

All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



County Judge Writes Letter To The Editor

Briscoe County Judge Ted Kingery says that many of you have already received and others will be receiving notices to appear for jury duty. He says that too many will say "Oh, no!" when they receive their notice. Please consider the following letter:

"There are many things that set our country apart from most of the world. One thing that is most en- vied by others and therefore should be most treasured by us is our judicial system. The very heart of this system is the right to a trial by a jury of our peers in open court.

"The only way this system can function as a democratic process is for each and every one of us to be a part of it.

"It is so sad that what should be counted a privilege by us is counted as a burden by so many. 'I am too busy,' 'I have great responsibilities,' 'It will interfere with my work,' etc. etc.

"What should we do? Should we search our county for those who choose not to work, have no responsibilities or have nothing to do? Serving on a jury might not be an inconvenience to them, but are these the only people you want making decisions concerning you or your family if you were accused of a crime or were being sued?

"I know it will be an inconvenience for you just as it will be for everyone else. However, what a privilege it is for the Common Citizen to take a vital and active part in the greatest judicial system in the world.

"If we want the right to have trial by jury should we not also be willing to serve on a jury when asked?"

Ted Kingery
Briscoe County Judge

Lou Younger was in Lubbock Friday when twelve men took their oath of office as Lubbock Police Officers. One of them was Joseph Speiser, who is married to the former LaShawn Couch, granddaughter of Mrs. Younger. He was pictured in a four-column wide photo in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal holding his son, Austin, two years old, following the graduation ceremonies for the Lubbock Police Academy.

Briscoe County Activities Association will have a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 12, at the Showbarn in Silverton.

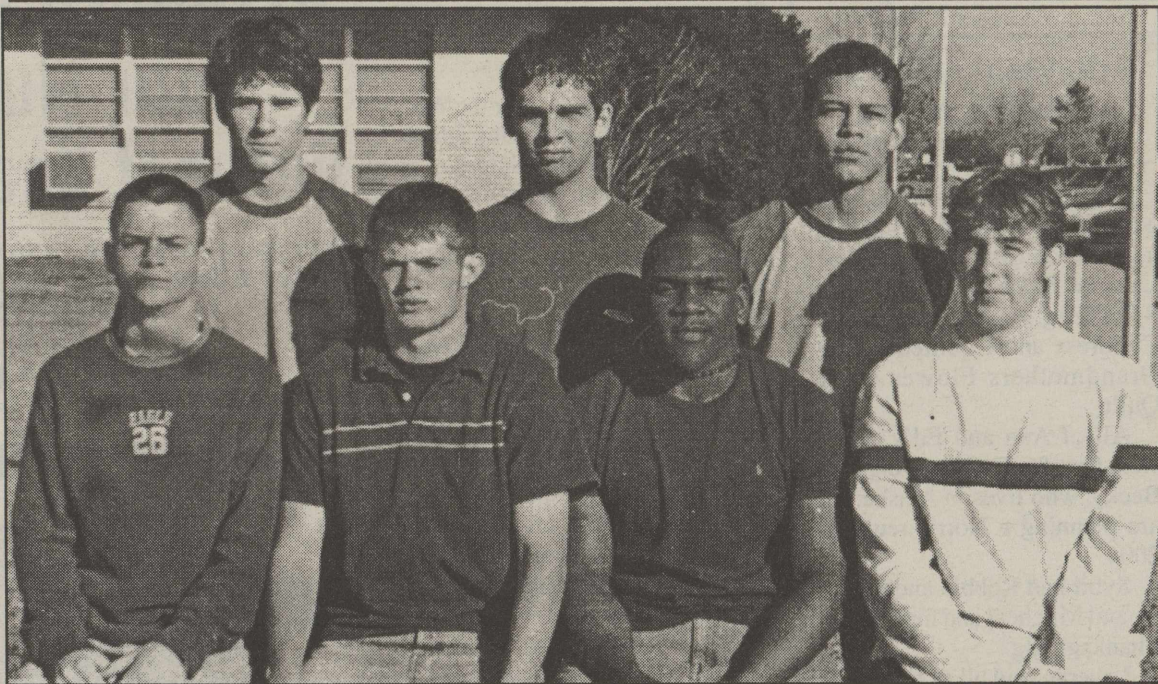
There will be a guest speaker.



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Silverton High School's All-District Football players for 2002 are (back row, left to right) Dustin Hale, John Arnold, Red Ivory; (first row) Colt Smith, Beau Brock, Clifton Baker and Chase Comer.

Briscoe County News Photo

Kids Program To Be Dec. 18

Silverton Church of Christ "Direction Zone" kids program will have a special Christmas program on Wednesday, December 18.

A meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship building, followed by the program at 7:00.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this special program the kids have worked on so hard.

Semester Tests Schedule Given

The semester test schedule at the Silverton School for grades six through twelve will include:

Thursday, December 19, **Even Periods:**

2nd period	8:10- 9:25
4th period	9:29-10:44
6th period	10:48-12:03
Lunch	12:03-12:30
8th period	12:35- 1:50

Friday, December 20, **Odd Periods:**

1st period	8:10- 9:25
Quiet Zone	9:30-10:20
5th period	10:25-11:40
Lunch	11:45-12:15
7th period	12:20- 1:35

School will be dismissed for the holiday and buses will run at 1:35 p.m.

Anyone can steer the ship when the sea is calm.

Publilius Syrus

Red Ivory, Derrick Cruse Are Named as District Co-MVPs

Red Ivory, Silverton senior, and Derrick Cruse, Valley senior, were named co-MVPs at the Six Man Football District meeting Wednesday, November 13, 2002 at The Sportsman in Quitaque. All member schools were represented. Play-off packets were awarded and trophies were presented to the District Champs, Valley Patriots, and the runner-up Silverton Owls.

Coaches met to select the All-District teams.

Named to the First Team Offense were spreadback: Bradley Conatser, Hedley senior; quarterback: Clay Flemming, Patton Springs senior; running backs: Derrick Cruse, Valley senior, and Red Ivory, Silverton senior; ends: Mason Pierce, Patton Springs junior, and Chase Comer, Silverton senior; split ends: Dustin Hale, Silverton senior, Justin Buck, Patton Springs senior, and Stephen Howard, Hedley sophomore; center: John Arnold, Silverton senior; kicker: Justin Wilks, Valley senior.

First Team Defense players are Robert Mendoza, Valley junior, defensive MVP; defensive line: Robert Mendoza and Adam Ortiz, Valley juniors, Bradley Conatser, Hedley senior, Clint Cooper, Patton Springs senior, John Arnold and Chase Comer, Silverton seniors; linebackers: Mason Pierce, Patton Springs junior, Cliff Yeary, Valley

junior, and Derrick Cruse, Valley senior; safeties: Justin Wilks, Valley senior, and Red Ivory, Silverton senior; punter: Jack Simms, Happy junior.

Named to the Second Team Offense were spreadback: Seagram Sims, Motley County sophomore; quarterback: Justin Wilks, Valley junior; running backs: Cliff Yeary, Valley junior, and Jack Simms, Happy junior; ends: Clint Cooper, Motley County senior, and J. C. Pigg, Valley senior; split end: Douglas Payne, Valley junior; center: Rodney Fuston, Valley junior; kickers: Jack Simms, Happy junior, Kale Brandon, Hedley junior, and Clay Flemming, Patton Springs senior.

Second Team Defense players are defensive line: Josh Fry, Happy senior, Dustin Carter, Patton Springs senior, Dustin Hale, Silverton senior, Manuel Chaves, Valley senior, and Landon Young, Patton Springs junior; linebackers: Lorenzo Salazar, Motley County junior, Stephen Howard, Hedley sophomore, and Beau Brock, Silverton sophomore; safeties: Dusty Baxter, Patton Springs senior, and Darren Irlbeck, Happy senior; punter: Chance Bingham, Motley County freshman.

Honorable mention went to Colt Smith, quarterback, Silverton junior, and Clifton Baker, running back, Silverton junior.

It's Santa Letter Time Once Again

Santa letters which are to be included in the Christmas issue of the Briscoe County News must be received by Monday, December 16.

The letters may be hand delivered or mailed to the Briscoe County News, Box 130, Silverton, TX 79257, or mailed to Santa Claus at the North Pole. The letters will be copied for the newspaper and forwarded to the North Pole in plenty of time before Christmas.

If you want to change the world, oick up your pen.

Martin Luther

Christmas Open House at Post Office is Dec. 17

A Christmas Open House will be held at the Silverton Post Office Tuesday, December 17, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

A box for Santa letters will be provided in the lobby of the Post Office again this year. Letters must be mailed by Friday, December 20, if you wish to have a reply from the North Pole.

The great secret of life is never to be in the way of others.

Thomas Chandler Haliburton

Names Omitted From Original 4-H Release

The names of Valley Homemakers and Garvin Trucking were omitted from the list of donors to the 4-H Food Show release.

The Extension Service and 4-H'ers also appreciate the use of the Senior Citizen Center for the event.

Do not speak of your happiness to one less fortunate than yourself.

