

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



For Geneva Griffin, the pain in her knee had become unbearable. The avid Texas Tech sports fan was finding that she could no longer navigate stairs at football and basketball games. "I was having a lot of excruciating pain," Mrs. Griffin, 72, said. "Ten years ago I was doing high-impact aerobics, and I injured my knee. The last two years, it was very painful."

Her rheumatologist recommended that she consult Dr. Gurdev Gill, an orthopedic surgeon in private practice.

At 2:30 p.m. September 18, Mrs. Griffin was the patient for a career milestone for Dr. Gill--his 5000th total knee replacement surgery.

There are quite a few of Dr. Gill's replaced joints walking around Silverton, including Peggy Rowell, who had both of her knees done at the same time. Pat Lavy also has a knee that was replaced by Dr. Gill. J. L. and Faye Self have had his replacements. I am walking around with one of his hip replacements--he took my pain away on July 15.

We hope that everyone will enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, and that all of us will remember all the things we have for which we are thankful.

We will be spending our holiday with our grandchildren and their mother and stepfather.

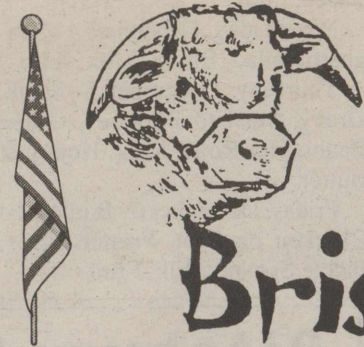
Our grandson, Jordan, recently was inducted into the Golden Key Honor Society at Texas Tech where he is majoring in psychology with a minor in Spanish.

Zack Burson was able to return home over the weekend. He is continuing to recuperate at home from the injuries he received in an accident recently.

We received word Monday morning that Father Ed Graff passed away in Lubbock November 24. He had been there recuperating from a broken hip and a heart attack for several weeks.

Cary Fleming has returned to work on a part-time basis after being in intensive care in a Lubbock hospital for many days following an accident.

More grandkid news: Meredith and Brandon Sarchet visited with Charlie and me Friday and Sunday while they were enroute to and from Borger to visit her parents. Of course, they had Mel and Ernie (their dogs) with them.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2002

Angel Tree Ready At Courthouse

Christmas is upon us once again!

The Angel Tree is in place in the basement of the Briscoe County Courthouse. Please help out the less fortunate children of this area by choosing an Angel and purchasing a pair of pants, a shirt, socks, underwear, and an age-appropriate personal gift for that child.

Please wrap everything in one box.

Thank you so much for helping. "Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

November Chamber Meeting Held Here

In a short meeting on Monday night, November 4, 2002, the Silverton Chamber of Commerce discussed many different things. They included:

- The promotion of Silverton in other cities.

- Discussion of a CD, the base of which was given to the Chamber for restoration of the old building donated by that person and what can be done. The old building is in too poor condition ever to be repaired.

- The 2002 unpaid and paid membership and the attendance of members.

- Membership in the Panhandle Area Chamber Executives (PACE).

- Getting together the refreshments for the Home-Based Business Seminar to be held on Saturday, December 7.

Treasurer Rick Beesinger and President George Reed emphasized the need to go along with Texas Tech and see what Silverton could do to be included in the technology age. "Anything involving technology can't go wrong," Beesinger said.

- The John Deere building.

- A seminar on Chamber information may be considered for board members.

- The missing charter and by-laws for the Chamber.

If you have any information as to where the above are, please contact Reed or a Chamber member.

Other members at the meeting

Owls, Lady Owls Win Third-Place Trophies in FM 211 Tournament

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls won three games and lost one in the FM 211 Tournament played at New Home and Wilson last weekend.

The Lady Owls opened their tournament appearance with a 73-35 victory over Loop.

DPS Reminds Motorists To Be Safe Thanksgiving

The Department of Public Safety will be on the lookout this Thanksgiving holiday for seatbelt violators, speeders and drunk drivers. The Department will be participating in two campaigns called Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) and "Click It or Ticket Texas."

"We're now entering that time of year where more drivers are on the road, and some of them are impaired," said Col. Thomas A. Davis, jr., director of the DPS. "DPS will have all available troopers out on the road during the Thanksgiving holiday."

Operation CARE is a nationwide effort to reduce fatalities during holiday seasons. Troopers and other state agencies will be targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seatbelt violators during the Thanksgiving holiday.

With one-fourth of motorists still not buckling up, "Click It or Ticket Texas" was developed as an enforcement and awareness campaign to increase seatbelt and child seat usage in the state. November 24 through December 1 is the campaign's second wave.

"These campaigns help raise public awareness of the penalties one could incur if found driving recklessly in the state of Texas. They also remind the people how vital it is to drive safely, especially during the holiday season," Davis said.

Other DPS tips suggest:

- Obey the speed limit, wear safety belts and drive sober.

- Inspect car fluid levels, tire air pressure, windshield wipers and the condition of spare tires, jacks and safety tools.

- Don't take chances.

were Kathy Kingery, Kyle Fuston, Hoot Barker and Lataine Dillard. Next meeting will be Monday, December 2.

