety and offer the greatest potential for premium savings to the districts," said Billy Hibbs, president of Hibbs-Hallmark & Company. "We have a team of safety professionals who help the districts to implement a strict set

of safety policies and procedures." Claims Administrative Services, Inc. President Barry Jones, stated, "Member districts' commitment to safety is one of the key reasons for the Association's success. Their participation in HHC/CAS's program sets the standard for all schools across the state to reduce on-the-job injuries and save taxpayer dollars. The taxpayers also should be pleased to know that the board of trustees and the administrative staff of the Silverton Independent School District is doing everything possible to insure a safe working environment for its employees while reducing the cost of workers' compensation insurance," continues Jones.

TAAS Testing Begins March 5

According to an announcement by Silverton ISD, a new round of TAAS testing will begin here Tuesday, March 5.

Tips for helping parents prepare their children for the TAAS tests include seeing that the children get 15-30 extra minutes of rest, a good breakfast and a stress-free morning before leaving for school the day of the testing. An extra hug also is suggested.

On March 5, the Writing portion of the TAAS will be given to students in grades four through eight and on the Exit level.

March 6, the Math portion will be given for Exit level only.

March 7, the Reading portion will be given for Exit level only.

Parents are reminded that encouragement from home helps to provide the best atmosphere for the students when involved in this special testing.



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THE THING CALLED SIN

"I never did anything wrong, except as a boy," was a statement made to me by one who had not been a boy in a long, long while. What a contrast between this and the Bible statement, "For all have sinned" (Romans 3:23).

The man's case may not be average; but I wonder how many people have a clear understanding of what sin is.

Sin is disobedience to the Lord. The violation of his law, whether by omission or commission. "... For sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Thus one can sin by what he does. He can sin by not doing something. He can also sin by word, thought, attitude and disposition; for the Lord has legislated on these matters too.

It is a mistake to think that a good man is not a sinner. If one were to live up to God's moral standards perfectly, this would not make him sinless. God has also given commands that are not based on moral principles.

God has the right, because he is God, to command anything he desires; and he has given many commands which have nothing to do with morality. This is true of all those commands which pertain to worship and other religious matters. In spite of the sad moral breakdown we see today, no type of sin is more prevalent than religious sin. Many people do not seem to care what God has commanded about religious matters.

Make no mistake about it; there are many ways of sinning. Disobedience to any command of the Lord is sin. If we do not want to "continue in sin" let us search the Scriptures with a view of conforming to all that is taught therein. "For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23).

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Sunday Class 9:00 Worship 10:00 Night 6:00
Wednesday 7:00

Silverton Players Are District MVPs

When the All-District teams were decided, the most valuable players were chosen from the Owls and Lady Owls.

Lacy Brunson and Jack Cherry, sophomore posts for their respective teams, were named to the MVP status.

Other Lady Owls placed on the All-District first team were Lori Brannon, Dedra Johnston and Molly Bomar. Jennifer Carson and Christina Woodard, both of Hedley, rounded out the girls' selections.

Named to the girls second team were Shannon Weaver and Dara Ramsey, Silverton; Jana Hill, Hedley; Cheyenne Oldham and Kayla Coleman, both of Samnorwood.

Chosen for the boys first team along with Cherry was his teammate, Trey Wyatt; Levi

Carter and Nick Simpson, both of Samnorwood; Chris Solis and Johnny Hoggatt, both of Hedley.

Named to the boys second team were Brandon Sarchet, Silverton; John Pollard, Samnorwood; James Potts, Hedley; Angel Gil and Steven Rodriguez, both of Lakeview.

Dedra Johnston has been chosen by the Six-Man Association to play in an All-Star game in Lubbock this coming summer.

New Arrival

CoDee Grabbe, along with his parents, Sloan and Debra Grabbe, are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Brittney Ann, born February 23, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. at Highland Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed eight pounds and 7¼ ounces, and measured 21½ inches long.

Grandparents are Louis and Alice Grabbe of Silverton and Tommie and Jerri Martin of Lakeview. Great-grandparents are Annie Grabbe of Ralls and Artie Martin of Lakeview.