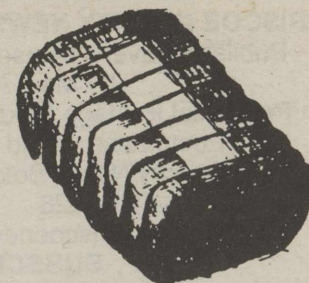
Plutarch

Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning.

Sir Winston Churchill

Let us respect gray hairs, especially our own.

J. P. Senn



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Thank-you notes at the Briscoe County News office. 37-tfnc

SWEET POTATOES For Sale: Joe Edd Helms, 4 1/2 miles south of the Valley School. 47-2tc

New shipment of sympathy cards has arrived at the Briscoe County News. 9-tfnc

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I will be baking pies again this year for the Christmas holidays. Call Debra Grabbe at 823-2378 to place your order. Ask about the Holiday Gift Baskets and the new shipment of jewelry. 50-2tc

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

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous and Al-Anon Meetings, Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., 111 N. Wall St. (1 block north of courthouse), Floydada, 1-806-983-3635. 16-tfnc

SILVERTON AA and Al-Anon Meetings. Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. Call 806-823-2020 or 806-455-1258. 23-tfnc

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank my friends and loved ones for all the phone calls, cards and prayers during and after my back surgery and my stay in Lubbock.

May God bless each of you as he has blessed me.

Othel Long

Thanks for your concern regarding Jeff's surgery. We appreciate your thoughts and your calls. All the Tiffins

Just a note to express our appreciation to those who called, sent food and cards, and especially for the prayers. Thank you and God bless.

Mary and Carol

Protecting Yourself From Information Crooks

Identity theft occurs when personal information like a Social Security number or credit card number falls into the wrong hands and is used to open new credit accounts, apply for loans or make unauthorized charges or withdrawals from your accounts. It has been estimated that half a million people will become victims of identity theft this year, but there are actions you can take to avoid being a statistic.

"The most important thing you can do to protect yourself from identity theft is to take the necessary steps to keep your personal information out of the hands of thieves," said Mike Kidwell, vice president and co-founder of Myvesta, a financial health center. "Know who is on the other end when you are giving out your personal information. Thieves often pose as creditors or bank representatives. So if you get a call from someone claiming to be from your bank, but you are unsure of who it is, hang up and initiate the call yourself."

Kidwell offered these tips on protecting yourself from identity theft:

- Shred or tear up bank statements, credit card statements and other bills;

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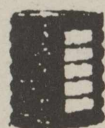


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- Leave all unnecessary documents and identification cards at home;

- Do not dispose of identifying information, like ATM receipts, in a public trash can;

- Use a mailbox that is locked and only send outgoing mail at the post office or a secure public mailbox;

- Thoroughly go over all bank and credit card statements every month; and

- Obtain a consolidated copy of

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 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.

You may mail your donations, along with your family names as you wish them to be printed on the special page, to Century of Progress Study Club, Box 4, Silverton, Texas 79257, or contact a member of the study club.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Tom Craiker, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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:
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Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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

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

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SUNDAY:
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.

Share the Glory of Christmas

Trusting & Accepting God's Ways



*Almighty God, how happy are those
who trust in you!*
Good News Bible Psalms 84:12

Recently, a friend of mine told me about his meeting with a financial adviser, and how for the first time he truly understood what he was being told. He felt he could trust and accept the advice because the financial adviser explained simply and at his level of understanding.

Our relationship with God should also be simple and easy to understand. We may not fully understand everything about our faith or why certain things happen to us in this world, but that's okay. We simply have to realize that God cares about us and that His ways are not always our ways. God's unending love and support for us is always there. In return, He asks us to love, trust, and accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

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Obituary

MARGIE GAFFORD
 Services for Margie Gafford, 78, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Turkey with the Rev. Steve Ulrey and the Rev. Don McMahan officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery at Turkey by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Gafford died Saturday, December 7, 2002.
 She was born October 10, 1924, in Murchinson. She attended schools in Newlin and Turkey, and married R. B. Gafford April 26, 1942 in Amarillo.
 Mrs. Gafford moved to Floydada from Turkey in 1973. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Turkey.
 Survivors include her husband, R. B. Gafford; a son, Larry Gafford of Amarillo; a daughter, Rhenda Burson of Silverton; two brothers, Don Huckaby of Corpus Christi and Jake Huckaby of Amarillo; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.
 Mother Teresa

Friendship Quilters News & Notes
 by Bobbye Bean

The quilters met this week after being off last week for Thanksgiving. Wanda Strange, Ann Norris, Laverne Stephens, Diane Norris, Sybil King, Joy Stodghill, Nadyne Childress and I quilted on Joy's Grandmothers Flower Garden Quilt.
 All of Ann and Ed's children were here for Thanksgiving except Becky, who lives in Alaska. They are planning a Norris reunion in 2004.
 Sybil had Robbie and her family and Mitcheal and his family for Thanksgiving.
 Laverne said all of her children and grandchildren were here. Ricky Hill, her grandson, is leaving for a tour of duty in Germany.
 Bobbye and Walter had all of their children and grandchildren for Thanksgiving.
 Wanda's grandchildren and children were all at their house.
 It was a wonderful Thanksgiving for us all.