Scoring was balanced, with Kassie Strange and Lori Griffin ringing up 16 points each and Jenny Young adding 15. Also scoring were Krista Hale, nine; Tarran Forbes, eight; Bryn Mayfield, five, and Kelsie Estes, four points.

Lady Owls	17	35	61	73
Loop	9	16	26	35

The Lady Owls defeated Dawson 40-26 behind the scoring of Lori Griffin, 15, and Bryn Mayfield, 14. Adding to the score were Krista Hale, five; Tarran Forbes and Kassie Strange, three points each; Kelsie Estes, one point.

Lady Owls	5	20	35	40
Dawson	4	13	20	26

The Lady Owls dropped their game to Whitharral, 48-36.

Scoring for Silverton were Bryn Mayfield and Lori Griffin, eight points each; Jenny Young, seven; Kassie Strange, five; Tarran Forbes and Krista Hale, four points each.

Lady Owls	11	17	23	36
Whitharral	9	17	36	48

The Lady Owls won the third-place trophy in their final game by beating Hermleigh 66-10,

Jenny Young led the offense by scoring 16 points. Also scoring in

See Owls, Lady Owls

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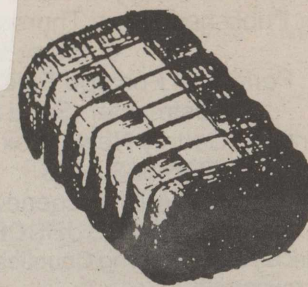
Home-Based Business Seminar To Be Held Here

Provided by Cory Edwards
Texas Cooperative Extension
Family & Consumer Sciences
Briscoe County

A Home-Based Business Seminar will be held Saturday, December 7, 2002 in the Silverton School Cafeteria beginning at 1:30 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Briscoe County and the Silverton Chamber of Commerce.

Pam Brown, Extension Consumer Science Specialist, will share her expertise on getting started, financial assistance, marketing and pricing, and making a business plan. Dan Read from West Texas A&M University, will tell about the Rural Ag Incubator program.

Tax laws related to businesses will be presented by Accountant Rick Beesinger, and Briscoe County Attorney Bill Smith will



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Tulia Club To Sponsor Student Forum

A John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Forum will be held December 3 at Ceta Canyon. The Forum offers 80 junior and senior students from Tulia, Silverton, Kress, Happy and Nazareth the opportunity to develop leadership skills, such as goal setting and communication, which heighten their awareness of responsible citizenship.

Forum attendees will discuss public affair issues that impact local communities and state while learning how to implement their new skills for affecting positive change. The Forum is an excellent workshop for students who have an interest in learning more about public service.

The Forum will be coordinated by the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute, a program of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Tulia Rotary Club. Rusty Gray, president of the Rotary Club, is program chairman. The program is also being supported by Swisher Electric, HCSB, Wells Fargo, Atmos Energy and B&R Thriftway.

The students were selected by their school counselors and principals. There will be two keynote speakers and group sessions throughout the day led by local business, political and civic leaders. Students will discuss issues facing their local communities. The skills taught will be put into practice as they choose, plan and attempt to solve a local or regional problem.

News Office To Be Closed For Thanksgiving

The office of the Briscoe County News will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week for Thanksgiving.

Please arrange your business so you will not be inconvenienced by this holiday closing.

discuss legal issues. A panel of home-based business owners will share their experiences and answer questions.

Registration will begin at 1:15 p.m.

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AA-Al-Anon Meetings Mondays at 8:00 p.m. at Quitaque. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 26-tfnc

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Windbreak Trees Available Again

Caprock SWCD is now taking orders for windbreak trees. It is important that ordering be done early to insure the selection you are needing.

Minimum orders are required on windbreak seedlings, but Caprock SWCD will work to try to get what you need. There will be larger trees available as well as wildlife packets.

For more information, call 823-2431, Extension 101, or go by the NRCS office.

Next Turkey Jamboree is December 7

The next Turkey Jamboree will be December 7 at the old Turkey High School gym. Entertainers will include John and Maybelle Francis from Silverton, who are well-known around this area for their talent; Lance May from Lubbock, a very talented young man who performs at the Cactus Theatre and who did a concert at the Gem Theatre last February; Terry Davis from Amarillo, a regular performer at the Big Texan Opry, who will be making his first appearance on the Turkey Jamboree.

There will be a surprise Western Swing Band in the show this time, and you surely don't want to miss that. The Turkey Gems will be performing.

The Turkey Roost Museum group will have the concession stand, and will be serving stew, cornbread and all the trimmings.

Showtime is 7:00 p.m. The show is free!

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Eleanor Roosevelt

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Horace

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A sincere thanks to those who sat with Donny during my knee replacement surgery and for the pretty cards of encouragement, phone calls, food dishes brought to our home, visits and for all your thoughts and prayers said in my behalf.

Love,
Pascal

Thanks to all of you for your cards, calls, visits and prayers on Jerry's birthday and our anniversary. I am eternally grateful.