LOOKING BACK —

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Miss Geraldine Schott; Mr. W. E. Helms and Miss Anetta Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Henderson's baby is reported as quite ill . . . Wanda Weast spent Thursday night with Jacquie Bomar at Silverton . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Francis visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wimberly in Tulia Sunday . . . Mrs. Elmer Gilkeyson of San Francisco, California is making an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Turner, and other friends . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson are the proud parents of a ten-pound boy, born February 17. Roy Dean is his name . . . Pat Northcutt, small son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Northcutt, is seriously ill in the St. Anthony Hospital at Amarillo . . . Mrs. Jeff Morriss who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blocker, for the past two weeks returned to her home in Amarillo Saturday . . . Datis Martin was carried to the Turkey Sanitarium Tuesday for treatment . . .

December 10, 1925-- Charles Goodnight writes of early buffalo days . . . Our first entrance into the Palo Duro Canyon was in November 1876. We then made



The game of mahjongg was first played in China around 2,500 years ago.

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our entrance by way of the old Comanche Trail between the junction of the Canon Cite Blanc and the main Palo Duro Canyon. It took us about half a day to work the cattle down this narrow and rugged trail. We then took the wagon to pieces and carried it down piece by piece on the mules. We had about six months rations and much corn. This was also carried down on the mules. The canyon being narrow at this place prevented any buffalo from being in it there. Hence grass and water were found there in abundance and the cattle ran at their own sweet will. The portage was over after two days. We then started the herd down the canyon. As the canyon widened the buffalo increased till finally by the time we arrived at the upper end of the wider valley (which has since been known as the "Old Home Ranch") we supposed we had ahead of us ten thousand buffaloes. Myself, Leigh R. Dyer and an Englishman named Hughes (son of the great writer Hughes of England) were the buffalo drivers. Such a sight was probably never seen before and certainly will never be seen again. The red dust arising in clouds made immense noise. The tremendous echo of the Canyon, the uprooting and crashing of the scrub cedars made one of the grandest and most interesting sights that I have ever seen. If they did not come off the mountain sides that were near us we simply sent a sharp shooter ball among them. A nearby shot would have caused an instant stampede, making kindling wood of the small cedars as they came. These buffalo were moved down the canyon some fifteen miles giving ourselves room and grass for our sixteen hundred cattle. There we put on a heard line from the mouth of the Turkey Creek and held them back turning every day from eight hundred to fifteen hundred buffalo. This line was kept up about a year until the herd was reduced by slaughter, by the buffalo hunters, and then the line was not necessary. At this time there was no entrance to the Canyon, except a few Indian and buffalo trails, for sixty miles or until opposite the mouth of the Tule, where Mackenzie entered with his army to fight the Indians in 1874. In 1877 it was necessary to bring more supplies from Colorado and prepare on a larger scale to start the Adair and Goodnight herd. We left Pueblo, Colorado with four loaded wagons, with a hundred of the best blooded Durham bulls that I could buy in Colorado. This bull herd caused much amusement and glee among their drivers as to how I was going to raise a herd of cattle from a herd of bulls, knowing I had plenty with the herd below. With this outfit we left all marks and traces of civilization at what is known as the Cimarron Plaze on the dry Cimarron River on the east end of the Raton Mountains in New Mexico, striking south by east we struck the Canadian River about forty miles above the present town of Tascosa. From there we

crossed over the upper Palo Duro, coming more south by east leaving the Canyon to the south and right of our course till we were opposite the "Old Home Ranch." The hundred bulls above mentioned were put into the canyon out of the way where they would need no herders, and all hands were put to road building, each day building as far as we could, keeping all the outfit within rifle range. The third day we reached the Mesa, which overlooked the entire Canyon, the large park below us held some thousand or fifteen hundred buffalo grazing peacefully at sundown. The night that followed, I shall never forget. As you probably know the volume of sound from a large herd of buffalo is very great, it being mating season, the sound was indeed great with numerous stampedes making it appear to be very close. Mrs. Goodnight, not being accustomed to such scenes, became greatly alarmed, saying they would run over the wagon. I utterly failed in convincing her that the herd were miles away. It began to rain, downpour was terrific and the lightning a blaze of light, immense, with thousands of flashes on the wagon sheet. To pacify her, while knowing it would be useless, I got up and made a great fire with dry cedar assuring her that buffaloes would be easier turned by a light than by a cavalry regiment. This was the first road ever built in Palo Duro Canyon. It would have been practicable for automobiles. The real road building from top to bottom with its many curves was about four miles, and it remained thus from this time until civilization reached the country. The first women who entered the Canyon after my wife were squaws with Quanah's band when he entered the Canyon and a treaty was made with them. Being raised in a buffalo country I became interested some years ago in their extreme hardihood and adaptability to thrive under all climatic conditions and on a large range of territory. I conceived the idea of crossing the buffalo with the common cattle and if possible establish a race which would stand the high altitude and severe winters as the buffalo themselves do and the elk and the mountain sheep. Believing the Polled Angus to be