As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live.
 Goethe

Love your neighbor, but don't tear down the fence.
 German proverb

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Luke 2:10-11
 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."
Rock Creek Church of Christ

WIC Comes to Silverton Once a Month

Residents of Briscoe County who are eligible for benefit through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program do not have to drive to Shamrock to receive these services. The staff of the Outreach Health Services WIC Clinic in Shamrock come to Silverton once a month to serve clients from this area.

The designated date for the WIC staff to be in Silverton is the Thursday before the second Saturday of each month. Hours are 9:15 a.m. until noon and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., and the place is the First Baptist Church, 500 Loretta Street, in Silverton.

Next scheduled visits to Silverton are December 12, 2002; January 8, 2003; February 6, 2003; March 6, 2003; April 10, 2003; May 8, 2003.

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 and breastfeeding instruction and support.

In addition, WIC staff administer immunizations free of charge to the children of WIC families and at a cost of \$20 per child per visit for non-WIC participants. Immunizations offered by WIC are hepatitis B; polio; diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DPT); haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib); pneumococcal conjugate (Prevner®); measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); varicella (chickenpox); diphtheria (Td); and tetanus. No

The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.

William Shakespeare,
As You Like It

Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop. Ovid

WEATHER

December Readings at 6:00 a.m. Daily

	High	Low	Precip.
1	64	35	
2	64	42	
3	63	38	
4	38	22	.75
5	30	22	
6	38	25	
7	49	28	
8	53	28	
9	43	31	
10	44	25	
December Precip.			.75
Normal December Precip.			.68
Total Precip. in 2002			18.86
Normal Annual Precip.			21.22

appointment is necessary.

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,

but U. S. citizenship is not required.

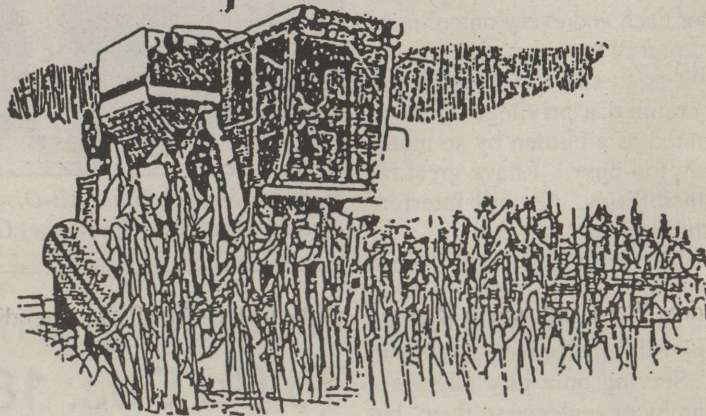
For information on WIC services, contact the Shamrock WIC clinic at 806-256-2030 or visit www.tdh.texas.gov/wichd/gi/eligible.htm.

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BRISCOE COUNTY NEWS

LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

October 22, 1992--Quitauque and Silverton firemen to play flag football October 26 . . . Ashleigh Wyatt and Brandi Brunson pinned a red ribbon on the lapel of Superintendent Frank Kirchoffner in recognition of Red Ribbon Week in Silverton High School . . . Christy West, Maria Justice, Rosie Segura and Lori Brannon are candidates for Football Queen . . . Nominees for Pep Squad Beau are Mike Hall, Johnny Patino, Mike Hill and Phil Patino . . . Services conducted for Mary Dee Minyard, 74 . . . Owls roll over Elks 64-43 to go up by two in District . . . Junior High Owls fly past Cotton Center . . . The SHS Student Council will be sponsoring a Sock Hop in the school gym on Homecoming night, following the football game . . . Local educators honored in Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 1992 include Bobbye Bean, Jane Self and Sheryl Weaver . . . Richard and Venita Howell are parents of a son, Weston Blake . . . Cal and Kathy Brannon are parents of a daughter, Skylar Macall . . . Chosen as Mr. and Miss SHS are Frank Ramirez and Aimee Francis . . . Most Popular Boy and Girl are Jess Brannon and Kami Martin . . . Eddy Ward and Kayla Ramsey were named Wittiest . . . JoDee Robison and Sonya Ramirez were tabbed as Friendliest . . . Aimee Francis was selected as Most Outstanding Student, and Melissa Woods as Most Likely to Succeed . . . Elected to Who's Who were Shannon Weaver and Jeremiah Brooks, freshmen; Brandi Brunson and Michael Hill, sophomores; Kami Martin and Matt Francis, juniors; Aimee Francis and Casey Frizzell, seniors . . . Class Favorites are Phil Patino and Molly Bomar, freshmen; Jess Brannon and Rosie Segura, sophomores; Braden Towe and Kami Martin, juniors; Stan Gamble and Amy Minyard, seniors . . .