Love you all,
Floyd

Club To Sponsor Greeting Page

Century of Progress Study Club this year will again be sponsoring the Christmas Greeting Page in the Briscoe County News, which will be printed in the issue of December 19.

Deadline for names to be included on the Greeting Page is Friday, December 6.

You are asked to donate the amount that you would spend sending greeting cards locally to the

8th Grade Owls Defeat Motley Co.

Silverton's Eighth Grade Owls defeated Motley County 34-24 here November 18.

Drew Reed led the offense with a 19-point effort. Also adding points to the score were E. J. Ivory, six; Ory Johnson, three; Kenny Walker and Clay Strange, two points each; Jesse Whisenhunt and Zak Perkins, one point each.

Reed hit three three-point shots in the game.

8th Owls	5	15	23	34
Motley County	5	12	16	24

project, and have your name printed on the special page.

Local entities that will share the proceeds from the page are Silverton Public Library, Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service and Silverton Volunteer Fire Department.

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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
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:**
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Tony Boyd, 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.

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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:
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Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.

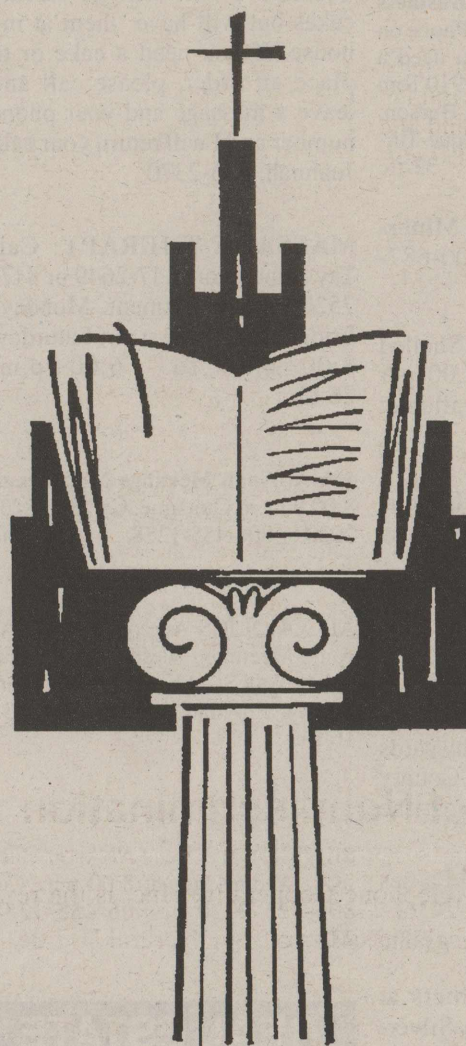


Give Thanks To The Lord

The Bible tells us to give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever. We all have so much to be thankful for, regardless of our situation in life. It seems that we often dwell on things that we do not have, and we seldom consider all that we have been blessed with.

Dealing with health problems, financial needs, or whatever adversities may come our way can be troubling; however, we all must learn to deal with these concerns and accept that life is not always easy. If we trust in our Heavenly Father and know that He loves us, we should realize that, with God's help, we will be able to handle whatever problems come our way. Furthermore, I cannot imagine going through daily life without the Lord. Who would we call upon in our time of need and who would we praise and thank for our many blessings?

God has given us so much and asks so little in return. We should always be thankful for His love for us and realize that in everything, God works for good with those who love Him who are called according to his purpose.



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Good News Bible Psalms 118:1

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Owls, Lady Owls

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double figures were Bryn Mayfield and Kassie Strange, 12 points each. Adding to the score were Tarran Forbes and Lori Griffin, nine points each; Kelsie Estes and Krista Hale, four points each.

Lady Owls 19 39 52 66
 Hermleigh 4 10 10 10

The Owls played their first game of the basketball season with Loop, defeating them 52-18 behind the scoring of Darin Martin, 23, and Red Ivory, 18 points. Rounding out the score were Payton Estes, four; Eric Minyard, three; Dustin Hale and Gid Mayfield, two points each.

Owls 19 28 44 52
 Loop 3 9 14 18

The Owls defeated Wilson 57-41 in the second round of the tournament. Darin Martin led the offense by scoring 26 big points, and Red Ivory also scored in double figures, with 15. Also scoring were Dustin Hale, seven; Payton Estes, four; Caleb Francis, three, and Gid Mayfield, two points.

Owls 14 27 40 57
 Wilson 9 11 27 41

The third round of the tournament saw Grady taking a 59-27 victory from the Owls. Scoring was by Red Ivory, 11; Darin Martin, eight; Payton Estes, five; Eric Minyard, two, and Gid Mayfield,

one point.
 Owls 4 11 23 27
 Grady 15 34 52 59

The Owls defeated Lubbock Cooper JV 49-40 in the final round to win the third-place trophy.

Red Ivory led the offense by scoring 21 points, closely followed by Darin Martin's 19 points. Also scoring were Dustin Hale, six; Gid Mayfield, two, and Payton Estes, one point.

Owls 9 24 38 49
 Cooper JV 12 26 31 40

The Owls played football until a week before the tournament began, and made a good transition to roundball in a short period of time.