the hardest of the cow kind I began some years ago on the imported Polled Angus. I found this to be a difficult undertaking of the breeding kind. After much loss of time and money I learned this could be done and am now in a position to say to breeders that it is practical and will prove to be extremely profitable for the following reasons: 1. As far as I have been able to test them, the cross, when high grade, is immune from all disease. I have sent them to the coast, our tick-infested country--some of the full bloods have died and of the one-eighths one out of three have died. 2. They thrive and do well on less food than other cattle. They put on more flesh for the food they eat than any animal known but do not carry the extra fat which is waste in common cattle. Their tallow is worth from two and one-half to three cents more on the pound. 3. In my efforts to establish this race I hope to establish the fourteenth rib the same as the buffalo. This varies greatly--as a few of the high grades have the extra rib. Time and patience alone can add this perfectly. This will insure greater hardihood and a longer and a deeper line. 4. They live to a greater age and produce; they do not get as light when old as other cattle. 5. They will cut off the range 70 percent to the gross weight. It does not take as much range for them as for the common cattle. The cows will weigh from 1100 to 1600. 6. They do not drift in storms. 7. They do not run from heelflies. They rise on their forefeet instead of their hindfeet which enables them to rise when much weaker. This causes much loss in common cattle. They never lie down with their backs down the slant. This causes much loss in range herds. 8. Under the same conditions they are more gentle than either race. They are good mothers and thoroughly protect their young. They do not seem to want to run, and so far as I know none have shown a disposition to fight. 9. They locate and do not have a tendency to ramble as other cattle. 10. They carry more brains than common cattle, hence take better care of themselves. This of course comes from the buffalo side and is carried in proportion to the blood of the animal. There are many other small points in their favor. . .

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Friday, March 1--Hamburger and Cheese, Salad, Fries, Fruit, Milk

Monday, March 4--Beef and Vegetable Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, March 5--Mexican Casserole, Hot Sauce, Salad, Corn, Cornbread, Fruit Cup, Milk

Wednesday, March 6--Ham and Cheese on a Bun, Salad, Fries, Fruit, Milk

Thursday, March 7--Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Honey, Butter, Milk

Friday, March 8--Chili Dog, Fries, Fruit, Jello, Milk

BREAKFAST

Monday, March 4--Biscuit, Gravy, Juice, Milk

Tuesday, March 5--Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Milk

Wednesday, March 6--Pancake, Syrup, Juice, Milk

Thursday, March 7--Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk

Friday, March 8--Sausage, Biscuit, Juice, Milk

Happy Birthday To . . .

March 1--Lois Walker, Anthony Minyard, Gloria Segura, Mary Garcia, Stacy Minyard

March 2--Mark Patton, Ryan Minyard

March 2--Ty Lee Gregg, Thomas Rex Wadley, Mary Grantham, Connie Simpson, Rena Taitano, Danny Edwards

March 4--Zane Reagan, Bronc Otis, Emily Garcia

March 5--Wayne Cartrite, Wesley Francis, Matt McGinn, Carl Minyard

March 6--Preston May, Mary John Harris

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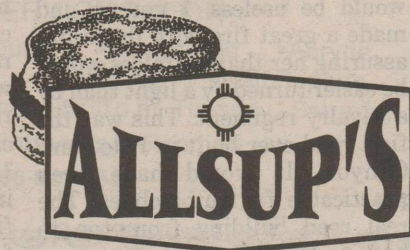


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City to Distribute Hand-Held Containers

The City of Silverton recently received a shipment of hand-held used oil containers which will be distributed at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis to residents who are in the habit of self-changing the motor oil in their personal vehicles. The containers were obtained through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Regional Used Oil Recycling Program and were purchased with grant funds provided by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation

Commission. The 7-quart containers are designed to be used for two purposes. They serve as a collecting pan to catch motor oil when it is drained from a vehicle crankcase. The containers can then be tightly sealed to serve as a storage vessel while the oil is in transit to the City's Used Oil Recycling Center. The containers can be used and reused each time an oil change is done.