November 25, 1982--Mr. and Mrs. Jene Allen Montague are parents of a son, Jordan Allen, born November 17 . . . Shirley Reynolds is reported to be improving at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo after having had to undergo surgery twice in the past few days . . . Glenn McWilliams returned home Saturday after having been a patient in Central Plains Hospital in Plainview . . . Louise and Ewing Vaughan to celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversary . . . Bertha Rhoderick celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday during a special day planned for her by her sons, J. C. and Loretha Rhoderick of Plainview and Billy Frank and Patsy Rhoderick of Lubbock . . . Miss Linda Hardin, bride-elect of Harlen Vernon, was honored with

a miscellaneous shower in the Pioneer Room at First State Bank . . . Silverton Young Farmers met in the school vocational agriculture department with Clinton Dickerson presiding . . .

November 2, 1972--Services pending for Mrs. D. G. Shelton . . . The Silverton vicinity received .60 of an inch of moisture Tuesday as freezing temperatures glazed trees, shrubs, highline wires, fences, etc. with a heavy coating of ice . . . New Ambulance Service officers are Charles Sarchet, president; Larry Wilson, vice-president; David Tipton, secretary-treasurer. New directors are Lee Clay, Jerry Miller, Jerry Patton and Charles Sarchet. Holdover directors are Bud Couch, David Tipton, Wayne Nance, Don Cornett, Becky Woods, Walter Bean and Larry Wilson . . . Owls win second district game 14-12 from McLean Tigers . . . Coach and Mrs. J. B. Carter are parents of a daughter, Lori Renee . . . Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Montague announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carol Ann, to Johnney Wayne Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Turner of Flomot . . . Mitchael Martin honored on his eighth birthday with a party in the City Park. Attending were Scotty Roberts, Craig Patton, Tad Cornett, Chris Sperry, Shane Reagan, Dwain Tipton, Roland Asebedo, Ricky Maciel, Cary Fleming, Kori Baird, Bryan Schott, Eric Patton and the birthday boy . . .

October 18, 1962--Owls take win from Hart, open district play Friday . . . Mrs. J. H. Burson was honored Sunday afternoon on her 84th birthday by friends and relatives who called at her home with gifts, flowers, greeting cards and best wishes for her happy birthday . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Henderson will observe their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday with a reception in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Lowrey . . . A premium of \$215.00 was paid to Esdell Hutsell for the first bale of cotton delivered here. Silverton Gin purchased the cotton at 40 cents per pound . . . Mmes. Erma Piercy of Turkey, A. L. McMurtry, Minnie Stevenson and Dean Allard spent last Friday in Floydada, guests of Mrs. Kenneth Bain . . . A Garrison family reunion was held in the community building in the Plainview Park Sunday . . . Dale Francis is a member of the sixty-six voice University of Texas A Capella Choir . . . J. S. Hinds, superintendent of the Silverton Schools, spent several days in Austin recently, transacting school business . . . Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Verden were in Amarillo Saturday afternoon and evening . . .

October 30, 1952--Silverton Owls rip Quitauque Panthers 34-13 in game Friday night . . . Silverton Owls will play Estelline Friday night . . . Mrs. A. H. Chappell appears on "Listen Ladies" radio program on Floydada station . . . Mrs. Wayne McCutchen left Thursday for Sanger, where she was born and reared, to attend the homecoming Friday . . . Among those attending the Eastern Star Convention in Amarillo this week were Mmes. R. C. Bomar, Dee McWilliams, Arnold Brown, James Davis, E. E. Minter, Carl Dean Bomar, L. D. Griffin and J. S. Fisher . . . Mrs. Albert P. Dickenson, who has been in a Dallas hospital and in the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Terry, following major surgery, returned home Saturday with her son, Gene Dickenson, of Dallas . . . Funeral services conducted for Clifford D. Hutsell, brother of R. C. Hutsell . . .