The teams were to play New Deal here Tuesday night, with a full schedule of four games beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Roger Whipkey, a former Silverton coach, is the girls coach at New Deal, and Kyle Bean, a native of Silverton, coaches the boys at New Deal.

The Lady Owls played a game with the Lady Winds at Floydada on November 19, and both the varsity and junior varsity girls won their games.

Varsity scoring was by Kassie Strange, eight; Jenny Young and Bryn Mayfield, six points each; Tarran Forbes, five; Lori Griffin, three; Kelsie Estes and Krista Hale, two points each.

Lady Owls 6 12 22 32
 Floydada 4 9 16 25

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, December 2--Pizza, Corn, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Candy Cups

Tuesday, December 3--Mexican

October Was Cooler, Wetter Than Normal

The month of October 2002 was much cooler and wetter than normal, primarily due to stationary upper troughs of low pressure over the Southwest United States which helped draw Pacific moisture over the top of the area and Gulf of Mexico moisture up through the state.

Many of the area cities recorded rainfall on nearly half of the days in the month, which is very unusual. The abundant rainfall came as a very mixed blessing since it interrupted harvest of what appeared to be a bumper cotton crop while adding much needed moisture to White River lake and Lake Mackenzie. Even with the abundant rainfall, those lakes improved but remained at critically low levels.

Silverton's average high temperature was 66.5, two degrees below the average of all the stations. The low temperatures here averaged 45.7, which was almost two degrees below the South Plains average.

Precipitation received in Silverton was 3.85 inches, short of the 4.38 average for the South Plains stations.

WEATHER

November Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	38	30	.04
2	36	33	.14
3	46	33	
4	51	28	
5	44	32	.10
6	58	29	
7	69	28	
8	72	34	
9	75	43	
10	79	40	
11	63	39	
12	57	35	.13
13	58	35	
14	64	36	
15	57	35	
16	56	29	.06
17	57	29	
18	67	33	
19	63	31	
20	66	31	
21	64	35	
22	70	34	
23	69	34	
24	66	37	
25	52	23	

Total November Precip. .47
 Normal November Precip. .71
 Precip. Received in 2002 18.11
 Normal Precip. to Date 20.54

Casserole, Beans, Chips, Milk, Hot Sauce, Fruit

Wednesday, December 4--Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Milk, Jello

Thursday, December 5--Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, December 6--Barbecued Chicken on Bun, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Milk, Fruit

Silverton School Activities

Wednesday through Friday, November 27-29--Thanksgiving Holiday

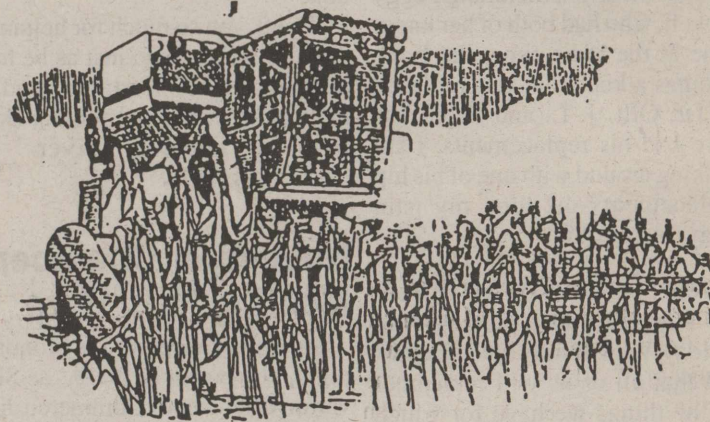
Monday, December 2--8th Grade vs. Olton, here, 6:00

Tuesday, December 3--High School vs. Lorenzo, here, 4:00

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Romans 13:1

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Rock Creek Church of Christ

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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

October 1, 1992--SHS cheerleaders are Brandi Brunson, Molly Bomar, Kami Martin, Holly Nance, Shannon Weaver and Christa Tucker . . . School to charter bus to Follett football game . . . Twelve members of the Silverton High School Class of 1962 gathered for the afternoon and evening of August 14 in the beautifully-restored home of Larry and Kay May in Plainview . . . Bob Izzard to present free program on the Red River Indian Wars . . . West Texas State University is the choice for many valedictorians from schools in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The WTSU freshman class has 21 valedictorians of their respective graduating classes. One is Langdon Reagan, a graduate of Silverton High School . . . The boot maker's business established in Pampa by Joe Kitchens and his son, Brandon, has started to reap dividends for them . . . Luke Thompson moved to Heritage Home in Plainview . . . Owls looking to Saturday game in Follett Pantherland . . .

November 4, 1982--James Edwards defeated Mrs. Barbara Pigg as Justice of the Peace for Briscoe County Precinct 1 in the general election . . . Mackenzie Authority opens bids for water project . . . Owls lost last home game . . . Joe Arnold has been named Outstanding Technical-Vocational-Occupational Student of the Month in Diesel Mechanics at South Plains College . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Callaway hosted a shrimp supper Thursday night at their home. They had brought fresh shrimp from Harlingen, where they have a winter home. Enjoying fellowship along with the shrimp and all the trimmings were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. West, Mr. and Mrs. Alva C. Jasper, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nance and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Callaway . . .