The City began giving the containers out to the public on February 12, and distributions are made each day from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall located at 409 Broadway Street.

Spelling Bee Held Here February 15

The Briscoe County Amarillo Globe-News Spelling Bee was held February 15 in the Silverton library. Due to the beginning of the demolition process on the field house, the spellers were spared from spelling into a microphone and before a large audience. This event created a lot of excitement and the students did a fine job of attending to the task of spelling with the extra activity going on. The participating students were extremely courteous and respectful of the others as each speller took his turn.

It took seven rounds of spelling words for eleven students to be eliminated. The remaining two boys, Ty Reed and Isaiah Ivory, spelled for several more rounds before a winner could be declared. They each misspelled the same word in the same round which automatically ended that round several times. Then, they both spelled their given words correctly through two or three more rounds before Isaiah misspelled his last word. Ty was able to correctly spell this word, as well as the next word to win the championship title. These two boys really had a spelling battle and both did a tremendous job! Ty was awarded a new Webster's Collegiate Dictionary as his prize from the school.

There were thirteen participants ranging from grades four through eight. All of these students, with the exception of the eighth graders, are eligible to enter and spell again in next year's Bee. The students from fourth grade were Ty Reed and Tara Smith. Lauren Van Horn was the sole brave fifth grade entry.

The Junior High participants from the sixth grade were Clay McMurtry, Jimmy Castillo and Brandi Rice. The seventh graders were Brooke Garvin, Vance Chandler, Isaiah Ivory, Vicki Van Horn and Isaac Garcia. Eighth grade was represented by Jordan Sarchet and Misti Mattheus.

Serving as judges for the annual competition were Mary Ann Rauch and Shelley Brock. Coordinator and pronouncer for the event was Debbie Holt.

Residents interested in finding out more about the City's Used Oil Recycling Program should contact Jerry Patton at 806-823-2125.

OBITUARIES

ANASTASIA RINCON

Prayer services for Anastasia Rincon, 84, of Silverton were conducted Friday, February 23, at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church.

Additional services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the same church with the Rev. Ed Graff officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rincon died Wednesday, February 21, at her residence. She was born April 15, 1911, in Kirby. She married Santos Rincon November 11, 1933 in Seguin. He preceded her in death in 1985. To their union five children were born. A son also preceded her in death.

The Rincon family moved to Silverton in 1966. Mrs. Rincon was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church.

She also was preceded in death by four brothers, Jesus Perez, Bruno Perez, Laura Perez and Antonio Perez, and by a sister, Juanita Perez, one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

Survivors include four daughters, Lydia Segura and Connie Patino, both of Silverton, Janie Hernandez of San Antonio and Antonia Valdes Torres of Fresno, California; seven brothers, Carmel Perez, Raul Perez, David Perez, Eujenio Perez, Trinidad Perez, Jose Perez and Frank Perez; four sisters, Estefana DeLeon, Inez Santellan, Petra Rodrigues, Maria De La Cruz; 27 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Luis Rincon, jr., Miguel Rincon, John Segura, Gabriel Patino, Santos Segura and Paul Segura.

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 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
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CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Ted Kingery, Minister
SUNDAY:
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jess Craig Little, Pastor
SUNDAY:
 Library Opens 9:15 a.m.
 Bible Study/S.S. 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAYS:
 Baptist Women 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
 Library Opens 6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