Mrs. John Lee Francis entertained the Helping Hand Club Thursday. Members present were Mrs. Charles Francis, Mrs. Wade Steele, Mrs. Hollie Francis, Mrs. Virgil Baldwin, Mrs. Alva Jasper, Mrs. Edwin Crass, Mrs. Scott Smithee, Mrs. Frank Fisch, Mrs. Hagen Fronterhouse, Mrs. J. E. Jowell, Mrs. Frank Mercer, Mrs. Clyde Mercer and the hostess, Mrs. Francis . . . Wayne McMurtry, Misses Mary Lou Bellinger and Bonnie Watters, who are attending WTSC, spent the weekend with home folks . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hill and children were shopping in Amarillo Saturday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Warner Grabbe and family were business visitors in Amarillo Saturday . . .

October 22, 1942--Gene Vaughan has enlisted in the Army as an Air Corps Specialist . . . Miss Gaynelle Douglas, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. R. E. Douglas, was united in marriage to Lieutenant Joseph F. McWilliams October 12th in a single-ring ceremony in San Antonio . . . Sign in a cafe: "We'll sympathize with you if your wife doesn't understand you; we'll hold your horse; we'll tend to your baby--but don't ask us to cash your check!" Another sign: "Don't swear before ladies--let them swear first!" . . . Mrs. Lem Weaver and children spent from Thursday until Sunday in Amarillo at the home of her brother, J. L. Williamson . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGavock of Amarillo spent the weekend with relatives . . . Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thomas, jr. spent Thursday and Friday in Lubbock. Perry tried to enlist in the Air Corps, but was turned down . . . James Davis was in Dallas over the weekend . . . The LTD Club met with Mrs. T. T. Crass Tuesday . . .

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Junior Varsity Owls Drop Series

Silverton's Junior Varsity Owls played to a 52-39 loss to Valley.

Junior High Owls Earn Victory Here

Silverton's Junior High Owls played to a 41-10 victory over Olton here December 2.

E. J. Ivory led all players by scoring 16 points, and his teammate, Diego Ramirez, caged 12. Adding points to the score were Drew Reed and Dusty Burson, four points each; Eric Ballesteros, Ory Johnson and Clay Strange, two points each, and Zak Perkins, one point.

The other players for the Owls are Landon Fisher, Jose Hernandez and Kenny Green.

Humberto Vasquez and Jacob Francis led the offense by scoring twelve points each. Also scoring were Caleb Francis, eight; Jesse Reynolds, five, and James Tiffin, two points. Reynolds dropped in a three-point shot and Vasquez shot in two baskets from downtown.

Others making up the team are Albert DeLeon and Josh Maciel.

The Junior Varsity Owls dropped a 47-34 match to White Deer.

Humberto Vasquez led the scoring with 12 points. Adding to the score were Jacob Francis, nine; James Tiffin, six; Jesse Reynolds, five, and Caleb Francis, two points. These points included three-pointers by Reynolds and Vasquez.

Humberto Vasquez led the scoring against Highland Park with 18

Owls Win Consolation Trophy

Silverton's varsity Owls lost their first game in the Anton Tournament to Hart, but then came back to defeat Motley County and New Deal and win the consolation trophy.

Darin Martin scored 20 points to lead the offense against Hart, and Gid Mayfield dropped 10 points into the baskets. Also scoring were Red Ivory, five; Dustin Hale and Payton Estes, three points each; Chase Comer, two points.

big points. Also scoring were James Tiffin, four; Jacob Francis, five, and Josh Maciel, two points.

Scoring was by Humberto Vasquez, seven; James Tiffin, three; Jesse Reynolds and Jacob Francis, two points each, and Caleb Francis, one point in the game with

Owls	7	15	23	43
Hart	11	21	36	54

The Owls recovered from losing the first game and played to a 73-46 victory over Motley County.

Scoring in double figures in this game were Gid Mayfield, 20; Darin Martin, 15; Red Ivory, 13, and Dustin Hale, 12 points. Rounding out the score were Ty Reed, four; Payton Estes, Chase Comer and Eric Minyard, three points each.

Owls	17	34	44	73
Motley County	6	14	32	46

In the final game Saturday afternoon, Red Ivory led the offense with a big 24-point effort, and Gid Mayfield added 11. Also contrib-

uting points to the score were Dustin Hale, six; Payton Estes, four, and Darin Martin, three points.

Red had a total of four baskets from downtown, and Gid got three baskets from long range.