October 5, 1972--Owl tri-captains are Mark Hutsell, Terry Culwell and John Burson . . . Nominees for Pep Squad Beau are Randy Clay, Ken Wood, David McCoy and Terry Culwell . . . Ray Teeple and John McGavock were among the 50,000+ fans who attended the Texas Tech vs. Texas University football game in Lubbock Saturday night . . . Mrs. Ware Fogerson suffered a broken arm in a fall Monday evening . . . Owls to open district campaign this week . . . The Petersburg Buffaloes took a pair of wins from Silverton last week, a conversion point being the margin of the varsity win on Friday night . . . Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Garrison's open house Sunday afternoon was well attended, with 165 people signing the guest book . . . Cynthia Hale, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. G. W. Chappell, was winner of a saddle given away at the Silverton Young Farmers Heading and Heeling held Sunday afternoon at the rodeo arena . . .

September 27, 1962--Faye Davis Rampley pinned a corsage on the new homecoming queen, Dean Lowe Fitzgerald, during the meeting of ex-students and ex-teachers . . . Quarterback Club to sponsor filming of home games . . . Zobie Self, who received her degree from Wayland College last spring, is working toward her master's degree at West Texas State College this fall . . . W. E. Jowell is a senior student at West Texas State College, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Verden and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lacy are students at night classes at West Texas State . . . William Malone, a long-time Briscoe County resident, died shortly after 6:00 a.m. Wednesday . . . Miss Sharon Weaver is football queen. She was escorted by Bill Schott, Owl co-captain . . . Beauty contest winners in Silverton High School were Allen Thomas, Ronnie Drewry and Howard Tomlin . . . Becky Perkins celebrated her third birthday at a party in the City Park Saturday. Attending were Pat and Karen Miller, Timmy Roberts, Mary Jo and Ellen Thomas, Lynn Smith, Ronnie and Donna Jean Hale, Faye Lyn Perkins, Pattie Perkins and James Carroll Mercer . . . Mrs. Watson Douglas underwent emergency surgery at the Plainview Hospital Thursday of last week . . . Mrs. Cletus Grady spent the weekend in Swisher County Hospital . . .

October 9, 1952--Plenty of ice Tuesday morning in Silverton . . . Merle Graham is new president of the Quarterback Club . . . Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Jackson and daughter, Mary Jewel, recently moved to Tulia to make their home. Haskell is employed at Vade McGavock's Welding Shop . . . Mrs. Shelby Haynes visited last week in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Whitehead in the Lone Star community . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roy Montague attended the Dallas fair from Saturday until Tuesday afternoon . . . Mrs. Printz Brown returned Thursday from Kim, Colorado where she visited her brother and sister, H. A. Anderson and Mrs. Dick Knighton . . . Mrs. Wade Welch visited her brother, who is in the veterans hospital in Amarillo . . . Mrs. Carl Bomar and Mrs. L. D. Griffin were shopping in Amarillo Thursday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teeple attended the Dallas fair over the weekend . . . Milt Jasper and Dimple visited his sister, Mrs. Annie Ross, at the Tulia hospital Sunday . . . Mrs. W. A. Rowell is spending this week in Canyon with Mrs. Elmer May . . .

October 1, 1942--The Silverton Gin Company received the first bale of 1942 cotton Monday from J. A. Ziegler . . . Perry William Thomas was born in Rye, Pueblo County, Colorado April 5, 1875 and departed from this world September 26, 1943 at the age of 67 . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Simpson celebrated their golden wedding at their home Sunday afternoon . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dee McWilliams and Mr. and Mrs. Bob London were in Amarillo Sunday . . . Mrs. Dean Allard and Joe Lynn spent the weekend in Amarillo with Mrs. Iris Peters . . . Gatewood Lusk of Amarillo spent the weekend with Mrs. Lusk and Sam Gordon . . . Lynn Welch, who has been in the hospital at Wellington for several weeks, returned to his home Friday . . . Virgil Crow left for the Army Monday . . . A shower was given at the

Francis Schoolhouse Saturday night, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Francis and Mr. and Mrs. Berle Fisch . . . J. E. Barnhill of Turkey purchased a new Farmall H on rubber last week from Tull Implement Company . . .

Happy Anniversary-

November 28--Mr. and Mrs. George Long
November 30--Mr. and Mrs. Eber Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill
December 1--Mr. and Mrs. Danny Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Turner
December 3--Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kingery

In baseball, of the 10 all-time batting leaders, eight hit left-handed.