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SUNDAY:
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
 Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
FIRST MONDAY:
 United Methodist Men . 6:00 a.m.
TUESDAY:
 United Meth. Women... 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
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THIRD SATURDAY:
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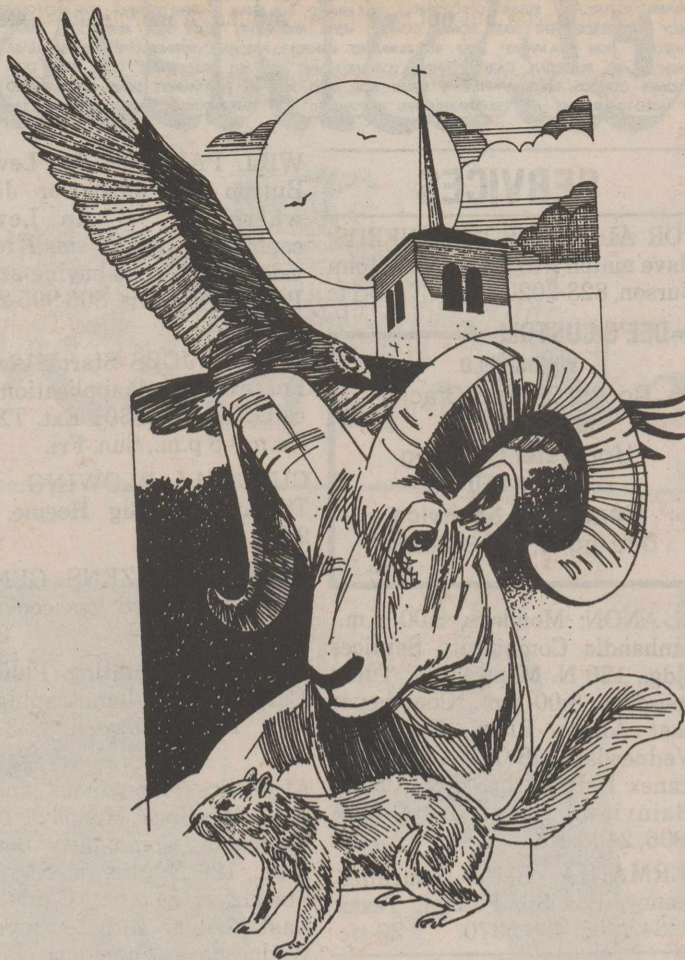
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 Training Union..... 5:00 p.m.
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 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
 Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SUNDAY:
 Mass..... 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
 Doctrina Class 4:30-5:30 p.m.
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 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.
WEDNESDAY:
 Worship Service 7:30 p.m.



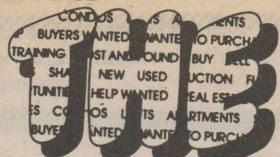
**THE ANIMALS PORTRAY THE
MIRACLE OF GOD'S CREATION**

With spring just around the corner and the world coming alive again, it's time to reflect upon the incredible intelligence that God has bestowed on the animal kingdom. The birds are returning from their flight south for the winter, with no maps to point out the directions. Hibernating animals will be waking up from their long naps without any alarm clocks. It is arranged, without a calendar, that many animals are born in the spring, when there is ideal weather and an abundance of food. And so on. God gave man the ability to understand these achievements, and He asks only that we respect them. At your House of Worship, learn that all of this illustrates the wonder of God's creation, and that along with the animals, we are a vital part of it.

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CARDS OF THANKS

We would like to thank all those who supported the Lady Owls through all four of our seasons.

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Edwin and Ann Norris

The family of Anastacia Rincon wishes to express its sincere thanks to all of you. Thank you for all the prayers, food, flowers, phone calls, and for being with us in our time of sorrow. A special thank you to the EMTs for all they did.

God bless you all.

The Segura, Patino and Rincon families

PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF SILVERTON
TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The City of Silverton will hold a second public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 1996 in the Silverton City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the application for water system improvements approximate amount of \$250,000.00 and the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons. The application will be available for review at the Silverton City Hall during regular business hours. The Silverton City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. 9-1tc

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

West Texas National Bancshares, Inc., 201 North Main, P. O. Box 308, Lockney, Texas 79241, and Lockney Holding Company, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, intend to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to acquire direct control of 3,526 shares (100%) of the voting common stock of Silverton Bancshares, Inc., 500 Main Street, P. O. Box 9, Silverton, Texas 79257, and direct or indirect control of 4,000 shares (100%) of the voting common stock of First State Bank, 500 Main Street, P. O. Box 9, Silverton, Texas 79257. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the Application, including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this Application in writing to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Supervision & Regulation Department, P. O. Box 655906, Dallas, Texas 75265-5906. The comment period will not end before March 30, 1996, and may be somewhat longer. The Federal Reserve Board's Policy Statement regarding notice of applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact the Community Affairs Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Ms. Gloria Vasquez-Brown, at (214) 922-5266. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received by the Federal Reserve Bank on or before the last date of the comment period. 9-1tc

The following candidates have announced their intentions to run for office in Briscoe County, Texas:

- COMMISSIONER, Precinct 1**
Aaron Younger, re-election (D)
Terry Grimland (R)
- COMMISSIONER, Precinct 3**
L. B. Garvin, re-election (D)
Dwain Henderson (D)
Rance Young (R)
- SHERIFF**
Richard (Dick) Roehr, re-election (D)
Jerry Beck (D)
Steve Miller (D)
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