Owls	7	23	35	48
New Deal	9	24	37	46

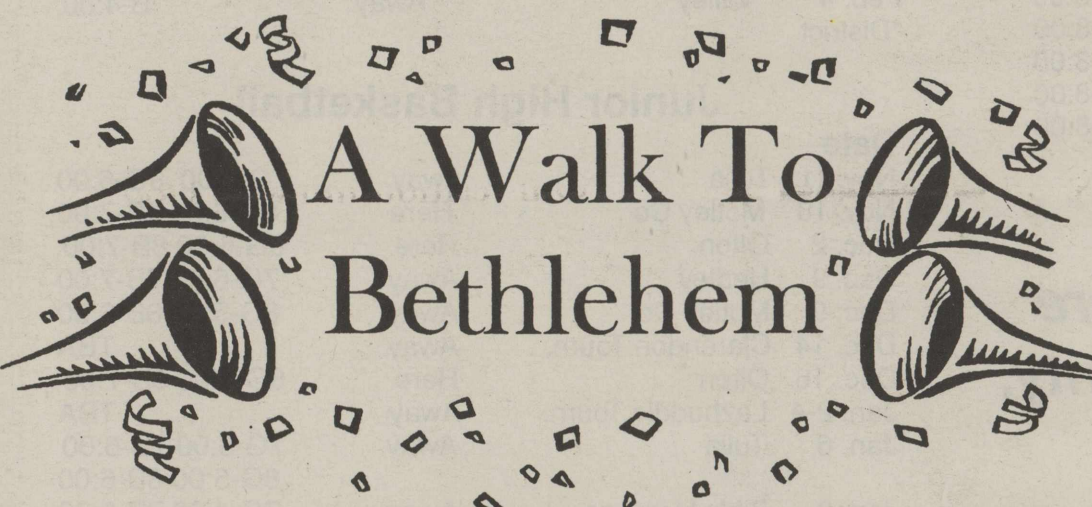
On Tuesday night of last week the Owls dropped a heart-breaker to Lorenzo, 56-55.

Darin Martin had the hot hands and dropped 37 points into the baskets. Also scoring were Payton Estes, five; Gid Mayfield and Red Ivory, three points each; Dustin Hale, Chase Comer and Eric Minyard, two points each.

Mayfield and Estes each shot one basket from downtown.

Owls	14	28	41	55
Lorenzo	15	31	43	56

The Silverton United Methodist Church
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A Walk To Bethlehem

Sunday, December 15
5:30 – 9:00 PM

Come along and:

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- ➡ Sing with the angels
- ➡ Seek Him with wise men
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES

On December 6, 2002 Atmos Energy filed a Statement of Intent to change its service charges with the Railroad Commission of Texas and each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing.

The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges:

	During Business Hours	After Hours
Turn on new service with meter set	\$32.00	\$48.00
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$23.50	\$35.25
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.00	\$22.50
Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	\$37.50	\$56.25
Miscellaneous service calls	\$11.25	\$16.88

The proposed service charge changes are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately .4 % and therefore do not constitute a "major change" The proposed changes could affect approximately 215,000 gas customers in the following communities and surrounding rural areas:

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*unincorporated - Southland, Welch, Whitharrall

Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, TX 78408-1121 or at an Atmos Energy Office nearest to you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.

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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 17, Claude Here

**December 20, Motley County,
Here**

Junior Varsity, Dec. 12-14

Tulia Tournament

Junior High, December 14,

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"My wife, Shirley, bought one of the State of the Arts license plates as soon as they were distributed since it is a great way not only to support the arts across our state but also a splendid way to encourage other citizens to do so," said State Representative Bob Hunter.

The State of the Arts specialty plate design is very similar to the Texas state flag with the words

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Former Governor George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, were among the first Texans to put a State of the Arts license plate on their vehicle. Since 1998, almost \$1.9 million has been raised to fund arts and cultural programming statewide.

The plates are available to motorists for a \$25 annual fee, plus \$40 if personalized, in addition to regular vehicle registration fees. Of each fee collected, \$20 is deposited in a fund for the Texas Commission on the Arts. The remaining \$5 fee is deposited into the state highway fund to cover administrative costs.

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TxDOT started its specialty license plate program in 1965. Today, there are more than 100 different plate designs, many of them benefitting a particular group or organization.

Lady Owls Earn 46-36 Victory Over Lorenzo Here Dec. 3

Silverton's Lady Owls earned a big 46-36 victory over Lorenzo's Lady Hornets here Tuesday, December 3.

Kassie Strange led the scoring with a 16-point effort. Also scoring were Bryn Mayfield, nine; Krista Hale, seven; Jenny Young and Lori Griffin, six points each; Tarran Forbes, two points.