Happy Birthday-

November 28--McKenzie Taylor Perkins, Octavio Trevino, Rosa Linda Segura, Eric Minyard, Stan Couch, Rita Davis, Fairy McWilliams

November 29--Hand Baird, George Reed, Joe Speiser
November 30--Heather Henderson, Larry May

December 1--Bailey Jordan Bounds, Estella Trevino, Norma Garcia, Christi McWaters

December 2--Brenda Gaskins, Jena McFall, Stella Hall, Cameron Stephens

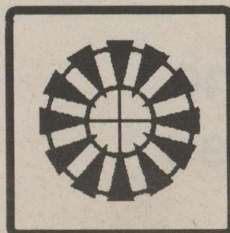
December 3--Fernando Patino, Beryl Long, Penny Carpenter

December 4--Desiree Star Casillas, Lori Griffin, Elsie Cornett, Jimmy D. Stone, Rick Beesinger

A Time To Give Thanks



At this wonderful time of feasting and festivities, we'd like to express our thanks for your friendship. We're happy to wish you a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving. We hope that you enjoy a holiday full of prosperity and joy.



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Kenda Wood Honored at Bridal Shower

Saturday morning, November 9, at 10:00 a.m. occasioned a miscellaneous bridal shower honoring Kenda Wood, bride-elect of Vance Lemons. The party was held in the Pioneer Room of City Bank in Silverton. Guests were greeted and registered by Juannah Jennings. The bride-elect attended with her mother, Nancy Wood, and the mother of her fiance, Linda Lemons, of Quitaque.

The refreshment table was covered with a lace cloth and was adorned by the bride's chosen colors of navy and yellow. A quaint centerpiece of sunflowers and a miniature birdhouse, made by Peggy Rowell, were a gift to the bride-elect.

Friends of the honoree served banana slush punch from a crystal bowl with crystal appointments. Assorted cookies and yellow and blue iced mini-cupcakes, decorated by local artisan Sheila Reagan, were served.

Special guests honoring the bride with their attendance in-

OHS Offers Tips for Preventing Tooth Decay and Gum Disease

The Outreach Health Services (OHS), Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is actively promoting good dental hygiene, particularly for infants and children. According to the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, the average 17-year-old in this country has more than three decayed teeth. While many factors (including heredity and saliva make-up and flow) contribute to whether a person will experience tooth decay, a poor diet and lack of proper dental care are probably the

cluded her grandmother.

Out-of-town guests included Suzie Tiffin and Hannah Tiffin of Canyon.

Gifts for the couple included a hostess gift of bed linens and comforter set in red and white gingham and denim.

Hostesses for the occasion were Juannah Jennings, Janinne Brooks, Tina Nance, Jane Self, Michelle Francis, Shelley Brock, Erma Reyna, Connie Simpson, Lana Burson, Beverly Minyard, Sheila Reagan, Colleen Reed, Paula Wood and Cindy Comer.

biggest culprits.

"Cavities are caused when bacteria in the mouth mix with carbohydrates--both sugars and starches--to make acids, which then eat away tooth enamel," said Joyce Devereaux, director of the OHS WIC program. "What, how and when we eat are major factors in tooth decay."

Every time we consume sugars and starches, acids begin to bathe our teeth. This cavity-producing action continues for 20 to 30 minutes after eating something sugary or starchy.

As if decaying teth weren't bad enough by themselves, an even worse threat is periodontal (gum) disease. Current research links gum disease to diabetes, cardiovascular disease and pre-term, low birth weight babies, which underscores the importance of good oral health.

Employees of OHS WIC clinics, who work with clients to improve their diets and encourage good dental hygiene, offer the following tips for preventing tooth decay and gum disease.

INFANTS AND CHILDREN

•For children, an overall nutritious diet promotes healthy teeth, making them stronger and more resistant to cavities. Calcium, phosphorous and vitamin D are especially important.

•Avoid the urge to pacify an infant with a bottle of juice, formula or milk, all of which contain carbohydrates. If you choose to use a bottle as a pacifier, fill it with water only.

•Begin wiping a baby's gums with gauze or a wet washcloth at least twice a day even before you can see any teeth starting to come through. It will make the transition to tooth brushing easier later on.

•Continue to use a washcloth or gauze to wipe out your baby's mouth after the first teeth appear, or switch to a soft nylon-bristle children's toothbrush. Toothpaste isn't needed yet as long as you are cleaning your child's teeth regularly. Just gently brush the teeth on both the outside and inside surfaces twice a day.

•When your child turns two and has all 20 baby teeth, begin using a dab of fluoride toothpaste.

EVERYONE

•The more often you eat foods with carbohydrates, especially between meals, the more likely acid will attack your teeth. According to the American Dietetic Association's Complete Food and Nutrition Guide, any amount of carbohydrate gets the decay process going, so the frequency of snacking seems to have a bigger impact on cavity formation than the size of the snack.

•The longer food stays in your mouth, the more damage can occur. Sucking hard candy or slowly sipping a sweetened drink all af-

ternoon means teeth are bathed with plaque acids for that entire time.

•Foods that stick to the teeth are particularly damaging (i.e. caramel and raisins).

•Brush twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste and floss daily--unless your dentist recommends cleaning your teeth more often.

•Go for a dental check-up, including a thorough cleaning every six months.

WIC is a well respected, federally funded program that gives children a healthy start by encouraging optimal nutrition during the critical stages of development. WIC participants have access to vouchers for healthy foods, ongoing nutrition education classes, meal planning assistance, immunizations and breastfeeding instruction and support.

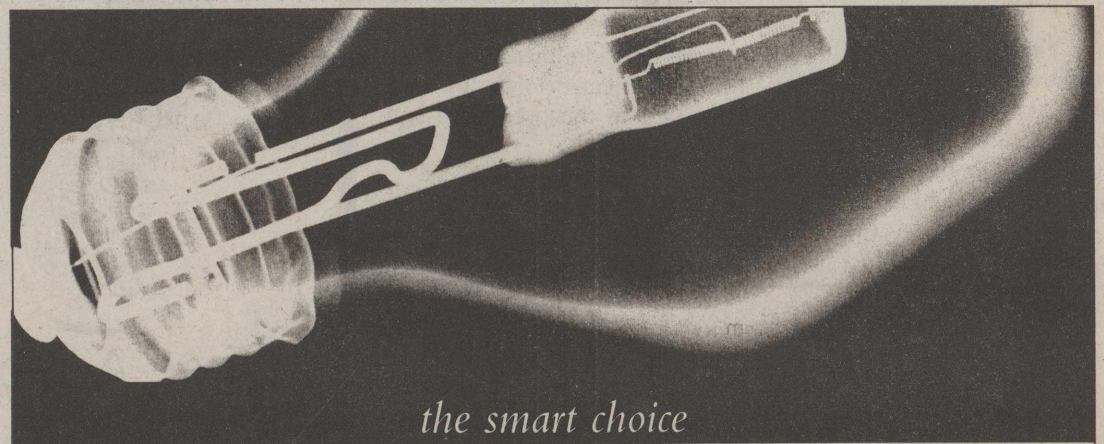
Each month Outreach Health Services offers WIC services to more than 33,500 clients in 58 Texas counties. Free WIC services are available to middle- to low-income women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or have an infant and/or children younger than five years of age. Income and residency requirements may apply. For information on WIC services, contact the Silverton WIC Clinic at 806-674-1334 or visit www.outreachhealth.com.

WIC is an equal opportunity program that does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

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From Coal Lamps to Light Bulbs

Most of our members are too young to remember when "lamp" meant "coal oil lamp." Heck, so are we. 1937 is the year most cooperatives started spreading the light. Before then, farms and ranches depended on wood stoves and coal oil and ice blocks for light and cooking and refrigeration. At the time, private power providers didn't see any profit in putting electricity in "the sticks."

So rural families got together and formed electric cooperatives, and with the help of government loans, did it themselves. Just ordinary people, many of them our grandparents and great-grandparents, but they spread the light in the dark land between the cities. All because they believed in the power of people working together: cooperation.

Electric deregulation is based on the belief that competition is better than cooperation. Put electricity on the market and it'll be cheaper. Maybe, maybe not. For now, Swisher Electric Co-op has decided not to opt in to deregulation, at least till we're sure it's right for our members. We think the smart choice is to "wait and see." After sixty years, we've learned a little patience and that what's good for city folk doesn't necessarily apply out here. For more information, visit our web site or call your local Smart Choice Cooperative.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

**COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF
NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT ON THE
ENVIRONMENT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
REQUEST RELEASE
OF FUNDS**

Date: November 28, 2002

Name of

Contractor: City of Silverton
P. O. Box 250
Silverton, TX 79257

**TO ALL INTERESTED
AGENCIES, GROUPS AND
PERSONS:**

Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Silverton, Silverton, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P. L. 93-383) for Project No. 722949.

Project Title: Sewer System Improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Silverton's sewer system by making renovations to existing facilities.

Location: City of Silverton, TX
Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9502

Estimated Cost of Project: \$165,000.00 (\$152,884.00 ORCA) (\$12,116.00 City of Silverton)

**Finding of No
Significant Impact**

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to

prepare an Environment Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979. The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Silverton's Sewer System improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's water system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Colby Waters, (806) 372-3381, or from the City of Silverton.

Public Comments on Finding
All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Silverton will undertake the project described above with Community Development

Program funds from the Office of Rural Community Affairs under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Lane Garvin, Mayor as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal affect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Silverton may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and Office of Rural Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

**Objections to State
Release of Funds**

The Office of Rural Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of contractor approved by Office of Rural Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, Finance Division, P. O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs. No objection received later

*A man's legs must be long
enough to reach the ground.*

Abraham Lincoln

*I am an idealist. I don't know
where I'm gong but I'm on my way.*

Carl Sandburg

*He who would travel happily
must travel light.*

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

*Dreams are the touchstones of
our character.*

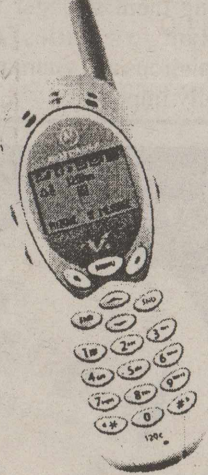
Henry David Thoreau

than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

CERTIFYING
OFFICER OF
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Lane Garvin, Mayor
Environmental Certifying Officer
P. O. Box 250
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**Call Home for the
Holidays**

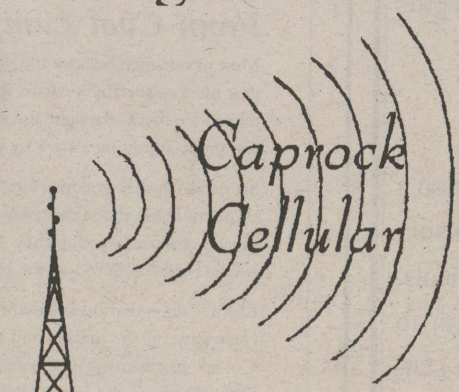


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DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH**

Come to the clinic for a free blood glucose test during the month of November! We will extend this offer for the first week of December given that we will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We hope that everyone interested will take advantage of this offer.