Lady Owls 8 18 29 46
Lorenzo 12 20 26 36

The Lady Owls opened their appearance in the Anton Tournament Thursday with a 47-36 victory over the Hart ladies.

Scoring in double figures were Kassie Strange, 14; Lori Griffin, 11;

Bryn Mayfield, 10. Adding to the score were Tarran Forbes, six; Jenny Young, four, and Krista Hale, two points.

Lady Owls 13 23 36 47
Hart 4 19 24 34

Friday the Lady Owls lost a close game to Anton. Bryn Mayfield led the offense with 11 points. Also scoring were Tarran Forbes, nine; Kassie Strange, six; Jenny Young and Lori Griffin, four points each.

Lady Owls 13 22 29 34
Anton 13 20 32 38

The Lady Owls were off their normal game Saturday afternoon when they lost 38-33 to Crosbyton.

Scoring was by Bryn Mayfield, 10; Kassie Strange, seven; Lori Griffin, six; Tarran Forbes, five; Jenny Young, four; and Krista Hale, one point.

Lady Owls 6 14 22 33
Crosbyton 10 13 34 38

The Owl ladies were scheduled to play Lazbuddie on Tuesday night, and had a game with Claude coming up on December 17. Games with Motley County were on docket December 20, after which the Hoot-Out was the only activity remaining in 2002. An effort was being made to schedule more games for the teams, but as of Monday none had been found.

Holiday Decorating Tips

(NAPSA)-Capture the spirit of the season with festive decorative accents from holidays past and present that are a snap to make.

- Keep rooms fragrant with bowls of clove-dotted orange pomanders. Cast a golden glow with groupings of candles in varying heights, nestled in variegated holly leaves and berries or fill a clear vase with water and cranberries to desired height and float a candle on top.

- String garlands of pinecones and jingle bells intertwined with seasonal greenery and use Velcro® brand Garland Ties to attach to banisters and railings. Use Velcro brand Decorating Clips to adorn mantles, mirrors, windows and doors.

- Dress up holiday table settings using miniature ornaments, sprigs of artificial greens, berries and flowers. Attach them with Sticky Back® brand coins to decorate placemats, napkin rings and place cards.

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Happy Birthday-

December 12--Tom Burson, Dora Storie, Lupe Hernandez, Jonathan Perkins, Paloma DeLeon

December 13--Debbie McGavock, Jason Turner, Mary Melendez, Coy Baird

December 14--Mark Burk
December 15--Heather Davis, Scott Davis, Aaron Younger, Angela McCutchen

December 16--Joe Castillo, Virgal Minyard, Stanley Gamble

December 17--Guinn Fitzgerald, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Daniel Castillo, Clint Ivory, Carol Davis, Haylie Elizabeth Couch, Debbie Myers

December 18--Curtis Blake Reed, Bobby Joe Edwards, jr., Dorthye Fulbright

Silverton School Activities

December 12--Board Meeting; Robin Boedeker's Christmas Program

December 14--Junior High Clarendon Tournament

December 16--8th vs. Olton, here, 6:00

December 17--High School vs. Claude, here, 4:00

December 19--Even Semester Tests; Employee Supper

December 20--Odd Semester Tests; High School vs. Motley County, here, 4:00

December 26-28--Silverton Hoot-Out Tournament

Silverton School Lunch Menu

Monday, December 16--Turkey Pot Pie, Salad, Crackers, Milk, Pineapple Pudding

Tuesday, December 17--Crispy Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Milk, Fruit

Wednesday, December 18--Pizza, Corn, Salad, bread, Milk, Brownies

Thursday, December 19--Ham Slice, Scalloped Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk, Honey & Butter

Friday, December 20--Chili Dog, French Fries, Milk, Fruit



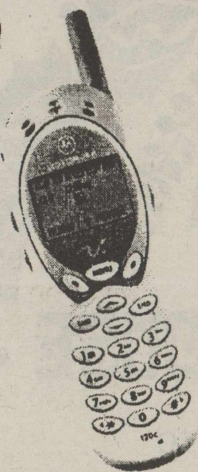
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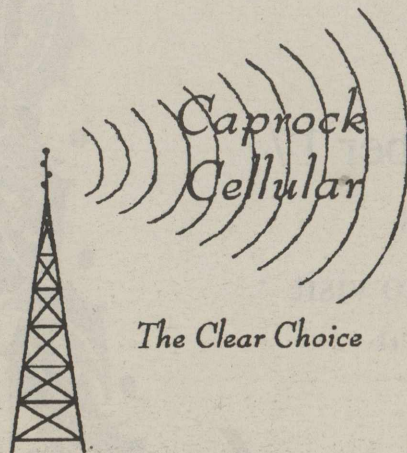
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