FOR ALL DIABETICS--controlling your diabetes can help prevent serious complications such as heart attack and stroke. We would like to encourage all diabetics to have regular medical exams and blood tests: HbgA1C every 3-4 months and a cholesterol check at least once a year. All diabetics should also aim to have a blood pressure of 130/80 or less.

Stop by the Briscoe County Clinic if you have questions or would like information on Diabetes.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

BRISCOE COUNTY CLINIC
Silverton, Texas



We Wish The Very Best To The Silvertown Owls & Lady Owls

Varsity Basketball

Nov. 12	Lazbuddie	Away	G-6:30 B-8:00
Nov. 15	Amarillo H. P.	Away	G-5:30 B-7:00
Nov. 19	Floydada	Away	G-6:30 B-8:00
Nov. 21-23	F. M. 211 Tourn.	Away	TBA
Nov. 25	New Deal	Home	G-6:30 B-8:00
Nov. 26	Crosbyton	Home	G-6:30 B-8:00
Dec. 3	Lorenzo	Home	G-6:30 B-8:00
Dec. 5-7	Anton Tourn.	Away	TBA
Dec. 10	Lazbuddie	Home	G-6:30 B-8:00
Dec. 17	Claude	Home	G-6:30 B-8:00
Dec. 20	Motley County	Home	G-6:30 B-8:00
Dec. 26-28	Hoot-Out Tourn.	Home	TBA
Jan. 3	Groom	Home*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Jan. 7	Valley	Away*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Jan. 10	McLean	Home*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Jan. 14	Samnorwood	Home*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Jan. 17	Hedley	Away*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Jan. 21	Groom	Away*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Jan. 24	Valley	Home*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Jan. 28	McLean	Away*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Jan. 31	Samnorwood	Away*	G-6:30 B-8:00
Feb. 4	Hedley	Home*	G-6:30 B-8:00

*District

Junior Varsity Basketball

Nov. 12	Lazbuddie	Away	G-4:00-B-5:00
Nov. 15	Amarillo H. P.	Away	G-7:00 B-5:30
Nov. 19	Floydada	Away	G-4:00 B-5:00
Nov. 25	New Deal	Home	G-4:00 B-5:00
Nov. 26	Crosbyton	Home	G-4:00 B-5:00
Dec. 3	Lorenzo	Home	G-4:00 B-5:00
Dec. 5, 7	Clarendon Tourn.	Away	TBA
Dec. 10	Lazbuddie	Home	G-4:00 B-5:00
Dec. 12-14	Tulia Tournament	Away	TBA
Dec. 17	Claude	Home	G-4:00 B-5:00
Dec. 20	Motley County	Home	G-4:00 B-5:00
Jan. 2-4	Lazbuddie Tourn.	Away	TBA
Jan. 7	Valley	Away*	G-4:00 B-5:00
Jan. 14	Valley	Home*	G-4:00 B-5:00
Jan. 17	Hedley	Away*	G-5:00
Jan. 24	Valley	Home*	G-4:00 B-5:00
Feb. 4	Hedley	Home*	G-5:00
Feb. 4	Valley	Away*	B-4:00

*District

Junior High Basketball

Date			
Nov. 11	Tulia	Away	7G-5:00 8G-6:00
Nov. 18	Motley Co	Here	8G-6:00 8B-7:00
Dec. 2	Olton	Here	8G-6:00 8B-7:00
Dec. 9	Hedley	Away	7G-6:00 7B-7:00
Dec. 9	Motley Co.	Away	8G-5:00 8B-6:00
Dec. 14	Clarendon Tourn.	Away	TBA
Dec. 16	Olton	Here	8G-6:00 8B-7:00
Jan. 2-4	Lazbuddie Tourn.	Away	TBA
Jan. 6	Tulia	Away	7G-5:00 7B-6:00 8G-5:00 8B-6:00
Jan. 9	Bible Heritage	Away	7G-4:30 7B-5:30
Jan. 13	Valley	Here	8G-5:30 8B-7:30
Jan. 13	Olton	Here	7G-6:30 7B-8:30
Jan. 20	Groom	Here	7G-6:00 7B-7:00
Jan. 20	Olton	Here	8G-8:00 8B-9:00
Jan. 21	Bible Heritage	Away	7G-4:30 7B-5:30
Jan. 27	Valley	Away	8G-5:30 8B-6:30
Feb. 3	Groom	Away	7G-6:00 7B-7:00

Varsity Basketball
December 3, Lorenzo Here
December 5-7,
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December 5-7

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